

DIGEST

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

January 28, 2017
Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church
Norfolk, Virginia

Moderator: Rev. Addie Naomi Peterson
Vice Moderator: Rev. William G. Lamont
Stated Clerk: Ruling Elder (RE) Q. John Tamm
Journal Clerk: RE Linda M. Smith

WORSHIP

- Rev. Peterson preached the sermon on Joshua 1:1-9 & 1 Timothy 4:11, "The Courage to Move Forward." Rev. L. Monica Gould was the liturgist and Rev. Peterson and Rev. James A. Goodbow led the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Rachel C. Hébert was the vocal soloist.

- The offering for **Stop Hunger Now** was \$1,136.00.

Vision Implementation Team

RE Kenneth M. Wheeler, Moderator

- The Vision Implementation Team (VIT)
RECOMMENDATION: That PEVA accept the Makemie Woods Viability Study Team report including all four recommendations:

- That the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia begin a process of phasing out the use of Makemie Woods by PEVA and other groups;
- That the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia begin the process of disposing of the Makemie Woods property;
- That the current Makemie Woods Management Team remain in place during the phase out process;
- And that at an appropriate time a service of celebration be conducted to lift up the ministry which took place on that property over the past 50 years noting lives that were changed and the many people who served there in the name of Christ. Vote 80 yes, 25 no

Passed by voice vote were the

RECOMMENDATIONS that:

*Events at the Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center be concluded by April 15 and that staff be offered the opportunity to assist in the process of closure through May 31
*PEVA establish a task force, to be appointed by the PEVA moderator, to work with remaining members of the management

team and staff on phasing-out use of the camp and the process of disposal of the Makemie Woods property. The task force will be empowered to hire or contract for services as necessary in consultation with the Stewardship Ministry Team *as well as determine the disposition of any associated designated funds.*

APPROVED IN THE CONSTENT MOTION: That an Administrative Commission be appointed, in accordance with G-3.0109b of the Book of Order, in response to a request from the Session and to the vote of the congregation of Cradock Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia on January 15, 2015, to implement the dissolution of the Cradock Presbyterian Church.

REPORT ON FIRST CHURCH GLOUCESTER:

RE Diane P. Griffin reported on the continuing negotiations with the designated congregation representatives from First Church, Gloucester concerning that congregation's dismissal from the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Vision Implementation Team

Class of 2018

Ruling Elder **Kenneth M. Wheeler** (Green Acres Church)

Class of 2020

Ruling Elder **Kelvin Jackson** (First United Church)

Commission on Ministry

Class of 2019

The Rev. Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd**

Class of 2020

The Rev. **Barry L. Phillips, Sr.** & The Rev. **Leigh B. Gillis**

The Rev. Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**

The Rev. Dr. **Kerry K. Westerwick**

Commissioned Ruling Elder **Robin Cowherd** (First Church Norfolk)

Ruling Elder **Karen Harris** (First Church Virginia Beach)

Stewardship Management Team and Trustee
of the Presbyterian League

Class of 2020

Burt S. Higgins (First Church Hampton)

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2020

The Rev. Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

*On November 1, 2016 dismissed to the Presbytery of the James the Rev. Dr.

Donna Marie Desarro-Raynal.

*On November 1, 2016 received from the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, the Rev. **William D. Roberts** to serve as the designated pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, pending dismissal from the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.

*On December 6, 2016 received the Rev. **Donald E. McLean, Jr.** from the Presbytery of the James as a member at large, pending dismissal from the Presbytery of the James.

*On January 3, 2017 received from the Presbytery of Detroit the Rev. **Emma Lee Ouellette** to serve as the associate pastor of Bayside Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach pending dismissal by the Presbytery of Detroit.

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

*On November 1, 2016 approved the covenant pastor agreements between the Rev. **Barry L. Phillips, Sr.**, the Rev. Dr. **Larry O. Toney** and the session of Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Hayes.

*On December 6, 2016 approved the covenant pastor agreement between the Rev. **Helen Louise C. "Lou" Ventura** and the session of Franklin Presbyterian Church.

*On December 1, 2016 approved the extension of the intentional interim pastor agreement between the Rev. **James A. Goodbow** and the session of Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.

*On January 3, 2017 approved the covenant pastor agreement for congregational care between the Rev. **J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.** and the session of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

The Rev. Dr. **Donald R. Broad**, 65 years
The Revs. **Kenneth E. Boyer** and **Gerald H. Kirby**, 60 years.

The Revs. **Richard W. Lovingood, J.**
Harold McKeithen, Dr. **Eugene S. Soud**, 55 years

The Rev. **Arthur F. Jensen**, 45 years
The Rev. **Charles M. Tucker**, 30 years
The Revs. **Deborah D. Dail** and **James William Moore**, 25 years

The Rev. Dr. **Kerry K. Westerwick**, 10 years

PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS/ACTIONS

- Received and approved the report of the Sessional Records Committee.

- Received report of the Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, General Presbyter. General Counsel of PEVA, RE **Robert C. Stackhouse, Sr.** was honored with a certificate of appreciation for over 40 years of service.

- Received written reports from the Presbyterian League, Stewardship Ministry Team, Peacekeeping Committee, Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Stated Clerk.

MODERATORS

- Installed the Rev. **William G. Lamont** as moderator and Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin** (First Portsmouth) as Vice Moderator.

TEMPORARY CLERKS

- The Rev. Donald E. McLean, Jr., the Reverend **Catherine Hart Monroe**, the Rev. William D. Roberts, and the Rev. Dr. Kerry Knox Westerwick served as Temporary Clerks.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

62 Ruling Elders
51 Teaching Elders
113 Total Voting Commissioners
36 Visitors
149 Total Attendance

NEXT MEETING

-One Hundred Tenth Stated Meeting on April 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm, at First Church, Hampton