

DIGEST

January 25, 2014
First United Presbyterian Church
Norfolk, Virginia

Moderator: Ruling Elder (RE) **Roxie Holder**
Vice Moderator: The Rev. Dr. **Jeffrey Bell**
Acting Stated Clerk: RE **Q. John Tamm**
Journal Clerk: RE **Linda M. Smith**

WORSHIP

- The General Presbyter, the Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** preached the sermon titled "Bridges-Tunnels and Rummage Sales" based on Joshua 1:10-11; 3:1-6 and Matthew 4:12-23.
- The Revs. Hendricks and **Veronica Thomas** led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund was \$877.00.

MODERATORS

- Installed the Rev. Dr. **Jeffrey Bell** as Moderator and RE **Kenneth Wheeler** as Vice Moderator.

IN MEMORY

- The Rev. **Walter Hunting** gave remarks in memory of the Rev. **Edwin Hodges Rayfield** who died on November 8, 2013 in Chesapeake, VA, at the age of 80. Ed Rayfield was ordained by the Norfolk Presbytery on February 1, 1959 and served as an ordained minister for over 54 years. He was the pastor of the Westminster Church in Norfolk.
- The Rev. **Robin Wooddell** gave remarks in memory of the Rev. **Robert E. Reid** who died on November 19, 2013 in Norfolk, VA at the age of 85. Robert Reid was ordained by the Erie Presbytery (Erie, PA) on September 27, 1956 and served as an ordained minister for 57 years. He was received by the Presbytery in 2007 as an honorably retired member. The Rev. Reid and his wife, Barbara, attended Third Church, Norfolk.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

On the motion of RE **William Espich** the 2014 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,200,745 was approved.

NINETY-EIGHTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

VIT Actions:

- Approved Minutes of the 10/22/13 Stated Meeting of Presbytery
- Approved the Acting Stated Clerk employment agreement with **Q. John Tamm** for 1/1/14 through 12/31/14.
- Approved the Assistant Stated Clerk employment agreement for the part time services of **Don Bickhart** between 1/1/14 and 3/15/14.
- Approved the position description and authorized hiring RE **Jaime Ambrose** as the ODU UPM Acting Administrative Assistant for 2014.
- Approved the purchase and installation of an enhanced security system for the presbytery office.
- Approved the fifth quarterly Roots & Wings communication for distribution to donors. Request for e-mail addresses was repeated with thanks to those who responded earlier.
- Participated with the Transition Team in a welcoming luncheon for the Transitional General Presbyter and Staff.
- Reviewed a list of overtures being considered for the 2014 General Assembly without recommendation.
- Continued work on revising the Personnel Guidelines.
- Declared the "In-Between" time complete and the beginning of the "Transition Period".
- Received report of the successful November 15-17 presbytery wide youth retreat held at Makemie Woods.
- Received for information that presbytery youth communication now includes *Facebook* and that a youth leader workshop will be held at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church on April 26, 2014
- Received the Makemie Woods Management Team proposed 2014 budget for information.
- Received report that the Rev. **George Bullard** is scheduled for a second workshop on April 5, 2014.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR THE
MINISTRY**

On the motion of the Rev. **Rebecca P. Lesley**, RE **Carol Bayma** of Royster Memorial Church was approved as a candidate for ordination as a teaching elder for the ministry of the Word and Sacraments.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. **Lawrence Willis** the following were nominated and approved as indicated:

Principal GA Commissioners

The Rev. **Albert G. Butzer, III**

The Rev. **Veronica Thomas**

The Rev. **Helen Byrd**

RE **William Espich** (Hidenwood)

RE **Jack Pennington** (First Gloucester)

RE **Alice Taylor** (Royster Memorial)

Alternate GA Commissioners

The Rev. Dr. **Cynthia Higgins**

The Rev. **Valena Hoy**

The Rev. Dr. **Lawrence Willis**

RE **Gerry Ellis** (Denbigh United)

RE **Terry Simpkins** (Yorkminster)

Youth Adult Advisory Delegate

Principal - **Taylor Kathryn McLean**
(Hidenwood)

Alternate - **Jamea Nicole DeWitt** (First United)

**RECOGNITION OF Ruling Elder Donald
Bickart's Service as Stated Clerk**

- Remarks and gifts from the Presbytery presented by RE **Linda M. Smith**, Presbytery Administrator, Moderator RE **Roxie Holder**, and VIT Moderator RE **William Espich**.
- Remarks by RE **Donald F. Bickhart**

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

- On the motion of the Rev Dr. **Keith Curran, Clyde Stephen Miller** was removed from the rolls of the Presbytery in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-2.0508

Actions Taken:

- Sustained the examination and approved the Call and Covenant between the Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** and PEVA to be the Transitional General Presbyter effective December 1, 2013.
- Received the Rev. Elizabeth G. Hendricks from Western Reserve Presbytery.
- Approved 2014 housing allowance for the Rev. Elizabeth Hendricks in the amount of \$22,000.

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Approved the Rev. **Lindsey Santamaria** to serve as Interim Associate Pastor for Community Care at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.
- Received the Rev. **Clayton T. Rascoe** from Mission Presbytery.
- Approved the Rev. Clayton T. Rascoe to serve as Designated Pastor at Calvin Presbyterian Church effective 1/28/14 for a two-year term.
- Approved the Intentional Interim pastor Covenant between the Rev. **Libby Rollins** and Green Acres Presbyterian Church for the period 11/19/13 and 05/18/14.
- Approved the Temporary Relationship Agreement between the Rev. **Ronald Blade** and Knox Presbyterian Church for the period 1/1/14 to 12/31/14.
- Approved the Commissioned Ruling Elder Agreement between **Kirk William (Bill) McCullough, II** and Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church for the period 1/1/14 to 12/31/14.
- Dismissed the Honorably Retired Rev. **J. Richard Short** to Greater Atlanta Presbytery.
- Dismissed the Rev. **Donald G. McLean** to the Presbytery of The James to serve as Pastor of Tappahannock Presbyterian Church in Tappahannock, Virginia.
- Approved the Rev. **Richard Lovingood** to continue to serve as Parish Associate at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church without compensation.
- Validated the work of ministers for 2013.

TEMPORARY CLERKS

- The Revs. **Kathryn R. Rascoe** and **Clayton T. Rascoe** served as Temporary Clerks.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

49 Teaching Elders
57 Ruling Elders
106 Total voting members
46 Visitors
152 Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Wycliffe Presbyterian Church, 1445 North Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.