

DIGEST

NINETY-SIXTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

July 23, 2013
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Williamsburg, Virginia

Moderator: Roxie Holder
Vice Moderator: Jeff Bell
Stated Clerk: Donald F. Bickhart
Journal Clerk: Linda M. Smith

In Memory
Jerry Franklin Helms

The Rev. **Jerry Franklin Helms** died on June 9, 2013 in Easley, South Carolina at the age of 79. He was born in Lancaster, South Carolina on April 16, 1934 to William and Alice Culp Helms.

Rev. Helms graduated from the Davidson College and from Union Theological Seminary and was ordained by Norfolk Presbytery on May 17, 1959 and served as an ordained minister for over 54 years.

He served as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia; Pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Melbourne, Florida; and in November 1970 he became Pastor of Denbigh Presbyterian Church where he served until he retired on May 16, 2001. He was elected Pastor Emeritus of Denbigh Presbyterian Church in January 2004 and served as Temporary Supply Pastor at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Helms served as Vice Moderator and Moderator of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia; as Chair of Presbytery Council; as a member of Committee on Ministry; as a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission; as a member of the General Presbyter Search Committee; and was a minister commissioner to the General Assembly in 1984 and 2001.

Rev. Helms is survived by a sister, two nephews and three nieces. He was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law. A Celebration of Life Service was held on June 13, 2013 at Shiloh ARP Church in Easley, SC and a memorial service was held on July 9, 2013 at Denbigh Presbyterian Church in Newport News, VA.

WORSHIP

- The Rev. **Mark Jernigan** preached the sermon on "The Name Above Every Name" based on scripture from Philippians 2:1-11. The Revs. **Karen Stanley and Mark Jernigan** led the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Williamsburg Choir sang "How Firm A Foundation" for the offertory anthem and "Jesus Loves Me" for the communion anthem.

- The offering for the PEVA Hunger Fund was \$581.00.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

- Received approval to search for and recommend to presbytery the individual for the position of Acting Stated Clerk. The deadline for application submission is July 29, 2013.

- Will be meeting with Makemie Woods Management Team and Stewardship Ministry Team to discuss proposals for Makemie Woods in 2014 for report to October Presbytery meeting.

- Will be meeting with Old Dominion University Campus Ministry and Stewardship Ministry Team to discuss 2014 actions for report to October Presbytery meeting.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

- Approved the request of **Karen Stanley** to be placed on the Honorably Retired Roll effective October 1, 2013.

- Approved Annual Terms of Call for **Clint Mitchell**, pastor at Wythe Presbyterian Church, for 2013.

- Introduced **David Van Dyke, Dorothy Hood, and Brandon Hood** as new minister members.

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between **Robert A. Melone** and Stone House Presbyterian Church effective 09/30/13.

- Dissolved the associate pastoral relationship between **Karen V. Stanley** and Williamsburg Presbyterian Church effective 9/30/13.

- Received **David Van Dyke** from National Capital Presbytery to serve as Intentional Interim Pastor at Stone House Presbyterian Church effective 7/15/13.

- Received **John E. Morgan** from Donegal Presbytery to serve as Pastor of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church effective 6/17/13.

- Received **Kathryn R. Rascoe** from Mission Presbytery to serve as Associate Pastor at Bayside Presbyterian Church effective 8/26/13.

- Dismissed **Robert A. Melone** to National Capital Presbytery to serve as Pastor of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA effective 6/1/13.

- Dismissed **Gary L. Bagley** to Peace River Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor of Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers Beach, FL effective 2/1/13.

- Approved Temporary Relationship Agreement between **Linda Rainey** and Lafayette Presbyterian Church effective 8/15/13.

- Approved Commissioned Ruling Elder Agreement between **William T. Ricketts** and Second Presbyterian Church (Norfolk) for the period 6/1/13 to 6/1/16.

- Approved Temporary Relationship Agreement between **Dwight Webster** and Ocean View Presbyterian Church for the period 04/30/13 to 01/31/14.

- Approved change in terms of call between **Donald E. McLean** and Cradock Presbyterian Church for the period 6/1/13 to 12/31/13 to be a part-time pastorate.

- Approved elimination of the Yorkminster Presbyterian Church associate pastor position.

- Approved Covenant between Commissioned Ruling Elder **James Hamilton** and Greenbrier Presbyterian Church for the period 7/1/13 to 1/31/14.

- Approved the Study Leave Proposal request of **James Gates** for the period 8/5/13 to 12/5/13.

- Approved the use of the 1.4% Consumer Price Index for May for minimum compensation of installed pastors for 2014 which increases minimum presbytery salary for 2014 by \$591.00 to \$42,810.

NOMINATIONS

- Elected **Charles "Chip" Shefelton**, Ruling Elder to Commission on Ministry.

- Elected Teaching Elders **Doug Nagel** and **Georgianna Brabban Johnson** to the Congregational Transformation Ministry Team.

- Approved not using church clusters as criteria for selecting ruling elder commissioners to General Assembly but to select from names submitted by churches based on last sent a commissioner, activity in the life of the church, and representational issues (gender, racial ethnic, age, disability, etc.).

MAKEMIE WOODS MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Update provided by **Clint Mitchell** and request for pledges/donations for camp operations was made by **Eugene Johnson**.

PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS/ACTIONS

- Approved the report of the Sessional Records Review Committee.

- Received oral/written reports from Stewardship, Nominations, Hunger, and Peacemaking Ministry Teams, Makemie Woods Management Team, University Presbyterian Ministry at ODU, Vision Implementation Team, Commission on Ministry, Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Representation, Acting General Presbyter, and the Stated Clerk.

TEMPORARY CLERKS

- Revs. **Dorothy Hood** and **Brandon Hood** served as Temporary Clerks.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

38 Teaching Elders
49 Ruling Elder
87 Total voting members
16 Visitors
103 Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 1 p.m. at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, 6901 Newport Ave, Norfolk, Virginia.