

DIGEST

July 25, 2017
Community Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Virginia

Moderator: The Reverend **William G. Lamont**
Vice Moderator: Ruling Elder (RE) **Diane P. Griffin**
Stated Clerk: RE **Q. John Tamm**
Journal Clerk: RE **Linda M. Smith**

WORSHIP

- The Reverend **Garrett B. Bugg** preached a sermon titled, "Let's Hear it for the Ram!" based on Genesis 22:1-14.
- Rev. Bugg and the Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**, pastor, Community Church, Portsmouth led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for *Youth Scholarships* was \$834.00.

MODERATORS

- The Rev. William G. Lamont was the moderator and RE Diane P. Griffin was the vice moderator.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

The Reverend **Addie Naomi Peterson**,
Moderator

The VIT recommended the approval of new articles of incorporation for the Presbyterian League of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc.

THE PRESBYTERIAN LEAGUE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA, Inc.

The Rev. Dr. **John E. Morgan**, President, opened the corporate meeting with prayer.

On the motion of the Secretary of the Presbyterian League, Ruling Elder Q. John Tamm, new articles of incorporation for the Presbytery's corporation were approved and adopted. The new corporation's name is "**The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Incorporated.**"

ONE HUNDRETH ELEVENTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Report to Presbytery
Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts**, Moderator

The COM RECOMMENDED to the Presbytery the approval of eighteen actions related to minister assignments and pastor searches.

On the motion of the COM the Presbytery established a policy of allowing ministers in a temporary relationship with a congregation to be called and installed as a pastor or associate pastor, except in the case of interim pastors or associate pastors.

On the motion of the COM the Presbytery gave permission to the congregation of Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, Yorktown to extend a call to the covenant associate pastor, the Reverend **Michelle D. Burcher** as associate pastor.

Introduced to the Presbytery:

The Reverend **Peter T. Atkinson**, serving as the Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Zuni.

The Reverend **Emily K. Béghin**, serving as Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

The Reverend **Julie A. Sterling**, serving as Pastor, Suffolk Presbyterian Church.

Pastoral Relations

The Reverend Dr. **Daniel David Dickenson**, Honorably Retired, who lived at Westminster Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay in Virginia Beach, died on June 10, 2017 at the age of 84. He was a pastor of Lafayette Church, Norfolk and the first chairman of Westminster Canterbury.

Received the Reverend **Peter Tulane Atkinson** from the Presbytery of the James to serve as the Pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Zuni.

Dismissed the Reverend **Robert G. White** to the Holston Presbytery, Kingsport, TN.

Dismissed the Reverend **Lindsey K. Santamaria** to the Presbytery of the Cascades.

Installed the Reverend **Emma Lee Ouellette** as Associate Pastor of Bayside Presbyterian Church.

Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Reverend **Rebecca P. Lesley** and Green Acres Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth.

Dismissed to another denomination the Reverend Dr. Douglas E. Nagel.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) The Reverend **Virginia S. Campbell**, Moderator

On the motion of the CPM the Presbytery examined and thereafter approved Mrs. **Pamela D. Hrncir** (Williamsburg) as a candidate for ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

On the motion of the CPM the Presbytery approved an alternate means ordination examination in Theology for Candidate for Ministry **Carol Bayma** (Royster Memorial).

General Presbyter

Received the Good News report of the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** which included recognition of Ruling Elders **Nelda** and **Jim Pressly** (Squires Memorial) for their work at Makemie Woods Camp.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee report was a part of the consent agenda. Moderator, the Reverend **Veronica Martin Thomas'** report requested the election of the following:

Commission on Ministry
Ruling Elder **Gail Pittman**, (Green Acres).

ENROLLMENT REPORT

39	Ministers
57	Ruling Elders
96	Total voting members
36	Visitors
132	Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, October 24 , 2017, at 1:00 pm, Second Presbyterian Church, 7305 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA