

# THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY

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**Following proper notification procedure (G-11.0201) –**

## **THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY**

Sixty-seventh Stated Meeting – February 27, 2010 – 9:30 A.M.

First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw, South Carolina

The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by retiring Moderator Dr. Scott Andrews, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bennettsville. The Stated Clerk determined that a quorum was present, and the Rev. Judith Cettei, pastor of the Lake City Church was installed as Moderator for the year 2010.

The following persons were enrolled for the meeting:

Forty-one ministers were present: Paul W. Abell, Jr., Michael R. Allen, Richard S. Andrews, Scott B. Andrews, Eugen Bach, Blair Beaver, Ella F. Busby, Kevin T. Cauley, Judith L. Cettei, James E. Clark, Franklin D. Colclough, Lisa Culpepper, Christopher Denny, Mark Durrett, Jody P. Foster, Rodney A. Foster, Carnell Hampton, Garland Hart, William C. Hayes, A. Kyle Henderson, Josephine Holler, William J. Holmes, Jr., Ray Howe, Ernest Jackson, J. Lewis Johnson, Stanley W. Jones, I, Tom Langston, Gene Lassiter, Jane McElwee-Smith, Stuart Nickles, Timothy Osment, Jeri Parris Perkins, David Ruth, William Judson Shaw, Preston Shealy, Emma W. Thompson, Sherrolyn Weed, Stephen H. Wilkins, Gloria J. Williams, Bowling Yates, Joan Yates.

Fifty-seven elder commissioners were present: Bennettsville First – Charles R. (Ricky) Smith; Bishopville – Elizabeth J. Kerr; Cheraw First – Marion Anderson; Chesterfield – Kaye Rivers; Congruity – Joanne G. Pitts; Cousar Memorial – Virginia Wallace; Darlington – Jeff Scharstein; Florence First – Alice Caldwell; Fraser – Ricky McLeod; Friendship – Darren Wilson; George Waldo Long Memorial – Wilma W. Hillian; Georgetown – C. L. (Dean) Brown; Goodwill – Lois Parsons; Grandview – James E. McCoy; Harmony – Freddie Nelson; Hartsville First – Margaret (Meg) Garges, Bob Kearns; Hopewell – Jimmy Gregg; Indiantown – Vicki Bishop; Jefferson – James M. Pigg; John Calvin – Jane Thrower; Kentyre – James G. Ward; Lake City – Julia G. Mims; Latta – Sarah H. Pullie; Manning – Margaret B. Cooper; Marion – Dot McIntyre; McBee – Robert DeFee; McColl – Helen B. Skipper; McDowell – H. K. Heins; Melina – Walter Nelson; Midway – Linda Swain; Mt. Lisbon – Ella Williams; Mt. Pisgah – Dorothy Samuel; Myrtle Beach First – Laura P. Smith, Milly Vaughn, Robby Warner, Jim Watson; New Bethel – Linda D. Hanna; New Harvest – Anne Crump; Ocean Drive – Paul Carpenter, Joe Paramore; Pageland Second – Moses Hamilton; Rocky Creek – Janice Kirkley; Ruby – Bill Tarlton; Sumter First – Jess Begly, Chuck Staggs; Sumter Second – Betty S. Evans; Summerton – George Barkley; Swan Lake – Rebecca A. Montgomery; Tirzah – John B. Raffield; Trinity (Surfside) – Pat Mitchell; Wedgefield – Russell M. Thurmond, III; Westminster (Alcolu) – Walter Barfield; Westminster (Florence) – Martha Stewart; White Oak – Brenda Martin; Williamsburg – Hal McGill.

Nine additional ex officio voting elder members present included: Administrative Council members Julie Cox (Associate Executive), Byard Stone, Jr.; Program Council members Ellaree Hampton, Gordon McBride, Barbara Peterson, Peggy Swann; and Commissioned Lay Pastors Jim Bird, David Bessinger, Marshall P. Ivey.

Also in attendance were: Penny Arnold representing Presbyterian Communities; candidate Annette Brewer; three educators: Kelly Sloan; four staff members: Linda Borgman, Avery Dickson (also an educator), Netanya Samuel, Jason Steen; 23 visiting elders; and 9 other visitors.

Excused were eleven ministers: James Braswell, Carol Dickerson, Snow Donmoyer, Thom Giuntoli, Christopher Handley, Kenneth Hicks, Barry Jenkins, Gary Lowe, Don Steins, Tom Thornton; Committee on Representation Moderator Ponthoala Wilson; Commissioned Lay Pastor Jack Humphries; and the sessions of the Celebration, Concord, Kingston, Morton, Murrells Inlet Churches.

**In attendance were 106 voting members and 40 other people, for a grand total of 146.**

## WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship led by Elder Areatha Clark. Dr. Scott Andrews preached a sermon entitled “Is This the Lord’s Supper?” based on I Corinthians 11:17-34. The host pastor and the retiring moderator led in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Elders of the Presbytery who entered the Church Triumphant during the year 2009 were remembered. Following is the list of those who deceased and the names of the churches which they served:

Bennettsville First – Jumelle Haile Rogers; Chesterfield – A. Don Rivers; Concord – Donald L. Smith; Cousar Memorial – Walter Wallace; Fraser Memorial – Otis Geddings; Georgetown – Robert Derrick; Hartsville First – Elizabeth Gay Blakeney, Harry M. McDonald, Marie McGirt, Walter G. Wofford; Hopewell – Sandra Hanna; John Calvin – Peggy Drewry Andrews, Gerald A. Burley, William F. Holmes, Albert Emanuel Miller; Lake City – Marguerite Tidmarch Holloway; Latta – Claudia V. Carmichael; Loris First – Joan Mateer Prince;

Manning – Virginia Lee Cottingham, Harriet K. Gamble, Vera Dell C. Kennedy, Douglas G. Mouzon; McColl First – Richard Edwin Modlin; Murrells Inlet – Holly Hoffman; Myrtle Bach First – James McMurdo; New Harvest – Fred Fuller, Mattie Kingston; Pawleys Island – Harris Fletcher; Ruby – Frank McGregor; Summerton – Thomas Irby Walker; Sumter First – Abram Legrande Ardis, Ruth L. Reardon; Sumter Second – Imogene Mikell Drake; Trinity (Surfside) – Larry Guignon; Wedgefield – Davis Reginald Goodman, Sr.; Westminster (Alcolu) – Harry P. Colclough; White Oak – Lawrence P. Snow.

Following worship, the Presbytery was welcomed by the Rev. Kyle Henderson, pastor of the host church. Visitors and elders attending Presbytery for the first time were recognized and welcomed.

The docket was reviewed and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Rev. Mike Allen of the McBee Church and Elder Abe Richardson of the Mt. Pisgah Church to serve as the Committee on Resolutions. She also appointed Commissioned Lay Pastor Marshall Ivey of the Mt. Pisgah Church, the Rev. Paul Abell of the Fraser Memorial Church, and Elder Betty Evans of the Sumter Second Church to serve as temporary clerks for the meeting.

### REPORT OF STATED CLERK FOR YEAR 2010

1. The Stated Clerk is instructed by the Book of Order, G11.0101b to report annually the balance of elders and ministers attending Presbytery meetings. As of the first week in January 2010, there were 88 resident ministers on the active, honorably retired, and member-at-large rolls of the Presbytery. Since our churches are entitled to send 84 elder commissioners to the meetings of Presbytery and the Book of Order (G-14.0562e) allows for elders serving as Commissioned Lay Pastors (there are 4 elder CLPs) to be counted toward the balance, the Presbytery has an equal balance of elder commissioners and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. This figure does not include other elders who, according to the Presbytery's Standing Rules, are members of Presbytery by virtue of their role as committee moderators or as members of the Administrative and Program Councils. I report that there is no action necessary to correct an imbalance in the number of ministers over elders.
2. While eleven of our churches have not yet submitted their annual statistical reports, currently our membership total at the end of 2009 is 12,566. This figure represents a net loss of 207 in the Presbytery's membership. As our response to the continuing decrease in membership, may we accept the challenge of the Great Commission and move forward into the year 2010 with a recommitment to evangelism and sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ to a broken world.
3. **Statistical Information:**
  - 77 Congregations** (This reflects the closing of one congregation)
    - 1 Congregation over 1000
    - 4 Congregations between 500 and 999
    - 9 Congregations between 250 and 499
    - 8 Congregations between 150 and 249
    - 9 Congregations between 100 and 149
    - 17 Congregations between 50 and 99
    - 29 Congregations under 50
  - Gains**
    - 139 Children 18 Adult Baptisms
    - 100 Professions of Faith 17 and Under
    - 209 Professions of Faith 18 and Over
    - 199 Certificate
    - 53 Other
    - 561 Total Gains**

<b>Losses</b>	
274	Certificate
224	Deaths
270	Other
<b>768</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>

4. The Minutes for the year 2008 have been approved without exception by the Synod of South Atlantic. The 2009 minutes of the Presbytery of New Harmony have been approved by the Administrative Council and will be available by request.
5. In order to comply with the Book of Order D-5.0206b, the following members of the Permanent Judicial Commission are eligible for service in the event that a quorum cannot be obtained from current members: Elder John Milling, Elder Gordon McBride, Dr. William Holmes from the class of 2008; Elder Martha Hamilton and the Rev. Carnell Hampton from the class of 2006; Elder Joe Stukes and Dr. Bobby Wilkes from the class of 2004.
6. As we move forward into the year 2010, let us be reminded of the Mission of the Presbytery of New Harmony **“The Mission of the Presbytery of New Harmony is to strengthen, nurture, and sustain its congregations and ministers, and to participate in the wider mission of the church through its higher governing bodies.”**

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications received by the Stated Clerk were acted upon as indicated:

1. A letter from the Rev. Dr. Paul T. Roberts, Interim Dean of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, expressing appreciation to the Presbytery for its “prominent and enduring” support was received as information.
2. Minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. Blair H. Beaver were entered into the record as follows:

##### MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. BLAIR H. BEAVER

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of New Harmony to install the Rev. Blair H. Beaver as pastor of White Oak and Ruby Churches met at 2:30 o'clock on November 1, 2009, at White Oak Church, Ruby, SC. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins, and Dr. Perkins opened with prayer.

Present and constituting a quorum were Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins, Dr. Frank Colclough, the Rev. Ray Howe, and Elders Wilma Hillian, Lola Faye Craig, Bill Tarlton, and Atha Lou Gibson.

Also present were corresponding members the Rev. James H. Bumgardner and Dr. Carl Walters from Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

Dr. Frank Colclough was elected clerk. The Commission reviewed the procedure to be followed. A motion was adopted authorizing the Moderator and the Clerk to approve the minutes.

The Commission retired to the sanctuary for worship. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James Bumgardner. The constitutional questions were propounded to the pastor-elect by Dr. Jeri Perkins, and to the congregation by Elder Bill Tarlton. The Moderator declared the Rev. Blair Beaver installed as Pastor of White Oak and Ruby Churches according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A charge was given the newly installed pastor by Dr. Carl Walters and to the congregation by the Rev. Ray Howe. The newly installed pastor, the Rev. Blair Beaver, pronounced the benediction and the Commission adjourned. The minutes were approved by the Moderator and the Clerk.

Franklin D. Colclough  
Clerk

**3. Minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. Jane McElwee-Smith were admitted to the record as follows:**

**MINUTES OF THE COMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. JANE McELWEE- SMITH**

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of New Harmony to install the Rev. Jane McElwee-Smith as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sumter, SC, met at 10:15 o'clock on November 15, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Mark Durrett, and Dr. Durrett opened with prayer.

Present and constituting a quorum were: the Rev. Dr. Franklin Colclough, the Rev. Dr. Mark Durrett, the Rev. Lisa Culpepper, and the Rev. Josie Holler, and Elders Margaret Cooper, Genova Isaac, Elizabeth Kerr, Charles Staggs, and Peggy Swann.

Elizabeth Kerr was elected clerk. The Commission reviewed the procedure to be followed. A motion was adopted authorizing the Moderator and the clerk to approve the minutes.

The Commission retired to the sanctuary for worship. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough. The constitutional questions were propounded to the associate pastor-elect by Rev. Culpepper and Dr. Durrett, and to the congregation by Elder Charles Staggs. The moderator declared the Rev. Jane McElwee-Smith installed as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Sumter, according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A charge was given the newly installed Associate Pastor by Dr. Durrett, and to the congregation by Elder Staggs. The newly installed Associate Pastor, the Rev. Jane McElwee-Smith, pronounced the benediction and the Commission adjourned. The minutes were approved by the Moderator and the Clerk.

Mark Durrett  
Moderator

Elizabeth J. Kerr  
Clerk

- 4. The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled (PADD) has requested that the Presbytery dedicate Sunday, March 14, 2010, as "PADD Sunday" and approve a special offering be taken "for the ongoing support of the PADD ministry. (The request was approved.)**
- 5. The congregation of the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church requests an exemption from the Book of Order requirement G-14.0222 (Waiver of rotation of terms G-14.0226c) for the year 2010. (The request was approved.)**
- \* 6. In accordance with the Book of Order D-10.0303, the investigative committee (reported Fall Stated Meeting) has completed its work. No charges are being filed, and the committee is dissolved.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR  
OCEAN DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

At the meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony, May 29-30, 2009, the following were elected to serve on an administrative commission to work with the session of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church during their period of pastoral transition: Orby Ferguson (elder, First Myrtle Beach) Al Conklin (elder, Celebration), Rev. Jeri Parris Perkins (First, Hartsville), Ruby Jean Boyd (elder, Goodwill), Willie Mae Rollerson (elder, Second Sumter), Rev. Don Stiens (Kingston), Rev. Steve Wilkins (Georgetown).

The commission met first on July 20, electing Rev. Wilkins as moderator and Mr. Conklin as secretary. The commission has met seven times since the organizing meeting, including a joint meeting of the Administrative Commission and the Session of ODPC; minutes of those meetings are on file. In addition, at least one member of the commission has been present at every stated meeting of the ODPC session. In order to keep the flow of information open and transparent, there is also a member of the ODPC session present at each meeting of the commission, along with Rev. Lewis Johnson (the interim pastor of ODPC).

The Committee On Ministry had passed on to the commission a report detailing issues to be addressed in the wake of the conflict that had led to the departure of Rev. Clymer from his position as pastor and head of staff

of ODPC. The commission and the session have thoroughly addressed the issues, to the point that ODPC is currently conducting a mission self-study and preparing to elect a pastoral nominating committee.

The Administrative Commission is pleased with the progress to date, and looks forward to continuing its work with the session and congregation of ODPC through the remainder of the pastoral transition process.

Faithfully Submitted,  
(s) Steve Wilkins  
Moderator

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:

1. The committee recommends that the following persons be elected as commissioners and alternate commissioners to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010), Minneapolis, MN, July 3 – July 10:

Elder Commissioners

Areatha Clark (Westminster-A)  
Elizabeth “BJ” Kerr (Bishopville)

Minister Commissioners

Scott Andrews (FPC, Bennettsville)  
Carnell Hampton (Melina)

Youth Advisory Delegate

Lindsey Skipper (Marion)

Alternate Elder Commissioners

Gordon McBride (FPC, Hartsville)  
Barbara Ragin (Goodwill)

Alternate Minister Commissioners

Mark Durrett (FPC, Sumter)  
Jim Braswell (Concord)

Alternate Youth Advisory Delegate

Kellyn Colclough (Westminster-A)

2. The committee recommends that the following persons be elected to serve as the Presbytery’s Sexual Misconduct Response Team:

Mary Kendall Bittle (Kingston)  
Lisa Culpepper (Member-at-Large)  
Delcia Baxter (Goodwill)  
Johnny Raffield (Tirzah)  
Fred Brogdon (FPC, Sumter)  
Robert C. Johnson, Jr. (G.W. Long Memorial)

3. The committee recommends that the following persons be elected to serve as indicated:

Administrative Council

Delphine Peterson (Cousar Memorial), Class of 2011

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Jane McElwee-Smith (FPC, Sumter), Class of 2012

Finance Committee

Sarah Jackson (Cousar Memorial), Class of 2011

Sherrolyn Weed  
Moderator

### COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

The Committee on Representation is pleased to make the following report for 2010:

#### Appointments

The following appointments were made for 2010:

1. Liaison to consult with Nominating Committee – Annette Brewer (Pageland 2<sup>nd</sup>)

2. Liaison to consult with Racial Ethnic Caucus – Freddie Nelson (Harmony)
3. Liaison to consult with Presbyterian Women – Janet Sherman (Clio)

**The following recommendations were adopted:**

1. That the Nominating Committee be commended in its efforts to ensure fair and effective representation on the councils, committees, and program divisions.
2. That the report of the Committee on Representation, including the membership analysis of divisions, committees, and councils be received as information.

Pontheola Wilson  
Moderator

A Membership Analysis of Presbytery Committees and Program Divisions for 2010

	Clergy	Lay	White	Black	Asian	Other	Male	Female	Youth
<u>11</u> Administrative Council	5	6	9	2	0	0	7	4	0
<u>10</u> Program Council	2	8	8	2	0	0	5	5	0
<u>9</u> Camping Division	2	6	7	1	0	0	6	2	0
<u>12</u> Congregational Development Division	3	8	6	5	0	0	6	5	0
<u>9</u> Education & Nurture Division	3	6	5	4	0	0	3	6	0
<u>9</u> Mission Division	4	5	5	3	1	0	5	4	0
<u>6</u> Worship & Spiritual Formation Division	4	2	5	1	0	0	1	5	0
<u>16</u> Committee on Ministry	8	8	12	4	0	0	12	4	0
<u>9</u> Committee on Preparation for Ministry	6	3	6	3	0	0	7	2	0
<u>10</u> Committee on Representation	1	8	3	6	0	0	4	5	1
<u>9</u> Nominating Committee	3	5	4	4	0	0	4	4	0
<u>9</u> Judicial Commission	2	7	5	4	0	0	6	3	0
<u>6</u> Evaluation and Long-Range Planning	1	5	4	2	0	0	2	4	0
<u>6</u> Finance Committee	0	6	5	1	0	0	5	1	0
<u>6</u> Personnel Committee	0	6	4	1	1	0	3	3	0
<u>6</u> Property Committee	0	6	4	2	0	0	5	1	0
<u>11</u> Self-Development of People	3	7	4	6	0	0	9	1	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	47	102	96	51	2	0	91	58	1
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	149		149			149		1	

**Summary of Analysis-2010**

- 32% clergy and 68% lay people serving on Presbytery committees/divisions, Administrative Council and Program Council (2% increase of lay over 2009).
- 64% white and 36% racial ethnics serving on Presbytery committees/divisions, Administrative Council and Program Council (no change over 2009).

- 61% male and 39% female serving on Presbytery committees/divisions, Administrative Council and Program Council (increase of 6% females over 2009).
- Presbytery staff - 5 males, 4 females; 7 whites, 2 blacks. (Includes part-time staff)

SPECIAL ORDER – 11:50 A.M.

Candidate Annette Brewer led Presbytery in midday worship. As a requirement for her examination for ordination, she preached a sermon, “Imitate Christ”, based on Philippians 3:2-14.

SPECIAL ORDER – 12:20 P.M.

Penny Arnold reported on the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina and the annual offering for assistance to residents needing help.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Presbytery of New Harmony currently has three inquirers and four candidates. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

**INQUIRERS:**

1. Lauren Scharstein (Darlington): Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, Intern Year in Africa
2. Marc VanBulck (First Sumter): Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
3. Anna White (Georgetown)

**CANDIDATES:**

1. Annette Brewer (Grandview): Graduate of Duke Divinity School, certified ready for call
2. Omar Hilton (Goodwill): Graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary
3. Francie King (Manning): Graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, certified ready for call
4. Peggy Swann (First Sumter): Graduate of Union/PSCE, certified ready for call

**INFORMATION:**

1. The CPM is exploring ways to encourage men and women of all ages to consider God’s calling into the ordained ministry. If you have suggestions, please let us know. We are always available to meet with possible inquirers and/or sessions to explore the process.
2. The CPM is working with five possible inquirers as they explore the call to ministry.
3. The CPM is reviewing our financial aid process and if/how that process should be linked to service in the PC(USA).

Preston Shealy  
Moderator

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry reports the following actions as information:

The Presbytery of New Harmony  
**Minimum Terms of Call for Ministers for 2010**

Based on 3% increase



	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash Salary	\$28,809	\$29,673
Use of Manse (valued at 30% of cash salary)		
or		
Housing Allowance	<u>8,643</u>	<u>8,902</u>
	\$37,452	\$38,575
<u>Benefits</u>		
Pension and Insurance	\$11,797	\$12,151
½ SECA	2,865	2,951
Mileage Reimbursement (2010 rate 50¢/mile)	5,850	*5,000
Book/Continuing Education	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$21,512	\$21,102
<b>Total Cost to Church</b>	<b>\$58,964</b>	<b>\$59,677</b>
		Effective increase 2.06%
2 weeks study leave		
4 weeks vacation		

\* This is a suggested amount to be included in the budget. It is expected that pastors be reimbursed at the IRS rate (currently 50¢/mile) for actual miles driven while conducting church business.

In establishing salary for pastors, the Committee on Ministry encourages congregations to consider special circumstances such as family financial obligations, education, and years in a position. Churches currently at or near this minimum may wish to use the following as a guide in addressing these circumstances.

Add one unit (\$250) to the salary for any of following that apply:

- one unit for each dependent child not in college
- two units for each dependent child in college (full time student)
- one unit for an earned doctorate
- one unit for each year in the current position

It is further recommended that the following suggestions be considered by each congregation:

- 1) that a minister be able to rollover continuing education time and money up to 4 weeks and \$2000 to enable more extensive study leave opportunities.
- 2) that for every 15 years a minister has completed in ministry, an additional week of vacation be added to the terms of call.

The Committee on Ministry will be available to evaluate the ministry of pastors and congregations and suggest remedies to churches that are unable to meet minimum salary requirements.

1. Reviewed the status of Pastors on the rolls of the Presbytery of New Harmony:

**MINISTERS ON THE ROLLS OF THE NEW HARMONY PRESBYTERY**  
as of December 31, 2009

Status

- A **ABELL, JR., PAUL W.** is interim pastor of Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sumter.
- A **ALLEN, MICHAEL R.** is pastor of the McBee Presbyterian Church, McBee.
- A(HR) **ANDREWS, RICHARD S.** is honorably retired and lives in Florence.
- A **ANDREWS, SCOTT B.** is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bennettsville.
- A(HR) **ARLEDGE, SUE K.** is honorably retired and lives in Cheraw.
- A **BACH, EUGEN G.** is pastor of Kentyre and Latta Presbyterian Churches in Dillon County.
- A **BEAVER, BLAIR H.** is pastor of Ruby and White Oak Presbyterian Churches in Ruby.
- A(HR) **BLIGEN, JR., ROBERT E.** is honorably retired and lives in Sumter.
- A **BRASWELL, JAMES** is stated supply of Concord Presbyterian Church, Sumter, a counselor in private practice, and lives in Florence.

A **BUSBY, ELLA F.** serves as temporary supply to the Goodwill Presbyterian Church.  
A **BYARS, WILLIAM C.** is pastor of the Patrick and Society Hill Presbyterian Churches in their locales.  
A **CAULEY, KEVIN** is pastor of Darlington Presbyterian Church, Darlington.  
A **CETTEI, JUDITH L.** is pastor of Lake City Presbyterian Church, Lake City.  
A(HR) **CHARTIER, ART** is honorably retired and lives in N. Myrtle Beach.  
A **CHASTAIN, ROBERT** is the stated supply at Hebron Presbyterian Church, Sumter.  
A **CHEONG, TAE SU** is pastor of Korean-American Presbyterian Church, Sumter.  
A(HR) **CLARK, JAMES** is honorably retired, and lives in Effingham.  
A **COLCLOUGH, FRANKLIN D.** is associate executive presbyter of New Harmony Presbytery, and lives in Sumter.  
L **CULPEPPER, LISA B.** is a Member-At-Large, and lives in Florence.  
I **D'ALESSIO, DAVID J.** lives in Brownwood, TX.  
A **DENNY, CHRISTOPHER F.** is associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach.  
A(HR) **DICK, J. ASHBY** is honorably retired, and lives in Columbia.  
A(HR) **DICKERSON, CAROL** is honorably retired, and lives in Pawleys Island.  
A(HR) **DICKSON, JAMES P.** is honorably retired, and lives in Nichols.  
L **DONMOYER, SNOW R.** is a Member-At-Large and lives in Olanta.  
A(HR) **DOUBLES, MALCOLM C.** is honorably retired, and lives in Laurinburg, NC.  
A **DURRETT, MARK E.** is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Sumter.  
A **FOSTER, JODY** is stated supply of Wedgefield Presbyterian Church, Wedgefield.  
A **FOSTER, RODNEY** is pastor of Midway Presbyterian Church, New Zion.  
A(HR) **GIUNTOLI, THOMAS G.** is honorably retired, and serves as temporary supply to Friendfield Presbyterian Church, Georgetown.  
A(HR) **GULICK, ROGER K.** is honorably retired, and lives in Lookout Mtn., Georgia.  
A **HAMPTON, CARNELL** is pastor of Melina Presbyterian Church, Gable, and stated supply of Harmony Presbyterian Church, Alcolu.  
A **HANDLEY, CHRISTOPHER** is associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Florence.  
A(HR) **HANSEN, HOWARD** is honorably retired, and lives in Myrtle Beach.  
A **HART, GARLAND S.** is pastor of Summerton Presbyterian Church, Summerton.  
A **HAYES, WILLIAM** is pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Florence.  
A **HENDERSON, A. KYLE** is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw.  
A **HICKS, KENNETH** is stated supply of Bishopville Presbyterian Church, is employed by Automated Church Systems, and lives in Florence.  
A **HILL, STEPHENIE MADDOX** is pastor of Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church, Jefferson.  
L **HOLLER, JOSIE** is a Member-At-Large serving as a parish associate of First Presbyterian Church, Sumter.  
A **HOLMES, JR., WILLIAM J.** is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Manning, and stated supply of Salem-Black River Presbyterian Church, Mayesville.  
A **HOLSCLAW, FRANK S.** is pastor of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Pawleys Island.  
A(HR) **HOWE, RAY A.** is honorably retired, and lives in Bennettsville.  
A **JACKSON, ERNEST** is a Member-At-Large, and lives in Sumter.  
A **JENKINS, BARRY L.** is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Florence.  
A(HR) **JOHNSON, J. LEWIS** is honorably retired, and lives in Surfside Beach.  
A(HR) **JOHNSON, THOMAS L.** is honorably retired, and lives in Spartanburg.  
A **JONES, STANLEY W.** is pastor of the Friendship, and Trinity, Mayesville Presbyterian Churches.  
L **JONES, JR., WILLIAM** is a Member-At-Large, and lives in Sumter.  
L **LANGSTON, TOM** is a Member-At-Large serving as Administrator of Palmetto Center in Florence.  
A **LASSITER, N. E.** is pastor of the Indiantown, and St. Paul's Presbyterian Churches, Hemingway.  
A(HR) **LEDBETTER, ROBERT** is honorably retired, and lives in Murrells Inlet.  
L **LEE, PETER T.** is a Member-At-Large serving as a missionary in the Arab World.  
A(HR) **LEE, SOO HOON** is honorably retired, and lives in Los Angeles, California.  
A **LOWE, GARY** is pastor of Celebration Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach.  
A(HR) **MACLIN III, ROBERT S.** is honorably retired, and lives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.  
A **McELWEE-SMITH, JANE** is associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Sumter.  
A(HR) **MOORE, JR., WILLIAM O.** is honorably retired, and lives in Longs.  
A(HR) **MORRISON, D. MacNAB** is honorably retired, and lives in Columbia.  
A **NELSON, RETHA M.** is pastor of New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sumter.  
A(HR) **NICKLES, JR., A. STUART** is honorably retired, and lives in Cheraw.  
A **OSMENT, TIMOTHY** is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Loris.  
A(HR) **PAGELSEN, CAROL** is honorably retired, and lives in Myrtle Beach.  
L **PAIK, MYONG** is a Member-At-Large, serves the Jeon-ju Bethel Presbyterian Church, laboring within the bounds of Jeon-ju Presbytery, Korea.  
A **PARKS, JOHN W.** is pastor of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Florence.  
A **PERKINS, JERI PARRIS** is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville.  
L **PRINCE, JULIA A.** is a Member-At-Large, and lives in Sumter.  
A **RUTH, R. DAVID** is pastor of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Kingstree.  
A **SHAW, W. JUDSON** is executive presbyter and stated clerk of New Harmony Presbytery, and lives in Florence.  
A **SHEALY, PRESTON** is pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Surfside Beach.

- A **SPARKS, SAMUEL** is pastor of George Waldo Long Memorial and Grandview Presbyterian Churches in Chesterfield Co.
- A **STEVENS, AARON** is pastor of St. Columba's Congregation in Budapest, Hungary, laboring within the bounds of the Presbytery of Europe, in cooperation with the Church of Scotland.
- A **STIENS, DONALD R.** is pastor of Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway.
- A(HR) **SWANN, DARIUS L.** is honorably retired, and lives in Virginia.
- A **TALBERT, O. RHETT** is associate pastor of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Pawleys Island.
- A **THOMAS, KENNETH D.** is in transition to the Presbytery of Charlotte.
- A(HR) **THOMPSON, EMMA W.** is honorably retired, and lives in Sumter.
- A **THORNTON, THOMAS** is pastor of the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church, Murrells Inlet.
- A **WEED, SHERROLYN G.** is pastor of the Carolina, Clio, and First McColl Presbyterian Churches in Dillon and Marlboro Counties.
- A(HR) **WHITENER, JR., OLIN M.** is honorably retired and lives in Dublin, VA.
- A **WILKES, JR., ROBERT C.** is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach.
- A **WILKINS, STEPHEN** is pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Georgetown.
- A **WILLIAMS, GLORIA** is pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Sumter.
- A(HR) **WILSON, B. WILLIAM** is honorably retired and lives in Easley.
- L **WINT, JOHANNA** is a Member-At-Large and lives in Kentucky.
- A(HR) **YATES, III, BOWLING C.** is honorably retired and serves as a temporary supply of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church, N. Myrtle Beach.
- A **YATES, JOAN S.** is stated supply of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Bishopville, and lives in N. Myrtle Beach.

A = Active    L = Member-At-Large    I = Inactive    HR = Honorably Retired

2. Set the dates and locations to review the 2009 minutes of Sessions as follows:

<u>Counties</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Chesterfield, Marlboro	March 16, 2010	First, Cheraw
Horry, Georgetown	March 16, 2010	Murrells Inlet
Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, Williamsburg	March 16, 2010	First, Sumter
Florence, Marion, Dillon, Darlington	March 30, 2010	Presbytery Office

- 3. Following a statement of faith journeys, the COM approved Sam Edmunds of First Sumter, Walt Proctor of Midway, Othan Franklin of Westminster-Alcolu, and Elijah Washington of Goodwill for acceptance as Commissioned Lay Pastor candidates, and commended Gertha James, Mount Pisgah, upon her completion of the Commissioned Lay Pastor course of study.
- 4. Approved a standard process for Conflict Intervention and Exit Interviews with both pastors and sessions (from COM Advisory Handbook).
- 5. Conducted Exit Interviews with the Marion Church Session and the Rev. Lisa Culpepper and Exit Interviews with the Rev. Bob Hill and the Rev. Stephenie Maddox Hill. Interviews to schedule: Midway and Rodney Foster, Swan Lake and Ken Thomas, Morton and Rocky Creek Sessions.
- 6. Sponsored the Annual Beach Outing for Ministers, Educators, and Spouses on December 7-8, 2009.
- 7. Concurred with the request of the Session of the Celebration Church to ask the Administrative Council to appoint an Administrative Commission with the full authority of a commission for the Celebration Church.
- 8. Removed Fredrick Nelson as temporary supply from the Cousar Memorial Church and asked the Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough to hold services to explain the action to the Session and congregation, and to lead worship on Sundays until unity is restored.
- 9. Approved a Statement of Validation for the Chaplain's position for the Presbyterian Community in Florence.
- 10. Completed the majority of Triennial Visits for 2009 and have begun assigning visits for 2010.
- 11. Approved the following Session Moderators: Retha Nelson, Ebenezer; Josie Holler, Swan Lake; Jeri Parris Perkins, Morton; and David Ruth, Midway.
- 12. Encouraged COM members to attend the Training Event for Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation, and Permanent Judicial Commission on January 29 and 30, 2010, at White Oak Conference Center, and for COM to cover cost of lodging and meals.
- 13. Approved CIF for the Goodwill Church.
- 14. Approved Tom Langston as Stated Supply for the Marion Church.

15. Approved the action of the congregation of the Morton Church to concur with the request of the Rev. Bob Hill to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective November 22, 2009, that he might accept a call to campus ministry at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, transfer his membership to the Presbytery of East Tennessee, and report the action to the Presbytery.
16. Approved the action of the congregation of the Swan Lake Church to concur with the request of the Rev. Ken Thomas to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective December 20, 2009, that he might accept a call as pastor of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Monroe, N.C., transfer his membership to Charlotte Presbytery, and report the action to the Presbytery.
17. Approved the action of the congregation of the Rocky Creek Church to concur with the request of the Rev. Stephenie Maddox Hill to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective February 15, 2010, and grant her the status of Member-At-Large in the Presbytery of New Harmony.
18. Concur with the request from the Ebenezer Church not to continue the relationship with the Rev. Ernest Jackson effective November 29, 2009, and grant him the status of Member-At-Large.
19. Approved request from the Rev. Olin Whitener to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery.
20. Approved sending Conflict Resolution/Coaching teams into Trinity Church-Surfside, Murrell's Inlet, and Ebenezer Church.
21. Approved a team to meet with the Session of the First Church, Olanta, regarding securing pulpit supply.
22. Asked the COM/CDD Task Force to engage in a conversation with the Fraser Memorial and Swan Lake Churches concerning the possibility of yoking.
23. Approved the Second reading Maternity/Paternity Policy as follows:

**The following recommendations were adopted:**

1. **That Presbytery receive the second and final reading of the proposed maternity/paternity policy entitled "Parental Leave" for the Presbytery of New Harmony.**

**PARENTAL LEAVE GUIDELINES FOR MINISTERS**

**Introduction:**

Changes in a Minister's family profile triggers concern for appropriate adjustments to accommodate the transition. These guidelines are meant to help churches develop and implement policies for Family Leave for Pastors. These guidelines are meant to open up conversations between sessions, personnel committees, and ministers so as to decide upon appropriate policies. The negotiated leave should be incorporated into the terms of call.

**Maternity Leave:**

Eligibility: When a female minister is to give birth to a child or adopt a child (or children).

**Paternity Leave:**

Eligibility: When a male minister's wife is to give birth to a child or adopt a child (children).

It is preferable for the minister to have completed one year of continuous service to be eligible for leave. Full disclosure at the time of initiation of employment is encouraged, but with the nature of maternity/paternity leave, may not always be possible. Sessions are encouraged to be flexible.

**Terms:**

1. It is suggested that 8 weeks be the minimum of Maternity Leave.
2. It is suggested that 2 weeks be the time of Paternity Leave.
3. The church shall pay for Board of Pension dues. Sessions normally grant full salary for the leave. Requests for longer than 8 weeks for Maternity Leave or 2 weeks for Paternity Leave can be arranged, at reduced pay or non-paid.
4. Any earned vacation time and compensation, for that calendar year, may be added to the time of maternity/paternity leave, with the concurrence of the Session.
5. The church shall assume the cost and responsibility of covering the duties of the minister.
6. The church and session are encouraged to contact the Presbytery and the Committee on Ministry as a resource.
7. While on leave, the minister is freed from all pastoral duties, including funerals, weddings, session meetings, and leading worship.

The minister should negotiate application for Parental Leave with the Session through the Personnel Committee (when appropriate) a reasonable time before the anticipated need for such leave.

## **RECOMMENDED PARENTAL LEAVE GUIDELINES FOR CHURCHES**

### **Introduction:**

Changes in a Staff member's family profile triggers concern for appropriate adjustments to accommodate the transition. These guidelines are meant to help churches develop and implement policies for Family Leave for church staff members other than the minister(s). These guidelines are meant to open up conversations between sessions, personnel committees, and church staff members so as to decide upon appropriate policies.

### **Maternity Leave:**

Eligibility: When a female staff member is to give birth to a child or adopt a child (or children).

### **Paternity Leave:**

Eligibility: When a staff member's wife is to give birth to a child or adopt a child (children).

It is preferable for staff to have completed one year of continuous service to be eligible for leave. Full disclosure at the time of initiation of employment is encouraged, but with the nature of maternity/paternity leave, may not always be possible. Sessions are encouraged to be flexible.

### **Terms:**

1. It is suggested that 8 weeks be the minimum of Maternity Leave.
2. It is suggested that 2 weeks be the time of Paternity Leave.
3. The church shall pay for Board of Pension dues if applicable. Sessions normally grant full salary for the leave. Requests for longer than 8 weeks for Maternity Leave or 2 weeks for Paternity Leave can be arranged, at reduced pay or non-paid.
4. Any earned vacation time and compensation, for that calendar year, may be added to the time of maternity/paternity leave, with the concurrence of the Session.
5. The church shall assume the cost and responsibility of covering the duties of the staff member.
6. The church and session are encouraged to contact the Presbytery and the Committee on Ministry as a resource.
7. While on leave, the staff member is freed from all pastoral duties, including funerals, weddings, session meetings, and leading worship.
8. Staff who return to work following a period of approved family leave will be assured of continued employment in the same position.

Application for Parental Leave should be negotiated by the staff member with the Session through the Personnel Committee (when appropriate) a reasonable time before the anticipated arrival.

### **2. That the Presbytery renew the Member-At-Large status of the following pastors:**

Lisa Culpepper  
Snow Donmoyer  
Josie Holler  
Peter Lee  
Myong Paik  
Julia Prince  
Aaron Stevens  
Ernest Jackson

### **3. That the Presbytery renew/concur the following relationships for 12 months starting Feb. 1, 2010:**

Bishopville	Stated Supply	the Rev. Ken Hicks
Chesterfield	Interim Stated Supply	the Rev. Carl Walters
Concord	Stated Supply	the Rev. Jim Braswell
Fork	Stated Supply	Adrienne Anderson
Friendfield	Stated Supply	the Rev. Thom Giuntoli
Goodwill	Temporary Supply	the Rev. Dr. Ella Busby

Harmony	Stated Supply	the Rev. Carnell Hampton
Hebron	Stated Supply	the Rev. Robert Chastain
Jefferson	Commissioned Lay Pastor	Mr. David Bessinger
Marion	Stated Supply	the Rev. Tom Langston
Mt. Pisgah	Commissioned Lay Pastor	Mr. Marshall Ivey
Mt. Sinai	Temporary Supply	the Rev. Joseph Boutte
Mt. Zion	Stated Supply	the Rev. Joan Yates
New Bethel	Student Supply	Mr. Omar Hilton
Parkwood	Commissioned Lay Pastor	Mr. Jack Humphries
Salem Black River	Stated Supply	the Rev. Dr. William Holmes, Jr.
Timmonsville	Stated Supply	the Rev. Harold Adkins
Wedgfield	Stated Supply	the Rev. Jody Foster
Westminster – Fl	Commissioned Lay Pastor	Mr. Jim Bird

**4. That Presbytery approve the change in terms of call for ministers in the Presbytery as follows:**

2010 Terms of Call Changes					
Church	Minister	*Salary&other Income	X Manse	^ Housing	~ Other
Bennettsville	Scott Andrews	835.00	P	417.00	1,488.00
Carolina/Clio/ McColl	Sherrolyn Weed	0.00	P	0.00	0.00
Celebration	Gary Lowe	0.80	N	0.08	4,195.66
Cheraw	Kyle Henderson	1,950.00	P	0.00	614.00
Darlington	Kevin Cauley	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Florence First	Barry Jenkins	1,667.00	N	670.00	1,096.00
Florence First	Christopher J. Handley	777.00	N	-415.00	542.00
Friendship/Trinity - M	Stanley W. Jones	421.00	P	0.00	-20.00
Geo. W. Long Mem./Grandview	Sam Sparks	806.50	N	0.50	740.50
Hartsville First	Jeri Parris Perkins	2,414.00	N	0.00	3,436.00
Hopewell	William C. Hayes	265.51	P	0.00	135.13
Indiantown/ St. Paul's	Gene Lassiter	3,213.00	P	1,377.00	2,175.00
John Calvin	John Parks	-3,891.00	N	5,000.00	-1,079.00
Kentyre/Latta	Eugen Bach	0.00	P	1,377.00	2,175.00
→ Kingston	Donald R. Steins	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
→ Korean-American	Taesu Cheong	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Lake City	Judith Cettei	0.00	P	0.00	1,120.00
Loris	Timothy Osment	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Manning	William J. Holmes, Jr.	0.00	N	0.00	15,266.00
→ McBee	Michael Allen	0.00	P	0.00	0.00
→ Melina	Carnell Hampton	0.00	P	0.00	0.00
Midway	Rodney A. Foster	587.00	P	0.00	-51.00
→ Murrells Inlet	Thomas Thonrton	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Myrtle Beach First	Robert C. Wilkes, Jr.	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Myrtle Beach First	Christopher Denny	0.00	N	1,870.00	-1,870.00
→ New Covenant	Retha Nelson	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Patrick/Society Hill	William C. Byars	476.00	P	0.00	45.00
Pawleys Island	O. Rhett Talbert	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Rocky Creek	Stephenie Maddox Hill	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Ruby/White Oak	Blair Beaver	1,039.92	N	258.76	-781.00
Summerton	Garland S. Hart	0.00	P	0.00	0.00
→ Sumter First	Mark Durrett	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
→ Sumter First	Jane McElwee-Smith				
Sumter Second	Gloria Jones Williams	1,511.00	N	121.00	145.00
Trinity, Surfside	Preston Shealy	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Church	Minister	*Salary&other	X Manse	^ Housing	~ Other

		Income			
Williamsburg	David Ruth	1,070.00	P	0.00	2,315.00
Presby. Assoc. Executive	Franklin D. Colclough	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
Presby. Exec. Presbyter	W. Judson Shaw	0.00	N	0.00	0.00

→ = **Yet to report**

X = *Manse- (P) provided or (N) not provided*

^ = *Includes: only line 2 of Effective Salary*

~ = *Includes: SECA, BOP, Auto Allowance, Professional Expenses and Moving Expenses(when applicable)*

5. **That pending a successful examination on the floor, a commission be appointed to ordain Candidate Annette Brewer and grant her Stated Supply status at Second Church, Pageland, and the following Covenant for Temporary Pastor be approved as terms of call:**

### COVENANT FOR TEMPORARY PASTOR

Name of Church: Pageland Second Presbyterian Name of Temporary Pastor: Mrs. Annette Brewer

Presbytery of Membership: under care of New Harmony Service from March 1, 2010, to Feb. 28, 2011

Review of this covenant prior to renewal or termination will be by the Session, the Temporary Pastor and the presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

Provision for termination of covenant relationship prior to expiration: 30 days notice by either party

#### Responsibilities of Pastor

- preach 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month and other occasions approved by the Session
- administer the sacraments
- moderate session
- perform hospital visitation and other pastoral care and counseling
- conduct funerals and officiate marriages
- lead the congregation in community ministry and revivals
- attend presbytery meetings
- work on a committee/division of presbytery
- give guidance to Reformed worship and Presbyterian polity
- teach Sunday school as available

Approximate time expectations: 10 hours per week

Compensation: Cash salary \$ 7200 (per 12 months)  
Housing \$ (to be designated by the Session and subtracted from cash salary)

Ministry expenses reimbursed Travel: standard IRS rate for actual miles traveled

Vacation : 4 weeks per year (with one month notice)

Continuing Education: 2 weeks of which Tentmaker Conference in November is part (optional) \$1000 to reimburse actual costs

Moderator of Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Session Action: January 25, 2010

Temporary Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

COM Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: The examination of the Candidate was fulfilled successfully according to the Constitution, and the following people were appointed to ordain Annette P. Brewer at the Second Presbyterian Church, Pageland, SC, on March 14, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.)

### **Commission Members**

Elder Martha Hamilton (Pageland Second Church)	Rev. Samuel Sparks (G. W. Long and Grandview Churches)
Elder Thelma Rivers (Grandview Church)	Rev. Carol Dickerson – To give the charge
Elder Robert Johnson (G. W. Long Church)	Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough – To preach
	Rev. Kyle Henderson – To moderate

Corresponding Member – Elder Louella Kiker (First Presbyterian Church – Charlotte Presbytery)

6. **That the Presbytery of New Harmony concur with the request of the Session of First Church, Hartsville, and the COM to establish a Parish Associate relationship with the Rev. Lisa Culpepper.**
7. **That the Presbytery concur with the request of the Reverend Rodney Foster to retire effective February 1, 2010, and a service of honorable retirement be conducted.**

(The service was held with thanksgiving for Dr. Foster and his ministry. Members of Presbytery spoke with expressions of love and appreciation for him, his family, and his service to Christ. He was presented a certificate of retirement, and the service was closed with prayer and the singing of the Doxology.)

Jeri Parris Perkins  
Moderator

### DECEASED MINISTERS

The following deceased members of Presbytery were recognized with appreciation for their service to Christ and His Church and for their ministries to His people.

#### In Memoriam JAMES MARVIN TAYLOR

James Marvin Taylor was born in Macon, Georgia, on February 4, 1925. He attended Middle Georgia College and the University of South Carolina, and he graduated with an AB degree from the University of Georgia in 1948. Following a hiatus of seven years, he returned to school and, in 1959, received a BD degree from Columbia Theological Seminary.

On August 2, 1959, Marvin was married to Joan Elizabeth Landhy. From that marriage came two children: Margaret Ann and David Andrew.

Following his ordination on September 6, 1959, the new pastor served the Presbyterian Churches in Boligee and Akron, Alabama, followed by nine years as assistant manager, and then manager, of the Presbyterian Bookstore in Atlanta. Other churches of service were in Rockville, MD; Monroe, LA; and Clinchfield, GA. His last pastorate involved eleven and a half years in our Presbytery at the Jefferson and Rocky Creek Churches in Jefferson, SC. He retired on October 31, 1990, and returned to Clinchfield, GA, until he joined the Church Triumphant on June 5, 2009. During all the time he served in pastoral duties, he never received more than the minimum salary. Following are the Stated Clerks words of commendation which were expressed at Marvin's retirement service:

"James Marvin Taylor – Pastor, Preacher, Friend – We the people of the Presbytery of New Harmony salute you, applaud you, thank the Living God for you and for our association with you, and pray God's richest blessings on you as you enter honorable retirement.

"You have served well the calling of our Master, as pastor, bookstore manager, Stated Supply, presbyter, and in every endeavor in which you have been enlisted by the Presbyterian Church. Your life and ministry have been filled with integrity as well as wit. You have been a friend to sinners, calling them to become 'saints'. You have never ceased to remind all that the steadfast love of God endures forever, and that God is trustworthy indeed.

"God's richest blessing be and abide with you, Joan and yours.

"Go in peace and with our thanks."

#### In Memoriam RICHARD RYAN BAXTER

Richard Ryan Baxter was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 17, 1956. He was the son of a Presbyterian minister, the late Rev. William D. Baxter and Mrs. Marie Baxter Cannon. The grandson of a minister, Rev. Baxter was influenced, at an early age, by his family's religious commitment and his involvement as a youth in the activities of both Seventh Street (First United) and McClintock Presbyterian Churches. Hence, the church has always been central in his life and his call to ministry.

He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. He did additional study at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.



Rev. Baxter served the Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Fort Pierce, Florida, from 1983 to 1991. In 1991, Richard was received into the membership of the Presbytery of New Harmony when he was called to the Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Mayesville, South Carolina, where he served faithfully until his death. He served the Presbyterian Church USA on all governing bodies, including the 210<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, as Vice Moderator for the Committee on National Mission.

Those who knew Rev. Baxter have often said that his light did not only shine in the church, but in the community as well. He served as Adjunct Professor at Bethune Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida, founded by the late Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune of Mayesville, South Carolina. He served on the Sumter County Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment, a representative on the Sumter School District 17 Parent Forum and School Improvement Council, Sumter County First Steps Board, Santee Senior Services Board, a member of the Sumter County Ministerial Association, the Concerned Black Clergy of Sumter County, and the Presbytery of New Harmony Sumter-Clarendon Ministerial Cluster.

The Rev. Baxter, after one date, fell in love with and married the former Delcia Harper and they became the loving parents of a daughter, Marlena Jalise Baxter. Rev. Baxter entered the Church Triumphant on January 6, 2009.

### PROGRAM COUNCIL

Program Council met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at the Presbytery office and received as information the reports from the following divisions: Camping, Congregational Development, Education & Nurture, Mission, Worship & Spiritual Formation, as well as Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women. Summary copies of the reports are available for anyone who would like to read them. They appear in the Commissioner's Handbook for each Stated Meeting of the Presbytery and are available at the Presbytery office. Ellaree Hampton is Moderator of the Council.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council makes the following report to the Presbytery of New Harmony:

Minutes of the Sixty-sixth Stated Meeting of Presbytery on October 13, 2009, were approved.

Reports from the Camping, Congregational Development, Education and Nurture, Mission, and the Worship and Spiritual Formation Divisions, as well as Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women, were presented as information to the Council.

Reports from the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Associate Executive Presbyter for Pastoral Care and Leadership Development, and Associate Executive Presbyter for Program and Administration were received, and information regarding future meetings of the Presbytery was shared, including:

- February 27, 2010 – First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw
- May 11, 2010 – John Calvin Presbyterian Church
- October 12, 2010 – Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church.

Docket for the Sixty-seventh Stated Meeting was received and approved.

The Council received an update from the Camp Pee Dee Task Force. This Task Force was appointed by the Administrative Council to address and explore immediate and long-range matters related to Camp Pee Dee, including securing an Interim Director of Camping Ministries as soon as possible and evaluating all aspects of Camp Pee Dee and its ministry. The members of the Task Force are: The Rev. Dr. Scott Andrews, Chair; The Rev. Dr. Ella Busby; The Rev. Sam Sparks; The Rev. Frank Holsclaw; Elder Evans Holland; Elder Kelly Boone Sloan; Elder Chuck Staggs; Elder Areatha Clark; and Elder John Donaldson.

#### Sub-committees:

A report from the Evaluation & Long-Range Planning Committee was received as information, and this committee continues to lift up "6 Great Ends for 6 Great Years Together" to the Presbytery and all divisions and committees.

A report from the Personnel Committee was received as information.

A report from the Property Committee, with a recommendation, was received as information. The Property

Committee was authorized to negotiate disbursal of two vacant lots in Dillon County.

A report from the Finance Committee with recommendations was presented to the Council. The Council authorized the renewal of the auditing relationship between the Presbytery and Hoogenboom & Company, CPA, for 2009, 2010, and 2011.

**The following recommendations were adopted:**

- 1. That the Presbytery approve the clear cutting of 30 acres of timber at Camp Pee Dee, which would result in proceeds of approximately \$40,000.00.**
- 2. That the Presbytery approve the recommendation of the Administrative Council to elect Elder Wendell Robinson (Midway) to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2011.**
- 3. That the Presbytery approve the continuation of an annual designated offering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October for the Goodwill Educational and Historical Society, in an effort to restore the “Old School House”, located alongside Goodwill Presbyterian Church.**
- 4. That the Presbytery approve the Proposed 2010 Operating Budget of \$1,489,633.00, which includes a 2 % salary increase for Presbytery support staff, on second reading. Additionally, if funds should be available at the end of 2010, that a 2 % increase would be applied to the executive and remaining staff salaries. Changes from the 1<sup>st</sup> reading reflect a projection of reduced Covenant Mission Giving income which is compensated for by increasing transfers from Invested Funds.**
- 5. That the Presbytery approve the establishment of 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.**
- 6. That the Presbytery ratify the November 3, 2009, decision of the Administrative Council to establish an Administrative Commission to work with Celebration Presbyterian Church, with full authority as outlined in the Book of Order. The members of the Administrative Commission are: The Rev. Gene Lassiter, Moderator; The Rev. Dr. Ella Busby; The Rev. Dr. Bobby Wilkes; The Rev. Kevin Cauley; Elder Hal Stuckey; Elder Barbara Ragin; and Elder Lola Faye Craig. The request for an Administrative Commission came at the request of the Session, and the Council’s appointment of the Commission between presbytery meetings follows the protocol stated in the presbytery’s manual.**
- 7. That all the actions of council recorded in the minutes become the actions of the Presbytery.**

Ella Busby  
Moderator

### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, on Saturday, February 27, in the year of our Lord 2010, the New Harmony Presbytery met for its 67<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting in Cheraw---Cheraw is mispronounced in a variety of ways but all can agree that it is appropriately nicknamed the “Prettiest town in Dixie,”

Whereas, the host church, First Pres. Cheraw continues its 180 year dedication to the centrality of Scripture and the integrity of the pulpit,

Whereas Rev. Kyle Henderson welcomed everyone and 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Volunteers extended a warm welcome with big smiles to each visitor and fed us bountifully for a mere \$6, and we will remember to lock the one-holer men’s bathroom thanks to Kyle being so kind to bring that matter to our attention,

Whereas outgoing moderator Scott Andrews called us to order in the name of the Lord and with peace and harmony and much grace handed the gavel to our new moderator the Rev. Judith Cettei,

Whereas Rev. Cettei conducted her first presbytery meeting with great efficiency and professional expertise and with loving pastoral decorum we find that she did not make even one mistake---she didn't miss a beat,

Whereas Areatha Clark led us in worship, Scott Andrews proclaimed the gospel based on I Corinthians 11:17-34 regarding the Lord's Supper, the choir in their beautiful robes sang "How Firm a Foundation" as though they were angels from heaven, and Barbara Dickson gave us rousing and blessed music, and Scott and Kyle and the elders served us the Lord's Supper,

Whereas our new moderator called the moderator of the Nominating Committee, Sherrolyn Weed, "Wonder Woman"---at least that's what we heard---Sherrolyn doesn't consider this a mistake, and neither do we,

Whereas Annette Brewer was examined and approved to minister at the Second Church in Pageland, she was certainly right to discover that Presbyterians are depraved; she gave us a wonderfully presented sermon with great content from the Book of Philippians,

Whereas Rev. Dr. Rodney Foster was graciously retired,

Whereas the late Rev. Baxter and Rev. Taylor were honored for their lifetime of service to the Lord and to His church and their transfer to the Church Triumphant was approved,

Whereas the Moderator of the Administrative Council, Rev. Ella Busby has a new hairdo, making her look much younger than she already is, and so much so that Moderator Judith Cettei had to be reintroduced to her,

Whereas commissioned lay pastors, stated supplies, temporary supplies, and interim supplies were approved to serve for the next year,

Whereas March 14<sup>th</sup> was designated as a special day to receive a special offering for PADD,

Whereas Presbytery elected individuals to attend the 219th General Assembly on July 3-10 in Minneapolis, MN, and others to serve on other Presbytery committees and the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Response Team,

We thank God for His presence in all our deliberations and attempts to serve in the past and ask for His guidance in the future.

Rev. Mike Allen  
Elder Abe Richardson

### ADJOURNMENT

Following a time of requests for special prayer, the Moderator adjourned the meeting of Presbytery with prayer at approximately 1:40 p.m.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery will be held at the John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Wm. Judson Shaw  
Stated Clerk

Richard S. Andrews  
Recording Clerk

**THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY**  
Sixty-eighth Stated Meeting – May 11, 2010 – 9:30 A.M.  
John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Florence, South Carolina

The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by Moderator Rev. Judith L. Cettei, pastor of Lake City Presbyterian Church. The Stated Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

The following persons were enrolled for the meeting:

Forty-three ministers were present: Paul W. Abell, Jr., Michael R. Allen, Richard S. Andrews, Scott B. Andrews, Eugen Bach, Blair Beaver, Robert Bligen, James Braswell, Ella F. Busby, Kevin T. Cauley, Judith L. Cettei, Tae Su Cheong, Franklin D. Colclough, Lisa Culpepper, Mark Durrett, Jody P. Foster, Rodney A. Foster, Carnell Hampton, Christopher Handley, Garland Hart, William C. Hayes, A. Kyle Henderson, Kenneth Hicks, William J. Holmes, Jr., Frank Holsclaw, Ray Howe, Ernest Jackson, Barry Jenkins, J. Lewis Johnson, Stanley W. Jones, I, Gene Lassiter, Gary Lowe, Jane McElwee-Smith, Timothy Osment, John W. Parks, Jeri Parris Perkins, David Ruth, Preston Shealy, O. Rhett Talbert, Emma W. Thompson, Steve Wilkins, Gloria J. Williams, Bowling Yates.

Fifty elder commissioners were present: Bennettsville First – Charles Midgley; Bishopville – Elizabeth J. Kerr; Celebration – Roy Andrews; Cheraw First – Craig Goddard; Chesterfield – Tom Jones; Concord – Tommy Jackson; Congruity – Randy Wells; Cousar Memorial – Delphine A. Peterson; Darlington – Ray Clanton; Fraser Memorial – Ricky McLeod; Friendship – Gloria S. Frieson; Georgetown – Mary Boyd Brown; Goodwill – Gladys Cooper; Grandview – Betty Watson; Harmony – Freddie Nelson; Hartsville First – Margaret (Meg) Garges, Jean Robison; Hopewell – Charles Sandifer; Indiantown – Vicki Bishop; Jefferson – James M. Pigg; John Calvin – Daniel H. McNeill; Kentyre – James G. Ward; Lake City – Ellen Dixon; Latta – Clayton Parham; Manning – Margaret B. Cooper; McDowell – Charles Easler; Melina – Chars Kennedy; Midway – Wendell Robinson; Morton – David Sampson; Mt. Pisgah – Dorothy Samuel; Mt. Zion – Robert Law; Myrtle Beach First – Connie Barnard, Audrey Bruner, Bob Calamari, Peggy vanVeen; New Bethel – Willie D. McQueen; Ocean Drive – Jim Disney, Debbie Hill; Parkwood – Tommy Jackson; Pawleys Island – Mike Sparkman; Summerton – Joan Ries; Sumter First – Charles Denny, Henry A. McFaddin; Sumter Second – Helen B. Gregory; Tirzah – John B. Raffield, IV; Trinity (Mayesville) – Mary M. Hudson; Wedgefield – James Hugh Ryan; Westminster (Alcolu) – Samuel Jones; Westminster (Florence) – Ken Araujo; Williamsburg – David McCutchen .

Eleven additional ex officio voting elder members present included: Administrative Council members Julie Cox (Associate Executive), Byard Stone, Jr.; Program Council members Lee Craig, Ellaree Hampton, Gordon McBride; Committee Moderator Ponthoala Wilson, and Commissioned Lay Pastors David Bessinger, Jim Bird, Jack Humphries, Marshall P. Ivey, Chuck Staggs.

Also in attendance were: Penny Arnold representing Presbyterian Communities; candidate Francis B. King; inquirer Marcel vanBulck; educator Kelly Sloan; four staff members: Linda Borgman, Avery Dickson (also an educator), Netanyia Samuel, Jason Steen; 16 visiting elders; and 21 other visitors.

Excused were nine ministers: Annette Brewer, William Byars, Carol Dickerson, Snow Donmoyer, Josie Holler, William Jones, Samuel Sparks, Robert Wilkes, Joan Yates; Administrative Council member Evans Holland; and the session of the Florence First Church.

**In attendance were 104 voting members and 45 other people, for a grand total of 149.**

**WORSHIP**

Presbytery gathered for worship. The Moderator led in the commissioning and sending of commissioners to the General Assembly and delegates to the Youth Triennium. Those being sent included:

**Commissioners to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

Elder Commissioners:

Areatha Clark, Westminster Presbyterian Church - Alcolu  
BJ Kerr, Bishopville Presbyterian Church

Minister Commissioners:

Scott Andrews, First Presbyterian Church – Bennettsville  
Carnell Hampton, Melina Presbyterian Church

Youth/Young Adult Advisory Delegate:

Lindsey Skipper, Marion Presbyterian Church

## **2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Delegation:**

Desmond Ballard, Goodwill Presbyterian Church  
Quanetta Jefferson, Goodwill Presbyterian Church  
Quanyatta Nixon, Goodwill Presbyterian Church  
Sarah Parks, John Calvin Presbyterian Church  
Catherine Perkins, First Presbyterian Church - Hartsville  
Kierra Reames, Mt. Lisbon Presbyterian Church  
Zesmond Reames, Mt. Lisbon Presbyterian Church  
Jennie Linn Richardson, First Presbyterian Church - Sumter  
Alexis Rose, Goodwill Presbyterian Church  
Paige Shealy, Trinity Presbyterian Church - Surfside  
Amanda Sloan, First Presbyterian Church - Hartsville  
Amelia Wilson, Mt. Lisbon Presbyterian Church

### **Adult Advisors:**

Kim Pressley, Goodwill Presbyterian Church  
Preston Shealy, Trinity Presbyterian Church – Surfside.

Following worship, the Presbytery was welcomed by the Rev. John Parks, pastor of the host church. Visitors and elders attending Presbytery for the first time were recognized and welcomed.

The docket was reviewed and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Rev. Jody Foster of the Wedgefield Church and Elder Ellaree Hampton of the Goodwill Church to serve as the Committee on Resolutions. She also appointed two members of the body to serve as temporary clerks for the meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications have been received and acted upon as indicated:

1. Minutes of the Commission appointed to ordain Annette Brewer were entered into the record as follows:

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN ANNETTE P. BREWER**

**The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of New Harmony to ordain Annette P. Brewer as minister of the Word and Sacrament met at 2:30 o'clock on March 14, 2010, at Pageland Second Presbyterian Church, Pageland, SC. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Kyle Henderson, and Elder Robert Johnson opened with prayer.**

**Present and constituting a quorum were: Elders Thelma Rivers, Martha Hamilton, and Robert Johnson; and Ministers Rev. Kyle Henderson, Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough, Rev. Samuel Sparks, and Rev. Carol Dickerson. Also present was corresponding member Elder Louella Kiker of Charlotte Presbytery.**

**Elder Martha Hamilton was elected clerk. The Commission reviewed the procedure to be followed. A motion was adopted authorizing the Moderator and the Clerk to approve the minutes.**

**The Commission retired to the sanctuary for worship. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough. The constitutional questions were propounded to the candidate by the Rev. Samuel Sparks. After the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination, the Moderator declared Annette P. Brewer an ordained minister of the Word and Sacrament according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).**

**A charge was given to the newly ordained minister by the Rev. Carol Dickerson. The newly ordained minister, Rev. Annette P. Brewer pronounced the benediction and the Commission adjourned. The minutes were approved by the Moderator and the Clerk.**

**Martha W. Hamilton, Clerk  
A. Kyle Henderson, Moderator**

2. A letter from the Session of Swan Lake Presbyterian Church requesting the Presbytery to join with them in protesting the action of John Knox Presbytery to approve the ordination of Scott Anderson as a Minister of Word and Sacrament was referred to the Administrative Council.
3. A letter from the General Assembly Mission Council informing the Presbytery that Lee Catoe, a member of Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church, Jefferson, SC, will be serving with the Young Adult and National Volunteer Program in Atlanta during the 2009-2010 YAV cycle.
4. A correspondence from the Presbytery of East Tennessee reporting the reception of the Rev. W. Judson Shaw into the Presbytery's membership was referred to the Committee on Ministry.
5. A statement from Bob Kearns, Chair of the PADD Board of Trustees: "The PADD Board is engaged in a lawsuit with a former consultant over a management contract. This lawsuit does not involve the residents of the Wren Home, their health or their safety. PADD is represented by counsel. Please direct any further inquiries to Bob Kearns, PADD Chair."
6. A notice from the Stated Clerk of Foothills Presbytery that Peggy Swann has accepted a call to the Townville Presbyterian Church. He reported that she has been examined by the Presbytery and her examination was sustained by unanimous vote. Peggy has requested to be ordained by the Presbytery of New Harmony.

The Presbytery of New Harmony approved a recommendation that the following commission be appointed to ordain Peggy Swann on May 16, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Sumter:

Ministers: Mark Durrett, Jody Foster, and Franklin D. Colclough

Elders: Julie Cox, Henry McFaddin, and Ruby J. Boyd

Corresponding member: Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod from Presbytery of New Hope.

Franklin D. Colclough, Stated Clerk

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:

1. That the following persons be elected to serve on the Endowment Task Force:  
Byard Stone (Darlington), Moderator  
Samuel Jones (Westminster, Alcolu)  
Henry McFaddin (Sumter, First)  
John Bankson (Florence, First)  
Ella F. Busby (Goodwill)
2. That the following persons be elected to serve on the Camping Division:  
Katie Lee (McColl), class of 2011  
(BG-Ret) Hugh McLaurin (Wedgfield), class of 2012
3. That the following person be elected to serve on the Congregational Development Division:  
Blair Beaver (Ruby/White Oak), class of 2012
4. That the following person be elected to serve on the Education and Nurture Division:  
David Bessinger (Hartsville, First / CLP to Jefferson), class of 2011
5. That the following person be elected to serve as Moderator of the Worship and Spiritual Formation Division:  
Garland Hart (Summerton)

6. **That the following person be elected to serve on the SC Home at Montreat Board of Trustees:**  
**Ernest Jackson (MAL/Congruity)**

Sherrolyn Weed  
Moderator

### COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Presbytery of New Harmony currently has five inquirers and two candidates. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

#### INQUIRERS:

1. Amanda Maguire (Darlington): Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2. Andrew Ruth (Williamsburg): Duke Divinity School
3. Lauren Scharstein (Darlington): Columbia Theological Seminary, Intern Year in Africa
4. Marc VanBulck (First Sumter): Columbia Theological Seminary
5. Anna White (Georgetown)

#### CANDIDATES:

1. Omar Hilton (Goodwill): Graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary
2. Francie King (Manning): Graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, certified ready for call

#### INFORMATION:

1. The CPM celebrates the call of Peggy Swann and her upcoming ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
2. The CPM enrolled the following as Inquirers:
  - a. Amanda Maguire, Darlington PC. Amanda will be entering Pittsburgh Theological Seminary this summer.
  - b. Andrew Ruth, Williamsburg PC. Andrew is finishing his first year at Duke Divinity School.
3. The CPM conducted the required annual consultations with Omar Hilton (Candidate, Goodwill) and Marc VanBulck (Inquirer, Sumter First).
4. The CPM is reviewing our financial aid process and if/how that process should be linked to service in the PC(USA).

#### **The following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:**

1. **That Jane McElwee-Smith (Associate Pastor, Sumter First) and Leroy Thompson (Elder, Sumter Second) serve as 2010 readers of Ordination Exams.**
2. **That Samuel Sparks (Pastor, GW Long & Grandview) and Ruby Jean Boyd (Elder, Goodwill) serve as alternate readers for 2010 Ordination Exams.**
3. **That Marc VanBulck (Inquirer, Sumter First) be admitted to the floor and pending successful examination become a Candidate for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament under the care of New Harmony Presbytery. (The examination was successful, and he was enrolled as a Candidate.)**
4. **That New Harmony Presbytery grant the request of Omar Hilton (Candidate, Goodwill) to be given an alternate Ordination Examination in Exegesis per the Book of Order G-14.0472. Omar has successfully completed the other four exams and has attempted this examination three times without receiving a passing grade. Having completed seminary two years ago, the probability of passing the standard examination has decreased. Omar has also been dealing with severe medical conditions in his life and in the life of his wife. This alternate examination would be conducted by a joint CPM/COM panel in accordance with the approved plans on file with the Synod of the South Atlantic. (This exam will maintain the standards of the ordination exams. This panel shall consist**

of three members of the CPM, three members of the COM with Frank Colclough and Preston Shealy serving ex-officio. In order for the examination to be successfully completed, the majority of the panel must agree to sustain the examination.) This recommendation requires a 3/4 vote of the Presbytery.

Preston Shealy  
Moderator

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry reports the following actions as information:

1. The Committee on Ministry continues to conduct the triennial visitations of the sessions for one third of New Harmony Presbytery.
2. Received a delinquency report of past due balances through March 12, 2010, from The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) listing three congregations.
3. Annual reviews of session records were held.
4. Elder Charlie Denny was appointed to serve as the COM/CDD representative in the conversation regarding a possible yoking of the Swan Lake and Fraser Memorial Churches in response to a letter from Swan Lake asking for guidance and a liaison. The Reverend Ray Howe was appointed as a COM representative.
5. Requested the Administrative Council of New Harmony Presbytery to establish an Administrative Commission for the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church with the full authority of a commission.
6. Continued to hear reports of the work of the Administrative Commissions for the Celebration Presbyterian Church and the Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church.
7. Approved the request of the Congruity Presbyterian Church to appoint the Reverend Ernest Jackson as Temporary Supply and agreed to the stated terms of call.
8. Received information from Joyce Lieberman, Associate for Call System Support, regarding special funds for Life-long Learning Opportunities for servants of small membership churches.
9. Rescheduled the Committee on Ministry/Committee on Preparation/Permanent Judicial Commission Event at White Oak Conference Center to January 2011.
10. Scheduled The Board of Pensions Workshops: Growing into Tomorrow...Today – Aug. 31/Sept. 1 and Getting In Shape Fiscally - September 2, 2010.
11. Appointed Elder Charlie Denny as the liaison for Midway Presbyterian Church. Associate Executive Presbyter, Dr. Frank Colclough will conduct PNC training in May.
12. Empowered the Administrative Commission of the Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church to appoint one of its members to serve as the liaison to the PNC.
13. Conducted exit interviews with pastors and sessions.

**The following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:**

1. **That the following changes in the terms of call, not reported in February or recently amended, be approved:**

2010 Terms of Call Changes					
Church	Minister	*Salary&other Income	X Manse	^ Housing	~ Other
Florence First (correction)	Christopher J. Handley	777.00	N	585.00	542.00
Georgetown	Steven Wilkins	2,000.00	N	-2,000.00	-500.00
Korean-American	Tae Su Cheong	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
McBee	Mike Allen	1,430.00	P	0.00	559.00
Melina	Carnell Hampton	1,252.00	P	0.00	12.00
Murrells Inlet	Tom Thornton	0.00	N	0.00	0.00
New Covenant (now P/T - 20 hr.)	Retha Nelson	-12,731.00	N	-3,820.00	-7,803.00



X = Manse- (P) provided or (N) not provided

^ = Includes: only line 2 of Effective Salary

~ = Includes: SECA, BOP, Auto Allowance, Professional Expenses and Moving Expenses(when applicable)

2. That a severance package of six months for pastors who are involuntarily separated from congregations be approved and that this policy be added to the COM policy manual.
3. That Elder Charles R. Staggs, Jr. be admitted to the floor and be commissioned as the Lay Pastor to the Swan Lake Presbyterian Church and be granted the following functions: to administer the sacraments under the authority of the Session, to moderate the Session, and to have voice and vote in the meetings of this presbytery during the tenure of the commission.
4. That the Reverend Dr. Ella Busby be approved as pastor for the Goodwill Presbyterian Church (2/3 majority required), the following commission be appointed to install her (she was granted permission to move onto the field on April 18, 2010) and the following terms of call be approved:

**Effective Salary**

1. Annual Cash Salary	<u>\$37,760.00</u>
2. Housing Allowance	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
3. Deferred compensation (403(b), tax sheltered annuity plans and equity allowances)	_____
4. Bonuses, unvouchered allowances, gifts from employer	_____
5. Other allowances (e.g. utilities, furnishings, Medical deductible, dental, SECA in excess of 50%)	_____
<b>Total Annual Cash Salary</b>	<b><u>\$50,260.00</u></b>
6. Manse amount (must be at least 30% of lines 1-5 for members who qualify for IRS housing allowance exclusion)	( _____ )
<b>Total Annual Effective Salary</b>	<b><u>\$50,260.00</u></b>

**Benefits**

SECA (50%)	<u>\$3,845.00</u>
Board of Pensions (pension, major medical, death & disability at current BOP rate which is 31.5% of Total Effective Salary)	<u>\$15,832.00</u>
Automobile Allowance (approximate - to be reimbursed at current IRS rate to be 50¢ in 2010)	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Professional Expenses	
Continuing Education	} _____
Book Allowance	<u>\$3,300.00</u>
Other	_____
Other	_____
Moving Expenses	_____
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b><u>\$28,477.00</u></b>

**Total Cost to Church \$78,737.00**

**plus**, Study Leave of 2 weeks and Vacation of 5 weeks annually.

Members of the installation commission:

**Ministers:**

Annette Brewer  
Judy Cettei  
Tae Su Cheong  
Franklin Colclough  
Carnell Hampton

**Elders:**

Louise Bevan  
Charles Denny  
Othan Franklin  
George Hampton  
Barbara Ragin

Jeri Parris Perkins  
Moderator

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR  
OCEAN DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

At the meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony, May 29-30, 2009, the following were elected to serve on an administrative commission to work with the session of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church during their period of pastoral transition: Orby Ferguson (elder, First Myrtle Beach), Al Conklin (elder, Celebration), Rev. Jeri Parris Perkins (First,

Hartsville), Ruby Jean Boyd (elder, Goodwill), Willie James Rollerson (elder, Second Sumter), Rev. Don Stiens (Kingston), Rev. Steve Wilkins (Georgetown).

The commission continues to meet on a bimonthly basis. In addition to the members of the commission, there is also a member of the ODPC session present at each meeting of the commission, along with Rev. Lewis Johnson, interim pastor of ODPC. A member of the commission is present at each of the stated monthly session meetings of ODPC.

There continues to be great progress at ODPC. The congregation has completed a thorough mission study, reported to the session and diaconate at a special called meeting on April 27. In addition, the congregation has elected its Pastor Nominating Committee, which will soon receive its orientation and begin its process of preparing for and conducting a pastoral search. Per action by the Committee On Ministry, the Administrative Commission has appointed one of its members to act as liaison with the PNC and report on a regular basis to the COM; elder Al Conklin will serve as liaison.

The Administrative Commission will continue to work with the session and congregation of ODPC through the remainder of the pastoral transition process.

Faithfully Submitted,  
Rev. Steve Wilkins,  
Moderator

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Gene Lassiter, Moderator, gave an oral report for the Commission.

Dr. Frank Colclough led the Presbytery in prayer for both the churches mentioned above and for the commissions involved.

### PROGRAM COUNCIL

Program Council met on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the Presbytery office and received as information the reports from the following divisions: Camping, Congregational Development, Education & Nurture, Mission, Worship & Spiritual Formation, as well as Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women.

**The following recommendation of the Council was adopted:**

**That the Presbytery approve the celebration of Holy Communion at Camp Pee Dee in conjunction with the Commissioning of Summer Staff, now and in the future, as requested by the Interim Director of Camping Ministries and approved by the Camping Division.**

Ellaree Hampton  
Moderator

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council makes the following report to the Presbytery of New Harmony:

The Council accepted, with regret, the request to dissolve the call of The Rev. Judd Shaw, in order that he might accept a call as Executive Presbyter of East Tennessee Presbytery.

The Council appointed The Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough as Head of Staff & Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the Sixty-Seventh Stated Meeting of Presbytery on February 27, 2010, were approved.

Reports from the Camping, Congregational Development, Education and Nurture, Mission, and the Worship and Spiritual Formation Divisions, as well as Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women, were presented as information to the Council.

Received a letter of appreciation for the prayerful support of the PADD ministry from Board Chair Bob Kearns.

Received a letter from Session of Swan Lake Presbyterian Church requesting the Presbytery to join them in protest of the action of John Knox Presbytery to ordain Mr. Scott Anderson as Minister of Word & Sacrament since he has scrupled the denomination's standards on sexual behavior. The Council considered this request, voted to join with the Swan Lake Presbyterian Church Session in expressing our concern to John Knox Presbytery and will communicate this action to John Knox Presbytery and back to the Session of Swan Lake Presbyterian Church.

Reports from the Head of Staff/Stated Clerk/Associate Executive Presbyter for Pastoral Care and Leadership Development, and Associate Executive Presbyter for Program and Administration were received, and information regarding future meetings of the Presbytery was shared, including:

- May 11, 2010 – John Calvin Presbyterian Church
- August 10, 2010 – Presbyterian Communities of SC, Florence – Called Meeting to hear report from Commissioners to General Assembly and any other business
- October 12, 2010 – Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church
- February 26, 2011 – Camp Pee Dee

Docket for the Sixty-eighth Stated Meeting was received and approved.

The Council approved the request of Dr. Rodney Foster, Interim Director of Camping Ministries, to designate \$ 6,000.00 of his total compensation as housing allowance.

The Council approved raising the purchase order limits (from \$ 500.00 to unlimited) for the Head of Staff/Stated Clerk/Associate Executive Presbyter for Pastoral Care & Leadership Development and the Associate Executive Presbyter for Program & Administration.

The Council received an update of the ongoing work of the Camp Pee Dee Task Force. The Council also discussed the evaluation of the overall staffing pattern of the Presbytery and will explore this process further and continue to keep the Presbytery informed. (see Diagram of Structure - ATTACHMENT)

Verbal reports were offered by the Sub-committee Chairs.

**The following recommendations of Council were adopted:**

- 1. That the Presbytery approve the sale of two vacant lots in Dillon, SC, with proceeds of approximately \$ 2,250.00 and a legal fee of \$ 100.00.**
- 2. That the Presbytery approve the Fair Share Askings of a 10 % tithe from all churches for the 2011 Operating Budget. Churches that are already giving more than 10 % will be asked to increase their giving accordingly. Asking letters will be sent out in late July or August 2010. The Finance Committee is asking that Sessions please respond in a timely manner in order to present a 2011 Proposed Operating Budget to Presbytery at its Fall Stated Meeting.**
- 3. That the Presbytery approve the proposed changes in the Accounting Policies & Procedures Manual for first reading. (ATTACHMENT)**
- 4. That the Presbytery approve salary adjustments for the Associate Executive Presbyter for Pastoral Care & Leadership Development/Head of Staff/Stated Clerk in the amount of \$ 8,405.00 and**

**\$ 7,740.00 for the Associate Executive for Program & Administration, due to new assignments and realignments of duties for the interim period. This does not require an adjustment to the overall budget due to staff vacancies.**

- 5. That the Presbytery approve that the Financial Secretary be authorized to pursue insured investment alternatives including, but not limited to, Certificates of Deposit Registry Services (CDARS) and to explore options for moving operating accounts and investment money market accounts to other financial institutions.**
- 6. That the Presbytery approve a new security policy be implemented to comply with Payment Card Industry Security Standards and be added to Chapter 6, Section 1F of the Accounting Policies & Procedures Manual.**
- 7. That the Presbytery approve that the funds used to support the New Harvest Presbyterian Church loan through the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP) which has been paid off now be used to support the Celebration Presbyterian Church PILP loan.**
- 8. That the Presbytery concur with the request of the Rev. Judd Shaw to dissolve the call as Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk with regret and appreciation.**
- 9. That the Presbytery ratify the March 22, 2010, decision of the Administrative Council to establish an Administrative Commission to work with Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church, with full authority as outlined in the Book of Order. The members of the Administrative Commission are: the Rev. Carnell Hampton, Co-Moderator; the Rev. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins, Co-Moderator; the Rev. Jody Foster; the Rev. David Ruth; Elder Genova Isaac; Elder Tom Whitaker; Elder Kenny Mitchum; and Elder Mary Kendall Bittle. The request for an Administrative Commission came at the request of the Session, and the Council's appointment of the Commission between presbytery meetings follows the protocol stated in the Presbytery's manual.**
- 10. That all the actions of council recorded in the minutes become the actions of the Presbytery.**

Scott Andrews  
Moderator

### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To the Presbytery of New Harmony at its Spring Stated Meeting, May 11, 2010

O, the wonderment of all life, the shimmering of Creation! *"There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world, that is not intended to make us rejoice,"* and we do.

**Whereas** we have met at John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC, this day, May 11, 2010, on a fine Carolina spring morning, it is fitting we recall the faith and wisdom of John Calvin for whom the church is named, acknowledging our desire to increase in praise and in joy in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have brought our praise and prayers to God in a Spirit-filled worship service led by the Rev. Gloria Williams and our moderator, the Rev. Judy Cettei, with uplifting music played by Thelma Hawkins and Anne Rodgers Chandler.

We have received reports, we have made earnest decisions in matters affecting the churches and their leadership, we have listened to one another in a spirit of good will and humility; and we have given thanks to God for the spiritual gifts of God acknowledged in our midst – gifts for mission and pastoral ministries, gifts of discernment, creative gifts for the nurture and education of young disciples.

Specifically, in a commissioning service in our corporate worship we have given thanks for the awesome upward call of God as it has come to the commissioners to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and our delegates to the 2010 Youth Triennium.

We have been blessed and celebrated the spiritual “marriages” of Elder Chuck Staggs, CLP, and the Swan Lake Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Dr. Ella Busby and the Goodwill Presbyterian Church, whose calls the Presbytery confirmed.

We also acknowledged the brokenness in our midst, within congregations, which are now the focus of administrative commissions. Our Stated Clerk and Presbytery Executive the Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough led us in prayer for them.

We gladly heard from Marc van Bulck, a graduating seminarian at Columbia Theological Seminary, sustained his examination as a candidate to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and welcomed the news of his call to Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, FL, as interim youth director.

We felt ourselves moved and recharged in our own ordination vows alongside Marc van Bulk as his home pastor, the Rev. Mark Durrett, laid a spirited charge upon the candidate to keep this question on his heart:

“Are you staying alive with God?”

And further, as Dr. Durrett said to the seminarian, “You don’t know nothin’ yet,” and warned him, tongue in cheek, “Ministers are like manure....” quoting a cautionary note from the late great theologian, H. Reinhold Niebuhr.

**Whereas** we worshipped and worked in faith, and grew in the knowledge of God and one another, and with God’s help completed our tasks decently and in order, there being no other business,

**Therefore** we moved to adjourn, giving thanks to God for this meeting of New Harmony Presbytery and God’s trust in us, with gratitude expressed to the pastor and Session and all the supportive congregation of the John Calvin Presbyterian Church for their many kindnesses and hospitality and the delicious food prepared. And we committed to leave this place better stewards of the gospel of grace, armed with the further words of John Calvin:

*“All the blessings we enjoy are Divine deposits, committed to our trust on this condition, that they should be dispensed for the benefit of our neighbors.”*

And further, adopting as our own, Calvin’s prayer of commitment: *“My best, Lord, I give to you.”*

Respectfully submitted,  
Elder Ellaree Hampton  
The Rev. Jody Foster

### ADJOURNMENT

Following a time of requests for special prayer, the Moderator adjourned the meeting of Presbytery with prayer at 11:55 a.m.

A Special Called Meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Community in Florence, SC, on August 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery will be held at the Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Pawleys Island, SC, on October 12, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Franklin D. Colclough  
Stated Clerk

Richard S. Andrews  
Recording Clerk

**The Presbytery of New Harmony**  
**Summary of Major Changes**  
**2010 Draft**  
**Accounting Policies and Procedures**

**1. Chapter 4, Section II.D. .... Page 19**

Policy has been added to require a second reading on budgeted expenditures over \$5,000

**2. Chapter 4, Section II.E..... Page 19**

Policy has been added to place the sole authority for executing contracts with the Executive Presbytery of New Harmony

**3. Chapter 4, Section II.A-B. .... Page 16**

The Camp Director's limit on purchase orders has been decreased from \$1,000 to \$500.

A blanket purchase order statement has been added.

A form has been added (Exhibit 6b) that is required to be filed if the purchase order procedure was not followed.

**4. Chapter 4, Section III.C. .... Page 23**

A sentence has been added firming up the language regarding rebates, promotions, etc.

**5. Chapter 6, Section I F..... Page 27**

A new section on the security of computer networks and credit card processing has been added to comply with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards

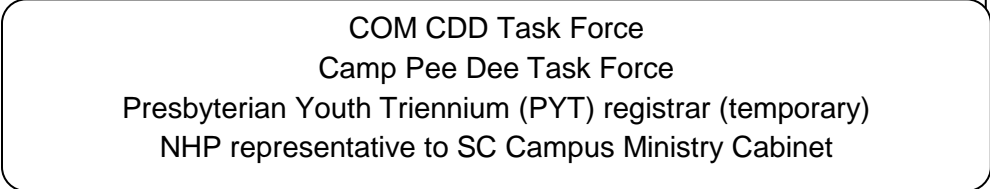
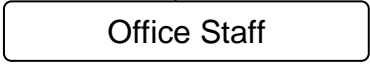
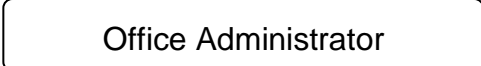
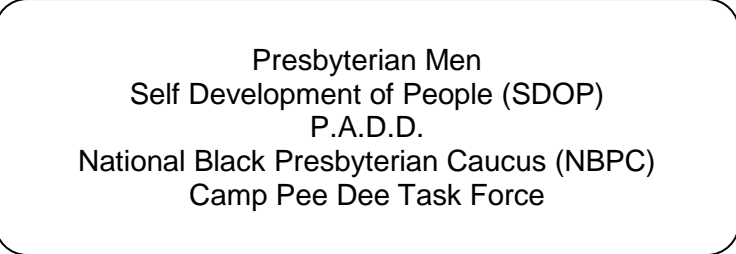
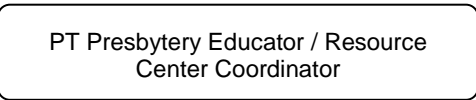
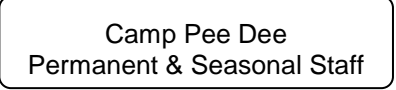
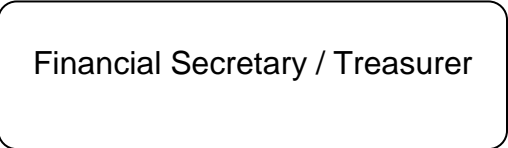
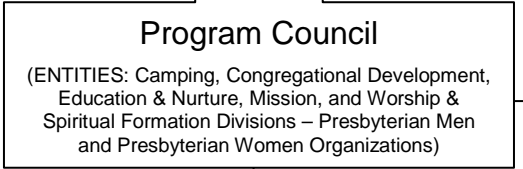
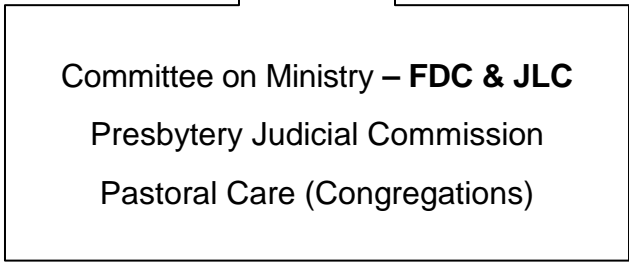
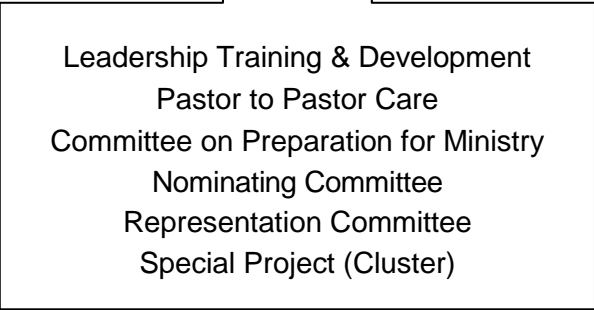
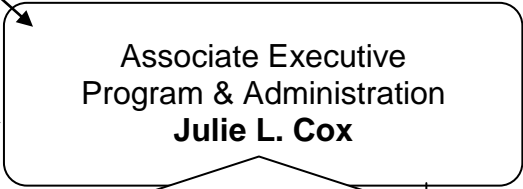
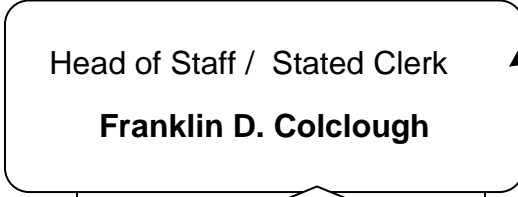
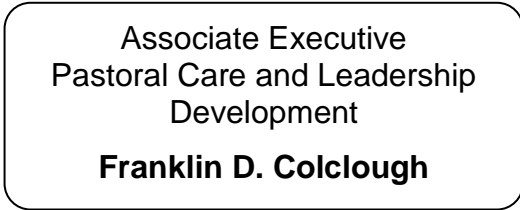
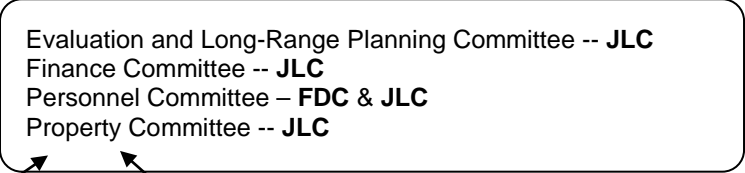
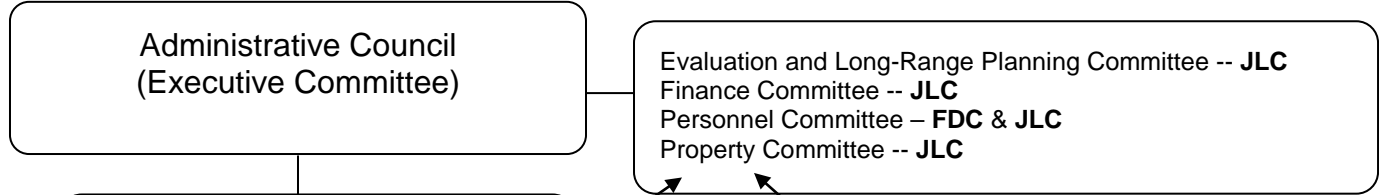
**6. Chapter 7, Section I.B. .... Page 29**

The wording of this section has been revised to fall in line with the actual procedure

**7. Chapter 7, Section II ..... Page 30**

This section has been added to formalize and coordinate the structure on disbursements from all invested funds.

## *Diagram of Structure*







**THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY**  
Special Called Meeting – August 10, 2010 – 9:30 A.M.  
Presbyterian Communities Chapel, Florence, South Carolina

The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by Moderator Rev. Judith L. Cettei, pastor of Lake City Presbyterian Church. The Stated Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

The following persons were enrolled for the meeting:

Forty-five ministers were present: Paul W. Abell, Jr., Michael R. Allen, Richard S. Andrews, Scott B. Andrews, Eugen Bach, Blair Beaver, James Braswell, Annette P. Brewer (ordained March 14, 2010), Ella F. Busby, Kevin T. Cauley, Judith L. Cettei, Tae Su Cheong, James Clark, Franklin D. Colclough, Lisa Culpepper, Christopher Denny, Carol Dickerson, Snow Donmoyer, Mark Durrett, Carnell Hampton, Christopher Handley, Howard Hansen, Garland Hart, A. Kyle Henderson, Josie Holler, William J. Holmes, Jr., Frank Holsclaw, Ray Howe, Ernest Jackson, Barry Jenkins, J. Lewis Johnson, Stanley W. Jones, I, Thomas Langston, Gary Lowe, Jane McElwee-Smith, Timothy Osment, John W. Parks, Jeri Parris Perkins, David Ruth, Preston Shealy, Samuel Sparks, Donald Stiens, O. Rhett Talbert, Emma W. Thompson, Sherrolyn Weed.

Forty-five elder commissioners were present: Bishopville – Elizabeth J. Kerr; Cheraw First – Robbie Bennett; Chesterfield – Tom Jones; Concord – Paula Johnson; Cousar Memorial – Delphine A. Peterson; Darlington – Ray M. Clanton; Ebenezer – Rebecca Barnes; Florence First – Jeannie Brodie, Ginger Owen; Fraser Memorial – Philip Weatherly; Friendship – Gloria Frieson; George Waldo Long Memorial – Robert Johnson; Georgetown – Joe Henson; Harmony – Freddie Nelson; Hartsville First – Margaret (Meg) Garges, Lawrence Hope; Hopewell – Jean McPherson; Kingston – Bill Park; Lake City – Ginger Moore; Latta – Marcia Bethea; Loris First – Carl Claytor; Manning – Margaret B. Cooper; Marion – Lina Rice; McColl First – Jane McCorkle; McDowell – Edward Heins; Melina – Walter Nelson; Midway – Wendell Robinson; Morton – JoAnne Bustle; Mt. Lisbon – Deborah Wilson; New Bethel – Willie D. McQueen; Ocean Drive – Jim Disney, Julianne Hussey; Parkwood – Tommy Jackson; Pawleys Island – Mike Sparkman; Summerton – T. I. Walker; Sumter First – Jess Begly, Henry McFaddin; Sumter Second – Helen Gregory; Swan Lake – Chuck Gibbs; Tirzah – John B. Raffield; Trinity (Mayesville) – Mary Miller Hudson; Wedgefield – James Hugh Ryan; Westminster (Alcolu) – Sam Jones; White Oak – Larry Watson; Williamsburg – Mary Stockton.

Ten additional ex officio voting elder members present included: Administrative Council members Julie Cox (Associate Executive), Evans Holland, Byard Stone, Jr.; Program Council members Lee Craig, Gordon McBride; and Commissioned Lay Pastors David Bessinger, Jim Bird, Jack Humphries, Marshall P. Ivey, Chuck Staggs.

Also in attendance were: four staff members: Linda Borgman, Avery Dickson (also an educator), Netanyia Samuel, Elise Walker; Clarence Hilton, Temporary Supply at Mt. Lisbon; candidates Omar Hilton, Francie King; 45 visiting elders and other visitors.

Excused were eight ministers: Snow Donmoyer, Jody Foster, Rodney Foster, William Hayes, Stuart Nickels, Robert Wilkes, Gloria Williams, Joan Yates; and the sessions of the Celebration, Indiantown, Jefferson, St. Paul's, and Myrtle Beach First Churches.

**In attendance were 100 voting members and 52 other people, for a grand total of 152.**

### WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship led by the Rev. Kevin Cauley, pastor of the Darlington Presbyterian Church.

Elise Walker, Financial Secretary for the Presbytery, was recognized with appreciation for her faithful service in that office.

Marian Howard, Director of Marketing and host for the day, welcomed New Harmony Presbytery to the Presbyterian Community of Florence, and visitors were recognized.

### COMMUNICIONS

The following communications have been received and acted upon as indicated:

1. A letter was received from Linda B. Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council, to notify us that New Harmony Presbytery was one of the “2009 Top Presbyteries in Giving” in the General Assembly. The letter was received as information.

2. A letter from Avery Dickson stating that he is retiring from his position as Presbytery Educator and Resource Coordinator on September 30, 2010, was referred to the Administrative Council.
3. **A request from the Cousar Memorial Presbyterian Church for a one year exemption from the rotary system was approved.**

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry reports the following actions as information:

1. The Committee on Ministry continues to conduct the triennial visitations of the sessions for one-third of New Harmony Presbytery.
2. Received a delinquency report of past due balances through May 2010 from The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) listing one congregation.
3. Requested the Administrative Council of New Harmony Presbytery to establish an Administrative Commission for the John Calvin Presbyterian Church with the full authority of a commission.
4. Continued to hear reports of the work of the Administrative Commissions for the Celebration Presbyterian Church, the Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church, and the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church.
5. Encouraged participation in the Board of Pensions Workshops: Growing into Tomorrow...Today – Aug. 31/Sept. 1 and Getting In Shape Fiscally - September 2, 2010.
6. Conducted exit interviews with pastors and sessions.
7. Appointed the Reverend Ray Howe as Interim Pastor of the Rocky Creek Presbyterian Church.
8. Appointed the Reverend Preston Shealy as Moderator of the Kingston Presbyterian Church effective October 1, 2010.
9. Approved the CIF's for the Midway and Ocean Drive Presbyterian Churches.
10. PJC/COM/CPM Event is now scheduled for January 28-29, 2011 at White Oak Conference Center.
11. The Rev. Peggy Swan was dismissed to the Foothills Presbytery to accept a call to Townville Presbyterian Church.
12. Appointed the Reverend Kyle Henderson, the Reverend Mark Durrett, and Elder Joe Stukes to a CPM/COM joint panel to administer an alternate examination in the area of Biblical Exegesis to Candidate Omar Hilton.
13. Provided \$1,000 to a Board of Pensions Shared Grant request from the Reverend William Jones and set \$8,000 as the total amount of the grant.

**The following recommendations of the Committee were adopted:**

1. **That the following changes in the terms of call, not reported in February or May, be approved:**

2010 Terms of Call Changes					
Church	Minister	*Salary&other Income	X Manse	^ Housing	~ Other
Sumter First	Mark Durrett	5,963.46	N	0.00	-4,671.24
Sumter First	Jane McElwee-Smith	1,123.00	N	0.00	-60.00

*X = Manse- (P) provided or (N) not provided*

*^ = Includes: only line 2 of Effective Salary*

*~ = Includes: SECA, BOP, Auto Allowance, Professional Expenses and Moving Expenses(when applicable)*

2. That the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Don Stiens and the Kingston Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective October 1, 2010, and a service of Honorable Retirement be conducted.
3. That the Presbytery concur with the request of the Reverend Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins that the pastoral relationship with the First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville be dissolved effective July 31, 2010, that she be given Member-at-Large status, and granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery in order to receive the call to become the Dean of Religious Life and the Director of the Cornelson Center for the Exploration of Christian Practice at Presbyterian College.
4. That the Reverend Lisa Culpepper be appointed as a Temporary Supply Pastor and Moderator of the Session at First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville until two weeks past the call of an Interim Pastor.
5. That the Reverend Lisa Culpepper be appointed as Moderator of the Morton Presbyterian Church Session.
6. That the wording in the Parental Guidelines Policy under Terms, Item number 6 be changed to: "the Session should confer with the Presbytery and the Committee on Ministry which can function as a resource."
7. That the Presbytery guidelines on Pulpit Supply be set at a minimum of \$125.00, that any previous restrictions on travel reimbursements be dropped and that these expenses may be shared in yoked churches.
8. Concur with the request of the Reverend Gary Lowe to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Celebration Presbyterian Church effective July 31, 2010, and that he be given Member-At-Large status.

Jeri Parris Perkins  
Moderator

### WORSHIP

The Moderator led Presbytery in a Service of Recognition of the Ministry of Retiring Minister Reverend Donald Robert Stiens. Members of Presbytery and of the Kingston Church expressed appreciation for his commitment, leadership, and example in service to Christ.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Written and/or oral reports from the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly were presented to Presbytery by elders Areatha Clark and Elizabeth (BJ) Kerr, ministers Carnell Hampton and Scott Andrews, and Youth Advisory Delegate Lindsey Skipper.

### YOUTH TRIENNIUM REPORTS

Youth delegates who attended the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium presented oral reports on their participation in this continuing largest event sponsored by the denomination.

### ADJOURNMENT

Following a time of requests for special prayer, the Moderator adjourned the meeting of Presbytery with prayer at 12:05 p.m.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery will be held at the Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Pawleys Island, SC, on October 12, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Franklin D. Colclough  
Stated Clerk

Richard S. Andrews  
Recording Clerk

## THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY

Sixty-ninth Stated Meeting – October 12, 2010 – 9:30 A.M.  
Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, Pawleys Island, South Carolina

The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by Moderator Rev. Judith L. Cettei, pastor of Lake City Presbyterian Church. The Stated Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

The following persons were enrolled for the meeting:

Forty-two ministers were present: Paul W. Abell, Jr., Richard S. Andrews, Scott B. Andrews, Eugen Bach, Blair Beaver, Robert Bligen, Jr., James Braswell, Kevin T. Cauley, Judith L. Cettei, Franklin D. Colclough, Lisa Culpepper, Mark Durrett, Jody P. Foster, Rodney A. Foster, Carnell Hampton, Christopher Handley, Howard J. Hansen, Garland Hart, William C. Hayes, A. Kyle Henderson, Kenneth Hicks, William J. Holmes, Jr., Frank Holsclaw, Ray Howe, Ernest Jackson, Barry Jenkins, J. Lewis Johnson, Jane McElwee-Smith, Timothy Osment, John W. Parks, Jeri Parris Perkins, Preston Shealy, Samuel Sparks, Don Stiens, O. Rhett Talbert, Emma W. Thompson, Robert Wilkes, Jr., Sherrolyn Weed, Steve Wilkins, Gloria Williams, Bowling Yates, Joan Yates.

Fifty-nine elder commissioners were present: Bennettsville First – Elisabeth K. McNiel; Bishopville – Elizabeth J. Kerr; Celebration – Katrena White; Congruity – Randy Wells; Cousar Memorial – Delphine A. Peterson; Darlington – Albert James. III; Florence First – Mike Lavespere; Fraser – Ricky McLeod; Georgetown – A. T. (Ted) Quantz; Goodwill – Ruby Jean C. Boyd; Harmony – Freddie Nelson; Hartsville First – Paula Davis, Jane Wheeler; Hopewell – Jimmy Gregg; Indiantown – Vicki Bishop; John Calvin – Ron Rogers; Kentyre – James G. Ward; Kingston – John Dennis; Lake City – James Ellis; Loris First – Teresa Moise; Manning – Margaret B. Cooper; Marion – Erika Roberts; McColl First – Julian McGuirt; McDowell – F. L. (Lukie) Player; Melina – Carolyn Walker; Midway – Wendell Robinson; Morton – Teresa Hodges; Mt. Pisgah – Gertha James; Mt. Zion – Robert Law; Myrtle Beach First – Lawton Benton, Beth Campbell, William B. (Chip)Cox; New Bethel – Willie P. McQueen; New Harvest – Calvin Wilson; Ocean Drive – Bill Cox, Sue Krueger; Parkwood – Tommy Jackson; Pawleys Island – Mike Sparkman; Rocky Creek – Ernie Catoe; St. Paul's – Thomas Stasney; Summerton – George Barkley; Sumter First – R. Jessee Begley, Henry McFaddin; Sumter Second – Willie J. Rollerson; Swan Lake – Charles A. Gibbs; Trinity (Surfside) – Margaret Leininger; Wedgefield – Fair Edmunds; Westminster (Alcolu) – Samuel Jones; Williamsburg – Shelby McCutchen.

Seven additional ex officio voting elder members present included: Commissioned Lay Pastors David Bessinger, Jim Bird, Chuck Staggs; Administrative Council members Julie Cox (Associate Executive), Byard Stone, Jr.; Program Council member Ellaree Hampton; and Committee Moderator Ponthela Wilson.

Also in attendance were: Penny Arnold representing Presbyterian Communities, Charles D. Elliott representing Thornwell Home, Clark Simmons representing the Board of Pensions; visiting ministers Vaughn Earl Hartsell and David Mote from other presbyteries; educators Avery Dickson and Kelly Sloan; staff members Linda Borgman, Netanyia Samuel, and Elise Walker; 12 visiting elders; and 11 other visitors.

Excused were eight ministers: Mike Allen, Ella Busby, Josie Holler, Tom Langston, Gary Lowe, William Moore, Retha Nelson, and David Ruth; two commissioned lay pastors: Jack Humphries and Marshall Ivey; and four session representatives: Chesterfield, Myrtle Beach First (Chris Denny), Pageland Second (Annette Brewer), and Tirzah.

**In attendance were 98 voting members and 33 other people, for a grand total of 131.**

### WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship led by the Rev. Samuel Sparks. The Rev. Judy Cettei, Moderator, preached a sermon entitled “The Missional Church: Everything Old Is New Again” based on Matthew 28:16-20 and Ephesians 3:7-12.

Following worship, the Presbytery was welcomed by the Rev. Frank Holsclaw, pastor of the host church. Visitors and elders attending Presbytery for the first time were recognized and welcomed.

The docket was reviewed and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Rev. Preston Shealy and the Rev. Gloria Williams to serve as the Committee on Resolutions. She also appointed the Rev. Garland Hart, and Elder Delphine Peterson of the Cousar Memorial Church, to serve as temporary clerks for the meeting.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented the following communications to Presbytery:

- 1-5. Requests from the Second Presbyterian Church, Pageland, the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, the Parkwood Presbyterian Church, Florence, the Mt. Lisbon Presbyterian Church, Bishopville, and the Cousar Memorial Presbyterian Church, Bishopville, for waiver of rotation of elders due to the size of the congregations, were approved by Presbytery.**
6. A letter from Vennie Constant, National Registrar for the 2010 Presbyterian Triennium, was received recognizing Julie Cox for her service as registrar for the Presbytery of New Harmony in gathering a delegation to attend the event.
7. Notice that copies of proposed General Assembly amendments are available at this meeting of Presbytery and may be picked up by commissioners before leaving.
- 8. Minutes of the commission to ordain Margaret (Peggy) Sessler Swan were admitted to the record as follows:**

### MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN MARGARET (PEGGY) SESSLER SWANN

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of New Harmony to ordain Peggy Swann met at 3:30 o'clock on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sumter, South Carolina. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mark Durrett, and he opened with prayer. Julie Cox was elected clerk of the Commission.

Members of the Commission who were present and constituted a quorum included: ministers Mark Durrett, Jody Foster, and Franklin Colclough; and elders Julie Cox, Henry McFaddin, and Ruby Jean Boyd.

Dr. Edward A. McLeod, pastor in another presbytery, sat as a corresponding member. Ministers Josie Holler and Jane McElwee-Smith, and elder Ann Geddings sat as guests of the Commission.

The Commission approved a motion to conclude its meeting with the benediction following the worship service, and to instruct the moderator and the clerk to approve the minutes.

After final instructions were given, those present proceeded to the worship service. Mark Durrett presided. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Edward A. McLeod, and Dr. Mark Durrett propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate. The ordination prayer was given by Elder Julie Cox. The minister was charged by Elder Henry McFaddin. At the conclusion of the service, the new minister, the Rev. Margaret "Peggy" Swann, pronounced the benediction.

Julie Cox  
Clerk

- 9. Minutes of the Commission to Install Ella F. Busby were admitted to the record as follows:**

### MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL ELLA FRANKLIN BUSBY

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of New Harmony to install Dr. Ella Franklin Busby as pastor of the Goodwill Presbyterian Church met at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2010, at the Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. Frank Colclough, and he opened with prayer.

Present and constituting a quorum were: Elders Louise Bovan, Charles Denny, Othan Franklin, George Hampton, Barbara Ragin; and Ministers Annette Brewer, Judy Cettei, Tae Su Cheong, Carnell Hampton, Frank Colclough.

Elder Charles Denny was elected clerk. The Commission reviewed the procedure to be followed. A motion was adopted authorizing the Moderator and the Clerk to approve the minutes.

The Commission retired to the sanctuary for worship. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Carnell Hampton. The constitutional questions were propounded to the pastor-elect by the Rev. Judy Cettei, and to the congregation by Elder George Hampton. The Moderator declared the Rev. Ella Busby installed as Pastor of Goodwill Presbyterian Church according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A charge was given the newly installed pastor by the Rev. Frank Colclough and to the congregation by Elder Barbara Ragin. The newly installed pastor, the Rev. Ella F. Busby, pronounced the benediction and the Commission adjourned. The minutes were approved by the Moderator and the Clerk.

Charles Denny  
Clerk

## RETIREMENT

Presbytery recognized the retirement of Avery S. Dickson on September 30, 2010, and provided him a gift for the occasion. He served faithfully for nine years as the Part-Time Temporary Presbytery Educator and Resource Coordinator.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**The following recommendations of the Committee were approved by Presbytery:**

### PRESBYTERY MODERATOR 2011

Henry McFaddin (Sumter First)

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

#### Member at Large Class of 2013

Byard Stone (Darlington)

#### Moderator

Judy Cettei (Lake City)

### EVALUATION & LONG-RANGE PLANNING

#### Class of 2013

Larry Dowd (Celebration)

Betty Evans (Sumter Second)

Tom Langston (Marion)

#### Moderator

Tom Langston (Marion)

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### Class of 2013

Matt Evans (Midway)

Donna Poulton (Ocean Drive)

#### Moderator

Ricky McLeod (Fraser Memorial)

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

#### Class of 2013

Al Conklin (Celebration)

Elijah Washington (Goodwill)

#### Moderator

Tommy Cooper (Manning)

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

#### Class of 2013

Johnny Raffield (Tirzah)

Joan Yates (Mt. Zion)

#### Moderator

Evans Holland (Florence First)

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

### Class of 2011

Betty Anne Smith

### Class of 2013

Ella Busby (Goodwill)

Kevin Cauley (Darlington)

Margaret Cooper (Manning)

Ray Howe (H.R)

Hal Stuckey (Indiantown)

### Moderator

Steve Wilkins (Georgetown)

## COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

### Class of 2012

Mike Allen (McBee)

### Class of 2013

Gary Lowe (Member at Large)

Jim Bird (Darlington)

Gene Lassiter (Indiantown/St. Paul's)

### Moderator

Preston Shealy (Trinity-Surfside)

## COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

### Class of 2012

Harry Thomas (Ocean Drive)

### Class of 2013

Joanne Pitts

Wallace Demery (Melina)

Prince Pressley (Trinity-Mayesville)

### Moderator

Pontheola Wilson (New Harvest)

## PROGRAM COUNCIL MODERATOR 2011

Ellaree Hampton (Goodwill)

## CAMPING DIVISION

### Class of 2011

Roy Andrews (Celebration)

### Class of 2013

Scott Andrews (Bennettsville First)

Mary Jane Evans (Cheraw First)

Dick Porter (Hartsville First)

### Moderator

Chuck Staggs (Sumter First)

## CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

### Class of 2013

John Dennis, Jr. (Kingston)

Robert Johnson (G.W. Long)

Virginia Wallace (Cousar Memorial)

Don Walton (Ocean Drive)

### Moderator

Orby Ferguson, Jr. (Myrtle Beach First)



## EDUCATION & NURTURE DIVISION

### Class of 2013

Bruce Carl (Georgetown)  
Francie King (Manning)  
Lee Craig (Sumter First)

### Moderator

Lee Craig (Sumter First)

## MISSION DIVISION

### Class of 2013

Lisa Culpepper (Hartsville First)  
Sylvia Ivey (Friendship)  
Frances Singleton (Sumter Second)

### Moderator

Paul Abell (Fraser Memorial)

## WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL FORMATION DIVISION

### Class of 2012

Kyle Henderson (Cheraw)

### Class of 2013

Buddy Bach (Kentrye/Latta)  
Fredrica Brailsford (Goodwill)

### Moderator

Garland Hart (Summerton)

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR DISASTER REPOSE

### Class of 2013

Donise White (Goodwill)  
Robert C. Johnson (G.W. Long)  
Stan Jones (Friendship/Trinity-Mayesville)

### Moderator

Doug Macdonald (Florence First)

## SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

### Class of 2013

Rodney Foster (H.R)  
Othan Franklin (Westminster-Alcolu)  
Deborah Wilson (Mt. Lisbon)  
Paula Davis (Hartsville First)

### Moderator

Sam Sparks (G.W. Long/Grandview)

## SC HOME AT MONTREAT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Avery Dickson (Cheraw First)

Sherrolyn Weed  
Moderator

## COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Presbytery of New Harmony currently has five inquirers and three candidates. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

#### INQUIRERS:

1. Neeley Lane (Hartsville First): Union (Charlotte)
2. Amanda Maguire (Darlington): Pittsburgh
3. Andrew Ruth (Williamsburg): Duke
4. Lauren Scharstein (Darlington): Columbia
5. Anna White (Georgetown)

#### CANDIDATES:

1. Omar Hilton (Goodwill): Graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary
2. Francie King (Manning): Graduate of Columbia, certified ready for call
3. Marc VanBulck (First Sumter): Graduate of Columbia, Intern in Jacksonville

#### INFORMATION:

1. The CPM enrolled the following as Inquirers:
  - a. Neeley Lane, Hartsville PC. Neeley is in her first year at Union (Charlotte).
2. The CPM conducted the required annual consultations with Francie King (Manning) and Lauren Scharstein (Darlington).
3. The CPM elected Jane McElwee-Smith, Sam Sparks and Ruby Jean Boyd to serve on the Alternate Exam Panel for Omar Hilton. Preston Shealy and Frank Colclough will serve as ex-officio members.
4. Granted our four Inquirers/Candidates enrolled full-time in seminary, scholarships of \$1250/semester for the 2010-2011 school year.
5. Granted our part-time Inquirer a scholarship of \$450/semester for the 2010-2011 school year.
6. Will be requesting Internship Evaluations on our candidates and inquirers from their schools.

#### **The following recommendation of the Committee was adopted:**

**“It shall be the policy of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Presbytery of New Harmony to require one year of service in a validated ministry of the PCUSA for each year of scholarship aid extended. Should any inquirer or candidate choose not to serve in such a ministry within five years of graduation from seminary or of leaving seminary, that person shall repay the monies given by New Harmony Presbytery at 2% interest. A letter of understanding will be signed by any inquirer or candidate receiving funds and by the moderator of CPM.”**

Preston Shealy  
Moderator

#### EXAMINATION PANEL

The New Harmony Presbytery acted in accordance with G-14.0313b and approved the formation of an Examination Panel for the purpose of administering an alternative examination in the area of *Open Book Bible Exegesis* for Candidate Omar Hilton.

The Examination Panel was comprised of the following members: Ruby Jean Boyd (CPM/Elder), Samuel Sparks (CPM/Minister), Mark Durrett (COM/Minister), Kyle Henderson (COM/Minister), Jane McElwee-Smith (CPM/Minister), Dr. Joseph Stukes (COM/Elder), Preston Shealy (Ex-Officio), and Dr. Frank Colclough (Ex-Officio).

The Examination Panel was faithful to the integrity of the examination process and worked to ensure that the standards of the church were maintained within an alternative context. The panel was also dutiful in preparing the candidate for his respective examination. The most recent exam grader sheets for the candidate, as well as Omar's previous Bible Exegesis examination, were carefully studied by each member of the Examination Panel and constructively reflected upon with Omar prior to his examination.

The January 2010 PC(USA) Examinations provided the basic template for the alternative examination. The following variations from the standard Ordination Exams were deemed appropriate for Omar Hilton: 1) Omar was given an additional week in order to turn in his written work, 2) a full sermon was required instead of an outline in "Section III", while in "Section I", only four questions from each of the four broad categories were required instead of the customary six, 3) a subsequent oral examination was based on the Examination Panel's review of Omar's written work.

Following a thorough evaluation of all written work, a comprehensive oral examination of the candidate, and a great deal of prayer, it is the unanimous decision of the Examination Panel that Omar Hilton has successfully completed the alternative exam in the area of *Open Book Bible Exegesis*. The New Harmony Presbytery may now certify Omar's readiness in the usual manner.

The report effectively marks the dissolution of the Examination Panel. Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Presbytery Office.

Respectively submitted,  
Samuel Sparks  
Examination Panel Moderator

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry reports the following actions as information:

1. Approved an updated Commissioned Lay Pastor contract between the Jefferson Presbyterian Church and Elder David Bessinger.
2. Referred information to the Calls and Examinations sub-committee regarding the consideration of the Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center as a validated ministry in the Presbytery of New Harmony.
3. Examined and approved the contract for the Reverend David Mote, a first responder minister, to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery and serve for two months as interim for the Celebration Presbyterian Church and moderate the Session.
4. Examined and approved the Reverend Mike Lowder, a Southern Baptist pastor, to serve as the Temporary Supply Pastor for the Midway Presbyterian Church as the PNC continues its work. The Reverend David Ruth will continue to moderate the Session and administer the Sacraments.
5. Concurred with the request of the New Harvest Presbyterian Church to appoint the Reverend William Jones as Moderator of the Session.
6. Continued planning the annual Ministers and Educators Outing at Myrtle Beach Dec.6-7, 2010. The Reverend Bobby Wilkes has graciously agreed to lend leadership for this event. More information will follow. Reminds Presbytery that monthly lunch gatherings are offered in the four quadrants of the Presbytery.
7. Continued to update the list for Triennial Visits (these will resume in January 2011).
8. Continued to monitor the progress of Coaching Teams and Administrative Commissions working within the Presbytery. The COM encourages pastors and sessions to contact the COM at the first sign of congregational or pastoral stress so early interventions and rapid response can take place. The COM seeks to be a proactive partner in ministry with congregations, sessions, and pastors in times of stress rather than a reactive last resort in times of full-blown conflict.
9. Continued to conduct exit interviews with pastors and sessions.
10. Pending the outcome of the upcoming congregational meeting of Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, COM concurs with the decision of the Sessions, that Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church and Swan Lake Presbyterian Church begin ministry as a yoked field.
11. Announced that the second year of the ACTS 16:5 Initiative would begin on September 30 at the Lake City Presbyterian Church.

12. Reminds the Presbytery of New Harmony of the SC Presbyteries' Ministers, Educators and Other Church Leaders Retreat to be held at White Oak Conference Center on November 15-17, 2010, and the Retreat for Committees on Ministry, Committees on Preparation for Ministry, and Permanent Judicial Committees at White Oak Conference Center on January 28-29, 2011.

The following recommendations of the Committee were approved:

1. That the minimum salary package for Ministers of Word and Sacrament for 2011, as detailed below, be approved.

**The Presbytery of New Harmony  
Minimum Terms of Call for Ministers for 2011**

	2010	2011
Cash Salary	\$29,673	\$29,673
Use of Manse (valued at 30% of cash salary)		
<b>or</b>		
Housing Allowance	8,902	8,902
	\$38,575	\$38,575
<b><u>Benefits</u></b>		
Pension and Insurance	\$12,151	\$12,151
½ SECA	2,951	2,951
Mileage Reimbursement (2010 rate 50¢/mile)	5,000	*5,000
Book/Continuing Education	1,000	1,000
	\$21,102	\$21,102
<b>Total Cost to Church</b>	<b>\$59,677</b>	<b>\$59,677</b>
2 weeks study leave		
4 weeks vacation		

Based on no increase

\* This is a suggested amount to be included in the budget. It is expected that pastors be reimbursed at the IRS rate (currently 50¢/mile) for actual miles driven while conducting church business.

In establishing salary for pastors, the Committee on Ministry encourages congregations to consider special circumstances such as family financial obligations, education, and years in a position. Churches currently at or near this minimum may wish to use the following as a guide in addressing these circumstances.

Add one unit (\$250) to the salary for any of following that apply:

- one unit for each dependent child not in college
- two units for each dependent child in college (full time student)
- one unit for an earned doctorate
- one unit for each year in the current position

It is further recommended that the following suggestions be considered by each congregation:

- 1) that a minister be able to rollover continuing education time and money up to 4 weeks and \$2000 to enable more extensive study leave opportunities.
- 2) that for every 15 years a minister has completed in ministry, an additional week of vacation be added to the terms of call.

**\*Please note:** The Committee on Ministry will be available to evaluate the needs of pastors and congregations and suggest remedies to churches that are unable to meet minimum salary requirements.

2. That through a mutual request, the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Sherrolyn Weed and the First Presbyterian Church, McColl be dissolved effective August 8, 2010. (Reverend Weed will continue to serve out her call to the Carolina and Clio Churches. At this time the First Church, McColl, wishes to remain in this tri-yoked field as they discern God's will.)

3. **That from information received, the Reverend Stephenie M. Hill be transferred to the Presbytery of East Tennessee where she will serve as Parish Associate to the Second Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, effective August 21, 2010.**
4. **That the Presbytery concur with the request of the Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church to dissolve the associate pastoral relationship with the Reverend Rhett Talbert, effective October 31, 2010, in order that he might become the Interim Pastor of Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway, effective November 1, 2010.** (The Committee on Ministry has approved the interim contract).

Jeri Parris Perkins  
Moderator

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR  
OCEAN DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony, May 29-30, 2009, the following were elected to serve on an administrative commission to work with the session of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church during their period of pastoral transition: Orby Ferguson (elder, First Myrtle Beach) Al Conklin (elder, Celebration), Rev. Jeri Parris Perkins (First, Hartsville), Ruby Jean Boyd (elder, Goodwill), Willie Mae Rollerson (elder, Second Sumter), Rev. Don Stiens (Kingston), Rev. Steve Wilkins (Georgetown).

The commission has been meeting on a bi-monthly basis. Due to progress and good stability in leadership at ODPC, the commission will now be meeting only quarterly. At each meeting of the commission, a member of the ODPC session is present to report and share information, along with Rev. Lewis Johnson, interim pastor of ODPC. A member of the commission is present at each of the stated monthly session meetings of ODPC.

There continues to be great progress at ODPC. The congregation has elected its PNC, and that group is very busy sifting through CIFs. The PNC has begun conducting some initial interviews via webcam conferencing, and will plan personal interviews as the list of final candidates is narrowed down.

As a result of both an exodus of members when the previous pastor was dismissed, as well as current economic uncertainty, the session has met with financial challenges, which have required frequent budget adjustments. Despite the financial challenges, there is a great spirit of hope and optimism at ODPC.

The Administrative Commission will continue to work with the session and congregation of ODPC through the remainder of the pastoral transition process.

Faithfully Submitted  
Rev. Steve Wilkins  
Moderator

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR  
CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Administrative Commission for Celebration Presbyterian Church (CPC) minister members are: Norman E. Lassiter, Moderator, (Indiantown/St. Paul's); Ella Busby, (Goodwill); Kevin Cauley, Darlington; Robert Wilkes, (First, Myrtle Beach). The Elder members are: Lola Faye Craig, (First, Florence); Barbara Ragin, (Westminster, Alcolu); Harold Stuckey, (Indiantown).

The Commission met with the Session of CPC and with The Rev. Gary Lowe several times in the past nine months. The Commission had serious doubts that the relationship would result in a stable and growing congregation. Rev. Lowe decided to submit his resignation to the Congregation and the Committee on Ministry again. A Congregational meeting of CPC was called and moderated by The Rev. Frank Colclough. Rev. Lowe

submitted his resignation effective July 31, 2010, and it was accepted. The Administrative Commission made the following unanimous recommendation:

That New Harmony Presbytery provide a severance package to Rev. Lowe for six months equal to his present salary, housing allowance and BOP dues. This severance package shall cease should Rev. Lowe receive a call or find a position prior to the six months completion.

This recommendation came after discussion with the Session of CPC and Rev. Lowe concerning the dire financial situation of the Congregation. The recommendation was approved by the Administrative Council of New Harmony Presbytery.

The Commission expressed to Rev. Lowe our expectation that he will cease any relationship with the Congregation after the date his resignation takes effect.

The Commission has continued to work with the Session of CPC to secure an interim pastor, deal with the current financial shortfall, and begin the search for the next installed pastor. Presently the Rev. David Mote is serving as Interim Pastor for CPC. Rev. Mote is part of the First Responder Ministers network and trained in short term interims. He was employed by the Session of CPC with the approval of COM. Rev. Mote will train the Session of CPC to read PIFs and begin the process of calling a long term interim. It is our hope to have someone on site by November 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman E. Lassiter, D.Min.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR  
MURRELLS INLET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On March 22, 2010, the Administrative Council of the Presbytery of New Harmony appointed an Administrative Commission to work with the session and congregation of the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church to settle the differences within the church and preserve the peace, unity, and purity of the church. The following persons are members of the commission: Reverend Carnell Hampton, Co-Moderator, Reverend Dr. Jeri Perkins, Co-Moderator, Reverend Jody Foster, Reverend David Ruth, Elder Genova Isaac, Elder Kenny Mitchum, Elder Tom Whitaker, and Elder Mary Kendall Bittle.

The commission has conducted an information and listening session with the congregation; moderated a congregational meeting called to dissolve the pastoral relationship; received several letters of resignation from elders as well as letters of concerns for the church and support of the pastor from members; met with the pastor following the congregational meeting to hear his concerns and perspectives; and conducted a one day visioning session with the congregation, session, and pastor to set immediate and long-range goals and objectives.

Since the vote not to dissolve the pastoral relationship was very close, the commission imposed a three to six month period for the pastor, session, and congregation to continue to work together under the instruction and guidance of the commission until such time as a resolution of the conflict is accomplished.

The commission and the session have thoroughly addressed the issues that brought about the conflict within the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church. After listening to the concerns and issues raised by the pastor, session, and congregation, the commission has made a number of recommendations. The commission believes that, if the recommendations are followed, they will restore harmony, peace, and unity to the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church.

The Administrative Commission will continue to work with the session and congregation of the Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church to bring about healing and reconciliation to that church. At least two members of the commission will be present at every stated meeting.

Faithfully submitted  
Carnell Hampton  
Co-Moderator

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR  
JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Commission was formally constituted and charged on July 13, 2010, meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. The Commission received its assignment and initial information from Dr. Frank Colclough and Dr. Jeri Parris-Perkins.

Membership: Mark Durrett, Moderator (Minister, FPC Sumter); Elizabeth Kerr, Secretary (Elder, FPC Bishopville); James Braswell (Minister, Concord PC Sumter); Lee Craig (Elder, FPC Sumter); Margaret Cooper (Elder, PC at Manning); William Holmes (Minister, PC at Manning); Sam Jones (Elder, Westminster PC, Alcolu).

The Commission met first with the Pastor and Session of John Calvin PC in Florence, on Sunday, July 18. They listened to the Pastor and Session together, then heard from the Session alone and then from the Pastor and his wife.

The Commission next met at FPC Sumter on Thursday, July 22 to discuss what we had heard and to devise a plan for moving forward which could then be communicated to Pastor and Session.

The Commission met with the Pastor and Session in Florence on Monday, July 26, at which time the Commission's proposed course of action was communicated to Pastor and Session. The proposal included specific items for the Pastor and for the Session, as well as things for them to work on together over the next three months (August – October). Rev. Jim Braswell offered to work with the Pastor in a coaching capacity; the Session also agreed to work on its own organizational issues during that same time period, during which Dr. Colclough will be consulted.

On Sunday evening, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Commission met with the John Calvin congregation in the sanctuary to report on the commitments of their Pastor and Session during the next three months and the members were also encouraged to support each other and the work of their church, to support their leaders and to work themselves for the life and health and the recovery of their church.

The Administrative Commission will meet again in November for a final decision and disposition of these issues, which will be communicated to the Pastor, Session and congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark E. Durrett, Moderator

PROGRAM COUNCIL

Program Council gathered on September 15, 2010, at the Presbytery office and received as information the reports from the following divisions: Camping, Congregational Development, Education & Nurture, Mission, Worship & Spiritual Formation, as well as Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women. Summary copies of the reports are available at the Presbytery office.

In support of the emphasis on outreach among the churches of Presbytery, Betty Lou Barclay of the Latta Church and Willie Dell McQueen of the New Bethel Church shared their experiences of service and concern for those who are in the Dillon County jail and the opportunities for others to become involved in similar ministry.

**The following recommendation of the Council was adopted:**

**That the Presbytery approve the celebration of Holy Communion at the upcoming Senior High Youth Retreat at Camp Pee Dee, sponsored by the Education & Nurture Division, which will be held November 5 – 7, 2010.**

Ellaree Hampton  
Moderator

## CAMPING DIVISION

The following recommendation of the Division was adopted:

**That Presbytery approve the thinning of a portion of 204.6 acres made up of stand #2 and stand #5 in Camp Pee Dee to improve the overall health of the stands and wildlife habitat, and that the Camping Division be empowered to contract and oversee the project.**

Chuck Staggs  
Moderator

## CAMP PEE DEE TASK FORCE

The Camp Pee Dee Task Force has been meeting since January 2010. The Task Force was charged with three responsibilities: (1) to hire an Interim Director of Camping Ministries, (2) to evaluate Camp Pee Dee as place of ministry and plan for the future of ministry there, and (3) to search for a permanent Director of Camping Ministries if such a search is a part of the future plan.

The recent work of the Task Force has produced the following new mission statement, list of goals, and name change proposal.

The mission of Camp Pee Dee is:

to glorify God in the midst of God's creation,  
to develop faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and  
to welcome all with Christian hospitality.

The goals of ministry at Camp Pee Dee for the next five years are to:

- (1) Maintain an environment where the Lord is worshipped and spiritual life is deepened,
- (2) Review and develop comprehensive, year-round programming for inclusion of all groups (congregations, presbyteries, wider community),
- (3) Develop a comprehensive, year-round marketing plan that will be reviewed annually,
- (4) Revise and update Master Plan,
- (5) Renovate and update facilities,
- (6) Implement a technology program,
- (7) Define and secure capable and qualified staff,
- (8) Increase the number of summer campers by 20% annually,
- (9) Increase non-summer camp usage to 50% of New Harmony Presbytery churches, and
- (10) Decrease Presbytery funding to \$100,000 over the next five years.

**Recommendation: The Camp Pee Dee Task Force recommends that the Presbytery of New Harmony affirm the change in name from Camp Pee Dee to Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center. The Task Force has approved this change and reaffirmed it at a second meeting. The change represents an additional focus of the use of the property—from being simply a “camping” facility to one which can also serve as a retreat center. (The recommendation was adopted.)**

Scott Andrews, Moderator  
Camp Pee Dee Task Force

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council makes the following report to the Presbytery of New Harmony:

1. Minutes of the Sixty-eighth Stated Meeting of Presbytery on May 11, 2010, were presented and approved with the following correction:



9. **That the Presbytery ratify the March 22, 2010, decision of the Administrative Council to establish an Administrative Commission to work with Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church, with full authority as outlined in the Book of Order. The members of the Administrative Commission are: The Rev. Carnell Hampton, Co-Moderator; The Rev. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins, Co-Moderator; The Rev. Jody Foster; The Rev. David Ruth; Elder Genova Isaac; Elder Tom Whitaker; Elder Kenny Mitchum; and Elder Mary Kendall Bittle. The request for an Administrative Commission came at the request of the ~~Session~~ *Committee on Ministry*, and the Council's appointment of the Commission between presbytery meetings follows the protocol stated in the presbytery's manual.**

The minutes of the called meeting of Presbytery on August 10, 2010, were presented and approved.

Reports from the Camping, Congregational Development, Education and Nurture, Mission, and the Worship and Spiritual Formation Divisions, as well as Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women, were presented as information to the Council.

A variety of communications were received as information, including the August 16, 2010, letter from General Assembly Mission Council Deputy Executive Director, Elder Karen Schmidt, congratulating the Presbytery as one of the Top Presbyteries in Giving.

The Council also received a letter from Avery Dickson, part-time Presbytery Educator & Resource Center Coordinator, announcing his intention to retire from that position, effective September 30, 2010. The Council expressed its appreciation for Avery's many years of service, in a variety of capacities, to the Presbytery.

Reports from the Head of Staff/Stated Clerk/Associate Executive Presbyter for Pastoral Care and Leadership Development, and Associate Executive Presbyter for Program and Administration were received, and information regarding future meetings of the Presbytery was shared, including:

- February 26, 2011 – Camp Pee Dee, Bennettsville, SC
- May 10, 2011 – Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Mayesville, SC
- October 11, 2011 – Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church, N. Myrtle Beach, SC

Docket for the Sixty-ninth Stated Meeting was received and approved, including concurring with a request from the Session of the Pawley's Island Presbyterian Church (hosts for the Sixty-ninth Stated Meeting) that commissioners to this meeting be invited to bring canned goods as an offering to be distributed to local agencies. Commissioners would present these voluntary offerings as they registered and gathered before the meeting is convened.

The Council approved a Communications Proposal, utilizing Avery Dickson as an independent contractor to continue to develop and distribute the weekly electronic newsletter, bulletin insert summaries of Presbytery meetings, and website updates. This proposal will commence October 1, 2010.

The Council approved a request for additional funding from Celebration Presbyterian Church (\$ 8,900.00) to cover its current cash-flow issues. These funds will come from the Small Church Support & Redevelopment / Church Extension Fund.

The Council received an update on the ongoing work of the Camp Pee Dee Task Force.

Verbal reports were offered by the Sub-committee Chairs and the following recommendations were approved:

## **Recommendations:**

- 1. That the Presbytery approve the recommendation of the Administrative Council to elect the Rev. Jim Braswell (Concord), Elder K. D. Singleton (Second-Sumter), and Elder Philip Weatherly (Fraser Memorial) to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2013, and that the Rev. Sherrolyn Weed (Carolina, Clio) serve as Moderator of the Nominating Committee.**
- 2. That the Presbytery approve the recommendation of the Administrative Council to begin to form an Executive Presbyter Search Committee, and that the Administrative Council be granted the authority to assemble that committee of 7 persons, guided by the Book of Order with regards to representation and composition.**
- 3. That the Presbytery approve, on first reading, the proposed 2011 Operating Budget of \$1,369,038.00. (see Attachment 1)**
- 4. That the Presbytery approve a 2 % cost of living salary increase for support staff.**
- 5. That the Presbytery approve the proposed changes in the Accounting Policies & Procedures Manual for second reading. (see Attachment 2)**
- 6. That the Presbytery approve disbursal of the proceeds (\$ 2,150.00) from the sale of two vacant lots in Dillon, South Carolina, to New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Dillon, South Carolina.**
- 7. That the Presbytery approve the re-election of the Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough, Head of Staff/Stated Clerk & Associate Executive Presbyter for Pastoral Care & Leadership Development; Elder Julie Cox, Associate Executive Presbyter for Program & Administration; the Rev. Dr. Richard Andrews, Recording Clerk, for the three-year term 2011-2013.**
- 8. That the Presbytery ratify the June 2, 2010, decision of the Administrative Council to establish an Administrative Commission to work with John Calvin Presbyterian Church, with full authority as outlined in the Book of Order. The members of the Administrative Commission are: the Rev. Jim Braswell; the Rev. Dr. Mark Durrett, Moderator; the Rev. Dr. William J. Holmes; Elder Margaret Cooper; Elder Lee Craig; Elder Sam Jones; Elder BJ Kerr. The request for an Administrative Commission came from recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, and the Council's appointment of the Commission between presbytery meetings follows the protocol stated in the Presbytery's manual.**
- 9. That the Presbytery ratify the June 18, 2010, decision of the Administrative Council to provide a severance package to the Rev. Gary Lowe for up to six months equal to his current salary, housing allowance, and Board of Pension dues, which came as a recommendation from the Administrative Commission which is working with Celebration Presbyterian Church. This severance package shall cease should Rev. Lowe receive a call or find a position prior to the six months completion. According to salary figures this would amount to \$6,626.65 on a monthly basis for a six month total of \$39,759.90. The Council approved a second motion authorizing the payment of these funds from the Church Redevelopment Fund.**
- 10. That all actions of the council recorded in the minutes become the actions of the Presbytery.**

Scott Andrews  
Moderator

**The Presbytery of New Harmony  
Summary of Major Changes  
2010 Draft  
Accounting Policies and Procedures**

**1. Chapter 4, Section II.D. .... Page 19**

Policy has been added to require a second reading on budgeted expenditures over \$5,000

**2. Chapter 4, Section II.E..... Page 19**

Policy has been added to place the sole authority for executing contracts with the Executive Presbytery of New Harmony

**3. Chapter 4, Section II.A-B. .... Page 16**

The Camp Director’s limit on purchase orders has been decreased from \$1,000 to \$500.

A blanket purchase order statement has been added.

A form has been added (Exhibit 6b) that is required to be filed if the purchase order procedure was not followed.

**4. Chapter 4, Section III.C. .... Page 23**

A sentence has been added firming up the language regarding rebates, promotions, etc.

**5. Chapter 6, Section I F..... Page 27**

A new section on the security of computer networks and credit card processing has been added to comply with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards

**6. Chapter 7, Section I.B. .... Page 29**

The wording of this section has been revised to fall in line with the actual procedure

**7. Chapter 7, Section II ..... Page 30**

This section has been added to formalize and coordinate the structure on disbursements from all invested funds.

The Presbytery of New Harmony  
2011 Proposed Operating Budget

	2010 Budget	2011 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
<b>BUDGETED RECEIPTS:</b>				
Covenant Mission Giving	1,000,000	900,000	(100,000)	-10.00%
Per Capita Apportionment	150,000	153,714	3,714	6.48%
Mission Partnership Funds	19,468	17,042	(2,426)	-12.46%
Camping Program Income	140,000	100,000	(40,000)	-28.57%
Transfers:				
Candidates Scholarship Fund	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%
Church Extension Fund	63,000	60,000	(3,000)	-4.76%
Small Church Support/Redev Fund	69,000	69,000	-	0.00%
General Invested Funds	32,415	47,532	15,117	46.63%
Interest Income	750	750	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1,489,633</b>	<b>1,369,038</b>	<b>(120,595)</b>	<b>-8.10%</b>
<b>BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
<b>Mission Beyond Presbytery:</b>				
GA Basic Mission Support	176,156	177,918	1,762	1.00%
GA Per Capita Apportionment	78,554	81,679	3,125	3.98%
Synod Basic Mission Support	12,773	12,566	(207)	-1.62%
Synod Per Capita Apportionment	18,521	18,221	(300)	-1.62%
Presbyterian College	17,414	17,762	348	2.00%
SC Christian Action Council	3,237	3,302	65	2.00%
Presbyterian Home of S.C.	39,775	40,571	796	2.00%
SC Home at Montreat	8,826	9,003	177	2.00%
SC Campus Ministry	2,376	2,424	48	2.00%
B.O.R.N. Project	5,000	-	(5,000)	-100.00%
P.A.D.D.	15,000	15,300	300	2.00%
<b>Total Mission Beyond Presbytery</b>	<b>377,632</b>	<b>378,746</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>0.29%</b>
<b>Mission Within Presbytery:</b>				
Administrative Council	5,050	20,350	15,300	302.97%
General Assembly Expenses	7,500	-	(7,500)	-100.00%
Presbytery Office	54,045	54,495	450	0.83%
Nominating Committee	180	180	-	0.00%
Committee on Representation	180	180	-	0.00%
Judicial	200	200	-	0.00%
Committee on Ministry	21,500	23,950	2,450	11.40%
Committee on Preparation	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%
Program Council:				
Camping	4,250	1,000	(3,250)	-76.47%
Camping	326,430	285,550	(40,880)	-12.52%
Education and Nurture	23,600	27,496	3,896	16.51%
Congregational Development	171,310	150,950	(20,360)	-11.88%
Mission	24,350	19,000	(5,350)	-21.97%
Worship and Spiritual Formation	6,150	6,550	400	6.50%
Presbyterian Men	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
<b>Total Program Council</b>	<b>557,090</b>	<b>491,546</b>	<b>(65,544)</b>	<b>-11.77%</b>
Salaries and Benefits	451,256	384,391	(66,865)	-14.82%
<b>Total Mission Within Presbytery</b>	<b>1,112,001</b>	<b>990,292</b>	<b>(121,709)</b>	<b>-10.95%</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>1,489,633</b>	<b>1,369,038</b>	<b>(120,595)</b>	<b>-8.10%</b>
<b>NET TOTAL RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

SPECIAL ORDER

As a special order of the day, the following persons reported on the Presbyterian institutions which they represent:

Board of Pensions	-----	Elder Clark Simmons
Thornwell Home for Children	-----	Dr. Charles Elliott

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas

The committee thanks the liturgist, musicians, and soloist for setting the tone for a spirit empowered and inspirational worship service and meeting.

In her sermon, the moderator challenged us to practice spontaneity and vitality in becoming Missional churches.

She challenged us to leave our churches and cross the great big chasms of our parking lots and reach out to all people where they are.

We extend congratulations and best wishes to Avery Dickson regarding the many hats he may or may not wear as he goes into retirement and we insist that he use his new alarm clock without the batteries.

Our prayers are with Omar Hilton as he completes the next steps on the journey toward ordination.

Our prayers continue with all the Administrative Commissions and the churches as they work together for peace, purity, and unity.

We thank Jeri Perkins for her loving and committed ministry at the Hartsville Church and throughout the Presbytery.

Along with all Presbyterians of all ages, we look forward to the variety of upcoming events as they will aid us in fellowship and spiritual growth and development.

We celebrate with Camp Pee Dee and their expanded vision of ministry as they become the Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center.

We thank the pastor, staff, and members of Pawleys Island Church for their hospitality.

We commend the Presbytery staff for its continued dedication, commitment, and fine work.

We pray God's blessings upon each of us until we meet again at the Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center in February.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria Williams and Preston Shealy

ADJOURNMENT

Following a time of requests for special prayer, the Moderator adjourned the meeting of Presbytery with prayer at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery will be held at Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center, Bennettsville, SC, on Saturday, February 26, 2011, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Franklin D. Colclough  
Stated Clerk

Richard S. Andrews  
Recording Clerk