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**Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – Seventy Fourth Stated Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Eden, North Carolina
April 24, 2007**

SALEM ACTIONS:

Elected Rev. Steve Moss as Moderator “pro tempore” for the April Presbytery meeting.

Elected Elder Mack Dagenhart of Winston-Salem First as Stated Clerk from May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2009.

Elected a Transition Team to work out the details of implementing the restructuring plans for Salem Presbytery: Reverends Genie Martin, Fred Horner, Ron Bowie, Gray Clark and Elders Barbara Fulp, Greta Connor, Newton Cowan, and Carolyn Sprinkle.

Approved changes in the West neighborhood boundaries to include these churches: Concord, Logan, Clio, New Salem, Love Valley, Elkin, and Taylorsville.

Approved the 2007 Budget in the amount of \$1,847,133.

Postponed Motion by Rev. Jim Dollar that Presbytery express apologies to all who had been harmed by the tragic events of November 4, 1979 in Greensboro; and Adopted Motion by Rev. Carlton Eversley to appoint a task force, representative of a broad

range of opinions, and to report at the July 21, 2007 Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Approved a Member of Committee on Representation as an observer to the Program Staff Search Committee for General Presbyter and the two Associate Presbyter positions.

Elected Synod Commissioners for the July 24-25, 2007 Assembly: Elders Greta Connor, Trinity (Salisbury) and Oscar Patterson, Mt. Tabor (Cleveland) to add diversity to the previously elected slate.

Adopted Nominating Committee recommendations to the following: Church Growth and Enrichment Cluster: Reverends Suzanne Shoffner, Shiloh (Burlington) and Lee Zehmer, Lexington First; Personnel Function Group: Rev. Burl Shore, Retired and Don McCracken, Glendale Springs.

Authorized Council Cluster to act on behalf of Nominating Committee to fill vacancies until the July 21, 2007 Presbytery Meeting, as needed.

Adopted a Presbytery Policy for nominating GA Commissioners.

Examined and received into Salem Presbytery: **Rev. Robert Crawford Evans, III** as Pastor at Shallowford (Lewisville) and **Rev. David Allison Long, III** as Honorably Retired.

Approved Examinations of **Ms. Hye Jin Hwang**, a Candidate of Detroit Presbytery as Associate Pastor at Korean First (Greensboro) and **Ms. Amy Elizabeth Holloway** as Associate Pastor at Winston-Salem First.

Approved CLP contract between **Ms. Martha Ellis** and Laurel Fork (Laurel Springs).

Renewed CLP relationships: **Joseph T. Brown** at Dogwood Acres (Asheboro), **Wayne Robertson** at Greenwood (Reidsville), and **Richard LaDew** at Pleasant Grove (Yanceyville) and Griers (Leasburg).

Renewed Interim Pastor relationships: **Rev. Michael Hill** at Taylorsville, **Rev. Gavin Meek** at Guilford Park (Greensboro), **Rev. William Johnston** at Shallowford (Lewisville), and **Rev. Dale Walker** at Sedgfield (Greensboro).

Renewed Stated Supply relationship: **Rev. Worth Watts** at Trinity (Elon).

Renewed Temporary Supply: **Rev. Mac McDowell** at Bethesda (Ruffin) and **Rev. Thomas Bagnal, Jr.** at Flat Rock (Mt. Airy).

Commissioned Lay Pastors to churches: **Cynthia Ingle** (for three months only) at Springwood (Whitsett) and **Stedman Newsome** at Freedom (Statesville).

Authorized Larry Bailey, CLP to serve the Lord's Supper, once a quarter, at Beulah (N. Wilkesboro), for one year beginning April 2007.

Enrolled David Jones, III (Vandalia) as a Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Approved transfer of Jon Watt, a Candidate from Mission Presbytery.

Certified Candidates as ready to be examined for ordination, pending a call: **Dana Fruits** and **Noah McIntee**.

Enrolled Inquirers: **Megan Burns** (High Point First), **Kristine Miles** (New Creation), and **Katherine Lamb** (John Calvin).

Approved Changes in Terms of Call: **Reverends Kristi Mills Rolison** (Pilot Mountain First), **Debbie Layman** (Highland, Winston-Salem), **Paul Seelman** (Mocksville First), **Ronald L. Shive** (Burlington First), **Caroline R. Tuttle** (Burlington First), **Eugenia V. Martin** (Burlington First), **Robert C. Fussell, III** (Hawfields, Mebane), and **Stewart E. Ellis** (Trinity, Winston-Salem).

Granted Permission to Labor Outside Bounds: **Reverends Robert E. Button**, **Robert Gant** and **William Lawrence**.

Approved Moderator's of Sessions: **Reverends Kathryn Robinson** at Glendale Springs, **Frederic Sanford** at Bethesda,

Statesville, and **Paul Ridolfi** at Pine Hall.

SALEM HEARD:

Call to Order with prayer by Moderator **Rev. Steve McCutchan**.

Commissioning of Rehoboth group to Pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland: **Reverends Frank Dew, Tempe Fussell, Diane Givens-Moffett, Barrie Kirby, Kristi Rolison** and **Dale Walker** and **Eleanor Godfrey**, DCE.

Moving Meditation, "In Remembrance" by Past Moderator, **Elder Cynthia Kirkman**, using selected verses from Psalm 66, 96.

Report of the Stated Clerk, Rev. Curtis Patterson, including communications to be recorded or referred to committees. The Clerk encouraged Clerks of Sessions and Pastors to refer to the Alloted Elder Commissioner List for April 2007 through February 2008.

Report of the newly formed Peace, Unity and Purity Special Committee by **Rev. Russ Ritchel**.

Heard the Necrology of deaths of Elders and Ministers for 2006 (total 99) by **Elder Nori Torbert** and **Larry Bailey, CLP**.

Heard two Candidates Preach: **Ms. Amy Elizabeth Holloway**, "Passionate Patience" using 2Peter 3:1-15 text; and **Ms. Hye Jin Hwang**, "The Right Decision" using the Esther 4:11-17 text.

Interim General Presbyter Report by **Rev. Steve McCutchan** expressing the excitement and creativity, being done in the name of Christ, in the churches he has visited in Salem Presbytery. He also emphasized three actions for all to embrace: to keep walking in this transition period, to support

each other, and to listen to God's direction and guidance.

Commissioning of Synod Commissioners for the July 24-25, 2007 Assembly: **Reverends Clark Vincent**, and **Paul Seelman** and **Elders Fred Ward, Wayne Greene, Carolyn Sprinkle, Oscar Patterson** and **Greta Connor**.

Hunger Action Report by **Rev. Bryan McFarland** referred to the 2006 Pennies for Hunger/2 Cents-A-Meal Offerings totaling \$156,859. He continued with a challenge to every member in our Presbytery to contribute \$21.90 annually, which would total \$760,740.30. Also reported the lunch hunger offering collected April 24, 2007 was \$242.78.

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

July 21, 2007 at Hawfields in Mebane

October 23, 2007 at N. Wilkesboro

2008

February 9, 2008

April 22, 2008

July 19, 2008

October 21, 2008

All dates need host churches