

**101st STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
July 25, 2017
Wake Forest Presbyterian Church
Wake Forest, North Carolina**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:04 AM by Moderator Rev. Chris Tuttle.

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

Two additional announcements will be given during the announcement period: remarks from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Theological Education Fund. With these two additions, the docket was adopted by common consent.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following were seated as corresponding members: Amanda Hines (Disciples of Christ); Troy Leshner-Thomas (Salem Presbytery); Fred Mangeni (Evangelical Church); Raymond Privott (American Baptist); and Jeff Sockwell (Salem Presbytery).

Appointment of Standing Committee

The following persons were appointed to the Resolutions Committee: Teaching Elder Diane Knauf (St. Andrews Presbyterian, Raleigh); Ruling Elder Jim Graham (White Memorial, Raleigh); and Ruling Elder Candice White (Warrenton Presbyterian).

Welcome by Host Church

Reverend Rebekah Maul welcomed the body on behalf of the congregation and session of Wake Forest Presbyterian Church. She gave information concerning lunch and rest room locations. She also reminded the body that volunteers are placed throughout the facility and available to answer questions and provide directions.

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

Those involved in worship included: Rev. Allen Brimer (Co-Planter, Farm Church NCD); Rev. Robert Beichner (Chaplain, Rex Hospital); Rev. Margaret Wilson-Stayton (Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Henderson); Rev. Byron Wade (Pastor, Davie Street Presbyterian); Rev. Rebekah Maul (Pastor, Wake Forest Presbyterian), who preached the sermon; Rev. John Fawcett (Associate Pastor, Wake Forest Presbyterian); Rev. Dr. Jo Ella Holman (PC(USA) Mission co-worker, Caribbean region); Pianist: Susie Vogt; Soloist: Jimmy McCully. The sacrament of communion was celebrated. The offering collected was designated to be split between Habitat for Humanity and BackPack Buddies.

Break Out Groups: Experiencing Spiritual Practices

The body divided into the following groups to experience spiritual practices: Examen: Prayerful Reflection; Pilgrimage: Faith-motivated Travel; Lectio Divino: Slow, Contemplative Praying of Scripture; Centering Prayer: Silent Prayer Using Breath and a Centering Word; Guided Meditation: Meditation Using Guided Imagery; Visio Divina: Slow, Contemplative Prayer Using Scripture and Art.

Announcements

Report of Mission Co-Worker, Caribbean Region

Rev. Dr. Jo Ella Holman

Rev. Holman reminded the body that the Presbyterian Church has been in Cuba for over 100 years. The church faced difficult times after the Cuban revolution. But the church started to grow in the 90's and 70% of those in the church are new believers. She shared a video of the seminary in Cuba. She asked for the presbytery's prayers and advocacy as denominational connection has had a constant positive impact.

The Presbyterian Homes

Marisa Ray

Marisa thanked the presbytery for its support and shared that information is available on a table in the back of the fellowship hall. Gifts to Presbyterian Homes are used in part to help those with financial difficulty in Continuing Care Retirement Communities. There are three such

communities in the state. Twenty-four years ago, Glenaire (Cary, NC) opened its doors. 90 churches support Presbyterian Homes as well as individuals in congregations.

Peacemaking Offering, International Peacemaker

Rev. Willem Bodisco Massink

First Sunday in October is the annual peace and global witness offering. Monies collected are distributed as follows: 50 % to GA, 25% to the church and 25% to Synod/Presbytery. A portion of the funds collected previously will pay for an International Peacemaker. Doug Baker, who has worked in Northern Ireland for a number of years, will visit New Hope Presbytery September 29th through October 4th. Contact Willem if your church would like to host him during the visit.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

John Robinson

Eastern North Carolina is still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Robinson distributed a handout explaining where to send furniture and household items and how to schedule a work team. Ann Hoffman of North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster presented a plaque to the presbytery honoring its efforts in helping the victims of Hurricane Matthew.

Theological Education Fund

Rev. Jeff Sockwell

Rev. Sockwell thanked the body for its support over the years. In 2015, the fund moved under the wing of the Presbyterian Foundation. Church Financial Services was formed to help with capital campaigns. Davie Street and Hillsborough have taken advantage of this. Money donated to the Theological Education Fund is used by the denomination's seminaries.

Camp Albermarle

Jonathan Sherrod

The camp is challenged by financial needs. The Board of Directors proposed a fund raising raffle for a stand-up paddle board. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

Report of Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Rev. Ted Churn

Rev. Churn expressed gratitude to the body for his three-month sabbatical. He made an addition to the Nominating Committee report: Felecia Hardy nominated as Vice Moderator of the Coordinating Body.

Presbytery received the following:

1. The minutes of the commission to ordain Henry William Schafer Coates at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church on March 12, 2017.

2. The sessional records report. (Attachment)

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR

1. Rev. Bob Bardin, who underwent surgery at Rex Hospital June 23, 2017.

2. Rev. Joe Sandoval, who recently had back surgery.

3. Rev. Jim McKinnon (HR), who was recently hospitalized.

4. Rev. Lee Adkins (HR), who recently entered the memory care unit of Brookdale Chapel Hill.

5. Elder Jody Thompson (Trinity) and his wife Sarah (educator), whose 12-year-old son, Edward, has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

1. The class of 2017 graduating high school and college students.

2. Rev. Dave Vellenga and his wife, Anne, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May 2017.

3. Durham Presbyterian Church on winning the Walton award for new church development.

4. Rev. Conway Lanford (HR) and his wife, Weilie, on the birth of their 9th grandchild, Kayden Lanford, on June 5, 2017.

CONDOLENCES TO

1. The family of Elder Robert "Bob" Sutton Bradsher, Jr., (Oxford Presbyterian Church), who died February 25, 2017.

2. Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt and the family of Debbie's former husband, Jessie, who passed

away from cardiac arrest after long-term declining health.

3. Rev. Amanda Golbek, whose father died March 15, 2017.

4. Rev. Jim Hodge (HR) and his wife, Carol, on the death of their son, Philip.

5. Carol Anne Moehring, (moderator, Finance and Property), on the death of her father-in-law, Vernon A. Moehring, on March 30, 2017, and on the death of her mother, Betty Lou Mitchell Guigou, on March 31, 2017.

6. The family of Elder Robert Allen "Bob" Klein (Greenville, First), who died May 6, 2017.

7. Elder Joe Asselmeier (Greenville, First) and his wife Judy, whose son, Aaron Joseph Asselmeier, died May 6, 2017.

8. The family of Elder Joe Morgan (Westminster, Raleigh), who died June 25, 2017.

9. The family of Rev. Charles Betts Huntley (HR), who died June 26, 2017.

10. Rev John Myers (HR), whose wife, Mary, died July 11, 2017.

Report of the Coordinating Body

Elder Ida Adams

Elder Adams shared that Durham Presbyterian Church is the recipient of a \$25,000.00 Walton Award for new church development. A video used in the application for the award was shown to the body. Rev. Debbie Kirk outlined the process for applying for grants for Passion Driven Ministries. July 31 is the deadline to submit requests. A video highlighting the application process and some of the recent PDM recipients and their work was shown to the body.

Presbytery received the following as information:

1. Assistant to the Stated Clerk, Rev. Deky hall, began as temporary stated clerk on April 1.

2. 2018 Passion Driven Ministry applications were sent to each church May 1 with a July 31 deadline.

3. Associate for Spiritual Nurture, Rev. Vanessa Hawkins, is developing a new mentoring ministry for first-time ordained ministers who

receive a call to New Hope Presbytery and a partnership ministry for ministers transferring into the presbytery.

4. A grant application has been submitted to the Duke Leadership Program, designed to help congregations in times of transition.

5. Plans for break-out groups on spirituality at the 101st stated gathering (July 25, 2017), were presented to the Coordinating Body.

6. Received report from Finance and Property on water damage to the former Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilson.

7. Received report from the associate for small church ministries, Rev. Andy James, on the May 6 small church gathering at Oxford Presbyterian Church.

8. Received an updated report from Rev. Art Ross (HR), chair of the Presbyterian Discernment Team, on the status of its work with Triangle Presbyterian Church, Durham.

9. Received a report from Rev. Ed McLeod, chair of the Presbyterian Discernment Team, on the status of its work with Providence Presbyterian Church, Angier.

10. Received a report that there are 19 churches in transition.

Coordinating Body approved the following:

1. Request for funds designated for Peacemaking to host an international peacemaker.

2. Sale of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilson to the Islamic Center of Wilson for \$266,577.00 after closing costs. Funds will be reimbursed to the presbytery for expenses on the property during the time of vacancy. Remaining funds will be distributed per the 2009 policy of the presbytery: 50% to new church development, 40% operating/mission budget and 10% permanent endowment.

Finance and Property

Elder Carol Anne Moehring, Moderator
Elder Moehring called the body's attention to the finance reports in the Commissioner Handbook. She asked that sessions complete and return the acceptance form. Expenses have exceeded income for the first 6 months of the year. This is

not unusual but a bit higher than in previous years. The 2018 budget will be presented at the October meeting.

Bills and Overtures

Elder Ray Watson

Elder Watson directed the body's attention to the Overture to the Presbytery of New Hope in the Commissioner Handbook. He introduced Elder Bill Andrews (Church of Reconciliation) to speak on behalf of the overture. The overture expresses presbytery's support of H. B. 280 whereby young people under the age of 18 who are charged with misdemeanors or felonies cannot be tried as adults. After discussion, the overture was approved.

Report of Associate for Spiritual Nurture

Rev. Vanessa Hawkins

Reverend Hawkins introduced Jordan Davis who explained the Faith, Study and Reflection program whereby pastors who have been in the presbytery 5 years or less gather for an intentional time of fellowship. In the study segment, they have been reading the book: *Waking Up White*. Rev. Davis invited others to join the discussion. Rev. Hawkins expressed gratitude for her time serving the presbytery. Her last day is August 18, 2017.

Report of Associate for Small Church Ministries and Technology

Rev. Andy James

Rev. James reminded the body of the on-line presbytery directory and requested that updates be sent to the directory email address. The small church gathering in May in Oxford was a success and another event for the eastern part of the presbytery will be planned in early 2018. New Life Triangle is one of the presbytery's new worshiping communities that has been chartered as a church. Samuel Son, the organizing pastor, and members of the congregation shared their ministry efforts around racial reconciliation.

Commission on Ministry

Exams and Transfers Sub-commission

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Rev. Katie Crowe, Co-Moderators (COM)

Rev. Katherine Kussmaul, Moderator (Examinations and Transfers)

I. Presbytery received the following as information:

a) Members of the commission to ordain Henry William Schafer Coates at Kirk of

Kildaire Presbyterian Church, March 12, 2017: ministers Rev. Joseph Welker, Rev. Joseph Hester, Rev. Amanda Golbek, Rev. Antonio Lawrence; ruling elders Anne Hoeycutt, Dr. Paul Rowland, Glenda Talton, Virginia Anthony, Hal Jordan. Guests of the commission: Rev. Raymond Hylton, Rev. Suzanne Schafer Coates.

b) Validated ministry annual report of John Winings (CLP) (attachment 2)

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. Interim Agreements

1. Rev. Troy Leshner-Thomas (Salem Presbytery) to labor within bounds to serve as interim pastor at Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective April 3, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$33,348.00; housing allowance: \$19,000.00; medical supplement: \$2,500.00; other applicable income: \$7,152.00; social security offset: \$4,743.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$22,630.00. Total compensation package: \$92,373.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

2. Rev. Bruce Berry to serve as bridge interim at Covenant, Wendell, effective March 1 through May 31, 2017. Terms: \$3,000.00 per month.

3. Rev. John Kidd (HR) to serve as bridge interim at Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective September 6, 2016 through April 16, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$19,350.00; housing allowance: \$14,400.00; social security offset: \$2,582.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$14,830.00. Total compensation package: \$54,162.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

4. Rev. Susan Sexton to serve as bridge interim at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, effective April 1 through June 30, 2017. Terms (monthly): Cash salary: \$1,500.00; housing allowance: \$1,000.00; travel expenses: \$250.00. Total monthly compensation package: \$2,750.00.

5. Renewal of interim pastor agreement between Rev. Marguerite Moore Serrine and Unity Presbyterian Church, effective April 1 through October 1, 2017. Terms: cash salary: \$10,200.00; housing allowance: \$10,200.00; social security offset: \$1,560.60; reimbursable expenses: \$1,500.00. Total compensation package: \$23,460.60.

6. Renewal of interim pastor agreement between Rev. Margaret Wilson-Stayton and First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, effective June 12 through December 31, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$27,000.00; housing allowance: \$12,000.00; deferred income: \$6,000.00; social security offset: \$3,442.50; reimbursable expenses: \$4,500.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$15,750.00. Total compensation package: \$68,692.40. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

7. Rev. Edward Bellis to serve as interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kinston, effective June 15, 2017 through June 14, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$37,200.00; housing allowance \$24,800.00; social security offset: \$4,743.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$22,630.00; moving expenses: \$1,200.00. Total compensation package: \$95,573.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

8. Rev. Preston Smith (HR) to serve as bridge interim at First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, effective June 12 through September 11, 2017. Terms (monthly): cash salary: \$2,250.00; housing allowance: \$2,250.00; reimbursable expenses: \$300.00.

B. Supply Agreements

1. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Spottswood Graves (HR) and Calvary Presbyterian Church, Swan Quarter, effective January 1 through December 31, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary \$12,000.00; housing allowance: \$2,500.00; medical supplement: \$1,525.00; social security offset: \$1,225.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,500.00. Total compensation package: \$22,750.00. Vacation: 2 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

2. Rev. Jonathan Sherrod to serve as stated supply at Kirk of Holly Springs, a satellite congregation of Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, effective April 16, 2017 through

April 15, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$14,792.50; housing allowance: \$12,000.00; other applicable income: \$2,144.76; social security offset: \$2,213.70; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$14,252.47. Total compensation package: \$48,403.43. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

3. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Lori Pistor and Cary Presbyterian Church, effective February 11, 2017 through August 11, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$46,312.00; housing allowance: \$20,000.00; social security offset: \$5,073.00; reimbursable expenses: \$4,500.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$24,204.00. Total compensation package: \$100,089.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

4. Rev. Jordan Davis to serve as stated supply at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, effective August 21, 2017 through August 20, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$33,094.00; housing allowance: \$18,000.00; deferred income: \$2,689.00; social security offset: \$4,114.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,060.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$20,437.00. Total compensation package: \$81,394.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

5. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Raymond Privott and Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$19,300.00; housing allowance: \$9,244.00; social security offset: \$2,161.00; reimbursable expenses: \$700.00. Total compensation package: \$31,405.00.

6. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Dr. Fred Westbrook (HR) and Geneva Presbyterian Church, effective April 11, 2017 through April 10, 2018. Terms: housing allowance: \$8,535.92; reimbursable expenses: \$750.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$1,000.00. Total compensation package: \$10,285.92.

7. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Linda Parker and Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective June 12, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$17,000.00; reimbursable expenses: \$4,500.00.

8. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. David Vellenga and Nutbush Presbyterian Church, effective January 31, 2017 through January 31, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$7,200.00; housing allowance: \$8,400.00; reimbursable expenses: \$400.00. Total compensation package: \$16,000.00.

9. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Edward Johnson and White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs, effective August 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and January 1 through December 31, 2018. Terms: housing allowance: \$42,500.00; social security offset: \$3,251.25; reimbursable expenses: \$2,125.00. Total compensation package: \$47,876.25.

10. Rev. Delton Farmer (Baptist) to labor within bounds to serve as stated supply at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham, effective July 23, 2017 through January 21, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$9,500.00; travel: \$1,050.00. Total compensation package: \$10,550.00.

C. Commissioned Ruling Elders

1. Renewal of the commission of Dr. Felecia Hardy to serve as commissioned ruling elder for St. Paul Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$12,000.00. Vacation: 2 weeks.

D. Moderators

1. Rev. Jim Ferry to serve as session moderator of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Raleigh.

2. Rev. Karen Dukes to serve as session moderator of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.

E. Dissolutions

1. Rev. Robert Briznedine and Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, effective June 30, 2017.

2. Rev. Robert Dunham and University Presbyterian Church, effective May 31, 2017.

3. Rev. Amanda Golbek and Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, effective August 20, 2017.

4. Rev. Christopher Berardi and Rocky Mount, First, effective July 6, 2017.

F. Dismissals

1. Rev. Wanda Neely to Presbytery of Western North Carolina, effective April 6, 2017.

2. Rev. Katie Ricks to Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, effective July 12, 2017.

3. Rev. Rosalind Ziccardi to Presbytery of San Diego, effective July 12, 2017.

G. Honorable Retirement

1. The honorable retirement of Rev. Robert Brizendine, effective June 30, 2017.

2. The honorable retirement of Rev. Robert Dunham, effective June 1, 2017.

H. Other

1. Rev. Amanda Hines (Disciples of Christ) to labor within bounds to serve as temporary associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Terms: annual cash salary: \$21,000.00; housing allowance: \$24,000.00; other applicable income: \$1,752.00; social security offset: \$3,443.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$19,614.00. Total compensation package: \$72,809.00.

2. Rev. Patrice Nelson received as a member-at-large from Presbytery of Philadelphia, effective May 9, 2017.

3. Rev. Marybeth Asher-Lawson received as a member-at-large from Presbytery of Philadelphia, effective May 9, 2017.

4. Rev. Thomas Priest received as a member-at-large from Presbytery of Detroit, effective May 9, 2017.

5. Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church: formation of associate pastor nominating committee.

I. Calls

1. Rev. Lisa Hebacker to serve as Pastor of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, effective August 28, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$52,650.00; housing allowance: \$28,350.00; social security offset: \$6,196.50; reimbursable expenses: \$3,500.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$29,565.00. Total compensation package: \$120,261.50. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing

education: 2 weeks. A sabbatical leave of 3 months will be granted after 5 years of service.

III. **Presbytery approved the following**

A. Ordinands

1. The call to David Luis Fuentes to serve as pastor of West New Bern Presbyterian Church, effective March 26, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$25,000.00; housing allowance: \$16,000.00; social security offset: \$3,137.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$15,700.00 moving expenses: \$1,500.00. Total compensation package: \$64,337.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

2. The call to Zaida Rodriguez to serve as spiritual care counselor/chaplain at Transitions LifeCare, Raleigh (approved as a validated ministry).

3. **Changes in Terms of Call for 2017**
(pending final review of computations)
Revs. Kyle Allen, Robert Bardin, Betty Berghaus, Sam Codington, Kathleen Crowe, Tracey Daniel, Mark Davidson, Mindy Douglas, Christopher Edmonston, Kate Fiedler, Gary Fulton, Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman, Lisa Hebacker, Ingram Hedgpeth, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Cheryl Barton Henry, David Huffman, Gloria Johnson, Deborah Kirk, Elizabeth Michael, William Neely, Chip Pope, John Rogers, MacHenry Schafer, Chris Tuttle, Byron Wade (Attachment)

IV. **Transfers** (to be welcomed)

Rev. Marybeth Asher-Lawson (Presbytery of Philadelphia)

Rev. Edward Bellis (Presbytery of Coastal Carolina)

Rev. Patrice Nelson (Presbytery of Philadelphia)

Rev. Thomas Priest (Presbytery of Detroit)

V. **Laboring Within Bounds**

Rev. Troy Leshner-Thomas (Salem Presbytery)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

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

The presbytery received the following Inquireres as Candidates with reception:

Kristen Levens (University)

Susan Mazzara (Kirk of Kildaire)

Presbytery moderator Rev. Chris Tuttle examined Kristen and Susan and declared them to be approved as candidates. Rev. Berghaus gave the charge to the applicants and Rev. Maul offered the blessing of the candidates.

The presbytery received the following as inquirers:

Wilson Kennedy (Wilson, First)

Susan Mazzara (Kirk of Kildaire)

The presbytery received the following candidates as certified ready to receive a call:

Katie Murchison Ross (Trinity

Avenue)_

I Sil Yoon (Durham, First)

Report of Nominations and Representation Committee

Elder Steve Mabie

Elder Mabie thanked members who have served on the committee and encouraged people to make nominations for committees. This can be accomplished through the E-news and through the presbytery web site.

Presbytery approved the following individuals for the committees, classes or office as indicated:

Commission on Ministry

Dan Blackshear RE, First, Goldsboro

Class of 2019

Susan Landis RE, Westminster, Durham

Class of 2019

James Kim TE, Duraleigh Presbyterian, Durham

Class of 2019

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Brenda Brown RE, Outer Banks Presbyterian

Class of 2019

Campus Ministry Committee

Ann Carr Adkins RE, Church of Reconciliation

Class of 2019

Coordinating Body

Felecia Hardy to serve as Vice Moderator

Black Caucus Report

Rev. Omotokun Omokunde

Rev. Omokunde gave testimony of surviving throat surgery and being still able to talk. St. Paul Presbyterian will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sunday. The Timothy Darling congregation will help them celebrate. Rev.

Omokunde announced that the newly elected President of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus is a genius. He is our fraternity brother: Rev. Thomas Priest (MAL) of New Hope Presbytery.

Report of the Resolutions Committee
Ruling Elder Jim Graham, Teaching Elder Diane Knauf and Ruling Elder Candice White

RESOLVED that we give thanks to Wake Forest Presbyterian Church staff and members for:

- The warm and hospitable welcome from the time we entered the parking lot until the end of the day;
- The inspiring and meaningful worship service from preaching, to music, to our celebration of the Lord’s Supper;
- The opportunity to break bread and fellowship with friends old and new over a delicious lunch;

WHEREAS the breakout sessions enriched and equipped us to live more spiritual and God-centered lives;

WHEREAS Rev. Holman’s presentation gave us a window into the lives and work of our brothers and sisters in Cuba; and we were reminded by our other ministry partners of their ongoing need for our prayers and support of their good work;

WHEREAS we discussed and voted to support HB 280 to show compassion and common sense toward youthful offenders;

WHEREAS we recognize and give thanks for the ongoing work of NHP’s staff and leaders and wish Vanessa Hawkins “god-speed” as she begins her new calling;

WHEREAS we give thanks for the committees and individuals who do the work of the Presbytery and pray for their continuing strength and vision;

WHEREAS we celebrate those who have responded to a call both in preparation for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and those who have accepted specific calls to ministry and collectively send them forth to those ministries;

WHEREAS we celebrate the Holy Spirit moving in the life and ministry of these new worshiping communities – Durham Church and New Life Triangle;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we give great thanks to God for the ties that bind us as a Presbytery and ask his Holy Spirit upon us as we go forth to be his faithful people in the world.

Report of Assistant to the Stated Clerk

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

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| Ministers | 111 |
| Ruling Elder Commissioners | 92 |
| Commissioned Ruling Elders | 1 |
| Non-Commissioned Ruling Elders | 2 |
| Candidates/Inquirers | 5 |
| Corresponding Members | 7 |
| Lay Members of Coordinating Body | 1 |
| Presbytery Staff | 3 |
| Visitors | <u>34</u> |
| Total | 256 |

Offering: \$1,341.43 was collected during the worship service and will be divided between Habitat for Humanity and Backpack Buddies.

Adjournment

Upon a motion from the floor, Moderator Tuttle adjourned the meeting, inviting the body to prayerfully sing *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* at 3:15 PM.