

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH TWENTY SEVENTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

October 21, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Moderator: the Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**
Vice Moderator: Ruling Elder (RE) **Dianne F. Schoonover** (Yorkminster)
Stated Clerk: Ruling Elder (RE) **Q. John Tamm** (1st VAB)
Journal Clerk: Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues**

WORSHIP

- The Reverend Dr. Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura preached a sermon titled ""The Prayer of the Righteous" based on James 5:13-18
- Reverend Deidre P. "Dee Dee" Carson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church and the Reverend Dr. Lou Ventura, pastor Franklin Church, led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering was for the Hunger Programs from the Presbytery.

MODERATORS

- Rev. Dr. W. C. Douglass, III was the Moderator, and RE Diane F. Schoonover was the vice moderator.

STATED CLERK

There was a report from the Permanent Judicial Commission.

A brief report of the Administrative Commission to Great Bridge Church, Chesapeake, was presented by the Reverend **Brian H. Harroff**.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

The Reverend Dr. Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura moderator.

The Presbytery approved the following:

MOTION: The Presbytery re-elect RE Q. John Tamm as Stated Clerk for a two-year term commencing January 2022.

MOTION: The Presbytery approved the published 2022 Budget with income goal for pledges and gifts of \$513,938.00 and additional revenues totaling \$703,988.00 and total expenses of \$713,752.58. Additional revenues include fees, grants, rental income, and support from the Church Legacies, Community

Ministries, and Leadership Development restricted funds.

MOTION: The Presbytery approved that the size of the Presbytery Council be increased from three at-large members to six at-large members, in addition to the Vice Moderator, Moderator of Presbytery, and Moderator of Council, to provide opportunity for more perspectives on Council. Parity will be maintained between ministers and ruling elders.

MOTION: The Presbytery approved the General Presbyter's housing allowance as \$22,500.00 for calendar year 2022.

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 third quarter of 2021 be approved as indicated: The following church records had no exceptions: Kirkwood, Powelton, Community Hampton, Norfolk Second, First PC Virginia Beach, Grace Covenant, Simonsdale, Green Acres, Williamsburg. The following churches had exceptions: Royster Memorial, Carver Memorial, New Horizons. No records were received from Ocean View.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Report to Presbytery

RE **Roxie O. Holder**, moderator.

The COM RECOMMENDED to the Presbytery the approval of fourteen actions related to minister assignments, pastor searches and commissioned pastors. Rev. Andrew Patrick Whitehead, Pastor, Hidenwood Church, Newport News was introduced to the Presbytery

In Memoria

The Reverend **David Robert Warren** died August 24th, 2021, in Williamsburg, VA. He was born and raised in Erie, PA, the youngest of two children. Reverend Warren attended Allegheny College from 1951 to 1953 and then served in the United States Army for two years. Upon returning to Allegheny College to finish

his degree, he met Lola Neumann and they married in 1959. He received his Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Reverend Warren was ordained by Lake Erie Presbytery on June 30, 1960. He was the pastor or associate pastor of congregations in Detroit, MI; Zanesville, OH; Clinton, IA; University Park, MD; and Parkville, MO. Reverend Warren was honorably retired by the Heartland Presbytery, Kansas City, MO on September 17, 1998. He was received by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on October 2, 2000, as honorably retired.

The Reverend **Calvin C. Fahrion** died on September 5, 2021, in Gloucester, VA, at age 88. Reverend Fahrion was born and raised in Champaign, IL. He graduated from Tarkio College in Tarkio, MO in 1954 and thereafter attended and graduated from Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA with a Master of Divinity in 1958. Reverend Fahrion was ordained by the College Springs Presbytery (now Missouri River Valley) of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA on July 11, 1958. Reverend Fahrion pastored churches in Emerson, IA, Loop City, NE, Sioux City, NE, Havre, MT, Columbus, OH, White Sulphur Springs, MT and Munising, MI. He was received by the Presbytery on March 3, 2009, as honorably retired, from the Mackinac Presbytery.

Pastoral Relations

-Deceased: The Reverend David Robert Warren, August 24th, 2021, Williamsburg, VA.

The Reverend Calvin C. Fahrion, September 5, 2021, Gloucester, VA.

-Received: The Reverend **Eric R. Peltz** on September 7, 2021, from National Capital Presbytery as a member at large.

-Dismissed: The Reverend **Alexander J. Creager** to the Presbytery of the James on September 7, 2021.

The Reverend Dr. **Keith M. Curran** to the Presbytery of the James on October 5, 2021.

The Reverend **Mary Newbern-Williams** to the Presbytery of the James on October 5, 2021.

-Installed: On September 19, 2021, the Reverend Dr. **Brian J. Wells** as the pastor of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church, Newport News.

On October 3, 2021, the Reverend Dr. **Donna DeSarro-Raynal** as the pastor of Wythe Presbyterian Church, Hampton.

-Dissolutions: On August 29, 2021, the Reverend Alexander J. Creager and the congregation of Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)

Commissioned Pastor **Marvin Brangan**, (Lynnhaven) moderator.

Motion: The narrative report was received and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Narrative Report:

The Board of Trustees continues to monitor the finances and properties of the Presbytery. A planned visit to review investments with representatives from New Covenant Trust Company had to be postponed at the last minute but the Trustees will meet to discuss the 2020 Financial Review with the certified public accountant at their October 13th meeting.

No significant changes have happened with properties owned or managed by the Presbytery. However, the Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk has reported that the former Oakdale property has sold. The trustees also reviewed a potential sale of land by the Wycliffe Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

Motion: The Trustees of Wycliffe Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, were authorized to approve, execute, and sign all documents to affect the sale and to sell certain real estate to Bishard Development Corporation, Virginia Beach, VA. The real estate is adjacent to the Wycliffe Presbyterian Church buildings at 1445 North Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, VA and is described as:

Approximate 4.2 acres of land to be subdivided by the buyer that has a present address of 2307 North Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, VA. The contracted purchase price is \$1,200,000.00.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

The Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette** co-moderator.

Motion: **Alyssa Mitchell** (Stone House) was approved for candidacy for ministry in the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)

Motion: The Presbytery received the narrative report of the CPM. The Presbytery has 6 inquirers and 14 candidates for ministry under care.

HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

Motion: The Presbytery approved the Hunger Committee request that the Hunger Action Advocate Covenant between the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) be approved.

Note: Proposed covenant requests PCUSA funds to help support the PEVA Hunger Action Enabler in the amount of \$4,000 in 2022. It also outlines the PEVA hunger ministry program and provides a brief summary of projects, people reached, and communication means related to the PEVA Presbyterian Hunger Program.

GENERAL PRESBYTER GOOD NEWS

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** reported that:
The Reverend **Addie Naomi Peterson** was elected Vice-Moderator of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. The Reverend **Veronica Martin Thomas** was awarded the Senator Yvonne Miller Legacy Award for Pastor Thomas' work with inter-city teenagers in Norfolk. Reverend Thomas will receive the award at a banquet in Norfolk on November 18th. The Reverend Dr. **Brian J. Wells** was installed as the Pastor of Carver Memorial Church, Newport News, and the Reverend Dr. **Donna DeSarro-Raynal** at Wythe Church, Hampton. The middle school youth at First Virginia Beach made up 50 care packages for the staff of Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter. Fourteen pastors and congregations participated in a Prayer Walk for Peace, Justice, and Racial Healing at Fort Monroe.

NOMINATIONS:

The Reverend **Elnoria Lofton Harrison**, moderator.
The Presbytery approved the report of the Committee as follows:

Motion:

Moderator of Presbytery
Ruling Elder (RE) **Dianne F. Schoonover** (Yorkminster)
Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery
Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**
Presbytery Council Moderator Class of 2023
Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**
Presbytery Council Class of 2025
RE **Larry H. Hull** (Second)
Commission on Ministry Class of 2025
RE **Charity Houghton** (Wythe)
Rev. Dr. **David N. Rollins**

RE **York Poole** (Green Acres)
Rev. Pamela D. Hrnccir
RE **Shirlene Imperial** (Lynnhaven)
Rev. **Lyndsey M. McCall- Gilliam**
RE **Alyce Jones** (Grace Covenant)
Rev. **Gillian E. Weighton**
Commission on Preparation for the Ministry Class of 2024
Rev. **Emma L. Ouellette**

Commission on Preparation for the Ministry Class of 2025
RE **Charles Reece** (KirkWood)
Presbytery Board of Trustees Class of 2025
RE **Marc Steiner** (Green Acres)
RE **John Keifer** (Royster Memorial)
Permanent Judicial Commission Class of 2028
RE **Jonathan Hyslop** (Providence)
Reverend **Martha E. Mitchell**
RE **Clyde Parker** (Community Portsmouth)
Synod Permanent Judicial Commission Class of 2028
RE **Joanna Sydnor** (Carver Memorial)

ENROLLMENT REPORT

43 Ministers
45 Ruling Elders
88 Total voting members
20 Visitors
108 Total Registered

Offering for the Hunger Ministries
\$1,143.00

NEXT MEETING

- Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 10:00 am, Grace Covenant Church, Virginia Beach