

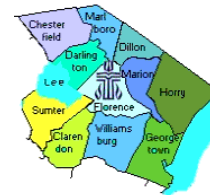
The **Congregational Development Division** reported 2010 Aid-to Field awards to George Waldo Long Memorial Presbyterian (\$2500); Second Presbyterian Church, Sumter (\$7500); Society Hill Presbyterian Church (\$7500); Grandview Presbyterian Church (\$2500); and Mt. Lisbon Presbyterian Church (\$400/mo. for 1st quarter). It continues its support of the Acts 16:5 Initiative and looks forward to the next gathering, on March 22-23, at Lake City Presbyterian Church. It also continues to encourage churches to take advantage of Mission InSite and continue to address issues of evangelism, stewardship, and support for existing congregations, as well as new church development.

The **Education & Nurture Division** reported a successful Ephesians Event, hosted at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter, and keynoted by the Rev. Jon Brown, Director of Mission Interpretation, for the Presbyterian Church (USA). They also reported a successful Older Adult Event at the Goodwill Presbyterian Church, with approximately 40 persons in attendance. Youth Council formation is continuing under the guidance of Kelly Boone Sloan. 2010 Youth Triennium communication and registrations are in process. The Division is also evaluating its programs, both current and future, using the recently adopted presbytery goals.

The **Mission Division** reported excitement about the ongoing highlighting of local church ministries at each meeting of presbytery. Please contribute information about a local mission program of your congregation to the Presbytery office or to revpaulabell@yahoo.com. The division co-sponsored the recent Ephesians Event. The division continues to review your approved support of endorsed projects with our churches. The division continues to lift up the people of Haiti, who still need our assistance and love.

The **Presbyterian Men** had a very successful Fall Conference. The Men's annual golf outing and picnic will again be held at Lakewood Links Golf Course, June 5, 2010.

The **Presbyterian Women's** moderator serves on the Synod Coordinating Council along with moderators from all of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Many churches took part in "Operation Christmas Child," by filling shoe boxes for boys and girls in other countries. Many churches also participated in the "Thank Offering" this fall. A Spiritual Retreat was held February 6, 2010, at Indiantown Presbyterian Church, Hemingway. The Rev. Lisa Culpepper spoke on "Kitchen Sink Spirituality."



Presbytery of New Harmony

Nurturing Churches and People

The Sixty-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony



The Sixty-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony was convened Saturday, February 27, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw. The Rev. Judy Cettei (left, with Dr. Scott Andrews), pastor of Lake City Presbyterian Church, was installed as moderator for 2010. Worship was led by Elder

Areatha Clark, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alcolu, with the Rev. Dr. Scott Andrews, immediate past moderator of the Presbytery of New Harmony and pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bennettsville, who delivered an inspiring sermon, entitled, "Is This the Lord's Supper?" The Rev. Kyle Henderson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw, and Dr. Andrews officiated during the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

During the business portion the presbytery:

- Received the **Stated Clerk's Report** stating there are 88 resident active, honorably retired, members-at-large ministers on the rolls of the Presbytery of New Harmony. There are 77 churches, reflecting a loss of one congregation. Of these, 1 is greater than 1000 members, 4 between 500 & 1000, 9 between 250 & 499, 8 between 150 & 249, 9 between 100 & 149, 17 between 50 & 99, and 29 under 50 members. The presbytery showed gains of 561 members and losses of 768 members. At the end of 2009, the membership of the presbytery was 12,566. The presbytery was reminded of its mission: "to strengthen, nurture, and sustain its congregations and minister, and to participate in the wider mission of the church through its higher governing bodies." Linda Borgman and Netanyia Samuel were honored for their diligent, faithful service to the Presbytery of New Harmony.

- Received a report from the Administrative Commission for Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church, given by the Rev. Steve Wilkins, in which the commission expressed pleasure with the progress being made.
- Received and approved recommendations from the Nominating Committee, report given by the Rev. Sherrolyn Weed.
- Received a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry by the Rev. Preston Shealy.
- Received recommendations from the Committee on Ministry Report, given by the Rev. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins and
 - Approved the proposed maternity/paternity policy.
 - Approved member-at-large status for ministers and renewed relationships of ministers & elders in stated supply, interim stated supply, temporary supply, and commissioned lay pastor positions.
 - Approved changes in terms of call for minister members.
 - Approved the examination, terms of contract and commission to ordain Candidate Annette Brewer (right), and grant her stated supply status at Second Presbyterian Church, Pageland.
 - Concurred with the request of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, and the Committee on Ministry to establish a Parish Associate relationship with the Rev. Lisa Culpepper.
 - Concurred with the request of the Reverend Dr. Rodney Foster to retire February 1, 2010.
- Approved recommendations from the Administrative Council report, given by the Rev. Dr. Ella Busby, that included:
 - Clear cutting 30 acres of timber at Camp Pee Dee, which would result in proceeds of approximately \$40,000.
 - Electing Elder Wendell Robinson (Midway) to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2011.



- Continuation of an annual designated offering on the 3rd Sunday in October for the Goodwill Educational and Historical Society in an effort to restore the “Old School House,” located alongside the Goodwill Presbyterian Church.
 - Passing, on the second reading, the operating budget of \$1,489,633.00, which includes a 2% salary increase for Presbytery support staff. Additional funds becoming available would result in a 2% increase applied to the executive and remaining staff salaries.
 - Establishing an endowment, in principle, and that the Nominating Committee would recommend members of a task force to undertake research on the subject and develop a proposal for such an endowment.
 - Ratifying the Administrative Council Action which established an Administrative Commission to work with Celebration Presbyterian Church. Commission members are Rev. Gene Lassiter, moderator; Rev. Dr. Ella Busby; Rev. Dr. Bobby Wilkes; Rev. Kevin Cauley; Elder Hal Stuckey; Elder Barbara Ragin; and Elder Lola Faye Craig.
- Held a service of honorable retirement for the Rev. Dr. Rodney Foster, complete with roast by elders from Midway, and comments from others in the presbytery.

Program Divisions at Work

The **Camping Division** reported the resignation of Equestrian Director, Michael Mathis, a successful wild game supper night, that plans are in the works for summer camp, and a committee is being formed to celebrate 50 years of Camp Pee Dee.

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation Division** continues to plan worship for the meetings of the Presbytery of New Harmony. The division is planning for “Ready-Set-Go,” a children’s worship event to be held in late summer at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter, for 1st-6th sixth grade students. The division continues to work on the goals expressed in the “6 Great Ends for 6 Great Years Together”, that have been adopted by the Presbytery.