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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – Eightieth Stated Meeting Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church, our hosts, At the Hayes Performing Arts Center October 21, 2008

SALEM ACTIONS:

Celebrated Retirement of the Reverend Robert W. Herron on July 31, 2008.

Celebrated the life of the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church in the report of the Administrative Commission. The congregation was dissolved, property sold, and proceeds of \$147,000 deposited with Presbytery and the Administrative Commission was dismissed with thanks.

Authorized the continuance of financial operations under an extension of the 2008 Budget, until the Final 2009 Budget is approved.

Approved request from the Hispanic Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic, to apply for funds from the Racial Ethnic line item in the Synod budget.

Approved 2009 Neighborhood Initiatives totaling 28,200: East with \$11,280; Central with \$11,280; and West with \$5,640.

Approved Cross Roads Church separating their cemetery from the church property.

Approved Examinations and Calls of: Reverend Olen VoRey Bruner as Designated Pastor at Trinity (Salisbury); Reverend Virginia Lee Wood as Pastor at Guilford Park Church (Greensboro); Reverend Douglas Edward Gebhard as Interim at John Calvin (Salisbury); Reverend Marti Reed Hazelrigg as Member-at-Large; and Candidate A. Glenn Otterbacher, II as Campus Minister at WFU.

Approved forming a Presbytery Initiative Committee for oversight on joint actions by presbyteries.

Approved amendments to the 2009 Minimum Terms of Call.

Approved organizing an Administrative Commission for Joyce, with powers to call a congregational meeting to elect, train, examine, and install an Elder.

Approved a Resolution on the Torture and Abuse of Prisoners by the Peace and Justice Task Group.

Elected persons to fill vacancies in the presbytery structure.

Approved for Lake Norman Fellowship to sell some land and to apply for a PILP loan.

Approved Starmount Presbyterian Church to negotiate a loan to cover expenses for their revitalization.

Approved for COM to receive an Honorably Retired minister, living

within the bounds of Salem Presbytery, who travels as a missionary outside of the country, without appearing before Presbytery.

Approved Examinations and enrolled Candidates for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament: Eddie Self (Oak Ridge); Melissa Gee (Boone First); Kristi Miles (New Creation Community).

Enrolled as Inquirers: Laura Neely (Highland); Nick Neilson (Winston-Salem First); Amanda Earp Diekman (Westminster, Greensboro).

Approved validated ministries, EOD: Reverend Nancy Williams-Berry as Chaplain at River Landing; Reverend Marvin

Lindsay, III as a Student;
Reverend Curtis Fussell as a
Student.

SALEM HEARD:

Presentation by the Equip
Support Team.

Report of Hunger Action
Advocate.

Greetings and update from
Grandfather Home for Children by
Jim Swinkola.

Information on immigration issues
by Julia Thorne of the PCUSA.

Inspiring preaching by Reverend
Tommy Brown, entitled "Going
Where They Are", using 1
Thessalonians 2:1-8.

Greetings from Ben King, a
missionary guest from Turkey.

Presentation and update from
Mexico Mission Task Group.

Preaching by Candidate A. Glenn
Otterbacher, II, entitled "REST",
using Exodus 20:8-11.

Staff Reports from: Reverends
Sam P. Marshall, II, Lemuel
Garcia-Arroyo, Jim Rissmiller,
Alfredo Miranda, Bryan McFarland
and Elder Dianna Wright.

COM Report: Secured Reverends
Dale Walker as Interim Pastor at
Springwood and Douglas Gebhard
at John Calvin; and CLP Hal
McElroy at Cross Roads.
Renewed Reverend Charles
Landreth as Interim Pastor at
Rumple Memorial. **Renewed**
Stated Supply contracts:
Reverends Benjamin F. Williams at
Piedmont; Laura Spangler at
Lloyd; Angus McGregor at Christ
Church. **Secured** Reverend Bruce
J. Benton, Jr. as Temporary
Supply at Gulf. **Dissolved**
Reverend Dr. Curtis Fussell
Pastoral relationship with
Hawfields. **Transferred** Reverends
Gavin Meek to James Presbytery;

Ann Williams Brinson to Coastal
Carolina Presbytery; Mary Pitts
Pullen to National Capital.
Permitted Reverend Thomas
Miller to labor in bounds of
Charlotte Presbytery and
Reverend Mary Pitts Pullen in
National Capital Presbytery.
Appointed Moderators of Session:
Reverends Max Deal at Joyce;
Robert Lewis at John Calvin;
Leighton Culler at Forest Park;
Jennie Hemrick at Mt. Vernon;
Benton Trawick at Beulah; Genie
Martin at Hawfields; Margie Boyd
at Guilford Park. **Renewed** CLP
Contracts: Martha Ellis at Laurel
Fork and Stedman Newsome at
Freedom. **Approved** changes of
call for 2008: Reverends Joel at
Eden First; Brian Stewart at
Church of the Springs; Stephen
Scott at Statesville First; Rebecca
Taylor at Speedwell.

**FUTURE PRESBYTERY
MEETINGS**

February 7, 2009 at
Methodist Church in Mt.
Airy, hosts Mt. Airy
First, Edward Webb
Memorial and Flat Rock
Churches

(snow date February 14,
2009)

April 21, 2009 at
Greensboro First

July 18, 2009 TBA

October 20, 2009 at High
Point First