

*Rev. Neal Carter presented the COM Transfers Report. Beth Olker was approved as Pastor to Macedonia Church, pending ordination.*

*Rev. Veronica Cannon thanked the Presbytery for its support and prayers during her service as Moderator during 2020. The Presbytery celebrated the outstanding leadership of Rev. Cannon during what has been an incredibly challenging year.*

*At the conclusion of its business for the day, the meeting was closed with prayer by 2021 Moderator, Rev. Joe Clifford.*

## **The 149<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2021**



## **Highlights of the 148<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte Tuesday, October 27, 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. Alice Ridgill**, Associate General Presbyter. A special musical selection was provided by **Sonny Turner**, Minister of Music at Bellefonte Church. **Maeve Hammond** led the Prayer for Illumination, followed by the reading of the Scripture by **Beth Olker**. **Rev. Ridgill** preached a sermon entitled, "**Congregational Vitality in a Covid-19 Reality**", based on Psalm 137.*



*Rev. Alice Ridgill*



*Sonny Turner*



*General Presbyter, **Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston** gave an update her recent surgery and thanked everyone for their prayers and expressions of care and concern. She provided information on ways that the PCUSA, Charlotte Presbytery and each of its committees have been resourcing our congregations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jan reminded everyone to make plans to submit church pledge forms for 2021. The forms can be found on the homepage on the Presbytery website: [www.presbyofcharlotte.org](http://www.presbyofcharlotte.org)*



Ministry Resource Committee Moderator, **Donna Fair** shared information about the work of the MRC and asked that each church select two persons to serve as 'MRC Ambassadors. You can read more about it in the MRC update on the website:

<https://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/MRCUpdate1020.pdf>

**Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis** shared information from the **Anti-Racism Ministry Team** about the plans for anti-racism training for all clergy, CLPs and presbytery committees coming in 2021. The Council has endorsed the plan and the Anti-Racism Ministry Team is working on finalizing the policy. The curriculum that will be used is "What LIES Between Us" A 5-Week Self-paced Anti-racism Educational Course from brownicity.com.



**Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis**



**Rev. Michelle Thomas-Bush**

**Rev. Michelle Thomas-Bush** presented the report of the Committee on Representation. **Rev. Joe Clifford** (Myers Park) was elected as 2021 Presbytery Moderator and **Rev. Sonya McAuley-Allen** was elected as Vice-Moderator.



**Rev. Joe Clifford**  
2021 Presbytery Moderator



**Rev. Sonya McAuley-Allen**  
2021 Presbytery Vice-Moderator

**Rev. Deborah Conner** presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). **Sarah-Dianne Jones (Sardis)** was enrolled as an Inquirer in the preparation for ministry process. **Maeve Hammond (Davidson College Church)** and **William Watkins (Amity Church)** were examined and enrolled as Candidates in the preparation for ministry process. **Beth Olker** (Middle Tennessee Presbytery), was examined and approved to be ordained as a minister of word and sacrament.



**Sarah-Dianne Jones (Sardis), Maeve Hammond (DCPC) and William Watkins (Amity)**



**Beth Olker was approved to be ordained as a Minister**



**Rev. Deborah Conner presented the report of the CPM**