

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH SEVENTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

July 26, 2016
LaCrosse Memorial Presbyterian Church
Hampton, Virginia

Moderator: The Rev. Addie Naomi Peterson
Vice Moderator: The Rev. William G. Lamont
Stated Clerk: RE Q. John Tamm
Journal Clerk: CRE Linda M. Smith

WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia R. Higgins preached a sermon titled "Some Assembly Required," based on Ezekiel 37:1-14. Rev. Peterson and the Rev. Robert G. White, pastor, LaCrosse Church led the celebration of the Lord's Supper. An offering of \$947.27 was received for Presbyterian Disaster Agency.

MODERATORS

The Rev. Addie Naomi Peterson was the Moderator and the Rev. William G. Lamont was the Vice Moderator.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT) RE Kenneth M. Wheeler, moderator

Presbytery approved the following two recommendations from VIT:

- *1. That Rev. **Walter C. Hunting** be appointed to the Nominating Committee for the class of 2019.
- *2. That Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull** (Second, Norfolk) be appointed a signatory on the bank accounts for Tidewater Westminster Homes, Inc.

Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center: The Makemie Woods Viability study continues, awaiting a final report from the consultant, River Run Enterprises. PEVA's 12-person Makemie Woods Viability Study Team has spent two weekends at the camp with the consultant and will receive the final report and then make recommendations to PEVA.

In the meantime, the Makemie Woods Management Team Moderator has informed VIT that needed revenue in the current year has not been meeting the budgeted goal and that a significant deficit could result. In response the VIT determined that a Makemie Woods status report be given at the July stated meeting and that moderators (or designees) of Stewardship Ministry Team (SMT), VIT, Makemie Woods Management Team (MWMW), and the Presbytery Treasurer meet soon to review the situation and consider options.

Budget The May 2016 financial reports show an overall positive balance, although Makemie Woods is running a deficit. The VIT Moderator and General Presbyter have sent a letter to moderators and leaders of PEVA ministry teams, committees and commissions requesting their 2017 budget request by August 15. The responses will begin the process of developing the budget for next year.

Roots & Wings. VIT continues to work on the "abandonment" of the Roots & Wings restricted fund, as approved at past Presbytery meetings. When the deadline for responses from donors passed in January, VIT determined to verify addresses and send a second letter to the 112 with a response deadline of April 30. To date, there remain 54 persons/entities from whom there have been no response. CRE **Marvin Brangan** examined these records on June 21, 2016 and found them to be in good order with three minor corrections (net .03¢) that have been addressed. As of July 6, 2016 the re-designation project stands thus:
*Available Funds to be re-designated: \$633,693.24 (376 donors)

*Re-designated to Outdoor Ministry Fund- \$82,337.08
*Re-designated to Campus Ministry - \$40,972.26
*Re-designated to Candidates Scholarships \$28,285.90
Re-designated to Union Seminary - \$84,932.95
*Re-designated to PEVA - \$57401.31
*Refund Requested - \$259,678.77
*Deceased/Miscellaneous \$59,446.79
*Remaining to be designated - \$20,638.18 (54 donors as of 7/6/16)

First Presbyterian Church, Gloucester Administrative Commission. The Commission continues its process of discernment and is not yet ready to report. A report will be forthcoming by the October PEVA meeting.

VIT also approved the minutes of the PEVA Stated Meeting on April 26, 2016.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

The presbytery approved the following recommendation:

- *1. That the Presbytery approve the actions taken by the COM.

1. On May 3, 2016 approved the covenant and agreement for CRE **Kirk William McCullough** and the session of Denbigh United Church, Newport News.
2. On May 3, 2016 sustained the examination for fit of CRE **Kirk William McCullough** at Denbigh United Church.
3. On May 3, 2016 approved the sabbatical proposal for the Rev. **Deborah D. Dail**.
4. On May 3, 2016 approved the proposed associate pastor position description for Second Church, Norfolk.
5. On May 3, 2016 approved the proposed associate pastor position description for Yorkminster Church, Yorktown.
6. On May 3, 2016 approved the Ministry Information Form for Denbigh United Church for the proposed position of associate pastor.
7. On June 7, 2016 after an examination on theology, Bible and polity received the Rev. **Lyndsey Marie McCall** as a member at large in a Presbytery validated ministry from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.
8. On June 7, 2016 approved continued employment while honorably retired of the Rev. **J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.**, on the request of the Board of Pensions.
9. On June 7, 2016 approved the covenant and agreement between CRE **Randolph C. DuVall** and the session of First Church, Virginia Beach.
10. On June 7, 2016 approved the Ministry Information Form for Bayside Church, Virginia Beach for the open position of associate pastor.
11. On June 7, 2016 approved the interim associate pastor description for First Church, Virginia Beach.
12. On June 28, 2016 received into membership in the Presbytery the Rev. **Leigh B. Gillis** from the Presbytery of New Hope.
13. On June 28, 2016 approved the intentional interim pastor agreement between the Rev. Leigh B. Gillis and the session of St. Andrew Church, Suffolk.
14. On June 28, 2016 sustained the examination of Candidate for Ministry **Catherine Hart Monroe** to be ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament.
15. On June 28, 2016 approved the covenant associate pastor agreement between Candidate for Ministry **Catherine Hart Monroe** and the session of Second Church, Norfolk.
16. On June 28, 2016 approved the request for an administrative commission to install the Rev. **Alexander J. Creager** as pastor of Stone House Church, Toano.
17. On June 28, 2016 approved the Ministry Information Form for Calvin Church, Norfolk.

Candidate for Ministry

The ordinand sermon of **Catherine Hart Monroe** was sustained. The examination of **Catherine Hart Monroe** was sustained. On satisfactory completion of her ordinand sermon and examination, presbytery approved that **Catherine Hart Monroe** be received into membership in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia upon her ordination to serve as Covenant Associate Pastor of Second Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

In MEMORIAM

The Rev. Dr. **Raymond Leslie Wallace**, 96, of Virginia Beach, VA, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2016 at his home in Virginia Beach surrounded by family.

The Reverend **Lyndsey Marie McCall**, serving as the Director of Youth Ministries, First Church, Virginia Beach, was introduced to presbytery.

Pastoral Relations

Received from the Presbytery of New Hope on June 7, 2016 the Rev. **Lyndsey Marie McCall**.

Received from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on June 28, the Rev. **Leigh B. Gillis**.

Transitional General Presbyter

Received the Good News report of the Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**

Nominations Committee

Presbytery approved the following nominations:

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Class of 2019

The Rev. Dr. **Helen B. Byrd**

Vision Implementation Team
Class of 2018

The Rev. L. **Monica Gould**

Commission on Ministry
Class of 2018

The Rev. **Jennifer M. Spivey**

Stewardship Management Team and Trustee of the Presbyterian League

Class of 2019

CRE **Marvin Brangan** (Lafayette)

ENROLLMENT REPORT

35 Ministers
48 Ruling Elders
83 Total voting members
27 Visitors
110 Total Registered

06 Excused Absences Granted

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at King's Grant Presbyterian Church, 745 Little Neck Road, Virginia Beach, VA