

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA (PEVA)

July 22, 2014
Franklin Presbyterian Church
Franklin, Virginia

Moderator: the Reverend Dr. **Jeffrey Bell**
Vice Moderator: RE Kenneth Wheeler
Stated Clerk: RE Q. John Tamm
Journal Clerk: RE Linda M. Smith

WORSHIP

- The Reverend Dr. **Keith Curran** preached a meditation based on Scripture, Philippians 4:8, which was preceded by a video presentation titled "Celebrating What's Right with the World" by DeWitt Jones, a photographer with the National Geographic Society.
- The offering for the PEVA Campus Ministry Fund was \$612.60.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** addressed the Presbytery and reported on the good news of mission and ministry within the Presbytery. Specific items of the good news report included the announcement that PEVA Administrative Assistant **Jessica Fitzgerald** had achieved Level 3 rating (highest) of the Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The Reverend Dr. **Louis Weeks**, honorably retired, has been elected the president of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and that the Reverend Dr. **Kerry K. Westerwick** had been awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

- Received a report from the Reverend Dr. **Douglas Nagel**, moderator of the Congregational Transformation Committee and Ruling Elder **Jane Lockhart**, moderator of the International Congo Ministry.
- Rev. Liza Hendricks, General Presbyter, proposed a new process for budget planning for PEVA. A PEVA budget planning meeting for all commissions, committees and ministries will be held at Providence Church, Virginia Beach on 08/18/2014 at 4:00 pm.

- RE **Gerry Ellis**, chair of the Peacemaking Committee announced that the committee was sponsoring a prevention of bullying conference at First Church, Norfolk on 07/20/2014.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

-The Rev. Curran, moderator of the commission, asked the Reverend Dr. **Michael Condrey** to make a presentation on a change to PEVA policy as it relates to Board of Pensions' dues. Rev. Condrey made a motion to PEVA to adopt the recommended policy of the Board of Pensions for the payment of dues for the Traditional Plan (pension, medical insurance, life insurance, disability insurance) for all covered Church employees both clergy and laypersons. The motion was approved.

Pastoral Relations

-Approved the Terms of Call for the Reverend **Rebecca Page Lesley** and the Green Acres Church, Portsmouth.
- Approved the Terms of Call for the Reverend **Leontine Monica Gould** and the yoked parishes of Makemie Church and Naomi Makemie Church, Accomac and Onancock respectively.
-Approved the request of the Reverend **David J. Van Dyke** to be honorably retired,
-Approved Rev. Gould as a member of PEVA,
-Approved the parish associate renewal agreement for the Reverend Dr. **Young Bae** and First Church, Norfolk,
-Approved the covenant between Commissioned Ruling Elder **William T. Ricketts** and Providence Church, Virginia Beach,
-Sustained the examination of Ruling Elder **Randolph C. DuVall** to be commissioned to a particular pastoral service.
-Approved the interim contract between the Reverend **Libby M. Rollins** and Green Acres Church, Portsmouth,
-Appointed the Rev. **Helen Louise Ventura** the moderator of the session of Hilton Church, Newport News for July and August 2014

**COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR THE
MINISTRY**

-Rev. Lesley, moderator of the commission, made a motion that **Jeffrey Keeney**, under the care of the Session of First Church, Norfolk be approved as a candidate for ministry. The motion was approved.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE 221ST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

-The Reverend **Helen Bessent Byrd** reported on her experience as a minister commissioner, the Reverend **Albert G. Butzer, III**, made a report on the behalf of Young Adult Advisory Delegate Taylor McLean (Hiddenwood Church, Newport News) and Ruling Elder **William Espich** (Hiddenwood Church) made a report on his experience as a ruling elder commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS

-Rev. Nagel presented a **MOTION** that an opportunity or special meeting of PEVA be called to discuss issues resulting from the actions of the General Assembly. The motion was seconded and discussed. Moderator of the VIT, Ruling Elder Roxie Holder assured those present that special meetings were already being considered. The motion was approved.

Worship

-The Reverend **Helen Louise Ventura** and Rev. Curran led a celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Moderator, Rev. Bell, then adjourned the meeting with prayer at 4:01 pm.

TEMPORARY CLERKS

- The Reverends **Caroline A. Jinkins** and **Jeremy M. Jinkins** served as Temporary Clerks.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

40 Teaching Elders
52 Ruling Elder
92 Total voting members
33 Visitors
125 Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center, Lanexa, Virginia