

## *Presbytery Recap*

68<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting

Presbytery of the James

February 16, 2008

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church  
Richmond, VA

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

February 19, 2008

Dear Friends:

The Presbytery of the James met for its 68<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting on February 16, 2008 at First Church, Richmond, VA. It was a good day to worship, to do business, and to be equipped through educational opportunities. We the business prior to lunch. 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.

### **EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:**

**Christian Arabic Church:** The Reverend Fakhri Yacoub and members of the Christian Arabic Church shared their enthusiasm for their work with Middle Eastern Christians living in our area. Ideas of how other congregations could become involved were shared.

**Proposed Revisions to the Form of Government.** Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr. shared the proposed revisions to the Form of Government which will be considered at this year's General Assembly in San Jose, CA.

**Capital Campaigns for Local Congregations:** Rev. George Conway assisted congregations which are considering a capital campaign on the approach, questions, and concerns which need to be addressed in such a venture.

*(Note: the educational events have been well received; suggestions of topics for future presbytery meetings would be appreciated. Send your ideas to the Stated Clerk)*

Attendance: 89 congregations out of 113 represented (79 %); 140 Elder Commissioners; 106 Minister Commissioners (46 %); 1 Certified Educators/Elders; and 34 visitors.

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

Rev. Richard Haney, Member POJ, Interim Pastor, Grace Covenant Church

Rev. Richard E. Mahlmann, Member Maumee Valley Presbytery, Pastor Lakeside Church

Rev. Sue Cyre, Member Presbytery of the Peaks, Honorably Retired

Rev. Harry Johns, Member POJ, Interim Pastor, Amelia Church

**Examined and enrolled as a candidates:** Kristen Barner (First Charlottesville) and Robin Williamson (First, Charlottesville)

### **Actions of the Presbytery:**

1. Approved the minutes of the October 9, 2007 Stated Meeting.
2. Adopted the February 16, 2008, Docket
3. Approved the Balancing of Commissioners for 2008.

4. Elected persons to serve as on various boards and committees of the presbytery.
5. Elected the following persons to serve as Alternate Elder Commissioners to the 2008 meeting of the General Assembly. (Order of service should an alternate be needed this year is in parenthesis)
  - (D7) Robert Andrews (Christ) (second)
  - (D8) William Scott (All Souls) (first)
  - (D9) Beverly Davis Walters (St. Giles) (third)
  - (D1) Patricia Valentine (South Plains) (fourth)
  - YAD: Katie Read (First, Charlottesville)
6. Validated the position of Executive Director, Foundation for Reformed Theology.
7. Rev. Chris Walker, Member-at-Large, effective October 28, 2007.
8. Rev. George E. Conway, Member-at-Large effective November 13, 2007
9. Presbytery enlarged the Committee on Ministry to have in addition to the moderator and vice moderator as many as two additional ministers and two additional elders to serve three year terms as members-at-large.
10. Approved changes in the Terms of Call for the General Presbyter: Cash Salary: \$43,839; (\$41,752); Housing: \$26,586 (\$25,320); Pension/Medical: \$22,184, (\$21,128); FICA: \$5,387 (\$5,131); Auto: Car Provided; Continuing Education: \$2,000 (\$2,000): Medical Reimbursement \$1,400. Four weeks vacation, two weeks Study Leave.
11. Began a process of Discernment for 2008 seeking to discern the purpose and mission of our presbytery. Homework assignments were given to each Session and they are attached to this Recap.
12. Approved a motion requiring That Administrative Board Report, II.F.3 be directed to the POJ Discernment Process without endorsement or prejudice and with a declaration that no final decisions resulting in substantial restructuring of the Presbytery's programs will be made prior to completion of the initial period of discernment and until an accompanying consultative process for developing mission priorities, including at least one open hearing, has been implemented by the Administrative Board.
13. Approved the closing of Living Peace New Church Development in Caroline County.
14. Removed Maureen Maduabunachukwu Uche, Marie VanDerveer, Patrick Wood, and Robert Crump from the rolls of inquirers and candidates.

***Two Cents/Five Cents a Meal: \$21.75***

**NEXT MEETING:**

The 69<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at a place to be determined. We have no invitation at this point.

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.  
Stated Clerk

**2008 Meetings, Presbytery of the James (new schedule)**

June 17, 2008  
October 18, 2008

**INVITATION NEEDED  
Lord Jesus Korean Church**

