

### **Other Presbytery Action**

In other business, the Presbytery of New Harmony renewed the commission for Lay Pastor, Elder Marshall Ivey, for the Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Hartsville; commissioned Elder Jim Bird (right) as the Lay Pastor, for the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Florence;



appointed an administrative commission to facilitate the closing of the Hephzibah Presbyterian Church; appointed an administrative commission with full authority to "resolve the conflicted situation at the Congruity Presbyterian Church"; and approved the terms of call and appointed a commission to ordain Erika Rembert on October 19, 4:00 pm, at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Dalzell. Erika will serve as Resident Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

### **Upcoming Presbytery Events**

#### **Presbyterian Women Are Urged to Attend Helpshops**

The Rev. Carol Dickerson, honorably retired, will headline an array of leaders for the Presbyterian Women Helpshops, August 9. Rev. Dickerson will lead the Horizon Bible Study Overview.

Other helpshops will target: moderators & vice moderators, treasurers, historians, and Bible study leaders. Helpshops are also available to assist in personal growth. These include: missions, prayer, shedding stress, doing it yourself, and "mere" Christianity. This event will take place at the First Presbyterian Church, Florence. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

#### **Presbyterian Men to Hold Fall Conference October 19, 2008**

The Fall Conference is scheduled for October 19, at the Grandview Presbyterian Church, Chesterfield, SC. Beginning at 3:30 pm, the event will feature a distinguished panel discussing the theme: "Gang Violence: Prevention." Watch for additional information.



## **Presbytery of New Harmony**

**Nurturing Churches and People**



### **Highlights of July 22, 2008, Presbytery Meeting**

#### **Welcome Samuel Sparks**

The Presbytery of New Harmony examined and approved Samuel Sparks for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament and to be installed as pastor of the G. W. Long Memorial and Grandview Presbyterian churches. Samuel graduated from Butler High School and graduated from Claflin College, in Orangeburg. He is a graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary.



While attending Erskine, he held temporary supply positions in Gaffney, Blacksburg, and at George Waldo Long Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cheraw. Samuel states, "I have realized and seen the grace of God at work, opening doors, putting people in my life who have shared their vast knowledge and experience in the area of church administration, pastoral care, and leadership. Truly God's love and patience knows no limit."

We welcome Samuel Sparks to the Presbytery of New Harmony.

#### **General Assembly Commissioners Report to Presbytery**

The commissioners from the Presbytery of New Harmony to the 218th General Assembly gave their reports at the July 22, 2008, called presbytery meeting. Elder commissioners, Rebecca Hinds and Robert Johnson; and minister commissioners, Kyle Henderson and Jeri Parris Perkins; reported on their experiences at the recent General Assembly meeting in San Jose, California.

Each commissioner gave a brief verbal report of their impressions of the meeting and involvement on their assigned committees. Reports can be found at [www.newharmonypres.org](http://www.newharmonypres.org).

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