

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH TWENTIETH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

October 22, 2019
Suffolk Presbyterian Church
Suffolk, 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 **Lorie Jones** (1st Hampton) preached a sermon titled "Look Well to the Growing Edge," based on Isaiah 43: 14, 18-19.
- Reverend **Julie A. Sterling**, pastor Suffolk Church and the Reverend Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura, Vice Moderator led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the **Clergy Emergency Assistance Fund** was \$1155.00

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 elected Q. John Tamm as Stated Clerk for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2020.

MOTION: The Presbytery approved the published 2020 Budget with a congregational income goal of \$580,000.00 with additional revenues totaling \$667,800.00, and total expenses of \$675,858.95.

MOTION: Approved that the General Presbyter will receive an increase of 2.0% 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 second third of 2019 be approved as indicated:

Records reviewed without exception:
First Presbyterian Church (Virginia Beach), Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Green Acres Presbyterian Church, KirkWood Presbyterian Church, Powelton Presbyterian Church, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Simonsdale Presbyterian Church, Squires Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.

Records reviewed with exception(s):
Community Presbyterian Church (Hampton).

Records to submitted late by agreement:
none

Records not received: Ocean View.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Report to Presbytery

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

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

In Memoria

The Reverend **William Frye Summers** passed away peacefully on July 15, 2019 in Summerville, SC. He was 98 years old and the senior minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbytery by both age and years of ordained service. He was a minister for 74 years.

Introduced to the Presbytery

The Reverend **Deborah Miller Kemp**, honorably retired.

Pastoral Relations

-Deceased: The Reverend **William Frye Summers**, July 15, 2019 in Summerville, SC.

-Received: None

-Dismissed: On August 18, 2019 the Reverend **Emily Kathryn Béghin**, to the Presbytery of New Covenant to serve as the Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, TX. On September 3, 2019 the Reverend Dr. **Anita Killebrew Herbert**, to the Presbytery of

Charleston-Atlantic to serve as the Pastor of Summerville Presbyterian Church, Summerville, SC.

-Installed: On September 22, 2019 the Reverends **Kelly Anne P. Nieto** and **Michael Andrew Nieto** as Co-Pastors of Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake, VA.

-Honorably Retired: On September 1, 2019 the Reverend Dr. **Ralph Richard Herbert**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)

The Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**, moderator.

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

Narrative Report:

The Stewardship Ministry Team recommends the approval of the Budget for 2020 as submitted to the Presbytery by the Council. SMT continues to oversee the properties of the Presbytery and are working to find good options for their future use.

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:

Met with Inquirer **Marcy Wright** (Carver Memorial) who requested that she be approved for Candidacy. She was approved and will be presented for candidacy at the January 25, 2020 meeting. Conducted an annual meeting with Inquirer **Melissa Goodson** (Hilton). She needs to complete her psychological profile before becoming a candidate. Candidate **Kimberly Coyle** (Bayside) completed her supervised ministry at Third Presbyterian Church during the summer of 2019. Scholarship money was sent to all full-time students under our care.

HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

Motion: The 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.) be approved.

PRAISE & POTATOES: Potatoes and Presbyterians, on Saturday Sept. 28 several Presbyterian churches Oakdale PC, Lafayette PC, Third PC, Royster Memorial PC, First United PC, Calvin PC, Knox PC, & New Horizons PC combined forces to give out potatoes and other

items at the Oakdale Presbyterian Church on Little Creek Road in Norfolk.

GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** commended the various congregations of the Presbytery that participated in the Praise and Potatoes ministry outreach. Reverend Hendricks then made a presentation about her Sabbatical Leave. She provided a PowerPoint of her travels in Europe from the Cathedral and Pilgrimage site *Santiago de Compostela*, Spain (Saint James in a Field of Stars) to Iona, Scotland, and the Iona Abbey, founded in 563 *anno Domini*, by St. Columba.

NOMINATIONS:

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. **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**

Vice Moderator of Presbytery

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

Presbytery Council Class of 2023

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

Commission on Preparation; Ministry

The Reverend Dr. **Brian J. Wells**

Commission on Ministry Class of 2021

Ruling Elder **Karen J. Harris** (1st

Virginia Beach)

Commission on Ministry Class of 2023

Rev. Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**

Rev. **Elizabeth M. Hilkerbaumer**

Rev. **Veronica M. Thomas**

Ruling Elder **Robin L. Cowherd** (1st

Norfolk)

Commissioned Pastor **Sidnia B.**

Etherington (Lafayette)

Ruling Elder **Gail C. Pittman** (1st

Portsmouth)

Ruling Elder **Charles Shefelton** (Hilton)

Stewardship Ministry Team

Rev. **Michael A. Nieto**

Permanent Judicial Commission Class 2026

Ruling Elder **Benjamin Mason** (Hiddenwood)

Rev. Dr. **William C. Hedrick**

ENROLLMENT REPORT

44	Ministers
53	Ruling Elders
97	Total voting members
34	Visitors
131	Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 10:00 am, Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg.