



**PEVA PACKET
January 28, 2023
MEETING**

Host – First United Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA

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

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<http://www.pcusa-peva.org/form17814.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CHILD CARE – Childcare will be provided for this Presbytery Meeting with the following requirements:

- a. Only children ages 7 and under.
- b. Parent is to provide bag lunch for child.
- c. No medications or special needs to be met by caregivers.
- d. **Reservations must be made to: First United Presbyterian Church** (Telephone 757-635-0188) **by Noon, Thursday, January 26, 2023.**

2. NOTE TIME - MEETING BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M

3. MEAL – COST FOR PRE-MEETING & RECESS SNACKS IS \$5.00. Cash and checks accepted. Please make checks out to PEVA.

4. REGISTRATION - Registration of Teaching Elder Commissioners, Ruling Elder Commissioners, and Visitors at Presbytery Meetings will be done using three lists -

- A roster of Teaching Elder Members of Presbytery to initial.
- A list of churches for Ruling Elder Commissioners.
- A sheet for all others to print name, organization, and indicate position (alternate ruling elder commissioners, DCEs, visitors, etc.). Persons will be available to assist you.

5. REPORTS – Recommended actions of Commissions/Ministry Teams/Committee 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. 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.

7. MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS – Motions or amendments to motions are to be provided to the Clerks in writing. Forms are available from the Clerks.

8. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS – Any papers or other documentation not included in the Presbytery Packet or Pick-up Packet must be approved by two-thirds vote of the members present to be distributed at the meeting.

9. SPEAK OUT – Any announcements made during the Speak Out Session may be provided in writing to the Journal Clerk for publication in PEVA News & Events Around the Presbytery. Speakers are asked to confine their remarks to no more than one (1) minute.

10. DISPLAYS – Visit the display area to see what is available.

11. SESSION RECORDS – Representatives from the following churches are requested to pick up their records: Bethany, Denbigh United, First Norfolk, King's Grant, Naomi Makemie, St. Andrew, Suffolk, and Wythe,

12. NEXT STATED MEETING: The next stated meeting of Presbytery is **Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.** at Williamsburg Church, 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, phone number 757-229-4235.

DIRECTIONS
First United Presbyterian Church
745 East 29th St, Norfolk, VA 23504-1721
(Telephone 757-622-7412)

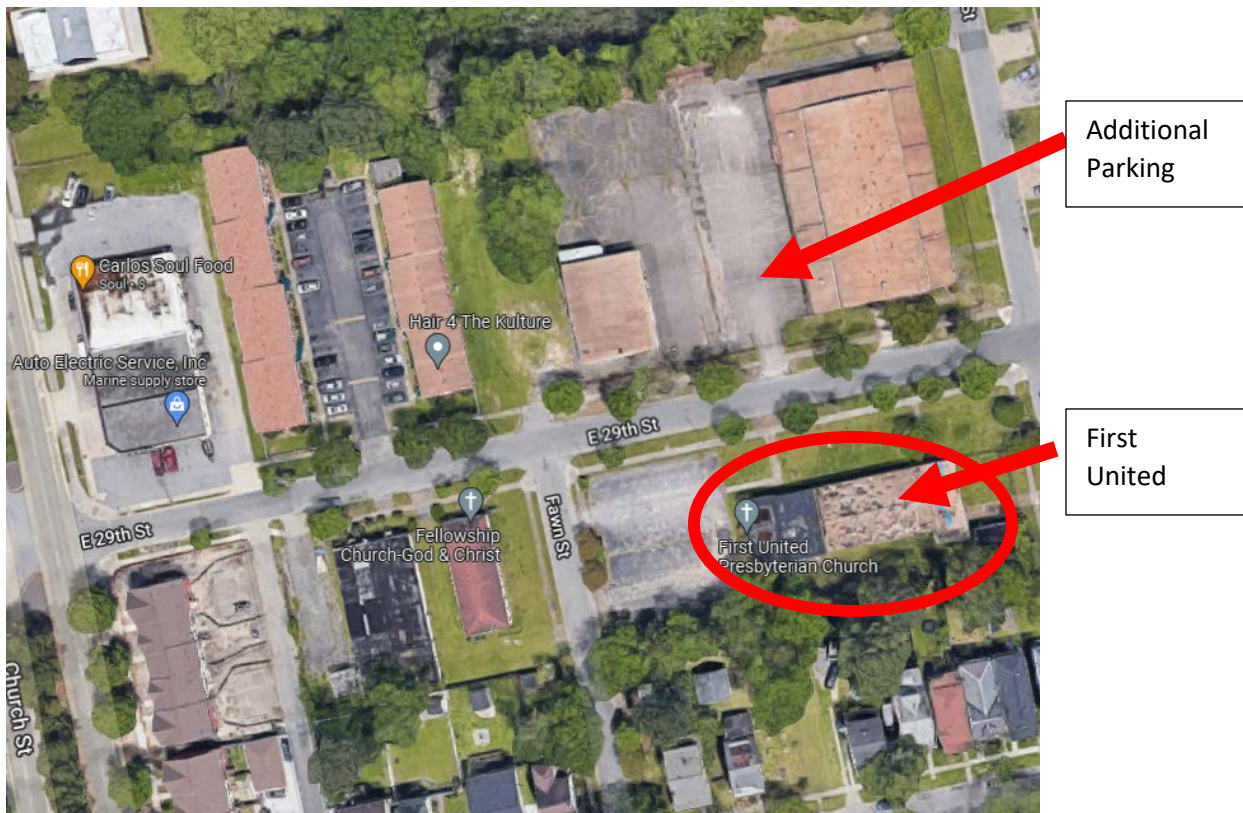
**** From Peninsula** - On I-64, take Exit 276 (I-564, Naval Base) and bear left onto exit for Granby Street (US 460). Proceed through Ward's Corner and stay on US 460, which becomes Monticello Avenue. Go to 29th Street and turn left. Cross Church Street and go to second block. Church is on your right across from the Armory.

**** From Downtown Tunnel** - Take the Waterside Drive Exit to the first traffic light. Turn right on St. Paul's Blvd. and follow as it becomes Monticello Avenue to 29th Street. Turn right and cross Church Street. Go to the second block. Church is on your right across from the Armory.

**** From Eastern Shore** - Continue on US 13 (Northampton Blvd.) to I-64 East. Then take I-264 West to Downtown Norfolk Exit (Waterside Drive) to the first traffic light and turn right on St. Paul's Blvd. and follow directions from Downtown Tunnel.

**** From Virginia Beach Expressway (I-264)** - Follow I-264 West into downtown Norfolk and follow above.

Parking is available across from the Church in the parking lot of the National Guard Armory.



SEEKING TO BE FAITHFUL TOGETHER:

Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

Adopted by the 204th 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 THIRTY-SECOND STATED MEETING
January 28, 2022, 10:00 am
First United Presbyterian Church Norfolk, VA

Offering is for the Church Professionals Assistance Fund
<https://abundant.co/peva/pevameeting012823>



Check in 9:00

Prelude

Call to Order, Opening Prayer (10:00 a.m.) Moderator, RE **Dianne F. Schoonover**

Quorum Stated Clerk, RE **Q. John Tamm**

Adoption of Docket Stated Clerk

Appointment of temporary clerks Stated Clerk

Consent Agenda Stated Clerk

Order of the Day Stated Clerk
Debate on the amendments to the *Book of Order* is limited to thirty minutes.

Land Acknowledgement RE **Gerry Ellis** (Denbigh United)

Welcome to First United Presbyterian Church The **Reverend Veronica M. Thomas**

Call To Worship – Thanksgiving for the Light Rev. Thomas
Eternal God,
By your word you commanded:
“Let there be light!”
By your Spirit you have revealed
The light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
Shine in our hearts this day with the light of your good news
And illumine our lives with the vision of your holy realm.
Through Christ our Lord and in the unity of the Spirit, we give you thanks,
and praise now and forever, Amen.

Hymn (insert) “Praise Him, Jesus, Blessed Savior”

Confession/Assurance Rev. Thomas
We confess that we have sinned -
In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.
When we make no room for Christ, and fail to welcome him into our lives -
In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.
When we follow shooting stars and squander our gifts in Herod’s court -
In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.
When we sing sweet songs over the Christ, but fail to recognize his everyday
presence in our lives-
In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.

Anthem (video) "Shine" **Mr. Robert Shoup**

Scripture Matthew 4: 12-23 RE **Joel Phillips**
candidate for ministry

Sermon "Gone Fishin'" RE Joel Phillips

Hymn #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Commission on Ministry RE **Roxie O. Holder**, moderator
Ordination Examination – RE Joel Phillips

Recognition and Celebration of Squires Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk

Offertory Announcement Moderator Schoonover PEVA Emergency Fund

Offertory Prayer Moderator

Break Lunch

Speak Out

Congregational Vitality Team The Reverend Eric Peltz

Time of Silent Prayer Moderator

Lord, be our light when shadows are falling.
Lord, be our light when trouble is near.
Lord, be our light as we watch and wait.
For the dawning of your new creation.
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Presbytery Council The Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass**, III, moderator
Amendments to the Book of Order – The Reverend Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**

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

Unfinished Business

New Business

Installation of Moderator and Vice Moderator RE Schoonover

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper The Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**, Rev. Thomas,
and RE **Joyce Melvin-Jones**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**
Lift up your hearts to the Lord. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader 1: Before there was time,
Hope of Eternity, you took a moment
to bring creation out of chaos.

Leader 2: You took time to create mountains and carve deep canyons.
You made the time to fill the oceans and to give food for all creatures; you found the
time to plough rivers, to water a garden, and to shape us in your image.

Leader 3: But we did not have time for you, preferring to spend our days chasing sin, and our nights seeking death. You always made time for us, speaking of your hopes through the prophets, sharing your dreams through the angels. Then, one day you decided to do a new thing: becoming one of us as Jesus become human, to bring hope and grace.

So, we join with the saints in heaven, and our sisters and brothers on earth, who sing of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy God of every time and space.
All creation sings of your majesty and glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who gives us the water of life.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader 2: Holy are you, Keeper of our days, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who is with us in every season of life.
He comes not to judge us, but to forgive us.
He comes not to cast us out, but to gather us into the New Jerusalem.
He comes not to watch us suffer, but to die on the cross, that we might live with you.

Leader 1: As we give thanks for his life, and remember his death and resurrection, we talk of that mystery which is our faith:

Christ died,
so sin would have no more power over us.
Christ rose,
destroying death's grip on us.
When the new heaven and new earth come
Christ will make all things, including us, new.

On the night he was betrayed. . .

Leader 2: After the same manner also. . .

Leader 3: In these sacred moments, send your Spirit to sanctify the bread and the cup, and to open the hearts of those who approach the table.

As the Bread of life touches our lips, may we be strengthened to serve those the world has forgotten.

As the Cup of salvation quenches our thirst for you, may we be enabled to bring relief to those who wander the desert wastes of our society.

And when all time ends, and all people are gathered around your Table in heaven, we will rejoice in your presence and sing your praises forever:

One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Receiving of Star Words

Concluding Chorus

"This Little Light of Mine. . ."

Blessing and Adjourment

The Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan**, Moderator

The Presbytery Council (PC) of PEVA is charged with planning and organizing the meetings of the Presbytery and they would like to hear each commissioner's thoughts or comments on the meeting. Scan the QR code to take the survey, visit www.pcusa-peva.org/survey, or fill in the survey form you received at registration.



Praise Him! Jesus, Blessed Savior

F Dm Gm F/A

1 Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 2 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! In all things give him
 3 Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 4 Praise him, praise him, praise him,

A7 Dm Gm F/A D7/F# Gm

praise him! Je - sus, bless-ed Sav - ior, he's
 glo - ry. Je - sus, bless-ed Sav - ior, he's
 praise him! Je - sus, bless-ed Sav - ior, he's
 praise him! Je - sus, bless-ed Sav - ior, he's

F/C C7 F Fine F C

wor - thy to be praised. 1 From the ris - ing of the
 wor - thy to be praised. 2 For God is our
 wor - thy to be praised. 3 From the ris - ing of the
 wor - thy to be praised.

F/C Gm F/C C7 F

sun un - til the go - ing down of the same, he's wor - thy,
 rock, hope of sal - va - tion; a strong -
 sun un - til the go - ing down of the same, he's wor - thy,

C7 F/A G7 C D.C.

Je - sus is wor - thy, he's wor - thy to be praised.
 de - liv - er - er, in him I will al - ways trust.
 Je - sus is wor - thy, he's wor - thy to be praised.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

January 28, 2023

(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** [12-18] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the **RECOMMENDATIONS #1, 2, and 3** be approved.

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

***PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** [20-21] The report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that **RECOMMENDATION #1**, be approved in the Consent Agenda and the narrative report received. The amendments to the Book of Order will be presented at the time of the report, by the General Assembly commissioners on the behalf of Presbytery Council. The amendments are #22-A through #22-GG.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY [22] That **RECOMMENDATION # 1**, be approved. That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting

***CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM(CVT)** [23-24] That the CVT narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the CVT be permitted to make a presentation to the Presbytery at the stated meeting.

***COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRIES (CPJ)** [25-29] That **RECOMMENDATION #1** be approved. That the **PEACEMAKING RACIAL DIALOGUE TEAM** and **HUNGER MINISTRY** report of the CPJ Committee be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

***PEVA TRUSTEES/STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM** [30] That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that **RECOMMENDATION#1**, the actions of the Trustees be approved.

NOMINATIONS [31] That **RECOMMENDATION #1** be considered at the time of the of the report and that the Presbytery receive the narrative report.

***SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW** [31] That **RECOMMENDATION #1** be approved.

STATED CLERK
Report to Presbytery
Ruling Elder **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk
January 28, 2023

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 2021 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) –Williamsburg
Churches with 501–1000 members (2 elders each) – Bayside,
First Virginia Beach, Great Bridge
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)
– Denbigh United, Second Norfolk,
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 5, 2022, there were 107 resident minister members less 6 honorably retired ministers who had not attended meetings for the past two years for a total of 101 ministers. Sessions are entitled to send a total of 62 ruling elder commissioners to each presbytery meeting plus two ruling elder members of Presbytery by virtue of office, five commissioned pastors (CP), and three ruling elder members of the Presbytery Council, making a total of 72 ruling elders eligible to vote.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***3. MOTION:**

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

A. 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.

B. MINISTERS:

ORDAINED/DECEASED/RECEIVED/DISMISSED/INSTALLED/DISSOLUTIONS/RETIREED/ SINCE October 25, 2022, REPORT

-Ordained: None

-Deceased: None

-Received: None

-Removed from the roll: James Selden Harris, renunciation of jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.), on January 4, 2023, in accordance with *Book of Order*, G-2.0509.

-Dismissed: Johanna M. Creager to the Presbytery of the James, on August 2, 2022.

-Installed: Andrew P. Whitehead, Hidenwood, Newport News on October 30, 2022

-Dissolutions: None

-Honorably Retired: Donald E. McLean, Jr., effective December 31, 2022.

Helen Bessent Byrd, effective January 10, 2023

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. An email, dated November 21, 2022, from the Executive Director of Camp Hanover, Mechanicsville, VA, expressing gratitude for the gift from the Presbytery.
2. A letter, dated November 22, 2022, from the Vice President for Development at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC, thanking the Presbytery for the generous donation to support the mission of Montreat Conference Center.
3. A letter, dated November 28, 2022, from the General Presbyter of the Peace River Presbytery, Port Charlotte, FL thanking the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (Presbytery) for the very generous donation to Hurricane Ian relief.
4. A letter, dated December 1, 2023, from the Executive Director of Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA for the collective generosity of the Presbytery.
5. A letter from the Reverend Dr. James Selden Harris, renouncing the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.), in accordance with Book of Order G-2.0509.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS (*MOTION # 3 CONSENT AGENDA)

1. The Administrative Commission (AC) to Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA.

Commissioned Pastor **Sidnia B. "Sid" Etherington**, moderator (Lafayette)

The Reverend **James A. Goodbow**

Ruling Elder **Kelley Gangwer** (Wycliffe)

The Administrative Commission voted to assume Original Jurisdiction, by electronic vote on August 30, 2022.

The moderator asked the former Ocean View Session, Margaret Chewning, Martha Jenkins, Clinton Boothe, and Dan Chudney, the Income Steward, to act as an Ocean View Task Force adjunct to the AC for as long as necessary. The session members agreed to this arrangement.

The current financial reports are:

Elder Dan Chudney, the Income Steward, turned over to the AC his Income Reports for 2022 through 9/3/2002, as well as a USB Drive with records back to 2008.

Elders Kelley Gangwer and Martha Jenkins will work with Elder Jessica Fitzgerald at the Presbytery to begin the process of adding AC members, (Sid Etherington and Kelley Gangwer, to the Bank Accounts and Investment accounts (Ameritrade account) as necessary.

The Utilities accounts will be moved the Presbytery, and arrange for other expenses, pest control and lawn maintenance bills that are invoiced per service visit to be paid. Elder Martha Jenkins reported that the "regular" monthly bills are set up to be paid for September. Elders Martha Jenkins and Kelley Gangwer will work to have the New Covenant Scholarship monies transferred to Immanuel Worship and Deliverance Ministries International (current tenant) per OVPC desires.

The Ocean View Church register, and the session records have been given to the Stated Clerk for transmittal to the Presbyterian Historical Society and Archives in Philadelphia, PA.

Subsequent to the "Open House" to offer OVPC items for use by PEVA churches and friends of OVPC churches, Margaret Chewning, former Clerk of the OVPC Session, has been able to donate various pieces of music from their Music library to various church musicians and choir directors.

The organ in the sanctuary is in the process of being removed by Christ United Methodist Church (Norfolk). At the conclusion of the physical modifications required to accommodate the organ in their choir area, they will arrange and fund the movement of the organ (per Christ UMC point of contact in or around mid-January).

At this time there are no other known obligations against any of the OVPC property. However, much of the property, fellowship and banquet tables, chairs, sanctuary items are in use by the tenant congregation (per the lease) and could be available for use by a PEVA church when the tenant vacates the building.

2. The Administrative Commission (AC) to Squires Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.
Ruling **Elder Gary Reese**, moderator (Providence)
Commissioned Pastor **Sidnia B. "Sid" Etherington**, (Lafayette)
The Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III**
Ruling Elder **Kim McCormick** (First Portsmouth)

The Commission was constituted by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia at the October 25, 2022 Stated meeting of Presbytery. The members of the commission include Ruling Elder Gary Reese (moderator), The Rev. Dr. Wilbur Douglass, Commissioned Pastor Sidnia Etherington and Ruling Elder Kim McCormick.

Squires Memorial Church was founded in 1926 in the Ingleside neighborhood of Norfolk and currently has fifteen very dedicated members. Having served the community for almost 100 years, changing demographics have significantly impacted the membership and the viability of this faithful congregation. After meeting with the Session, the Commission reports that with strong leadership from the Pastor, the Clerk of Session, and other members of the Session, the church has moved rapidly to prepare the church and its membership for closing. A celebration of remembrance and thanksgiving was held Sunday, December 11, 2022

E. ANNUAL MINISTERIAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2022

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 fourteen candidates for ministry and three inquirers. The following changes for ministers are reported and the candidates and inquirers listed:

| Received | Presbytery | Date |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Laura Marie Carihfield | Baltimore | 02/01/22 |
| Jaechul Pi | James (VA) | 10/04/22 |

| Honorably Retired | Date |
|-------------------|------|
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| Frances D. Dille | | 03/01/22 |
| Danny T. Klein | | 06/05/22 |
| Jeffery S. Bell | | 07/31/22 |
| Donald E. McLean, Jr. | | 12/31/22 |
| Ordained | | Date |
| Kimberly Harper Coyle | | 02/06/22 |
| Dismissed | Presbytery | Date |
| Johanna M. Creager | the James | 08/02/2022 |
| Necrology | Place of death | Date |
| Richard W. Lovingood, | Lacombe, LA. | 01/01/22 |
| Robert Clement Dickey, Jr., | Haywood, VA. | 01/12/22 |
| Kenneth E. Boyer | Black Mountain, NC | 03/02/22 |
| Marc Vernon Mason | Richmond, VA | 03/16/22 |
| PASTOR RELATIONS | | |
| Installations | Church | Date |
| Andrew P. Whitehead | Hidenwood | 10/30/22 |
| Dissolutions | Church | Date |
| Jeffery S. Bell | Providence | 07/31/22 |
| CANDIDATES AND INQUIRERS | | |
| Candidates | Church | |
| Carol Bayma | Royster Memorial | |
| Mary Brown | Kirkwood | |
| Katherine Dickens | 1st Virginia Beach | |
| Sara Green | Great Bridge | |
| Donna Herring | Williamsburg | |
| Lauren Hoak | Williamsburg | |
| Jeff Keeney | 1st Norfolk | |
| Carter Jones | Carver Memorial | |
| Patrick Long | Bayside | |
| Alyssa Blake Queen | Stone House | |
| Joel Phillips | 1st Norfolk | |
| Andrea Alvord Wood | 1st Norfolk | |
| Marcy Wright | Carver Memorial | |
| Madison Nicole Winters | 1st Virginia Beach | |
| Inquirers | Church | |
| Layton Clark, Jr. | Jamestown | |
| Paul Clay-Rooks | Carver Memorial | |
| Donna Graves | KirkWood | |

F. SALE OF CHURCH REAL ESTATE

The property of the merged congregation, New Horizons Church, formerly Messiah Church, Norfolk, was sold to BLW, LLC, a child-care business, on November 15, 2022, for \$500,000.00.

G. CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 25, 2022, PRESBYTERY MEETING

The following actions were inadvertently left out of the Presbytery Council report.

That the Presbytery receive the request for the dissolution of Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Norfolk by the Administrative Commission to Ocean View Church, effective September 30, 2022. This request was approved.

The Personnel Committee recommended in accordance with the recommendation from the Board of Pensions a 4% increase for staff and a 4% increase for Contract Labor to be effective with the 2023 budget year. The benefits information is based on salaries and prior employer agreements with the Board of Pensions. The Presbytery was presented the budget with the above recommendations, which were approved.

H. REMOVAL FROM THE ROLLS

James Selden Harris was removed from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) (Church) on January 4, 2023, upon the receipt of a letter renouncing jurisdiction of the Church, in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-2.0509.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WORK OF MINISTERS

As of January 22, 2023

Pastor – Co-Pastor- 101

Peter Tulane Atkinson (Bethany)
Garrett Bradley Bugg (Wycliffe)Christina
Marie B. Carrasco (King's Grant)
Diedre Porter Carson (1st Virginia
Beach)Deborah Dalton Dail (Denbigh
United)
Clark DeSarro-Raynal (Hilton)
Donna M. DeSarro-Raynal (Wythe)
Wilbur C. Douglass, III (Community
Portsmouth)
L. Monica Gould (Makemie Churches)
Brian Hugh Harroff (Royster Memorial)
Elizabeth M. Hilkerbaumer (Green Acres)
Thomas Clinton Mitchell (Grace Covenant)
John Edward Morgan (Williamsburg)
Eric R. Peltz (1st Hampton)
Jaechul Pi (Lynnhaven)
David Nolan Rollins (Bayside)
Christian R. Shearer (KirkWood)
Julie Anna Sterling (Suffolk)
Veronica Martin Thomas (1st United)
Craig S. Wansink (2nd Norfolk)
Gillian Elizabeth Weighton (St.
Andrew)Brian Jeffrey Wells (Carver
Memorial)
Andrew Patrick Whitehead (Hidenwood)
James Marshall Wood, Jr. (1st Norfolk)

Associate Pastor - 103

Boone D. Clayton (Denbigh United)
Rachel C. Hébert (Williamsburg)
Valena M. Hoy (1st Norfolk)
Emma Lee Ouellette (Bayside)

Interim Pastor or Associate – 105

Michelle D. Burcher (Stone House)
Leigh B. Gillis (Simonsdale)
Libby . Rollins (Providence)
Charles M. Tucker (Calvin)
Helen Louise C. Ventura (Great Bridge)

Commissioned Pastor – 107

Daniel Clark Duquette (King's Grant)
Randolph C. DuVall (1st Virginia Beach)
Sidnia B. Etherington (Lafayette)
James Hamilton (Greenbrier)

Temporary Relationship - 108

Ronald T. Blade (Knox)
*Michael T. Condrey (Groves Memorial)
Jan Amaimo Davis (Christ)
*Steven E. Frazier (1st Portsmouth)
Pamela D. Hrcir (Williamsburg)

Catherine Hart Monroe (2nd Norfolk)
*Vernon G. Murray (Holmes)
Addie Naomi Peterson (New Horizons)

Pastor Emeritus – 109

*Walter C. Hunting (Green Acres)
*Arthur F. Jensen (Ocean View)
*Richard J. Keever (Bayside)
*Eugene S. Soud (Holmes)

Designated Pastor – 191

Laura Marie Crihfield (Yorktown)

Honorably Retired - 299

Rebekah Jeanne Johns Armentrout
Jeffery S. Bell
Georgianna Brabban Johnson
Albert G. Butzer, III
Helen Bessent Byrd
Virginia S. Campbell
James Leighton Carter
Thomas K. Chadwick
Robert M. Close
Michael T. Condrey
Susan H. Cothran
Vincent C. deLalla
Frances D. Dille
Francis E. Drake
George H. Fitzgerald
Steven E. Frazier
Frederick P. Gibbs
M. Coleman Gilchrist
Robert W. Gustafson
Edward A. Hanawalt
William C. Hedrick
Cynthia Rosser Higgins
Walter C. Hunting
Arthur F. Jensen
Richard J. Keever
Allen V. Kemp
Deborah M. Kemp
Danny T. Klein
Stanley H. K. Lin
Edward L. Long
Davis Lee Main
Thomas F. Mainor
Alfred C. McCall, Jr.
Fred L. McCaskill-Baker
Donald E. McLean, Jr.
John R. Monroe
J. William Moore
Vernon G. Murray
George L. Oehler
Barry L. Phillips, Sr.

Linda K. Rainey
Nancy L. Rowland
Stuart C. Saul
Lynne E. Savidis
James Skimins
Eugene S. Soud
Irving R. Stubbs
Larry O. Toney
F. Laurence Ugarte'
David J. Van Dyke
Louis B. Weeks
Robin E. Wooddell

Executive – 302

Elizabeth Grace Hendricks (General
Presbyter)

**Serving Another Denomination,
Ecumenical Agency or Non-
Denominational Agency – 565 (Staff)**

James A. Goodbow (Heart {At-Heart}
Home Health & Hospice)
Jennifer M. Spivey (Westminster-
Canterbury)

Educational Institute (Faculty) - 644

**Craig S. Wansink (VA Wesleyan)
Octavius A. Gaba (St. Leo University)
Kimberly R. Wagner (Lutheran School of
Theology, Chicago)

Educational Institute (Student) – 648

Martha Elizabeth Mitchell (Old Dominion
University)

Serving Other Institutions – 701

Kimberly H. Coyle (St. Francis Medical
Center, Midlothian, VA)
James B. Hoy (Sentara Norfolk General
Hospital)

(115)

Barbara Bailey Shefelton (Mary
Immaculate Hospital, Newport News)

Serving Other Institutions - 703

***Ronald T. Blade (Pastoral Counseling)
*Georgianna Brabban Johnson (Pastoral
Counseling)

Navy Chaplain - 761

Autumn Butler-Saeger (Naval Air Station,
Key West, FL)
Brandon K. Hood (USS Eisenhower, CVN-
69)
Jeffrey C. Quinn (Submarine Force
Atlantic, Norfolk)

Presbytery Validated Ministry – 791

Donald Robert Martin (Strategic
Interventions, LLC)
Lyndsey M. McCall-Gilliam (1st VAB)

Member at Large - 797

Meredith L. Gantt
Elnoria Lofton Harrison
Dorothy Fay Hood
Rebecca Page Lesley
Donald P. Troast
Lawrence L. Willis

Parish Associate

****Dorothy Fay Hood (1st Norfolk)
*****Rebecca Page Lesley (Franklin)
*Nancy L. Rowland (Second)

*Also listed as 299
** Also listed as 101
***Also listed as 108
**** Also listed as 701
*****Also listed as 797

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)
Report to Presbytery
Ruling Elder **Roxie O. Holder**, Moderator
January 28, 2023

Members: Rev. Dr. **Jeffery S. Bell**, Rev. Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, Elder **Robin Cowherd**, CP **Sidnia B Etherington**, Elder **Stacy Fuqua**, Elder **Kelley Gangwer**, Rev. **L. Monica Gould**, Rev. **Elizabeth G. "Liza" Hendricks** (ex officio), Rev. **Elizabeth "Beth" Hilkerbaumer**, Elder **Roxie O. Holder** (Moderator), Elder **Charity Houghton**, Rev. **Valena M. Hoy**, Rev. **Pamela D. Hrcir**, Elder **Shirlene Imperial**, Elder **Alyce Jones**, Elder **Bruce Knight**, Rev. **Lyndsey Marie McCall-Gilliam**, Elder **Gail Pittman**, CAPT **Jeffrey C. Quinn**, CHC, Elder **York Poole**, Rev. Dr. **David N. Rollins**, Elder **Charles E. "Chip" Shefelton**, Elder **Q. John Tamm** (ex officio), Rev. **Veronica M. Thomas**, Rev. **Charles M. Tucker**, and Rev. **Gillian E. Weighton**

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 November 8, 2022, approved the request of the Session of Carver Memorial Church, Newport News that the church be permitted to elect Ruling Elder **Joyce Melvin-Jones** to the session in accordance with the Book of Order, G-2.0404.
2. On November 8, 2022, approved the request of the Session of Community Church, Portsmouth that the church be permitted to elect session members in accordance with the Book of Order, G-2.0404.
3. On November 8, 2022, approved the terms of call and the pastoral covenant between the congregation of Lynnhaven Church, Virginia Beach and the Rev. **Jaechul "Jay" Pi**.
4. On December 6, 2022, approved the changes to the terms of call for the Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III** and the congregation of Community Church, Portsmouth.
5. On December 6, 2022, sustained examination of Candidate for Ministry and Ruling Elder **Joel Phillips** as a minister of the Word and Sacrament.
6. On December 6, 2022, approved the agreement and covenant between Candidate for Ministry and Ruling Elder Joel Phillips and the Session of First Church, Norfolk as Covenant Pastor for Evangelism.
7. On December 6, 2022, approved the request of the Reverend **Donald E. McLean, Jr.** to be honorably retired, effective December 31, 2022.
8. On December 6, 2022, approved the request of the Reverend Donald E. McLean, Jr. to end his covenant pastor relationship with LaCrosse Church, Hampton, effective December 31, 2022.
9. On December 6, 2022, approved the request of the Session of Third Church, Norfolk, for Commissioned Pastor **Sidnia B. Etherington** to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at Third Church.
10. On December 6, 2022, approved the request of the Session of Franklin Church to engage a part-time covenant pastor.
11. On January 10, 2023, approved Ruling Elder **Laura Chuquin-Naylor** (Naomi Makemie) to be on the Pulpit Supply list.
12. On January 10, 2023, approved the honorable retirement of the Reverend Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd**, effective this date.
13. On January 10, 2023, approved the request of the Session of Knox Church, Norfolk, to be permitted to elect session members in accordance with the Book of Order, G-2.0404.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
Report to Presbytery
Rev. Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass, III** Moderator
January 28, 2023

Members: Rev. Dr. **Helen Bessent Byrd**, Ruling Elder (RE) **Bonnie Condrey** (1st Hampton), Rev. **Deborah D. Dail**, Rev. Dr. **John E. Morgan** (PEVA Vice-Moderator), Rev. **Elizabeth G. "Liza" Hendricks**, General Presbyter, (ex officio), RE **Larry H. Hull** (Second Norfolk), RE **Dianne F. Schoonover** (PEVA Moderator) (Yorkminster), RE **Jamie Ambrose** (Lynnhaven), Rev. Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**, and RE **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk (ex officio) (1st VAB).

The Presbytery Council **RECOMMENDS**:

*** 1. MOTION:** That the Presbytery approve the actions taken by the Presbytery Council.

***Actions Taken:**

1. On November 14, 2022, approved two grant requests from the Session of Grace Covenant Church, Virginia Beach. The grants were an \$800.00 grant for the Massanetta Springs Keep Away Conference, November 18-20, 2022, and a grant for \$1,000.00 for the Montreat College Conference, January 2-5, 2023.
2. On December 12, 2022, received report from the Moderator that she had appointed Ruling Elder (RE) **Bruce Knight** (KirkWood) and the Reverend Dr. **Donna DeSarro-Raynal** to the Administrative Commission for LaCrosse Church, Hampton.
3. On January 9, 2023, approved a correction to the minutes of the 131st Presbytery meeting on October 25, 2022, to reflect that the Presbytery received the report of the dissolution of Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Norfolk by the Administrative Commission to Ocean View Church, effective September 30, 2022.
4. On January 9, 2023, acknowledged that the Personnel Committee recommended in accordance with the recommendation from the Board of Pensions a 4% increase for staff and a 4% increase for Contract Labor to be effective with the 2023 budget year. The benefits information is based on salaries and prior employer agreements with the Board of Pensions. The Presbytery was presented the budget at the 131st Meeting with the above recommendations, which were approved. These corrections will be placed in the Stated Clerk report to the Presbytery at the 132nd Meeting on January 28, 2023.
5. On January 9, 2023, received the report of the Administrative Commission to Ocean View Church (dissolved).
6. On January 9, 2023, received the report of the Administrative Commission to Squires Memorial Church (dissolved).
7. On January 9, 2023, approved the docket for the 132nd Stated Meeting. The preacher will be RE **Joel Phillips**, candidate for ministry.
8. On January 9, 2023, approved the use of a consent motion for the Amendments #22-A through #22-GG to the Book of Order, at the presbytery meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***2. MOTION:** That the Presbytery consider the Amendments to the Book of Order from the 225th General Assembly in a consent motion.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

NARRATIVE

Following the October PEVA meeting Council matched the \$1,352.00 that was raised in the special offering for Peace River Presbytery, Port Charlotte, FL, following Hurricane Ian for a total of \$2,704 to help with their disaster relief efforts. Subsequently the Council received a profound letter of thanks from Peace River Presbytery.

Council heard updates about various endeavors, including one from Ruling Elder Jaime Ambrose about conversations with some youth leaders in the Presbytery about needs for youth and young adult ministry. Council also heard updates about the work of the administrative commissions working with Ocean View and Squires Memorial Churches. The Squires Memorial Church held its final worship service on December 11, 2022, which was very well attended by members of the congregation and from across the Presbytery.

Planning for the January Presbytery meeting: Council approved exploring a performance of the new anthem, "Shine" written by Robert Shoup, Music Director at Second Presbyterian Church. The work was commissioned by First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth in honor of their Music Director Edna Broadhurst's 40th anniversary and first performed by the combined choirs of First Church, Portsmouth and Second Church, Norfolk. Council also discussed the number of Amendments to the Constitution (33) coming to the Presbytery from the 225th General Assembly (GA) and decided to have them all listed on a consent agenda and allow presbytery commissioners to pull the ones they want to discuss. A thirty-minute limit for debate will be proposed. Council also asked GA Commissioner, the Reverend Dr. Garrett B. Bugg to host a Zoom meeting along with other GA commissioners on Tuesday, January 24th to give Presbytery members an opportunity to ask questions about the Amendments.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

Report to Presbytery of Eastern Virginia

January 28, 2023

Reverend **Emma L. Ouellette**, Moderator

- *1. **MOTION:** That the narrative report of the CPM be received by the Presbytery.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Narrative Report

The members of CPM: Rev. **Elizabeth G. Hendricks** (General Presbyter, ex officio), Rev. **Emma L. Ouellette**, Elder **Judi Rodgers** (Great Bridge), Rev. Dr. **Brian Wells**, Rev. **Michelle Burcher**, Elder **Charles Reece** (Kirkwood), Rev. **Andrew Whitehead**, and Elder **Karen Harris** (1st Virginia Beach)

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 | M. Burcher |
| 2. | H. Layton Clark Jr | Nov 2021 | Liberty | GD | 21 | Jamestown | E. Ouellette |
| 3. | Donna Graves | Sept 2021 | Union | FT | 24 | Carver Mem. | J. Rodgers |

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. | Mary Brown | March 2021 | Union | FT | 22 | Kirkwood | C. Reece |
| 3. | Katherine Dickens | Oct 2014 | Princeton | GD | 17 | 1 st VAB | E. Ouellette |
| 4. | Donna Herring | June 2018 | Union | GD | 21 | Wmsburg | M. Burcher |
| 5. | Lauren Hoak | March 2020 | Princeton | FT | 23 | Wmsburg | M. Burcher |
| 6. | Carter Jones | March 2020 | Regent | GD | 18 | Carver Mem. | C. Reece |
| 7. | Patrick Long | June 2020 | Louisville | FT | 23 | Bayside | J. Rodgers |
| 8. | Alyssa Mitchell | Jan 2019 | Princeton | FT | 23 | Stone House | E. Ouellette |
| 9. | Joel Phillips | Jan 2019 | Regent | GD | 21 | 1 st Norfolk | B. Wells |
| 10. | Madison Winters | June 2019 | Union | GD | 22 | 1 st VAB | E. Ouellette |
| 11. | Andrea A. Wood | Feb. 2016 | Yale | GD | 19 | 1 st Norfolk | J. Rodgers |
| 12. | Marcy Wright | May 2018 | Union | GD | 19 | Carver Mem. | E. Ouellette |
| 13. | Sara Green | Apr 2010 | Princeton | GD | 12 | Great Bridge | TBD |
| 14. | Jeff Keeney | Nov 2013 | Regent | GD | PhD | 1 st Norfolk | TBD |

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

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM (CVT)
Reverend Dr. **Christina M. B. Carrasco**, Moderator
Report to the Presbytery
January 28, 2023

Members: The Reverend Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**, the Reverend Dr. **Christina M. B. Carrasco**, the Reverend **Elizabeth G. Hendricks**, the Reverend Dr. **Cynthia R. Higgins**, the Reverend **Chris Shearer**, and the Reverend **Eric R. Peltz**.

NARRATIVE REPORT

1. CVT presents our **Quarterly Zoom Webinar on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00** with author and Presbyterian Pastor Henry Brinton will share with us how to be a more welcoming congregation as we enhance our hospitality.

"Every time people sit down to eat and drink together, there is the possibility that community will grow and people will be reconciled to one another. This is good news for a fractured and polarized world, and a strong sign of the importance of being a welcoming congregation that embraces all people with God's love and grace." This practical webinar based on a practical book by pastor and writer Henry G. Brinton studies the biblical basis for Christian hospitality and how it is practiced in congregations today. While recognizing the challenges for embracing all people in the life of the church, Brinton offers a helpful guide for creating a hospitable congregation and welcoming others through spiritual formation, reconciliation, and outreach.

Registration is through the PEVA website (www.pcusa-peva.org/cv#brinton). If you are not able to attend, you will be sent a link to a video of the presentation as long as you register. A follow up discussion will be held the following week on February 14 at 10:00.

2. CVT heard a presentation from **Project Regeneration** which offers congregations a free consultation on how to best leverage their property for the future. They walk alongside congregations offering resources and advice for congregation who would like to use their property to further their vision and mission. We believe they can assist a variety of congregations who may be discerning their future and will put the link on our website under the Church section. You can also access it here <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/project-regeneration/>
3. We continue to support our **PEVA Network coaches** <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/pcn> and **Holy Cow interpreters** <https://holycowconsulting.com/> by providing continuing education for them. We encourage each pastor and church leader to take advantage of these free resources to become more vital leaders and churches.
4. **We celebrated a great year in 2022 with 4 webinars that equipped, inspired, and stimulated new ideas for a variety of congregations.** All of these webinars are accessible on the CVT website at <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/cv> In February we heard from **Christen Kinard** about becoming a hybrid and gathering beyond worship. In May we hosted **Scott Cormode** who talked about The Innovative Church and how to foster new ideas and take risks in church life. **John Roberto** joined us in August to discuss Designing Hybrid Faith Formation. Finally in November, **Steve Eason** shared a new paradigm for training elders. Go back and watch these webinars, share them with the Session and other church leaders and look for one new idea you can implement in 2023.

For more information, visit our website at <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/cv>



PEVA'S CONGREGATIONAL
VITALITY TEAM
PRESENTS



The Welcoming Congregation

ZOOM WEBINAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
10 - 11:30 A.M.

HENRY BRINTON

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This practical webinar based on a practical book by pastor and writer **Henry G. Brinton** studies the biblical basis for Christian hospitality and how it is practiced in congregations today. While recognizing the challenges for embracing all people in the life of the church, Brinton offers a helpful guide for creating a hospitable congregation and welcoming others through spiritual formation, reconciliation, and outreach.

Henry Brinton is a contributor to The Washington Post and USA Today, and author of the books *Balancing Acts: Obligation, Liberation, and Contemporary Christian Conflicts* (CSS Publishing, 2006), [*The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality*](#)* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2012), and two mystery novels: [*City of Peace*](#)* (Koehler Books, 2018) and *Windows of the Heavens* (Resource Publications, 2021). He is the senior pastor of Fairfax Presbyterian Church and writes for the preaching journals *Homiletics* and *Proclaim*. He lives in Occoquan, Virginia, outside of Washington, D.C

[REGISTER HERE](#)
(www.pcusa-peva.org/cv#brinton)

Please note: If you are not able to attend the webinar, please register so that we may send you the link to the recording. There will also be a **follow up discussion on Tuesday, February 14, 2023**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. All who register will be sent the link to join the follow up discussion on Zoom.

**Recommended, but not required,
reading in preparation for the webinar.*



SCAN TO
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COMPASSION PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES (CPJ)

HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

Report to Presbytery

January 28, 2023

Ruling Elder **Kelvin Jackson**, Co-Chair Moderator

Ruling Elder **Gail Schwartz**, Co-Chair Moderator

Ruling Elder **Jessica A. Fitzgerald**, Hunger Action Advocate

Hunger **RECOMMENDATION** to Presbytery: None

NARRATIVE REPORT

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY CHALLENGE: PEVA's Hunger Team is hosting a **PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY CHALLENGE** (*goal 150 jars*) benefiting *First United PC and those in need in our communities*). The Hunger Committee wants to keep hunger in the forefront of PEVA members minds. What better way to do that than by supporting the churches that are hosting the quarterly Presbytery meetings in 2023 with needed food items for their hunger & outreach ministry. So, the first church hosting in January of 2023 is **First United Presbyterian Church**. First United Presbyterian Church has a Bread Ministry that has been operating for several years. What would pair with bread? How about PB&J. Peanut Butter & Jelly are reported as among one of the needed items for school-age children. They are in demand at Food Banks and Food Pantries across the Hampton Roads area. **Please consider donating and bringing PB&J to the PEVA office by Jan. 25 or for those that are planning to attend the PEVA meeting on Jan. 28, please remember to bring the PB&J (plastic jars) there will be a collection point at the presbytery meeting.**

Farm Worker Awareness Week-Long Sleeve Shirt Drive- PEVA's Compassion Peace & Justice Ministries is teaming up to raise Farm Worker Awareness and participating in the National Long Sleeve Shirt Drive March 26-April 2, 2023. They are encouraging PEVA members and churches to consider joining in and donating long sleeve t-shirts for the farmworkers. Only light color Natural fabric long sleeve T-shirts are needed. Long Sleeve T-shirts help protect farm workers from pesticide exposure. These shirts will be given locally to workers as they attend the safety training, right before the produce season starts Drop off to the PEVA office by April, or you may arrange for local pick up by contacting Elder Gerry Ellis or Elder Jessica Fitzgerald.

FARM BILL: The US government has until Sept. 30, 2023, to pass a new Farm Bill. The Farm Bill is rewritten every five years, its critical opportunity to change federal farm and food policy. Instead of catering to a business focused solely on profit and a desire for cheap raw materials. It's time to raise our voices about the kind of food and agriculture we want for our towns, states and country. **A food system that is equitable and sustainable!** One that guarantees the right to food for all and supports all workers and farmers that feed us! The Farm Bill is quite immense it can strengthen food security and regional food systems, equitable access to resources and land, land environment, and climate justice, nutrition incentives, expansion of SNAP ([including double up or match](#)), access to affordable healthy food, protect food chain workers, producers and farmers, [NAP to SNAP for Puerto Rico](#), reduce food waste and strengthen food sovereignty everywhere. [2023 Eater's Guide to the Farm Bill](#) [Bread for the World Farm Bill Platform](#)

Fair Food News: In late Sept. 2022, The Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Fair Food Standards Council joined forces with the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) and the University of Nottingham Rights Lab in a groundbreaking collaboration to bring the gold standard for protecting human rights in global supply chains — the Worker-

driven Social Responsibility model — to the UK fishing industry. Their goal: To build and launch a pilot program, based on the CIW's Fair Food Program, with fishers, vessel owners, and retail seafood buyers to address generations of labor abuse on the high seas. [click here to read more!](#)

Bread for the World: PEVA's Hunger Action Advocate wanted to share a few recent articles that the team at Bread for the World has written to support their Farm Bill platform. WVA - <https://www.bread.org/article/on-the-edge-of-food-system-transformation-in-west-virginia/>, Rural America - <https://www.bread.org/article/rural-america-snap-is-especially-important/>, Ghana - <https://www.bread.org/article/in-ghana-school-gardens-help-feed-students/>, Indigenous Communities- <https://www.bread.org/article/indigenous-communities-hunger-and-climate-change/>, Climate Change - <https://www.bread.org/article/keeping-promises-on-hunger-and-climate-change/> and Progress Against Hunger in 2022- <https://www.bread.org/article/progress-against-hunger-in-2022/>

HARVEST OF HOPE: Society of St Andrew's has Hands on Service and Study Events including Spring College Age Events and Summer Youth Programs and Fall Intergenerational Events. The Eastern Shore Summer Youth Dates are July 15-19, July 19-22, or July 15-22, to learn more visit <https://endhunger.org/hoh/>

FOOD CLOSET, PANTRY, OUTREACH, CREATION CARE & GOOD NEWS AROUND PEVA: MATTHEW 25 IN ACTION:

Francis Makemie & Naomi Makemie PC – had a bingo box children's mission for the residents of Commonwealth Senior Living. Many of the residents love to play bingo these Bingo Boxes make a great prize. The children collect funds from the congregation, family, and friends, purchased items such as (pocket size crossword or word search books, small puzzles, colored pencils and coloring books, decorative magnets with encouraging words, travel size tissues, lotion, and some snacks, sorted and assembled the bingo boxes that were later delivered to Commonwealth Senior Living.

Kings Grant PC – partnered with the Virginia Beach Public Schools office of Family & Community Engagement and had a Seats & Feet Drive (underwear & socks). Kings Grant collected 50 pairs of underwear and 75 pairs of socks of all sizes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning for students Kindergarten - 12th grade in the Virginia Beach Public Schools that are experiencing immediate need before being connected to a more permanent solution.

Great Bride PC - housed the homeless for the Chesapeake Area Shelter Team (CAST) in the evening of the week of Wed., Dec. 28, 2022 – Wed., Jan. 4, 2023. 25 volunteers were faithfully on hand to assist each night.

Second PC, First PC, First United PC & Royster Memorial PC – partnered together with Empowerment Center for Children Youth & Families (ECCYF), -YOURS (Youth Outreach Urban Resources & Services) teen ministry supported by First Norfolk PC, Second PC, Lafayette PC & First United PC, Bridge of Faith Family Church, Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Big House Church, Immanuel Presbyterian (PCA), & Larchmont Methodist, Christian Broadcasting Network & its Operation Blessing food component. They all participated in the Path to Peace on Earth LAUNCH program. The LAUNCH ministry (Learning, Access, Unity, Nutrition, Career and Health) faith-based campaign to bring love for one another. This project ties to the PEVA team goal of social justice and peace by bringing resources to the communities served to reduce economic and interpersonal



stress. A key project goal is creating a visible pledge of commitment to peacemaking using musical and visual arts. Resources delivered were groceries, ready to eat meals, fellowship, pastoral counseling, education materials, clothing, family pandemic planning, entertainment, and children's Christmas gifts. Second PC received a PEVA Church Community Hunger Grant and a PEVA Peacemaking grant to assist with this mission also. Grocery Food Distributed Total Families 311, Total Bags of food given 450, Total Number Impacted 1,082; Hot Meals Served 853; Children's Gift Registrations Total Families/Cards: 181, and Total Children 473. There was a live nativity also. PEVA grants to Second were used to assist Second provided LAUNCH some support costs for this project. In addition to the PEVA grants LAUNCH received a Norfolk Police Foundation grant (\$10,000). And of course, that doesn't capture in-kind donations (e.g., Second donated 70 basketballs, footballs & soccer balls, and Pet Smart donated hundreds of stuffed animals.

Williamsburg PC - has donated over 266 bags of groceries and other items in 2022 for those in need.

Wycliffe PC - Provided 21 thanksgiving and 29 Christmas traditional family Dinners that feed a family of six or more. Each meal basket included a \$35.00 Food Lion gift card for meat or other fresh food, they also gave \$500.00 in \$25.00 Food Lion Food gift cards to the school social workers purchased food and distribute it to the children in need over the winter break. .

PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM

Elder Gerry Ellis, Moderator

Peacemaking **RECOMMENDATIONS** to Presbytery: **NONE**

NARRATIVE REPORT:

- The document ***Why a Land Acknowledgement?*** will be included in future Presbytery Meeting packets.
- *Beginning in November, Denbigh United PC is offering a four-week adult study using Trigger- the Ripple Effects of Gun Violence as a springboard for gun violence prevention discussion.*
- Goals for 2023 include:
 - Ways to better share information and events with PEVA
 - A more active role in creation care
 - Continued emphasis on gun violence prevention including sponsoring training for pastors in trauma informed care, **PASTORS-Please indicate your interest in participating in such an event by signing up at the registration table at the PEVA meeting on January 28, 2023.**

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- That the Peacemaking Ministry Team approved the peacemaking grant submitted by Second Presbyterian Church, Norfolk in the amount of \$1,000 for their Path to Peace on Earth LAUNCH program. Funds are to be disbursed as follows \$500 from the Racial Dialogue Team line 10-13-5431 and \$500 from the Peacemaking Program & Committee Expenses line 10-13-5410.

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM
Elder Claudette Gravely, Co-Moderator
Elder Lisa Schlickemeyer, Co-moderator

Racial Dialogue **RECOMMENDATIONS** to Presbytery: **NONE**

NARRATIVE REPORT:

- New Year new name! After receiving and considering input from allies our name is now *Racial Justice Team*.
- 2023 Calendar--all are invited!
 - PEVA's MLK, Jr. Memorial Service, **Jan. 15**, 4:00pm at Green Acres PC. The Revs. Warren Lesane (Synod of the Mid-Atlantic) and Terri Ott (editor, Pres. Outlook) are guest speakers!
 - **Jan. 18**: Virginia Interfaith Day for All People at the General Assembly. Info and registration here (scholarships available--let me know if interested): [VA Interfaith Day for all People 2023](#)
 - **Feb. 4 and 5**: Virginia Chorale Lift Every Voice: Music of Black Women Composers: [vachorale.org](#) (2/4 at VWU, 2/5 at Royster)
 - **April 10-12**: 2nd Annual Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference at CNU (<https://cnu.edu/ccejrp/conference/> under "Registration Information"); scholarships available--this conference was awesome last year--so many connections made!
- Also planned: **possible study of PCUSA's "Trouble the Water" docuseries** (challenging conversations about race and racism). Claudette and I are previewing it now.
- **Field trips**: so many options in Virginia, and these could be a good way of involving young people--we all need to learn the untold stories of history: [Black History Attractions Virginia](#)

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Contributed \$500 to Second PC grant fulfilment.
- Contributed \$300 to **Today Jesus Outreach** in Newport News, a ministry to young men in the Aqueduct apartment community.

Why a Land Acknowledgement

In June 2021, the PEVA Council approved a motion from the Peacemaking Committee of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministries to adopt the practice of reading a Land Acknowledgement to begin presbytery meetings.

What is a land acknowledgement?

- A land acknowledgement is a formal statement presented at the beginning of public events and gatherings that are taking place on lands first inhabited by Indigenous peoples.
- It is a simple, respectful way of showing recognition to who the first people of the land were and counters the “Doctrine of Discovery.”
- It is a step towards correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people’s history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth.
- It raises awareness about our own history and how we came to inhabit this land.
- It invites us to repair relationships with Indigenous communities and with the land.

What it is NOT:

- “... simply a politically correct gesture to make ourselves feel good. It can certainly be this, though, if we do not take further steps. Doing an acknowledgement ought not be a token gesture. That renders it meaningless. The invitation to change relationships, our understanding of history, and existing structures must follow.” (Mennonite Church Canada)

The Presbyterian Connection:

- The 223rd General Assembly (2018) overwhelmingly approved the report, *The Doctrine of Discovery: A Review of Its Origins and Implications for Congregations in the PC(USA) and Support for Native American Sovereignty*, from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Among its recommendations:
 - “Encourage mid councils to begin their meetings with an acknowledgment of whose land they are meeting on and that greetings to the assembly include a welcome from those Indigenous peoples currently living on the land.”
 - “Urge the session of each congregation—as well as each mid council, seminary, Presbyterian Women’s groups, and national church agency—to review the existing study resources on the Doctrine of Discovery (posted on the Facing Racism website: <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/item/41901/>), and to lift up histories of Indigenous peoples and current issues facing Indigenous peoples. ”
- In September 2020, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, issued a Call to Action encouraging Presbyterians to address past injustices that still impact indigenous people and to give “deep consideration to how our churches and communities were formed in relation and/or opposition to the Indigenous peoples of the region and begin ever so carefully to discern the nature of that relationship today.” In addition, “This is far more than a call to recognize Indigenous peoples in one moment or on one day. Indeed, the Call to Action before us is a long-term call to unsettle and decolonize a church deeply intertwined in racist, settler-colonial systems of white supremacy,” “Let us bring to the fore our commitment to true justice and stand in solidarity with all Indigenous peoples in their efforts for sovereignty and human rights.”

The website <https://native-land.ca> can help you identify the Indigenous peoples who lived on the land where your church now sits. There are also websites with examples of Land Acknowledgement statements if your Session chooses to adopt the practice and include it in worship, bulletins, websites and so forth.

THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Ruling Elder **Marc Steiner** (Green Acres), moderator
January 28, 2023

1. RECOMMENDATION to Presbytery: Board of Trustees RECOMMENDS to the Presbytery the following:

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

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

*** Actions Taken:**

1. Approved the disbursal of \$385,401.96 the congregation of New Horizons Church, Norfolk following the sale of 1485 Johnston Road, Norfolk.
2. Approved the disbursal of \$5,000.00 the congregation of Christ Church, Virginia Beach, for repairs to the church caused by storm damage and vandalism.

Narrative Report

The Board of Trustees met in November and in early January to review the Presbytery finances and property matters. In November trustees met with CPA Douglas Hall to go over the 2021 Financial Review. He concluded that there were 'no material modifications that should be made" to those financial statements. He was asked and agreed to work with PEVA's business administrator to determine net proceeds from the sale of Makemie Woods, which will appear in the year-end 2022 financial reports. In January the trustees heard that the investments with the New Covenant Trust Company were down approximately 17% from the previous year which was anticipated given the volatility of the market.

The trustees received the report that the sale of the former Messiah property at 1485 Johnston's Road, Norfolk, closed on November 15,2022. The trustees had managed the sale and maintenance of the property on behalf of New Horizons Presbyterian Church and disbursed the net proceeds of \$385,401.96 to the congregation. They approved a grant of \$5,000.00 to the Christ Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, to assist with costs due to storm damage and vandalism –thirteen windows were broken! The trustees also received reports from the Ocean View and Squires Memorial Churches' administrative commissions about the status of those properties. The Ocean View property is now listed for sale and the Squires Memorial property will be listed in the near future.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
Report to Presbytery
Rev. **Elnoria Lofton Harrison**, Moderator
January 28, 2023

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

1. MOTION:

Board of Trustees, John Knox Homes, Class of 2024

RE Pax Goodson (Hilton)
Rev T. Clinton Mitchell

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

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 Reverend Elizabeth G. Hendricks, General Presbyter (ex officio) and Q. John Tamm, Stated Clerk (ex officio).

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.

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
Report to Presbytery
Elder **Jill Keifer**, Chair
January 28, 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY: Report of the Sessional Records Committee Meeting held on December 5, 2022.

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

The following church records had no exceptions: Wythe, Suffolk, St. Andrew, Denbigh, First Norfolk, Naomi Makemie, Bethany, King's Grant. Exceptions: Stone House 2, 22, 28a and b, and 31. No records received from Franklin PC.

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
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)
- ___ CPJ - HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM
- ___ CPJ - CREATION CARE/ECO JUSTICE
- ___ CPJ - SYSTEMIC POVERTY
- ___ CPJ - PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM
- ___ CPJ - RACIAL DIALOGUE TEAM
- ___ PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (PJC)
- ___ NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
- ___ SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE
- ___ STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM
(SMT)
- ___ UPM CAMPUS MINISTRY
- ___ YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAYA)