

# DIGEST

April 29, 2014  
Wycliffe Presbyterian Church  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Moderator:** The Reverend Dr. **Jeffrey Bell**  
**Vice Moderator:** Ruling Elder (RE) **Kenneth Wheeler**  
**Acting Stated Clerk:** RE **Q. John Tamm**  
**Journal Clerk:** RE **Linda M. Smith**

## WORSHIP

-Teaching Elder (TE) the Reverend **Douglas Nagel**, Pastor, First Church, Gloucester preached the sermon titled "Overcoming Presbyopia" based on Exodus 4:18-23 and 27-31.

-TE Douglas Nagel and the Reverend **Garret Bugg** led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

-The offering for the Makemie Woods Scholarship Fund was \$704.80

## IN MEMORY

-RE **Levis E. "Skip" Cothran** gave remarks in memory of the Rev. **Samuel Preston Hart** who died on January 18, 2014 in Harrisonburg, VA, at the age of 94. Rev. Hart was ordained by Abingdon Presbytery on November 7, 1954 and served as an ordained minister for over 59 years. He was the *pastor emeritus* of the Jamestown Church in Williamsburg.

## VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

VIT Actions:

-Approved Minutes of the 01/25/14 Stated Meeting of Presbytery

-Approved the additional payment to the Assistant Stated Clerk RE Donald Bickhart of \$1,632.00 for an additional 60 hours of work.

-Received a report from the Reverend Dr. **Richard Keever** and Commissioned Ruling Elder **Lisa Cross** concerning a plan to bring professors and students from Union Seminary, Richmond to an education event in Virginia Beach on October 18 and 19, 2014.

-Received a report from the Reverend **T. Clinton Mitchell**, co-moderator of the Makemie Woods Management Team on proposed improvements to buildings and infrastructure at the camp.

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

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

-On the motion of the Rev. Dr. **Lawrence Willis** the following person was nominated and approved as indicated:

RE **Marc T. Steiner**, Green Acres Church, Portsmouth, as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.

## RECOGNITION

### HONORABLE RETIRED

-The Rev. **Deborah D. Dail** gave remarks in honor of the Rev. **Barry L. Phillips, Sr.**, who retired on January 1, 2014. TE Phillips last served as the Pastor of Second Church, Newport News. He was ordained by Southeastern Illinois Presbytery on June 16, 1978. TE Phillips was a chaplain in the US Army and a chaplain for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. TE Phillips also served as pastor to several other congregations in the Presbytery of the James. TE Phillips remains active in PEVA with continuing service on the Commission on Ministry

## COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

-The Rev. **Walter Hunting**, Moderator, pro tem made the following recommendation:

That the Moderator will appoint a commission, with the following members, to install the Rev. **Clayton Rascoe** as Designated Pastor for the Calvin Church, Norfolk, at the Calvin Church, on May 18, 2014 at 2:00 pm. The proposed members of the Commission are: The Reverend **James E. Gates**, Associate Pastor, First Norfolk Church, the Reverend **Rebecca P. Lesley**, Pastor, Suffolk Church, the Reverend **Kathryn R. Rascoe**, Associate Pastor, Bayside Church, Virginia Beach, Ruling Elder (RE) **John Hazzard**, Calvin Church, RE **Sandra Duncan**, Williamsburg Church, and RE **Billy Richmond**, Green Acres Church, Portsmouth. The Moderator, the Reverend Dr. **Jeffrey S. Bell**, Pastor, Providence Church, Virginia Beach, and the Reverend Dr. **David N. Rollins**, Pastor, Bayside Church will also participate in the installation.

### **Actions Taken:**

- Approved the proposal of the Reverend **William G. Lamont**, Pastor of Hidenwood Church, Newport News from June 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014 inclusive
- Approved the Reverend Dr. **Donald Broad** as Moderator of Naomi Makemie Church, Onancock as of February 2014
- Authorized the Reverend Dr. **Michael Condrey** to attend the Board of Pensions conference on behalf of the Presbytery on April 30, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA
- Approved the Mission Information Form of the King's Grant Church, Virginia Beach
- Approved the mission study submitted by the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church for the position of Associate Pastor.
- On the request of the Williamsburg Church Session, approved the addition of Ruling Elder **James W. Kirkpatrick**, Certified Christian Educator, Williamsburg Church, to the occasional preaching list.
- Approved the request of the Session of Royster Memorial Church, Norfolk, that Candidate for Ministry **Carol Bayma** be placed on the occasional preaching list.

### **Pastoral Relations:**

- Approved the Reverend **Steven E. Frazier's** Temporary Relationship (Stated Supply) agreement for the calendar year 2014 with Bethany Church, Zuni
- Approved the Reverend **Robert White's** Temporary Relationship (Stated Supply) agreement for the calendar year 2014 with LaCrosse Memorial Church, Hampton
- Approved the Reverend Dr. **J. Scottie Griffin's** Temporary Relationship (Stated Supply) agreement for the calendar year 2014 with Lynnhaven Church, Virginia Beach.
- Approved the Sabbatical Leave Proposal of the Reverend Dr. **Ralph Herbert**, Pastor, Great Bridge Church, Chesapeake, for leave from April 21, 2014 through June 30, 2014 inclusive
- Approved the dismissal of the Reverend **Karen V. Stanley** (honorably retired) to the Presbytery of the James.
- Approved the Temporary Supply agreement between the Reverend **Edward Hanawalt** and Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.
- Approved the Parish Associate agreement between the Reverend **Francis E. Drake** and First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.
- Approved the examination of Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) **Paula Bass** to be the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of South Norfolk, Chesapeake.

- Approved the covenant between the congregation of First Church of South Norfolk, Chesapeake and CRE Paula Bass for the dates March 20, 2014 to December 31, 2016, inclusive.
- Approved the examination of CRE **Marvin Brangan** for assignment to the Lafayette Church, Norfolk.
- Approved the covenant between the congregation of Lafayette Church, Norfolk and CRE Marvin Brangan for the dates of March 1, 2014 through September 1, 2014, inclusive.
- Approved the appointment of the Reverend Dr. **Richard J. Keever**, to be the *Pastor Emeritus* of Bayside Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.
- Approved the Intentional Interim Pastor Covenant between the Reverend Dr. **Randal L. Bremer**, and King's Grant Church, for the term of March 31, 2014 through September 30, 2014, inclusive.
- Approved the reception of the Reverend **Judy A. Stanley** as a member at large from the Kiskiminetas Presbytery, Yatesboro, PA.

### **TEMPORARY CLERKS**

- TE Judy A. Stanley and TE **Helen L. Ventura** served as Temporary Clerks.

### **ENROLLMENT REPORT**

44	Teaching Elders
50	Ruling Elders
104	Total voting members
13	Visitors
117	Total Registered
17	Excused Absences Granted

### **NEXT MEETING**

- Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Franklin Presbyterian Church, 405 Lee Street, Franklin, Virginia.