

The Presbytery granted honorable retirement for **Rev. Janet Tyson**, **Rev. Grady Moseley** and **Rev. Pamela Eliason**. **Rev. Millie Snyder** spoke on behalf of Rev. Eliason and gave a brief history of her service to the church and her commitment to social work and justice issues. **Rev. Neal Carter**, Co-Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, welcomed **Rev. Peter McKechnie**, who was approved as Pastor to Carmel Church and **Rev. Terry Swicegood** was approved as an honorably retired member of the Presbytery.



Rev. Millie Snyder



Rev. Dr. Neal Carter



Rev. Peter McKechnie, Pastor, Carmel PC



Rev. Terry Swicegood (HR)

The 151st Stated Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2021



Highlights of the 150th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte

Tuesday, May 18, 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 **Rev. Peter McKechnie**, Pastor-Elect, Carmel Church, opening with the call to worship. **Liz DeNittis** (Sharon Church) read the Old Testament Scripture, Psalm 137. **Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, Pastor of Meadowlake Church**, preached the sermon, “Exile: Singing Through the Tears”, based on Revelation 21:2-6.



Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis



Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston

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 participate in an upcoming Zoom discussion, “How Do We Get Them To Come Back To Church?: A Pentecost Conversation” on Sunday, May 23rd from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Our Guest Presenter will be **The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow**, Moderator of the 218th General Assembly. Registration is now available on the Presbytery website.

Sharon Vanpelt, DCE at Bethpage Church and **Renda Brinson**, Director of the Presbytery Resource Center at Union Presbyterian Seminary, gave an update on the new curriculum from the PCUSA, "Follow Me". They also shared information from the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators.



Sharon Vanpelt



Renda Brinson

Committee on Representation Moderator, Rev. Katie Harrington invited members of the Presbytery to apply to serve as Commissioners to the 224th General Assembly next June-July. **Deadline to apply is July 1st.**

Edna Wigfall-Cruté presented the report of the Administration Committee and gave a brief update on the status of the Presbytery budget and mission giving.

Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin presented the Council Report which also included holding the annual meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte, Inc.



Rev. Katie Harrington



Edna Wigfall-Cruté



Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

Rev. Phanta Lansden and Rev. Deborah Conner presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). **TJ Shirley** (Sardis) and **Melissa White** (South Mecklenburg) were enrolled as inquirers in the preparation for ministry process. **Lia Benton** (Caldwell), **Grace Cain**, (DCPC), **Liz DeNittis**, (Sharon), **Mary Kate McAlister**, (Covenant-Charlotte), and **Sara Martin**, (Sardis) were examined and approved as Candidates for Ministry.



Rev. Phanta Lansden



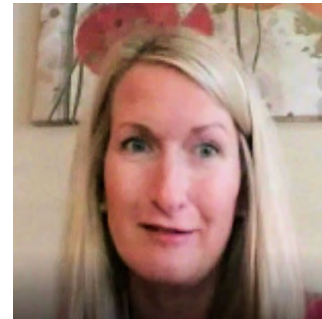
Rev. Deborah Conner



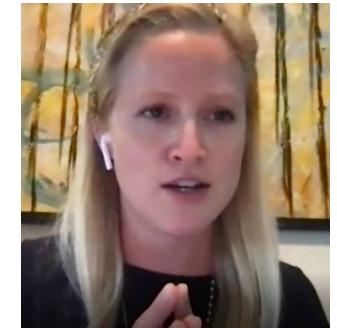
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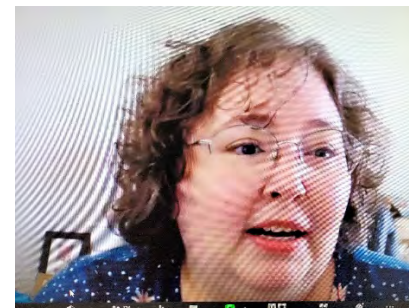
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