

**99<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING  
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE  
October 22, 2016  
Outer Banks Presbyterian Church  
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:05 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.

**Seating of Corresponding Members**

The following were seated as corresponding members: Dan Davis (Methodist); Fred Mangeni (Evangelical Church); Elizabeth Little (Presbytery of Charlotte); Greg Smith (Des Moines Presbytery); Edward Spence (Grand Canyon Presbytery); Jan Spence (Grand Canyon Presbytery).

**Appointment of Standing Committee**

The following persons were appointed to the Resolutions Committee: Ruling Elder Peggy Griffin (West Haven), Ruling Elder John Jernigan (First, Washington) and Teaching Elder Debbie Kirk (Hudson Memorial).

**Welcome by Host Church**

Jody Moore, pastor of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, welcomed the body, especially those who traveled some distance. Rev. Moore expressed thanks to the committee, chaired by Gary McGee, who worked to plan the day and those from the other cluster churches who are providing assistance. Lunch will take place at Captain George's, a nearby restaurant.

**Welcome to Elder Commissioners Attending Presbytery for the First Time**

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: The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore (Outer Banks Presbyterian), who

preached the sermon; The Rev. Willem Bodisco Massink (Chair, Multicultural Committee); The Rev. Dr. Fred Mangeni (Assistant for Multicultural Ministries); The Rev. L. Spottswood Graves (Calvary Presbyterian); The Rev. A. Vanessa Hawkins, Associate for Nurturing Ministries (Presbytery of New Hope); The Rev. Elizabeth Cluff (Cann Memorial Presbyterian); The Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve (Iglesia Presbyteriana); The Rev. C. Anderson (Andy) James, Associate Executive for Small Churches and Technology (Presbytery of New Hope); The Rev. Lorrie Ghering-Burick (Roanoke Island Presbyterian); Mollie Bass (Elder, Outer Banks Presbyterian); James Evans, Music Director, Pianist (Outer Banks Presbyterian); Steve Blackstock, Organist (Outer Banks Presbyterian); The Sanctuary Choir (Outer Banks Presbyterian). The offering collected was designated as follows: 2/3s for disaster relief for victims of Hurricane Matthew and 1/3 for Interfaith Community Outreach in Dare and Currituck counties. The sacrament of communion was celebrated and the Necrology of Ministers and Elders (2015-2016) was included in the service.

**Table Conversations on Spirituality and Prayer**

Rev. Vanessa Hawkins, Associate for Nurturing Ministries

Following worship, the body convened at Captain George's Seafood Restaurant in small groups. Rev. Hawkins invited the small groups to discuss how individual prayer life applies to church leadership, what being spiritually nurtured by the presbytery would look like and from a list of nine, what top three themes are relevant for each congregation at this time. Identifying needs and gifts and training new leaders are examples of the nine themes.

**Campus Ministry**

Elder Ray Watson

Elder Watson reported that the presbytery supports five campus ministry programs where students gather for shared meals, worship, fellowship and service. An annual college conference is held at Montreat in January. Due to privacy laws, public universities cannot provide religious information to campus ministries. Thus it is important for churches to provide this information when students are enrolling.

### **Union Presbyterian Seminary**

Rev. Jordan Davis

Rev. Davis expressed thanks for the many ways New Hope has supported Union. She also shared dates of upcoming events. Details of the events will be included in the presbytery's e-news.

### **Youth Council**

Rev. Amanda Golbeck

In the summer, the Youth Council took over 48 youth and adults to the Youth Triennium at Purdue University. Thirty high school youth have signed up for leadership training. Although 200 youth and adults were signed up for the Fall Retreat, the event had to be cancelled due to the hurricane.

### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Rev. Greg Smith, Rev. Jan Spence, Rev. Ed Spence

In the past week, the PDA team has been doing assessment. They have visited nine congregations and areas around churches. Some communities, like Tick Bite NC, are without resources to get them back on their feet. The team reminded the body that the work of PDA is supported by funds from One Great Hour of Sharing and that prayers are needed for the people affected by Hurricane Matthew.

### **Report of Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk**

Rev. Ted Churn

Rev. Churn called the body's attention to the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution from the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016), an attachment to the commissioner's handbook. The amendments will be voted on at the February presbytery meeting. They should be studied and reviewed prior to that meeting. The presbytery will offer gatherings for discussion.

Presbytery received the following:

1. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Judy Stanley at Bear Grass Presbyterian Church on July 31, 2016.
2. Minutes of the commission to ordain Robert Beichner at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church on August 13, 2016.

Presbytery approved:

The sessional records report for the churches listed. (Attachment)

### PRAYER CONCERNS FOR

1. Those who lost loved ones in the earthquake in Italy and the floods in Louisiana.
2. Those affected by Hurricane Matthew.
3. Rev. Jim Ferry, who is recovering from surgery.
4. Rev. Bill dePrater, and his wife, Mickey. Bill has been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis.
5. Rev. Jim McKinnon, who is being treated for a staph infection.
6. Little River Presbyterian Church, whose building was vandalized.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

1. Ruling elders celebrating 25 years of service to the PC(USA) (Attachment)
2. Rev. Janise Smith and husband Derek on the birth of their daughter, Liliana Joy Smith "Lily Joy," on September 1, 2016.
3. Rev. Amanda Diekman and husband Brian on the birth of their son, Wesley Mark Diekman, on September 21, 2016.

### CONDOLENCES TO

1. Rev. Leigh Gillis, whose father, Gerald D. "Jerry" Beasley, Jr., died August 2, 2016.
2. The family of Elder Don Duff (Greenville, First), who died September 2, 2016.
3. The family of Elder Pauline Savage (Bear Grass/Roberson Chapel), who died September 15, 2016.
4. Educator Tama Eller and husband Bob upon the death of Tama's mother.

### **Report of the Coordinating Body**

Rev. Sam Stone

Presbytery received the following as information:

1. The following individuals will serve as the Hunger Fund evaluators for grants for 2017: Rev. Elizabeth Cluff (Cann Memorial), Rev. Joe Hester (Smithfield), Eva Mobley (Bear Grass).
2. Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilson is now listed for sale at a list price of \$350,00.00.

3. The Presbytery of Charlotte has reviewed and approved the 2015 minutes of the Presbytery of New Hope.

Coordinating Body approved the following:

1. Three-month sabbatical in 2017 for Rev. Ted Churn.

2. The following individuals to serve on the Presbyterian Discernment Taskforce for Triangle Presbyterian Church: Rev. Susan Dunlap, Cader Howard, Rev. Art Ross (moderator), Carolyn Scott, Jack Simonds.

3. Graphic illustrating the structure of New Hope Presbytery and its mission. (Attachment)

4. Minutes of the July 26, 2016 stated gathering of the Presbytery of New Hope.

5. The following individuals to review guidelines for worship at presbytery gatherings: Rev. Debbie Kirk, Rev. Gary Fulton, Felecia Hardy (CRE).

Presbytery approved the following:

1. Job titles for presbytery staff:

- Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk
- Associate for Small Church Ministries and Technology
- Associate for Finance
- Associate for Spiritual Growth and Nurture (part-time)
- Office Manager
- Administrative Assistant
- Assistant to the Stated Clerk (quarter-time)
- Associate for Multi-Cultural Ministries (part-time)
- Associate for Hispanic Ministries (part-time)

2. The following nominations for Nominations and Representation Committee:

- Steve Mabie Ruling Elder, First Pres., New Bern, NC Class of 2019
- Phyllis Supple Ruling Elder, First Pres., Durham, NC Class of 2019

Rev. Stone called the body's attention to a number of financial reports (unified mission receipts, income and expenses, etc.) on pages 49 through 58 in the Commissioner Handbook. The Proposed Mission Budget for 2017 is included as well. This budget will be voted on at the February Meeting.

## **Report of Nominations and Representation Committee**

Elder Steve Mabie

Elder Mabie expressed gratitude to the members of the committee, especially the Class of 2016 members who are rotating off at the end of the year.

Presbytery approved the following individuals for the committees and classes indicated:

### **Coordinating Body**

Ed Johnson, TE	Class of 2017
Mary Harris Todd, TE	Class of 2018
Elizabeth Cluff, TE	Class of 2019
Gary Fulton, TE	Class of 2019
Debbie Kirk, TE	Class of 2019
Willie Williams, RE	Class of 2019

### **Commission on Ministry**

Chris Berardi, TE,	Class of 2018
Tracey Daniel, TE	Class of 2019
Augustus Thompson, RE	Class of 2019
John Fawcett, TE	Class of 2019
Joseph Sandoval, TE	Class of 2019
Thomas Watkins, TE	Class of 2019
Vacancy	Class of 2019
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### **Finance and Property**

Jim Briley, RE	Class of 2019
Chip Reinhart, RE	Class of 2019
John Piluti, TE	Class of 2019

### **Personnel**

Anne Bryan, RE	Class of 2019
Joseph Welker, TE	Class of 2019

### **Permanent Judicial Committee**

Theaoseus Clayton, RE	Class of 2019
Nelson Crisp, RE	Class of 2019
Harvey Jackson, RE	Class of 2019

### **Exams and Transfers**

Peg Geisbrecht, RE	Class of 2019
Robert Brizendine, TE	Class of 2019
Marla Cates, TE	Class of 2019
Katherine Kussmaul, TE	Class of 2019
Melinda M. King, TE	Class of 2019

### **Preparation for Ministry**

Sam Codington, TE	Class of 2019
Alice Fisler, TE	Class of 2019
Esther Acolatse, TE	Class of 2019
Edie Graham, RE	Class of 2019



Total compensation package: \$88,490.00.  
Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks. Sabbatical of 3 months after 5 years. Moving expenses provided.

2. Rev. Robert Bardin to transfer from the Presbytery of Milwaukee to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, effective August 28, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$65,000.00; other applicable income: \$2,489.28; social security offset: \$5,162.93; reimbursable expenses: \$6,500.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$24,633.59. Total compensation package: \$103,785.80. Moving expenses up to \$10,000.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks. Sabbatical of 3 months after 7 years.

3. Rev. Vanessa Hawkins to transfer from the Presbytery of San Francisco to serve on presbytery staff as the associate for spiritual nurture, effective September 6, 2016. Terms (based on 30 hours per week): effective cash salary (salary and housing): \$37,500.00; dental insurance: \$443.30; social security offset: \$2,902.67; continuing education: \$1,400.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$14,734.69; professional expenses: \$3,000.00. Total compensation package: \$59,980.76. Vacation: 60 hours.

#### **B. Interim Agreements**

1. Renewal of interim pastor agreement between Rev. Marguerite Moore Serrine and Unity Presbyterian Church, effective October 1, 2016 through April 1, 2017. Terms: annual 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.

2. Renewal of interim pastor agreement between Rev. Juli Gicker-Anderson and West New Bern Presbyterian Church, effective September 10, 2016 through March 10, 2017. Terms: (based on 12 months) annual cash salary: \$20,514.00; housing allowance: \$17,140.00; social security offset: \$2,880.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$14,638.00. Total compensation package: \$58,172.00. Vacation: 2 weeks (based on 6 months). Continuing education: 1 week (based on 6 months).

3. Renewal of interim pastor agreement between Rev. Kent Hollingsworth and North

Raleigh Presbyterian church, effective November 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$13,270.85; housing allowance: \$12,500.00; social security offset: \$1,971.45; Board of Pensions dues: \$9,901.36. Total compensation package: \$37,643.66. Vacation: 2 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

4. Rev. Elizabeth Michael to serve as temporary associate pastor of University Presbyterian Church, effective September 15, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$48,000.00; housing allowance: \$17,000.00; social security offset: \$5,384.41; reimbursable expenses: \$3,900.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$23,725.00; moving expenses up to \$5,000.00. Total compensation package: \$103,009.41. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

#### **C. Supply Agreements**

1. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. James Workman and St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, effective March 1, 2016 through February 26, 2017. Terms: annual cash salary: \$1,705.25; deferred income: \$180.00; social security offset: \$114.75. Total compensation package: \$2,000.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

#### **D. Commissioned Ruling Elders**

1. Renewal of the commission of Travis Boyd to serve as commissioned ruling elder for Wanoca Presbyterian Church, effective March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019.

#### **E. Labor Outside Bounds**

1. Rev. Constance Button (HR) to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of New Hope for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

#### **F. Dismissals**

1. Rev. Leigh Gillis to Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, effective August 11, 2016.

2. Rev. Anna Pinkney Straight to Presbytery of West Virginia, effective September 14, 2016.

3. Rev. Keith Benze to Presbytery of Transylvania, effective October 12, 2016.

4. Rev. Bonnie Pettijohn (HR) to Presbytery of Transylvania, effective October 12, 2016.

**G. Other**

1. Three percent increase in minimum standards of compensation for the Presbytery of New Hope.

2. Revised compensation guidelines for temporary/occasional pastoral services.

3. Garner, First: mission study and request to form PNC.

**H. Calls**

1. Rev. Rebecca Gillespie to serve as pastor at Fuquay Varina Presbyterian Church, effective October 17, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$30,000.00; housing allowance: \$30,000.00; social security offset: \$4,590.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$21,900.00. Total compensation package: \$89,490.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

**III. Presbytery approved the following:**

**A. Ordinands**

1. The call to James Taneti to serve as clinical chaplain for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (approved as a validated ministry). Terms: \$24.00/hour.

2. The call to Goodwyn Bell to serve as associate pastor for young adult ministries at Blacknall Presbyterian Church, effective November 1, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$29,000.00; housing allowance: \$13,000.00; social security offset: \$3,213.00; reimbursable expenses: \$2,250.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$17,045.00. Total compensation package: \$64,508.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks. 3 months sabbatical after 7 years.

**IV. Examinations and Transfers**

Ordinands

James Taneti  
Goodwyn Bell

Transfers (To Be Welcomed)

Rev. Grier Booker-Richards (Salem Presbytery)  
Rev. Robert Bardin (Presbytery of Milwaukee)  
Rev. Vanessa Hawkins (Presbytery of San Francisco)

**Report of the Resolutions Committee**

Teaching Elders Peggy Griffin and John Jernigan, Ruling Elder Debbie Kirk

RESOLVED that we give thanks to the cluster churches: Outer Banks, Edenton First, Cann Memorial, Swan Quarter and Roanoke Island who hosted out meeting today for:

- all volunteers of Outer Banks Presbyterian who were gracious in moving us to places we needed to go;
- The uplifting and spiritual worship service led by the ministers of the coastal east cluster churches, members of Multicultural Ministries and presbytery staff – a service where we were glorified by the wonderful music and nourished at the Lord’s table;
- fellowship over the wonderful lunch.

WHEREAS we are grateful that many bodies of water receded, allowing us to gather in this beautiful place;

WHEREAS we will continue to pray for and lift up the many people in our area affected by Hurricane Matthew and the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team;

WHEREAS we celebrate those who have responded to a call to ministry positions and those who are on the journey of preparation;

WHEREAS we hope the offering collected today will aid in the flood relief;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we give thanks to God for the warm and gracious welcome at Outer Banks Church and we hold up to God all work we have done as a Presbytery this day as we leave this place to serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

**Report of Assistant to the Stated Clerk**

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

**Attendance**

Ministers	54
Ruling Elder Commissioners	65
Candidates/Inquirers	5
Corresponding Members	5
Educators (Certified)	0
Educators	1
Lay Members of Coordinating Body	1
Presbytery Staff	3
Ruling Elders (Commissioned)	2

Ruling Elders (Non-Commissioned)	1
Visitors	<u>27</u>
Total	164

**Offering:** \$1,606.05 was collected during the worship service. Two thirds will be sent to the presbytery for Hurricane Matthew relief and one third will be used locally in Dare and Currituck Counties through Interfaith Community Outreach.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion from the floor, Moderator Adams adjourned the meeting and closed the meeting with prayer at 2:30 PM.

### **NEXT STATED MEETING**

**February 25, 2017  
Cary Presbyterian Church  
Cary, NC**