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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – Seventy Third Stated Meeting Fieldstone Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, North Carolina February 3, 2007

SALEM ACTIONS:

Approved the Amendments to the Constitution of the PCUSA recommended by the 217th General Assembly (2006).

Dissolved Associate Pastor relationships: **Reverends Peter Kim** and **Korean First** (Greensboro), **Hilton Cochran** and **Westminster** (Greensboro); and **Dissolved Pastor** relationships: **Reverends Thomas Ronald Vaughan** and **New Salem** (Stony Point), **Lawrence Allen Lyons** and **Rumple Memorial** (Blowing Rock).

Granted Permission to Labor Outside Bounds: **Reverends Ann Williams Brinson** within **New Hope** and **Coastal Carolina**, **Kurt Johnston** within **Charlotte**, **William Lindeman** within **Charlotte**, **Donald Mimbs** within **N. Alabama**, **William Frank Lawrence, Jr.** within **Palisades**, **Guy W. Hunt, Jr.** within **Abingdon**, and **Ira Kirkpatrick Kennerly** within **Western North Carolina Presbyteries**.

Granted Permission to Labor Within Bounds: **Reverend James W. Brown** from **New Hope** as **Stated Supply** at **Mebane First** (Mebane).

Approved Honorable Retirement for **Reverends Mary Susan Dobyons** on 12-31-06 and **Thomas Ronald Vaughan** on 1-31-07.

Approved Retirement of Gordon Finley as **CLP** at **Glendale Springs** (Glendale Springs).

Elected Administrative Commission to **Trinity** (Salisbury): **Elders Margaret Marks** (Calvary), **Glen McCorkle** (Thyatira), one to be named; **Reverends Larry Summey** (Franklin), **Jennie Hemrick** (Unity), **James Dickens** (Logan), and **Walter Taylor** (Forest Park).

Postponed Action on 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 **By common consent requested** that full information on those events and work of **Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission**, including comment by city officials, be made available to Presbytery, by Mr. Dollar and others in time for October 2007 Presbytery meeting.

Adopted Motion by Rev. Robert Howard that the Nominating Committee be directed to rectify the present imbalance of clergy to laity (12:4) on the Special Committee on Peace, Unity, and Purity Report, to comply with requirement of **Book of Order**, G-9.0501b.

Approved Interim relationships between **Reverend Leighton Culler** and **Rumple Memorial** (Blowing Rock), **Reverend Paul Ridolfi** and **Madison** (Madison), **Reverend Benjamin E. Williams** and **Bethel** (McLeansville) and **Renewed Interim relationships** between **Reverend Robert E. Lee** and **Bethesda** (Statesville), **Reverend A. Carter Shelley** and **Concord** (Statesville).

Renewed Stated Supply relationships between **Reverend Dwight Barker** and **Lansing** (Lansing), and **Reverend James W. Brown** and **Mebane First** (Mebane).

Commissioned Lay Pastors: **Mr. David Stratton** at **Sandy Ridge** (Sandy Ridge); **Mr. Marty Brim** at **Wentworth** (Reidsville) and **Renewed Commissioned Lay Pastors:** **Mr. Lucio Gonzalez** at **Eben-ezer** (Siler City); **Mr. Tracey Collins** at **Collinstown** (Westfield);

Mr. Francis Young at El Bethel (Eden); **Mr. Thomas Leach** at Mocksville Second (Mocksville).

Renewed Commissioning Lay Pastors for 2007: Marty Brim, Joe Brown, Jack Dyer, Thomas Leach, Ethan Sherrod, William Shouse, Bruce Wheeler and Francis Young.

Examined and received into Salem Presbytery: **Reverends Emily Enders Odom** and **Mary Katherine Robinson** as Members-at-Large; **Reverend Connie Stoutt Weaver** as Associate Pastor at Asheboro First (Asheboro).

Approved examinations and Designation as Organizing Pastor of **Rosa Blanca Gozalez Miranda** to El Buen Pastor (Winston-Salem).

Elected the following as **Synod Commissioners** for July 24-25, 2007: Elders **Fred Ward** (Parkway), **Wayne Green** (Oak Ridge); **Reverends Clark Vincent** (Kernersville First), **Jessica Scholten** (High Point First); Alternates: **Elder Carolyn Sprinkle** (Sparta); **Reverends Paul Seelman** (Mocksville First) and **Tempe Fussell** (Cross Roads).

Adopted Recommendations of Nominating Committee to fill vacancies on various Presbytery structures and authorizing Presbytery Council to act in behalf of Presbytery to fill vacancies during interim between presbytery meetings.

Approved Moderator's of Sessions: **Reverends Paul Sink** at New Salem (Stony Point), **Steve Scott** at Freedom (Statesville), **Doug McLeroy** at Bethesda (Ruffin), **Curtis Patterson** at Trinity (Salisbury) and **Tommy Brown** at Rumble Memorial (Blowing Rock).

Approved Call to **Reverend Amanda Davee** call to Salem College as Campus Minister.

Transferred **Reverends Lawrence Allen Lyons** to Coastal Carolina and **Kate Colussy-Estes** to Greater Atlanta Presbyteries.

Approved Reverend C. Linwood Cheshire as Pastor Emeritus of Westminster (Burlington).

Approved selling Lake Jeannette property, **Approved** the Walton Grant Application for Presbyterian Church of the Springs (Barium Springs) and Eben-ezer (Siler City); **Approved** Wendy Gumpert to serve on Steering Committee of Presbyterian Community of Joy, NCD; **Approved** **Rosa Miranda** as Organizing Pastor of El Buen Pastor, NCD.

SALEM HEARD:

Call to Order with prayer by **Moderator-Elect Reverend Stephen McCutchan**, in the absence of **Moderator Elder Cynthia Kirkman**.

Deeply moving sermon, "Is There Room for Us?", by Candidate **Rosa Blanca Gonzalez Miranda**, based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and Leviticus 19:18; and celebrated the Lord's Supper, led by Host Pastor Larry Green and Staff Associate James Rissmiller.

Heard Report of Presbytery's Special Committee on Peace, Unity, and Purity Report, by Moderator **Rev. David Bradley**, indicating progress toward Committee's task of study and recommendations scheduled to be reported to October 2007 Meeting of Presbytery.

Report of the Personnel Function Group, that the search for an Interim General Presbyter has led to identification of two prime candidates for that task, and that it is expecting an Interim

General Presbyter will have been employed, as authorized in October 2006, by April 2007.

Progress Report of Program Staff Search Committee, charged with seeking one General Presbyter and two Associate Presbyters, in conjunction with the new Vision Implementation Plan to reorganize Salem Presbytery, adopted in October 2006. that the committee has organized, advertised the positions and is seeking applicants.

Report of Elder Catreli Hunter (Trinity, Salisbury), Moderator of Presbyterian Women for the entire PC/USA, citing global partnerships, Hurricane Katrina Relief, fund raising for national and global mission, and 2007 plans for nurturing and supporting local PW throughout our denomination.

Hunger Action Enabler Rev. Bryan McFarland report that Presbytery's lunchtime hunger offering had been \$137.91 and suggest resources of hunger-action ideas for local Churches (Go to www.salempresbytery.org, click on *Resources* and then on *Hunger Action* to view information and addresses).

Report of COPM, from Co-Moderator Reverend Amanda Covington, that Sarah Johnson (Westminster, Greensboro), Andrew Troutman (Jamestown), Grier Booker Richards (First, Greensboro) have been enrolled as Inquirers for the Ministry of Word & Sacrament.

Report of Stated Clerk, Reverend Curtis Patterson, including communications to be recorded or referred to committees. The Clerk also encouraged Clerks of Sessions and Pastors to file Statistical Reports before the 2/21 deadline.

Presentation and explanation by Elder **Margaret Elliott**, Moderator

of the Denominational Commitment Function Group, of eight proposed amendments to the Book of Order, approved by the 217th General Assembly and sent to the presbyteries for their positive or negative votes; heard 2007 giving askings and 2007 pledges from Salem churches toward presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly mission; and heard a plea for churches which have not yet pledged to Presbytery budget for 2007 to respond ASAP.

Encouraging presentation by Ms. Emily Lindsay, director of Church Relations for Montreat Conference Center, reporting substantially decreased indebtedness, increased endowment, and stimulation 2007 conference plans offered to congregations and pastors, including a renewed Women's Conference, Youth Conferences and growing year-round seminars, workshops, and retreats.

Invitation to the 2007 Senior High Retreat - "Winds of Change: Things Will Never Be the Same!". with Keynote Michelle Phillips, Director of Youth Ministries at Parkville Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO.

Evangelism opportunity... "an 'Idea Sharing'", May 5, 2007, 9:00 am to noon, at Parkway Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem. (contact Rev. Jess Scholten at jess@firstpreshp.org)

Good News for Presbyterian Men-the 2007 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Conference, June 20-22, at Massanetta Springs Conference Center (information at www.midatlanticmen.org)

**UPCOMING SALEM
PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:**

April 24, 2007 at Eden First

July 21, 2007 - TBA

October 23, 2007 - TBA