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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – Seventieth Stated Meeting April 25, 2006 – Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

SALEM ACTIONS:

Granted Honorable Retirement to Stephen McCutchan effective May 31, 2006; Molly Morgan effective May 31, 2006; Robert Snyder effective February 4, 2006.

Approved Additional 2006 Changes in Call.

Elected S. Curtis Patterson as Stated Clerk for three year term.

Approved 2006 Budget for \$1,687,383.

Received and Approved Calls: Patricia Ann Parker Ward from Presbytery of the James as Pastor of Hills & Pine Ridge (Pilot Mtn.); Clay Jonathan Brown from New Covenant Presbytery as Pastor of Mooresville First; Gavin Douglas Meek from West Virginia Presbytery as Interim Pastor of Guilford Park (Greensboro).

Approved as Certified Ready to Receive a Call: Jason Davenport (Clemmons).

Received Candidate for Ministry Dana Fruits (Clemmons).

Acknowledged Enrollment of Inquirers: Kaye Ziglar (St. James); Susan Dietrich (Boone First); Joe Sandoval (Greensboro

First); Kirk Dausman (Burlington First); Burnette Barton (Asheboro First).

Renewed Stated Supply Contract: Worth Watts & Trinity (Elon).

Extended CLP Contracts: Joe Brown & Dogwood Acres (Asheboro); Wayne Robertson & Greenwood (Reidsville); Richard LaDew & Griens (Leasburg) & Pleasant Grove (Yanceyville).

Dissolved Pastor Relationship: Happy Foster Kinnear (Associate Pastor, Asheboro First).

Approved New & Renewed Interim Pastor Relationships: Dale Walker to Sedgfield (Greensboro); Michael Lee Hill to Taylorsville; S. Edwin Lewis to Third Creek (Cleveland); Gavin Meek to Guilford Park (Greensboro); Jennie Hemrick to Unity (Woodleaf).

Granted Permission to Labor Within Bounds: Richard Hildebrandt of New Hope Presbytery.

Granted Permission to Labor Outside Bounds: Joseph Pickard w/in St. Augustine Presbytery;

Jerold Shetler w/in Mission Presbytery; Robert Matthews w/in Atlanta Presbytery.

Approved Naming the North Chatham NCD project - Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church.

Authorized Elizabeth Inman to celebrate the Sacraments as Chaplain for Hospice & Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell County.

Transferred HAE Jamie Bibee Pharr to Presbytery of the Peaks to accept call of First Presbyterian Church, Covington, VA.

Approved Recommendations of Nominating Committee members to serve on Clusters and Committees.

Approved addition of Sammie Braxton to the Steering Committee for Presbyterian Community of Joy NCD (High Point).

Upon Hearing Final Report of Implementation Team on new Presbytery Design, adopted a motion (a) to postpone action on this report until October 2006, and (2) to send visitation teams to all churches whose mission giving to Presbytery has declined.

Adopted Report of Bills and Overtures Committee confirming full time position of Hispanic Evangelist for 3 year term; 2006 thru 2009.

SALEM HEARD:

Presentation of 20 Spring 2006 Hunger Grants totaling \$42,000.

Report of Necrology for Ministers and Elders who have died during 2005.

Sermon Preached Norman Whitney, Past Moderator of Presbytery, entitled "The Last Beatitude", on John 20:29.

Nicaragua Missionary Ellen Shirby is available to speak in churches from October 14-23, 2006 (call Barbara Clawson at 336-584-9742, to schedule her, if interested).

Eden First's record giving to "Two-Cents-per-Meal" -- 26 gallons of pennies, totaling \$1,300; and Eden Pastor Joel Long's challenge to Greensboro First and Pastor Sid Batts to "Top that!".

GA Commissioners recognized and commissioned to the 217th GA Assembly.

Greetings from Camp Grier and encouragement to send children and youth this summer.

Report from Ike Kennerly, General Presbyter, shared several experiences of faithful congregations. Three opportunities to assist congregations in living so God can use us were highlighted: Ellen Sherby, Missionary from Nicaragua; "Focus Your Vision" resources dealing with transformation; July Presbytery meeting with keynote speaker Dr. Jay Hudson on understanding and ministering to various generations.

Parting words and prayer for Salem Hunger Action enabler

Jamie Bibee Pharr, being dismissed to Peaks Presbytery.

Personnel Committee present Hunger Action Enabler job description and invite applications by deadline, June 1st.

Update on report of Montreat Historical Foundation and GA Overtures (including Salem's) to save it from closure 12/31/06.

Enthusiastic Invitation to 2-day Presbytery meeting, July 14-15, 2006 at Lees-McRae College - early registration required.

Review of General Assembly structure and procedures, and of Issues that will come before 217th GA (June 15-22), Birmingham, AL.

FUTURE PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

July 14-15, 2006 at Lees-McRae College

October 24, 2006 at Alamance

2007 dates:

Feb. 3, 2007 at TBA
(snow date Feb. 10th)

April 24, 2007 at TBA

July 21, 2007 at TBA

October 23, 2007 at TBA