

***We build bridges across divides to deepen connection to Christ
and one another to serve the world.***

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PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH STATED MEETING
January 26, 2019
Hilton Presbyterian Church, Newport News

Offering is for **Church Professionals' Assistance Fund**

- 9:00 a.m. Gathering - Registration and Light Snacks
- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order/Opening Prayer Moderator, Ruling Elder **Diane P. Griffin**
- Welcome and Recognition of Hilton's 100th Anniversary The Rev **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**
- Quorum/Welcome/Introductions Moderator
(Visiting ministers, new elder commissioners, and visitors)
- Adoption of the Docket Stated Clerk **Q. John Tamm**
- Consent Agenda Stated Clerk

Call to Worship

Moderator

L: We come from Hampton, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, York County, Gloucester, Williamsburg, Franklin, Suffolk, the Eastern Shore, Chesapeake and Norfolk.

P: We come by highways, rough roads, across seas, farmlands, cities, and divides, by way of tunnels and bridges.

L: We come to gather in God's name, to worship and adore, to sing and to speak, to vote, and to work, to love and to be sent.

P: We come to deepen our connection to Christ and to one another; we shall call upon the Lord and rejoice. Let us worship!

***Hymn# 317 (GTG) "In Christ there Is no East or West"**

Confession (in unison)

Moderator

Loving God, who unites us in grace and mercy, we confess we have not lived out our unity. We have purposely feared the bridges that would close the chasms of our divisions. We have chosen to stay in our districts rather than risk crossing great spans to discover new joy. We have failed Your mission to deepen connection to Christ because of our preference for isolation. Grant that we might be a courageous people called by God to move beyond our comfort and risk even the loss of life for the sake of Your Church. Remind us again and again of Your great joy as we enter into the newness of our life with You. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Moderator

Passing of the Peace

****Please rise in body and spirit***

The Word
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture
Sermon

The Reverend **L. Monica Gould**

Hebrews 10:24-25
"Stir It Up!"

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God who spanned the chaos with the breath of life, and brought creation, all things visible and invisible, into being. We believe God brought all things into being for God's glory and in whom alone we give our trust. We believe in Christ Jesus, whose reconciling work has bridged the chasm of sinfulness, uniting humanity to God and to each other. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who stirs up the Church and the human heart to love and good works. We believe we are the body of Christ, united and connected by the power of the Holy Spirit, deepened in our relationship to Christ and called together to serve the world. Amen.

Commission on Ministry

The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**

Board of Pensions

Ruling Elder Martha Reisner

Offering

Moderator

Choral Offering "Together a Dwelling"

Hilton Adult Choir & Youth Jam

Rev. Clark DeSarro-Raynal and Patti Grayson, soloists

Report of the Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk

Prayer of Intercession

The Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**,
General Presbyter

12:00 p.m. Break

12:30 p.m. Resume meeting

***Hymn #761 (GTG) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

Speak Out

Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Candidate Liturgy

The Reverend **Virginia S. Campbell**

Presbytery Council

The Reverend **William G. Lamont**

- General Presbyter Sabbatical
- Book of Order Amendments

Good News

The Reverend Elizabeth G. Hendricks, General Presbyter

Unfinished Business

New Business

Moderator

Installation of Moderator Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the Reverends Gould and C. DeSarro-Raynal

***Hymn #539 (GTG) "We Will Go Out with Joy"**

2:00 p.m.

Blessing and Adjournment

Moderator, Commissioned Pastor Billy Ricketts