

# DIGEST

## 101<sup>ST</sup> STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

October 28, 2014  
Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center  
Lanexa, Virginia

**Moderator:** the Reverend Dr. **Jeffrey Bell**  
**Vice Moderator:** RE Kenneth Wheeler  
**Stated Clerk:** RE Q. John Tamm  
**Journal Clerk:** RE Linda M. Smith

-Approved the request of the Session of the Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague for a waiver of the three-year rule requiring a rotation of elders (Book of Order, G-2.0404)

### WORSHIP

- Moderator Rev. Jeffrey Bell preached the sermon, "Let Us Pray" based on scripture from James 5: 13-18.
- The Revs. Bell and **Michelle D. Burcher** led the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the Makemie Woods' Sustaining Fund was \$1,174.00.

### VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

- Approved the recommendation that Ruling Elder Q. John Tamm (First Church, Virginia Beach) be elected as Stated Clerk for a term of 1 year effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, under the same terms as 2014, with the same 1.5% salary increase as all Presbytery staff.
- Approved the recommendation that an appropriate housing allowance be established for the General Presbyter, the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, and the Director of Makemie Woods Camp, the Reverend Michelle D. Burcher.
- Approved the recommendation that the Presbytery receive the report of the Makemie Woods Management Team (MWMT) and thereafter convene a called meeting of the Presbytery. The called meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 2014 at St. Andrew Church, Suffolk to consider a further report from MWMT with complete 2014 financial information and recommendations for the future.

### COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

- Approved a Commission to install the Reverend **Clark Stafford DeSarro-Raynal** as the Pastor of Hilton Presbyterian Church, Newport News.

### PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Assigned the Reverend Dr. **Cynthia Rosser Higgins** as mentor for the Reverend **Rebecca Page Lesley**, Pastor, Green Acres Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth
- Received the report from the Reverend **Garrett Bradley Bugg**, Designated Pastor, Wycliffe Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach
- Approved the request of the Reverend **David J. Van Dyke** to be honorably retired.
- Approved an adjustment to the call of the Reverend **Valena M. Hoy**, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk
- Approved an adjustment to the call of the Reverend **James E. Gates**, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk
- Approved the renewal of the temporary pastoral relationship of the Reverend **Helen Louise C. Ventura** and the Franklin Presbyterian Church as the covenant pastor.
- Sustained the examination of the Reverend **Jennifer McCann Spivey** as the temporary relationship pastor at the King's Grant Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach
- Approved the temporary relationship contract and covenant for the Reverend Jennifer McCann Spivey and the King's Grant Presbyterian Church
- Approved the temporary relationship pastor contract and covenant of the Reverend **Barry L. Phillips** and Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano
- Sustained the examination of the Reverend **Libby McIntosh Rollins** as the Intentional Interim Pastor at the Suffolk Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the contract and covenant between the Reverend Libby McIntosh Rollins and Suffolk Presbyterian Church
- Sustained the examination of the Reverend Dr. **Donna M. DeSarro-Raynal**, and received her as a member at large.

Reverend D. M. DeSarro-Raynal will be added to the Occasional Preacher List.

-Approved the request of the Reverend Dr. **Robin E. Wooddell** to be honorably retired.

-Sustained the examination of the Reverend Jennifer McCann Spivey as Associate Chaplain of Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay Retirement Community, Virginia Beach.

-Approved the contract and covenant of the Reverend Jennifer McCann Spivey to be the Associate Chaplain of Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay Retirement Community.

-Approved an adjustment and the renewal of the contract and covenant with Commissioned Ruling Elder **Marvin Brangan**, and Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.

#### NOMINATIONS

- On the motion of the Reverend Dr. **Lawrence L. Willis** the Presbytery elected Ruling Elder Kenneth Wheeler (Green Acres Church, Portsmouth) as Presbytery Moderator and the Reverend **Addie Naomi Peterson** as Presbytery Vice Moderator effective following the January 2015 Presbytery meeting.

- Elected teaching elders and ruling elders to various commissions, committees, boards and agencies.

#### SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW

- Approved the report of the Sessional Records Review Committee.

#### PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS/ACTIONS

-Received a presentation by the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel by the Reverend Dr. **Lawrence Greenslit**, Director and member National Capital Presbytery.

-Received a presentation from the Reverend **Gregory Delle-Taze**, American Catholic Church, on behalf of the Westminster-Canterbury hospice program.

-Approved Hunger Action Enabler Covenant between the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- Received oral/written reports from Stewardship Ministry Team, Hunger Ministry Teams, Makemie Woods Management Team, Peace Making Committee, University Presbyterian Ministry at ODU, Commission

on Preparation for Ministry, Youth Ministries, and the Stated Clerk.

#### GENERAL PRESBYTER REPORT

The Reverend Elizabeth G. "Liza" Hendricks reported on the good works of the ministers of PEVA by especially noting the ministry of the Reverend **James William "Bill" Moore**, covenant pastor of Powelton Church, Wachapreague. Rev. Moore is the chaplain of the Painter, VA Volunteer Fire Department and responded to Riverside Hospital, Nassawadox, VA provided prayer and support to the victims and survivors of the tornado that struck a campground in Cape Charles.

Specifically highlighted was the 315th anniversary of the Reverend Francis Makemie being given the first license to preach as a dissenting minister in Virginia, as well as the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Knox's birthday and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Makemie Woods Camp & Conference Center. Rev. Hendricks also shared that Grace Covenant Church, Virginia Beach, paid off their mortgage early and that First Hampton Church decorated its entire Sunday School wing as Noah's Ark. Other notable events included a Creative Stewardship sermon at Calvin Church, a 16-year-old chairing a mission study process, church cheerleaders for local ball players, and a homeless lunch begun at South Norfolk church. The recent Anti-Bullying Seminar provided by PEVA's Peacemaking Committee was very successful, and that St. Andrew recently took pictures of their children in frames notated (You Are a Child of God).

- The Revs. **L. Monica Gould** and Clark Stafford DeSarro-Raynal served as Temporary Clerks.

#### ENROLLMENT REPORT

39	Teaching Elders
49	Ruling Elder
88	Total voting members
17	Visitors
105	Total Registered

#### NEXT MEETING

- Saturday, January 24, 2014 at a time to be determined, at Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church, 136 S. Lynnhaven Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.