

PRESBYTERY of NEW HARMONY
WINTER STATED MEETING
Saturday, February 23, 2019
John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Florence, South Carolina

PRESENT:

Ruling Elders: Bennettsville 1st: Deborah McLaurin, Celebration: Myra Burrows, Congruity: Randy Wells, Cousar Memorial: Wanda Isaac, Ebenezer: Deborah Franklin, G.W. Long: Melvin Wilkerson, Georgetown: Susan Ryan, Goodwill: Ruby Jean Boyd, Grandview: Betty Watson, Harmony: Renee Starks, First Hartsville: Emma Zold, Mike Zold, Indiantown: Hal Stuckey, John Calvin: Ann Lewis, Kentyre: Bob Glenn, Kingston: Elizabeth Marsh, Manning: Lou Murray, Marion: Bob Henry, Melina: Carolyn Walker, Ellen McFadden, Morton: David Sampson, Mt. Lisbon: James Williams, Mt. Pisgah: Dorothy Samuel, Mt. Zion: Robert Law, Murrells Inlet: Sue Appel, First Myrtle Beach: Chip Cox, Kathy Kyzer, Orby Ferguson, New Covenant United: Carrie Lewis, New Harvest: Cheryl Jackson, Parkwood: Tommy Jackson, Pawleys Island: Charles Biddix, St. Paul's: Steve Dukes, Summerton: Dick Felder, First Sumter: Brian Frerichs, Second Sumter: Frances Singleton, Dorothy McBride (Alt), Swan Lake: Susan Holton, Trinity Mayesville: Barbara Benjamin, Trinity Surfside: June Metts, Wedgefield: Mike Anderson, Ron Price (Alt), Williamsburg: Chuck Hylton

Teaching Elders: Richard Andrews, HR; Scott Andrews, First Bennettsville; Eugen Bach, Kentyre and Latta; John Brearley, First Myrtle Beach; Christa Brewer, First Myrtle Beach; Vikki Brogdon, Summerton; Nick Cheek: First Sumter; Jim Clark, HR; Frank Colclough, HR; Lisa Culpepper, St. Paul's; Jody Foster, Wedgefield and Tirzah; Rodney Foster, HR; Carnell Hampton, HR; Kyle Henderson, G.W. Long Memorial; Josie Holler, Summerton; Frank Holsclaw, HR; Ray Howe, HR; Louis Imsande, Pawleys Island; Corey Ingold, Georgetown; Ernest Jackson, HR; Rebecca Kiser, Indiantown; Tom Langston, Marion; Gavin Meek, Transitional Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk; Dan Sansbury, First Cheraw; Sam Sparks, Melina; George Wilkes, HR; Joan Yates, Member at Large

CREs: Othan Franklin, Mt. Lisbon and Trinity-Mayesville; Jack Humphries, Parkwood; Marshall Ivey, Mt. Pisgah; William Johnson, Second Pageland; Bob Sloan, Patrick and Society Hill; Chuck Staggs, Fraser Memorial and Swan Lake; Elijah Washington, New Covenant

Program Council: Howard Barnard, Johnny Dennis, Phyllis Wicker

Guiding Council: Walter Colclough, Julie Cox, Avery Dickson

Presbytery Staff: Kaiti Bryant (CPDRC), Juanita McLeod

Corresponding Members: Richard Dozier (Trinity Presbytery), Cindy Kohlmann (Boston Presbytery)

Visitors: David Holler, Grey Holler, Owings Holler, Geneva Sharpe, Marion R. Slater, Joan Johnson, Geneva Walker, Hattie Montgomery, Larry Zimmerman, Leroy A. Thompson, Jr., Louise Mitchell, Inquirer Marcy Carl, Brooks Peterson, Netanyia Samuel, Adrianna Samuel, Ruthell Muldrow, Sheryl Davis, Cherry Gerald, Kevin Dowd, Lois Parsons, Ellaree Hampton, James P Cooper, Sr. , K.D. Singleton, Robert Singleton

Christona Wells, Rachel C. Chandler, James Chandler, E. Gail Jackson, Mary Anderson, Barrett Ingram, Ella M. Williams, Carolyn Goodson, Delcia Harper-Baxter, Prince Pressley

EXCUSED: (any HR not present will be noted as excused.) Sue Arledge, HR; Alan Arnold, HR; Jim Burton, HR; Judy Cettei, HR; Art Chartier, HR; Bob Chastain, HR; Carol Dickerson, HR; James P. Dickson, HR; Snow Donmoyer, HR; Mac Doubles, HR; Mike Fleenor, HR; Bruce Ford, HR; Roger Gulick, HR; Howard Hansen, HR; Bill Holmes, HR; Lewis Johnson, HR; Thomas L. Johnson, HR; Bob Ledbetter, HR; Soo Hoon Lee, HR; Bob Maclin, HR; Billy Moore, HR; Carol Pagelsen, HR; John Parks, HR; Darius Swann, HR; Bobby Wilkes, HR; Bill Wilson, HR; Tom Dendy, Celebration; Nathan See, First Myrtle Beach; and the Session of Latta

ABSENT: Anette Brewer, MAL; Ashley Cheek, First Sumter; Mark Diehl, MAL; Scott Hill, MAL; Joshua Jang, Korean American; Peter Lee, MAL; Gary Lowe, MAL; Mary Amanda McCutchen Ramirez, MAL; Don Muncie, Williamsburg; Jane Osment, MAL; Myong Paik, MAL; Eva Ruth, MAL; Mike Sorrell, MAL; Aaron Stevens, MAL; Johanna Wint, MAL; CRE David Bessinger, Chesterfield and Jefferson; and the Sessions of First Bennettsville, Carolina, Celebration, First Cheraw, Chesterfield, Fork, Fraser Memorial, Friendfield, Friendship, Hebron, Hopewell, Jefferson, Korean American, Lake City, First McColl, Melina, Mizpah, Mt. Sinai, New Bethel, First Olanta, Old Bethel, Second Pageland, Patrick, Ruby, Salem Black River, Society Hill, Timmonsville, Tirzah, Westminster, and White Oak

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Gavin D. Meek, determined that **a quorum was present**. The 94th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony **was called to order with prayer** by Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Avery Dickson.

The Docket and Omnibus Motion were reviewed. It was requested to remove item 3 regarding granting Committee on Preparation for Ministry commission powers to enroll or dismiss inquirers from the omnibus motion, and that item was moved to New Business. **The Docket, including the remainder of the Omnibus Motion, was approved.**

OMNIBUS MOTION

1. **Receive the following reports:**
 - **Committee of Representation**
 - **Program Council**
 - **Hopewell Administrative Commission**
 - **John Calvin Administrative Commission**
 - **New Harvest Administrative Commission**
 - **Presbyterian Men**
 - **Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled (PADD) Report for 2018**
2. **Approve an offering to be received at the Winter Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of New Harmony (February 23, 2019) that will go to NHP's Vital Congregations Initiative or, if NHP does not participate, to NHP's Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund.**
3. **That the Presbytery of New Harmony grant the Committee on Preparation Ministry commission authority to enroll or remove inquirers from its roll. (This**

would not alter the presbytery's involvement in decision-making regarding enrolling candidates.)

4. That wording of the Permanent Judicial Commission in the Manual of Operations of The Presbytery of New Harmony be as follows:

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

In accordance with the Rules of Discipline (D-5.0100) there shall be a Permanent Judicial Commission consisting of seven (7) members (four ministers and three elders, or four elders and three ministers). The term of office shall be six (6) years in three classes as nearly equal in size as possible. The Permanent Judicial Commission shall address all matters referred to it which are related to judicial process as required in the Rules of Discipline of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It reports directly to the Presbytery. It shall have the responsibilities and powers described in D-5.0200.

(Action to do this has already occurred.)

5. That the Evaluation and Long Range Planning Committee be eliminated.

(Evaluation and long range planning is best done every three years by a task group appointed for that specific purpose rather than a standing committee. Currently, the Vision Implementation Team is doing this work.)

6. That the work of the Congregational Development Ministry, Education and Nurture Ministry, Mission Ministry, and Worship and Spiritual Formation Ministry be suspended for 2019, and allow the chair of each to invite an active continuing member of each Ministry to be a part of an expanded Program Council which will have the basic responsibilities over grants/scholarship, events and resources. (We do this because we cannot find enough committed people to serve, and we will be transitioning to something new in the very near future.)

7. That the Committee on Nominations with the Representation Committee be combined in the following way:

Committee on Representation and Nominations

Purpose: The purpose of **Committee on Representation and Nominations** (CORN) is to nominate persons of deep faith, exceptional abilities and strong commitment to the presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the Guiding Council, committees, entities and Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery of New Harmony (NHP) and to advise the Guiding Council regarding implementation of principles of unity and diversity, striving for the "full expression to the rich diversity of the church's membership" (F-1.0403 and G-3.0103) within the presbytery.

Accountability: CORN shall be accountable to the NHP.

Membership: CORN shall consist of nine (9) voting members rotating in three classes of three (3), comprised of ministers of Word and Sacrament and members in numbers as nearly equal as possible, nominated by the Guiding Council and elected by NHP; these persons will preferably have knowledge of the presbytery and its people. The term of service is three (3) years with the eligibility to serve two full terms or a maximum of six (6) consecutive years. The chair shall also be nominated by the Guiding Council and elected by NHP for a one year term which may be renewable. The Personnel Committee shall appoint a staff liaison who shall be ex officio with voice but no vote.

Meetings: CORN will meet as necessary.

Responsibilities:

1. Fulfill the responsibilities described in G-3.0111 and G-3.0103, advocating for diversity in leadership and consulting with the council on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of unity and diversity in F- 1.0403.

2. Report to NHP, ordinarily at the first meeting of the year, the composition of each entity of NHP with regards to the diversity of each person's identity (racial/ethnic, age, gender, physical challenges, sexual orientation and identity).
3. Nominate, ordinarily at the fall meeting of NHP, persons for the following, filling vacancies when they occur and following the membership specifications for each particular entity:
 - Moderator of the presbytery who will automatically serve as Moderator of the Guiding Council the following year.
 - At-large members to NHP's Guiding Council and the members and chairs to the Guiding Council's committees of Finance, Personnel and Property.
 - Program Council ministries and its chair
 - Committee on Ministry (COM) and its chair
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and its chair
 - Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) and its moderator
 - the appropriate and equal amount of teaching and ruling elders to serve as commissioners and alternates to the General Assembly (see GA Commissioner's position description) and to the Synod as well as any advisory delegates
4. Nominate other leaders as requested by NHP or its Guiding Council.
5. Consult periodically, no less than annually, with the moderators of NHP committees and other entities to determine their committees' membership needs.

Membership Analysis of Presbytery Entities for 2018

	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elders	Members	White	Black	Asian	Other	Male	Female	Youth
11 Guiding Council	3	7	-	5	5	-	-	6	4	-
10 Program Council	1	8	1	6	4	-	-	5	5	-
9 Camping Ministry	1	7	-	5	3	-	-	6	2	-
12 Congregational	3	5	1	6	3	-	-	7	2	-
9 Education & Nurture Ministry	1	7	-	5	3	-	-	1	7	-
9 Mission Ministry	2	5	2	7	2	-	-	5	4	-
6 Worship & Spiritual Formation Ministry	3	2	1	4	2	-	-	4	2	-
16 Committee on Ministry	6	7	-	8	5	-	-	9	4	-
9 Committee on Preparation for Ministry	2	6	-	4	4	-	-	3	5	-
10 Committee on Representation	2	9	-	6	5	-	-	2	9	-
9 Nominating Committee	1	3	-	1	3	-	-	1	3	-
9 Judicial Commission	1	7	-	6	2	-	-	5	3	-
6 Evaluation and Long Range Planning	1	4	1	4	2	-	-	4	2	-
6 Finance	2	4	-	3	3	-	-	4	2	-
6 Personnel	2	4	-	3	3	-	-	4	2	-
6 Property Committee	2	4	-	4	2	-	-	5	1	-
12 Self-Development of People	3	3	1	6	1	-	-	6	1	-
9 Disaster Response	2	6	-	3	5	-	-	6	2	-
TOTAL	38	98	7	86	57	-	-	83	60	-
GRAND TOTAL	143			143				143		

Staff: 2 black people, 4 white people, 3 males, 3 females (includes New Harmony Presbytery office and full-time year round camp staff, beginning January 2018)

Committee on Representation Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony (NHP) - February 23, 2019 RE Murline Ingram, Chair

The Committee on Representation observes the following about New Harmony Presbytery (NHP):

- NHP embraces and seeks a wide diversity in participation.
- NHP uses technology (i.e. Zoom video conferencing) to allow more and easier participation.
- Some congregations, especially those of a size which would allow for more, have little to no participation on presbytery entities.
- It is odd that our gender representation is skewed with so many more males serving than females when our membership, attendance and involvement in congregations has a great number of females.
- Youth and Young Adults are under-represented, and service on a 3-year term and weekday meeting times are generally difficult for that demographic.
- Sessions, Ministers, and Moderators of Sessions are our best resource for discovering persons who possess the particular gifts and skills needed for service in NHP. Your active partnership in identifying and recommending these individuals is essential.

Program Council Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony –February 23, 2019 TE Tom Dendy, Chair

On Tuesday, January 15, 2019, the Program Council met by way of Zoom starting at 4:30pm. The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Dendy.

Rev. Dendy reviewed the new rules for committees, members and moderators in The New Harmony Presbytery.

Program Council is beginning to undertake a new structure and way of being and learning as we go. For now, the Program Council will, if the way be clear, focus on grants, scholarships, resources, and activities in 2019.

To that end, Program Council considered and took action on two grant requests:

1. Program Council ratified a \$ 1,000.00 grant request from GW Long Memorial PC that had originally been directed to Congregational Development Ministry. CDM Moderator Johnny Dennis provided the Program Council with background information, including that the request for \$ 1,000.00 was a portion of a much larger project.
2. Program Council approved a request of up to \$ 500.00 in matching funds with the Florence Area Missional Cluster for support for PCUSA Mission Co-Workers, Elmarie and Scott Parker.

Members of the Guiding Council, Vision Implementation Team, Camping Ministry, and presbytery staff will participate in a day-long master planning process related to Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center, facilitated by Run River Enterprises, our consultants, on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Hopewell Administrative Commission Report **Rev. Jody P. Foster, moderator and Ruling Elder Al Conklin, Clerk**

The efforts of your Hopewell Administrative Commission (AC) for reconciliation have not met with success. It appears that the congregation and its Session are adamant in their intention to leave this presbytery and our denomination.

Here is what has transpired since our last report to you:

The Hopewell AC met with the church's Session on Nov. 13, 2019, sharing views, information, listening and coaching. The feedback received was a reiteration of their desire to expedite the dismissal process.

The AC again invited the Session to appoint a liaison and asked for a roster of active members, and for budgets and Session minutes.

The Session subsequently sent a roster of members, financial information and minutes. It named Elder Jimmy Gregg as liaison to the AC.

On Dec. 4 the AC gathered at the presbytery office to plan for the first congregational meeting. The Session's liaison was invited and did not attend.

In accordance with our Policy on Gracious Discernment, an informational congregational meeting took place Sunday evening, Feb. 10. All five members of the AC took part, along with the Rev. Gavin Meek, our Transitional Executive Presbyter and Transitional Stated Clerk of New Harmony. As certified by their Clerk of Session and clerk of the AC, 60 church members were present, more than enough to meet the policy requirements to proceed with the discernment/dismissal process.

The AC had an opportunity to make the presentations we planned. Additionally, letters of encouragement and counsel to Hopewell from the Rev. Dr. Lisa Culpepper (St. Paul's PC) and Ruling Elder Nelson Chandler (Indiantown PC) were read to the congregation; special thanks goes out to them. The whole congregation received an agenda, a packet of printed denominational resources, an AC contact sheet and a printed copy of Dr. Culpepper's letter.

A few in the congregation responded to the AC with accusatory, confrontational and provocative comments and these were met with cheers. Conciliatory words by other members of the congregation were offered to the AC afterwards.

The AC anticipates pressure from the Session to speed up the congregational vote.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission Report **Elder Tommy Cooper, Moderator Rev. Kyle Henderson, Clerk**

Members of the Commission: Rev. Dr. Ella Busby, Rev. Ashley Cheek, Elder Tommy Cooper (moderator), Rev. Kyle Henderson (clerk), Rev. Josie Holler, and Elder Elijah Washington. The Administrative Commission continues to work with the John Calvin Presbyterian Church following the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Scott Hill and that congregation, effective July 31, 2018. The Bridge Pastor, Rev. Dr. Rodney Foster, is providing pastoral care and leadership for this bridge period; meanwhile, an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee continues to work to discern whom God is sending to help lead this congregation through its interim period. Two members of the Administrative Commission guide and participate in discussions and prayer with the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee to help it with its task. Also, the Commission continues to provide representation at Session meetings to facilitate communication and understanding between and among both respective bodies.

Last Fall, the Commission supplemented the regular efforts for reconciliation as provided by the Bridge Pastor, Rev. Dr. Foster, by efforts from the members of the Commission, along with Rev. Meek, Mr. Scot Carnell, and Dr. Foster, to plan, coordinate, and conduct a Service of Healing and Wholeness. This special evening service took place in early November for the members of the John Calvin Congregation, and it was very fruitful in helping to promote Christ's presence and desire for health and wholeness among those who attended.

The John Calvin Congregation continues to show signs of vitality in worship, nurture, and mission. The members of this congregation are to be commended for their faithfulness to God and for their willingness to address the difficulties that lie before them. A testimony to their resolve and commitment is evidenced by their hosting of our winter Stated Presbytery meeting. The Commission expresses its abiding appreciation to Dr. Foster for his willingness and ability to serve during this challenging time. Additionally, the Commission continues to benefit greatly from the assistance and expertise of our Presbytery's staff in supporting the work of the Commission and expresses its thankfulness to the Presbytery staff. Finally, the Commission requests continued prayers for all those involved with the John Calvin church

New Harvest Administrative Commission Report Dr. Franklin Colclough, Moderator and JW Dennis, Jr., Clerk

The NHAC met by Conference Call on January 10, 2019. The meeting started at 5:05 pm. Present were Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough (Moderator), Elder Margaret Cooper, Rev. Carnell Hampton, Elder John Dennis (Clerk) and Church Member Cheryl Jackson.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Colclough with a devotional and prayer. The moderator declared that a quorum was present.

We received a Church Update and Financial Report from Cheryl Jackson, clerk of session. The Financial Report was received as information. The commission approved for the clerk of session and church treasurer to pay the 2018 "asking" amount of the pledge to the Presbytery and the Per Capita.

Rev. Hampton will make arrangements to offer Communion to the congregation on the 3rd Sunday in February.

The contract with Darren Wilson to serve at Temporary Supply still needs to be approved by the Presbytery's COM. The COM is waiting on information from the CPM at this time. The Commission continues to work with the congregation in doing a Mission Study and determining Long Range Plans. The commission will meet with the congregation on March 9, 2019 to continue this work.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN REPORT Freddie Nelson, President

The Presbyterian Men's organization held its Fall Conference on October 21, 2018 at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, S.C. The keynote speaker and presenter was Rev. Gavin Meek, Transitional Executive and Stated Clerk. During the business session attendees engaged in a time of visioning and evaluating our past ministry. We determined that we also need to discern the future ministry of Presbyterian Men in New Harmony Presbytery. In order to gather further input from a broader spectrum, we are asking each church to send a representative to a one-time meeting to be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Presbytery office. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M.

The Annual Summer Golf Outing and Picnic is being planned for June 1, 2019 at Crystal Lakes Golf Course in Sumter. Further information will be sent to each church at a later date. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on April 9, 2019 at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sumter, S.C. at 7:00 P.M.

Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled (PADD) 2019 Report Robert W. Kearns, PADD Board of Trustees Chair

INFORMATION:

1. The current members of the PADD volunteer Board of Trustees are: Bob Kearns (Chair), Frank Colclough (Vice Chair), Frank Holsclaw (Secretary), Johnny Nexsen (Treasurer), Kimberly Tumbleson (ED and Administrator), Myra Horton, Betty Lou Barclay, Hepsy Parham. PADD is

always searching for individuals with a heart for this mission to the disabled to serve three year terms on the Board of Trustees.

Individuals with business, medical, social services, education and spiritual development backgrounds are needed to ensure the continuation of this mission. And as always, parents and caregivers of persons with disabilities are also encouraged to consider joining the board. Willing hands are needed. For more information on board membership, duties and responsibilities please contact Bob Kearns, Chair.

2. PADD is currently operating two homes in Florence. Between the two homes PADD has space for ten residents. Currently we have 9 residents and plan to fill the 10th space in early 2019.
3. A financial audit and procedures audit were completed in 2018. PADD's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. PADD is in a sound condition and has a strong foundation to build upon.
4. PADD continues to be blessed with a loving staff. PADD's Executive Director has been with us for over 11 years, and several of our employees have been in service in excess of 5 years. PADD is always searching for caring individuals with "the heart of a servant" who would like to join our staff.
5. Organizationally, PADD added a new full time position in 2018. Mrs. Amanda Allen joined PADD and serves a dual role: Activity Coordinator for our residents and Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. We are grateful for her many contributions.
6. The Florence community continues to embrace the PADD mission by providing social and volunteer opportunities for our residents. Individuals in the community also organize fund raisers to support us.
7. Finally, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, our staff and our residents and their families, we express our sincere gratitude for the Presbytery's continuing prayerful and financial support. You are a blessing to all of us.

- **This concludes the Omnibus Motion**

Othan Franklin and Kyle Henderson were **appointed Temporary Clerks.**

The **presbytery was welcomed** to John Calvin Presbyterian Church by its Bridge Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Rodney Foster.

First Time Ruling Elders, Corresponding Members, and Visitors were welcomed.

Transitional Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Gavin Meek introduced Corresponding Member Cindy Kohlmann (Boston Presbytery) and Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly of the PC (USA). The presbytery stood as a sign of respect for the office and greeted the Co-Moderator. **There was a motion, second, and it was approved to seat this corresponding member.**

The **Nominating Committee** report was made by Rachel Chandler, **and the entire slate was APPROVED.**

Committee on Ministry

- Class of 2020: Vikki Brogdon (TE, Summerton)
- Class of 2020: Judy Cettei (TE, HR)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Co-Moderator: Sam Sparks (TE, Melina)
- Class of 2021: Corey Ingold (TE, Georgetown)
- Steve Maguire (RE, First, Hartsville) move from Class of 2020 to Class of 2019

NHP Permanent Judicial Commission

- Class of 2024: Frank Colclough (TE, HR)

Finance Committee

- Class of 2021: Tom Langston (TE, Marion)

Personnel Committee

- Class of 2020: Othan Franklin (RE/CP Mt. Lisbon and Trinity-Mayesville)
- Class of 2021: John Brearley (TE, First Myrtle Beach)

Property Committee

- Moderator: Leroy Thompson (RE, Second Sumter)
- Class of 2021: Graham Cormack (Kingston Conway)

Program Council

- Worship and Spiritual Formation Ministry Moderator: Nick Cheek (TE, First, Sumter)

Camping Ministry

- Co-Moderator: Hope Pelzer (Melina) and Bruce Carl (RE, Georgetown)
- Class of 2019: Henry McFaddin (RE, First, Sumter)
- Class of 2021: Bruce Carl (RE, Georgetown)
- Class of 2021: Dick Porter (RE, First, Hartsville)
- Rodney Foster (TE, HR) move from Class of 2021 to Class of 2020

Synod Permanent Judicial Commission –instructed to nominate white Ruling Elder

- Howard Barnard (RE, First Myrtle Beach)

FOR INFORMATION – *The committee seeks suggestions for the following vacancies:* Committee on Ministry: one Ruling Elder for either the Class of 2019, 2020 or 2021 Guiding Council: one Teaching Elder Member at Large, Class of 2019

Finance Committee: one Teaching Elder (preferably), Class of 2019 Camping Ministry: Teaching Elder, Class of 2019

The presbytery gathered for worship. The Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly of the PC (USA), preached. An offering was received to support the presbytery's Vital Congregation Initiative. A necrology of those Ruling Elders who entered the Church Triumphant in 2018 was read by Ruling Elder and Associate Executive Presbyter and Associate Stated Clerk Julie Cox. A memorial for The Rev. Bowling (Bo) Yates was offered by The Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, and The Rev. Dr. Ella Busby and Gavin Meek presided. Presbytery Moderator Josie Holler and Transitional Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk Gavin Meek were installed and commissioned by New Harmony Presbytery with Avery Dickson and Cindy Kohlmann officiating.

Ruling Elders who Entered Church Triumphant during 2018

Celebration: Jacob Schmidt
Cheraw First: Pamela Huggins Chapman
Chesterfield: Frances M. McRae
Cousar Memorial: Nora Frierson Scott
Georgetown: Bill Gause; Lee Piepenbring; Agnes Powers; Jim Ryan; Lois Troup;
Fritz Vinson; Judy Williams
Goodwill: Elder Sylvester Jones
Harmony: Charles L. Wilson
Kingston: Katherine Cherry Lundy
Manning: Judith Hoyt Furse; Justin Eugene Shorter
Marion: Blakely H. McIntyre III; Dorothy Dozier McIntyre
McCull First: Virginia I. McGuirt; Helen B. Skipper
Morton: Joann Doughty
Mt. Pisgah: Foster Jackson, Sr.
Murrells Inlet: Lois J. Briggs; H. Pressley Mabry, Jr.
Myrtle Beach First: Vernie Dove; Barbara Peterson; Karl Titus
Ruby: Martha Ellen Hunt Slaton
Salem Black River: Evelyn Dabbs
Society Hill: Robert Hancock
Sumter 1st: Charles Lemmon Shaw
Trinity Surfside: Judith Martin

This report is based on information provided by Clerks of Session as of February 13, 2019.

Worship concluded with the benediction from Cindy Kohlmann.

Co-Moderator Cindy Kohlmann gave a presentation on vital presbyteries from her perspective as a presbytery leader in Boston and Northern New England Presbyteries and as a co-moderator of the General Assembly.

"I don't look for numbers as a sign of faithfulness. I don't see numbers as a sign of God's faithfulness. "

3 stories –

Puerto Rico – visit on 1st anniversary of Hurricane Maria – these small congregations looked outward. The church facilities were damaged. Members looked out for and served their neighbors. They figured out a way to be faithful in the midst of that. 3 presbyteries in Synod of Boriquen. San Juan Presbytery has had a reputation and history of dysfunction. After hurricane, their leaders came together and decided as a presbytery – Rise and Shine – every month a different church is invited to imagine and be in communication with neighbors and host a gathering for neighbors to help them continue to recover. After the hurricane, they

became a blessing to their congregations, and their congregations to their communities. They brought in things that would lift people's hearts. Here is an example of a presbytery that acted boldly and with hope – they came together

Mission Presbytery – Texas – from Austin to the border – huge geographically – their November presbytery meeting was in Mission, Texas, down near the border. Towns along the border are impacted. They decided to add a day to the meeting so Mission Presbytery could do mission in Mission, Texas. Spend the day as the presbytery. Food banks, collecting & sorting, construction, relief work at the border, learning about the detention center, spanned the possibilities – Matthew 25 church. It had a huge impact – everyone got t-shirts – people could see the impact of Mission Presbytery in Mission, Texas

14 churches, 25 ordained teaching elders – one of the worst civil wars – and an awful outbreak of ebola – Presbyterian Church in Liberia – we planted churches in West Africa – they lost churches in civil war – demolished – people fled – if They are planting mission outposts. Starting in the rural areas. Liberia was populated by freed slaves. There were also indigenous people. We set up a conflict. That denomination that we planted, there was a reputation/perception about lightness of skin and hair. Instead, they are talking about it. Simple, complicated, profound

Love God. Love neighbors. Seeking justice – not just giving food when resources are short at the end of the month – why do you need help? Living wages, health costs, uncertain housing...what are the reasons? What are the roots?

Clear biblical call.

Clear call to be seeking streams of God's justice for all people.

VCI – necessary thing – so cool – amazing tool – the heart of it – be faithful to the call to love God and love neighbors in tangible, life-giving ways.

A story of how a presbytery can support the work of congregations & pastors. Ways to face things that are uncomfortable and scary.

A blessing for lunch was offered by Moderator Josie Holler.

Those present disbursed into 11 small with the following questions guiding the discussion.

1. What did you hear from Cindy that you would embrace – made you want to say AMEN or you did say AMEN to?
2. If you were presenting about a VITAL presbytery – what would you say, include, point to...What would other leaders in your congregation share?
3. What activity or effort would you and/or your congregation be a part of? --- maybe there was an activity in the past? (if they're stuck)
4. A vital presbytery is..... (noun or state of being)
5. A vital presbytery does... (verb or action or state of doing)

Following these discussions, lunch was served.

During lunch, Kaiti Bryant shared an update on Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center; Sheryl Davis offered a testimonial on the 5 South Carolina Presbyteries' Lay School enrichment program; and Lisa Culpepper, Mike Zold, and Geneva Sharpe gave a report on their 2018 mission trip to serve with refugees on Lesbos, Greece.

Following lunch, Moderator **Josie Holler called the presbytery back to order** and invited the facilitators to share brief reports on the discussions.

Co-Moderator Cindy Kohlmann responded: *God is good. All the time.... All the time, God is good. We are connected in this body of Christ,*

*What I hear in what has been shared: the Spirit is moving through you, individually, through congregations, through NHP
 This is the first time you've had a meeting like this, and there are still a lot of people here – this kind of gathering allows for this kind of generative, deeper conversation
 If only gather for prescribed business – then signs, symbols, verbs, activities
 Put your feet. Give your time, energy, imagination, & love ...
 Cannot leave here today & get back together in May and not doing anything else
 If you were stirred, you can't go home & forget about it.
 Are you ready? To be vital Christians, Presbyterians, church go-ers, presbytery....*

The Transitional Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Gavin Meek, highlighted his written report.

This report is received as information.

1. The minutes of The Presbytery of New Harmony for the year **2017** were approved by the Synod of South Atlantic with one minor exception.
2. In order to comply with the Book of Order (D-5.0206b), the following past members of the **Permanent Judicial Commission** are eligible for service in the event that a quorum cannot be obtained from current members:

2014 – Tim Pogue, Ponthela Wilson

2016 – Jody Foster, Leroy Thompson

2018 – Nelson Chandler, Tommy Cooper, Lola Faye Craig

3. The Stated Clerk is instructed by the Book of Order, G-3.0301 to report annually the **balance of Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament** attending Presbytery meetings in order to maintain numerical parity. As of the first week in January 2019, there were 76 Ministers of Word and Sacrament on the active, honorably retired, and member-at-large rolls of the Presbytery. Since our churches are entitled to send one Ruling Elder commissioner to the meetings of Presbytery and the Book of Order allows for Ruling Elders serving as Commissioned Ruling Elders (there are 8 CRE's) to be counted toward the balance, the Presbytery of New Harmony has an equal balance of Ruling Elder commissioners and ministers of Word and Sacrament. This figure does not include other Ruling Elders who, according to the Presbytery's Manual of Operations, are members of Presbytery by virtue of their role as committee moderators or as members of the Guiding Council and Program Council. **I am reporting that there is no action necessary to correct an imbalance in the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders.**
4. As of midnight February 12 (Feb. 5 deadline), 10 of our churches had not yet submitted their annual statistical report. This is 85% completion rate, which is very good! (**Thanks goes to Juanita McLeod, our Office Administrator, who followed up with the Clerks.:**)

Westminster, Alcolu

Parkwood, Florence

Fork, Fork

Melina, Gable

Friendfield, Georgetown

Kentyre, Hamer

Old Bethel, Hamer

First, Olanta

Patrick, Patrick

Hebron, Sumter

Our membership total at the **end of 2018** is **7,291** which is a net loss of **243** in the Presbytery's membership. Total gains were **288**, while total losses were **486**.

Gains

141 Certificate

49 Youth Professions

98 Professions and Reaffirmations

288 Total Gains

Losses

56 Certificate

138 Death

292 Deleted for any Other Reason

486 Total Losses

In **2017**, there were **175 baptisms**: 93 children and 82 adults. In **2018**, **66** were reported: 58 children, 3 at confirmation and 5 adults.

In **2018**, **14** of our congregations reported a **net gain in membership**, while **29** reported a net **loss** and **12** reported no change in **membership**. Of the **14** that gained, several had significant **percentage net gain**:

Mt. Zion, Bishopville 35% Swan Lake 20% Chesterfield 10% Pawleys Island 8%
Pawleys Island had the largest numerical net gain of **28**.

5. General Statistics on our 65 congregations and 76 Ministers of Word and Sacrament (MWS):

65 congregations: 1 majority Korean; 20 majority African-American; and 44 majority white.

76 MWS: 13 of them are installed in 11 congregations

1 of the installed Pastors is female, 1 is African American, 1 is Korean American.

Of 76 MWS: 15 are Female: 4 of them are HR; 5 live outside the bounds of NHP.

37 are Honorably Retired (HR): 14 HRs are active, serving as an interim, supply or temporary pastor and/or moderating a Session, and 16 HRs live outside of NHP.

11 are At-large, and 6 of those live outside the bounds of NHP.

1 is in a Validated Ministry outside the bounds of a congregation.

8 are under 55ish, and 5 of them are installed.

The Stated Clerk would like to thank Julie Cox, the Associate Executive Presbyter and Associate Stated Clerk, for these General Statistics.

Guiding Council Moderator Avery Dickson presented its report, including the information provided in the written report which is as follows. **All three recommendations were approved.**

The Guiding Council reports the following actions taken on behalf of the presbytery:

1. Reviewed and approved Guiding Council minutes of September 26, December 4, and December 13, 2018.
2. Approved NHP's Stated Meeting minutes of October 16, 2018.
3. Affirmed that the presbytery has granted to Guiding Council commission powers, generally to act on behalf of the presbytery in-between meetings, and those actions are action of the presbytery and are to be reported at the next stated meeting.
4. Developed a slate of nominees for the Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN), in the event that the recommendation to combine the two committees is approved by presbytery, and authorized the Council Moderator, Presbytery Moderator, Transitional Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk and Associate Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk to fill the slate for nominations should any beneeded.
5. Reviewed Guiding Council's recommendations to NHP originating in the Vision Implementation Team.
6. Approved Finance Committee's recommendation for 2019 Proposed Operating Budget of \$1,072,970.

7. Endorsed and blessed plans from the Personnel Committee to begin a search for a Financial Administrator and a Celebration Planning Committee for Elise Walker's retirement after 30 years of faithful and effective service.
8. Received a verbal report from Program Council, with the expectation of a verbal and written report from Camping Ministry to the presbytery.
9. Received a written and verbal report from Transitional Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Gavin Meek.
10. Received a written and verbal report from Associate Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Julie Cox.
11. Heard verbal updates from Administrative Commissions for Hopewell Presbyterian Church, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, and New Harvest Presbyterian Church.
12. Approved the docket for the 94th Stated Meeting of NHP with the inclusion of an Omnibus Motion which will include Vision Implementation Team recommendations on Permanent Judicial Commission size; eliminating Evaluation and Long Range Planning Committee; suspending the work of Congregational Development Ministry, Education and Nurture Ministry, and Worship and Spiritual Formation Ministry for 2019; combining Committee on Representation and Nominating Committee; granting Committee on Preparation for Ministry commission powers to enroll or dismiss an inquirer; receiving Committee on Representation Report; receiving Administrative Commission Reports and receiving Presbyterian Agency for Developmentally Disabled report as well as any other reports that do not include action items.
13. Approved receiving an offering at each NHP meeting with the Guiding Council determining the recipient.
14. Approved the offering at the upcoming Winter Stated Meeting go to NHP's Vital Congregations' Initiative or NHP's Small Church Support and Redevelopment Fund.
15. Heard a report detailing the ways PCUSA Co-Moderator, The Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, will be utilized during her upcoming visit.
16. Approved that Presbyterian Agency for Developmentally Disabled Sunday in NHP be set for March 17, 2019 and encourage the congregations of NHP to collect an offering.

GUIDING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **That the Spring Stated Meeting of NHP be moved from Tuesday, May 14, to Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, in order to participate in the PCUSA Vital Congregations Initiative Kickoff.** (This is a proposed temporary change in the by-laws and requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the presbytery.)
2. **The Guiding Council and its Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the 2019 Proposed Operating Budget see following with an included increase of Presbytery's Per Capita from \$4.76 to \$5.76. This proposed budget is balanced at \$1,072,970 in receipts and disbursements. (Please see additional pages for further and detailed information.)**
3. **That the following be elected to NHP's Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN):**

Class of 2019: RE Rachel Chandler*; RE Mary Kendall Bittle*; TE Frank Holsclaw Class

of 2020: RE Alice Baker*; TE Annette Brewer; RE Carrie Hampton*

Class of 2021: TE Ray Howe; RE Brooks Peterson*; RE Gina Staton*

Moderator: Rachel Chandler

* denotes currently serving on either COR or N

FOR INFORMATION FROM BOTH GUIDING COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **2018 Operating Results:**

Net income for 2018 was \$0. Total Actual Budgeted Receipts for the period were \$1,004,438 or 82.6% of budget. Budgeted Receipts included:

- \$128,736 in transfers from Invested Funds;
- \$19,064 transfer from the Dismissed Churches Fund;
- \$6,347 transfer from the Per Capita Arrears Fund

Covenant Mission Giving came in at 87.9% of budget and Per Capita Apportionment collected was 94.1% of the amount expected. Camping Ministry Income was \$89,983 below budget, \$9,425 over 2017's income.

Total Actual Budgeted Disbursements for 2018 were \$1,004,438 or 82.6% of budget. The Presbytery disbursed 100% of its planned giving to its Missions Beyond Presbytery. Most Missions within Presbytery categories spent less than their budgets. Salaries and Wages were \$66,059 under budget due to vacancies in Presbytery Office staff positions for part of 2018.

- **2018 Designated Funds Results:**

All Pass-Through Funds have been disbursed according to policy. The Dismissed Churches Fund now has a balance of \$81,251. We expect one more payment of \$42,000 in 2019 from Ocean Drive Church as part of its dismissal agreement. Please refer to the attached Designated Funds Report to see a complete list of all temporarily restricted funds.

- **2018 Invested Funds Results:**

Interest income received in 2018 was \$43,586 and accrued interest was \$4,497. The Camp Pee Dee Invested fund received \$196,484 from timbering performed in advance of the solar farm installation. Its yearly disbursement of \$15,804 from Willowglen Academy rent was also received as usual.

In order to improve the interest rate, the Committee instructed the staff to pursue investing the timbering revenue in bank CD's with staggered maturities up to 2 years.

- **2018 Audit of Presbytery Financial Statements**

The committee voted to accept the proposal from Burch, Oxner, Seale Company, CPA's to perform a complete financial audit of the 2018 finances of Presbytery.

- **2019 Proposed Operating Budget:**

At the October 2018 Stated Meeting of NHP, the Presbytery gave first reading approval to the 2019 Proposed Operating Budget including \$585,000 in Covenant Mission Giving

from our churches. It approved a 2.25% increase in Askings from churches from their 2018 pledges, which amounted to \$563,153 in Askings. It is not expected that giving from our churches will meet this Askings for Covenant Mission Giving much less the \$585,000 needed for the budget. Therefore, the Finance Committee reviewed the entire budget presented as a first reading and made what it felt were necessary adjustments before presenting it to the Guiding Council for consideration. The Guiding Council adopted those changes including, but not limited to the following:

- reducing Covenant Mission Giving by \$95,000 to \$490,000, reflecting more current realities of church giving to the mission of the PC(USA).
- reducing Camping Program Income by \$45,500 to \$235,000, reflecting much more realistic realities based on the past.
- increasing Transfers from the Camp Pee Dee Invested Fund by \$44,688 to \$91,153 which is needed to cover the projected deficit.
- reducing Program Ministry Expenditures by \$29,250 to \$45,000 which is still approximately \$12,000 more than expensed in 2018.
- reducing giving to Mission Partners by \$17,250 in order to balance the budget and not have to either go back to the congregations asking for more money or depleting our reserves even more than we are recurrently.

Financial statements and subsidiary reports accompany this report.

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BUDGET VARIANCE ANALYSIS

For Year-to-Date December 31, 2018

Account Name	YTD 2018 Actual	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	% of Annual Budget Used	YTD 2017 Actual
BUDGETED INCOME:					
Covenant Mission Giving	\$ 514,472.08	585,000	70,527.92	87.9%	560,830.00
Per Capita Apportionment	100,593.07	106,940	6,346.93	94.1%	105,523.51
Camping Program Income	234,031.01	324,014	89,982.99	72.2%	224,606.49
Transfers:					
Candidate Scholarship Fund	20,000.00	42,750	22,750.00	46.8%	13,125.00
Camp Pee Dee Fund	87,701.00	65,139	(22,562.00)	134.6%	88,229.79
Church Extension Fund	-	-	-		24,000.00
Small Church Support/Redev Fund	20,000.00	40,000	20,000.00	50.0%	15,675.00
Campus Christian Life Fund	1,035.00	1,035	-	100.0%	1,035.00
Dismissed Churches Fund	19,063.68	35,000	15,936.32	54.5%	23,000.00
Per Capita Arrears Fund	6,346.93	-	(6,346.93)		-
General Invested Funds	-	16,036	16,036.00	0.0%	-
Interest Income	1,194.92	100	(1,094.92)	1194.9%	149.95
TOTAL BUDGETED RECEIPTS	1,004,437.69	1,216,014	211,576	82.6%	1,056,174.74
BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS:					
Mission Beyond Presbytery:					
GA Basic Mission Support	87,750.00	87,750	-	100.0%	87,750.00
GA Per Capita Apportionment	58,237.82	59,088	850.18	98.6%	58,583.00
Synod Shared Mission Support	7,644.00	7,644	-	100.0%	5,850.00
Synod Per Capita Apportionment	11,466.00	11,466	-	100.0%	13,154.01
Presbyterian College	10,500.00	10,500	-	100.0%	10,500.00
SC Christian Action Council	1,500.00	1,500	-	100.0%	1,500.00
Presbyterian Retirement Communities	24,000.00	24,000	-	100.0%	24,000.00
SC Home at Montreat	5,500.00	5,500	-	100.0%	5,500.00
SC Campus Ministry	1,035.00	1,035	-	100.0%	1,035.00
P.A.D.D.	10,500.00	10,500	-	100.0%	10,500.00
Total Mission Beyond Presbytery	218,132.82	218,983	850.18	99.6%	218,372.01
Mission Within Presbytery:					
Guiding Council	19,166.14	22,950	3,783.86	83.5%	13,700.63
Celebration Church Support	-	-	-		24,000.00
General Assembly Expenses	3,357.98	2,500	(857.98)	100.0%	2,500.00
Presbytery Office	48,719.47	50,195	1,475.53	104.9%	52,643.35
Nominating Committee	105.71	300	194.29	30.6%	91.80
Committee on Representation	1.57	150	148.43	0.0%	-
Judicial	92.20	500	407.80	0.0%	-
Committee on Ministry	6,836.59	17,000	10,163.41	56.2%	9,557.75
Committee on Preparation	30,097.64	44,500	14,402.36	33.4%	14,873.88
Program Council:	81.65	1,600	1,518.35	15.6%	249.17
Camping	341,732.01	409,153	67,420.99	81.3%	332,836.28
Education and Nurture	5,354.53	16,000	10,645.47	18.3%	2,927.76
Congregational Development	21,966.62	50,000	28,033.38	42.8%	21,396.71
Mission Committee	4,912.27	8,000	3,087.73	83.7%	6,695.01
Worship and Spiritual Formation	261.66	4,250	3,988.34	2.3%	97.67
Presbyterian Men	144.87	400	255.13	7.7%	30.84
Total Program Council	374,453.61	489,403	114,949.39	76.5%	364,233.44
Salaries and Benefits	303,473.96	369,533	66,059.04	82.1%	354,956.34
Total Mission Within Presbytery	786,304.87	997,031.00	210,726.13	78.9%	836,557.19
TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,004,437.69	1,216,014.00	211,576.31	82.6%	\$ 1,054,929.20
NET RECEIPTS/ (DISBURSEMENTS)	\$ -	-	-		\$ 1,245.54

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Our Churches in Support of the Mission of the WholeChurch

for Year-to-Date through December 31, 2018

Pin	Church Name	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
		2018 Covenant Pledge	YTD Total Basic Mission Support (3+4)	YTD Shared Mission Support	YTD Directed Mission Support	Other Mission Gifts	2018 Per Capita Apportionment	Per Capita Paid
22464	BENNETTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH		18,000.00	18,000.00	-	3,163.85	2,853.96	2,853.96
22493	CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		5,440.00	5,440.00	-	6,731.00	321.77	321.77
11881	CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	14,256	14,256.00	14,256.00	-	4,866.79	1,930.62	1,930.68
22467	CHERAW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	31,846	35,345.88	31,845.96	3,499.92	9,164.54	3,133.76	3,133.76
22468	CHESTERFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	150.00	363.74	363.74
201	CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6,200	6,200.00	6,200.00	-	1,656.00	2,238.40	2,239.00
22432	COUSAR MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CH	3,502	3,502.00	3,502.00	-	1,200.00	895.36	895.36
182	EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,862	2,862.00	2,862.00	-	803.00	2,196.43	2,196.43
22484	FORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	-	517.63	-
22459	FRASER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CH	4,905	-	-	-	247.00	321.77	-
22435	FRIENDFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	100	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	307.78	122.38
191	FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	5,904	5,904.00	5,904.00	-	621.00	853.39	854.00
177	GEORGE W LONG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,500	2,661.00	2,661.00	-	576.00	517.63	517.63
22436	GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	80,721	60,540.75	55,815.75	4,725.00	11,392.83	6,099.64	5,375.00
188	GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	19,939	19,938.96	19,938.96	-	3,101.94	3,735.33	3,651.98
180	GRANDVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,000.00	1,000.00	-	300.00	335.76	340.00
169	HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		3,500.00	3,500.00	-	200.00	769.45	769.55
22487	HARTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	45,000	45,000.00	45,000.00	-	9,896.04	7,680.51	7,680.48
22452	HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	149	149.00	149.00	-	45.00	83.94	83.94
22479	HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	10,570	1,801.48	1,801.48	-	1,003.00	1,049.25	1,049.25
22438	INDIANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	1,306.00	1,343.04	1,343.04
22490	JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	-	363.74	-
22480	JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	8,085	10,335.00	8,085.00	2,250.00	3,189.51	2,056.53	2,057.04
22485	KENTYRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	989.00	195.86	195.86
22471	KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	8,180	10,180.00	8,180.00	2,000.00	5,405.05	3,175.73	3,175.73
11233	KOREAN-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN		10,800.00	10,800.00	-	-	573.59	573.59
22442	LAKE CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,700	4,002.00	4,002.00	-	2,228.00	755.46	1,164.00
22492	LATTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	1,253.00	909.35	-
22495	MARION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,360	4,360.00	1,360.00	3,000.00	3,388.80	2,196.43	2,196.43
22497	MCCOLL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,899	2,899.00	2,899.00	-	1,852.80	335.76	335.76
197	MELINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	14,000	10,500.00	10,500.00	-	-	2,811.99	2,109.00
1494	MIZPAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		200.01	200.01	-	1,210.25	69.95	69.95
22488	MORTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	9,133	9,133.00	9,133.00	-	50.00	769.45	769.45
170	MT LISBON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	106	106.00	106.00	-	4,021.00	545.61	545.61
22489	MT PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,307.00	1,307.00	-	106.00	545.61	545.61
196	MT SINAI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		391.00	391.00	-	612.00	489.65	489.65
22455	MT ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	400	270.00	-	270.00	122.00	237.83	237.83
22449	MURRELLS INLET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,000.00	1,000.00	-	972.00	1,301.07	1,301.07
22501	MYRTLE BEACH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	75,000	75,000.00	55,000.00	20,000.00	994.00	18,718.62	18,718.62
22474	NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN DILLON	378	378.00	378.00	-	9,564.00	545.61	545.61
10761	NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,145	725.00	725.00	-	552.00	783.44	783.44
11507	NEW HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	250.00	321.77	-
22451	OLANTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	-	615.56	-
22486	OLD BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	-	181.87	-
193	PAGELAND SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CH	160	160.00	160.00	-	-	167.88	167.88
22482	PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,800	4,800.00	1,200.00	3,600.00	142.00	391.72	391.72
22503	PATRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	-	433.69	-
22453	PAWLEYS ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	16,687	16,687.00	16,687.00	-	364.51	5,064.38	5,064.38
22445	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MANNING	21,461	21,461.00	21,461.00	-	3,808.00	3,105.78	3,105.78
22504	RUBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,023	1,023.00	1,023.00	-	1,617.00	363.74	363.74

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Pin	Church Name	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
		2018 Covenant Pledge	YTD Total Basic Mission Support (3+4)	YTD Shared Mission Support	YTD Directed Mission Support	Other Mission Gifts	2018 Per Capita Apportion- ment	Per Capita Paid
22448	SALEM BLACK RIVER PRESBY CHURCH		2,472.00	2,472.00	-	640.75	405.71	405.71
22506	SOCIETY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	1,059.00	181.87	181.87
22439	ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	7,501	9,376.00	9,376.00	-	109.50	405.71	405.71
22457	SUMMERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		-	-	-	1,855.10	1,203.14	-
22458	SUMTER FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	55,031	55,031.00	48,031.00	7,000.00	-	8,030.26	8,030.26
200	SUMTER SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,300	1,300.00	1,300.00	-	16,368.41	699.50	700.00
22462	SWAN LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	575.00	657.53	657.53
22507	TIMMONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	200	305.00	200.00	105.00	569.00	83.94	83.94
22434	TIRZAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	102	102.00	102.00	-	874.00	27.98	27.98
189	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN MAYESVILLE		3,801.00	3,801.00	-	75.00	1,147.18	1,147.18
23382	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SURFSIDE BEACH	6,700	6,700.00	6,700.00	-	10.00	2,965.88	2,965.02
23343	WEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6,867	6,867.00	6,867.00	-	6,344.33	685.51	685.51
168	WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN ALCOLU	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	6,694.00	1,091.22	1,091.22
22505	WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	634.75	545.61	545.61
22441	WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		2,500.00	-	2,500.00	891.00	3,035.83	3,035.83
	Individual Gifts		6,100.00	6,100.00	-	7,841.00		
	Dismissed/Closed Churches						195.86	
	TOTAL	484,672	514,472.08	465,522.16	48,949.92	143,755.75	106,939.56	100,593.07

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INVESTED FUNDS
Year-to-date Activity through December 31, 2018

	Total	General Invested Funds*	Camp Pee Dee Fund	Candidate Scholarship Fund	Church Extension Fund	Small Church Support/Re-development Fund	Campus Christian Fund Life
Balance at 12/31/2017	\$ 1,642,447.58	\$ 66,136.45	\$ 284,510.55	\$ 98,275.07	\$ 774,470.87	\$ 410,299.77	\$ 8,754.87
Interest Rec'd Investments	\$ 43,585.59	1,529.15	7,807.68	2,646.88	20,852.91	10,556.65	192.32
EW Matthews Memorial Fund Distribution	\$ 162.05					162.05	
Mission & Ministry Visioning Project	\$ (506.92)	(506.92)					
Proceeds from MdDowell Church sale	\$ 123,345.04			7,500.00	57,922.52	57,922.52	
Gift From Wedgefield Presbyterian Ch	\$ 20,000.00					20,000.00	
Budget Transfer to Operating Acct	\$ (128,736.00)		(87,701.00)	(20,000.00)		(20,000.00)	(1,035.00)
Timber Project and CPDRC Income	\$ 196,484.00		196,484.00				
Year-End Adjustments:							
Year-End Interest Accrual	\$ 4,497.42	151.56	1,071.29	199.68	1,927.14	1,127.51	20.24
Year-End Transfer of Blessing Box/NHP Scholarship Receipts	\$ 1,536.42			1,536.42			
Year-End Transfer of NHP Depr & Main Fund Receipts from Willowglen	\$ 15,804.12		15,804.12				
Reforestation Grant Net Expenses	\$ (5,104.05)		(5,104.05)				
Presbytery Office HVAC Repairs	\$ (2,750.00)	(2,750.00)					
Presbytery Office New Computer	\$ (1,295.99)	(1,295.99)					
Balance at 12/31/2018	\$ 1,909,469.26	\$ 63,264.25	\$ 412,872.59	\$ 90,158.05	\$ 855,173.44	\$ 480,068.50	\$ 7,932.43

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USE OF INVESTED FUNDS
Balance as of December 31, 2018

	Total	General Invested Funds*	Camp Pee Dee Fund	Candidate Scholarship Fund	Church Extension Fund	Small Church Support/Redev elopment Fund	Campus Christian Life
Balance at 12/31/2018	\$ 1,909,469.26	\$63,264.25	\$412,872.59	\$90,158.05	\$855,173.44	\$480,068.50	\$7,932.43
Less:							
Camp Pee Dee Restricted Endowment	150,000.00		150,000.00				
Coastal NWC Funds	90,000.00				90,000.00		
2019 Budgeted Transfers to Operating Fund	126,710.00	1,710.00	46,465.00	42,500.00		35,000.00	1,035.00
Contingency Fund*	61,554.25	61,554.25					
Unrestricted Balance	\$ 1,481,205.01	\$0.00	\$216,407.59	\$47,658.05	\$765,173.44	\$445,068.50	\$6,897.43

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Concentration of All Funds at December 31, 2018

Bank Name	Bankrate.com Rating	Balance at 12/31/18
Texas Presbyterian Foundation ⁽¹⁾	n/a	889,655.15
South State Bank	****	457,026.70
Dedicated Community Bank	****	258,751.20
PC(USA) Foundation New Covenant Funds ⁽¹⁾	n/a	210,603.81
The Citizens Bank	****	198,629.83
PC(USA) Investment & Loan ⁽¹⁾	n/a	98,179.41
Carolina Bank	***	86,857.34
First Citizens Bank	****	43,628.55
Total		\$ 2,243,331.99
<i>(1) Not FDIC insured</i>		

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2019 Proposed Operating Budget

	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 1st Reading Budget	2019 2nd Reading Changes	\$ Change from 1st Reading	% Change from 1st Reading
BUDGETED RECEIPTS:						
Covenant Mission Giving	514,472	585,000	585,000	490,000	(95,000)	-16.24%
Per Capita Apportionment	100,593	106,940	122,126	116,020	(6,106)	-5.00%
Camping Program Income	234,031	324,014	280,500	235,000	(45,500)	-16.22%
Transfers:						
Candidates Scholarship Fund	20,000	42,750	42,500	42,000	(500)	-1.18%
Camp Pee Dee Fund	87,701	65,139	46,465	91,153	44,688	96.18%
Church Extension Fund	-	-	-	-	-	
Small Church Support/Redev Fund	20,000	40,000	35,000	25,000	(10,000)	-28.57%
Campus Christian Life Fund	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	-	0.00%
Dismissed Churches Fund	19,064	35,000	24,261	67,262	43,001	177.24%
General Invested Funds	-	16,036	1,710	-	(1,710)	-100.00%
Per Capita Arrerars Fund	6,347	-	-	4,400	4,400	
Interest Income	1,195	100	700	1,100	400	57.14%
TOTAL BUDGETED RECEIPTS	1,004,438	1,216,014	1,139,297	1,072,970	(66,327)	-5.45%
BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS:						
Mission Beyond Presbytery:						
GA Basic Mission Support	87,750	87,750	87,750	80,000	(7,750)	-8.83%
GA Per Capita Apportionment	58,238	59,088	67,429	67,429	-	0.00%
Synod Basic Mission Support	7,644	7,644	7,534	7,534	-	0.00%
Synod Per Capita Apportionment	11,466	11,466	11,301	11,301	-	0.00%
Presbyterian College	10,500	10,500	10,500	9,000	(1,500)	-14.29%
SC Christian Action Council	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
Presbyterian Retirement Comm of SC	24,000	24,000	24,000	20,000	(4,000)	-16.67%
SC Home at Montreat	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,000	(500)	-9.09%
SC Campus Ministry	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	-	0.00%
P.A.D.D.	10,500	10,500	10,500	7,000	(3,500)	-33.33%
Total Mission Beyond Presbytery	218,133	218,983	227,049	209,799	(17,250)	-7.60%
Mission Within Presbytery:						
Guiding Council	19,166	22,950	17,500	15,000	(2,500)	-14.29%
General Assembly Expenses	3,358	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
Presbytery Office	48,719	50,195	59,345	55,000	(4,345)	-7.32%
Nominating Committee	106	300	300	200	(100)	-33.33%
Committee on Representation	2	150	250	100	(150)	-60.00%
Judicial	92	500	500	500	-	0.00%
Committee on Ministry	6,837	17,000	18,800	10,000	(8,800)	-46.81%
Committee on Preparation	30,098	44,500	44,250	44,250	-	0.00%
Program Council:	82	1,600	1,500	45,000	(29,250)	-39.39%
Camping	341,732	409,153	346,965	346,965	-	0.0 %
Education and Nurture	5,355	16,000	17,000	Note 1		
Congregational Development	21,967	50,000	43,750	Note 1		
Mission	4,912	8,000	8,000	Note 1		
Worship and Spiritual Formation	262	4,250	4,000	Note 1		
Presbyterian Men	145	400	400	200	(200)	-50.00%
Total Program Council	374,454	489,403	421,615	392,165	(29,450)	-6.99%
Salaries and Benefits	303,474	369,533	347,188	343,456	(3,732)	-1.07%
Total Mission Within Presbytery	786,305	997,031	912,248	863,171	(49,077)	-5.38%
TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS	1,004,438	1,216,014	1,139,297	1,072,970	(66,327)	-5.82%
NET TOTAL RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)	0	0	0	0	(0)	

Note 1: Program Council Ministries 2019 budget line items, except Camping, have been combined into the Program Council. If those figures were combined, excluding Camping and Presbyterian Men, the amount would have been \$79,850 with an actual expense of \$32,577 for those ministries. The total budget requests for these ministries for 2019, removing again Camping, was in the 1st reading \$74,250. As you see, in the total for Program Council, the Finance Committee changed that amount to \$45,000 in the 2nd reading."

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Member-ship 12/31/2017	Church	2018 Covenant Pledge	2019 Covenant Askings	2019 Covenant Pledge	2018 TEF Pledge	2019 TEF Askings	2019 TEF Pledge
212	BENNETTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH		18,450	12,000.00		2,662	300
25	CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		5,535			493	
138	CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	14,256	14,612		2,750	2,819	
226	CHERAW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	31,846	32,642	32,642.00	2,695	2,658	2,658
26	CHESTERFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,048	500.00		174	-
159	CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6,200	6,355	6,355.00	-	314	150
66	COUSAR MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3,502	3,590	3,590.00	250	296	296
155	EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,862	2,934	2,934.00	578	669	669
37	FORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		434			130	
22	FRASER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,905	5,028	4,800.00	319	327	300
22	FRIENDFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	100	103		100	103	
62	FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	5,904	6,052	6,052.00	354	370	370
33	GEORGE W LONG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,500	2,563		339	324	
452	GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	80,721	82,739	42,960.00	727	6,764	600
266	GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	19,939	20,437		1,339	1,628	
24	GRANDVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,025	1,025.00		232	232
55	HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		4,582	3,600.00		569	300
543	HARTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	45,000	46,125	46,125.00	500	5,994	500
6	HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	149	153		45	46	
72	HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	10,570	10,834		879	883	
96	INDIANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,000	4,100	4,000.00	51	52	51
26	JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		759			261	
143	JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	8,085	8,287	8,287.00	-	2,237	2,237
14	KENTYRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,048			209	
177	KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	8,180	8,385	8,385.00	1,000	3,721	1,000
41	KOREAN-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN		11,070	3,470.00		1,050	1,050
49	LAKE CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,700	2,768	2,800.00	300	1,050	400
62	LATTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	3,144	-	-	559	-
154	MARION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,360	4,469		1,436	1,430	
17	MCCOLL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,899	2,971	2,500.00	257	222	222
202	MELINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	14,000	14,350		1,207	1,204	
5	MIZPAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		210	210.00		63	63
55	MORTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	9,133	9,361	9,361.00	-	811	-
39	MT LISBON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	106	109	109.00	106	109	109
39	MT PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,340	1,100.00		378	378
25	MT SINAI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		401			10	
17	MT ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	400	410	410.00	100	10	100
86	MURRELLS INLET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		1,025	1,025.00		1,033	1,033
1,340	MYRTLE BEACH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	75,000	76,875			18,857	
38	NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN DILLON	378	387	387.00	452	463	463
58	NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,145	1,174		312	320	
23	NEW HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		634			172	
44	OLANTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		516			154	
13	OLD BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		153			16	
12	PAGELAND SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	160	164	164.00	142	108	108
28	PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,800	4,920	4,800.00	-	461	-
31	PATRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		642	642.00		134	134
363	PAWLEYS ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	16,687	17,104	16,687.00	-	5,747	-
219	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MANNING	21,461	21,998	21,998.00	567	2,960	567
26	RUBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,023	1,049	1,023.00	150	313	150
29	SALEM BLACK RIVER PRESBY CHURCH		2,534	2,534.00		271	271

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13	SOCIETY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	1,048	-	-	222	-
19	ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	7,501	7,689	7,689.00	646	727	727
81	SUMMERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		3,144			1,332	
579	SUMTER FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	55,031	56,407		2,400	8,718	
53	SUMTER SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,300	1,333	1,350.00	375	384	400
35	SWAN LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	1,111	1,111.00	-	591	250
6	TIMMONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	200	205	205.00	-	144	-
2	TIRZAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	102	105		75	69	
80	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN MAYESVILLE		3,801			10	
211	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SURFSIDE BEACH	6,700	6,868	5,000.00	-	152	-
48	WEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6,867	7,039	7,039.00	514	594	594
78	WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3,000	3,075	3,075.00	200	852	200
36	WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	1,173	-	-	413	-
221	WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		2,563	1,000.00		2,786	-
7,534	TOTAL	484,672	563,153	278,944	21,165	88,833	16,882

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Co-Moderator Bernadine Lamar drew attention to the CPM report.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry takes seriously its role and responsibility on behalf of the whole Church and NHP in accompanying and supervising the faithful individuals under its care.

FOR INFORMATION:

INQUIRERS:

- Marcy Carl (Georgetown Presbyterian Church), a senior at Dubuque Theological Seminary; RE Lois Parsons serves as liaison. CPM approved Marcy's request to take senior ordination exams in April 2019. She is taking the 2nd semester of Hebrew and Leading Worship and Supervised Field experience at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach, SC. Alongside seminary, Marcy continues her work as the preschool director at Georgetown Presbyterian Church. CPM is presenting Inquirer Marcy Carl today to be admitted to the floor and pending a successful examination become a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
- Caitlyn Hathaway (First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville), entering junior at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. Rev. Christa Brewer serves as liaison. Caitlyn was enrolled as an inquirer on November 14, 2017. She has been busy studying for the Bible Content Exam and applying to Clinical Pastoral Education opportunities. Caitlyn began Theology II, Old Testament II and Intro to Christian Ethics classes January 14th.
- Darren Wilson (Friendship Presbyterian Church), middler at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte; attending part-time. Rev. Samuel Sparks serves as Darren's liaison. Darren was enrolled as an inquirer on March 5, 2018. Darren successfully completed New Testament I and Theology I last semester and began New Testament II and Theology II on January 12th, 2019.
- Flury Wilson (Friendship Presbyterian Church), middler at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte; attending part-time. RE Bernadine Lamar serves as liaison. Flury was enrolled as an inquirer on March 5, 2018. Flury successfully completed New Testament I and Theology I last semester and began New Testament II and Theology II on January 12th, 2019.

CANDIDATE:

- Tripp Brogdon (First Presbyterian Church, Sumter), Columbia Theological Seminary; on January 23, 2019, CPM certified Tripp's readiness to be examined for ordination and granted him permission to circulate his Personal Information Form (PIF). Congratulations Tripp!

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Scholarship funds were released for the Spring 2019 semester for Marcy Carl (full-time), Caitlyn Hathaway (full-time), Darren Wilson (part-time), and Flury Wilson (part-time). Continuing education scholarship funds have been authorized for Tripp Brogdon to be utilized prior to accepting a call.

Recommendations:

1. **That the presbytery grant commission power to the Committee on Preparation Ministry to enroll or remove inquirers from its roll. (This would not alter the presbytery's involvement in decision-making regarding enrolling candidates.)**
{This report, including this item was included in the Omnibus Motion. This recommendation was removed and was considered under New Business.}
2. **That pending a successful examination regarding her personal faith and experience of God's grace, her call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and motives for seeking ministry, and the ways in which she has served the church and how this has affirmed her call, CPM recommends that Inquirer Marcy Carl be enrolled as a Candidate for**

Ordination by the Presbytery of New Harmony.

Bernadine Lamar presented Inquirer Marcy Carl to be examined for candidacy for the ministry of Word & Sacrament. Inquirer Marcy Carl shared her understanding of the Christian faith. Marcy Carl shared her faith journey and her call to serve the Church. There were questions from the floor. **Co-Moderator Bernadine Lamar moved that examination be sustained, SECONDED, & APPROVED.** Moderator Josie Holler proceeded with questions to Marcy Carl, who answered in the affirmative. The Moderator invited members of Georgetown Presbyterian Church and CPM to surround Marcy Carl. Julie Cox offered a charge to Candidate Marcy Carl, and CPM Liaison Lois Parsons offered a prayer.

Service to God's Church – Marcy B. Carl

I am a cradle Presbyterian, born and raised in the PC (USA)! My experiences and ministries along my journey have had many faces; all of which have led me to wanting more of God's Word and seeking God's wisdom and affirmation in confirming my call to ordained ministry.

My parents divorced in April 1989. Living through the experience of my parent's divorce along with the aftermath of being a child of divorced parents; has undoubtedly made me a stronger, compassionate and caring person. Growing up I was very influenced by specific people within the church. My youth director was a huge influence and the one who actually encouraged me to follow my heart for ministry. I had a choir director in high school that did the same thing and a pastor that nurtured my sense of call and encouraged me to continue to pray for God's direction and will. These people along with others took a genuine interest in me and cared for me; strong examples...and I knew from deep down, that I wanted to give back and do for others as was done for me as I "grew up".

Having felt called to the ministry for as long as I can remember; I, in turn, have worked in the church since 1990 when I graduated from high school. The only exception to that was being a family liaison advocate between families and the Arkansas Children's Hospital Emergency Department in 2005 for 9 months. General Assembly and related responsibilities for GA, conferences and retreats throughout my ministry, have been a few things in which I have been a part. I am a Stephen Minister as well as a Stephen Ministry Leader and my recent experience as a hospital chaplain for my CPE have been nothing short of the amazing work and growth my faith has experienced as I have learned about myself in different contexts.

Positions served that have affirmed my calling to God's work have been a Youth Director, Youth Ministry Internships, Director of Christian Nurture and Campus Ministry Internships. Currently, I serve as the Director of Georgetown Presbyterian Preschool and Child Development Center; worship leader; hand bell and children's choir co-director at GPC; I am also serving Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach this semester as an intern with Tony Larson as my supervisor to fulfill a requirement for seminary. While there, I will preach, teach, have pastoral care responsibilities and attend ministry meetings. All of these ministries bring joy knowing that I can be a positive influence on someone else's life.

These God given opportunities to serve have been welcomed with open arms, hesitancy, nervousness, closed mindedness, joyfulness, excitement and a willingness to fulfill the "call" that God has brought before me for ordained ministry. If I were not to look back at all the goodness, emotions, hard and trying times; I would be remiss not to see the many affirmations in which have served the Church, continue to serve the Church and our God.

Statement of Faith – Marcy B. Carl

I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I believe that it is through God's grace that we are saved as we are a sinful, broken and fallen people. Through the sacramental waters of Holy Infant Baptism we are made clean and clothed with Christ forever; the powerful sign of being sealed to Jesus Christ. I believe in the Great Mystery of Faith; the Trinity, God in three persons: God/Creator, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. God/Creator came to earth in human form (Jesus) to show us how to live, die and then be raised so that we can live eternally with God; and the Holy Spirit, God's presence, always breathing and giving us new life. I believe in the words of Paul that tell us God's love is impartial. That God's image is reflected in the incredible diversity that is found in God's creatures, all of whom, bear God's image. Paul also tells us that we are all gifted, not equally, but differently, an affirmation of the love that comes from scripture that proclaims the work of God being perfect and good. Through all of our mistakes and failures, our God is a loving and forgiving God, allowing us to start over and over and over. God's covenant with us will never be broken and we know that God's love is eternal and everlasting. God's mercy and justice is for all people. I believe with and through the Holy Spirit, encouragement and perseverance help me stay on the path of righteousness for God's name sake. It is with much gratitude that the Holy Spirit guides and directs me; helps me stay steady and strong, speaking the words of love and peace to all that I may encounter. I believe in Holy Scripture. While scripture is not infallible or inherit, it is contextual and historical and is the basis or the "ground rules" of knowledge that we use to spread the Word of God as we are told to do in the Great Commission. God gives us the gift of prayer to be able to call upon God's name in moments of crisis, despair, illness and tragedy. God also encourages us to use the gift of prayer for the many ways we have been blessed with Thanksgivings throughout God's creation; for green pastures, new life, families, and friendships and specifically for the relationship in which I serve my Savior, my Lord, Jesus Christ. I believe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is one that sustains me continually. While the elements not symbolic of the sacrament, Christ is present in the sacrament, in the meal, the bread of life and the cup of salvation; not just for me but for all God's children. It is in the thanksgiving and remembering of Christ that allows God's presence to be felt. As it is written in the scriptures, we are asked to seek justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Of all these things I believe to be true and just and I know that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Committee on Ministry (COM) member Ella Busby shared COM's report,

The COM reports as information the following actions utilizing its commission authority given by NHP: From its stated meeting on November 13, 2018:

- Examined the Rev. Vikki Brogdon, approving her call to serve as the Stated Supply Pastor of Summerton Presbyterian Church, as well as her Terms of Call with a start date of January 1, 2019, and her membership in NHP.
- Appointed the Rev. Sue Arledge to serve as Moderator of First, Cheraw until the call of an Interim Pastor.
- Appointed the Rev. Jody Foster to serve as Moderator of the Goodwill Presbyterian Church upon the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Richard Dozier.
- Approved the Rev. Josie Holler to serve as Stated Supply of the Presbyterian Church at Manning, including Terms of Call and start date of January 6, 2019, lasting six months.

From its called meeting on December 4, 2018:

- Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dr. Daniel Sansbury and First, Hartsville effective December 31, 2018, all pending the concurrence of the congregational meeting on December 23, 2018.

- Approved the Rev. Dr. Daniel Sansbury to serve as the Interim Pastor of First, Cheraw including the one year agreement, Terms of Call, and start date of January 16, 2019.

From its stated meeting on January 8, 2019:

- Appointed the Rev. Kyle Henderson to serve as mentor to Commissioned Pastor William Johnson.
- Appointed the Rev. Ashley Cheek to serve as Moderator of the First, Hartsville.
- Approved the renewal of the Rev. Dr. Ella Busby serving as the Temporary Supply Pastor to Second, Sumter, including the one year covenant, Terms of the Covenant, effective January 1, 2019.
- Approved the Rev. Charles Elliot to serve as Parish Associate with pay to First, Myrtle Beach, including granting Rev. Elliot, a member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery, permission to labor within the boundaries of New Harmony Presbytery.

From its retreat on January 19, 2019:

- Approved a proposal to appoint liaisons from the Committee on Ministry for all of the congregations in New Harmony Presbytery.
- Approved a new team/sub-committee structure for COM.

From its stated meeting on February 12, 2019:

- Approved William Johnson to serve as a Commissioned Pastor to Grandview Presbyterian Church, including the one-year covenant, Terms of Call, and a start date of March 1, 2019. William Johnson will be commissioned to Grandview during the presbytery meeting.
- Amended the Commission of William Johnson to Second Presbyterian Church, Pageland to include the administering the sacrament of Baptism; approved the terms of the one year covenant with a start date of March 1, 2019.
- Approved a change to the Stated Supply Contract between Summerton Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Vicki Brogdon. The change did not affect the total of Rev. Brogdon's terms of call; it represents a different allocation of the same funds among different line items.
- Adopted a new policy for Supply Preachers and Moderators (see following)
- Approved a request from G.W. Long Presbyterian Church to waive the requirement to rotate Ruling Elders for 2019.

CRE William Johnson was invited forward for a commissioning service. Moderator Josie Holler posed questions to CRE William Johnson, and CRE Johnson responded in the affirmative and was commissioned to serve Grandview Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Josie Holler invited the Rev. Dr. George Wilkes forward to celebrate the service of honorable retirement. Many colleagues and friends offered gratitude and stories. Dr. Wilkes shared words of appreciation.

The Rev. Vikki Brogdon introduced herself.

Vikki Brogdon's Faith Journey

I was ordained as Teaching Elder of New Harmony Presbytery on October 30, 2016. I am a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte. I have served as stated supply for McDowell Presbyterian Church in Greeleyville, Upper Long Cane in Abbeville, and I am currently serving as stated supply at Summerton Presbyterian in Summerton. I became a member of The Presbyterian Church at Manning in 1979. Mine is a faith journey filled with detours rather than a single, straight path.

I was raised in the Southern Baptist tradition and as a teenager, I defied all authority-I left the church for many years, certain that it was filled with hypocrites. I returned to worship as a young married adult when I became a parent myself. My mom had joined the Presbyterian Church at Manning, and I agreed to go there "for her." The message I heard that first Sunday was grace. I came back the next Sunday, and I heard a message of grace. I never visited another church. I had found my spiritual home.

By the time my second son was born in 1982, I was active in Sunday school and choir. I was elected to the Board of Deacons and served with enthusiasm... but my life was so compartmentalized that I could not see the inconsistencies that are so apparent to me now- my life was only a shadow of the life God desired for me. I found myself working closely with Dr. Holmes on several committees. Dr. Holmes demonstrated that deep spiritual peace for which I yearned, and I tried to emulate his example through prayer, Bible study, Sunday school and church... never finding that serenity for myself.

I was ordained an Elder in January of 1994. I really wanted to "do the right thing," and I tried harder than ever to control my behavior. Mine were symptoms of my "inability to live Life on Life's terms." A child drowned in our family pond in March of 1994, and I lacked the necessary coping skills to deal effectively with such a tragedy. Instead, I walked away from my relationship with God, angry that God had allowed such a thing to happen. I left church again and began medicating my pain. It was July 7, 2002 when I totally surrendered my will to God and began the journey of healing from all the resentments and rage that I had been carrying for years.

God led me to Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered Twelve Step Program. After I worked the steps myself and found the healing power of God at work in my own life, I began to serve as a small group leader. There, I met a lady who was active in prison ministry, and I began to feel God's call to Kairos Prison Ministry. I began serving in Kairos during the fall of 2007. As I served in Kairos, I began feeling God's call to seminary, but I had not finished my undergraduate degree, so I attended Liberty University on line while continuing to work on the family farm. After receiving that degree, I was accepted into the weekend program at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte in December of 2010.

In January of 2011, I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. I was scared to death, I said, "LORD, I am scared like someone with no faith," and God put a verse in my heart, "If you faint in this footrace with man- how will you run with the horses?" (Jer. 12:5) Fear left me and has not returned because I know that God is with me. I had surgery in February and chemotherapy in the summer, and I began seminary in the fall- bald and wearing a baseball cap. While attending Union, I supplied the pulpit of several churches in New Harmony Presbytery as needed. During this period, I discovered my voice as I wrestled with the scriptures before the Lord. I began to realize my call to seminary was God's invitation to the pulpit. I am pleased to administer pastoral care to a congregation and community who face disease and loss. After serving Upper Long Cane Presbyterian for a year and seven months, I received a call to move back to the farm and minister to a congregation that the Manning Presbyterian Church planted in 1875 in Summerton, SC.

Today, I accept my call to serve this congregation in Summerton, knowing that it is my privilege to love them, just as they are- the same way God loved me with all my defects of character. The Bible tells us that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we can tell a mountain to move and it will move. God is still in the miracle business because I am one of mountains that he has moved. I can't wait to see what mountains God moves next.

STATEMENT OF FAITH by Vikki Brogdon

I believe in God, the Mystery unsolved, which we choose to call God. I believe that God is Three in One the Holy Trinity: Holy God of Israel; Redeemer God Jesus the Christ, and Sustainer God the Holy Spirit. Through our disobedience, sin entered the world, separating humanity from God. Because humankind was incapable of following the Law, the Redeemer became the Word Incarnate and dwelled among us. Humankind rejected the Son of God and Jesus died on the cross. Having lived without sin, he became the sacrifice for all the sin of humanity. Jesus died once for all. He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven to rule at the right hand of God the Father. When Christ ascended into heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to be our comforter and guide- this holy deposit (II Cor. 1:22) was made for our sakes. Jesus' blood is the New Covenant solution to the sin problem. Humanity cannot choose the good without God's will which prompts us through the work of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that God created the earth and all that dwell within it, and God created humankind to be the caretakers of his good creation. Through our stewardship of resources, we demonstrate the love of the land with which God has blessed us.

I believe that as members of the Church Universal, we are the body of Christ. As such, we are called to have the mind of Christ and we recognize that Jesus' life of prayer and his ministry of reconciliation demonstrate for us the way to communion with God. As Christ's body, we want always to seek God's will for his church and for our lives.

I believe that God is present in the faithful administering of the two sacraments of the church. The sacrament of baptism reveals God's free gift of grace and we claim that gift for his people. The sacrament of communion is administered in recognition of Jesus' sacrifice for our sin and is a fore taste of the Great Banquet table - where we will sup together with Christ.

The Holy Spirit illumines God's Word to our understanding. The Holy Bible is then a living Word, inspired by God for the encouragement and sustenance of His people.

I believe that God is directly responsible for every step we take towards him, and that the Holy Spirit comforts and guides us, while Jesus will be our judge and advocate on the last day- when every knee will bow and every tongue confess him Lord. (Phil.2:10) And He will reign forever. (Lk. 1:32)

Presbytery of New Harmony
Policy on Supply Preaching and Moderating

Rationale:

The connectional nature of our Presbyterian policy means that Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders (including CRE's), as presbyters have a responsibility to enable the work of all the churches in the presbytery. When presbyters are called upon to serve congregations in temporary ministry situations it is appropriate for congregations to provide them with compensation in recognition of their service and calling.

Supply Preaching

An honorarium should always be provided to a pulpit supply preacher. The preacher is filling the pulpit as a service to the pastor, the session, and the congregation. The preachers who supply your church prepare sermons and serve congregations during hours which they would otherwise enjoy with their families and as leisure time.

The only exception to the honorarium policy is if a preacher is filling your pulpit at his/her request on behalf of an institution, agency, or governing body he or she represents.

The services of an individual for pulpit supply may only be engaged three (3) occasions per quarter, not to exceed (6) times per year. Pulpit supply arrangements of greater frequency require the approval of the Committee on Ministry (COM).

The amount of a pulpit supply honorarium shall ordinarily be at least: One worship service

\$150, plus mileage

Two worship services (same church):

\$200, plus mileage

Small churches (under 50 members):

\$125, plus mileage

Moderation of a Session or Congregational Meeting

Authorized moderators who have been invited by the Moderator of a Session or appointed by the COM to moderate a meeting of the Session or the congregation should be provided an honorarium for their service to the pastor, the session, and/or the congregation.

The amount of a moderator's honorarium shall ordinarily be at least:

\$50 per meeting plus mileage

Other Honorarium Procedures

Mileage is to be reimbursed at the current IRS rate (\$0.58 per mile as of January 1, 2019). All checks should have the text: "***Honorarium and mileage***" printed on the memo line.

Honorarium should be given discreetly to the supply preacher/moderator either prior to or immediately after the service/meeting by a member of the session. If the honorarium check cannot be given at that time the supply minister should be informed when they can expect the check to be mailed. The Clerk of Session or Chair of Worship shall ensure the check is mailed within a day or two of the service/meeting.

The amounts in this policy are **minimums**, not limits. Churches should compensate supply preachers and moderators based upon the value placed on effective preaching of the Word, celebration of the sacraments, and leadership in the church. The value of these services must be balanced with the financial resources of the congregation.

Churches who pay one individual more than \$600 in a calendar year are required by the IRS to issue a 1099 to that individual. In these situations, it is imperative that the church obtain the individual's Social Security number and mailing address which will be needed to complete the 1099 form.

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Reviewed by COM on 01/25/2019 Adopted by COM on 02/12/2019

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February 13, 2019 Dear Friends in Christ,

The Committee on Ministry (COM) of New Harmony has been busy the last few months. We are committed to fulfilling our charge to promote healthy relationships between congregations, pastors, and the presbytery. As a means of living into this responsibility, each congregation has been appointed a liaison from the COM.

The role of the liaison is to:

- Establish and build relationships with the pastoral leader(s), Clerks of Session, and Sessions of assigned churches
- Maintain regular contact with one's assigned churches/pastors
- Be visible and supportive during times of transition in pastoral leadership, providing support to both the Session and the PNC
- Assist churches as they evaluate the needs for new pastoral positions or new ministries
- Facilitate communication as a means of resolving conflict as necessary and appropriate
- Inform pastoral leaders and sessions of opportunities for personal and professional enhancement available through the presbytery

By the time of our Presbytery meeting many of you will have already heard from your COM liaison. I urge you, as pastoral and congregational leaders, to welcome this outreach from the COM. Share with your liaison the joyful ministry you are doing in your churches AND the challenges you are faithfully facing. We hope that these relationships will make us a more connected Presbytery and lead to new opportunities for ministry, smoother leadership transitions, and greater trust within the body of Christ.

In addition, the COM is in the process of reviewing our policies and procedures. Our goal is to review, revise, and adopt a COM policy manual that will guide us in our work, and then to make that information available to you via the presbytery website. The first revision we have made is to the policy on supply preachers and moderators. The revised policy is in your meeting packet today, please share this information with your Session and Treasurer.

In addition to your COM liaison, as moderator of COM, I invite you to reach out to me if I or the COM can be of help to your congregation. It is an honor to moderate the COM of New Harmony Presbytery, and you have elected a dedicated and knowledgeable group of Ruling and Teaching Elders to serve alongside me. The gift of being the Church is that we have the privilege of sharing both joys and tribulations together.

Peace,



Rev. Anthony L. Larson (Tony), Moderator of the Committee on Ministry

New Business and that which might be removed from the Omnibus Motion

A recommendation from Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) regarding giving CPM “commission” powers to enroll or dismiss inquirers was proposed for second and final reading. Moderator Bernadine Lamar gave background information. **This comes from a committee; no second is needed. APPROVED.**

The following are provided for information:

Meet Scott Jensen, Interim Camp Director for Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center



Scott Jensen, from Albert Lea, MN served as director at Storm Mountain Center, a United Methodist camp & conference center near Rapid City, SD for 17 years. Scott retired from that role in November 2017. Scott, a U. S. Army veteran, has been working for the state of South Dakota's Department of Labor, dealing with military veterans employment issues, since his retirement from Storm Mountain Center.

Scott has been married to Dyla for 31 years; they have a blended family of four sons. Their sons are all married and live in Blue Ash, OH; Kansas City, MO; Portland, OR and Minneapolis, MN. Scott and Dyla have 7 wonderful grandchildren.

Scott looks forward to assisting in moving Camp Pee Dee forward and working with all of New Harmony Presbytery. Scott began as Interim Camp Director on January 1, 2019.

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Retreats at

Camp Pee Dee



FAMILIES

Families grow closer to one another and to other families on a retreat. Have a retreat for new families, families in similar circumstances, or have an "all church" retreat! Smaller church? Join up with another congregation or your cluster.



YOUTH

Youth need time and space apart to face the significant challenges of their lives. Bring together kids who gather regularly, or kids who don't know each other. Focus on faith, fun, and friendship!



ADULTS

A quiet and beautiful location enhances any gathering, and helps persons focus on what's important. Help people renew their faith, deepen their commitment to their church, and explore new ways to reach out in ministry!

Why a Retreat?

A retreat strengthens your church by bringing people closer together in a unique experience of Christian community. The natural setting inspires, refreshes, and fills people with the wonder of all that God has created. A retreat can help a church face challenging situations or help prepare it to fulfill its dream to serve its community.

Why Camp Pee Dee?



We will work with you to plan the perfect event for your group.



Our facilities are close and comfortable. We are easy to get to, yet tucked away for that perfect sense of retreat.



As a ministry of New Harmony Presbytery, we are committed to helping your church fulfill its mission!



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(Gift Opportunity List)

Is God calling you to be a part of the ministry at CPD?

You assist this ministry by donating any of the items below.

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If you need more information or have any questions,
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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

To: Mission Ministry of New Harmony Presbytery, Howard Barnard, Chair
Re: Report of Lesvos Mission, July 16-27, 2018
Date: August 29, 2018
From: Rev. Dr. Lisa B. Culpepper

Dear Mission Ministry Members,

It is with a particular humility and great thanksgiving that I report on this mission experience in Lesvos Greece. With thankful hearts for your assistance in funding and in prayer, Emma and Mike Zold (FPC Hartsville), Geneva Sharp (New Covenant PC), Darren and Flury Wilson (Friendship PC), and myself (St. Paul's PC), seek to share with you the privilege of being able to serve the refugees or POC's (Person's of Concern) during our 8 days in Lesvos.

Our work on Lesvos began with an orientation by our Greater Europe Mission Team Leader, Kim Garrity. During our stay, our team served in ministry among persons from over 40 different nations. As you know, since 2015, Turkey and Greece has become a passageway for the world's most desperate people who come by boat hoping for an entry point into Europe. Unfortunately, the saturation of Europe with increasing numbers of immigrants has caused the movement to slow, and the camp at Moria now has 3 times more residents than it is designed to house, causing conditions to be cramped, unsanitary, and tense.

Meeting needs as we were able, our team served for 6 days by distributing food and supplies, setting up tents, engaging with women, children, and men, assisting with legal documents, keeping order, monitoring restricted areas, and picking up trash. More important than any of these tasks was our *ministry of presence* among over 7000 displaced persons. While we were there, each one of our team members had opportunities to engage one on one with displaced people, with words of hope and encouragement.

As we have returned home, we continue to hope and pray that the loving service of Greek, European, and American volunteers will continue to be a message of hope for the desperate souls who pass through Moria in search of a new life. Because we now hold in our hearts a few names, and in our minds a few stories, this situation on Europe's shores has become for us more than a news headline and more than a "situation." Our service to the people in Moria, enabled us to experience the real presence of Christ who dwells among the least of these.

This team will welcome any opportunity to share at a Presbytery meeting or the churches of NHP.

Thank you for your partnership in this mission.

Sincerely,

Lisa Culpepper, Pastor

Moderator Josie Holler expressed appreciation to John Calvin Presbyterian Church for all of its hospitality. The Moderator also thanked Co-Moderator Cindy Kohlmann for her presence and leadership. **The next stated meeting will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville.**

There was a motion to adjourn, seconded, APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Josie Holler at 3:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie L. Cox, Associate Executive Presbyter and Associate Stated Clerk