

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRETH SIXTEENTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

October 23, 2018
Green Acres Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Virginia

Moderator: Ruling Elder (RE) **Diane P. Griffin** (First Portsmouth)
Vice Moderator: Commissioned Pastor (CP) **William T. "Billy" Ricketts** (Providence)
Stated Clerk: RE **Q. John Tamm** (1st VAB)
Journal Clerk: Mr. **Raymond Rodrigues**

WORSHIP

- The Ruling Elder **Deborah Rexrode** preached a sermon, "Called to Steward God's Church based on Peter 4:1-11.
- Reverend Dr. **Keith M. Curran**, pastor Green Acres Church and the Reverend **Elnoria L. Harrison**, pastor of Squires Memorial Church, Norfolk, led the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** was \$1,415.00

MODERATORS

- RE Diane P. Griffin was the Moderator and CP William T. "Billy" Ricketts was the Vice Moderator.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (PC)

The Reverend **William G. Lamont**, moderator.
The Presbytery approved the following:

MOTION: That the Presbytery receive the narrative report of the PC and approve the actions of the PC.

MOTION: That the General Presbyter receive an increase of 1.9% on effective salary, with \$22,500 of that as housing allowance.

Salary:	\$54,120.07
Housing:	\$22,500.00
Total Effective Salary:	\$76,620.07
Continuing Education:	\$3,500.00

Plus, Board of Pensions, Social Security offset, and expense allowances.

Motion: That the Presbytery approve the attached 2019 budget with a congregational income goal of \$577,000.00 with additional revenues totaling \$610,090.00.

MOTION: That the establishment of the start time for all stated meetings in 2019 of the Presbytery as 10:00 am.

MOTION: The Presbytery Council places into nomination the Reverend **Rebecca P. Lesley** to the Nominations Committee, Class of 2022.

SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ruling Elder **Jill Keifer**, Chair

MOTION: The Sessional Records Review Committee recommends to the Presbytery that the following records reviewed for the third quarter of 2018 be approved as indicated:

Records reviewed without exception:

Royster Memorial, Kirkwood, Grace Covenant, Powelton, Community Hampton, Second Norfolk, Williamsburg, Simonsdale, Green Acres.

Records reviewed with exception(s): New Horizons, Squires Memorial, First Virginia Beach.

Records to submitted late by agreement: Great Bridge, years 2016 and 2017 only.

Records not received: First Church South Norfolk, Chesapeake

PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE

Rev. **Alexander J. Creager** and Ruling Elder **Gerry Ellis**, Co-Moderators

•The Racial Dialogue Team has been active:

•Elizabeth Hunting and Lisa Schlickemeyer attended the Crossroads Antiracism training in Montreat in August. PEVA has already taken some of the first few steps, shared at the conference, in making a difference. We are doing things that "educate, inspire, equip, and mobilize congregations and members" (from our mission statement). Now is the time to think of our vision for this team and this presbytery.

•Amanda Pine went to a local workshop on racial micro-aggressions (presented at Planned Parenthood with Nyasha McCormick); it was very well attended, and some people expressed surprise that people from a mainline church would be interested in racial issues (!).

- Gerry Ellis attended a one-day Dismantling Racism workshop presented by VA Organizing.
- Claudette Gravely and Lisa Schlickemeyer have been invited to host an Open Table dialogue at the Oct. 23 PEVA meeting.
- At the subsequent meeting of Peacemaking, Jill Keifer reported that the relationship between Royster and First United continues to grow because of their showing of "Racial Taboo.", She also shared that Presbyterian Women might be interested in having some from our team present or foster a conversation at one of their meetings.

The itinerary for our International Peacemakers was finalized. They were here from October 2-8. Through their visits with local churches and organizations, International Peacemakers help the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) address the following areas:

- In 2018, PC(USA) added a focus on the Matthew 25 Church Initiative, which seeks to ensure that the Presbyterian Church (USA) confronts racism, addresses environmental concerns, stands against violence and militarism and advocates for the dispossessed.

- *Fabienne Jean and Mission Co-Worker Cindy Corell work with the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands network in Haiti. Known by its Haitian Creole acronym FONDAMA (Hands Together Foundation of Haiti), the network is made up of 11 grassroots farmer organizations across Haiti. The member organizations serve their individual communities in promoting agriculture, environmental improvements, clean water and education.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Presbytery
Ruling Elder **William "Bill" Espich**, moderator

MOTION: The following names in nomination as indicated be elected by the Presbytery:

Presbytery of Eastern Virginia Officers
Moderator: Commissioned Pastor William T. "Billy" Ricketts
Vice-Moderator: The Reverend **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**

Commission on Ministry Class of 2022
The Reverend Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd**
The Reverend Dr. **Keith M. Curran**
The Reverend **Martha E. Mitchell**
The Reverend Dr. **David N. Rollins**
The Reverend **William W. Nickels** (2020)

Ruling Elder **Denise Forbes** (First United)
Ruling Elder **Amanda Long** (Bayside)
Ruling Elder **David McKercher** (Saint Andrew)
Ruling Elder **Henry Vernon** (Williamsburg)

Commissioned on Preparation for the Ministry (2022)
The Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette**
Commissioned Pastor **Alice T. Cross** (St. Andrew)
Ruling Elder **Judi Rodgers** (Great Bridge) (2021)

Hunger Ministry Team Class of 2022
The Reverend **Brian H. Harroff**

Stewardship Ministry Team Class of 2022
Ruling Elder **Marvin Brangan** (Providence)
Burt Higgins (First Hampton)
Ruling Elder **John Keifer** (Royster Memorial)

Presbytery Council Class of 2022
Ruling Elder **Diane Schoonover** (Yorkminster)

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Report to Presbytery
The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, moderator.
The COM RECOMMENDED to the Presbytery the approval of fifteen actions related to minister assignments and pastor searches.

Introduced to the Presbytery

Reverend Dr. **David Atson Cagle**, Interim Pastor of First Church, Virginia Beach was introduced to the Presbytery. Dr. Cagle was most recently an interim pastor in the Presbytery of the James.

Pastoral Relations

The Reverend **Mark T. Jernigan** was dismissed to the Presbytery of the James to serve as the pastor of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Richmond.

STATED CLERK

Ruling Elder Q. John Tamm

Congregational Relations

MOTION: At the request of the Administrative Commission, that the congregation of Bow Creek Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Order, G-3.0301 a. and that the Presbytery assume responsibility for the real estate at 315 S. Rosemont Avenue, Virginia Beach.

MOTION: At the request of the Congregation and the Administrative Commission, that the congregation of Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Order, G-3.0301 a.

MOTION: At the request of the Presbytery Council, that the congregation of Clark Presbyterian Church, Accomac, be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Order, G-3.0101a. and G-4.0205, abandonment of work, and that the Presbytery assume responsibility for the real estate at 24274 Custis Neck Road, Accomac.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP TEAM (SMT)

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

Motion: That the Presbytery adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church located at 2228 Princess Anne Road Virginia Beach, VA 23456 has applied for a loan from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc. The amount of the loan is \$135,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc., a Virginia nonprofit corporation, having received and reviewed the Loan application of the Church, a member in good standing of this Presbytery, approves the Loan application, and guarantees the repayment of principal and interest on the loan to the Lender as described above.

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.

GENERAL PRESBYTER

Commended the International Peacemakers Fabienne Jean and Mission Co-Worker Cindy Corell who worked with the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands network in Haiti.

The Presbytery Council had a successful retreat the weekend of September 29th. The General Presbyter commended the Reverend Catherine H. Monroe, Associate Pastor, 2nd Church for the assistance the church provided to the Wilmington,

NC region with aid packages prepared at 2nd Church. The Kairos prison ministry continues outreach to inmates in the local correctional institutions. Naomie Makemie and Francis Makemie Churches, Accomack County are the recipient of a Lilly Foundation Grant. 170 youth are signed up for the retreat to be held at Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

45	Ministers
57	Ruling Elders
102	Total voting members
24	Visitors
126	Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

- Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:00 am, Hilton Presbyterian Church, 34 Main Street, Newport News.