

**100th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
February 25, 2017
Cary Presbyterian Church
Cary, North Carolina**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:04 AM by Moderator Elder Ida Adams.

Quorum

Pursuant to BOO G-3.0304 the required number for a quorum in the presbytery is 3 ministers and 3 elders, provided that at least three churches are represented by elders. A quorum was determined.

Docket

The docket was adopted by common consent. A time adjustment was granted: the Black Caucus was given 10 minutes for its report.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following were seated as corresponding members: Ben Acton (Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley); Dan Davis (Baptist); Jane Donnelly (Presbytery of New York); Amanda Hines (Christian Church Disciples of Christ); James Kirk (Peace River Presbytery); Fred Mangeni (Evangelical Church) and James Wagner (Salem Presbytery).

Appointment of Standing Committee

The following persons were appointed to the Resolutions Committee: Teaching Elder Melinda Merkley King (Kirk of Kildaire), Teaching Elder Samuel Son (New Life Triangle) and Ruling Elder Rane Winslow (West Raleigh).

Welcome by Host Church

Reverend Kyle Allen welcomed the body on behalf of the sessions and congregations of Cornerstone and Cary Presbyterian Churches. He also gave information concerning lunch, rest room locations and connection to the internet.

Introduction of First Time Commissioners

Commissioners attending for the first time were introduced and welcomed. An orientation was provided for all commissioners prior to the opening of the meeting.

**Worship and Installation of Moderator Elect
Rev. Chris Tuttle**

Those involved in worship included: Rev. Ben Acton (Associate Pastor, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Vestavia Hills, Alabama); Elder Ida Adams (2016 Moderator, Presbytery of New Hope); Rev. Kyle Allen (Pastor, Cary

Presbyterian); Rev. Elizabeth Cluff (Pastor, Cann Memorial); Rev. Rose Cornelious (Development Director for Dorcas Ministries, Cary); Elder Wayne Dockery (First Presbyterian, Smithfield); Rev. Jane Donnelly (2016-2017 Moderator of the Presbytery of New York City, West Hempstead, New York); Rev. Deky Hall (Assistant to the Stated Clerk, New Hope Presbytery); Elder Medora Hix (Certified Educator, Cary Presbyterian); Elder Cader Howard (Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian); Rev. C. Anderson James (Associate for Small Church Ministries and Technology, New Hope Presbytery); Rev. Lori Pistor (Transitional Pastor, Cary Presbyterian); Rev. Fred Thrower (Pastor, Cornerstone Presbyterian); Rev. Mary Harris Todd (Pastor, Morton Memorial); Rev. Chris Tuttle (2017 Moderator, Presbytery of New Hope; Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian); Rev. Byron Wade (Pastor, Davie Street Presbyterian), who preached the sermon; Ed Yasick (Director of Music, Cary Presbyterian); and the Cary Presbyterian Chancel Choir. Rev. C. Anderson James was installed as Associate for Small Church Ministries and Technology. Rev. Christ Tuttle was installed as the 2017 Moderator of the Presbytery of New Hope. Elder Ida Adams' service as the 2016 Moderator of the Presbytery of New Hope was celebrated. The sacrament of communion was celebrated. Dorcas Ministries in Cary was designated as the recipient of the offering collected.

ConnetED

Medora Hix,

Educator Medora Hix presented some history of ConnetEd's recent offerings including a workshop on using technology in the church and facilitating the use of remote technology by Healthy Boundaries. Medora introduced ConnectEd's new web site and explained several of its options. The web site will be a place of resource curation. The web site contains resources in many areas such as worshiping with children, youth ministry, confirmation materials, mission experience options as well as a youth leader support network. The "what we are reading" space is a place where books of interest can be listed.

Bills and Overtures (part 1)

Elder Ray Watson

Elder Watson called the body's attention to the report of the committee on pages 4 and 5. (Attachment) Elder Watson moved the amendments approved unanimously by the committee as an omnibus motion. (16-A through 16-F) The following amendments to the Book of Order were discussed and approved: 16-A, 16-B, 16-E, 16-F 16-G and 16-H.

Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women

Rev. Jennifer Jackson

Rev. Jackson reminded the body that Presbyterian Women started a Chaplaincy ministry to the Raleigh Correctional Center for Women in 1977. There were no female chaplains before that time. The legal name is the Presbyterian Prison Ministry. Over the years, the ministry enjoyed support from North Carolina presbyteries. Chaplaincy is the core of our work.

Announcements

Rev. John Robinson – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Rev. Robinson is the coordinator in North Carolina after hurricane Matthew. Many counties are still suffering from the effects of the hurricane. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been a great resource. Please give to One Great Hour of Sharing for the offering supports PDA. There will be a meeting on March 23rd at Hudson Memorial for those interested in learning about volunteer teams.

Rev. Katie Ricks, Associate Director, Vocational Services and Student Life of Columbia Theological Seminary. If you know students who want to go to seminary, please contact me.

Elder John Etheredge – reminded the body to participate in One Great Hour of Sharing. The fish boxes are for the children to fill and the adults need to write checks. Thank you for being involved in this offering. Some funds go to the self-development of people projects. Hillsborough has used funds to overcome drug problems; one community has developed a lawn maintenance service run by the homeless; Edgecombe County has 25 acres producing food for the community. Let the presbytery office know of groups that are struggling.

Rev. Jimmy Hawkins, director for Office of Public Witness, reminded the body that there are 60 policy statements on the web site

Meeting of the Corporation

Rev. Ted Churn, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk
The meeting of Corporation was called to order.

Mr. Moderator, I stand before the body reporting on yet another year in the life of our Presbytery.

I. First the numbers. In 2016, we had a total of 123 churches. We closed one church, the Covenant Church in Wilson. There were 187 Teaching Elders. We have 14 racial/ethnic congregations: 1 Hispanic, 3 Korean and 10 African American. Based on our 2016 statistics,

we have 123 churches in the presbytery. Over the years, we have been and continue to be among 20 of the largest presbyteries in the PC(USA). Of our churches, 60 are 100 members or less. We have 47 candidates under care or as Inquirers. We also have a number of educators in our presbytery.

II. I want to highlight a couple of celebrations.

A) Church Anniversaries: First Presbyterian (Raleigh) – 200 years. Wake Forest Presbyterian: 35 years. Let's have a shout out from other churches with Anniversaries ending in either a 0 or 5.

B) New Worshipping Communities: you will hear about them when Andy gives his report.

C) Other Celebrations: churches on Mission trips: Kirk – a Guatemalan partnership and Western Boulevard -a trip to Haiti with Discovery Church. Are there others?

III. Changes in our minister roster.

New ministers: Alan Bancroft – Discovery Church; Bob Bardin, First Presbyterian, Goldsboro; Bob Beichner, ordained to Chaplaincy ministry; Goodie Bell, ordained as Associate Pastor, Blacknall; Caroline Berardi – Pinetops; Mindy Douglas, First Presbyterian, Durham; James Fenwick, ordained to residency at White Memorial; Rebecca Gillespie, Fuquay Varina; Judy Stanley, Bear Grass and Roberson Chapel; James Taneti, ordained to prison ministry; and Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor, White Memorial. We also received those who joined us as honorably retired: Betts Huntley, John and Roberta Kidd. And we remember those who entered the church triumphant: Graham McChesney, David Pfleiderer, and Bill DePrater. Are there others I have missed?

We bid farewell to those teaching elders who partnered with us in ministry and have now moved on to a different presbytery: Jason Leonard from the Hebron/Geneva/Oak Hill congregations; Keith Benze from First Presbyterian, Henderson; Scott Phillips from N.C. State Campus Ministry; Eddie Bellis from an interim pastorate; Lisa Hermann from chaplaincy ministry in Greenville; Anna Pinckney Straight from University Presbyterian, Chapel Hill; Leigh Gillis from interim at First Presbyterian, Goldsboro and Katie Ricks from member at large.

IV. Churches in transition. We currently have fourteen churches in transition. They are either entering into an interim search, have an interim in place and are into their pastoral search. This is the largest number of transitions in the almost six years I have been in this position. Five of those are baby

boomer retirements. We began entering that phase about five years ago and we are going to be seeing many more in the next five years. These are the churches (with a legend attached): Calvary - Wilson (S); Unity (I); West New Bern (I); Falkland (S); Covenant, Durham (IS); Edenton (I); Henderson (I); Westminster, Raleigh (IS); University (P); Hillsborough (P), Covenant, Wendell (P); Discovery (I); North Raleigh (I*); Kinston, First (IS), Milner (IS). Legend: I – Interim currently serving; I* - Interim soon departing; P – pending retirement Interim; S – Search process and IS – Interim search.

This past year, we hired two new staff: Andy James as Associate for Small Church Ministries and Technology (Andy may not share this in his report but so far, he has been out to 40 of our smaller churches); and Vanessa Hawkins who is developing a ministry of spirituality in the life of our Presbytery. Some may think of spirituality and Presbytery as an oxymoron. But if our leaders are to lead well, then we as leaders in the Presbytery need to be attentive to the spiritual life of our leaders in the church. I ask you to pray for these two as they continue to live into their respective ministries.

2016 was the second year we engaged in our life together through Passion Driven Ministries. Twelve grants were awarded for 2017. As a reminder, these grants are awarded to churches or individuals partnering in mission ministry throughout our geographical region and beyond. Awards given included Cancer Companions, a group seeking to educate churches on how members can walk alongside those who are living with cancer; a Habitat building program comprised of churches in New Hope; Human Trafficking Roundtable seeking to make visible the high rate of human trafficking in our country and world. North Carolina is number 10 in the nation when it comes to human trafficking. By the way, there will be a webinar this coming Tuesday. The information is in your packet.

Here is one that will stir the pot: Beer and Hymns. We had a long conversation around this one at the Coordinating Body, trying to figure out whether or not we should support such a ministry. Then one member said, “Well maybe it will create controversy, as Jesus did when he hung out in places shunned by the religious people of his day.” It is a ministry that meets people where they are, those who are not ready to set foot in the church.

I now want to invite some to share a three minute overview of their PDM ministry. First, Stephanie

Workman and the Wrenn Drive Neighborhood Outreach grant award. (presentation) Second, Lori Gehring Burrick to share the Outer Banks Room at the Inn award. (presentation). Third, Rev. Susan Dunlap shared First, Durham and Durham Presbyterian Churches participation in Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods). (presentation)

Please keep our Presbytery in prayer as we continue to live into our missional ministry. I want to say a word about my Sabbatical. During the month of March, I will be meeting with staff and Committee Chairs to assure coverage of what may come up while I am gone. We will also be voting on the position of part-time temporary clerk during this time.

Finally, I thank so many of you who have reached out through cards, phone calls, e-mails, and Facebook posts, expressing your sympathy at the death of my mother. Mom lived a good long life only two months away from her 102nd birthday. We thought she might outlast us. Only last summer, she joined a drumming circle at her retirement community. Then in early fall, she told my sister to remind her that she needed to shop for a new pair of sandals before next summer. My siblings and I were blessed by parents who loved God and loved their children. Through them, we learned what it means to love as I have been loved and how to live as a grateful steward of God. We take comfort knowing that she has taken her place in the church triumphant, and it would not surprise me if she was not looking to organize a heavenly drumming circle. Thank you again for your support and love.

Mr. Moderator that concludes the report of the corporation. The Corporation meeting closed.

Report of Stated Clerk

Rev. Ted Churn, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Presbytery received the following:

1. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Julio Ramierz-Eve at Iglesia Presbiteriana Hiapana on April 10, 2016.
2. Minutes of the commission to ordain James Fenwick at White Memorial Presbyterian Church on October 30, 2016.
3. Minutes of the commission to ordain and install Goodwyn Bell at Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church on November 6, 2016.
4. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Rebecca Gillespie at Fuquay Varina Presbyterian Church on November 6, 2016.

5. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Robert Bardin at First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro on November 13, 2016.
6. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Grier Booker Richards at White Memorial Presbyterian Church on November 13, 2016.
7. Minutes of the commission to ordain James Taneti at First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro on December 11, 2016.
8. Ministers' Attendance at 2016 Meetings of the Presbytery (attachment)

Presbytery approved the following:

Addressing the imbalance between resident ministers and elders. At the beginning of every year, when the number of ministers residing within the bounds of the presbytery has been established, the clerk shall assign additional elder commissioners in the following way:

- An additional elder commissioner shall be assigned to each racial ethnic church.
- Exempt staff members who are elders shall be eligible.
- All lay members of council who are elders shall be eligible.
- All certified educators who are elders shall be eligible.
- Churches with membership up to 300 will be given one commissioner.
- Additional elders will be assigned as follows: 301-1000 = 2 elders; 1,001 – 1,500 = 3 elders; 1,500 – 2,000 = 4 elders; 2,001 – 3,000 = 5 elders. Beyond 3,001 members, there shall be an additional elder representative for each 1,000 additional active members or major fraction thereof.
- Additional assignments of elder commissioners will be given to churches having one elder on an alphabetical rotating basis.

As of December 31, 2016, there were 187 eligible ministers residing within the bounds of the presbytery. Therefore for 2017, we recommend that there be 187 elder commissioners and 187 minister commissioners. (attachment)

PARYER CONCERNS FOR

1. Rev. David McKee, former stated clerk for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, whose wife, Sharon, died November 27, 2016, shortly after the death of their daughter, Amy.
2. Rev. Grier Booker Richards, recently diagnosed with cancer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

1. Rev. Katie Aumann and her husband Wait, on the birth of their daughter, Mollie Grace, on October 19, 2016.

2. Fames Fenwick, who was ordained at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on October 30, 2016 to server as designated associate pastor.
3. Goodwyn (Goodie) Bell, who was ordained November 6, 2016 at Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church to serve as associate pastor for young adult ministries.
4. Rev. Rebecca Gillespie, who was installed as pastor at Fuquay Varina Presbyterian Church on November 6, 2016.
5. Rev. Bob Bardin, who was installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro on November 13, 2016.
6. Rev. Grier Booker Richards, who was installed as associate pastor for discipleship at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on November 13, 2016.
7. Rev. Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman, husband Blair, and son Hank, who welcomed a baby daughter and sister, Ruthie Cade, on November 21, 2016.
8. Rev. James Taneti, who was ordained December 11, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, serving as chaplain with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety.
9. Rev. Alan Bancroft and his wife Gracyn, who celebrated the birth of their son, Michael Henry Bancroft on January 15, 2017.
10. Rev. Bill Neely, who was honored for his commitment to racial and interfaith justice at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, sponsored by Pitt County Interfaith Clergy.

CONDOLENCES TO

1. The family of Elder Bob Howell (Oxford Presbyterian Church), who died October 9, 2016.
2. The family of Rev. Graham McChesney (HR), who died October 29, 2016.
3. The family of Elder Harvey Horne (Hudson Memorial), who died October 29, 2016.
4. The family of Elder Bruce Coats (Berea Presbyterian Church), who died November 26, 2016.
5. The family of Rev. Antonia Lawrence (Faith Presbyterian Church), who died December 13, 2016.
6. The family of Rev. Bill DePrater (HR), who died December 16, 2016.
7. The family of Elder Helen P. Gay (Mt. Pisgah), who died December 25, 2016.
8. Rev. Paul Ransford (HR), whose wife Sally, died January 9, 2017.
9. Rev. Ted Churn and family on the death of Ted's mother, Evelyn Leight Churn, on February 1, 2017.

Report of the Coordinating Body

Bill Smith (Finance and Property), Rev. Jody Welker (Personnel), Elder Ida Adams, Moderator

Elder Bill Smith – Finance and Property

Elder Smith called the body's attention to the presbytery's Mission Budget Income and Expense Report, the 2017 Mission Budget and the 2017 Mission Budget – Detail on pages 44-51 of the Commissioner's Handbook. Elder Smith reminded the body that congregational response to askings makes up the budget. Per Capita for Synod and General Assembly are not part of the budget.

Rev. Jody Welker – Personnel

Rev. Welker reported on behalf of Moderator Bob Dunham that the search for an Associate for Nurturing Ministries is concluded with a call extended to Rev. Vanessa Hawkins.

Elder Ida Adams - Moderator

Presbytery received the following as information:

1. The Coordinating Body discussed plans for the 100th gathering of the presbytery. Worship will include the sacrament of communion, installation of associate Rev. C. Anderson James and installation of the new moderator, Rev. Chris Tuttle.
2. The Presbytery of New Hope received a \$2,000.00 contribution from the Presbytery of Boston to assist with recovery relief from Hurricane Matthew.
3. The Coordinating Body heard a report from Rev. John Robinson (HR), regional disaster assistance coordinator, on the presbytery's efforts to address the long-term needs of those affected by Hurricane Matthew.
4. Executive Presbyter Rev. Ted Churn noted that we currently have 14 churches in a time of pastoral transition.
5. Rev. C. Anderson James, associate for small church ministries and technology, gave an update on the nine worshipping communities within the bounds of presbytery and reported on his ongoing work in one-on-one group settings for small churches.
6. Rev. Vanessa Hawkins, associate for nurturing ministries, reported that she is meeting with pastors who have been members of the presbytery for 5 years or less.
7. Associate Terry Lamberson distributed and discussed the finance and property report.

The Coordinating Body approved the following:

1. Presbyterian discernment team for Providence Presbyterian Church: Rev. Ed. McLeod, Rev. Jody Welker, Jeb Jeutter and Nancy Warren.
2. Rev. John Robinson (HR) to serve as regional disaster assistance coordinator for Hurricane Matthew. The contract is for four months with an office located at First Presbyterian Church, Kinston.
3. The Administrative Commission for the dissolution of Selma Presbyterian Church: Rev. Jim Ferry, Rev. Susan Sexton, Wayne Dockery and Ann Stephenson.

Presbytery approved the following:

Rev. Deky Hall to serve as temporary stated clerk during Rev. Ted Churn's sabbatical from April through June 2017.

Report of Associate for Small Church Ministries and Technology

Rev. Andy James, Associate Presbyter

Rev. James reported that it is a privilege and a pleasure to be serving the presbytery. He has been in contact with leaders from 46 congregations and logged in 4,368 miles. He offered three highlights. Rev. James introduced the new online presbytery directory and demonstrated its use. The password is newhope100. Updates can be sent to directory@nhpresbytery.org. Andy works with new worshipping communities and he described each of the nine in the presbytery. An event for small churches is scheduled on May 6 at Oxford Presbyterian Church. The blue card on the lunch tables gives more information.

Report of Associate for Nurturing Ministries

Rev. Vanessa Hawkins

Rev. Hawkins has been in the position for 6 months. She has visited many congregations and provided insight into the nature of nurturing ministry. She is the coordinator of FSR gatherings, Fellowship, Study and Reflection with new ministers. At the gathering in April, they discussed the book Waking Up White. In May, they plan to continue the book discussion. Rev. Hawkins provided the weekly Lenten videos from people in the presbytery. She showed a representative video by Lori Pistor.

Black Caucus

Rev. Omotolokun Omokunde

In honor of Black History month, Rev. Omokunde's nephew Jason Mckinney, accompanied by Christopher Bagley on the piano, sung several musical numbers to the delight of the entire body.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Rev. Rebekah Maul, Rev. Betty Berghaus, Co-Moderators

The presbytery received the following Inquirers as Candidates with reception:

Amanda Hill (West Raleigh)
Sarah Wolf (Westminster, Durham)

Presbytery moderator Rev. Chris Tuttle examined Amanda and Sarah and declared they be approved to become candidates. Rev. Betty Berghaus gave the charge to the candidates and Rev. Rebekah Maul gave the blessing of the candidates.

The presbytery received the following candidate as ready to receive a call pending examination for ordination.

Katie Cole (Kirk of Kildaire)

Commission on Ministry

Examinations and Transfers Sub-Commission

Rev. Katie Crowe, Co-Moderator COM

Rev. Katherine Kussmaul, Moderator Exams and Transfers

I. Presbytery received the following as information:

a) Members of the commission to install Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve at Iglesia Presbyteriana Hispana on April 10, 2016: ministers: Rev. Red Churn, Rev. David Dunderdale, Rev. Amanda Diekman; ruling elders Diane Standaert, Connia Watson, Mitch Dozier, Otto White and John Fricks.

b) Members of the commission to ordain and install Goodwyn Bell at Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church on November 6, 2016: ministers Rev. Ted Churn, Rev. Cheryl Henry, Rev. James Fensick, Rev. Allan Poole; ruling elders Charlene Brown, Steve Hinkle. Guests of the commission: Rev. Rebecca Gurney, Rev. Griff Gatewood, Corey Widmer.

c) Members of the commission to install Rev. Rebecca Gillespie at Fuquay Varina Presbyterian Church on November 6, 2016: ministers: Rev. Katie Crowe, Rev. Jim Ferry, Rev. Moffett Churn, Rev. Ted Churn, Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase; ruling elders Martha Ratchford, Scott Sagester.

d) Members of the commission to ordain James Taneti at First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro on December 11, 2016: ministers: Rev. Ted Churn, Rev. Gun Ho Lee, Rev. Art Ross, Rev. Bob Bardin; ruling elders Ida Adams, Sue Potter.

Guests of the commission: Rev. Stan Skreslet, Rev. Carla Keyes, Rev. Betty Brown.

e) Members of the commission to install Rev. Robert Bardin at First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro on November 13, 2016: ministers: Rev. Lisa Hebacker, Rev. Ted Churn, Rev. Joseph Welker, Rev. Arthur Ross; ruling elders Ida Adams, Myrna Truscott, Barbara Campbell-Davis. Guests of the commission Rev. David B. Jenkins, ruling elder Pate Southerland.

f) Members of the commission to install Rev. Grier Booker-Richards at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on November 13, 2016: ministers: Rev. Chris Tuttle, Rev. Christopher Edmonston, Rev. Mindy Douglas; ruling elders Michael Tollison, Brooks Jordan, Ophelia Noble. Guests of the commission: Rev. Pam Driesell, Rev. Sid Batts, Rev. Buck Cochran.

g) Members of the commission to install Rev. C. Anderson James as associate for small church ministries and technology on February 25, 2017: ministers: Rev. Byron Wade, Rev. Elizabeth Cluff; ruling elders Ida Adams, Cader Howard, Wayne Dockery. Guests of the commission: Rev. Ben Acton, Rev. Jane Donnelly.

II. Presbytery received the following as approved items by the Commission on Ministry and the Exams and Transfers Sub-commission on behalf of the presbytery.

A. Calls

1. Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve to serve as pastor of Iglesia Presbyteriana Church Hispana, effective April 10, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$18,317.27; housing allowance: \$26,090.00; other applicable income: \$1,632.36; social security offset: \$3,522.18; reimbursable expenses: \$3,800.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$16,805.16. Total Compensation Package: \$70,166.97. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

B. Transfers

1. Rev. Caroline East Berardi to transfer from Foothills Presbytery to serve as stated supply at Pinetops Presbyterian Church, effective November 9, 2016 through November 9, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$15,000.00; social security offset: \$1,147.50; reimbursable expenses: \$1,000.00. Total compensation package: \$17,147.50. Vacation: 6 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. (additional 6 weeks for family leave if necessary with 3 weeks paid).

2. Rev. Troy Lewis (HR) to transfer from the Presbytery of St. Augustine, effective February 7, 2017.

C. Interim Agreements

1. Renewal of interim pastor agreement between Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt and First Presbyterian Church, Garner, effective December 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. Terms: cash salary (6 months): \$15,100.00; housing allowance: \$11,935.00; social security offset: \$2,068.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$9,462.00. Total compensation package: \$41,565.00.

2. Rev. Alan Bancroft to serve as interim pastor of Discovery Church, effective November 28, 2016 through November 28, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$15,000.00; housing allowance: \$15,000.00; social security offset: \$2,295.00; reimbursable expenses: \$2,825.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$14,880.00. Total compensation package: \$50,000.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

D. Supply Agreements

1. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Dan Davis (LWB) and Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$15,000.00; annual discretionary income: \$13,200.00; reimbursable expenses: \$1,000.00. Total compensation package: \$29,200.00. Vacation: 4 weeks.

2. Rev. Thomas Wilson to serve as stated supply of First Presbyterian Church, Edenton, effective January 15, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$12,404.00; housing allowance: \$12,403.00; social security offset: \$1,898.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,000.00. Total compensation package: \$31,705.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

3. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Bob Inskip and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Henderson, effective February 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018. Terms: housing allowance: \$19,000.00; social security offset: \$1,454.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$2,280.00. Total compensation package: \$27,734.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

4. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Frank Haggard (LWB) and Westminster

Presbyterian Church, Lucama, effective January 1 through December 31, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$6,000.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00. Total compensation package: \$9,000.00. Vacation: 3 weeks. Continuing education: 1 week.

E. Commissioned Ruling Elders

1. Renewal of the commission of Ron Jones to serve as commissioned ruling elder for Plainview Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

F. Moderators

1. Rev. Carol McCartney to continue to serve as session moderator and conduct communion services and baptisms for Plainview Presbyterian Church.

2. Rev. Wally Spragins to serve as temporary session moderator for Littleton Presbyterian Church.

G. Labor Outside Bounds

Rev. Katie Ricks (MAL) to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of New Hope at Columbia Theological Seminary, effective November 28, 2016. Ministry as associate director of vocational services and student life validated.

H. Dissolutions

1. Rev. Monte Johnston and Discovery Presbyterian Church, effective October 30, 2016.

2. Rev. Claude Wilson-Stayton and Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wendell, effective March 1, 2017.

3. Rev. Wanda Neely and First Presbyterian Church, Kinston, effective December 31, 2016.

4. Rev. Jimmie Hawkins and Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham, effective December 25, 2016.

5. Rev. Jonathan Sherrod and Westminster, Raleigh, effective January 31, 2017.

I. Dismissals

1. Rev. Constance Button to Presbytery of North Carolina, effective December 14, 2016.

2. Rev. Candace Worth to Presbytery of East Tennessee, effective December 14, 2016.

3. Rev. Casey Clark (MAL) to Shenandoah Presbytery, effective February 8, 2017.

J. Other

1. The honorable retirement of Rev. Edward Connor, effective April 30, 2015.
2. The honorable retirement of Rev. Doug Eddy, effective January 1, 2017.
3. The honorable retirement of Rev. Claude Wilson-Stayton, effective March 1, 2017.
4. Rev. Gregory Green's status to be changed from member-at-large to inactive, effective January 11, 2017.
5. First Presbyterian Church, Henderson: mission study and formation of pastor nominating committee.

III. Presbytery approved the following:

A. Changes in terms of call for 2017 for the following ministers (pending final review of computations): Revs. Elizabeth Cluff, Raymond Cobb, Betty Connette, Dan Davis, Dorothea Ghering-Burick, Franklin Golden, Harry Goodwin, Bruce Grady, Thomas Harris, Kerri Hefner, William Lee Kinney, Diane Knauf, Sanghyun Lee, Charles Link, Ronn McCrackern, Joseph Moore, Allan Poole, Jeffrey Sapinhour John Stone, Clark Vincent. (See Attachment 4).

IV. Examinations and Transfers

Transfers (to be welcomed)

Rev. Caroline East Berardi (Foothills Presbytery)
Rev. Troy Lewis, HR (Presbytery of St. Augustine)

Campus Ministry

Rev. Stephanie Workman

Rev. Workman noted that several people who addressed the body today mentioned that campus ministry had touched their lives. Some may say, "The church is dying," but that is not true for campus ministry in our area. We have five thriving campus ministries. Many of the students participated in the college conference at Montreat in January. Campus Ministry provides a safe space and we are grateful for the presbytery's support and ask for your continued prayers.

Bills and Overtures (cont'd)

Elder Ray Watson

Amendments 16-C and 16-D were again put before the body. After debate, both amendments were passed.

Report of Standing Committee: Resolutions

Ruling Elder Rane Winslow, Teaching Elders Samuel Son and Melinda Merkley King

RESOLVED that we give thanks to God for this beautiful Spring-like day and the 100th meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope.

RESOLVED that we give thanks for our generous and helpful hosts at Cary Presbyterian Church and Cornerstone Presbyterian Church and particularly for the finger-lickin' good lunch;

-for joyful worship;

-for an amazing choir,

accompanying musicians, and organist-director;

-for Word and Sacrament,

especially for Rev. Wade who reminded us that God is good and worthy and taught us that the next time someone tells us after worship that he or she did not "get anything out of it," we may ask, "Well, what did you bring?"

WHEREAS we recognize and give thanks for Ida Adams and for Chris Tuttle to whom she has passed the Moderator baton;

WHEREAS we join in celebrating with C. Anderson James –aka Andy- as he is now officially our Associate Presbyter. We give thanks for his sharing his gifts in ministry, music, techie skills and for sharing his ties;

WHEREAS we recognize Dorcas Ministries and pray God's blessings upon their staff, volunteers, and especially the recipients of their good works;

WHEREAS we are thrilled to learn about ConnectEd, a curated online resource center that offers a wealth of help. We give thanks to all who have spent hours putting this website together and who will maintain and sustain it;

WHEREAS we recognize Jennifer Jackson and we appreciate her gratitude for our support of Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women. We recognize the importance of IPMW's work;

WHEREAS we remember that 80,000 households in NC have been affected by Hurricane Matthew, many of these in our midst, we are grateful for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and their commitment to long term recovery;

WHEREAS we heard of many church anniversaries – some still in single digits, others

well over 100 years-we wish their congregations more glad years together and numerical and spiritual growth, God willing;

WHEREAS we have voted on GA amendments, we pray that we are indeed being re-formed by the Holy Spirit;

WHEREAS we were wowed by Jason McKinney and Christopher Bagley during the Black Caucus report, we want to join in song, "Brother, Sister all for one, one for all!" for we are all one in Christ Jesus, we are all God's children;

WHEREAS we celebrate those 50 women and men who are "in process" on the path to ordained ministry and this day we joyfully name Sarah Wolf and Amanda Hill as Candidates;

WHEREAS we welcome Rev. Caroline East Berardi and the Honorably Retired Troy Lewis to our midst, we trust that the future is bright for you both;

WHEREAS we celebrate five thriving Campus Ministries, we know God is at work, calling students to grow in Christian maturity. We commit to pray for them;

WHEREAS we are aware of the dedication of so many who serve congregations and Presbytery committees and in passion-driven ministries -we are grateful for them all. We give thanks too for all Presbytery Staff;

WHEREAS we are aware of the pressures and challenges faced by our Stated Clerk, we wish Ted Churn a meaningful and restful Sabbatical and we welcome Deky Hall's work in his absence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Presbytery goes forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

Report of Assistant to the Stated Clerk:

Attendance

Rev. Deky Hall

Rev. Deky Hall, recording clerk, gave the attendance report for the meeting:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Ministers	124
Ruling Elder Commissioners	112
Candidates/Inquirers	3
Corresponding Members	7
Educators (Certified)	2
Educators	2
Lay Members of Coordinating Body	1

Presbytery Staff	3
Ruling Elders (Commissioned)	2
Ruling Elders (Non-Commissioned)	5
Visitors	<u>41</u>

Total 302

Offering: \$2,271.00 was collected during the worship service and donated to Dorcas Ministries.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Upon motion from the floor, Moderator Chris Tuttle adjourned the meeting with prayer at 3:00 PM.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope will be July 25, 2017 at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church.