

DIGEST

October 24, 2017
Second Presbyterian Church
Norfolk, Virginia

Moderator: Rev. William G. Lamont
Vice Moderator: Ruling Elder (RE) Diane P. Griffin
Stated Clerk: RE Q. John Tamm
Journal Clerk: RE Linda M. Smith

WORSHIP

- Rev. Dr. **Craig S. Wansink** preached a sermon titled, "Lift High the Cross: *Post Tenebras Lux.*" based on John 12:27-36.
- Rev. Lamont and the Rev. **Catherine H. Monroe**, associate pastor, Second Church, Norfolk led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was \$1008.00

MODERATORS

- Rev. William G. Lamont was the moderator and RE Diane P. Griffin was the vice moderator.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

Rev. **Addie Naomi Peterson**, Moderator

Passed the 2018 Budget developed at the August 30, 2017 Roundtable Meeting in the amount of \$625,480.00.

Approved Stated Clerk Q. John Tamm's appointment as Stated Clerk be extended through January 27, 2018 (next PEVA meeting).

Approved a 1.5% salary increase for the PEVA staff for 2018.

Approved that the General Presbyter receive an increase of 1.5% on effective salary, with \$22,500 of that as housing allowance, for a total effective salary of \$75,288.64. Benefits include Board of Pensions dues, Social Security offset, continuing education and expense allowances.

Congo Mission

Elder **Simon Ntumba Tsitenge**, Presbyterian Community in Kinshasa, addressed the Presbytery about the challenges facing the Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ONE HUNDRETH TWELFTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Report to Presbytery
Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts**, Moderator

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

A motion was approved that the compensation for full-time ministers employed within congregations be increased by 1.2%. This would establish \$44,634 as the minimum compensation for cash salary and housing. The minimum expense reimbursement will be increased from \$2,700.00 to \$3,000.00.

Approved a motion that an Administrative Commission be appointed, as requested by the Commission on Ministry in accordance with G-3.0109 b. and G-3.0303 e. of the Book of Order, to work with First Presbyterian Church, South Norfolk, Chesapeake, for the purpose of overseeing the governance and finances, of the First Presbyterian Church, South Norfolk, whatever form that may take, to include dissolution.

Introduced to the Presbytery:

Rev. **Brian Hugh Harroff**, Pastor, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk

Pastoral Relations

Received: Rev. Brian Hugh Harroff from Scioto Valley Presbytery, Columbus, OH
Rev. Dr. **Donna M. Desarro-Raynal** and Rev. Dr. **Keith M. Curran** from the Presbytery of the James.

Dismissed: Rev. **Caroline A. Jinkins** to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

Installed: Rev. **Emily Kathryn Béghin** as the Associate Pastor of First Church, Virginia Beach on August 6, 2017.

Rev. **Peter Tulane Atkinson** as the Pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Zuni on October 8, 2017.

Rev. **Julie Anna Sterling** as the Pastor of Suffolk Presbyterian Church on October 15, 2017.

Dissolutions: Rev. **Rebecca P. Lesley** and the congregation of Green Acres Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, on August 15, 2017.

Rev. **Mark T. Jernigan** and the congregation of Yorkminster Church, Yorktown, on September 17, 2017.

Dismissed to another denomination: Rev. Dr. **Young Hoon Bae** to the Presbyterian Church in America, on October 3, 2017.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Rev. **Virginia S. Campbell**, Moderator

Approved the CPM recommendation that, upon completion of a course in Clinical Pastoral Education, **John Caleb McClure** be allowed to seek a call for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), even though he has not completed two years as inquirer and candidate. Mr. McClure has been actively employed by Hidenwood Church for the last three years, and has the strong endorsement of his pastor.

General Presbyter

Received the Good News report of Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** which included recognition of Rev. **Walter C. Hunting** on his seventy fifth birthday. Carver Memorial Church, Newport News is celebrating its 125th Anniversary.

Recognition of Administrator and Journal Clerk Commissioned Pastor **Linda Marley Smith**. RE Griffin, RE **Donald Bickhart**, former Stated Clerk, and Rev. **Martha E. Mitchell** spoke and made presentations.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee report was a part of the consent agenda. On the behalf of the Committee RE **William Espich** (Hidenwood) requested the election of the following:

Moderator of the Presbytery for 2018
RE **Diane P. Griffin** (First Church, Portsmouth)

Vice Moderator of the Presbytery for 2018, RE William T. "Billy" Ricketts
(Providence)

Treasurer of the Presbytery and the Corporation for 2018
RE **Marc T. Steiner** (Green Acres)

Synod of the Mid Atlantic Elder Commissioner, Class of 2022
RE **James W. Kirkpatrick** (Williamsburg)

Commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly

Minister Commissioners

Rev. **Valena M. Hoy**

Rev. Dr. **David N. Rollins**

Alternate, Rev. **L. Monica Gould**

Elder Commissioners

RE **Roxie O. Holder** (Covenant)

RE **Kenneth M. Wheeler** (Green Acres)

Alternate, RE **Kenneth I. Lucas** (Carver)

Permanent Judicial Commission Class of 2024

Rev. **Deborah D. Dail**

Commission on Ministry Class of 2021

Rev. **Jennifer M. Spivey**

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

Rev. **Valena M. Hoy**

RE **Roxie O. Holder** (Covenant)

RE **Don White** (Suffolk)

RE **Thomas Winter** (Green Acres)

RE **Vernon Bell** (Powelton)

Commission on Preparation for the Ministry Class of 2019

Rev. **Emma L. Ouellette**

Class of 2021

Rev. **Garrett B. Bugg**

RE **Larry O. "Natt" Gantt** (First Church, Norfolk)

Stewardship Management Team and Corporate Trustee, Class of 2021

RE **Larry H. Hull** (Second)

Rev. **Julie A. Sterling**

ENROLLMENT REPORT

43 Ministers

45 Ruling Elders

88 Total voting members

41 Visitors

129 Total Registered

NEXT MEETING: Providence Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, January 27, 2018 at 10:00 am.