

# DIGEST

October 25, 2016  
King's Grant Presbyterian Church  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Moderator:** The Rev. **Addie Naomi Peterson**  
**Vice Moderator:** The Rev. **William G. Lamont**  
**Stated Clerk:** RE **Q. John Tamm**  
**Journal Clerk:** RE **Linda M. Smith**

## WORSHIP

- The Rev. **Christina M.B. Carrasco** preached a sermon titled "Love Is a Willingness to Be Frustrated," based on John 13:34-35 & I John 4:7-12
- Rev. Peterson and the Rev. Carrasco, pastor, King's Grant Church led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the Church Hunger Fund was \$811.79.

## MODERATORS

- The Rev. Addie Naomi Peterson was the Moderator and the Rev. William G. Lamont was the Vice Moderator.

**VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)**  
Ruling Elder **Kenneth M. Wheeler**,  
Moderator

## VIT Actions:

The Vision Implementation Team RECOMMENDED to Presbytery in the consent agenda that:

PEVA adopt a balanced budget for 2017 with allocations as shown in the Proposed 2017 Budget Chart (posted separately), with projected income from church giving of \$640,360.00, the same as in 2016 and a total budget of \$640,360.00. The budget was approved.

That an Administrative Commission be appointed, as requested by the Sessions of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia, and Messiah Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA in accordance with G-3.0109b (4) of the Book of Order, to assist the congregations in exploring and facilitating potential merger of Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Messiah Presbyterian Church. The

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following are appointed to the Commission:

The Rev. **Alfred C. McCall, Jr.**, Ruling Elder **Christine Darden** (Carver Memorial) and Commissioned Ruling Elder **Sidnia Etherington** (Lafayette). The Vice Moderator of the Presbytery will have the authority to replace or add members to the Administrative Commission as necessary until January 28, 2017, when the Moderator will assume authority for this purpose.

PEVA approved changes to the Personnel Manual on the recommendation from VIT. Specific changes are:

(a) That sections 14.2 and 14.3 be amended as follows (a new 14.2, eliminating 14.3):

14.2 Health and Pension Benefits:  
Benefits for teaching elders shall be approved by the Committee on Ministry and comply with the Book of Order. Teaching Elders in full-time positions on the presbytery staff shall be enrolled in the Pastors Participation Plan.

Full-time employees of PEVA are eligible to participate in the Board of Pensions PCUSA benefits as follows:

Full-time employees may choose any or all of the following options from the BOP menu: member-only medical, death & disability, and pension.

Full-time employees with more than seven years tenure on the presbytery staff may also select from the medical options of member plus spouse, member plus children, or member plus family as part of their compensation.

All staff enrolled in the Board of Pensions may elect to have the cost of additional coverage options, such as dental or family medical coverage, deducted from their pay.

(b) Eliminate section 15.5 (15.5.1-15.5.4). Eliminate section 16.23.

PEVA approved the housing allowance for the General Presbytery, the Rev.

**Elizabeth G. Hendricks.**

**First Presbyterian Church, Gloucester Administrative Commission.**

The Administrative Commission recommended that the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) respond to the request of First Presbyterian Church, Gloucester (FPC-G) to be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO), as follows:

1. The members of the FPC-G congregation be dismissed from the PC (USA) to ECO, and that PEVA grant permission to Rev. Dr. **Douglas E. Nagel** to transfer his membership from the PC (USA) to the ECO subject to resolution and implementation of the property issues and other conditions identified in paragraph 2.

2. That PEVA appoint an administrative commission to pursue agreement with FPC-G regarding the following terms/issues and once reached present those terms to PEVA:

- a. the Session of FPC-G turn over to PEVA original copies of session minutes and other historical documents related to the church's life as a church in the Presbyterian Church (USA) or its predecessors to include rolls and registers;
- b. terms for disposition of the FPC-G property including any endowments and memorials;
- c. the congregation of FPC-G change its name following resolution of all issues and release to the ECO;
- d. the congregation and its ministers would remain affiliated with the PC (USA) until PEVA approves and implements terms in 2. A. through 2. C.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)**

Report to Presbytery

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

The Commission on Ministry RECOMMENDED to the Presbytery the approval of thirty actions related to minister assignments and pastor searches.

**Introduced to the Presbytery:**

The Rev. **Leigh B. Gillis**, serving as the Intentional Interim Pastor, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, and the Rev. **Catherine H. Monroe**, Covenant Associate Pastor, Second Church.

**Pastoral Relations**

Dismissed the Rev. **Jeremy M. Jenkins** to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to serve as executive associate pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.

Dismissed the Rev. **Judy A. Stanley** to the Presbytery of New Hope to serve as the pastor of Bear Grass Presbyterian Church, Williamston, NC.

Received as a member of the Presbytery the Rev. **Joanna Elizabeth "Hannah" Creager** from the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, Indianapolis, IN.

**General Presbyter**

Received the Good News report of the Rev. Elizabeth G. Hendricks

**Nominations Committee**

The Nominations Committee report was a part of the consent agenda. Moderator, the Rev. **Veronica Martin Thomas'** report requested the election of the following:

The Rev. William G. Lamont, Moderator  
Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin**, Vice Moderator  
Ruling Elder **Marc T. Steiner**, Treasurer  
Ruling Elder **Donna Graves**, Member, Synod  
Permanent Judicial Commission

**ENROLLMENT REPORT**

54 Ministers  
56 Ruling Elders  
**110 Total voting members**  
31 Visitors  
**141 Total Registered**

06 Excused Absences Granted

**NEXT STATED MEETING**

- Saturday, **January 28, 2017** at 10:00 am at **Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church**, 6901 Newport Avenue, Norfolk, VA