

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH TWENTY-SECOND STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

July 21, 2020
Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church
Newport News, Virginia (Virtual)
The meeting was conducted by Zoom Webinar

Moderator: The Reverend **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**
Vice Moderator: The Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**
Stated Clerk: RE **Q. John Tamm (1st VAB)**
Journal Clerk: Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues**

WORSHIP

- **Reflection:** The Reverend Dr. **Brian J. Wells** preached a meditation titled "The Little Church that Could" based on (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

STATED CLERK

Ministerial Relations

Deceased: On February 22, 2020 the Reverend Dr. **John David Sadler**, age 84 in Sebastian, FL.

Received: On March 3, 2020 received the Reverend **Deidre Porter Carson** from Grace Presbytery, Dallas, TX to serve as the pastor of First Church, Virginia Beach. On April 7, 2020 received the Reverend **Mary Newbern-Williams** from the Presbytery of the Missouri River Valley, Omaha, NE to serve as the interim pastor of Calvin Church, Norfolk.

On April 7, 2020 received the Reverend Dr. **Christian R. Shearer** from the Presbytery of the James, Richmond, VA as the pastor of KirkWood Church, Yorktown.

Dismissed: On June 2, 2020 dismissed to the Presbytery of the James the Reverend **William W. Nickels, Jr.**

GENERAL PRESBYTER, the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**

Rev. Hendricks commended Ruling Elder **Christine Darden**, D. Sc and the late Ruling Elder **Katherine Goble Johnson**, D. h. s. for their receipt of the Crystal Teardrop Award from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Reverend Dr. **J. Herbert Nelson**, on the behalf of the General Assembly. RE Darden is a member of Carver Memorial Church and RE Johnson was a member of Carver Memorial Church, Newport News.

Ms. **Amanda Markham Pine**, Director of Faith Formation, King's Grant Church, Virginia Beach, was honored for obtaining the status of Certified Christian Educator. The liturgy was administered by the Moderator and the General Presbyter.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

The Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts**, moderator.

The Presbytery approved the following: **MOTION:** That the Presbytery receive the narrative report of the PC and approve the actions of the PC, which included that the Presbytery re-name and approve the following fund description for the Outdoor Ministry Fund as the **Camping, Conference and Mission Fund.**

The Presbytery approved the proposed use and description of the **Church Departures Fund.**

The Presbytery approved the appointment of Ruling Elder **Michael Fore** (KirkWood Church, Yorktown) to the Nominations Committee.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, moderator

MOTION: The twenty-three actions of the COM were approved.

Ministers introduced to the Presbytery: The Reverend Deidre Porter Carson from the Grace Presbytery, Dallas, TX as the Pastor of First Church, Virginia Beach. The Reverend Mary Newbern-Williams from the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley, Omaha, NE as the interim Pastor of the Calvin Church, Norfolk.

The Reverend Dr. Christian R. Shearer from the Presbytery of the James to serve as the Pastor of the KirkWood Church, Yorktown.

SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ruling Elder **Jill Keifer** (Royster Memorial), Chair

MOTION: The Sessional Records Review Committee recommends to the Presbytery that the following records reviewed for

the second quarter of 2020 be approved as indicated:

Records reviewed without exception:

Knox, Francis Makemie, Providence, Yorkminster, and Wycliffe.

Records reviewed with exception(s):

Jamestown, Carver Memorial, Holmes and First Church Hampton.

Records not received from Great Bridge and Lafayette. Bayside records were submitted without required completed forms; no review has been completed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)

Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull** (Second), moderator

MOTION: The Narrative Report was received and published in the minutes of this meeting.

MOTION: The Presbytery lowered the purchase price for the sale of the former Willowood PC to the Pentecostals of Norfolk to \$208,000, effectively the total principal and interest payments that the Pentecostals of Norfolk have made to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia to date.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

The Reverend Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**, and the Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette**, co-moderators

MOTION: The Narrative Report was received and published in the minutes of this meeting. The report is summarized as follows:

The committee met with **Carter Jones** (Carver Memorial) and **Lauren Hoak** (Williamsburg) on March 17, 2020, **Paul Clay-Rooks** (Kirkwood) on April 21, 2020, and **Patrick Long** (Bayside) on June 16, 2020 to enrolled them as Inquirers.

Received a letter from **Chuck Webb** asking to be removed as a Candidate.

Candidate **Pamela Dee Hrncir** was scheduled to be ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament on April 25, 2020 at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. The ordination service has been indefinitely postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gordon Tubbs has accepted a call at FPC Greenwood in the Trinity Presbytery.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

42	Ministers
49	Ruling Elders
91	Total voting members
10	Visitors
101	Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:00 am, Jamestown Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, 3287 Ironbound Road.