

# DIGEST

## NINETY-FOURTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

January 26, 2013  
Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church  
Suffolk, Virginia

**Moderator:** Roxie Holder  
**Vice Moderator:** Jeff Bell  
**Stated Clerk:** Donald F. Bickhart  
**Journal Clerk:** Linda M. Smith

### WORSHIP

- Synod Executive Rev. **David McKee** preached the sermon on "Is the Lord with Us or Not?" based on Exodus 17:1-7. The Revs. **Keith Curran** and **Veronica Thomas** led the celebration of the Lord's Supper. An Affirmation of Faith written by the late Rev. **Virginia "Jenny" Russell** was used during the Worship Service.

- Rev. McKee led a discussion on the process of searching for an interim and installed general presbyter following the retirement of Rev. J. Richard Short.

- The offering for the Church Professionals Assistance Fund was \$656.50.

### MODERATORS

- Installed Ruling Elder **Roxie Holder** as Moderator and Teaching Elder **Jeff Bell** as Vice Moderator.

### ORDINATION HONOREES

- Honored the following teaching elders for their years of ordination service:

55 years - **Dan Dickerson, George Fitzgerald**  
50 years - **Fred Gibbs**  
40 years - **George Oehler, Richard Short**  
25 years - **Steve Frazier, Craig Wansink**  
10 years - **Anita Killebrew, Addie Peterson**

### AMENDMENTS

- Proposed amendments forwarded from the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to the presbyteries for an "affirmative" or "negative" vote were voted as follows:

**12-1. Book of Confessions** - On accepting the new translation of the **Heidelberg Catechism** - **Affirmative**

### Book of Order Proposed Changes:

- **12-A.** On Amending G-1.0503 - **Business Proper to Congregational Meetings** - **Affirmative**
- **12-B.** On Amending G-2.0104a - **Gifts and Qualifications for Ordered Ministry** - **Negative**
- **12-C.** On Amending G-3.0104 & G-3.0305 - **Presbytery Registers** - **Affirmative**
- **12-D.** On Amending G-3.0109a, G-3.0109b, G-3.0404, D-5.0101, D-5.0106, D-5.0203, D-5.0206, D-6.0101, D-6.0202a(6) - **Shared Synod Permanent Judicial Commissions (PJC)** - **Affirmative**
- **12-E.** On Amending G-3.0302d - **Enrolling Ruling Elders as Members of Presbytery** - **Affirmative**
- **12-F.** On Amending G-3.0302d - **Concurrences for Overtures** - **Affirmative**
- **12-G.** On Amending W-4.4002 - **Service of Ordination, Installation, or Commissions** - **Affirmative**
- **12-H.** On Amending D-3.0101b(2) - **Jurisdiction in Judicial Process** Changes - **Affirmative**
- **12-I.** On Amending D-10.0106 - **Administrative Leave** - **Affirmative**
- **12-J.** On Amending D-10.0202 - **Investigating Committee Responsibilities** - **Affirmative**

### IN MEMORY

- Rev. **Martha Shute** gave remarks in memory of **W. J. B. Livingston** who died on January 5, 2013 at the age of 99 in Newport News, Virginia. He served as an ordained minister for almost 75 years.

- Rev. **Deborah Dail** gave remarks in memory of **Jenny Russell** who died on December 10, 2012 in Asheville, NC at the age of 53. Jenny was a former member of this presbytery serving at Yorkminster in Yorktown and First Church in Hampton.

### VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

- The 2013 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,138,000 was approved.

- Authorized the VIT to:

a. Organize a Transition Team of 9 members with responsibilities to include:

- Searching for an Intentional Interim General Presbyter (IGP) and presenting a recommendation to the VIT including the proposed Interim Covenant Agreement
- Nurturing and supporting the IGP until her or his work in this presbytery is complete

b. To enter into a covenant agreement with the recommended individual on behalf of presbytery.

#### CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION MINISTRY TEAM

- Grant request from Wythe Church for their Myanmar Ministry was approved.
- Provided a presentation on the upcoming **George Bullard** Workshop on "Will Your Congregation Still Exist 10 Years from Now?" to be held on April 13, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Church (Norfolk).

#### COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

- Approved the request of **J. Selden Harris** to be placed on the Honorably Retired Roll effective April 1, 2013.

#### PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between **Walter C. Hunting** and Green Acres Church effective 10/31/12.
- Dismissed **Richard H. Grice** to Savannah Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor of Jesup Presbyterian Church, Jesup, GA.
- Dismissed **T. Feild Russell** to Western North Carolina Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, Banner Elk, NC.
- Dismissed **Virginia H. Russell** to Western North Carolina Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor at West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC.
- Dismissed **James R. M. Young** to Shenandoah Presbytery to serve as Designated Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, Virginia.
- Approved Interim Pastor Covenant between **Libby Rollins** and Green Acres Church for the period 11/19/12 to 11/18/13.
- Approved Stated Supply Agreement between **Jan Davis** and Christ Church.
- Approved agreement between Commissioned Ruling Elder **James Hamilton** and Greenbrier Church for the period 1/1/13 to 6/30/13.
- Approved agreement between Commissioned Ruling Elder **Bill**

**McCullough** and Groves Memorial Church for the period 1/1/13 to 12/31/13.

- Approved Temporary Relationship Agreement between **Ronald T. Blade** and Knox Church for the period 1/1/13 to 12/31/13.
- Approved Temporary Relationship Agreement between **Dwight Webster** and Oakdale Church for the period 7/1/12 to 12/31/12.
- Approved Temporary Relationship Agreement between **Eugene S. Soud** and Holmes Church for the period 1/1/13 to 12/31/13.
- Sustained the examination of **Robert G. White** to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor of LaCrosse Memorial and Community (Hampton) Churches effective 1/8/13.
- Approved the Terms of Call and Covenant between **W. Richard Goodman III** and Thalia Trinity Church as part-time pastor for 2013.
- Approved Parish Associate Covenant between **Thomas Chadwick** and Providence Church.
- Validated work of ministers for 2012.

#### PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS/ACTIONS

- Approved the report of the Sessional Records Review Committee.
- Received report of the General Presbyter.
- Received oral/written reports from Stewardship, Nominations, Congregation Transformation, Peacemaking, and Hunger Ministry Teams, Makemie Woods Management Team, ODU Campus Ministry, Resource Center Committee, Vision Implementation Team, Commission on Ministry, Commission on Preparation for Ministry, and the Stated Clerk.

#### TEMPORARY CLERKS

- Revs. **Mark Jernigan** and **Robert White** served as Temporary Clerks.

#### ENROLLMENT REPORT

50	Teaching Elders
55	Ruling Elder
105	Total voting members
14	Visitors
119	Total Registered

#### NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 1 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church, 801 Tazewell Street, Portsmouth, Virginia.