

DIGEST

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

October 20, 2020
Jamestown Presbyterian Church
Jamestown, Virginia via Zoom

Moderator: the Reverend Dr. **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**

Vice Moderator: the Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**

Stated Clerk: Ruling Elder (RE) **Q. John Tamm** (1st VAB)

Journal Clerk: Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues**
WORSHIP

- The Reverend Dr. **J. Herbert Nelson, II**, the Stated Clerk, preached a sermon titled "The Rediscovery of Our Nature," based on 1 John 1: 1 & 2.
- Reverend **Deborah D. Dail**, pastor and the Reverend **Boone D. Clayton**, associate pastor, Denbigh United Church, Newport News, led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering was for the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**.

MODERATORS

- Rev. Dr. **H.L. "Lou" Ventura** was the Moderator, and the Rev. Dr. **W. C. Douglass, III** was the vice moderator.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts** (1st Portsmouth) moderator.

The Presbytery approved the following:

MOTION: The Presbytery approved the published 2020 Budget with a congregational income goal of \$580,500.00 with additional revenues totaling \$676,550.00, and total expenses of \$675,164.89

MOTION: Approved that the General Presbyter will receive an increase of 1.4% on effective salary, for 2020 with \$22,500.00 of that as housing allowance.

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

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 of 2020 be approved as indicated: The following church records had no exceptions: Williamsburg PC, Kirkwood PC, First PC Virginia Beach, Green Acres PC, Powelton PC, Community PC Hampton, and Second PC Norfolk. Simonsdale PC had the following exceptions - 13, 14, 15, 20, 28b and Royster Memorial PC 2b. Records received with no checklist and returned - Squires Memorial PC and Great Bridge PC. Records not received from New Horizons PC, Grace Covenant PC, and Ocean View PC.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Report to Presbytery

The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, moderator.

The COM RECOMMENDED to the Presbytery the approval of eight actions related to minister assignments, pastor searches and commissioned pastors.

In Memoria

The Reverend Dr. **Donald Ray Broad**, age 94, died peacefully in his home in Melfa, VA, July 15, 2020. Dr. Broad was the pastor emeritus of Powelton Church, Wachapreague, and the most senior minister by ordained service in the Presbytery. Awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle as a Soldier, he is also the Presbytery's last World War II veteran.

The Reverend Dr. **Donald Frederick Hammond** age 84, of Pinetown, NC died on Thursday, August 20, 2020 in Greenville, NC. Dr. Hammond served on active duty in the US Coast Guard. He was called and installed as the pastor of Suffolk Presbyterian Church on November 14, 1993. Dr. Hammond served that congregation until his honorable retirement on October 31, 2000.

Pastoral Relations

-Deceased: The Reverend Dr. **Donald Ray Broad**, age 94, in Melfa, VA, July 15, 2020.

The Reverend Dr. **Donald Frederick Hammond** age 84, of Pinetown, NC on August 20, 2020 in Greenville, NC.

-Received: None

-Dismissed: On September 1, 2020 to the Salem Presbytery, Clemmons, NC the Reverend Dr. **David A. Cagle** to serve as the interim pastor of Guilford Park Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC.

-Installed: None

-Honorably Retired: None

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)

Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull** (Second), moderator.

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

Narrative Report:

A primary Presbytery focus has been and continues to be on how to best support churches and other ministries in dealing with the financial impacts of and technological needs from Covid 19. Grants totaling over \$106,000 have been given to 31 churches and 8 other entities. These include:

The Congregational Vitality Team has approved technology improvement grants to 21 churches totaling \$41,479 to support their need for virtual worship & other programs. These grants will enhance the churches' ministry abilities both now and, in the post, Covid future.

The Hunger & Community Ministry Team has approved hunger alleviation grants to 15 churches & 3 Foodbanks totaling \$27,000. New grant applications based on the continuing need from the impacts of Covid are being reviewed.

Outdoor Ministries approved \$9,600 in grants to 7 churches, but most could not be used.

The Trustees approved Small Church Assistance and Covid Emergency grants totaling \$28,000 to 6 churches for various mostly facility and operational needs. They also approved Covid specific grants totaling \$3200 to support the ministries of 5 medical chaplains.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

The Reverends **Garrett B. Bugg**, and **Emma L. Ouellette** co- moderators.

Motion: Joel Phillips (First Norfolk) 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 9 inquirers and 9 candidates for ministry under care.

HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

Motion: Presbytery approved that the Hunger Action Advocate Covenant between the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (PCUSA) be approved. The proposed covenant requests PCUSA funds to help support the Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler in the amount of \$4,000 in 2021. 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

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** highlighted the work of four Matthew 25 congregations in the Presbytery, Royster Memorial Church, Norfolk, First Church, Hampton, Suffolk Church and King's Grant Church, Virginia Beach. A PowerPoint Presentation by the Reverend **Brian H. Harroff** was made concerning the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL and the Legacy Museum, the Rosa Parks' Museum and the Civil Rights Memorial. The other pilgrims were the Reverend Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd**, Ruling Elder **Claudette Gravely** (New Horizons) and the Reverend **Veronica Martin Thomas**.

NOMINATIONS:

The Reverend **Elnoria Lofton Harrison**, moderator.

The Presbytery approved the report of the Committee as follows:

Motion: The Committee placed in nomination the following to be elected by the Presbytery:

Moderator of Presbytery

Rev. Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**

Vice Moderator of Presbytery

Ruling Elder **Dianne F. Schoonover**

(Yorkminster)

Presbytery Council Class of 2022

Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull** (Second)

Presbytery Council Class of 2024

Rev. **Deborah D. Dail**

Commission on Ministry Class of 2022

Rev. **Jennifer M. Spivey**

Commission on Ministry Class of 2023

Rev. Charles M. Tucker

Commission on Ministry Class of 2024

Rev. Dr. **Jeffrey S. Bell**

Rev. **L. Monica Gould**

Rev. **Valena M. Hoy**

Commander **Jeffrey C. Quinn**, CHC, US Navy

Ruling Elder **Roxie O. Holder** (New Horizons)

Ruling Elder **Stacy Fuqua** (First VAB)

Ruling Elder **Kelley Gangwer** (Wycliffe)

Ruling Elder **Bruce Knight** (KirkWood)

Commission on Preparation for the Ministry Class of 2024

Ruling Elder **Judi Rogers** (Great Bridge)

Rev. **Michelle D. "Mike" Burcher**

Presbytery Board of Trustees Class of 2024

Rev. **Julie A. Sterling**

Rev. Dr. **Marc V. Mason**

Permanent Judicial Commission Class of 2022

Rev. Dr. **John E. Morgan**

Permanent Judicial Commission Class of 2026

Ruling Elder **Judy Piersall** (Green Acres)

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Commissioner Class of 2024

Ruling Elder **Calvin Sydnor**, DPM (Carver Memorial)

ENROLLMENT REPORT

45 Ministers
55 Ruling Elders
100 Total voting members
11 Visitors
111 Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 10:00 am, Stone House Church, Toano via Zoom.