

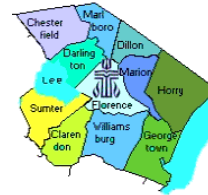
The **Congregational Development Division** is working diligently to refine Aid-to-Field and other financial support application processes. It continues its support of Celebration Presbyterian Church and was involved in another Acts 16:5 Initiative gathering in March. It encourages congregations to take advantage of Mission InSite, a web based demographic tool that is available free of charge. It awarded four scholarships for the Association of Smaller Congregations Conference held May 3-5, 2010, at St. Simons Island, Georgia. The division also reports that Julie Cox will be attending the Linking for Ministry Conference, in Clinton, SC, on June 2-4, 2010.

The **Education & Nurture Division** is making plans for the 2011 Ephesians Event, which will be held January 22, 2011. They are sponsoring an Older Adult Event at Brookgreen Gardens. The division continues to work in the area of Youth Ministry, giving thanks for Kelly Boone Sloan, who is working to organize the Presbyterian Youth Council. Two division members, Lossie Matthews and Kelly Sloan, attended the Leader of Leaders event in early March. A Vacation Bible School preview was held in March (originally snowed out). The division is working to consider ways to utilize Kelly Sloan's training in the Darkness to Light program.

The **Worship and Spiritual Formation Division** continues to plan worship for Presbytery meetings and is sponsoring a workshop on "Spiritual Practices for the Summer," May 20, 2010. This event will be led by Julie Cox.

The **Presbyterian Men** will host their Annual Golf Outing and Picnic on Saturday, June 5, at the Links at Lakewood Golf Course. The Fall Conference will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

The **Presbyterian Women** of the Presbytery of New Harmony held its Annual Gathering at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Surfside. The theme, "God Will do Wonders Among You!" was led by Catreilia Steele Hunter, past moderator of the Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women. Members of the Coordinating Team are needed. If you are willing, contact Ellaree Hampton, [ellaree87@ftc-i.net](mailto:ellaree87@ftc-i.net), 803-495-3962. You are encouraged to enjoy the challenge of next year's Bible study, "Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today."



## Presbytery of New Harmony

*Nurturing Churches and People*

### **The Sixty-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony**

The Presbytery of New Harmony began its meeting with worship and a commissioning service for commissioners to the 219th General Assembly and delegates to the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Commissioners to the General Assembly (right), meeting in Minneapolis, MN, are elders, B. J. Kerr (Bishopville), Areatha Clark (Westminster, Alcolu); ministers, Carnell Hampton (Harmony & Melina) and Scott Andrews (First, Bennettsville); and youth advisory delegate, Lindsey Skipper (Marion).



Delegates to the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium are Desmond Ballard (Goodwill), Quanetta Jefferson (Goodwill), Auanyatta Nixon (Goodwill), Sarah Parks (John Calvin), Catherine Perkins (First, Hartsville), Kierra Reames (Mt. Lisbon), Zesmond Reames (Mt. Lisbon), Jennie Linn Richardson (First, Sumter), Alexis Rose (Goodwill), Paige Shealy (Trinity, Surfside), Amanda Sloan (First, Hartsville), Amelia Wilson (Mt. Lisbon), along with adult advisors Kim Pressley (Goodwill) and Preston Shealy (Trinity, Surfside). (Those who could be present are pictured above-right.)



In other business, the Presbytery of New Harmony

- Heard **Communications**, presented by the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough which included information that: Lee Catoe (Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church) will serve as YAD Volunteer during 2009-2010; W. Judd Shaw had been received into the Presbytery of East Tennessee; the PADD Board is engaged in lawsuit with a former employee, which in no way affects the residents or operation of the Wren House, and inquiries should be addressed to Bob Kearns; establishing a commission to ordain Candidate Peggy Swann, who has accepted a call to Townville Presbyterian Church, in Foothills Presbytery.
- Heard the report of the **Nominating Committee** and acted positively on its recommendations for persons serving on presbytery divisions, the Endowment Task Force, and the SC Home at Montreat Board.
- Heard the report of the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**, given by the moderator, the Rev. Preston Shealy, and elected the Rev. Jane McElwee-Smith and Elder Leroy Thompson to serve as 2010 readers of Ordination Exams and the Rev. Samuel Sparks and Elder Ruby Jean Boyd to serve as alternates; approved Marc van Bulck (right) as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of the Presbytery of New Harmony; and granted the request of Candidate Omar Hilton to be given an alternate Ordination Examination.
- Heard the report of the **Committee on Ministry**, given by the Rev. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins, moderator, and approved recently changed terms of calls for several ministers; a six month severance package for pastors, who are involuntarily separated from congregations; Elder Charles R. Staggs, Jr., (right) as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Swan Lake Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Dr. Ella Busby as pastor of Goodwill Presbyterian Church, along with her terms of call and the commission to install.



- Heard the report of the **Administrative Commission for Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church** reporting continued progress and the election of a pastor nominating committee.
- Heard the report of the **Program Council** and approved the celebration of Holy Communion at Camp Pee Dee in conjunction with the Commissioning of Summer Staff, as an annual event.
- Heard the report of the **Administrative Council** and approved the sale of two vacant lots in Dillon; the Fair Share Askings of 10% tithes from all churches for the 2011 Operating Budget; proposed changes in the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual, on the first reading; salary adjustments of the Associate Executive Presbyter for Pastoral Care and Leadership Development/Head of Staff/Stated Clerk and the Associate Executive for Program & Administration due to new assignments and realignments of duties for the interim period; authorizing the Financial Secretary to pursue insured investment alternatives; a new security policy to comply with Payment Card Industry Security Standards; using funds previously designated to support New Harvest Presbyterian Church loan (which has been paid) to support the Celebration Presbyterian Church PILP loan; the request of the Rev. Judd Shaw to dissolve the call as Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk with regret and appreciation; Administrative Council decision to establish an administrative commission to work with the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church (at the request of the Session); and all actions of the Administrative Council as actions of the Presbytery.

### Work of the Program Divisions

The **Camping Division** reports that the Rev. Dr. Rodney Foster, interim director is visiting churches throughout the presbytery, presenting the ministry of Camp Pee Dee and all it has to offer to churches. Prospective staff is being interviewed and an Interim Equestrian Director is being sought. Jason Steen, facilities director, and his crew have been busy preparing the pool and getting the other facilities into shape for the summer. The camp ground is available for campers with hook-ups and bath house.

The **Mission Division** heard a report from the Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church concerning its new initiative in mission. The division continues to review efforts to best use the mission dollars given to the Presbytery of New Harmony. You can be updated on national disaster relief at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda). The Mission Yearbook features the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church's Hands of Christ Project.