

Presbytery Recap

65th Stated Meeting

Presbytery of the James

February 10, 2007

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, VA

(Please copy & distribute to all Church Officers & Leaders)

February 13, 2007

Dear Friends:

The Presbytery of the James met for its 65th Stated Meeting on February 10, 2007, at First Church, Charlottesville, VA. It was a delightful day, weather-wise, and spirit-wise in our meeting. The gracious members and staff of First Church hosted the meeting with grand hospitality and ease. The facilities were very accommodating and provided a good space for this meeting.

We had a helpful presentation by Rev. Steve Brown on energy conservation and the stewardship responsibilities we have for the world God has provided us. He also invited congregations to send teams to a training event in March to see how we can live out our stewardship responsibilities.

Attendance: 87 congregations out of 113 represented (77%); 160 Elder Commissioners (54%); 102 Minister Commissioners (45%); 9 Certified Educators/Elders; and 36 visitors.

PEOPLE We welcomed the following ministers into the presbytery or recognized changes in ministries:

- Rev. Larry Chottiner, Pastor, Salisbury Church, from Donegal Presbytery
- Rev. Walter Winegar, Pastor, Milden Church, Donagal Presbytery
- Rev. Larry Chapin, Pastor Chester Church, Abingdon Presbytery
- Rev. Elaine Bowen, Pastor, Ashland Church, Philadelphia Presbytery
- Rev. Tony Tian-Ren Lin, Pastor, Providence Gum Spring, New Brunswick Presbytery
- Rev. Joe McCutchen, Interim, Burkeville Church, Peaks Presbytery
- Rev. Glynn S. Bell, ELCA Pastor, Interim, Summit Church
- Rev. Robert K. Burns, Associate, Crestwood Church.

Examined and approved the following candidates to receive calls in the presbytery:

Gordon R. Lindsey, Grace Presbytery, as Pastor, Scottsville Church
Kevin W. Germer, Mission Presbytery, as Pastor, Christ Church
Cheryl V. Sumner, New Hope Presbytery, as Pastor, Montrose Church

- Approved Inock Kim, Lord Jesus Korean Church, to be a candidate, as of November 28, 2006.

Actions of the Presbytery:

1. Approved the minutes of the October 10, 2006 Stated Meeting.
2. Approved the balancing of Commissioners for 2007 meetings of the presbytery.
3. Voted to dissolve the All Souls Church Administrative Commission with gratitude for the work which has occurred for the congregation.
4. Gave two additional powers to the Fredericksburg Korean Presbyterian Church's Administrative Commission: (a) G-11.0103s, assumption of original jurisdiction of the Church Session; and (b) G-11.0103o, authority to dissolve the pastoral relationship if necessary.

5. Amendments to the Book of Order:
 - a. Disapproved Amendments A, B-1, B-2, B-3.
 - b. Approved Amendments C, D, E, F.
6. Elected 13 persons to serve on various boards and committees.
7. Drew lots indicating that George Comstock is the first alternate to the Synod Assembly, July, 2007.
8. Approved Covenant Church, Petersburg selling a building lot for \$15,200.
9. Approved the following ministerial changes:
 - a. Rev. Parrish Jones as Member at Large, 10/1/06.
 - b. Rev. Ulysses Payne as Member at Large, 10/23/06.
 - c. Rev. Greg Wood as Member at Large, 12/1/06.
 - d. Rev. Charles Clubb as Honorably Retired, 12/31/06.
 - e. Rev. David Shaffer as Honorably Retired, 10/31/06.
 - f. Rev. Carroll Londoner as Honorably Retired, 12/1/06.
 - g. Rev. David Singh was allowed to lay aside his ordination in the PC(USA) as of 12/31/06 and in accord with G-11.0414 and that a certificate of membership was sent to the Session of Third Church Richmond.
 - h. Rev. Robert K. Burns as Associate Pastor, Crestwood Church. A 2/3 vote was required as Rev. Burns was serving as Temporary Supply Pastor at Crestwood.
10. Approved the Presbytery participating in Mission Challenge '07, including an order of the day at the October Presbytery meeting in which a PC(USA) missionary would be invited to report.
11. Approved a new schedule for Stated Meetings beginning in 2008: Third Saturday in February; Third Tuesday in June; Third Saturday in October.
12. Approved a Resolution of Concurrence concerning the mission and purpose of Synod
13. Approved for a first reading, changes to the Committee on Nominations Manual.
14. Approved the exploration of four possible locations for the presbytery offices (in alphabetical order): Forest Hill Church, Ginter Park Church, Trinity Church, and Union-PSCE. Also, directed the Business Affairs Committee to present a proposed contract for renovations to one of these sites to the June, 2007, meeting of the Presbytery for approval.
15. Approved for first reading a revised Member at Large Policy for Ministers.

Two Cents/Five Cents a Meal: \$70.00

NEXT MEETINGS:

The 66th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be Saturday, June 9, 2007, at Ginter Park Church, Richmond, VA.

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.
Stated Clerk

2007 Meetings, Presbytery of the James

June 9
October 9

Ginter Park Church
INVITATION NEEDED

2008 Meetings, Presbytery of the James (new schedule)

February 16, 2008
June 17, 2008
October 18, 2008

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