

*Rev. Neal Carter and Katie Dunlap presented the Committee on Ministry Report. Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller was approved as Pastor to Philadelphia Church. Rev. Lisa Hickman was approved as Associate Pastor to Myers Park Church. Rev. Rebecca Hart and Rev. John Hart were welcomed as honorably retired members. Sally Herlong was approved as a new member serving in validated ministry with Novant Presbyterian Hospital, pending ordination.*

**Highlights of the 149<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the  
Presbytery of Charlotte**

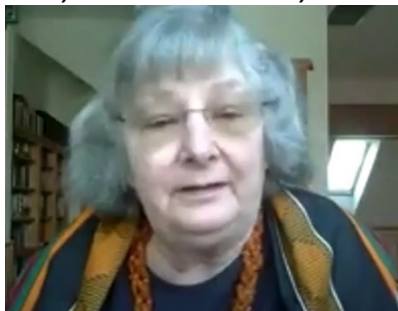
**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

***“What Now? What Next?: Exodus. Exile. Return. Rebuild.”***



*It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered by Zoom Video Conference at 9:30 am. Our 2021 Moderator, Rev. Dr. Joseph Clifford (Myers Park) called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Moderator Clifford 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 with Candidate for Ministry, Sally Herlong opening with a call to worship and prayer. A special Black History Month recognition included Langston Hughes' poem, "I Dream A World" by Rev. Larry James and a spiritual selection, "Done Made My Vow" was sung by Mrs. Patricia James. Rev. Veronica Cannon, 2020 Presbytery Moderator, preached the sermon, "Unchartered Territory", based on Exodus 14:10-14;29-31.*



**Katie Dunlap**



**Rev. Dr. Neal Carter**



**Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller**



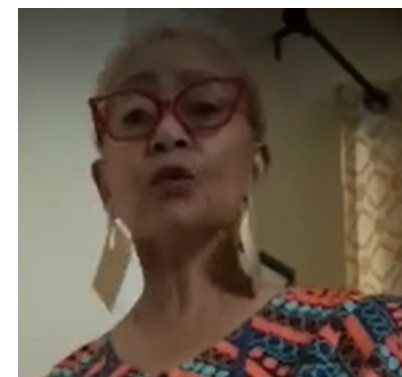
**Rev. Lisa Hickman**



**Rev. Rebecca Hart and Rev. John Hart**



**Rev. Larry James**




**Mrs. Patricia James**



**Rev. Veronica Cannon**

**The 150<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021**




Ten Cents-a-Meal giving is down \$47,000 because of COVID

which means that

- Roof Above in Charlotte,
- Stanly Co. Community Ministries in Albemarle
- Samaritan House in Charlotte
- Families First in Concord

And other hunger programs are not being supported.

Give through the **Givelify App** to The Presbytery of Charlotte & note "Ten Cents-A-Meal"



General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston gave an update on the state of the Presbytery as we begin 2021 still in the midst of a pandemic. She made a special appeal for members and congregations to give to the **Ten Cents-a-Meal Program** which had a \$47,000 decline in giving. Jan then

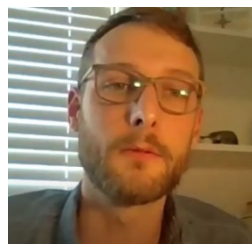
talked about 7 Disruptive Leadership Trends That Will Affect 2021, based on Carey Nieuwhof's research ([www.careynieuwhof.com/blog](http://www.careynieuwhof.com/blog))



Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis



Rev. John Cleghorn



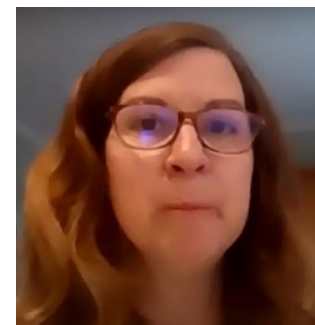
Ministry Resource Committee Co-Moderator, **Rev. John Magnuson** shared information about the work of the MRC and introduced a video that gave an overview of the grants that are available for Charlotte Presbytery congregations. The MRC Grants webpage has been revised to be more 'user friendly to church leaders to apply for grants.

**Edna Wigfall-Cruté** presented the report of the Administration Committee. The Presbytery approved the 2021 Presbytery Budget as recommended

**Rev. Phanta Lansden and Rev. Deborah Conner** presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). **Lucy Crain (Covenant-Charlotte)** was examined and enrolled as a Candidates in the preparation for ministry process. **Sally Herlong (Providence Presbytery)**, was examined and approved to be ordained as a minister of word and sacrament.



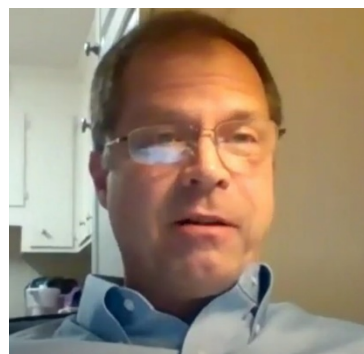
Rev. Phanta Lansden



Lucy Crain



Edna Wigfall-Cruté

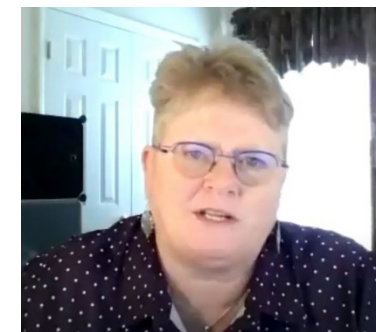


Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

**Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin** presented the Council Report which included a proposal to require anti-racism training for all clergy, CLPs and presbytery committees every 3 years. **Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis and Rev. John Cleghorn** shared information from the Anti-Racism Ministry Team about the anti-racism training policy, theological background, and rationale. The curriculum that will be used is **"What LIES Between Us" A 5-Week Self-paced Anti-racism Educational Course** from [brownicity.com](http://brownicity.com). The Presbytery approved the new policy by an overwhelming majority. Training is scheduled to begin March 17<sup>th</sup>.



Rev. Deborah Conner



Sally Herlong