

## Highlights of the 146<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Charlotte Presbytery Tuesday, May 18, 2020



It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered by Zoom Video Conference at 9:30 am. Our 2020 Moderator, **Rev. Veronica Cannon** called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Moderator Cannon then acknowledged the indigenous peoples that once lived on the land on which we gathered - including the Waxhaw, Cheraw and Catawba tribes.

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by **Rev. Pen Peery**, Pastor of First-Charlotte Church. His sermon was titled, "**The Big Sort**", based on Matthew

25:31-46.

General Presbyter, **Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston** gave an update on the grants made to churches for COVID-19 relief. She also shared information about the resources available through the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Matthew 25 Grants. She also highlighted resources regarding virtual worship services and information on reopening churches in the future. Congregations should continue to monitor the Presbytery website for updates.

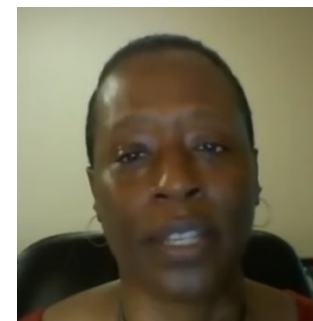
**Rev. Deborah Conner** presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). **Aaron Alexander** (CN Jenkins) and **Grace Cain** (DCPC) were enrolled as Inquirers in the preparation for ministry process. **Ashlee Anderson** (Covenant-Charlotte) and **Donna Singletery** (CN Jenkins) were examined and enrolled as Candidates in the preparation for ministry process. **Megan Argabrite** (The Grove), **Gail Henderson-Belsito** (First-Charlotte) and **Daniel Heath** (Covenant-Charlotte) were examined and approved for ordination.



**Donna Singletery** was enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry



**Ashlee Anderson** was enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry



**Megan Argabrite** (The Grove), **Daniel Heath** (Covenant-Charlotte) and **Gail Henderson-Belsito** (First-Charlotte) were examined and approved for ordination as Ministers of Word and Sacrament

**Elder Katherine Dunlap** presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. **Rev. Rush Otey** was granted Honorable Retirement as Pastor of Selwyn Avenue Church effective March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Megan Argabrite** was approved to serve as Pastor to Amity Church pending ordination. **Gail Henderson-Belsito** was approved to serve as Associate Pastor at Caldwell Church pending ordination. **Daniel Heath** was granted permission to labor outside the bounds as Student Life Resident at Princeton Theological Seminary, pending ordination.

Moderator Cannon led the Presbytery in the commissioning service for our Delegates and Commissioners to the **224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA)**. Ministers: **Claire George Drumheller** (DCPC), **Phanta Lansden** (CN Jenkins), **Lalidipuia Rowdala** (Providence), **Ardith Skidmore** (Locust); Elders: **Renda Brinson** (Sardis), **Sarah Hancock** (Saint Paul), **William Watkins** (Amity), **Corita Younge Floyd** (South End); Theological Seminary Advisory Delegate: **Ryan Atkinson** (Union Presbyterian Seminary/Statesville Avenue); Young Adult Advisory Delegate: **Camden Thomas-Bush** (Myers Park)

At the conclusion of its business for the day, the meeting was closed with prayer by Vice-Moderator, **Rev. Joseph Clifford** (Myers Park)

**The 147<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Harrisburg Presbyterian Church**

