

**Highlights of the
105th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte
Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
Monday, February 15, 2010**



Sam Martin presents a certificate, from the NC Historical Society, to the Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston in honor of Steele Creek Church's 250th anniversary. (Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)

It was with great joy and thanksgiving to God that we gathered for our meeting at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church co-hosted by McClintock Presbyterian Church. Many thanks go to our host churches for their warm and gracious welcome, their hospitality, the delicious refreshments, and their care of our needs throughout the day. The Rev. Dr. Arthur Canada, Pastor at McClintock PC opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston, Steele Creek Church pastor welcomed the body and gave a brief history of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church.

Sam Martin (Biscoe PC) presented the Steele Creek congregation a certificate from the North Carolina Historical Society in honor of the church's 250th anniversary. Steele Creek Church will be celebrating with several more events throughout 2010.

selection was the reading of the necrology of ministers and elders deceased during 2009.

Professional violinist, Daniel Davis, played a beautiful rendition of the hymn "Amazing Grace". Following his

A special tribute to Black History Month included an original selection by violinist Daniel Davis entitled, "The Dream Today". The presentation included a slideshow of pictures from the Civil Rights Movement and numerous special moments in black history.

Carol Edwards was commissioned as Lay Pastor to Camden and Hawley Memorial Presbyterian Churches.



Violinist Daniel Davis performs "The Dream Today"
(Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)



2009 Presbytery Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Robert Austell commissions Carol Edwards as Lay Pastor to Camden & Hawley Memorial Churches.
(Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)

Tom Windstead (Sardis), Carol Pierson (Trinity) and Marie McCanless (Providence) were examined and approved to be enrolled as Candidates for Ministry. The Presbytery is asked to continue to support and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ as they move forward in the process of becoming Ministers of Word and Sacrament.



Tom Winstead and members of Sardis PC.
(Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)



Marie McCanless (via Skype) with members of Providence PC.
(Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)



Carol Pierson with members from Trinity PC.
(Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)

Steele Creek Elder Emeritus, Price Gwynn, III, Moderator of the 202nd General Assembly, introduced our special guest, the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the 218th General Assembly. Rev. Reyes-Chow spoke briefly about his experiences as Moderator over the past year and a half, and then responded to questions from the floor.



The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the 218th General Assembly, response to questions from the floor.
(Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)



The Rev. Arthur Canada and the Rev. Valerie Phillips led the body in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
(Photo courtesy of the Presbytery of Charlotte)

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by the Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston and the Rev. Dr. Arthur Canada. Music was led by the Steele Creek Church Choir under the direction of Misti Kai Gwynne and the McClintock Church Choir under the direction of Marcellus Hoover. Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow preached a challenging sermon "Do We Have Faith to Dream?" The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was led by Rev. Canada and the Rev. Valerie Phillips, Associate Pastor at Steele Creek. Elders from Steele Creek and McClintock helped in serving of the elements.

Following a delicious lunch, including a special dish called "Presbytery Chicken", there were three afternoon workshop opportunities provided for clergy and laypersons. "Social Media 101" was led by Bruce Reyes-Chow. "POINT: Presbyterians Organized In Nurture & Teaching", led by Nancy Youmans, Renda Brinson, Sharon Vanpelt and Sonia Lee provided an opportunity to explore new PCUSA curriculum including the revised We Believe series. "Haiti Relief: You Give Your Money, Here's What Happens!" gave participants a chance to hear from pastors, church volunteers and community agencies that have been on the ground in Haiti since the devastating earthquakes.

The 106th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2010 at Bethpage Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis, NC.