

DIGEST

EIGHTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

July 27, 2010

Denbigh Presbyterian Church
Newport News, Virginia

Moderator: J. Selden Harris
Vice Moderator: William Espich
Stated Clerk: Donald F. Bickhart
Journal Clerk: Linda M. Smith

WORSHIP

- The theme of the meeting was "Communicating" with the Communications Work Group responsible for the docket and worship. The Rev. **Kerry K. Westerwick** preached the sermon on "Smooth Talk" based on Romans 16:17-27. The Revs. **Kerry Westerwick** and **Kent Leydens** led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for Church Professional Assistance Fund was \$805.00.

COMMUNICATIONS WORK GROUP

- Commissioners were shown a DVD about four situations: Church - World; Church - Church; Church - Members; and Church - World/Visitors.
- Commissioners then went to one of four workshops on: Church Newsletter Technology, Church Signage, Church Websites, or Church Social Networking for information and discussions.

INSTALLATIONS/ORDINATIONS

- Sustained the ordination sermon and the examination of **Caroline A. Jinkins** to be received as a member of presbytery upon her ordination and transfer by the Presbytery of New York City.
- Approved the commission to install **James William "Bill" Moore** as Pastor of the Belle Haven and Powelton Churches.
- Approved the appointment by the moderator of the commission to install **David N. Rollins** as Pastor of Bayside Church and of **Caroline A. Jinkins** as Associate Pastor of First Church (Virginia Beach) when commissions are formed.
- Received Commission Reports for the installations of **Craig S. Wansink** as Pastor of Second Church (Norfolk) and **Kent D. Leydens** as Designated Pastor of Franklin Church
- Prosecuted the calls of **Bill Moore**, **David Rollins** and **Caroline Jinkins**.

COUNCIL

- Approved establishing a Visioning Team of the Vision Implementation Council to more closely focus on the PEVA mission and vision.
- Approved docketing the proposed alterations to the PEVA Manual at the October 26, 2010 Presbytery meeting.
- Returned the Makemie Woods Vision and Mission Statement 2010 to the Makemie Woods Committee for further revision.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

- Received reports of the Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly from Judy Thomson, Doug Nagel, Doug Van Niel, Kris Allard, Nelda Pressly and David Collins and Youth Adult Advisory Delegate Kit Moore. Report included a slide show of their time in Minneapolis, work on their committees' and overall impressions.

RETIREMENT

A Service for Recognizing Retirement was held for **Vernon G. Murray** who retires on 09/01/10 after more than 21 years of ordained service. A Certificate of Retirement was presented.

IN MEMORY

ROSEMARIE OTTE FAHRION

- The Reverend **Rosemarie Otte Fahrion** died in Gloucester, Virginia on May 19, 2010 at the age of 82. She was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio on March 8, 1928 to Albert and Edna Otte.
- Rosemarie received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Tarkio College in Tarkio, Missouri and a Master of Science Degree from Northern Montana University. After graduating from Tarkio College she served as a short-term missionary teaching English and Bible at the Ezbekieh School in Cairo, Egypt.
- Following her service in Egypt she returned to the states and married Calvin Fahrion and went to the Iliff School of Theology (UMC) in Denver, Colorado. Rosemarie was ordained by Riverside Presbytery on November 13, 1983 and served churches in Rialto, California and White Sulphur Springs, Montana. She was placed on the Honorably Retired Roll within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on June 3, 1996. She

became an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on March 3, 2009.

- Rosemarie is survived by her husband, The Rev. Calvin Fahrion, daughter Lydia Lee, sons John and James, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Gloucester on May 30, 2010.

MAX GARY CULLER

The Reverend **Max Gary Culler** died in Norfolk, Virginia on July 20, 2010 at the age of 59. He was born in Bay City, Michigan on November 3, 1950. Max was a lifelong Presbyterian joining the Beattie Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1960.

Max received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina in 1982 and his Master of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1985. He was ordained on behalf of Philadelphia Presbytery by Concord Presbytery, now Presbytery of Western North Carolina, on July 28, 1985.

Prior to becoming the Pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, Max served as Pastor of the Bristol Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Pennsylvania and as Stated Supply of Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. Max served as Pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church from February 1, 1994 until his death.

He is survived by his mother Ruth B. Miller and stepfather Paul D. Miller, his sister Carolyn C. Greene and her husband Clyde, several nieces and a nephew.

A Memorial Service was held at Lafayette Presbyterian Church in Norfolk on July 23, 2010.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- Approved change to Stated Supply Agreement that ministers serving in that capacity are expected to attend presbytery meetings or agreement may not be renewed.

- Approved Terms of Calls for **Caroline A. Jinkins, David Rollins and Bill Moore.**

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Dismissed **Garrett Bugg** to Transylvania Presbytery.

- Approved **Ernest L. Gardner III** as Intentional Interim Pastor of Community Church (Hampton) effective 5/5/10.
- Approved **Alfred C. McCall** as Stated Supply Pastor of Squires Memorial Church effective 6/1/10.
- Approved **William T. Ricketts** as Commissioned Lay Pastor at Second Church (Norfolk) effective 6/1/10.

PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS/ACTIONS

- Elected **Bill Espich** as PEVA Vice Moderator to complete term of Cada Grove who resigned.
- Received financial updates.
- Received and approved the report of the Sessional Records Committee.
- Received written reports from the Congregational Discipleship; Mission Partnership; Congregational Transformation; and Church Order Ministry Teams; Communications Work Group; Council; Committee on Ministry; Committee on Preparation for Ministry; and Stated Clerk.

GENERAL PRESBYTER PRESENTATION

- Highlighted the upcoming "Come and See" Covenant Group which will seek to answer: How do we lead the church to be faithful in such 'strange' times? In four sessions from Sep. to Dec. and the three events with Dr. Paul Borden - The Hit the Bulls Eye Conference Oct. 22-23, 2010 at First Church (Virginia Beach); the Church Life Cycle Workshop Oct. 24 at First Church (Norfolk) from 3 - 9 p.m.; and the Oct. 26 Presbytery Meeting at First Church (Gloucester).
- The Rev. **Deborah Dail** highlighted her experience with the Healthy Growing Congregations Initiative and the next course to begin in January 2011.
- All are open to ministers and elders.

TEMPORARY CLERKS

- **David Van Dyke** and **Gary Bagley** served as Temporary Clerks.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

59 Ministers
80 Elder Commissioners
139 Total voting members
36 Visitors
175 Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
at First Presbyterian Church,
Gloucester, Virginia.

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