

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

January 27, 2018
Providence Presbyterian Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Moderator: Rev. William G. Lamont
Vice Moderator: RE Diane P. Griffin
Stated Clerk: RE Q. John Tamm
Journal Clerk: Raymond Rodrigues

WORSHIP

- Rev. Lamont preached the sermon on Acts 10:17-35, "No Partiality." RE **Kelvin Jackson** (First United) was the liturgist and Rev. Lamont and Commissioned Pastor **W.T. Ricketts** led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

- The offering for the Peacemaking Committee was \$1,169.29.

Vision Implementation Team

Rev. **Addie N. Peterson**, Moderator

- The Vision Implementation Team (VIT)

RECOMMENDATION: To adopt the proposed Bylaws for the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc.

Changing the quorum for a presbytery meeting to ten ministers and ten ruling elders from ten different churches instead of fifteen each as the Presbytery had had before. This is consistent with the minimum composition of a presbytery cited in the Constitution. (G-3.0301)

- Changing the name of the Vision Implementation Team to "Presbytery Council"
- Adding the Moderator of the Trustees (who is also the President of the Corporation for business purposes) as an Officer of the Presbytery instead of an Officer of the Presbyterian League.
- The Bylaws also provide for the possibility of greater use of electronic media for meetings.
- Note: The Bylaws allow some flexibility in numbers of Trustees and Council members and leaving specific determinations to the Manual of Operations which is likely to change more frequently over time.

Passed by voice vote.

RECOMMENDATION that:

That all the currently serving officers and trustees of the Presbyterian League shall become the officers and trustees of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc., the Rev. Dr. **John E. Morgan** - Moderator of Trustees, RE **Marc Steiner** (Green Acres) - Treasurer, RE **Larry Hull** (Second, Norfolk), CP **Marvin Brangan** (Providence), **Burt Higgins** (First, Hampton) and the Rev. **Julie Sterling**. The Secretary of the Corporation shall be the Stated Clerk, RE **Q. John Tamm**. That the Moderator of PEVA shall be Elder **Diane P. Griffin** (First, Portsmouth); the Vice Moderator of PEVA shall be Elder **William T. Ricketts** (Providence); the Moderator of the Presbytery Council shall be the Rev. **William G. Lamont**; and the General Presbyter shall be the Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**

That, the currently serving members of the Vision Implementation Team shall become the members of the Presbytery Council: The Rev. William G. Lamont, Moderator of the Presbytery Council, Diane P. Griffin (First, Portsmouth) Moderator of PEVA, William T. Ricketts, (Providence) Vice Moderator of PEVA, the Rev. L. **Monica Gould**, RE **Kelvin Jackson** (First United), and **Kenneth M. Wheeler** (Green Acres).

That the existing Manual of Operations be adopted, and any changes needed to conform to the Bylaws be made by the Stated Clerk and reported to the next meeting of PEVA, Inc.;

That the Presbyterian League of Eastern Virginia, Inc. be merged into the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee **RECOMMENDATION** for the election of the following candidates was approved:

Commission on Ministry Class of 2020
The Reverend **Rachel C. Hébert**
Ruling Elder **Sidnia Etherington**
(Lafayette)
Class of 2021
The Reverend **Vernon G. Murray**
Ruling Elder **Vernon Bell** (Powelton)

Permanent Judicial Commission Class 2022
Ruling Elder **Kenneth M. Wheeler** (Green Acres)
The Reverend Dr. **Robert W. Gustafson**
Class 2024
Ruling Elder **Leif King** (St. Andrew)
The Reverend **Fred R. Archer**

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

*On November 7, 2017 dismissed the Reverend **Clayton Thomas Rascoe** to the Shenandoah Presbytery, Harrisonburg, VA.
*On December 5, 2017 received the Reverend **William Washington Nickels, III** from the Baltimore Presbytery.
*On January 2, 2018 received the Reverend **Nancy Lee Rowland**, honorably retired, from New Castle Presbytery, Newark, DE.

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

*On November 7, 2017 approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Dr. **Lawrence L. Willis** and the congregation of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church, Newport News.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

10 Years: The Reverend **Garrett B. Bugg**, Lieutenant **Brandon K. Hood**, Chaplain Corps, US Navy, the Reverend **Rebecca P. Lesley**
25 years: The Reverend **Octavius A. Gaba**, the Reverend **Leigh B. Gillis**, the Reverend **Davis Lee Main**
40 years: The Reverend **Fred L. McCaskill-Baker**, the Reverend Dr. **John R. Monroe**
45 years: The Reverend **George L. Oehler**
50 years: The Reverend Dr. **Louis B. Weeks**, the Reverend **Walter C. Hunting**
55 years: The Reverend **Frederick P. Gibbs**
60 years: The Reverend **George H. Fitzgerald**

PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS/ACTIONS

- Participated in a program on racial reconciliation sponsored by the Peacemaking Committee that featured the film *Racial Taboo*.
- Received report of the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, General Presbyter, and the report of the Moderator, the Reverend **William G. Lamont**
- Received written reports from the Stewardship Ministry Team, Sessional Records, Hunger Committee, the

Commission on Preparation for Ministry and the Stated Clerk.

MODERATORS

- Installed Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin** (First Portsmouth) as Moderator and Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts** (Providence) as Vice Moderator.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Ministers-52
Commissioned Pastors-4
Elder Commissioners-48
Elder Officers-2
Visitors-46
Total attendance-152

NEXT MEETING

-Stated Meeting on April 24, 2018 at 1:00 pm, at Bayside Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach