

# DIGEST

## ONE HUNDRETH FOURTEENTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA Virginia Beach, Virginia

April 24, 2018

Bayside Presbyterian Church

**Moderator:** Ruling Elder (RE) **Diane P.**

**Griffin** (First Portsmouth)

**Vice Moderator:** Commissioned Pastor (CP)

**William T. "Billy" Ricketts** (Providence)

**Stated Clerk:** RE **Q. John Tamm** (1<sup>st</sup> VAB)

**Journal Clerk:** Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues**

### WORSHIP

- Candidate for Ministry **Elnoria L. Harrison** preached a sermon titled "The Good Shepherd," based on John 10:11-18.
- Reverend Dr. **David N. Rollins** and the Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette**, pastor and associate pastor respectively, Bayside Church, Virginia Beach led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the **CHURCH PROFESSIONALS ASSISTANCE FUND** was \$1162.86.

### MODERATORS

- RE Diane P. Griffin was the Moderator and CP William T. "Billy" Ricketts was the Vice Moderator.

### PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

The Reverend **William G. Lamont**, moderator

The Presbytery approved the following:

**MOTION:** An Administrative Commission was appointed, as requested by the Presbytery Council in accordance with G-3.0109b of the Book of Order, to work with Oakdale Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, for the purpose of overseeing the governance, finances, and potential dissolution of the Oakdale Presbyterian Church.

**MOTION:** The Presbytery approved the Sacrament of Baptism to be administered by the Reverend Dr. **Donna M. DeSarro-Raynal** and the Reverend **Clark DeSarro-Raynal** at the 115th Meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, for **Clara Mitchell**, daughter of the Reverends **Martha E. Mitchell** and **T. Clinton Mitchell**. The name of Clara Mitchell as Baptized will be placed on the register of Simonsdale Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth.

**MOTION:** An Administrative Commission was appointed, in accordance with G-3.0109b of the Book of Order, in response to a request from the Session of Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, to assist them in celebrating new life as a majority of the congregation joins King's Grant Presbyterian Church and in implementing the dissolution of the Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, with the following specific powers and responsibilities, as appropriate.

### HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

Ruling Elder **Kelvin Jackson**, moderator  
Ruling Elder **Jessica A. Fitzgerald**,  
Hunger Action Advocate

The Hunger Ministry Team, believing that hunger is unacceptable, leads and challenges the churches of PEVA and its entities in Christ's name to alleviate chronic hunger and its immediate causes at home and abroad through information dissemination, education, advocacy, and the provisions of resources. There is a need for new members to join the PEVA Hunger Ministry Team. Are you interested in serving? Please contact [jessica@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:jessica@pcusa-peva.org) or [jtamm@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:jtamm@pcusa-peva.org) at the PEVA office. The Hunger Ministry Team is looking for members with the passion for alleviating hunger, new vibrant ideas and those willing to take action.

### 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 first quarter of 2018 be approved as indicated:

Records reviewed without exception:

Community Portsmouth, Lynnhaven

Records reviewed with exception(s):

First United, Hidenwood, First

Portsmouth, Calvin, Stonehouse, (due

November 2017) Hilton, Wythe (due

November 2017), Greenbrier, St. Andrew:

(Month late), Carver Memorial (2016

records), First Norfolk (due Nov 2017), and Groves Memorial.

Records not received: Bayside, Oakdale, Messiah

#### **PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE**

Rev. **Alexander J. Creager** and Ruling Elder **Gerry Ellis**, Co-Moderators  
Since the last report to Presbytery, the Peacemaking Ministry Team has focused on processing the January screening of Racial Taboo and responses to the film as well as next steps. Many attendees indicated an interest in some form of follow-up to this experience. Sixteen churches expressed a desire to show Racial Taboo in their church or in partnership with other churches. These churches were grouped geographically and Peacemaking Team members contacted each church to discuss next steps. The Racial Dialogue Team, chaired by Claudette Gravely and Lisa Schlickemeyer, will lead our efforts as we move forward and report to the Peacemaking Ministry Team.

#### **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)**

Report to Presbytery  
The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, moderator,  
The COM RECOMMENDED to the Presbytery the approval of seventeen actions related to minister assignments and pastor searches.

**Motion:** That the ordinand sermon of **Elnoria Lofton Harrison** was sustained.

**Motion:** That the examination for ordination of Elnoria Lofton Harrison was sustained.

**Motion:** Elnoria Lofton Harrison was received into membership in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia contingent upon her ordination, to serve as Covenant Pastor of Squires Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

#### **Pastoral Relations**

Received as a member of the Presbytery the Reverend **Boone Deberry Clayton** from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas to serve as the Associate Pastor of Denbigh United Church, Newport News.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)**

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

**Motion:** The Presbytery received the narrative report of the SMT.

**Motion:** The Presbytery approved the recommendation of the SMT to pursue a potential sale of the Makemie Woods property to the Brethren of St. Francis (on behalf of the Little Sisters of St. Francis) for \$1,200,000; to be executed by the Presbytery trustees, contingent upon a purchase agreement with conditions of sale that include but are not limited to provisions protecting access and care of the Eco-Eternity Forest and reasonable timeframes for the purchase.

#### **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)**

The Reverend **Virginia Snyder Campbell**, Moderator

**Motion:** The Presbytery received the narrative report of the CPM.

**Motion:** The Presbytery approved **Andrea Alvord Wood** (First Norfolk) as a candidate for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

#### **GENERAL PRESBYTER**

Received the Good News report of the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** which included the report on the visit of the Co-Moderator of the General Assembly, the Reverend **T. Denise Anderson** (National Capital). Reverend Hendricks also held up three fifth grade girls in the Sunday School at First Portsmouth Church who raised \$791.00 as part of a mission project the purchase of a milk cow.

#### **Commissioning of Commissioners to General Assembly**

Moderator, Ruling Elder Diane P. Griffin

The Moderator commissioned the Reverend **Valena M. Hoy**, the Reverend Dr. David N. Rollins, Ruling Elder **Roxie O. Holder** (New Horizons) and Ruling Elder **Kenneth M. Wheeler** (Green Acres) as commissioners to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. The Reverend **L. Monica Gould** and CP **Kenneth I. Lucas** (Carver Memorial) were commissioned as alternates.

#### **ENROLLMENT REPORT**

50 Ministers  
56 Ruling Elders  
106 Total voting members

28 Visitors  
134 Total Registered

**NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 1:00 pm, Wythe Presbyterian Church, 151 Robinson Road, Hampton.