



# PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

## PACKET

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***Please fill out the meeting evaluation form after the meeting that may be found in your pew or online at <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/md>.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. CHILD CARE** – Child care will be provided for this Presbytery Meeting with the following requirements:

- a. Only children age 7 and under.
- b. Parent is to provide bag lunch for child.
- c. No medications or special needs to be met by caregivers.
- d. **Reservations must be made to: Hilton Presbyterian Church, 34 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601, 757-595-1313** by January 22, 2019.

**2. NOTE TIME** - MEETING BEGINS AT **10:00 A.M** on January 26, 2019.

**3. MEAL – COST FOR PRE-MEETING & RECESS SNACKS IS \$5.00**. Cash and checks accepted. Please make checks out to PEVA. There will be a **30-minute** break by **rule**.

**4. REGISTRATION** - Registration of Minister Commissioners, Ruling Elder (RE) Commissioners, Commissioned Pastor Commissioners (CP) and Visitors at Presbytery Meetings will be done using three lists -

- A roster of Minister Members, CP and RE Officers of Presbytery to initial.
- A list of churches for Ruling Elder Commissioners.
- A sheet for all others to print name, organization, and indicate position (alternate ruling elder commissioners, DCEs, visitors, etc.). Persons will be available to assist you.

**5. REPORTS** – Recommended actions of Commissions/Ministry Teams/Committees are listed first in the reports with other information following. Those actions recommended for the Consent Agenda are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

**6. ACTIONS:** By action of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, at its stated meeting of January 23, 1999 held at First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, in matters in debate before Presbytery, each speaker is limited to three minutes, with speakers alternating between those in favor of the motion and those opposed. Presbytery is reminded that, according to Robert's Rules of Order, speakers may not speak more than twice on an issue, and the second time only after everyone has had an opportunity to speak once.

**7. MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS** – Motions or amendments to motions are to be provided to the Clerks in writing. **This rule will be enforced**. Forms are available from the Clerks.

**8. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS** – Any papers or other documentation not included in the Presbytery Packet or Pick-up Packet must be approved by two-thirds vote of the members present to be distributed at the meeting.

**9. SPEAK OUT** – Any announcements made during the Speak Out session may be provided in writing to the Journal Clerk for publication in PEVA News & Events around the Presbytery. Speakers are asked to confine their remarks to no more than two (2) minutes.

**10. DISPLAYS** – Visit the display area to see what is available.

**11. SESSION RECORDS** – Representatives (**including pastors**) from the following churches are requested to pick up their records at registration and thereafter from the Stated Clerk: Denbigh United, King's Grant, Naomie Makemie, Christ, Franklin, Bethany, Suffolk, Stone House and Wythe

**12. NEXT STATED MEETING:** The next stated meeting of Presbytery is at, **First Presbyterian Church, 820 Colonial Avenue, Norfolk, VA** on April 30, 2019.

## Churches Can Thrive through Transformative Pastoral Leadership

Are you concerned about the future of your church or the PC(USA) denomination? Are you wondering what can be done to foster a healthier church environment poised for growth? How can pastors have a positive impact in creating a thriving church that meets the needs of people in this new digital age? Over the past 12 months, Rev. Chris Carrasco has researched, studied, and read about transformative pastoral leadership in the Presbyterian Church as part of her doctorate program at Columbia Theological Seminary. She will be sharing her findings and receiving feedback on her research after the Presbytery meeting at **Hilton Presbyterian Church in Newport News on Saturday, January 26 around 2:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and listen to her presentation about how pastoral leadership can foster a thriving church in a new age, focusing primarily on preaching and governance. Afterward, she will entertain questions and then ask for additional comments regarding her work. Refreshments will be provided for this 1 ½ hour event. She hopes you will walk away with deeper insight and a few ideas of how your church can better thrive in this new age through transformative pastoral leadership.

### SEEKING TO BE FAITHFUL TOGETHER:

#### Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

Adopted by the 204<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (1992) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will

***Give them a hearing  
listen before  
we answer***

***John 7:15 and  
Proverbs 18:13***

***Speak the  
truth in  
love***

***Ephesians 4:15***

***Maintain the  
unity of the  
spirit in the  
bond of peace***

***Ephesians 4:3***

1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ.
  - *We will keep our communications open for candid and forthright exchange,*
  - *We will not ask questions or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others*
2. Learn about various positions in the topic of disagreement.
3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.
4. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.
5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity;
  - *We will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion.*
6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.
7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.
8. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension;
  - *We will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.*

9. Follow these additional Guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:
  - *Urge persons of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously;*
  - *Seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;*
  - *Be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;*
  - *Abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways, which are consistent with these Guidelines.*
10. Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.

As Presbyterians, we are called to work for the "peace, unity and purity of the Church" (Book of Order) as we seek to be faithful to God's work in the world. However, disagreements and conflicts are inevitable in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) as we try to be faithful. They exist within committees, congregations, Presbyteries, synods, at General Assemblies and in the national life of the denomination.

Conflicts are inevitable in all of life and certainly in the church. The history of the church is filled with conflicts and disagreements. Several of Paul's letters address the conflicts, which were common in the early church. There have been and are going to be disagreements as Christians attempt to discern God's work in the world and as we interpret scriptures.

Conflicts can be harmful and even destructive. They can cause individuals a great deal of pain and the community of faith immeasurable damage. Congregations have been divided; denominations have experienced schisms.

At the same time, conflicts can be an opportunity for new insights, learning, and individual and corporate growth. Disagreements can illuminate a topic in helpful ways and can present solutions to problems, which previously had not been seen. The successful resolution of conflict can also bind people together in a powerful way.

The Bible contains many stories of conflict and disagreement and much advice about how they can be addressed. As those stories indicate, God is already present wherever there is brokenness, granting wholeness and peace. God promises to be with us in times of disagreement and calls us to reconciliation, trust, love and forgiveness.

We realize that our perspectives are limited, so to help us affirm each other, enhance our community, stay open to the viewpoints of others and be sensitive to cultural diversity, we commit ourselves to the Guidelines in a spirit of prayer, trust, and love, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## CIVIL DEBATE IN PEVA (EZ RROO)

**SPEAK ONCE** - each speaker should go to a microphone and when recognized, limit your comments to 3 minutes [Announcements 6. ACTIONS – PEVA Packet]

**BE NICE** – always respectful and courteous; no clapping or booing [Seeking to be Faithful Together – PEVA Packet]

**MOTIONS** – motions or amendments must be in writing to the Clerks [Announcements 7 – PEVA Packet]

**STEPS OF THE MOTION** [Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in Presbyterian Church (USA)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, PRP]

1. *Commissioner* rises and addresses the Moderator.
2. *Moderator* recognizes commissioner and grants the floor.
3. *Commissioner* makes motion. (No debate)
4. *Another commissioner* seconds the motion without recognition from the Moderator.
5. *Moderator* states the motion.
6. *Moderator* calls for debate. (Maker of the motion has the privilege of first debate.) All speakers must address the Moderator and be recognized by the Moderator.
7. *Moderator* states the motion.
8. *Moderator* takes the vote and announces the results.

**USEFUL MOTIONS** [Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in Presbyterian Church (USA)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, PRP]

1. Amend. There are only three forms of simple amendment.
  - a) to delete or strike out
  - b) to add or insert
  - c) to strike out and insertThe words proposed for deletion or addition *must be consecutive words*.
2. Commit or Refer. To commit or refer back to committee for further study.
3. Postpone to a Particular Time. This motion takes precedence over the preceding two and has the power to grant additional time to a particular member or committee or do further study or consultation. It should always be used in preference to “table” because it permits debate on the propriety of postponement.
4. Previous Question. The maker of the motion “to move the previous question” (close debate and immediately take the vote) must be recognized by the Moderator and the motion must receive a second. *It is never in order when called from the floor*. This motion should never be considered when it is used to prevent legitimate debate.
5. Lay on Table. This motion is seldom necessary. The motion “to postpone” is always preferable because of its lower rank and its debatability. Misuse of this subsidiary motion can be a strategy that seriously abridges the rights of the assembly because of its high rank and its adoption by a majority vote without debate. The Moderator is obligated to explain carefully to the assembly the implications of this motion should it be made.

*We build bridges across divides to deepen connection to Christ  
and one another to serve the world.*

**DOCKET**

PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH STATED MEETING  
January 26, 2019  
Hilton Presbyterian Church, Newport News

Offering is for **Church Professionals' Assistance Fund**

- 9:00 a.m. Gathering - Registration and Light Snacks
- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order/Opening Prayer Moderator, Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin**  
Welcome and Recognition of Hilton's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary The Rev **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**
- Quorum/Welcome/Introductions Moderator  
(Visiting ministers, new elder commissioners, and visitors)
- Adoption of the Docket Stated Clerk **Q. John Tamm**
- Consent Agenda Stated Clerk
- Call to Worship** Moderator  
L: We come from Hampton, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth,  
York County, Gloucester, Williamsburg, Franklin, Suffolk, the Eastern Shore,  
Chesapeake and Norfolk.  
**P: We come by highways, rough roads, across seas, farmlands,  
cities, and divides, by way of tunnels and bridges.**  
L: We come to gather in God's name, to worship and adore, to sing and to  
speak, to vote, and to work, to love and to be sent.  
**P: We come to deepen our connection to Christ and to one another;  
we shall call upon the Lord and rejoice. Let us worship!**
- \*Hymn# 317 (GTG) "In Christ there Is no East or West"**
- Confession** (in unison) Moderator  
**Loving God, who unites us in grace and mercy, we confess we have  
not lived out our unity. We have purposely feared the bridges that  
would close the chasms of our divisions. We have chosen to stay in  
our districts rather than risk crossing great spans to discover new  
joy. We have failed Your mission to deepen connection to Christ  
because of our preference for isolation. Grant that we might be a  
courageous people called by God to move beyond our comfort and  
risk even the loss of life for the sake of Your Church. Remind us  
again and again of Your great joy as we enter into the newness of  
our life with You. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.**
- Assurance of Pardon Moderator
- Passing of the Peace

*\*Please rise in body and spirit*

The Word  
Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture  
Sermon

The Reverend **L. Monica Gould**

Hebrews 10:24-25  
"Stir It Up!"

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God who spanned the chaos with the breath of life, and brought creation, all things visible and invisible, into being. We believe God brought all things into being for God's glory and in whom alone we give our trust. We believe in Christ Jesus, whose reconciling work has bridged the chasm of sinfulness, uniting humanity to God and to each other. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who stirs up the Church and the human heart to love and good works. We believe we are the body of Christ, united and connected by the power of the Holy Spirit, deepened in our relationship to Christ and called together to serve the world. Amen.**

Commission on Ministry

The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**

Board of Pensions

Ruling Elder Martha Reisner

Offering  
Choral Offering

Moderator  
Hilton Choir

Report of the Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk

Prayer of Intercession

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**,  
General Presbyter

12:00 p.m. Break

12:30 p.m. Resume meeting

**\*Hymn #761 (GTG) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

Speak Out

Committee on Preparation for Ministry  
Candidate Liturgy

The Reverend **Virginia S. Campbell**

Presbytery Council

The Reverend **William G. Lamont**

- General Presbyter Sabbatical
- Book of Order Amendments

Good News

The Reverend Elizabeth G. Hendricks, General Presbyter

Unfinished Business

New Business

Moderator

Installation of Moderator Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the Reverends Gould and C. DeSarro-Raynal

**\*Hymn #541 (GTG) "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

2:00 p.m. Blessing and Adjournment

Moderator, Commissioned Pastor Billy Ricketts

**CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS**  
**January 26, 2019**

**(NOTE: On request, any item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the time of the affected report if there is docket time remaining, otherwise at the time for new business.)**

**A Summary of the motions has been published separately.**

**MOTION:** That Presbytery approve the following **RECOMMENDATION(S)** (items in the reports indicated by an asterisk (\*) are recommended for consent agenda approval):

**\*COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** [9-12] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the **RECOMMENDATION #1** be approved and the **ACTIONS** accepted by the Presbytery.

**\*REPORT of the STATED CLERK** [13-18] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the **RECOMMENDATIONS #1, 2, and 3** be approved.

**\*REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS (A/C)** (See Stated Clerk Report H.) The A/Cs; Denbigh United Installation, Messiah and Covenant Churches, Craddock Church, First South Norfolk and Ocean View Church be received and approved. The Bow Creek Church and Thalia Trinity Church Commissions will be dismissed.

**\*COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** [19] That the narrative report, **RECOMMENDATION #2**, be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting. **RECOMMENDATION #1** will be considered at the time of the report.

**\*PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** [20-22] That **RECOMMENDATION #1**, the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting. The General Assembly **AMENDMENTS** to the Book of Order will be considered at the time of the report.

**\*HUNGER MINISTRY** [23-25] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

**\*MODERATORS REPORT FOR 2018** [26] That the report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

**\*NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** [27] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting. The **RECOMMENDATIONS** and **NOMINATIONS** will be considered at the time of the report.

**\*PEACEMAKING MINISTRY** [28] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and the **ACTION** of the Committee be approved.

**\*RESOURCE MINISTRY** [28] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting. There are no **RECOMMENDATIONS**.

**\*STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM.** [29] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting. There are no **RECOMMENDATIONS**.

**\*SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW** [30] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the **RECOMMENDATION #1** be approved.

**\*UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES AT CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY** [31] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.



**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)**  
Report to Presbytery  
The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, Moderator  
January 26, 2019

1. **RECOMMENDATION TO PRESBYTERY:** The Commission on Ministry **RECOMMENDS** to the Presbytery the following:

\*1. **Motion:** That the Presbytery approve the actions taken by the COM.

**Motion Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Actions Taken:**

1. On November 6, 2018 approved the commissioned pastor (CP) covenant and agreement between CP **Alice T. "Lisa" Cross** and the session of St. Andrew Church, Suffolk.
2. On December 4, 2018 received from East Iowa Presbytery the Reverend **Elizabeth M. Hilkerbaumer** as a member of the Presbytery to serve as the pastor of Green Acres Church, Portsmouth.
3. On December 4, 2018 received from the Pittsburgh Presbytery the Reverend Dr. **Brian J. Wells** as a member of the Presbytery to serve as the designated pastor of Carver Memorial Church, Newport News.
4. On December 4, 2018, approved the covenant pastor agreement between the Reverend **Ronald T. Blade** and the session of Knox Church, Norfolk.
5. On December 4, 2018, approved an extension of the interim pastor covenant and agreement between the Reverend **William W. Nickels, III** and the session of Yorkminster Church, Yorktown.
6. On December 4, 2018, approved the commissioned pastor (CP) covenant and agreement between CP **Paula M. Bass** and the session of Ocean View Church, Norfolk.
7. On January 8, 2019 approved the commissioned pastor (CP) covenant and agreement between CP **James Hamilton** and the session of Greenbrier Church, Chesapeake.
8. On January 8, 2019 approved the commissioned pastor (CP) covenant and agreement between CP **Marvin Brangan** and the session of Lynnhaven Church, Virginia Beach.
9. On January 8, 2019 approved the request by CP **Randolph C. Duvall** to conduct a marriage service in Norfolk, VA for a member of First Church, Virginia Beach.
10. On January 8, 2019 approved the covenant pastor agreement between the Reverend Dr. **Steven E. Frazier** and the session of First Church, Portsmouth.
11. On January 8, 2019 approved the covenant pastor agreement between the Reverend Dr. **Eugene S. Soud** and the session of Holmes Church, Cheriton.
12. On January 8, 2019 approved the Installation Commission Request for the Reverend **Boone DeBerry Clayton** as associate pastor at Denbigh United Church, Newport News for January 13, 2019.

**IN MEMORIA, THE REVEREND CLYDE HERBERT JOHNSON**

The Reverend **Clyde Herbert Johnson** died on November 27, 2018 in Mechanicsville, VA where he lived in an assisted living facility with his wife Margret Ann Bobenia Johnson. He is survived by his wife and children Christopher Johnson, Shari Tilley and Lori Booth. Reverend Johnson is also survived by three grandchildren, Daniel, Eric and Amber.

Reverend Johnson was born on August 22, 1936 in Pennsylvania. He served in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force before his ordination by the Wilmington

Presbytery (Wilmington, NC) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States on July 22, 1979.

His first call was to the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church, Lumber Bridge, NC in August 1979. Reverend Johnson was thereafter called to Norview Presbyterian Church, Norfolk on February 1, 1983. After his service at Norview Presbyterian Church, Reverend Johnson was the stated supply pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach until January 1, 1997. He also was a hospital chaplain and was honorable retired on January 22, 2000. Reverend Johnson is remembered with deep affection by the former congregants of the dissolved congregation of Norview Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.

### **FAITH JOURNEY THE REVEREND GILLIAN ELIZABETH WEIGHTON**

In the summer of 2013, I found myself on a journey back to Racine, Wisconsin, after an absence of 9 years. In 2004 I had exchanged pulpits with the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Racine. That pulpit exchange, one of eighteen, was particularly memorable as the congregation at First welcomed me with warmth and hospitality at a difficult and tumultuous time in my life. Days before leaving for this long-planned exchange, I had announced to the congregation I pastored in Ayr, Scotland, that I had been called to a new pastorate in Bridge of Allan, Scotland. Much as I welcomed the new call and felt this to be God's will, I knew that this meant leaving behind a family of faith that I served and loved through 12 years of blessed ministry.

For several months, I had been feeling unsettled in Bridge of Allan where I had pastored for almost 9 years. It felt like I had done what was needed, and that the time was right to move, but I knew not where. The discontent had led me into intentional prayer for discernment.

For months, I had been calling upon God and seeking God's guidance and here was a future beyond my imagining that was offered in answering this call to First Presbyterian, Racine.

My sense of call, and confirmation of that call, were given many months to percolate and be confirmed due to the need for a visa to be issued by US Customs and Immigration to allow my move to the United States from Scotland. And so, in March 2014, I said farewell to the people of Bridge of Allan, packed up my entire life into two bags, and began a new life in a new country, and a new calling. Although it was hard to say goodbye to family, friends, my country of birth and the people I loved and served, it clearly felt like the call of God upon my life, and the offer to give me a future and a hope in a whole new setting. Joyfully I began a new ministry as an associate pastor in a congregation I'd known for many years. There were some that I had left behind in Scotland who thought I was crazy to go from a senior pastor of a large and vibrant congregation to be an associate, but to me it felt perfect and it felt faithful to where God was leading. Little did I know what lay ahead and how faithful God was going to be in bringing me to Racine in this time in its history. Within months of my arrival, the senior pastor announced to me he was being called to a new ministry. Through the steady guidance of COM, and with many conversations with Session and congregational meetings, it was approved that we move to a relationship of co-pastor and, if it was the will of the congregation, for me to become their pastor when my colleague eventually left.

And so, I found myself open to the call to be pastor at First Presbyterian, Racine, WI. Not long before the congregation was to vote finally on this call to pastor, I was rear-ended while sitting in a line of traffic. Such was the violence and power of the impact that I suffered a severe concussion that did not show itself until several days after the accident. Confused and unable to string together a sentence some friends rushed

me to ER where I found myself on a gurney, rushing for an emergency brain scan. As we flew through the hospital corridor my mind was racing, fearful and wondering if this was to put an end to the call to First.

As all these thoughts flashed through my mind, I noticed painted on the walls that I passed there were Scripture verses, and one of them was Jeremiah 29: "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you". The most incredible sense of peace washed over me and through me, and I know all would be well. And so, the congregational vote was unanimous when it came and a year to the day after arriving in Racine, I began my ministry as their pastor.

However, at the back of my mind has always been the *niggle*, that I did not come here to be their pastor. Not one person has made me feel anything less than their pastor, but I do believe that pastors always must be mindful of, and open to, God's plan and not stay somewhere longer than God intends. For some months now, I have felt that my work here at First is done and that the gracious thing is to hand on the baton to whoever will follow me. To stay would be easy, but not productive nor, as far as I can discern, the will of God.

And then came the call from St Andrew and after much soul searching, two things became abundantly clear: firstly, my work at First was done and that I was no longer the best person for them, and that St Andrew was where I felt God calling. This was not an easy discernment process but one that took time, prayer, thoughtful discussion with trusted friends and colleagues, and two visits with the PNC. After the second visit, I knew that St Andrew was where God was calling with the opportunities to serve in a congregation that wants to grow and reach out to the community, a family of faith committed to education, and a place where all are welcome. The PNC themselves are thoughtful, committed people and their love for one another is inspiring to me and indicates a congregation that is happy, open and ready for a new chapter in their life to begin. My journey has been blessed and faithfully I commit my future to God and St Andrew knowing that God has plans and a future for us all and will walk with us into this exciting new ministry that I embrace, and trust God will bless.

### **FAITH JOURNEY OF THE REVEREND DR. BRIAN JEFFREY WELLS**

I am a second-generation minister that answered my call to Christian ministry at age fifteen. My father, Dr. James Wells who was also my father in the ministry, was responsible for my introduction to the ministry. It was his generosity that gave me my first experiences in pulpitering, teaching and communicating the Gospel. The values that he imparted to me were the importance of higher education, sound biblical exegesis and effective public communication. The person who had the second most significant impact on my ministry was William Hannah, a Disciples of Christ pastor and a fellow colleague in the Institute of Urban Ministry at Martin University in Indianapolis. Dr. Albert Crawford was my primary professor of theology in my seminary work at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. In his classes, he deepened my appreciation was of the Reformed tradition and began to develop in me a keen interest in Calvin, Luther and Barth. Finally, Dr. Robert Linthicum, a Presbyterian pastor/theologian and community organizer had a powerful impact on me from the standpoint of developing a biblical theology and practical theory of social transformation through community organizing and entering into public life.

#### **Concerns**

I have been very much concerned with how the church uses power in the world. The church has often been guilty of using power in the same way that society does, in its dominating and unilateral forms. In my D. MIN dissertation, I challenged the rising trend of the use of entrepreneurship as a method/model of pastoral leadership. In

my opinion, it is dictatorial and does not create an environment of accountability and of authentic partnership in ministry. In light of this, I have drawn on collaboration and dialogue as cornerstones in my leadership method. It is a relational model that ultimately creates a healthier and empowering environment.

#### Transitions

In my theological perspective there are two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Even though I have served baptistic congregations that view these two acts as ordinances (things that should be done because they are commanded by Christ), I have always felt that the meaning of "ordinance" does not capture the full perspective of the biblical writers. There is something more than obedience to a command that is operative in both baptism and communion. The term "sacrament" better expresses the invisible action of God's grace that transcends the visible action of people.

#### Governance

I have appreciated the depth, breadth and scope of our Presbyterian system. Of particular interest to me is that the denomination takes seriously the Church's life as being theological existence. The government that I see represented in the Book of Order has vested itself in wrestling with significant issues that really matter in the world, such as the use of power, the importance of being God's servant in the world, issues of race and gender and social justice.

### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS

The Reverend **Edward L. Long, Jr.**, 70 years  
The Reverend **Stuart C. Saul**, 65 years  
The Reverend **Calvin C. Fahrion**, 60 years  
The Reverend Dr. **Edward A. Hanawalt**, 60 years  
The Reverend **J. Allen Johnson**, 55 years  
The Reverend Dr. **Robert M. Close**, 50 years  
The Reverend Dr. **Richard J. Keever**, 50 years  
The Reverend **Richard K. Knowles**, 50 years  
The Reverend Dr. **Robert W. Gustafson**, 45 years  
The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, 40 years  
The Reverend **Alfred C. McCall**, 40 years  
The Reverend **Barry C. Phillips**, 40 years  
The Reverend **Nancy L. Rowland**, 40 years  
The Reverend **David J. Van Dyke**, 40 years  
The Reverend **Frances D. Dille**, 10 years  
The Reverend **Rebecca P. Lesley**, 10 years

**STATED CLERK**  
Report to Presbytery  
Ruling Elder **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk  
January 26, 2019

**A. RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:** The Stated Clerk **RECOMMENDS** to Presbytery:

\*1. **MOTION:** That Chairs of Presbytery agencies and committees, not otherwise members of Presbytery for this meeting, be given privilege of the floor with voice but not vote.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

\*2. **MOTION:** That churches based on the 2017 Statistical Report and the parity rules be authorized to elect ruling elder commissioners to presbytery meetings as follows:

Churches with 2000-2500 members (5 elders each) – First Norfolk

Churches with 1001–1500 members (3 elders each) –Great Bridge, Williamsburg

Churches with 501–1000 members (2 elders each) – Bayside, Denbigh United,

First Virginia Beach, Hidenwood, St. Andrew

Racial Ethnic Churches (2 elders each) – Carver Memorial, Community Portsmouth,

First United, New Horizons

Churches authorized additional elder based on number of pastors (less than 501 members) – Second Norfolk, Yorkminster

Remaining churches authorized one elder commissioner.

Note: In accordance with the Book of Order, G-3.0301 and the Manual of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, a recommendation is made annually to the Presbytery concerning any imbalance of teaching and ruling elders based on the determination of resident ministers less those ministers that have not attend meetings in the past two years as approved at the January 26, 2013 Presbytery meeting. As of January 10, 2019, there were 125 resident minister members less 13 honorably retired ministers who had not attended meetings for the past two years and two ministers temporarily excluded from office for a total of 110 ministers. Sessions are entitled to send a total of 68 ruling elder commissioners to each presbytery meeting plus three ruling elder members of Presbytery by virtue of office, ten commissioned pastors (CP), and two ruling elder members of the Presbytery Council, making a total of 85 ruling elders eligible to vote.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

\*3. **MOTION:** That the report of the Commission to install the Reverend **Boone D. Clayton** be received and admitted to the record (See Para H.1 below).

That the report of the Commission to Bow Creek Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach be received and admitted to the record. (See Para H.2 below).

That the report of the Commission to Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach be received and admitted to the record. (See Para H.3 below).

That report of the commission to Covenant Presbyterian Church and Messiah Presbyterian Church, Norfolk be received and admitted to the record. (See Para H.4 below).

That the report of the Commission to Cradock Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth be received and admitted to the record. (See Para H.5 below).

That the report of the Commission to Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Norfolk be received and admitted to the record. (See Para H.6 below).

That the report of the Commission to First Presbyterian Church, South Norfolk, Chesapeake be received and admitted to the record. (See Para H.7 below).

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. ACTIONS:**

**BY ACTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA, AT ITS STATED MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 1999 HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, IN MATTERS IN DEBATE BEFORE PRESBYTERY, EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES, WITH SPEAKERS ALTERNATING BETWEEN THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THOSE OPPOSED.** Presbytery is reminded that, according to Robert's Rules of Order, speakers may not speak more than twice on an issue, and the second time only after everyone has had an opportunity to speak once

**C. MINISTERS:**

**ORDAINED/DECEASED/RECEIVED/DISMISSED/INSTALLED/DISSOLUTIONS/RETIRED/ SINCE OCTOBER 2018 REPORT**

**-Ordained: None**

**-Deceased:** The Reverend **Clyde Herbert Johnson** on November 27, 2018 in Mechanicsville, VA.

**-Received:** On December 4, 2018 the Reverend Dr. **Brian Jeffrey Wells** from the Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as the designated pastor of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church, Newport News.

On January 6, 2019 the Reverend **Elizabeth Marie Hilkerbaumer** from the East Iowa Presbytery to serve as the pastor of Green Acres Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth.

**-Dismissed: None**

**-Installed: None**

**-Dissolutions: None**

**-Honorably Retired: None**

**-Temporary Exclusion:**

**D. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Received an allegation of a disciplinary offense dated October 23, 2018 from a minister member of the Presbytery against another minister member.
2. Received a letter dated October 30, 2018 from Department of Environmental Quality, Commonwealth of Virginia, concerning the removal of an oil tank and soil contamination at the dissolved congregation of Cradock Church, Portsmouth.
3. Received a letter dated November 14, 2018 from the associate director of Presbyterian Mission Agency Research Services in reference to racial integration of the congregations in the Presbytery.

## E. ANNUAL MINISTERIAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2018

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia submitted its annual Ministerial Summary Report to the Office of the General Assembly for the year ending December 31, 2018. The Presbytery had 124 ordained ministers and one excluded from office, eight candidates and five inquirers. The following changes for ministers are reported and the candidates and inquirers listed:

<u>Received</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Date</u>
Nancy Lee Rowland	New Castle	01/02/2018
Boone DeBerry Clayton	Northern Kansas	03/06/2018
Gillian Elizabeth Weighton	Milwaukee	05/01/2018
Caitilin Ness Hoy	the Peaks	06/05/2018
David Aston Cagle	the James	06/28/2018
Brian Jeffrey Wells	Pittsburgh	12/04/2018

<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Date</u>
Keith Alan Phillips	Northern Kansas	01/28/2018
Elnoria Lofton Harrison	the James	04/29/2018

<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Date</u>
Keith Alan Phillips	Northern Kansas	01/29/2018
Mark T. Jernigan	the James	10/02/2018

<u>Removed from temporary membership</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dwight Webster	07/24/2018

<u>Necrology</u>	<u>Place of death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gerald H. Kirby	Morristown, TN	07/04/2018
Clyde Herbert Johnson	Mechanicsville, VA	11/26/2018

### **PASTOR RELATIONS**

<u>Installations</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>
Michelle D. Burcher	Yorkminster	03/18/2018

<u>Dissolutions</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>
Albert G. Butzer, III	First Virginia Beach	07/31/2018

### **CANDIDATES AND INQUIRERS**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Church</u>
Carol Bayma	Royster Memorial
Katherine Dickens	1st Virginia Beach
Pamela Hrnrcir	Williamsburg
Sara Green	Great Bridge
Jeff Keeney	1st Norfolk
Gordon Tubbs	1st Norfolk
Chuck Webb	Hilton
Andrea Alvord Wood	1st Norfolk

<u>Inquirers</u>	<u>Church</u>
Melissa Goodson	Hilton
Kimberly Coyle	Bayside
Calvin Sydnor IV	Carver Memorial
Joanna Sydnor	Carver Memorial

<u>Inquirers Received</u>	<u>Church</u>
Donna Herring	Williamsburg
Marcy Wright	Carver Memorial

## F. WORK OF MINISTERS

### List to be provided at the meeting

## G. JUDICIAL

In accordance with the Book of Order, D-5.0206b, the roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years are listed for use in constituting a quorum when necessary.

### Class of 2016

Rev. **Walter C. Hunting**

**John Y. Pearson, Jr.** (First Norfolk)

### Class of 2018

Rev. **Michael T. Condrey**

Rev. **J. Selden Harris**

The Stated Clerk will report an action of the **Permanent Judicial Commission** at the Presbytery Meeting.

## H. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS (\*MOTION # 3 CONSENT AGENDA)

### Reports:

\*1. Report and Minutes of the Commission to Install the Reverend **Boone DeBerry Clayton** on January 13, 2019:

By appointment of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, the Commission to Install the Reverend **Boone DeBerry Clayton** as the Associate Pastor of Denbigh Presbyterian Church, Newport News, VA, met at the church at 10:00 am. The Moderator, Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin** convened the Commission. Other members present were ministers of the Word and Sacrament; the Reverend **Deborah D. Dail**, Pastor, Denbigh United Church, the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, General Presbyter, and Ruling Elders **Jessica Kelly** (Hidenwood) and **Jay Dunn** (Denbigh United). Also present and sitting with the Commission were the Reverend **S. Jay Click** (National Capital Presbytery), and Ruling Elders (RE) **Maria Clayton**, **Warren Clayton** and **Donna Lucas** (Grace Presbyterian Church, Springfield, VA).

A quorum being present, the moderator of the Commission, RE Griffin convened the meeting with prayer and RE Dunn was elected Clerk.

The Commission approved the order of worship and arrangements as printed in the bulletin and then joined and participated in a service of worship at 10:30 am with the congregation.

The Call to Worship was led by Reverend Dail. RE Kelly offered the Call to Confession, the Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness. RE Kelly gave the prayer for illumination and read the Old Testament Scripture, Psalm 8. Reverend Click read the New Testament Scripture 1 Timothy 5:17-18. Reverend Click thereafter preached a sermon titled, "Three Contributions to a Successful Pastorate." The Moderator recited the proceedings of Presbytery leading up to this service. The constitutional questions were asked of the pastor by the Moderator and RE Dunn, of the congregation. This being answered in the affirmative, the Reverend Boone D. Clayton was installed as the Associate Pastor of Denbigh United Presbyterian Church, agreeable to the Word of God and the Book of Order.

The installation prayer was given by Reverend Dail. The Commission extended the right hand of fellowship to the newly installed pastor. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Ruling Elders Maria and Warren Clayton and the charge to the congregation and the Presbytery by RE Dunn.



The Offertory prayer was given by Reverend Hendricks.

The service was concluded with a statement and the benediction pronounced by Reverend Click.

**\*2. Bow Creek Church, Virginia Beach, VA**  
the Reverend Dr. **Jeffrey S. Bell**, Moderator,  
the Reverend **Linda K. Rainey**,  
Ruling Elder **Donald Bradway**, (King's Grant)

**\*MOTION:** That the Administrative Commission be dissolved with the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Presbytery. The Presbytery Trustees will assume responsibility for the management of the real estate and tenant congregation, the Red Church.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*3. MOTION:** That the Administrative Commission to Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, be dissolved with the appreciation and thanks of the Presbytery.

Rationale: The congregation of Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, was dissolved in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Order, G-3.0301 a. on October 23, 2018, and a majority of the members joined King's Grant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*4. Covenant and Messiah Presbyterian Churches, Norfolk, VA**  
the Reverend **Alfred C. McCall, Jr.**, Moderator  
Ruling Elder **Christine M. Darden** (Carver Memorial)  
Commissioned Pastor **Sidnia B. Etherington** (Lafayette).

The Presbytery Service of Uniting Congregations was held for New Horizons Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 11:00 am at the new church location, 913 Covenant Street, Norfolk (formerly Covenant PC).

The work of the Commission continues.

**\*5. Cradock Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, VA**  
the Reverend **James M. Wood, Jr.**, Moderator  
Ruling Elder **Lorri Richardson** (Community Portsmouth)  
Ruling Elder **Kenneth M. Wheeler** (Green Acres)

By action of the Presbytery on October 25, 2016, an Administrative Commission was appointed, as requested by the Session of Cradock Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, VA in accordance with G-3.0109b of the Book of Order, "to administer Cradock Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of overseeing the dissolution of the Cradock Presbyterian Church, whatever form that may take."

The final worship service at Cradock Presbyterian Church was held on June 5, 2017 and the congregation was dissolved on that date. A congregation known as Chosen for Completion under the leadership of Pastor **Nathaniel Grant**, is worshipping in the church building.

The Commission is managing the real estate and other property of the dissolved congregation. The mitigation of oil spilled in the soil of the church property is being addressed by the Commission. The work of the commission continues.

**\*6. Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA**  
the Reverend **Walter C. Hunting**, Moderator

Ruling Elder **Sandra Stearns** (Second Church).

By action of the Presbytery on April 25, 2017 an Administrative Commission was appointed, as requested by the Vision Implementation Team in accordance with G-3.0109b of the Book of Order, to work with Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, for the purpose of overseeing the governance the congregation which includes seeking Presbyterian pastoral leadership, finances, and the potential dissolution of the Ocean View Presbyterian Church, whatever form that may take.

Commissioned Pastor **Paula Bass** has agreed to serve, with the Commission's approval as the temporary relationship pastor to Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.

The Administrative Commission has taken original jurisdiction of this congregation. However, the Administrative Commission has delegated to the session of Ocean View Presbyterian Church the responsibility of "*...managing the physical property of the congregation for the furtherance of its mission; directing the ministry of...all organizations of the congregation...leading the congregation in the participation in the mission of the whole church...*" in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-3.0201 c. The work of the commission continues.

**\*7. First South Norfolk Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake, VA**

the Reverend Dr. **Keith M. Curran**, Convener  
the Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**,  
Ruling Elder **Constance Jones** (Grace Covenant)

By Action of the Presbytery on October 24, 2017 an Administrative Commission was appointed. This action was requested by the Commission on Ministry in accordance with G-3.0109 b. and G-3.0303 e. of the Book of Order, to work with First Presbyterian Church, South Norfolk, Chesapeake (FPCSN), for the purpose of overseeing the governance and finances, of the First Presbyterian Church, South Norfolk, whatever form that may take.

The work of the Commission continues.

**COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)**

Report to Presbytery of Eastern Virginia

The Reverend **Virginia Snyder Campbell**, Moderator

January 26, 2019

**RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:**

- 1. **MOTION:** The CPM **RECOMMENDS** that, upon examination by the Presbytery, Kimberly Coyle be approved for candidacy for ministry in the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)

Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

- \*2. **MOTION:** That the narrative report of the CPM be received by the Presbytery.

Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Report**

- **Gordon Tubbs** is in the process of completing the ordination exams and complete his field education requirement. He is interning at Kings Grant for his field education.
- **Calvin and Joanna Sydnor** have completed their field education at New Horizons Presbyterian Church working with Addie Peterson.
- **Pamela Hrcir** is completing her CPE requirement and will be ready to seek a call this spring.

We currently have the following Inquirers under our care:

	Date	School	Status*	Year	Church of Care
1. Kimberly Coyle	July 2017	Union	FT	20	Bayside
2. Melissa Goodson	Aug 2016	Union	PT		Hilton
3. Donna Herring	June 2018	Union	FT	21	Williamsburg
4. Calvin Sydnor	Oct 2017	Dubuque	FT	19	Carver Memorial
5. Joanna Sydnor	Oct 2017	Dubuque	FT	19	Carver Memorial
6. Marcy Wright	May 2018	Union	GD	18	Carver Memorial
7. Joel Phillips	Jan 2019	Regent	PT	21	1st Norfolk
8. Alyssa Queen	Jan 2019	Princeton	FT	22	Stonehouse

We currently have the following Candidates under our care:

	Date	School	Status*	Year	Church of Care
1. Carol Bayma	Apr 2012	Dubuque	GD	16	Royster Memorial
2. Katherine Dickens	Oct 2014	Princeton	GD	17	1st Virginia Beach
3. Pamela Hrcir	Feb 2015	Union	GD	18	Williamsburg
4. Gordon Tubbs	Jun 2018	Regent	GD	18	1st Norfolk
5. Andrea Wood	Feb. 2016	Yale	FT	19	1st Norfolk
6. Sara Green	Apr 2010	Princeton	GD	12	Great Bridge
7. Jeff Keeney	Nov 2013	Regent	GD	PhD	1st Norfolk
8. Chuck Webb	Jul 2011	Union	GD	12	Hilton

\*Status: FT=Full Time; PT=Part Time; DL=Distant Learning; NC=No Classes; GD=graduated

**PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)**  
Report to Presbytery  
The Reverend **William G. Lamont**, Moderator  
January 26, 2019

The following are members of the Presbytery Council:

The Reverend **William G. Lamont**, Ruling Elder **Kenneth M. Wheeler** (Green Acres), Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin** (First Church, Portsmouth), the Reverend **L. Monica Gould**, Ruling Elder **Kelvin Jackson** (1st United) Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts** (Providence) and ex officio the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, General Presbyter, and Ruling Elder **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk.

**\*Motion:** That the Presbytery receive the Presbytery Council's narrative report:

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**Narrative Report**

The Council met on December 12<sup>th</sup> and began to implement changes in our meeting format so that more time could be spent focused on PEVA's 'big picture' issues. Considerable time was spent discussing the 'what' and 'how' of living out our new mission statement. Tentative themes were proposed for each of the four presbytery meetings taking place in 2019 and leadership was assigned to each for planning purposes. A three-month sabbatical leave for the General Presbyter from May 1-July 31 was passed unanimously. Council meetings were moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 2pm, beginning in February 2019.

At the January Council meeting, **Diane Schoonover** (ruling elder, Yorkminster) was introduced and sat in on our Council meeting. The Council reviewed and approved the docket for the January 26<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting with a focus on the new mission statement. Future meeting themes were reviewed and refined. The General Presbyter confirmed a Spirituality workshop led by the Reverend **Jessica L. MacMillan** (New Castle Presbytery) will take place at Hidenwood PC on Sat. March 30<sup>th</sup>. A flyer on the annual Presbytery Leaders Retreat (February 22-23, 2019) with the Reverend **Jill Johnson Duffield** was circulated.

The committee bid farewell to three members, Ruling Elder Kenneth Wheeler, the Reverend L. Monica Gould and the Reverend William G. Lamont and thanked them for their years of service.

**For consideration by the Presbytery**

**223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order**

1. On Amending G-2.0509; "No congregation or entity under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall be permitted to employ, for pay or as a volunteer, a former minister of the Word and Sacrament (teaching elder) who has renounced jurisdiction in the midst of a disciplinary proceeding as the accused.

"Any former minister of the Word and Sacrament (teaching elder) who has renounced jurisdiction and later wants to be restored to office can be restored only through application to the presbytery in which he or she renounced jurisdiction for restoration to office, in which case the provisions of D-10.0401d and D-12.0200 shall apply."

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

2. On Amending D-10.0401d; "For instances where a former minister of the Word and Sacrament comes forward in self-accusation to undergo a disciplinary process to regain

permission to perform work under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G-2.0509) who renounced jurisdiction while being accused in a disciplinary case rejoins the church, no time limit from the time of the commission of the alleged offense to the filing of charges shall apply. Charges based on all accusations that had been made by the time that the former minister of the Word and Sacrament had renounced jurisdiction may be brought regardless of the date on which any such offense is alleged to have occurred."

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

3. On Amending G-3.0104; "No congregation, session, presbytery, synod, or national office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), nor any individual acting on behalf of or in an official capacity for the above institutions, shall publicly endorse or oppose, or otherwise encourage or discourage others to vote for or against an individual running for public office."

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

4. On Amending G-3.0306; "Every minister of the Word and Sacrament shall ordinarily be a member of the presbytery where his or her work is situated or of the presbytery where she or he resides. The presbytery may grant a minister permission to engage in work validated ministry that is outside its geographic bounds or which is not under its jurisdiction, but no presbytery shall permit a minister to engage in work that is within the geographic bounds of another presbytery and which is properly within the responsibility of another presbytery without consent of that presbytery. Such permission shall be obtained from both presbyteries and shall be reviewed and renewed annually."

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

5. On Amending G-3.0307; "Presbyteries shall be open at all times to communication regarding the life and ministry of their congregations.  
"Each presbytery shall develop and maintain mechanisms and processes to serve as pastor and counselor to its pastors, both ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service (also called commissioned pastors [also known as commissioned ruling elders]), as well as the and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, pastors ministers of the Word and Sacrament, commissioned pastors, and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient."

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

6. On Amending W-4.0202; "In cases where baptized children who have not yet begun to participate in the Lord's Supper express a desire to receive the Sacrament, the session should provide an occasion to welcome them they shall be welcomed to the table in public worship. Their introduction to the Lord's Supper should include and the session should ensure they receive ongoing instruction or formation in the meaning and mystery of the

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

7. On Amending D-2.0203b; "b. An offense is any act or omission by a member or a person in an ordered ministry of the church that is contrary to the Scriptures or the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Sexual abuse as defined in Section D-10.0401c shall be considered contrary to the Scriptures or Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and therefore an offense for purposes of these rules."

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

8. On Amending D-10.0401; "b. For instances of sexual abuse of another person, the five-year time limit shall not apply. There is also no time limit for charging that a person who knew or reasonably should have known of the reasonable risk of sexual abuse of another as defined in D-10.0401c (1) or (2) failed to take reasonable steps to minimize the risk. Both charges may be brought regardless of the date on which an offense is alleged to have occurred...Shall D-10.0401c (1) of the Form of Government be amended as follows: "(1) any person under the age of eighteen years or anyone over the age of eighteen years without the mental capacity to consent; or"

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

## HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

Report to Presbytery

January 26, 2019

Ruling Elder **Kelvin Jackson**, Moderator

Ruling Elder **Jessica A. Fitzgerald**, Hunger Action Advocate

**RECOMMENDATIONS** to Presbytery: None

***“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.” —Hebrews 10:24-25***

The Hunger Ministry Team, believing that hunger is unacceptable, leads and challenges the churches of PEVA and its entities, in Christ’s name, to alleviate chronic hunger and its immediate causes at home and abroad through information dissemination, education, advocacy, and the provision of resources. **There is a need for new members and new initiatives.** The Hunger team is looking for members with the passion for alleviating hunger, new vibrant ideas, and those willing to take action and advocate. Are **you** interested in serving? Please contact [jessica@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:jessica@pcusa-peva.org) or [jtamm@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:jtamm@pcusa-peva.org) at the PEVA office.

**NAM:** Please bring your spare change for the NAM collection at the Presbytery meeting. Let’s fill the NAM containers so that we may fill the stomachs of those in our communities.

**PEVA WIDE FILL AN ARK CHALLENGE:** One of PEVA’s Hunger Ministry team’s goals in 2019 is to FILL AN ARK with Heifer International. The cost of an ARK is \$5,000. The Hunger Ministry Team has allocated a part of their budget for this; however, they would like to raise at least \$2,5000.

***IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE EACH CHURCH PARTICIPATE, BIG OR SMALL. LET’S PROVIDE AN ARK TOGETHER!*** An ARK is a group of pairs of several farm animals which are raised and bred and give many different food sources for years to come to hungry families in many parts of the world. For example: chickens, geese, Llamas, pigs, goats, sheep, cows, oxen, etc. The last time PEVA filled an Ark was in 2008.



When sending funds to PEVA for Fill an Ark please mark in the memo of the check or on the church remittance form ***“#4019 Hunger Heifer Project Ark Funds”*** You may contact the Hunger Action Advocate for more information and resources. Or you may also visit <https://www.heifer.org/>.

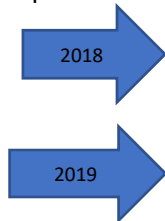
### **FOOD CLOSET, PANTRY & OUTREACH GOOD NEWS AROUND PEVA:**

**Community Hampton PC** - on the second Sunday of each month, they collect clothes for the VA hospital.




**St. Andrew PC** - In December volunteers took 100 Angel Tree gifts for kids & 113 pairs of socks to Suffolk’s Salvation Army

What is your church sponsoring or active in locally? Let’s recognize all those missions and or ministries, no matter how small or large. PEVA’s Hunger Ministry Team encourages churches to network and work together in mission and ministry to the least of these. Please send the name of the ministry and a short blurb with picture on the mission(s) to [jessica@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:jessica@pcusa-peva.org) or [Rrodrigues@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:Rrodrigues@pcusa-peva.org)

**MEDICAID EXPANSION IN VIRGINIA:** Beginning January 1, 2019, more adults in Virginia will have access to quality, low-cost and no-cost health insurance. Starting November 1, Virginians aged 19-64 can submit an application to get the health care they need so they don't have to worry about getting sick or having an accident.  
<http://www.coverva.org/expansion/>



### Who Qualifies for Virginia Medicaid?

Childless Adult	Parent (family of 3)	Person with Disability
		
Not Eligible	Eligible with annual income at or below \$6,900	Eligible with annual income at or below \$9,700
Eligible with annual income at or below \$16,754	Eligible with annual income at or below \$28,677	Eligible with annual income at or below \$16,754

### COMPASSION PEACE & JUSTICE TRAINING: AND ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS:

Gather with others at a time when people of faith and conscience are once again called to stand in the prophetic stream of those who have come before us, those who were not afraid to stir up #GoodTrouble for the sake of God's kingdom.

Register now for the [Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day](#) **April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at **New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (Washington, DC)**. **Keynote**

**Speaker David LaMotte.** David's TEDx talk on what music can teach us about peacemaking and justice was published in 2018. For more information about David, [click here](#).

[Ecumenical Advocacy Days](#) - **April 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**, in **Washington, DC**. Register now! The 2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference will draw #GoodTrouble pioneers from the Civil Rights era as well as inspiration from young leaders to learn from the past, share best practices, and encourage one another for the work ahead. Through worship, educational & training workshops, and advocacy.



## HUNGER ACTION

**CONGREGATION:** PEVA 's Hunger Ministry Team invites you to covenant to commit to faithful action to help end hunger. If your church is not a hunger action congregation, become one today. Don't just go to church, be the church!

*Hunger Action Congregation Covenant: As disciples of a loving God who inspires us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God, we commit to faithful action to end hunger and address its root causes.*



Join your sister PEVA churches: Community Hampton, First United, Hilton, Groves Memorial, King's Grant, Royster Memorial, Simonsdale, Third, and Wycliffe. **PEVA is one of 57 Presbyteries with HACs in PC(U.S.A.). There is a total of 116 Hunger Action Congregations in PC(U.S.A.).** Contact PEVA's Hunger Action Advocate Jessica Fitzgerald at [Jessica@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:Jessica@pcusa-peva.org) for more information.

**OGHS:** Be on the lookout for OGHS materials in your church mail box soon, online at <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html> or you may contact PEVA's Hunger Action Advocate [jessica@pcusa.org](mailto:jessica@pcusa.org) One Great Hour of Sharing in the single largest way that Presbyterians come together on Palm Sunday and or Easter Sunday every year to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability. Gifts to the OGHS support the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.**

**HUNGER FUNDS AVAILABLE:** If your church is seeking funds for food and hunger related ministries PEVA's Hunger Ministry Team has **Nickel-A-Meal Grants (direct food relief)** and **Church Community Hunger Grants (limited to the community & however not limited to food)** grants available.



**PC (U.S.A.) GIVING CATALOG:** A Church that Gives Together, participates as a congregation to support Presbyterian mission with collective gifts to the **PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG!** This year's catalog features: Farm-related activities for your church's children & youth; the Garden Well; and much more! [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

**MODERATOR'S**  
Report to the Presbytery  
Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin**, Moderator  
January 26, 2019

**NARRATIVE REPORT**

As we close upon another active year at PEVA, I am pleased to report that the Presbytery is moving forward on several important fronts. At last year's January meeting at Providence Presbyterian Church, we participated in a program on racial reconciliation sponsored by the Peacemaking Ministry Team that featured the film *Racial Taboo*. The Racial Dialogue Team, chaired by RE **Claudette Gravely** and RE **Lisa Schlickemeyer**, and other Presbytery members, have pursued this topic all year, facilitating viewing of the film and various discussion groups, and continuing to study these nuanced and difficult issues. Continued prayer and dialogue will benefit and strengthen us all.

We welcomed Co-Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. **T. Denise Anderson** in March, and enjoyed learning from her about national trends and PCUSA initiatives. We celebrated with Messiah and Covenant churches in Norfolk as they combined to become New Horizons Presbyterian Church under the leadership of the Rev. **Addie Peterson**. We have a number of churches currently experiencing transitions, notable as we welcomed new minister members to the Presbytery and bid goodbye to others moving on to different work. The Commission on Ministry and several Administrative Commissions have provided wonderful leadership in addressing all manner of detail involved in these processes.

The Vision and Implementation Team was renamed and reconstituted as the Presbytery Council early in the year and has been busy overseeing the routine work of the Presbytery as well as taking stock of its role. The Council held a retreat in September, facilitated by the Rev. Dr. **Laurie Ferguson**, and wrote and adopted a mission statement: "We build bridges across divides to deepen connection to Christ and one another to serve the world." You will be seeing and hearing more about that in the coming year as the Council seeks meaningful ways to connect with you and with all congregations within the Presbytery, striving always to do God's work in and beyond those bounds.

Yours in Christ,  
RE Diane P. Griffin, Moderator

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to Presbytery

Ruling Elder **William A. "Bill" Espich** (Hidenwood), Moderator

January 26, 2019

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY:

**\*1. MOTION:** The Nominations Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Presbytery that the Reverend **Deborah Dalton Dail** be elected to the Presbytery Council, Class of 2021.

**ACTIONS TAKEN:** None.

### NARRATIVE REPORT

The following are members of the Nominations Committee:

Ruling Elder **Jean K. Becker** (First, Virginia Beach), the Reverend **Veronica M. Thomas**, The Reverend **Walter C. Hunting**, Ruling Elder **William A. "Bill" Espich** (Hidenwood), and Ruling Elder **Lisa T. Cross** (St. Andrew).

Today, Reverend Veronica Thomas and Ruling Elder Lisa Cross complete their faithful, energetic and imaginative service on the committee and Reverend Rebecca Leslie begins her service to presbytery.

The Nominations Committee made with three classes having two members in each. One term of service is three years and the members are nominated by the Presbytery Council. The Nominations Committee meets at the call of its moderator.

The Nominations Committee is seeking the input of Directors of Christian Education, Youth Ministry Directors and Pastors in identifying potential candidates for Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Baltimore, MD. YAADs participate in all facets of the General Assembly, including the plenary meetings, committee meetings and social functions. YAADs must be no younger than age 17 and no older than age 23 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020. Please send recommendations to the moderator of the Nominations Committee, Bill Espich at [w.espich@jimmieandbill.us](mailto:w.espich@jimmieandbill.us).

### PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM

The Reverend **Alexander Creager**, Co-Moderator  
Ruling Elder **Gerry Ellis**, Co-Moderator  
Report to Presbytery  
January 26, 2019

**RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:** NONE

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN:**

Approved a Community Ministries Grant application from Hidenwood PC.

#### **NARRATIVE REPORT**

The committee reflected on the year 2018 and proposed the following for 2019:

- Continue to support the good work of the Racial Dialogue Team and explore possibilities for more training in the presbytery.
- Apply to host another International Peacemaker in the fall.
- Build stronger ties with entities we support through our budget.
- Explore the idea of coordinating a Prayer Walk in the Presbytery.
- Consider supporting YOURS Youth Outreach Urban Resources and Services (they are supported by Lafayette & Second Norfolk PC)
- Increase the membership and diversity of the ministry team.

### RESOURCE CENTER MINISTRY TEAM

Report to Presbytery  
Ms. **Sandra A. Simmermon**, Moderator  
January 26, 2018

**RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:** None

#### **Narrative Report**

The Resource Ministry Team has purchased *Big God Big Question* class kit, the PCUSA confirmation materials. The kit provides for 5 participating confirmands and parents. The Confirmation Project website is a collaboration of PCUSA, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran, United Methodist and African Methodist Episcopal Church groups which spent years looking into best confirmation practices and how to strengthen discipleship within youth. Webinars, podcasts, books and denominational resources are listed on the site. Princeton's Institute for Youth Ministry has a 3 week on line course, Cultivating Teen Faith in Context, which can be taken by individuals or groups that is helpful in ministering to PEVA's youth.

The next PEVA Educators' meeting invites all interested in trends and information gleaned for the 2019 Association of Presbyterian Church Educators meeting to come to the PEVA office Feb.21, 2019 at 10:00a.m. Rev. **Mike Burcher** will lead the discussion.

Information webinars are scheduled for the PEVA office June 5. Look to the PEVA website for more information in the coming months.

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**  
Report to the Presbytery  
The Reverend **John E. Morgan**, Moderator  
January 26, 2019

**NARRATIVE REPORT**

At the November 28 meeting of the Stewardship Ministry Team we reviewed the Independent Accountant's Review Report & Adj. Journal Entries for 2017 with Douglas Hall CPA. Mr. Hall reviewed all of our accounting and procedures for 2017 and found them to be in order. If anyone would like to read a copy of his report, please let us know and we will provide a copy. We are grateful for the fine work of Business Administrator Regan Knutson who has done an excellent job in streamlining and cleaning up our financial accounts and reporting.

A Small Church Grant Application was reviewed and approved at our meeting. In the future all financial requests for grants or loans, up to \$5000, from small churches will need to complete and return the application. Funds for these grants or loans will be provided from the Metcalf Trust. In addition, the SMT will also advise congregations making a request of other funding sources such as Synod grants, etc.

We continue to monitor and administrate several properties which are for sale or where there is some form of a lease to purchase-type arrangement.

In regard to the sale of Makemie Woods we are still in the process of working with the purchaser. The extended time is due to the purchaser's financing issues which have been further complicated by the recent fire that destroyed one of the purchaser's other properties. The real estate agent is working with purchaser to move process forward.

The Stewardship Ministry Team will meet on the third Wednesday's at 10:30am at the Presbytery office in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rev. John E. Morgan, Moderator SMT

**SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Report to Presbytery

January 26, 2019

Ruling Elder **Jill Keifer**, Chair

**RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:**

**1.\*MOTION:** The Sessional Records Review Committee recommends to the Presbytery that the following records reviewed for the fourth quarter of 2018 be approved as indicated:

Records reviewed without exception: Denbigh United, King's Grant, Naomie Makemie, Franklin, Bethany, and Suffolk,

Records reviewed with exception(s): First Norfolk, Christ, Stone House, Wythe, and St. Andrew, Third

Records to submitted late by agreement: none

Records not received: First Church South Norfolk, Chesapeake

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**Examiners' Schedules**

**Area 1 – Robert Baker** (Bayside)

2830 Shore Drive, Apt 1303  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451-1343  
757- 481-1786

Email: ba5753 @yahoo.com

Meeting Date: Mar. 4, 2019

Records Due: Carver Memorial,  
Groves Memorial

Due Date: February 15, 2019

**Area 2 – Jill Keifer** (Royster Memorial)

1923 Paddock Road  
Norfolk, VA 23518-4929  
757-853-7465

Email: thekeifers@aol.com

Meeting Date: Mar. 4, 2019

Records Due: First United

Due Date: February 15, 2019

**AREA 4 – Maggie Van Guilder** (First Hampton)

4600 Victoria Blvd.  
Hampton, VA 23669  
757-865-0563

Email: maggiavg@cox.net

Meeting Date: Mar. 4, 2019

Records Due: Bayside,  
Community Ports.

Due Date: February 15, 2019

**AREA 5 – Rose Busetti**, (Lynnhaven)

612 Lynn Shores Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
757-306-8901

Email: rosebusetti@hotmail.com

Meeting Date: Mar. 4, 2019

Records Due: 1<sup>st</sup> Portsmouth,  
Calvin

Due Date: February 15, 2019

**AREA 6 – Debbie Braswell** (Bethany)

8996 Winston Drive  
Zuni, VA 23898-2842  
757-242-6112

Email: dcbraswell@sthinsurance.com

Meeting Date: Mar. 4, 2019

Records Due: Hilton

Due Date: February 15, 2019

**AREA 7 – Roger Gravatt**, (Simonsdale)

304 Mimosa Road  
Portsmouth, VA 23701-1408  
757-488-1876

Email: rograv1@aol.com

Meeting Date: Mar. 4, 2019

Records Due: Greenbrier,  
Lynnhaven

Due Date: February 15, 2019

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES AT CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY**

Report to Presbytery

Pastor **Forrest Teague**, Campus Minister

January 26, 2019

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY:** None.

**ACTIONS TAKEN:** None.

**NARRATIVE REPORT**

United Campus Ministries is holding the first of our strategic planning meetings on January 12<sup>th</sup> to address our context of ministry at the University and how to adjust our mission with it. We are continuing outreach to students with small groups, meet and greet events such as handing out free coffee and hot chocolate each week. We are also finding local churches to team up with about including students in their activities which will help students find a church home while away at school.

## Opportunity to Serve

The Presbytery needs your service. If you are interested in serving on a particular Ministry Team or Committee, please indicate below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Ruling Elder    \_\_\_\_ Minister/Pastor    \_\_\_\_ Congregation Member

Racial/Ethnic Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Under 24 \_\_\_\_ 24-35 \_\_\_\_ 36-45 \_\_\_\_ 46-55 \_\_\_\_ 56-64 \_\_\_\_ 65 & over

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO STATED CLERK OR EMAIL  
[JTAMM@PCUSAPEVA.ORG](mailto:JTAMM@PCUSAPEVA.ORG) FAX TO 757-397-7246. IF A VACANCY IS NOT CURRENTLY  
AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMITTEE YOU NOTED, THE FORM WILL BE KEPT ON FILE  
FOR LATER CONSIDERATION.

\_\_\_\_ COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION (COR)

\_\_\_\_ CONGO PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES (CPM)

\_\_\_\_ CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION MINISTRY TEAM

\_\_\_\_ HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

\_\_\_\_ NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_ ODU-UPM CAMPUS MINISTRY STEERING TEAM

\_\_\_\_ PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM

\_\_\_\_ PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (PJC)

\_\_\_\_ RESOURCE CENTER MINISTRY TEAM  
(EQUIPPING LEADERS)

\_\_\_\_ SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_ STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (SMT)