

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH NINETEENTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

July 23, 2019

Denbigh United Presbyterian Church
Newport News, Virginia

Moderator: Commissioned Pastor (CP)
William T. "Billy" Ricketts (Providence)
Vice Moderator: the Reverend **Helen Louise
"Lou" Ventura**
Stated Clerk: Ruling Elder (RE) **Q. John
Tamm** (1st VAB)
Journal Clerk: Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues**

WORSHIP

- RE **Olanda Carr** (1st United, Charlotte, NC & the Presbyterian Foundation) preached a sermon titled "I Shall Not Want," based on Psalm 23 & John 10:11-15.
- Reverend **Deborah D. Dail**, pastor Denbigh United Church and the Reverend **Boone D. Clayton**, associate pastor of Denbigh United Church, led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the **Clergy
Emergency Assistance Fund** was \$918.00

MODERATORS

- CP William T. "Billy" Ricketts was the Moderator, Rev. H.L. "Lou" Ventura was the Vice Moderator.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin**, (1st Portsmouth) moderator.
The Presbytery approved the following:

MOTION: The Presbytery approved the adoption of the Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy, as amended, which is required of the Presbytery by the General Assembly. Amendments to the Policy were offered by REs **Kenneth Hodge** (Stone House) and **John Keifer** (Royster Memorial) and by the Reverends **T. C. Mitchell, D. N. Rollins and C.M. Carrasco**. All the amendments were adopted.

MOTION: The Presbytery received the Presbytery Council's narrative report and approved the actions of Council.

Presbyterian Foundation, Theological Education Funds Development

The Reverend Dr. **Gerald Lee Hinson-Hasty** (Coastal Carolina) Senior Director gave a monologue on the Theological Education Funds. He emphasized the need of the thirteen Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) seminaries to be supported by the Presbyteries and their member congregations. Dr. Hinson-Hasty had a PowerPoint presentation and a short film that provided additional information.

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 2019 be approved as indicated:

Records reviewed without exception:
Knox, Hidenwood, Providence,
Yorkminster, Wycliffe, Lafayette, First Church, Hampton.

Records reviewed with exception(s):
Jamestown, Holmes.

Records to submitted late by agreement:
none

Records not received: Francis Makemie, LaCrosse, Great Bridge.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

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

Honorable Retirement

The ministry of the Reverend Dr. **Keith Michael Curran** was recognized by the Presbytery with the retirement litany. Reflections on Dr. Curran's career was offered by the Stated Clerk.

Introduced to the Presbytery

The Reverend **Rebekah Jeanne Johns** Interim Pastor, Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, Newport News the Reverends **Kelly Anne Piraino Nieto and Michael Andrew Nieto**, Co-Pastors, Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake and the Reverend Dr. **Allen Valentine Kemp**, honorably retired.

Pastoral Relations

-Deceased: On June 25, 2019 **Melvin Stanford Hester**, age 90 in Suffolk, VA.

-Received: On April 1, 2019 the Reverend **Kelly Anne Piraino Nieto** from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, Phoenix, AZ, to serve as Co-Pastor of Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake.

On April 1, 2019 the Reverend **Michael Andrew Nieto** from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, Phoenix, AZ, to serve as Co-Pastor of Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake.

On June 4, 2019 the Reverend **Rebekah Jeanne Johns**, from the Presbytery of the James to serve as the Interim Pastor of Hidenwood Church, Newport News.

On June 4, 2019 the Reverend Dr. **Allen Valentine Kemp**, from the Presbytery of Hudson River, NY as honorably retired.

On June 4, 2019 the Reverend **Deborah Margarite Miller Kemp**, from the Presbytery of Hudson River, NY as honorably retired.

-Dismissed: On January 8, 2019 the Reverend **William Graham Lamont**, to the Presbytery of Florida to serve as the Pastor of Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church, Gulf Breeze, FL.

-Installed: On June 2, 2019 the Reverend **Elizabeth Marie Hilkerbaumer** as the Pastor of Green Acres Church, Portsmouth, VA.

-Honorably Retired: On June 1, 2019 the Reverend Dr. **Keith Michael Curran**.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)
The Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**, moderator.

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

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

The Reverend **Virginia Snyder Campbell**, moderator, the Reverend **Garrett B. Bugg**, vice moderator

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

Narrative Report

- Madison Winters** (1st VAB) has been accepted an inquirer.
- Gordon Tubbs** (1st Norfolk) has been certified to seek a call. His Pastor Information Form (PIF) has been posted.
- Pamela Hrcncir** (Williamsburg) has been certified to receive a call and her PIF has been posted.
- Andrea Alvord Wood** (1st Norfolk) has graduated from Yale. She needs to

complete Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

- Katherine Dickens** (1st VAB) has been certified to receive a call. She is currently working at Patuxent Presbyterian Church in St. Mary's County Maryland. Her husband is being stationed in Japan soon. She is researching her options.

GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** is on Sabbatical Leave and will return to the Presbytery Offices on August 5, 2019.

THE MODERATOR

The Moderator stated that the Presbytery has been functioning very well in the General Presbyter's absence. The Moderator commended the Presbytery officers and staff for administering the business of the Presbytery.

It was noted that collective/connective ministry has occurred during the General Presbyter's Sabbatical Leave. The Moderator said that it is easy to be part of the problem and asked the members of the Presbytery to become part of the solution.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

43	Ministers
49	Ruling Elders
92	Total voting members
18	Visitors
110	Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, October 22, 2018, at 10:00 am, Suffolk Presbyterian Church, 410 North Broad Street, Suffolk.