

DIGEST
76TH STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
February 21, 2009
Cary Presbyterian Church

Attendance

Ministers	178
Elder Commissioners	130
Lay Members of Council	8
Commissioned Lay Pastors	4
Elder Educators	6
Corresponding Members	4
Lay Pastors	5
Candidate/Inquirer	1
DCE	1
Visitors	113
Staff	4
Total	454

Call to Order

Elder Robert Owens, Moderator called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:15 AM.

Approval of Docket

The proposed docket was approved as received with the addition of the supplemental materials.

Installation of Moderator

Reverend Leigh Gillis was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of New Hope for 2009.

Welcome by Hosts

Reverend Kyle Allen welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Session of Cary Presbyterian Church.

Introduction of First Time Commissioners

Commissioners attending for the first time were introduced and welcomed. An orientation was provided for all commissioners prior to the opening of the meeting.

Appointment of Standing Committee

The following persons will serve on the Resolutions Committee: Reverend Aleta Ash, Reverend Franklin Golden and Elders: Carolyn Whitehead and Jack Simonds.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following persons were seated as Corresponding Members: Willem Bodisco Masink (Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley); Bruce Berry (Presbytery of Mission Union); Frederick Thrower (New Covenant Presbytery); Dr. John-Oeter Mukendi; Katie Rick (Foothills Presbytery); Valerie Vogt (San Francisco Presbytery); Jon Regier (Cayuga Syracuse Presbytery);

Fred Holbrook (Shenandoah Presbytery); John Witherspoon Johnson (Salem Presbytery); Dr. Jean-Pierre K. Kabinda (Eglise Reformee Confessante au Congo).

REPORT OF STATED CLERK

Elder Barbara Campbell Davis

Received by the Presbytery:

- Minutes of the commission to install Robert Westlund as Pastor of Englewood Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, on November 2, 2008.
- Minutes of commission to ordain and install Charles Jones as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, on November 9, 2008.
- Minutes of the commission to install Preston Smith as Pastor of Falkland Presbyterian Church on November 23, 2008.
- Minutes of Commission to install Bruce Grady as Associate Pastor of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Churches, Raleigh on November 30, 2008.
- Minutes of the commission to ordain and install Berry French as Pastoral Resident for Youth Ministry at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, on November 30, 2008.
- Minutes of the commission to ordain and install Clark Scalera as Pastoral Resident for Congregational Ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on November 30, 2008.
- Minutes of the commission to install John Rogers as Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry at University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill on September 21, 2008.
- Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Tom Watkins at First Presbyterian Church, Wilson on February 15, 2009.
- Report of the Administrative Commission for Greenville Korean Presbyterian Fellowship
- Approved Sessional records for 2008 for the following churches:
 Bear Grass, Williamston – No exceptions
 Benson – No exceptions
 Center Ridge, Kenly – No exceptions
 Kenly – No exceptions
 Roberson Chapel, Williamston – No exceptions
 Unity, Newton Grove – No exceptions
 Williamston – No exceptions
 Nahalah, Scotland Neck – with exception for 2005, 2006, 2007
- Reported that the Candidacy of Tully Fletcher was transferred to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon for examination for ordination to accept a call to the

Orangewood Presbyterian Church of Phoenix. Tully was ordained on January 25, 2009 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham.

12. The list of Ministers attendance/excused absence of meetings for 2008.
13. That for 2009 that there be 246 Elder Commissioners and 246 Minister Commissioners.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

1. Lloyd Darter (Elder, University) who is recovering from a fall at home.
2. Robert Clark (HR) who was hospitalized recently.
3. Christopher Tuttle (Pastor, Westminster, Durham) and wife, Carrie, whose son, Heath is recovering from a Heart Transplant.
4. Johanna Owens (AoP, Hudson Memorial) who is recovering from knee surgery.
5. Tempie Fuller (Elder, Pinetops) who is recovering from a knee replacement.
6. David Crow (Pastor, Bethlehem, Mebane) whose father, William, is suffering with COPD and lung cancer.

CONGRATULATIONS:

1. Jerrod Lowry (Pastor, St. Paul) and wife Mary, on the birth of their son, Kendle Blake, December 31, 2009.
2. Sung Hee Chang (Educator, 1st Greenville) who received her Ph.D. in Christian Education from UTS/PSCE.
3. Kerri Hefner (Campus Minister, 1st Greenville) and husband Chad, on the birth of their Daughter, Rebekah, on January 30, 2009.
4. Janise Smith (MAL) and husband, Derek, on the birth of their daughter, Emilia Helen Smith on February 16, 2009.
5. Rev. Jim Workman (HCHAPL) and Rev. Stephanie Arnold (AoP, Kirk of Kildaire) on their marriage February 21, 2009.

CONDOLENCES TO:

1. The family of Sara Brown (Elder, Covenant, Wilson) who died on December 31, 2008.
2. Haywood Holderness (HR) and wife, Mary, on the death of her mother, Nancy Gordon Dameron, on January 20, 2009.
3. Mary Harris Todd (Pastor, Morton Memorial) whose father, Fred Harris, died January 12, 2009.
4. Cameron Womack (Educator, 1st Smithfield) whose father, Thomas Alexander McNeill, died January 2, 2009.
5. The family of Margaret Smith (Elder, Durham 1st) who died on January 31, 2009.
6. The Family of Nina Fountain (Elder, William & Mary Hart) who died on November 27, 2008.
7. Wardlow Lamar (Elder, First Rocky Mount) on the death of his wife, Susan on November 30, 2008.
8. The family of John Weeks, Jr. (Elder, Second, Rocky Mount), husband of Lois Weeks (Elder, Second, Rocky Mount) who died on January 27, 2009.
9. Kimberly Lindeman (Office Manager, Camp Albemarle) whose step-mother Ruth, died January 22, 2009.
10. The family of Mary Lib Phipps (Elder St. Giles) who died on February 13, 2009.

11. To the family of Susan Diane Williams (Elder, Roxboro) who died on February 9, 2009.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by: Reverend Kyle Allen, Reverend Katherine Kussmaul, Elder Medora Hix, Christian Educator and , Mr. Edward Yasick. Communion was offered to the attendees and an offering of \$2,182.39 was collected for Interact.

Introductions

Tom Hussmann was introduced as the Director of Camp Albemarle by Reverend Lloyd Griffith. Peter Emerson was introduced as the Director of d Borda Institute of Belfast, Ireland by Reverend Thomas Wilson.

**Pastoral Conversations
By Issues That Matter Task Force**

Reverend David Huffman and Reverend Marcia Mount Shoop conducted an exercise with the attendees regarding Issues that Matter: "Priests to One Another"; The Priesthood of All Believers.

Report of Examinations

Rev. Katherine Kussmaul, Moderator
The sermon of Candidate Christi Owen Brown was provided on the Presbytery website for review. The examination of Candidate Christi O. Brown and Ministers: Bruce Berry, William Lee Kinney, Christopher Tuttle, John Witherspoon Johnson, and Frederick Thrower were sustained.

Report of Committee on Ministry

Elder Billy Leggett, Moderator
The Presbytery approved the following:

1. Interim Supply Agreement with Rev. Jane Love and Roanoke Rapids, First Presbyterian Church through July 31, 2009.
2. Interim Supply Agreement with Rev. John Speight and Williamston Presbyterian Church effective November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009. Terms: Salary \$12,000; Housing \$12,000; Social Security \$1,836; Accountable Reimbursement \$2,000; Pension/Medical \$10,584. Total \$38,420. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
3. Interim Supply Agreement with Lori Pistor and Butner Presbyterian Church, part-time Interim Supply effective January 5, 2009.
4. Interim Supply Agreement with John Witherspoon Johnson and Wake Forest Presbyterian Church effective February 15, 2009 through February 15, 2010. Terms: Salary \$55,000; Social Security \$4,208; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000; Pension/Medical \$17,325. Total \$79,533. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
5. Temporary Supply Agreement with Hyeok-jin Choi and Korean Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro effective February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009. Terms: Salary \$2,250; Accountable Reimbursement \$250. Total \$2,500.

6. Dissolution of Rev. Greg Gregory and Frank Price, Black Creek effective November 20, 2008.
7. Dissolution of Rev. Matt Hardin and Butner Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2009.
8. Dissolution of Rev. Rufus McLean and Hollywood Presbyterian Church effective April 31, 2009.
9. Dismissal of Rev. David Wiseman to the Presbytery of Santa Fe effective January 1, 2009.
10. Rev. John McKinnon to Moderate Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2009.
11. Rev. Ed McLeod to Moderate Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church effective December 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
12. Rev. Jim McKinnon to Moderate Frank Price Presbyterian Church effective December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.
13. Rev. John Pilutti to Moderate Westminster Presbyterian Church, Raleigh effective January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009.
14. Rev. Lori Pistor to Moderate Butner Presbyterian Church effective January 5, 2009 through December 31, 2009.
15. Paul Lang to Moderate Hollywood Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.
16. Rev. Allen Proctor was Honorably Retired effective January 1, 2009 and honored with a plaque.
17. Rev. Conway Lanford was Honorably Retired effective January 1, 2009 with Rite of Retirement.
18. Rev. Fred Wise to Labor Outside the Bounds to serve as Resident Chaplain in a CPE at Alamance Regional Medical Center, Burlington, NC.
19. Rev. Matt Hardin to Labor Outside the Bounds to serve as an Associate Pastor of Tokyo Union Church, Shukyo Hoin, Japan effective February 1, 2009.
20. Rev. James Brown to Labor Outside the Bounds to serve as Stated Supply and Moderator for First Presbyterian Church, Mebane of Salem Presbytery effective January 1, 2009.
21. Rev. David Crow to be installed as Pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane effective June 7, 2009.
22. Oak Hill Presbyterian Church approved to wave the requirement of the rotation of Session due to the decline in membership.
23. The Validated Ministry Application for Christi O. Brown to serve as Managing Director for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity (LE@DD).
24. Annual Report for Validated Ministry for Caroline Craig Proctor and Presbyterian Prison Ministry, Inc.
25. Ministers Compensation for 2009 as reported in Leadership Booklet.
26. The call to Christi Owen Brown to serve as Managing Director for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity (A Validated Ministry) effective March 1, 2009. Terms are: Salary \$58,000; with Pension/Medical provided and Social Security contribution. Fifteen days vacation.
27. The call to Bruce Berry to serve as Interim Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wendell effective January 1, 2009. Terms: Salary \$19,000; Housing \$25,000; Social Security \$3,443; Accountable Reimbursement \$4,000; Pension/Medical \$13,860; Moving expenses of \$3,500. Total \$68,803. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
28. Pending successful examination and approval of the terms of call, and signing of the book of Ministerial Obligations, the call to Rev. William Lee Kinney to serve as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Washington effective January 19, 2009 be approved. Terms are: Salary \$ 48,500; Housing \$30,000; Social Security \$6,095; Accountable Reimbursement \$6,000; Pension/Medical \$25,098. Moving expenses paid in full. Total \$116,868. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
29. The call to Rev. Christopher Tuttle to serve as Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham, effective November 24, 2008. Terms: Salary \$40,000; Housing \$40,000; Social Security \$6,177; Accountable Reimbursement \$8,000; Pension/Medical \$25,436. Moving Expense provided. Total \$127,863. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
30. Rev. John Witherspoon Johnson was received as a Minister Member at Large to serve as Interim Associate Pastor of Wake Forest Presbyterian Church effective February 15, 2009.(See #4 for terms)
31. The call to Frederick Thrower to serve as Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, effective March 2, 2009. Terms: Salary \$37,000; Housing \$32,000; Social Security \$5,278.50; Pension/Medical \$21,735; Accountable Reimbursement \$5,000. Total \$101,013.50. Full Moving Expenses Paid. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
32. Raby Moore (HR) was transferred from the Presbytery of the James to New Hope Presbytery without examination due to health reasons. The Commission to Ordain Christi O. Brown as Minister of Word and Sacrament on March 7, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Seneca Presbyterian Church in the Foothills Presbytery.
33. The Commission to Install Christi O. Brown as Managing Director for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity on March 26, 2009 at 3:30 PM. Commission members: Ministers: Betty Berghaus, Cherrie Henry, Elizabeth Michael, Sam Miglarese and Elders: John Dancy and Bob Gates.
34. The Commission to Install Christopher Tuttle as Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham on March 29, 2009 at 3 PM. Commission members: Ministers: Joe Harvard, Anna Pinckney Sraight, Betty Berghaus and Elders: Sue McCaughan, Barbara Campbell Davis. Guest Minister Ron Shive will sit with the Commission.
35. The Commission to Install Frederick Thrower as Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Cary on April 26, 2009 at 4 PM. Commission members: Ministers: John Langham, Jody Welker, Katherine Kussmaul, and Elders: Barbara Campbell Davis and additional elder to be named.
36. The Commission to Install William Lee Kinney as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Washington on March 22, 2009 at 3 PM. Commission members:

- Ministers: Darryl Evans, Wanda Neely, John Hartman, Connie Button and Elders: Frank Belote, Dick Marks and Phyllis Lee.
37. The commission to Install Reverend Ashley Wright Griffith as Chaplain at Peace College on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 3:30 PM. Commission Members: Ministers: C. Nolan Huizenga, Aleta Ash, Allen Proctor, Ed McLeod and Elders: Barbara Campbell Davis, Betty McCain, Susan Davis and Beth Cherry.
38. The commission to Install Reverend David Crow as Pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane on June 7, 2009 at 11 AM. Commission Members: Ministers; Peter Hausmann, Jeff Spainhour and Elders: William Pulley and Alan Sykes. Additional members to be named. Guest Minister David Etheridge of the Presbytery of the Peaks will sit with the commission.
39. That candidates may preach before the Examinations Committee and the printed sermon/or audio tape will be placed on the website.

Report of Amendment Advisory Committee for the Amendment to the Book of Order

After discussion of the amendments, ballots were distributed for voting by the commissioners of the Presbytery.

Announcements

Reverend Tolokun Omokunde spoke for the Black Caucus discussing African American History month and African Americans in the Presbyterian Church.

Reverend Fred Holbrook spoke of the facilities at Massanetta Springs.

Elder John Etheridge spoke to the Presbytery about One Great Hour of Sharing

Reverend Raafat Girgis, GAC Associate for Multicultural Ministries invites the presbytery to attend the Big Tent that will take place June 10-13 in Atlanta, GA.

Report of Administrative Commission

Reverend Sam Stone, Moderator of

Administrative Commission for New Hope Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs gave an oral report to the presbytery. Donna Strickland, Clerk of Session expressed appreciation to the presbytery for their support.

Update of Presbytery Location Task Force

Elder Ann Cobb

After discussion on the costs and concerns of the Presbytery Office in the current location, Ann Cobb passed out an Opinion Survey. Results are:

Endorsement	27
I Really Like it-I'M fully convinced	25
Endorsement & I Really like it	28
Endorsement with minor point of contention	6
I like it well enough	9
Endorsement w point and I like it well	9
Agreement with Reservations	11
I will support it until I learn more	16
Agree with Reservation and I will support	5
Stand Aside	1

Mixed Feelings	13
Formal Disagreement W/ Request to look ----	1
I prefer something different	0
Formal Disagreement & I prefer something ---	8
Block	2
I just don't like it.	5
Block and I just don't like it	7
Total survey answers	173

Report of Council

Reverend Ed McLeod, Moderator

The Presbytery approved the following:

1. St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, Raleigh to sell the manse.
2. Representatives from council to visit with the Farmville Presbyterian Church Session regarding their communication about giving to the presbytery.
3. A salary increase of 3.8% for the Presbytery of New Hope Staff.
4. That all payroll for the office will be outsourced to the ADT Company beginning January 1, 2009.
5. That Davie Street Presbyterian Church receive assistance of \$1,200 to support a student intern from January 9, 2009 through July 4, 2009.
6. The request from the Session of Oakland Presbyterian Church to borrow up to 1.1 million dollars, secured by a mortgage, to construct a new fellowship hall, add classrooms and rest rooms, renovate existing facilities , increase the capacity of the sanctuary and make appropriate improvements to the grounds.
7. That Oakland Presbyterian Church receive as a gift and hold title to, approximately 1.4 acres of real property, adjacent to current location. To be dedicated to parking and green space.
8. That a committee of counsel be appointed to address the recent complaint from Rev. Fred Westbrook. Members to include: Rev. Jim McKinnon, Rev. Anna Pickney Straight, and Ashmead Pipkin.
9. Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount was given permission to demolish the manse due to asbestos.
10. Mount Olive Presbyterian Church has been approved to sell property, formerly known as Baker Presbyterian Church to the "Friends of Baker" organization.
11. That Reverend Gun Ho Lee, Pastor of Greenville Korean Fellowship and Staff Associate, take a sabbatical leave of up to 90 days beginning June 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.
12. That Council approve and recommend to Synod of Mid-Atlantic to fund "Latino Lay Leader Training" sponsored by Coastal Carolina Presbytery, Presbytery of Salem, Charlotte Presbytery and New Hope Presbytery. New Hope is also requested to support in the amount of \$4,500 to be paid out in the next three years.

State of The Presbytery

Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk

Barbara addressed the presbytery regarding membership, finances and challenges of the future. She stated that at this time there are 75 women clergy, 36 ministers under the age of 40 and 28 Racial Ethnic Minister members of the Presbytery.

Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Elder Susan Mazzara, Moderator

Received as an Inquirer: Sam Boldenow (First, Garner)
The presbytery received Jane Rose (First, Greenville) as a Candidate. She was introduced by letter by Reverends Wanda and Bill Neely of First Presbyterian Greenville and Reverend Paul Lang of Peace Presbyterian, Winterville. The candidate was presented by Susan Mazzara. Moderator Leigh Gillis examined Jane Rose, presented her constitutional questions and offered the blessing of the applicant. Susan Mazzara gave the charge to Jane.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Ellen Hall, Moderator

The following persons were elected to serve as indicated:

Vice-Moderator of Presbytery: Reverend Jim Hodge

Camp Albemarle Board of Directors:

Class of 2010: **Jerry Johnson**

Class of 2011: **Carol Chalk, Avery Corning, Barbara Curran, Tom Simpson, Jeff Gray**

Council:

Class of 2011: **Elizabeth Michael, Jane Love**

Committee on Ministry:

Class of 2011: **Beth Egan**

Commissioned Lay Pastor:

Class of 2011: **Michael Pierce; Sharon Fairchild**

Examinations:

Class of 2009: **Alan Koeneke**

Organizational Development & Evaluation Team:

Class of 2011: **Bill Beacham**

Finance & Property:

Class of 2011: **Aubrey Blanks**

Permanent Judicial Commission:

Class of 2014: **Ev Bryant; Jeb Jeutter**

Campus Ministry:

Class of 2010: **Dorothy Muller**

Class of 2011: **Eileen McAvoy**

Report of Committee on Representation

Reverend Thomas Wilson, Moderator

The Presbytery approved the Report as printed in the docket.

Report of Leadership Division

Reverend Jim Ferry, Moderator

Reverend Jim Ferry reviewed the Leadership Development Booklet distributed at the meeting. He reminded all newly ordained ministers of the event to be held at Union/PSCE in Richmond on April 20-23.

Report of Congregational Ministries Division

Elder Ann Cobb, Moderator

Ann shared information on the division that 110 people attended the S.T.A.R.T. event in January. The Christian Educators met in San Antonio, TX. There is an upcoming Middle School Retreat on March 27-29 at Camp Don Lee. The Multicultural Committee will serve as a network and set up a page on Face Book.

Report of Outreach Division

Reverend Linda Parker, Moderator

Reverend Candace Worth thanked the presbytery for Pennies for Hunger contributions and reminded everyone to visit the Presbytery Website. A video is being prepared about Mission in the presbytery.

Report of Amendments Advisory Committee

The results of the votes is as follows:

Amendment 08-A	Yes	60	No	264	Abstain	2
Amendment 08-B	Yes	177	No	139	Abstain	10
Amendment 08-C	Yes	74	No	226	Abstain	6
Amendment 08-D	Yes	293	No	28	Abstain	4
Amendment 08-E	Yes	288	No	32	Abstain	2
Amendment 08-F	Yes	38	No	276	Abstain	6
Amendment 08-G	Yes	295	No	19	Abstain	8
Amendment 08-H	Yes	288	No	34	Abstain	1
Amendment 08-I	Yes	46	No	272	Abstain	6
Amendment 08-J	Yes	299	No	19	Abstain	7
Amendment 08-K	Yes	314	No	11	Abstain	2
Amendment 08-L	Yes	298	No	25	Abstain	3
Amendment 08-M	Yes	320	No	4	Abstain	2
Amendment 08-N	Yes	311	No	7	Abstain	7

Following the report Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop led the presbytery in prayer and Rev. Marilyn Hein led the presbytery in singing Blessed be the Tie that Binds.

Report of Standing Committee

The Presbytery received the report of the Resolutions Committee as was given by Jack Simonds. The report of the attendance was read by Rev. Juli Gicker-Anderson, recording clerk.

Adjourn

The meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator, Reverend Leigh Gillis at 3:30 PM.

Next Stated Meeting

July 21, 2009
Trinity Presbyterian
Church
Raleigh