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.

Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller

Rev. Lisa Hickman

Rev. Rebecca Hart and Rev. John Hart

Sally Herlong

Katie Dunlap

Rev. Dr. Neal Carter

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.

Rev. Larry James

Mrs. Patricia James

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The 150th Stated Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021.
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).

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. 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. The Presbytery approved the new policy by an overwhelming majority. Training is scheduled to begin March 17th.