

DIGEST

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

April 26, 2016
KirkWood Presbyterian Church
Yorktown, Virginia

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

WORSHIP

- Ruling Elder (RE) **Kenneth M. Wheeler** preached the sermon titled, "A Guitar, Flute and Mandolin" based on Romans 8:28-39.
- Reverend Peterson and the Rev. Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, pastor, KirkWood Church led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for the Church Professionals Assistance Fund was \$970.00

MODERATORS

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

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Rev. **Virginia Snyder Campbell**, moderator, presented Inquirers **Keith Phillips** (Bayside), **Katherine Dickens** (First, Virginia Beach) and **Rebekah Tucker Motley** (Stone House) as prospective candidates for ministry.

The Presbytery examined the inquirers and approved them to be received as candidates for ministry under the care of the Presbytery.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

Ruling Elder **Kenneth M. Wheeler**, moderator

VIT Actions: The Vision Implementation Team recommended, and presbytery approved the following:

That the name of Makemie Presbyterian Church, Accomac, VA be changed to Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church.

That a 2016 Budget in the amount of \$640,360.00 be approved.

The Presbytery approved with the concurrence of the Presbyterian League of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, that the Amended and Revised Articles of Incorporation for Westminster-Canterbury be approved, as requested by the Westminster Canterbury Board.

The Presbytery approved with the concurrence of the Presbyterian League of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, approval of a request from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, VA to enter into a Storm-water Management Facilities Maintenance Agreement with the City of Virginia Beach, VA in accordance with the provisions of the Code of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Appendix D, titled, "Storm-water Management," at a property owned by First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach located at 303 36th Street, Virginia Beach, VA.

The Presbytery recognized the former Business Manager. RE David Carney served as a contracted Business Manager for the Presbytery from 2008 through 2015. Dave served with diligence and distinction, overseeing many improvements in the handling of PEVA's financial matters and resolving several difficult issues. The Presbytery is deeply grateful for his years of service. David cannot be present at this stated meeting, but a certificate of appreciation and gift have been prepared and will be presented to him soon.

The Presbytery approved a "not to exceed" 2016 budget at its February 2 Called Meeting. Since then, VIT and the Stewardship Ministry Team have been working on allocations to PEVA ministries, as shown on a worksheet that was included in the PEVA packet. The 2016 budget is based \$640,360 of PEVA mission giving, which includes church pledges to date of \$637,000. The budget has a contingency fund of \$7,000.

Roots & Wings: VIT has continued to work on the "abandonment" of the Roots & Wings restricted fund, as approved at

past Presbytery meetings. When the deadline for responses from donors passed earlier this year, 112 donors had still not responded. In keeping with PEVA policy of making every possible effort to contact donors and inform them of their options, VIT determined to verify addresses and send a second letter to the 112 with a response deadline of April 30, 2016. To date, we have heard from 41 of them, with the deadline still pending. At its April 6 meeting, VIT decided to distribute Campus Ministry and remaining Union Seminary funds as reallocated as of May 15. (Note: Funds have been sent to donors who requested a refund as soon as we received their request.)

As of April 6, 2016 the re-designation project stands thus:

Available Funds to be re-designated
\$633,693.24 (376 donors)

Re-designated to Outdoor Ministry Fund
\$78,914.66

Re-designated to Campus Ministry
\$40,917.22

Re-designated to Candidates Scholarships
\$24,106.91

Re-designated to Union Seminary
\$84,932.97

Re-designated to PEVA \$41,566.72

Refund Requested \$259,678.77

Deceased/Miscellaneous \$58,918.09

Remaining to be designated \$44,657,90
(71 donors as of 4/6/16)

Belle Haven Presbyterian Church closure:
Report was given by Rev. Monica Gould, moderator of the Administrative Commission, and followed by a litany of closure.

Since its last report to PEVA in January, VIT has held monthly meetings on February 17, March 9, and April 6. Minutes of those meetings are available on request from the Presbytery office. Highlights of those meetings include:

- Approval of the minutes of the PEVA Stated Meeting on October 27, 2015, and the PEVA Called meeting of February 2, 2016.
- Review of 2015 budget results and allocation of resources for the 2016 budget.

- Planning for an Open House at the PEVA office building on April 18 to celebrate significant improvements to the facility, featuring remarks by PC(USA) General Assembly Moderator Heath Rada.

- Receiving and discussing the report of the Oakdale Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission.

- Meeting with the First Presbyterian Church Gloucester Administrative Commission to hear their progress and to discuss options for proceeding.

- Liaison with the Nominations Committee regarding the need to build future leadership for the Presbytery.

- Planning the April 26 PEVA Stated Meeting, including Open Space discussions, a new agenda item for the Presbytery.

- Continuing to monitor the work of the Makemie Woods Viability Study conducted by Run River Enterprises and overseen by a 12-person Viability Study Team.

- Reviewing proposed changes to the Westminster Canterbury articles of incorporation and making a recommendation to the Presbyterian League.

- Continuing to monitor the PEVA-sponsored campus ministries at Norfolk State University, Christopher Newport University and Old Dominion University. The lease of housing facilities at ODU has been revised, and the hiring of a campus minister/administrator there is on hold for the time being.

- Reviewing and taking action on a request from First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach to enter into a Stormwater Management Facilities Maintenance Agreement with the City of Virginia Beach.

VIT meetings are regularly scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month, except on first Wednesdays in months in which the Presbytery is having a Stated Meeting.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Rev. Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass**, Introduced Rev. **Harold J. McKeithen, Jr.** who made a memorial presentation in honor of the Rev. Dr. **Patricia Fae Karns**, introduced the Rev. Dr. **Richard J. Keever** who made a memorial presentation in honor of the Rev. Dr. **James Luther Mays** and the Rev. **Robert C. Bradford, Jr.** and Ruling Elder Q. John Tamm who made a memorial presentation in honor of the Rev. Dr. **Charles Fred**

Speight, Jr., and the Rev. Frederick G. Reed.

Recognized the honorable retirement of the Rev. **Susan H. Cothran.**

Introduced to the Presbytery the Rev. **Rachel Christine Hébert**, Associate Pastor, Williamsburg Church.

Recognized the ordination anniversaries of:

The Rev. **William F. Summers**—70 years
The Rev. **Robert C. Bradford**—65 years
The Rev. Dr. **J. Scottie Griffin**,
The Rev. **David Warren**—55 years
The Rev. **Stanley H. Lin**,
The Rev. **John D. Sadler**—50 years
The Rev. **Vincent C. deLalla**—45 years
The Rev. Dr. **Ralph R. Herbert**,
The Rev. Dr. **John E. Morgan**,
The Rev. **Robert G. White**—30 years
The Rev. Susan H. Cothran,
The Rev. **James M. Wood, Jr.**—25 years
The Rev. **L. Monica Gould**,
The Rev. **Kathryn R. Rascoe**—10 years

Actions Taken:

1. Approved the request of Squires Memorial Church, Norfolk, VA, on November 3, 2015 that the Rev. **Linda K. Rainey** be appointed as Moderator of the Session for a period of one year.
2. On November 3, 2015 approved the request of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of San Diego, CA that the Rev. **Jeffrey C. Quinn**, Lieutenant Commander, Chaplain Corps, US Navy be given permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery as an occasional pulpit supply.
3. On November 3, 2015 approved the request from the Rev. **Alfred C. McCall** to be honorably retired as of January 1, 2016.
4. On November 3, 2015 approved the validated ministries for the Rev. Dr. **Donna Marie DeSarro-Raynal**, the Rev. **Meredith L. Gantt**, the Rev. Jeffrey C. Quinn, and the Rev. **Barbara B. Shefelton**
5. On December 1, 2015 approved the Covenant Pastoral Agreement for the Rev. **Barry Phillips, Sr.** and Thalia Trinity Church, Virginia Beach
6. On December 1, 2015 approved the Covenant Pastoral Agreement for the Rev. **Judy A. Stanley** and Groves Memorial Church, Hayes.
7. On December 1, 2015 approved the temporary Norfolk, VA. relationship agreement for the Reverend Dr. **Dwight Webster** and Ocean View Church,

8. On December 1, 2015 approved the covenant pastor agreement for the Rev. **Helen Louise C. Ventura** and Franklin Church, Franklin.

9. On December 1, 2015 approved the commissioned ruling elder (CRE) agreement between CRE **James Hamilton** and Greenbrier Church, Chesapeake.

10. On January 5, 2016 approved the covenant pastor agreement between the Rev. Dr. J. Scottie Griffin and Lynnhaven Church, Virginia Beach.

11. On January 5, 2016 elected as Moderator of the COM, the Rev. Dr. Wilbur C. Douglass, III, Secretary, RE **Richard L. Bainbridge** (Grace Covenant), Vice Moderator for Congregational Care, RE **Yvette Young** (First United), the Rev. Dr. **David N. Rollins**, Vice Moderator of Pastoral Care and Vice Moderator of Mediation, the Rev. Helen Louise Ventura. The Rev. **Caroline A. Jinkins** was elected as Vice Moderator for Examinations, the Rev. **James A. Goodbow** as Vice Moderator for Vacancies and Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) **William T. Ricketts** as Vice Moderator for Commissioned Ruling Elders.

12. On February 2, 2016 approved the honorable retirement of the Rev. Susan H. Cothran, effective this date.

13. On February 2, 2016 approved the request of the Rev. Dr. **Kerry Knox Westerwick** to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery in the Presbytery of Salem, as the interim pastor of Parkway Presbyterian Church, Winston Salem, NC.

14. On February 2, 2016, approved the temporary relationship agreement between the Rev. **Robert G. White** and the yoked parishes of LaCrosse Memorial Church and Community Church, Hampton

15. On February 2, 2016 approved the request of Covenant Church, Norfolk to waive limitation on terms of service for ordered ministries in accordance with the Book of Order, G-2.0404.

16. On February 2, 2016 approved the temporary relationship agreement between Williamsburg Church and the Rev. Harold J. McKeithen, Jr. as covenant associate pastor for congregational care.

17. On February 2, 2016 approved the sabbatical request and plan for the Rev. **Albert G. Butzer, III.**

18. On March 1, 2016 sustained the examination of Ruling Elder **Robin L. Cowherd** to be a commissioned ruling elder to a particular pastoral service at First Church, Norfolk. Also approved was the covenant between the session of First Church and Mr. Cowherd.

19. On March 1, 2016 sustained the examination of Ruling Elder **Sidnia B. Etherington** to be a commissioned ruling

elder to a particular pastoral service at Lafayette Church, Norfolk. Also approved was the covenant between the session of Lafayette Church and Mrs. Etherington.

20. On March 1, 2016 sustained the examination of Ruling Elder **Kenneth I. Lucas** to be a commissioned ruling elder to a particular pastoral service at Carver Memorial Church, Newport News. Also approved was the covenant between the session of Carver Memorial Church and Mr. Lucas.

21. On March 1, 2016 approved the temporary relationship agreement between First Church, Portsmouth and the Rev. Dr. **Steven E. Frazier**.

22. On March 1, 2016 approved the sabbatical request and plan for the Rev. Dr. **David N. Rollins**.

23. On March 1, 2016 approved the covenant pastor agreement between Holmes Church, Cheriton and the Rev. Dr. **Eugene S. Soud**.

24. On March 1, 2016 appointed the Rev. **Helen Louise C. Ventura** as the moderator of Bethany Church, Zuni.

25. On March 1, 2016 approved the request of the Rev. **Donald Earl McLean, Jr.** Presbytery of the James, to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery as pulpit supply.

26. On April 5, 2016 dismissed to the Presbytery of the James the Rev. Dr. **Keith M. Curran**.

27. On April 5, 2016 dismissed to the Presbytery of the James the Rev. **Lauren E. Ramseur**.

28. On April 5, 2016 approved the interim pastor agreement between Suffolk Church and the Rev. **Libby McIntosh Rollins**.

29. On April 5, 2016 approved the request of the Session of Yorkminster Church, Yorktown to reestablish the installed pastoral relationship of associate pastor in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Order, G-2.0504 (a).

30. On April 5, 2016 approved the modified temporary relationship agreement between Thalia Trinity Church, Virginia Beach and the Rev. **Barry L. Phillips, Sr.**

31. On April 5, 2016 sustained the examination of Ruling Elder **Paula M. Bass** to be a commissioned ruling elder to a particular pastoral service at Great Bridge Church, Chesapeake. Also approved was the covenant between the session of Great Bridge Church and Mrs. Bass.

32. On April 5, 2016 approved the annual terms of call for the called and installed pastors and associate pastors of the Presbytery. (posted separately)

33. On April 5, 2016 appointed the Rev. **Walter C. Hunting** as the moderator of St. Andrew Church, Suffolk.

Pastoral Relations

Dismissed to the Presbytery of the James on April 5, 2016 the Revs. **Keith M. Curran** and **Lauren E. Ramseur**

Transitional 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 for the

Commission on Ministry as follows:

-Class of 2019

Rev. **Larry O. Toney**

To the Commission on Preparation:

-Class of 2019

CRE **Alice T. Cross** (St. Andrew)

To the Congregational Transformation Committee:

Rev. **T. Clinton Mitchell**

To the Peacemaking Committee:

Rev. **Alexander J. Creager**

To Sessional Records Review Committee:
Ruling Elder **Rose Busetti**, (Lynnhaven)

To Stewardship Committee and Trustee of the Presbyterian League:
Ruling Elder **Melinda Harris-Peoples**, EDM (Covenant)

ENROLLMENT REPORT

49 Teaching Elders

53 Ruling Elders

102 Total voting members

38 Visitors

140 Total Registered

06 Excused Absences Granted

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at LaCrosse Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1518 North Mallory Street, Hampton, VA