

Kitty Bohr and Samuel Reid presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. They presented, as information, several COM recommendations to be voted on at the May 15, 2012 Presbytery meeting that are in response to the New Form of Government. Rev. Vernon Dodd (Huntersville Church) was granted honorable retirement effective May 29, 2012 with recognition to be held at the May 15, 2012 Presbytery meeting.

The Rev. Jay Smith presented the report of the Transfers Committee. The Presbytery welcomed new minister members: R. Stevenson Rembert, Pastor-Elect at Walkersville Church, George Slaton, Honorably Retired, and Ellen Gardner, member-at-large, who will be serving as Interim Pastor at Bethpage-Kannapolis Church.

Rev. Lee Koontz presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The Presbytery elected the following persons to serve as Commissioners to the 220th General Assembly, June 30th - July 7th in Pittsburgh, PA:

TEACHING ELDERS:

**Rev. Robert Austell (Good Shepherd) - Rev. Austell is also a Candidate for Moderator of the 220th General Assembly; Rev. Floretta Watkins (Seigle Avenue), Rev. James Shelton (Waxhaw First) Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall (CN Jenkins), Rev. Kate Murphy (Hickory Grove)*

RULING ELDERS:

Robert Remsburg (Locust), Paulette Purgason (Providence), Tina Dean (Christ), Walter Neely (Steele Creek), Joel Aelick (Quail Hollow)

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE:

Clement Bowman, II (Charlotte First United)

The 113th Stated Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm and closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Thank you to the Hopewell Church Staff and Volunteers for a job well done! Enjoy this wonderful year of celebration of your 250th anniversary!!



The 114th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Derita Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

**Highlights of the 113th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte
Hosted by Hopewell Presbyterian Church
Saturday, February 11, 2012**



**Hopewell Presbyterian Church
"Celebrating 250 Years"**

It was with great joy and thanksgiving to God that we gathered for our meeting at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, NC. Many thanks go to our host church for their warm and gracious welcome, their hospitality, the delicious refreshments, and their care of our needs throughout the day. 2012 Moderator, Elder Janie Beaver, called the 113th stated meeting to order and opened with prayer. The Rev. Allan Purtill, Jr., Pastor welcomed the body on behalf of the Hopewell Church family and spoke briefly about how the congregation is celebrating their 250th anniversary in 2012 and about their mission and ministry in the surrounding community.

Elder Sam Martin made a presentation on behalf of the NC Presbyterian Historical Society in Honor of the 250th anniversary of Hopewell. Other churches were recognized for milestone anniversaries were Davidson College Church - 175 years, Pleasant Hill Church - 175 years, Marks Creek Church - 150 years, Banks Church - 125 years, Caldwell Memorial Church - 100 years and Bethany Church - 100 years.

The Presbytery voted to dissolve the relationship between the Presbytery of Charlotte and the Reverend Dr. Samuel E. Roberson as General Presbyter/Stated Clerk no later than March 1, 2012 and that he be given a one-year severance package.

It was moved and approved that a candidate be selected from outside the Presbytery Staff to serve as Interim General Presbytery/Stated Clerk. Personnel Committee will be responsible for appointing a search committee. It was moved and approved that Rev. Timm High serve as acting General Presbyter and that Tamara Williams serve as acting Stated Clerk until an interim General Presbyter/Stated Clerk is hired.

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by the Rev. Allan Purtil and the Rev. Carol Hassell. Music was led by the Hopewell Church Chancel Choir, under the direction of Raymond Tucker, Minister of Music. Candidate Thomas Winstead preached a sermon as part of his examination for ordination. Reverend Purtil and Hassell led the body in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Tamara Williams read the Necrology of Teaching and Ruling Elders deceased in 2011.

A Litany for Hunger was led by Rev. D. C. Horne, Chair of the Hunger Action Work Group as the blessing for the meal.

"Lunch & Learn": During lunch, there were three workshop opportunities offered. "Immigrant Ministry Opportunities", led by Rev. Veronica Cannon and Rev. Carol Hassell, which introduced participants to opportunities to join Christ in reaching out to strangers (Immigrants/Refugees) who are new to the United States. It included the sharing of strategies, models and opportunities for congregation and clusters of congregations to provide become nesting ministries for mission and outreach.

"Domestic Violence: In my Church?" led by Carol DeLoach Lewis. This workshop presented a resource tool, Continuum of Christian Care for Adult Victims of Domestic Violence (DV) for pastors and lay leaders with minimal or no training in domestic violence to help adult victims connect to appropriate resources in their community. Participants were presented a scenario, given the one page domestic violence resource tool to determine how it may help them help the victim to safety, and were then asked to provide their feedback on this tool. Participants left with this resource tool to use in their church.

International Peacemaker, Dr. Mazen Alsaqa from the Mosul Presbyterian Church, Mosul, Iraq, addressed peace and justice issues in his presentation "Challenges for Christians in Iraq". While in Iraq, he was associated with the Assembly of Presbyterian Churches in Iraq, a partner church of the Presbyterian Churches in the USA (PCUSA). He is interested in the meaning of being Christian and the effects of persecution on faith and church. Better understanding for concerns around the world translates into a better understanding of the issues in our own communities.

Rev. Luke Maybry presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Hillary Bergman (Quail Hollow) and Frank Spencer (Selwyn Avenue) were enrolled as inquirers in the preparation for ministry process.

Patricia Lowe (Grier Heights) and Inger Manchester (Charlotte Covenant) were examined and approved as Candidates for Ministry. Candidate Thomas Winstead, having preached his sermon during the morning worship, was examined and approved for ordination as a teaching elder. Tom has been approved by the Committee on Ministry to be in validated ministry as an Evangelist.

*The Presbytery of Charlotte endorsed an overture to the General Assembly from Biscoe Presbyterian Church requesting dismissal to Coastal Carolina Presbytery. *Biscoe's dismissal is contingent upon approval by Coastal Carolina Presbytery.*

The Presbytery approved and guaranteed the loan to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for \$373,000.00 for the Korean First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. Korean First Presbyterian Church shall remit 5% of their annual operating budget in mission giving to the Presbytery of Charlotte for the life of the loan.

The Presbytery endorsed The Fellowship Place First Level New Church Development Grant application submission to the General Assembly Mission Development Office for \$25,000.00 for 2012, and further approved a presbytery-matching grant of \$25,000.00 to match the General Assembly Grant Application. Funding is requested using the following formula: \$21,200.00 from the Presbytery balance sheet (church development fund) and the remainder to be taken from the Building Healthy Churches Fund.

Rev. Chris Carrasco challenged each of the congregations in our presbytery to send participants and to be sponsors / partners by possibly providing scholarships for the upcoming 2012 PCUSA National Multicultural Conference. The conference will be held at the Hilton University Place, April 26 - 29, 2012.

A special presentation on the "Calling for the Order of the Day" event, held on October 15, 2011, for the Presbytery's African-American churches began with viewing a segment of the video, "Black Presbyterians: The Legacy Series". Rev. Gregory Busby sounded the Shofar and Belinda Rice read a brief history of the use of the Shofar. Madge Hopkins led the body in a powerful litany of confession and repentance. Rev. Damiko Faulkner gave a summary of the Calling for the Order of the Day event. A brief video clip featuring Rev. Floretta Watkins was shown on moving from "Disgust to Humanity". The presentation ended with Rev. Faulkner giving the marching orders and what it means for the future of the African-American congregations in the Presbytery and throughout the PCUSA, followed by a litany of proclamation.