

contact Avery Dickson or Julie Cox.) The application deadline for 2012 is November 1, 2011.

The **Education & Nurture Division** continues to be involved in many endeavors. The Smaller Congregation Education Initiative (see above); the Spring Older Adult Event, held on May 25, 2011, at the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden in Bishopville; and the exploratory and informational workshop on Health Ministry Development, on May 3, at the Presbytery office were some of these projects. The “Darkness to Light” program was endorsed to help reduce child sexual abuse.

A Fall Older Adult event was held, September 27, as part of the celebration of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church’s celebration of 275 years of ministry. Upcoming events include: Youth Rally (November 6), Ephesians Event (January 28) with Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary; and a Middle School Retreat (February 3-5).

The **Mission Division** sponsored Mission Co-Worker Burkhard Paetzold’s visit to a number of churches in our presbytery. It also continues to work to promote mission opportunities for and by our churches.

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation Division** has prepared a devotional booklet for use throughout Advent and Epiphany entitled, Forty Plus One: A Spiritual Journey through Advent and Epiphany. It is available electronically and in booklet form. Various persons from the Presbytery wrote devotionals for the booklet. The division promoted “A Celebration of Holy Work” in local congregations.

Presbyterian Men held its Fall Conference on October 16 at New Harvest Presbyterian Church. The 2012 Golf Outing and Picnic is planned for May 19, 2012, at Lakewood Links, Sumter, SC.

Presbyterian Women have geared up for the new year with their annual Helpshops, held August 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. The Rev. Dr. Ella Busby, pastor of Goodwill Presbyterian Church, led the Bible Study Overview. The offering was divided between Mission Haven, Decatur, Georgia, and Young Life in Sumter.

Check on all upcoming events at www.newharmonypres.org.



Presbytery of New Harmony

Nurturing Churches and People

Summary of the Seventy-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony

On a rainy, foggy morning the Seventy-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony convened at Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church, North Myrtle Beach. The Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts, (right) president/dean of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, preached on the topic, “Skimming the Surfaces of Faith.”



After Elder Henry McFaddin, moderator, called the meeting to order, the Rev. Daryle Bush, pastor of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church, welcomed the Presbytery.

Elder Sue Kreuger, member of the **Nominating Committee**, nominated reported that all vacancies had been filled, and all recommendations were approved.

The Rev. Preston Shealy, moderator of the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**, reported that annual consultations with the six inquirers and five candidates had been conducted.

The Rev. Dr. Steve Wilkins, moderator of the **Committee on Ministry** reported its many actions and made the following recommendations, which included: 1) revisions in the minimum terms of call for ministers in 2012; 2) the Rev. Don Stiens be named Pastor-Emeritus of the Kingston Presbyterian Church; 3) that, following his successful examination, the Rev. Dr. Dan Sansbury be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, with the appropriate appointment of a commission; 4) that, following a successful examination, which included preaching, Candidate Omar Hilton be ordained and installed as pastor/tentmaker of the New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Dillon,

scheduled for October 30, 2011, with the appropriate appointment of a commission.

Elder Harold Stuckey, moderator of the **Administrative Commission for Celebration Presbyterian Church**, submitted a written report which indicated that the Pastor Nominating Committee of Celebration is close to issuing a call.

In the **Program Council** report, Elder Ellaree Hampton, moderator, recommended the endorsement of “Darkness to Light” training and recommends it to the congregations of the Presbytery of New Harmony in an effort “to reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse by shifting the responsibility from children to adults.” (excerpt from “Darkness to Light” promotional material).

The Rev. Judy Cettei, moderator of the **Administrative Council**, reported actions of the Council, which included: approving the Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough to serve as part-time consultant as the Stated Clerk for the presbytery, naming Elder Julie Cox, Head of Staff (both until a new Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk is called); appointed Presbytery Response Teams for McBee Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Florence, concerning their requests for dismissal from the Presbytery of New Harmony; approving a scholarship for registration and lodging of \$645.00 for Linda Jackson (Melina Presbyterian Church) to take part in the PC(USA)’s Women of Color Consultation, October 20-23, in Charlotte, NC; authorizing a contribution of \$625.00 to the Reg Parsons Fund (a scholarship fund to benefit Christian Educators) in honor of the Synod Executive’s impending retirement; approving presbytery meeting locations for 2012 at Bishopville Presbyterian Church (February 25), Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway (May 8), and Melina Presbyterian Church, Gable (October 8).

The following recommendations from the **Administrative Council** were approved by the Presbytery: that Presbytery engage in a process of transformation and discernment along with the other four presbyteries of South Carolina; the first reading of the 2012 Proposed Operating Budget; a cost of living increase of 3% for the Presbytery support staff and the staff at Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center; a 3% cost of living increase for contracted Communications and Christian Education services; that the Associate Executive Presbyter for Program and Administration’s salary be evaluated, in light of the move from

three presbytery executives to two, before it is changed from the present; electing Elder Wendell Robinson (Midway) to the Nominating Committee, class of 2014, and that he be elected to serve as its moderator for 2012.

Elder Byard Stone, moderator of the **Endowment Task Force**, presented the New Harmony Endowment Fund Agreement, which was approved on its second, and final reading.



Candidate Omar Hilton (left) and the Rev. Dr. Dan Sansbury (center) being examined by the Rev. Dr. Ella Busby (right)

Work of Program Divisions

The **Camping Division** reported a successful summer season. Campers returned multiple times during the summer. Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center has a new logo and sign. Renovations to the Lakeside Center have been completed, and it has been used by Wallace Elementary School. The Hassinger Building has been remodeled, cabins 9-12 have been made group-friendly, a larger riding ring, and a multipurpose field are in the works. Come and visit your “Place in the Pines.”

The **Congregational Development Division** continues to encourage and support congregations which apply for Aid-To-Field. It continues financial and prayerful support of Celebration Presbyterian Church and Society Hill Presbyterian Church. The division continues to support the Acts 16:5 Initiative and is partnering with Education and Nurture Division to support the Smaller Congregational Educational Initiative (SCEI). (If you would like to explore this option for your congregation,