



**PEVA PACKET  
January 23, 2021  
ZOOM MEETING**

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **This presbytery meeting will be conducted by Zoom**

- 1. CHILD CARE** – There will be no childcare at this meeting
- 2. NOTE TIME** - MEETING BEGINS AT **10:00 A.M** on January 23, 2021.
- 3. MEAL** – No meal or snack.
- 4. REGISTRATION** – Registration will be of Minister Commissioners, Ruling Elder (RE) Commissioners, and Commissioned Pastor Commissioners (CP). Registration will be accomplished in advanced following the instructions promulgated by the Presbytery Council and Presbytery Officers.
- 5. REPORTS** – Recommended actions of Commissions/Ministry Teams/Committees are listed first in the reports with other information following. Those actions recommended for the Consent Agenda are indicated with an asterisk (\*).
- 6. ACTIONS:** By action of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, at its stated meeting of January 23, 1999 held at First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, in matters in debate before Presbytery, each speaker is limited to three minutes, with speakers alternating between those in favor of the motion and those opposed. The Presbytery is reminded that, according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, speakers may not speak more than twice on an issue, and the second time only after everyone has had an opportunity to speak once. **Participation will be abbreviated by the technical limitations of the Zoom format.**
- 7. VOTING PROCEDURES-** In accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-3.0105, *Robert's Rules of Order* control the conduct of all meetings of the Presbytery. For this meeting, conducted by *Zoom*, votes will be taken by the process of *Unanimous Consent*. This will replace the voice vote used at presbytery meetings for the docket, consent agenda and other routine matters. The Moderator, Stated Clerk or committee moderator will move the motion. The Moderator will then state, "Without objection," and then pause for thirty seconds. If there is no objection, which would be registered to the Moderator by the "Raise Hand" feature on the Zoom screen, the motion will be considered as passed. If there is an objection the Journal Clerk and Administrative Assistant will conduct a poll of the registered commissioners for the actual vote on the motion.
- 7. MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS** – Motions or amendments to motions are to be provided to the Clerks in writing. **This rule will be enforced.** Motions should be submitted in advance of the Zoom meeting. Motions made during the meeting must be in written form in the "Q&A" feature of the Zoom meeting.
- 8. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS** –There will be no distribution of papers at this meeting.
- 9. SPEAK OUT** – None. Commissioners are welcome to submit information of interest to the Presbytery to Raymond Rodrigues (rrodrigues@pcusa-peva.org) by Tuesday, January 19, 2021. They will be compiled into one document and made available (electronically) to all commissioners on the day of the meeting.
- 10. DISPLAYS** – None

**11. SESSION RECORDS** – For this quarter, session records will be mailed by the Chairperson of the Sessional Records Committee to the appropriate Clerks of Session.

**12. NEXT STATED MEETING:** The next stated meeting of Presbytery is at, **Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, 6218 George Washington Memorial Highway, Grafton, VA 757-898-4972** on April 20, 2021 at 10:00 am. This meeting **may** be conducted via **Zoom**.

**January 23, 2021**  
**Home Communion Instructions**

In our worship in the PEVA quarterly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, set up your communion space in a way that is properly respectful of the Sacrament.

Select a cup, plate and elements that represent your household. The *Book of Order* W-3.0413 states: "The bread used for the Lord's Supper should be common to the culture of the congregation." Wine or grape juice may be used.

The Invitation, Prayer of Great Thanksgiving, and Words of Institution will be spoken by Reverend Deborah D. Dail. Once the Words of Institution are spoken, she will extend the invitation for all to partake of the elements.

The *Book of Order*, W-3.0414 states, "At the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Supper, the bread and cup are to be removed from the table and used or disposed of in a manner approved by the presbytery, in keeping with the Reformed understanding of the Sacrament and principles of good stewardship. This may be accomplished by consuming what remains or returning the elements to the earth."

## SEEKING TO BE FAITHFUL TOGETHER:

Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

Adopted by the 204<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (1992) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will

**Give them a hearing  
listen  
before we  
answer**

**John 7:15  
and**

**Proverbs  
18:13**

**Speak the  
truth in  
love**

**Ephesians  
4:15**

**Maintain  
the unity of  
the spirit in  
the bond of  
peace**

**Ephesians  
4:3**

1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ.
  - *We will keep our communications open for candid and forthright exchange,*
  - *We will not ask questions or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others*
2. Learn about various positions in the topic of disagreement.
3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.
4. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.
5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity;
  - *We will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion.*
6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.
7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.
8. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension;
  - *We will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.*
9. Follow these additional Guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:
  - *Urge persons of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously;*
  - *Seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;*
  - *Be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;*
  - *Abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways, which are consistent with these Guidelines.*
10. Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.

As Presbyterians, we are called to work for the “peace, unity and purity of the Church” (Book of Order) as we seek to be faithful to God’s work in the world. However, disagreements and conflicts are inevitable in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) as we try to be faithful. They exist within committees, congregations, Presbyteries, synods, at General Assemblies and in the national life of the denomination.

Conflicts are inevitable in all of life and certainly in the church. The history of the church is filled with conflicts and disagreements. Several of Paul’s letters address the conflicts, which were common in the early church. There have been and are going to be disagreements as Christians attempt to discern God’s work in the world and as we interpret scriptures.

Conflicts can be harmful and even destructive. They can cause individuals a great deal of pain and the community of faith immeasurable damage. Congregations have been divided; denominations have experienced schisms.

At the same time, conflicts can be an opportunity for new insights, learning, and individual and corporate growth. Disagreements can illuminate a topic in helpful ways and can present solutions to problems, which previously had not been seen. The successful resolution of conflict can also bind people together in a powerful way.

The Bible contains many stories of conflict and disagreement and much advice about how they can be addressed. As those stories indicate, God is already present wherever there is brokenness, granting wholeness and peace. God promises to be with us in times of disagreement and calls us to reconciliation, trust, love and forgiveness.

We realize that our perspectives are limited, so to help us affirm each other, enhance our community, stay open to the viewpoints of others and be sensitive to cultural diversity, we commit ourselves to the Guidelines in a spirit of prayer, trust, and love, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## **CIVIL DEBATE IN PEVA** (EZ RROO)

**SPEAK ONCE** - each speaker should go to a microphone and when recognized, limit your comments to 3 minutes [Announcements 6. ACTIONS – PEVA Packet]

**BE NICE** – always respectful and courteous; no clapping or booing [Seeking to be Faithful Together – PEVA Packet]

**MOTIONS** – motions or amendments must be in writing to the Clerks [Announcements 7 – PEVA Packet]

**STEPS OF THE MOTION** [Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in Presbyterian Church (USA)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, PRP]

1. *Commissioner* rises and addresses the Moderator.
2. *Moderator* recognizes commissioner and grants the floor.
3. *Commissioner* makes motion. (No debate)
4. *Another commissioner* seconds the motion without recognition from the Moderator.
5. *Moderator* states the motion.
6. *Moderator* calls for debate. (Maker of the motion has the privilege of first debate.) All speakers must address the Moderator and be recognized by the Moderator.
7. *Moderator* states the motion.
8. *Moderator* takes the vote and announces the results.

**USEFUL MOTIONS** [Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in Presbyterian Church (USA)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, PRP]

1. Amend. There are only three forms of simple amendment.
  - a) to delete or strike out
  - b) to add or insert
  - c) to strike out and insertThe words proposed for deletion or addition *must be consecutive words*.
2. Commit or Refer. To commit or refer back to committee for further study.
3. Postpone to a Particular Time. This motion takes precedence over the preceding two and has the power to grant additional time to a particular member or committee or do further study or consultation. It should always be used in preference to “table” because it permits debate on the propriety of postponement.
4. Previous Question. The maker of the motion “to move the previous question” (close debate and immediately take the vote) must be recognized by the Moderator and the motion must receive a second. *It is never in order when called from the floor*. This motion should never be considered when it is used to prevent legitimate debate.
5. Lay on Table. This motion is seldom necessary. The motion “to postpone” is always preferable because of its lower rank and its debate ability. Misuse of this subsidiary motion can be a strategy that seriously abridges the rights of the assembly because of its high rank and its adoption by a majority vote without debate. The Moderator is obligated to explain carefully to the assembly the implications of this motion should it be made.

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**DOCKET**

PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING  
January 23, 2021  
Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano  
Via Zoom Webinar

Offering is for **Pastors' Assistance Fund**

Zoom opens (9:00 a.m.)

Commissioner Orientation (9:30 a.m.)

Call to Order/Opening Prayer (10:00 a.m.) Moderator  
The Reverend Dr. **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**

Welcome The Reverend **Alexander J. Creager**

Quorum/Welcome Moderator

Adoption of the Docket Stated Clerk **Q. John Tamm**

Consent Agenda Stated Clerk

**Call to Worship** Moderator

**\*Hymn** **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**  
Iris Redmon & Anthony Burcher – Stone House

**Prayer of Confession** Moderator

Assurance of Pardon Moderator

Scripture Psalm 139 The Reverend **T. Clinton Mitchell**

Sermon "The Other Side of the Wilderness" Rev. T. Clinton Mitchell

Nominations Committee The Reverend **Elnoria L. Harrison**, moderator

Commission on Ministry The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, moderator

Memorial Presentation  
The Reverend **Jennifer M. Spivey** for the Reverend Dr. **J. Scottie Griffin**

**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle's Creed**

Commission on Preparation for the Ministry The Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette**, moderator

Inquirer **Donna Pierce Herring**, candidate for Ministry Moderator

Offertory Announcement Moderator

Prayer Moderator



## CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

January 23, 2021

**(NOTE: On request, any item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the time of the affected report if there is docket time remaining, otherwise at the time for new business.)**

**A Summary of the motions has been published separately.**

**MOTION:** That Presbytery approve the following **RECOMMENDATION(S)** (items in the reports indicated by an asterisk (\*) are recommended for consent agenda approval):

**\*REPORT of the STATED CLERK** [Pages 11-16] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the RECOMMENDATIONS #1, 2, and 3 be approved.

**\*REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS (A/C)** (See Stated Clerk Report F.) The report of the A/C for and Oakdale Church be received and approved, and that the Commission to Oakdale Church be dismissed with the thanks of the Presbytery.

**\*NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** [Page 17] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting. RECOMMENDATION #1 will be presented for approval at the time of the Report.

**\*COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** [Pages 18-19] That RECOMMENDATION # 1, be approved. That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the ACTIONS accepted by the Presbytery.

**\*COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** [Pages 20-23] That RECOMMENDATION #1, be considered and approved at the time of the meeting and that RECOMMENDATION #2 the narrative report, be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM** [Page 24] That Presbytery the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

**\*PEACEMAKING MINISTRY** [Page 25] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

**\*PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** [Page 26]The narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that RECOMMENDATION #1 be approved and the ACTIONS accepted by the Presbytery.

**\*PEVA TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM and** [Page(s) 27] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that RECOMMENDATION #1 and #2 be approved.

**\*SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW** [Page 28] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the RECOMMENDATION #1 be approved.

**STATED CLERK**  
Report to Presbytery  
Ruling Elder **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk  
January 23, 2021

**A. RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:** The Stated Clerk **RECOMMENDS** to Presbytery:

**\*1. MOTION:** That Chairs of Presbytery agencies and committees, not otherwise members of Presbytery for this meeting, be given privilege of the floor with voice but not vote.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*2. MOTION:** That churches based on the 2019 Statistical Report and the parity rules be authorized to elect ruling elder commissioners to presbytery meetings as follows:

Churches with 2000-2500 members (5 elders each) – First Norfolk  
Churches with 1001-1500 members (3 elders each) –Great Bridge, Williamsburg  
Churches with 501-1000 members (2 elders each) – Bayside, Denbigh United,  
First Virginia Beach, St. Andrew  
Racial Ethnic Churches (2 elders each) – Carver Memorial, Community Portsmouth,  
First United, New Horizons  
Churches authorized additional elder based on number of pastors (less than 501 members)  
– Second Norfolk, Yorkminster  
Remaining churches authorized one elder commissioner.

Note: In accordance with the Book of Order, G-3.0301 and the Manual of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, a recommendation is made annually to the Presbytery concerning any imbalance of teaching and ruling elders based on the determination of resident ministers less those ministers that have not attend meetings in the past two years as approved at the January 26, 2013 Presbytery meeting. As of January 1, 2020, there were 120 resident minister members less 8 honorably retired ministers who had not attended meetings for the past two years and one minister temporarily excluded from office for a total of 111 ministers. Sessions are entitled to send a total of 67 ruling elder commissioners to each presbytery meeting plus two ruling elder members of Presbytery by virtue of office, ten commissioned pastors (CP), and two ruling elder members of the Presbytery Council, making a total of 81 ruling elders eligible to vote.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*3. MOTION:** That the report of the Commission to install the Reverend Dr. **Christian R. Shearer** be received and admitted to the record (See Para F.2 below).

That the report of the Commission to install the Reverend **Deidre Porter “Dee Dee” Carson** be received and admitted to the record (See Para F.3 below).

That reports of the commission to Oakdale Presbyterian Church, Norfolk be received and admitted to the record and that Oakdale Church commission be dismissed. (See Para F.1 and F.2 below).

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. ACTIONS:**

**BY ACTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA, AT ITS STATED MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 1999 HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, IN MATTERS IN DEBATE BEFORE PRESBYTERY, EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES, WITH SPEAKERS ALTERNATING BETWEEN THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THOSE OPPOSED.** Presbytery is reminded that, according to Robert's Rules of Order, speakers may not speak more than twice on an issue, and the second time only after everyone has had an opportunity to speak once

**C. MINISTERS:  
ORDAINED/DECEASED/RECEIVED/DISMISSED/INSTALLED/DISSOLUTIONS/  
RETIRED/ SINCE OCTOBER 2020 REPORT**

**-Ordained: None**

**-Deceased:** On December 9, 2020, the Reverend Dr. **J. Scottie Griffin**, age 85, in Virginia Beach.

**-Received: None**

**-Dismissed:** On December 1, 2020 the Reverend Dr. **Ralph R. Herbert** to the Presbytery of Charleston-Atlantic, North Charleston, SC.

**-Installed:** On October 25, 2020 the Reverend Dr. **Christian R. Shearer** as the pastor of KirkWood Presbyterian Church, Yorktown.

On November 15, 2020 the Reverend **Deidre Porter "Dee Dee" Carson** as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

**-Dissolutions:** On December 24, 2020 the Reverend **Martha Elizabeth Mitchell** and the congregation of Simonsdale Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth.

On December 31, 2020 the Reverend Dr. **Cynthia Rosser Higgins** and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Hampton.

**-Honorably Retired:** On December 31, 2020 the Reverend Dr. **Cynthia Rosser Higgins**.

**D. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. A thank you note dated October 26, 2020 from the settlement agent of the law firm of Wolcott, Rivers and Gates (Presbytery's law firm).
2. A letter dated October 26, 2020 from the Presbytery's stated clerk to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly thanking him for his participation and sermon to the presbyters at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting.
3. A letter dated October 26, 2020 to the pastors of the tenant congregation, on the behalf of the Trustees at the former Messiah Church, Norfolk.
4. A letter dated October 27, 2020 from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly acknowledging the Presbytery's continued support through the payment of per capita.
5. A letter dated November 23, 2020 from the Clerk of Session at First Church, Norfolk advising of the session's endorsement of an elder to the pulpit supply list.
6. A letter dated December 16, 2020 from the clerk of session at the Powelton Church, Wachapreague, requesting a Book of Order G-2.0404 waiver.
7. An email dated December 23, 2020 from the Pastor of the Williamsburg Church advising of the session's endorsement of an inquirer to candidate for Ministry.

**E. ANNUAL MINISTERIAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2020**

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia submitted its annual Ministerial Summary Report to the Office of the General Assembly for the year ending December 31, 2020. The Presbytery had 120 ordained ministers and one excluded from office, eleven candidates and eight inquirers. The following changes for ministers are reported and the candidates and inquirers listed:

<u>Received</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mary Newbern-Williams	Missouri River Valley (NE)	04/07/20
Deidre Porter Carson	Grace (TX)	04/30/20
Christian R. Shearer	the James (VA)	06/06/20

<u>Honorably Retired</u>	<u>Date</u>
Virginia Snyder Campbell	02/04/20
Cynthia Rosser Higgins	12/31/20

<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Date</u>
None	

<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kerry Knox Westerwick	Florida	01/02/20
David A. Cagle	Salem (NC)	09/01/20
Ralph R. Herbert	Charleston-Atlantic (SC)	12/01/20

<u>Necrology</u>	<u>Place of death</u>	<u>Date</u>
John D. Sadler	Sebastian, Florida	02/22/20
Donald R. Broad	Melfa, VA	07/15/20
Donald F. Hammond	Pinetown, NC	08/20/20
J. Scottie Griffin	Virginia Beach, VA	12/09/20

### **PASTOR RELATIONS**

<u>Installations</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>
Marc Vernon Mason	Yorkminster	02/09/20
Christian R. Shearer	KirkWood	10/25/20
Deidre Porter Carson	First, Virginia Beach	11/15/20

<u>Dissolutions</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Date</u>
Martha Elizabeth Mitchell	Simonsdale	12/24/20
Cynthia Rosser Higgins	First, Hampton	12/31/20

### **CANDIDATES AND INQUIRERS**

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Church</u>
Carol Bayma	Royster Memorial
Kimberly Coyle	Bayside
Katherine Dickens	1st Virginia Beach
Sara Green	Great Bridge
Pamela Hrnrcir	Williamsburg
Jeff Keeney	1st Norfolk
Joel Phillips	1st Norfolk
Calvin Sydnor IV	Carver Memorial
Joanna Sydnor	Carver Memorial
Andrea Alvord Wood	1st Norfolk
Marcy Wright	Carver Memorial

<u>Inquirers</u>	<u>Church</u>
Melissa Goodson	Hilton
Donna Herring	Williamsburg
Alyssa Blake Queen	Stone House

Madison Nicole Winters

1st Virginia Beach

Inquirers received

Lauren Hoak  
Carter Jones  
Paul Clay-Rooks  
Patrick Long

Church

Williamsburg  
Carver Memorial  
KirkWood  
Bayside

**F. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS (\*MOTION # 3 CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Reports:**

**\*1.** The Administrative Commission to Oakdale Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA the Reverend **Brian H. Harroff**, Moderator the Reverend **Virginia Snyder Campbell**, the Reverend Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd** Ruling Elder **Jan Cournoyer-Webster** (Royster Memorial)

**\*MOTION:** That the Administrative Commission be dissolved with the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Presbytery. The Presbytery Trustees and the Session of Royster Memorial Church, Norfolk will assume responsibility for the management of the real estate.

A service welcoming the congregation of Oakdale Church to Royster Memorial Church, Norfolk was held at the Royster Memorial Church on October 18, 2020.

**Rationale:** The Congregation of Oakdale Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia, was dissolved by the Presbytery effective July 21, 2020, in accordance with the Book of Order G-3.0301 as requested and approved by the Congregation at a congregational meeting on June 27, 2020 moderated by the Reverend Brian H. Harroff.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*2.** Report and Minutes of the Commission to Install the Reverend Dr. **Christian R. Shearer** as Pastor of KirkWood Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, VA on October 25, 2020.

By appointment of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, the Commission to Install the Reverend Dr. Christian Shearer as Pastor of KirkWood Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, VA, met via Zoom at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Members present were the Reverend Dr. **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**, Moderator, the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, General Presbyter, the Reverend Dr. **Fred Holbrook**, (Presbytery of the James); the Reverend **Charles M. Tucker** and the Reverend Dr. **Marc V. Mason**. Ruling Elders present were **Bruce Knight** (KirkWood), **Regina Harris** (KirkWood), and **Hank Vernon** (Williamsburg).

A quorum being present, the Moderator, convened the Commission. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Hendricks and Ruling Elder Hank Vernon was elected Clerk. The Commission approved the order of worship and arrangements as outlined. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by acclamation that the benediction serve as the closing prayer for the Commission.

The Commission then joined and participated in a service of worship at 3:00 p.m. with the congregation.

The Call to Worship, opening prayer, confession, and reminder of grace was led by the Moderator. Rev. Dr. Marc Mason read Psalm 21. Rev. Dr. Fred Holbrook preached a sermon, "Touched by the Wind" based on John 3:1-17, followed by a music video from the KirkWood choir, "Let Us Build a House." The constitutional questions were asked of the pastor by the Moderator. These being answered in the affirmative, the Reverend Dr. Christian Shearer was installed with prayer as the Pastor of KirkWood Presbyterian Church, agreeable to the Word of God and the Book of Order.

The installation prayer was given by Ruling Elder Regina Harris. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Reverend Elizabeth Hendricks and the charge to the congregation was given by Reverend Charles Tucker.

The service was concluded with a benediction pronounced by the newly installed minister.

**\*3. Report and Minutes of the Commission to Install the Reverend Deidre Porter "Dee Dee" Carson as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, VA on November 15, 2020.**

By appointment of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, the Commission to Install the Reverend Deidre Porter "Dee Dee" Carson as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, VA convened on November 15, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church. Members present were the Reverend Dr. **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**, Moderator, the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, General Presbyter, the Reverend **Boone D. Clayton**, the Reverend **Caroline Anderson Jinkins** (Elizabeth, NJ), Ruling Elder **Jessica S. Kelly**, PhD., (Hiddenwood Church, Newport News) and Ruling Elder (RE) **Stacy Fuqua**, (First Church, Virginia Beach).

A quorum being present, the Moderator, convened the Commission. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Ventura and Ruling Elder Fuqua was elected Clerk. The Commission approved the order of worship and arrangements as outlined. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by acclamation that the benediction serve as the closing prayer for the Commission.

The Commission then joined and participated in a service of worship at 1100 a.m. with the congregation.

The Call to Worship, opening prayer, confession, and reminder of grace was led by the Moderator. The hymn "Called as Partners in Christ Service" was sung by Assistant Music Director **Kimberly Nickerson**. Rev. Caroline Anderson Jinkins preached a sermon, "Appointed to Bear Fruit" based on John 15:1-17, followed by the Affirmation of Faith. The Bell Choir under the direction of **Belinda Valet** preformed "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The constitutional questions were asked of the pastor by the Moderator and to the congregation by RE Fuqua. These being answered in the affirmative, the Reverend Deidre Porter "Dee Dee" Carson was installed with prayer as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, agreeable to the Word of God and the Book of Order.

The installation prayer was given by RE Kelly. The charge to the pastor was delivered by the Reverend **Jeremy Jinkins** (Elizabeth) and the charge to the congregation was given by Reverend Boone Clayton.

The service was concluded with a benediction pronounced by the newly installed minister.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

## G. SALE OF CHURCH REAL ESTATE

### **Coleman Place Presbyterian Church, Norfolk (dissolved)**

By action of the Presbytery on October 18, 2012, an Administrative Commission was appointed, as requested by the Session of Coleman Place Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA in accordance with G-3.0109b of the Book of Order, "to administer Coleman Place Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of overseeing the dissolution of the Coleman Place Presbyterian Church, whatever form that may take." The final worship service at Coleman Place Presbyterian Church was held on June 30, 2013 and the congregation was dissolved on that date.

The Commission and Presbytery managed the real estate and other property of the dissolved congregation. A lease purchase agreement with Revelation International Ministries, Inc., was finalized on February 7, 2017.

The sale to Revelation International Ministries, Inc. was completed on October 23, 2020 with Presbytery receiving \$436,239.85 from Revelation International Ministries, Inc. The total sale price was \$553,000.00. Revelation International Ministries, Inc. had previously paid a \$116,750.15 deposit.

The official records of Coleman Place Presbyterian Church, Norfolk have been shipped to the Presbyterian Historical Society and Archives, Philadelphia, PA as required by the *Book of Order*, G-3.0107. All indicia of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) affiliation not permanently affixed has been removed from the church building.

The Stated Clerk, on the behalf of the Presbytery, sincerely thanks the Reverend **Virginia S. Campbell** and Ruling Elder **Arthur Derrenbacker** (Third) for serving as the commission members for the Presbytery. Also recognized are Ruling Elder **Jessica A. Fitzgerald** and **Ray Fitzgerald** (Third) for assisting in the initial maintenance of Coleman Place Church prior to the lease and sales agreement. Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull** (Second) served as trustee for the sale. The advice and legal services of the General Counsel, Ruling Elder **John F. Sawyer**, Esq., (Second), are also acknowledged with gratitude.

## H. MINISTERS' ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

<b>J. Scottie Griffin</b>	60 years	<b>Donald E. McLean</b>	25 years
<b>David R. Warren</b>	60 years	<b>Donna Marie DeSarro-Raynal</b>	10 years
<b>Stanley H.K. Lin</b>	55 years	<b>Brian Hugh Harroff</b>	10 years
<b>Albert G. Butzer, III</b>	40 years	<b>Kelly Anne P. Nieto</b>	10 years
<b>Robin E. Wooddell</b>	40 years	<b>Michael Andrew Nieto</b>	10 years
<b>Susan H. Cothran</b>	30 years	<b>Jennifer McCann Spivey</b>	10 years
<b>James A. Goodbow</b>	30 years	<b>Kimberly Renee Wagner</b>	10 years
<b>James M. Wood, Jr.</b>	30 years		
<b>Danny T. Klein</b>	25 years		

Certificates will be presented by the Presbytery at the 125<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting (April 20, 2021).

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Report to Presbytery

The Reverend **Elnoria Lofton Harrison**, Moderator

January 23, 2021

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY:**

The Nominations Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Presbytery the election of:

**1. MOTION:**

Moderator of the Stewardship Ministry Team and  
President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc.  
Ruling Elder **Marvin Brangan** (Providence)

Treasurer of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc.  
Ruling Elder **Marc T. Steiner** (Green Acres)

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Nominations Committee class of 2024  
Rev. **Mary Newbern-Williams**

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Jubilee Fund Committee class of 2024  
Rev. **Veronica Martin Thomas**

**Motion Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIONS TAKEN:**

None

**NARRATIVE REPORT**

The members of the Nominations Committee are as follows: Ruling Elder **Jaime Ambrose** (Lynnhaven), the Reverend **Elnoria Lofton Harrison**, the Reverend **Walter C. Hunting**, Ruling Elder **Michael Fore** (KirkWood), the Reverend **Libby M. Rollins**, and Commissioned Pastor **Linda Marley Smith** (Simonsdale).

The Nominations Committee is made with three classes having two members in each. One term of service is three years, and the members are nominated by the Presbytery Council. The Nominations Committee meets at the call of its moderator.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)**

Report to Presbytery

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

January 23, 2021

1. Recommendation to Presbytery: The Commission on Ministry **RECOMMENDS** to the Presbytery the following:

**\*1. Motion:** That the Presbytery approve the actions taken by the COM.

**Motion Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Actions Taken:**

1. On October 12, 2020 approved the request of the Session of First Church, Virginia Beach to install as Pastor the Reverend **Diedre Porter "Dee Dee" Carson** at a worship service on November 15, 2020.
2. On November 10, 2020 approved the Commissioned Pastor Agreement between First Church, Portsmouth, and Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts** for the period February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
3. On November 10, 2020 approved the terms of call as Pastor for the Reverend Dr. **Brian J. Wells** and the congregation of Carver Memorial Church, Newport News, effective October 1, 2020.
4. On November 10, 2020 approved Covenant for the Reverend Dr. Brian J. Wells and the congregation of Carver Memorial Church, Newport News, effective October 1, 2020.
5. On December 1, 2020 approved the Ministry Information Form for the congregation of Hidenwood Church, Newport News.
6. On December 1, 2020 dismissed the Reverend Dr. **Ralph R. Herbert** to the Presbytery of Charleston Atlantic, North Charleston, SC.
7. On January 5, 2021 approved the contract between Candidate for Ministry **Pamela D. Hrcir** and the Session of the Williamsburg Church as covenant pastor for congregation care for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
8. On January 5, 2021 approved the temporary relationship agreement between the Reverend **Ronald T. Blade** and the Session of the Knox Church, Norfolk as covenant pastor for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
9. On January 5, 2021 approved the temporary relationship agreement between the Reverend Dr. **Helen Louise C. "Lou" Ventura** and the Session of the Franklin Church, as covenant pastor for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
10. On January 5, 2021 approved the bridge pastor agreement between the Reverend **Donald P. Troast** and the Session of Community Church, Hampton.
11. On January 5, 2021 approved the request of the Session of the Powelton Church, Wachapreague, for a rotational waiver in accordance with the provisions of the *Book of Order*, G-2.0404.
12. On January 5, 2021 approved the Annual Report of Work of Ministers for the Presbytery.
13. On December 1, 2021 approved the temporary relationship agreement between the Reverend Elnoria L. Harrison and the Session of Squires Memorial Church, Norfolk as covenant pastor for the period January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

## **In Memoria**

The Reverend Dr. **J. Scottie Griffin** died peacefully at the age of 85 on December 9, 2020 surrounded by beloved family at his home at Westminster-Canterbury in Virginia Beach.

He was a native of Texas and a graduate of Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX and Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ. Dr. Griffin was ordained by the Plains Presbytery, the predecessor presbytery to Palo Duro Presbytery, Lubbock, TX, on June 25, 1960 as a minister of the Word of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Dr. Griffin served as pastor to congregations in Tulsa, OK; Philadelphia, PA (First Church, Holmesburg and the Germantown Church) Wilmington, DE, Scarsdale, NY; and Virginia Beach, VA. Dr. Griffin joined the Presbytery in 1987 and was the Pastor at First Presbyterian Church from 1987-2000, and the Covenant Pastor at Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church from 2000 - 2018. Dr. Griffin was honorably retired by the Presbytery on March 31, 2000.

Dr. Griffin enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the yearly trips to Avalon, New Jersey each summer where he served as guest pastor at Wells Chapel a ministry of the Philadelphia Presbytery. He enjoyed tennis with "the boys" at Cape Henry Racquet Club, and never failed to be awed by the sunsets over the Chesapeake Bay. Dr. Griffin will be remembered for the ease with which he expressed his emotions from tears to laughter, for his passion for life, and his love of family and friends and the affection of his congregants.

He is survived by Rosemary, wife of 61 years, daughters Chris Pascuzzi and Beth Ann Kohlman, son Matt, sons-in-law John Kohlman and John Pascuzzi, grandchildren Natalie, Angelina, Nicholas, Landon, Jacob, Micah, Koi, Mina and Nashoba, and several nieces and nephews.

## COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

Report to Presbytery of Eastern Virginia  
Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette**, Moderator  
January 23, 2021

**1. MOTION:** The CPM RECOMMENDS that, upon examination by the Presbytery, **Donna Herring** be approved for candidacy for ministry in the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)

Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

**\*2. MOTION:** That the narrative report of the CPM be received by the Presbytery.

Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

### Narrative Report

- The members of CPM are: CP **Alice T. Cross**, Elder **Larry O. "Natt" Gantt, II** (First Norfolk), Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** (General Presbyter, ex officio), Rev. **Emma L. Ouellette**, Elder **Judi Rodgers** (Great Bridge), Rev. Dr. **Brian Wells**, and Rev. **Michelle Burcher**.
- In December Calvin Sydnor and Joanna Sydnor both did Final Assessment and were approved to circulate their PIF.

We currently have the following Inquirers under our care:

	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Status*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
1.	Paul Clay-Rooks	April 2020	Duke	GD	11	Kirkwood	
2.	Melissa Goodson	Aug 2016	Union	PT	20	Hilton	B. Wells
3.	Donna Herring	June 2018	Union	FT	21	Wmsburg	
4.	Lauren Hoak	March 2020	Princeton	FT	23	Wmsburg	L. Cross
5.	Carter Jones	March 2020	Regent	GD	18	Carver Mem.	N. Gantt
6.	Patrick Long	June 2020	Louisville	FT	23	Bayside	
7.	Alyssa Queen	Jan 2019	Princeton	FT	22	Stone House	E. Ouellette
8.	Madison Winters	June 2019	Union	FT	23	1 <sup>st</sup> VAB	L. Cross

We currently have the following Candidates under our care:

	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
1.	Carol Bayma	Apr 2012	Dubuque	GD	16	Royster	B. Wells
2.	Kimberly Coyle	July 2017	Union	GD	20	Bayside	
3.	Katherine Dickens	Oct 2014	Princeton	GD	17	1 <sup>st</sup> VAB	E. Ouellette
4.	Joel Phillips	Jan 2019	Regent	PT	21	1st Norfolk	N. Gantt
5.	Calvin Sydnor	Oct 2017	Dubuque	GD	19	Carver Mem.	N. Gantt
6.	Joanna Sydnor	Oct 2017	Dubuque	GD	19	Carver Mem.	E. Ouellette
7.	Andrea A. Wood	Feb. 2016	Yale	GD	19	1 <sup>st</sup> Norfolk	L. Cross
8.	Sara Green	Apr 2010	Princeton	GD	12	Great Bridge	
9.	Jeff Keeney	Nov 2013	Regent	GD	PhD	1 <sup>st</sup> Norfolk	
10.	Marcy Wright	May 2018	Union	GD	19	Carver Mem.	N. Gantt

\*Status: FT=Full Time; PT=Part Time; DL=Distant Learning; NC=No Classes;  
GD=graduated

## **Statement of Faith Donna Pierce Herring**

I believe in a creator God who loves his creation and appointed humanity to be caretakers of the creation that was entrusted to them ( Gen 2:15).

I believe that Jesus Christ, God's son, was both fully human and fully God. Jesus Chose to live in humanity with mankind so that he could abide with us in an intimate relationship; showing each person how to live and love as God the father intended for his creation. Fully aware of the sins of this world, Jesus agree to sacrifice himself to pay for the world's sins. He was crucified, dead and buried and three days later; he was no longer dead, proving we will live eternally abiding in and with Christ and he with us.( John 15:7). Therefore, death has no sting and the grave no victory (NIV 1 Cor:15:55).

I believe God love each of us equally and requires us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly ( NIV Micah 6:8) God and with all of creation; this is a responsibility we gladly take on as a response to God's love.

I believe that God recognized our need for an advocate on this earth and sent the Holy Spirit to guide us and if we have faith as small as a mustard seed; we can do great thing sin God's name with the help of the Holy Spirit; who exists co-equally with God.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired words of God; to be used for teaching, preaching, and guiding our action corporately as well as individually and the scriptures are to be faithfully study and discussed to understand the depths of its meanings. We are also to be in prayer with God for discernment about the scriptures and our daily lives.

I believe that I am not worthy or deserving of God's love, but God loves me anyway. Nothing I could ever do could separate me from the love of God. It is unconditional and unending; Jesus Christ' was a concrete example of God's love in action; and as a response to this amazing love, we are to reflect the divine image of love and light to the world.

I believe in the equality and essential dignity of men, women and children of all ages and social classes. Recognizing that all people are made in the image of God and we as believers in the triune God need to emulate God's love to all.

I believe that it is our privilege to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, not just in word, but by our daily actions.

## **Faith Journey Donna Pierce Herring**

I was born into a white middle-class family in the sixties where both my mother and my father worked. My mother was the church secretary and a kindergarten teacher at the church's preschool. I believe this is where I get the tendency to sing about just about everything. My mother loved the Lord but had broken from the Southern Baptist roots of her family before I was born. She was an intelligent woman and quickly recognized that the scripture's held promise of unconditional love, radical grace, and eternal life.

She began attending Montrose Presbyterian Church when she moved to Richmond. She also was an academic; she enjoyed talking about the Bible and began studying at the

Presbyterian School of Christian Educators when I was a child. Our family depended on her income, however, so she was required to leave her position at the church as Secretary and Kindergarten teacher and begin work in the business world.

I am including a lot about my mother and my childhood because I believe my early childhood formation was intrinsic to who I am today. I spent a tremendous amount of time at the church with my mom. Even today, almost 50 years later, when I think about the cool basement with its musky smell and the piano I in which I used to practice my lessons, I find peace.

I remember going to church on Sunday's until I went to college at my church which sat across the road from my house. Everyone knew me and I had the sense of belonging. I also remember the differences of opinion my aunts would have with my mother about her faith. I honestly did not understand why they got so angry at my mom. In college, I would attend different churches of my roommates and enjoyed seeing the different ways of worshipping God.

After college, I got married and had a daughter and I wanted her to have the tenets of faith to build her life upon; so, we started attending Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg Virginia. The first time I went to Williamsburg Presbyterian and listened to Neil Stephenson preach, I knew this was my new church home. To stay at home with my daughter in her early years, I began my own business in catering. The church hired me for all their functions and then the church members began hiring me for functions in their home. Cooking food was my ministry, and I began cooking dinners for many church's in Williamsburg Wednesday night Bible Studies. My catering team served about 500 meals each Wednesday and I believe we were successful because we were a working Bible Study. We worked, sang, read, and pondered God's word. We had fun. I incorporated under the name Phil 4:13 Inc. I know our success was a direct result of God's blessing and I did this for several years; until my mother died unexpectedly.

After my mother died, my father died. In total I had 18 friends and family members who died within an eighteen-month period. In addition, my pastor retired and the new church plant I was part of initiating; it was my dark night of the Soul because as the church hired a new pastor; and his views were very different from mine. My world flipped upside down and the person I would talk to about my confusion, my mom, had died. I wanted answers and I wanted truth; so, after much prayer and discernment.

I applied at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. In the four years that followed, that school and the friends I made there were like the Balm of Gilead. I had found my spiritual home and I was no longer alone on my faith Journey.

I graduated and became the Director of Campus Ministries for Williamsburg Presbyterian church working with William and Mary students. I loved it, but I was only hired part-time and I needed health insurance because of an autoimmune in which I had been diagnosed. Ironically, as the college group began to grow; I received a call from Williamsburg James City County Public Schools asking if I would teach in the school system until they found a permanent teacher. The students I would be teaching were being reacclimating into society from long-term incarceration. I knew God was calling me to change my career; so, in 2006, I began working with at-risk students teaching math. This is when I truly became aware of how privileged my life was. The emotional, spiritual, and physical pain and neglect these students endured was palpable. My part-time fill position quickly became a full-time rollercoaster ride for the next fifteen years.

In the Winter of 2015, I went to the doctor with a stomachache that would not go away. My doctor ran tests and said I was in stage four heart failure. I remember being in class and praying between classes. "Guide me, Lord, what do I do?" I must have said that one hundred times that day. I called VCU and Duke to schedule second opinions, I could get an answer at Duke, but when I called VCU they Dean of the School of cardiology said he would meet me in Williamsburg the next day for an evaluation. I knew whatever happened, I was in God's hands and I would be okay.

My husband and I agreed to hand everything over to God in prayer and discernment. We talked about all the possibilities and test that we would face. I was instructed to quit working and focus on my health and I did join several volunteer organizations, but something huge was missing in my life. After a year at home and a much-improved diagnosis; I decided to go to Seminary to receive a Master of Divinity and become a Chaplain. At least I thought I wanted to be a chaplain, but God had laughed at my career choice before, so I decided I would just follow the God's lead. I knew that if things did not come together, i.e., acceptance to the school, financial assistance and passing the Bible Content Exam; it was not supposed to be, but here I am in my third year, still plugging along. Over the summer I was a Chaplain at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News Virginia. It was truly the most incredible experience of my life. To be a conduit of God's love to people who are vulnerable, alone and scared and to represent God's love and Grace in this crazy broken world was amazing. I know it is my calling.

My faith journey is still in progress. I do not know what my future holds but I know I will be fine. I have given my life over to God. That does not mean I do not take it back every day and try to control things, that is a growing edge of mine, but God knows and understands my faults.

## **CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM (CVT)**

Report to the Presbytery

The Reverend T. **Clinton Mitchell**, Chair

January 23, 2021

Members: The Reverend Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**, the Reverend Dr. **Christina M. Carrasco**, the Reverend **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**, Ruling Elder (RE) **Carey Gerstner** (Hidenwood), the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, the Reverend Dr. **Cynthia R. Higgins**, the Reverend **T. Clinton Mitchell**, chair.

### **NARRATIVE REPORT**

The Congregational Vitality Team is busy planning for a new 2021, trying to take what we have learned in 2020 to help us empower PEVA congregations to grow stronger.

- Technology Assistance grants are still available for congregations that have not yet received them. These grants of up to \$2000 are meant to help congregations improve their A/V technology to improve their ability to reach out in worship beyond the walls of the church building. More can be found on the PEVA website.
- Yorkminster Presbyterian Church has completed their CAT Assessment through Holy Cow Consulting. Rev. Lou Ventura and Rev. Clint Mitchell will be assisting them with their interpretation at the end of January. If your congregation is interested in taking the CAT, please contact Rev. Clint Mitchell.
- CVT is working to develop a clergy coaching network for the Presbytery. Our second cohort of clergy coaches will be starting their coursework soon. The first cohort is working on completing the hours of coaching required for certification. For more information about the clergy coaching network, please contact Rev. Chris Carrasco.
- We continue to offer MissionInsite to our congregations free of charge. If you would like to find out more about MissionInsite and how it can help your congregation connect with your community, please contact Rev. Garrett Bugg.

## **PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM**

Report to Presbytery

The Reverend **Alexander J. Creager**, Ruling Elder (RE) **Gerry Ellis**, Co-Moderators

January 23, 2021

***The PEVA Peacemaking Ministry Team inspires, equips and mobilizes PEVA congregations and members to work for peace and social and environmental justice.***

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY: NONE**

### **NARRATIVE REPORT:**

- Racial Dialogue Team: The proposed Prayer Walk was heartily endorsed by the PEVA Council. The Prayer Walk is planned for March 2021 with April as an alternative if needed. Work is underway within the team to accomplish all the details associated with the event.
- Poor Peoples Campaign: RE **Claudette Gravely** (New Horizons) gave an informational report on the Poor Peoples Campaign which she has recently joined. Its mission is similar to our own and members expressed interest in learning more about PPC and how we might support its work.
- The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. service: The logistics for the service are underway. It will be held via Zoom on January 17, 2021. Details to follow.

**PRESBYTERY COUNCIL**  
Report to Presbytery  
Commissioned Pastor **William T. "Billy" Ricketts**, Moderator  
January 23, 2021

**RECOMMENDATIONS** to Presbytery:

**\*1. MOTION:** That the Presbytery approve the actions of the Council and receive the Presbytery Council's narrative report.

**Motion Made \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_**

**Actions taken by the Council and Narrative Report:**

Received the report of the General Presbyter for the months of November 2020 and January 2021.

Received the report of the Stated Clerk for the months of November 2020 and January 2021.

Reviewed and approved Presbytery of Eastern Virginia Handbook of Personnel Policy And Procedures.

Approved the dismissal of the Oakdale Church, Norfolk Administrative Commission with the sincere thanks of the Presbytery. The motion to dismiss the Administrative Commission will appear in the Stated Clerk's report.

Received a report from the Reverend Addie N. Peterson, that the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. worship service will be held on January 17, 2021. The service will be held at New Horizons Church, Norfolk at 4:00 pm. The service will be live streamed and on Zoom.

**THE PRESBYTERY TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (SMT)**

Report to the Presbytery  
The Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull**, Moderator  
January 23, 2021

**\*1. MOTION:** That the Presbytery elect the following as the Trustees to John Knox Homes, Inc., Norfolk, VA.: Marvin Brangan (Providence), Burt Higgins (First Hampton), John Keifer (Royster Memorial), Rev. Michael A. Nieto, Sandra W. Poole (St. Andrew), Rev. Julie A Sterling, Rev. Dr. Marc V. Mason, Larry H. Hull (Second) and Q. John Tamm (First Virginia Beach)

**Motion Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*2. MOTION:** That the Presbytery approve the actions of the Trustees and receive the Trustees' narrative report

**Motion Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Report**

The trustees continue to assess the Covid 19 financial impacts on PEVA's current year revenue and expenses and 2021 pledges. We are grateful that congregations have been so faithful this year in keeping up their support for the Presbytery and hope that will be able to continue for 2021. We recognize however that Covid 19 makes the entire PEVA budgeting process more tentative.

The trustees held our 2019 Financial Review meeting with reviewer, CPA Doug Hall. His report indicated that no material modifications to the 2019 financial statements are needed. The final report with agreed upon minor revisions will be received by the trustees for PEVA, Inc. this month.

The sale of the former Coleman Place Presbyterian Church, Norfolk property closed in October. Financing by the purchasing church is independent of PEVA, thus eliminating future PEVA liability for the property. It is the goal of the PEVA trustees that future sales of former churches should be financed independent of PEVA unless circumstances require PEVA participation in the financing.

Payment of the loan to Frances Makemie PC was completed by an outside donation as was payment of the balance of the ODU House mortgage.

The trustees continue to manage the former Clark & Messiah PC properties and the sale of Makemie Woods Camp property which are in various states of lease, lease to purchase, & vacant for sale.

On a personal note, as I complete my term as a trustee and moderator; it has been an honor and privilege to serve with such a dedicated and professionally competent group of fellow trustees and PEVA staff. I thank each of you for your support of our shared work.

**SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE**

Report to Presbytery  
Ruling Elder **Jill Keifer**, Chair  
December 7, 2020

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY:** Report of the Sessional Records Committee Meeting held on December 7, 2020.

**\*1. MOTION:** to approve the following report:

The following church records had no exceptions: Bethany PC, Suffolk PC, First PC Norfolk, Denbigh PC, St. Andrews PC, and Naomi Makemie PC. Wythe had the following exceptions: 2b and 13. Stone House had the following exceptions: 2, 18, 28, 29b, 30, 31, and 34b. Christ PC had the following exceptions: 20, 25, 29a, and 29b. Franklin PC had the following exceptions: 20, 34a, 34b and 11 due to Covid 19 restrictions. King’s Grants PC had the following exception was 28b. Grace Covenant PC had the following exception was 28b.

**Motion Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE  
PRESBYTERY MINISTRY TEAMS AND COMMITTEES**

The Presbytery needs your service. If you are interested in serving on a particular committee or ministry team, please indicate below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gender : Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ruling Elder    \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching Elder    \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation Member

Racial/Ethnic Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Under 24    \_\_\_\_\_ 24-35    \_\_\_\_\_ 36-45    \_\_\_\_\_ 46-55    \_\_\_\_\_ 56-64    \_\_\_\_\_ 65 & over

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO STATED CLERK OR EMAIL  
[JTAMM@PCUSAPEVA.ORG](mailto:JTAMM@PCUSAPEVA.ORG) FAX TO 757-397-7246. IF A VACANCY IS NOT CURRENTLY  
AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMITTEE YOU NOTED, THE FORM WILL BE KEPT ON FILE  
FOR LATER CONSIDERATION.**

\_\_\_\_\_ COMMISSION ON MINISTRY  
(COM)

\_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE ON  
REPRESENTATION (COR)

\_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION  
FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

\_\_\_\_\_ CONGO PARTNERSHIP  
MINISTRIES (CIPM)

\_\_\_\_\_ CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY  
(CVT)

\_\_\_\_\_ EQUIPPING LEADERS  
(Resource Center)

\_\_\_\_\_ HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

\_\_\_\_\_ PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM

\_\_\_\_\_ RACIAL DIALOGUE TEAM

\_\_\_\_\_ PERMANENT JUDICIAL  
COMMISSION (PJC)

\_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_\_ SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW  
COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_\_ STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM  
(SMT)

\_\_\_\_\_ UPM CAMPUS MINISTRY

\_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRY