

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH TWENTY-FIRST STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

January 25, 2020
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Williamsburg, Virginia

Moderator: Commissioned Pastor (CP)
William T. "Billy" Ricketts (Providence)
Vice Moderator: The Reverend **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**
Stated Clerk: RE Q. **John Tamm** (1st VAB)
Journal Clerk: Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues**

WORSHIP

- Candidate for Ministry **Pamela Dee Hrcir** preached a sermon titled, "Immediately?" based on **Matthew 4:12-23**
- Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**, and Reverend **Rachel C. Hébert**, pastors, Williamsburg Church, led the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the Peacemaking Fund was 1,245.50.

STATED CLERK

Ministerial Relations

Received: On November 5, 2019, the Reverend **Lynne E. Savidis** from the Chicago Presbytery, honorably retired.

Dismissed: On December 3, 2019, the Reverend **William David Roberts** to the Presbytery of New Covenant to serve as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pearland, TX.

On January 7, 2020, the Reverend Dr. **Kerry Knox Westerwick**, honorably retired, to the Presbytery of Florida (Chipley, FL).

GENERAL PRESBYTER, the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**

Rev. Hendricks commended Rev. **L. Monica Gould** who recently returned from her sabbatical. Rev. Gould and her husband **Michael Gould** sailed their yacht, the *Neverland* across the Atlantic from Spain to Onancock, VA by themselves.

Rev. Hendricks also reported the good news that the Presbytery had been selected as Portsmouth, Virginia's "Best of Portsmouth" - religious organization of the year. Rev. Hendricks also noted that the western Virginia Beach and Chesapeake Churches' "neighborhood" met at Providence Church.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

The Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin**, moderator.

The Presbytery approved the following:

MOTION: That the Presbytery receive the narrative report of the PC and approve the actions of the PC, which includes that Rev. **Libby M. Rollins** and CP **Linda Marley Smith** be appointed to the Nominations Committee.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

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

Motion: The ordinand sermon of Pamela Dee Hrcir was sustained.

Motion: The examination for ordination of Pamela Dee Hrcir for the office of minister of the Word and Sacrament was sustained.

Motion: Pamela Dee Hrcir was received into membership in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia contingent upon her ordination, to serve as Covenant Pastor for Congregational Care of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, Virginia.

MOTION: The twenty-three actions of the COM were approved.

Ministers introduced to the Presbytery: The Reverend Dr. **Marc Vernon Mason** from the Foothills Presbytery (Simpsonville, SC) as the Pastor of Yorkminster Church, Yorktown.

The Reverend **Lynn E. Savidis**, honorably retired from the Chicago Presbytery.

SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ruling Elder **Jill Keifer**, Chair

MOTION: The Sessional Records Review Committee recommends to the Presbytery that the following records reviewed for the fourth quarter of 2019 be approved as indicated:

Records reviewed without exception:

Denbigh, First Norfolk, King's Grant, St. Andrew, Third, Bethany, Suffolk.

Records reviewed with exception(s):

Christ, Franklin, and Wythe. Stone House is in progress.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Presbytery

Ruling Elder **William "Bill"**

Espich, (Hidenwood), moderator

MOTION: The following names in nomination as indicated be elected by the Presbytery:

Moderator of Presbytery Council Year of 2020

CP **William T. "Billy" Ricketts**

Presbytery Council Class of 2023

RE **Bonnie Condrey** (1st Hampton)

Moderator Board of Trustees / President of Corporation Year of 2020

RE **Larry Hull** (2nd Norfolk)

Treasurer of Corporation Year of 2020

RE **Marc Steiner** (Green Acres)

Commission on Ministry Class of 2022

RE **Doris Johnson** (Community Portsmouth)

RE **Charity Houghton** (Wythe)

Commission on Preparation for Ministry Class of 2023

RE **Larry O. "Natt" Gantt, II** (1st Norfolk)

Stewardship Ministry Team / Board of Trustees Class of 2023

RE **Sandra W. "Sandy" Poole** (St Andrew)

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Minister

Commissioner Class of 2022

Rev. Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd**

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Committee on Representation Class of 2022

RE **Vanessa Greene** (Community Portsmouth)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)

The Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**, moderator

MOTION: The Narrative Report was received and published in the minutes of this meeting. The Trustees reviewed the Independent Accountant's Review Report & Adj. Journal Entries for 2018 with **Douglas Hall** CPA. The trustees 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.

Session Moderator's and Clerks should have received the 2020 Pledge forms for Unified and Designated Mission Giving. Sessions are encouraged to submit their Mission Pledge as soon as they are approved so that we may continue to fulfil our budget for 2020. The Council did approve a budget with a 1.6% increase. In order for the Presbytery not to have a deficit budget, the trustees are asking that churches consider a proportional increase in their giving.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

The Reverend Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**, and the Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette**, co-moderators

MOTION: **Marcy Wright** (Carver Memorial) was approved as a Candidate for Ministry.

MOTION: The Presbytery received the narrative report of the CPM.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

46	Ministers
50	Ruling Elders
92	Total voting members
32	Visitors
128	Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:00 am, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2228 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach