



*Elder Katie Dunlap presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. The Presbytery welcomed **Rev. Ellen Crawford True** who was approved as Pastor of First-Concord Church, **Rev. Jason Hickman**, who was approved as Pastor of First-Monroe Church, and **Rev. Fred Lyon**, approved to serve as Interim Pastor at Providence Church. **Margo Richardson** was approved to serve as Associate Pastor of Selwyn Avenue Church, pending ordination.*



Rev. Ellen Crawford True



Rev. Fred Lyon



***Donna Fair** presented the report of the Ministry Resource Committee. She reminded the Presbytery about the Church Ambassadors program and encouraged those that are not participating to seek to do so in the future. Elder Fair introduced a video about the **Mission Scholar Program**. In this program, youth of various backgrounds get together to discuss current social and justice issues.*



***Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin** presented the Council Report which included the election of members of the Sharon Towers Board of Directors, Class of 2024.*

Highlights of the 151st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte

Saturday, August 21, 2021

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



*It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered by Zoom at 9:30 am. Our 2021 Moderator, **Rev. Dr. Joseph Clifford** (Myers Park) called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. He then acknowledged the indigenous peoples that once lived on the land on which we gathered - including the Waxhaw, Cheraw and Catawba tribes.*

***Rev. Stephen Scott**, Acting Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, brought greetings on behalf of the Synod.*

*The Presbytery entered into a time of worship with **Margo Richardson**, Candidate for Ministry, opening with the call to worship. **Rev. Ellen Crawford True**, Pastor-Elect, First-Concord Church, read the scripture lesson. **Rev. Lorenzo Small, Sr.**, Pastor of First United Church, preached the sermon, “Normality”, based on John 21: 1-15. **Rev. Dr. Neal Carter**, Pastor of Rocky River Church, rendered a musical selection, ‘Get Together’. **Dana Purdom**, Student Pastor at Seigle Avenue Church, led the Prayers of the People.*



Rev. Lorenzo Small, Sr.



Rev. Neal Carter

The 152nd Stated Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021





Associate General Presbyterian, Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill, introduced the Ministry Resource Committee's [Ministry Resource Hub](#) on Facebook. She also reminder church leaders to take advantage of the grant opportunities and other resources offered by the MRC. Alice also lifted up the special flood bucket collection for Haitian Heritage & Friends of Haiti. Rev. Ridgill congratulated **Davidson College Church** on receiving a 1001 New Worshipping Community seed grant for their college ministry.



General Presbyterian, Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston gave an update on the state of the Presbytery and its leaders in the midst of this pandemic. Most congregations are currently doing some type of hybrid worship. Jan introduced the Presbytery to the work of Yancey Strickler, co-founder of 'Kickstarter', which supports and promotes the work of new artists. If you would like to download Jan's PowerPoint presentation is available on the Presbytery meeting [INFOPAC page](#).



Committee on Representation Moderator, **Rev. Katie Harrington** presented the slate of nominees to serve as Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly next June-July. **The following persons were elected to serve:** **MINISTERS (PRINCIPAL):** **Shavon Starling-Louis** (Meadowlake), **Heather McIntyre** (First-Wadesboro), **E. Von Clemans** (Honorably Retired), **Luke Maybry (Matthews)**; **MINISTER (ALTERNATE):** **Sally Herlong** (Minister at Large); **ELDERS (PRINCIPAL):** **Renda Brinson** (Sardis), **William Watkins** (Amity); **Ryan Atkinson** (Statesville Avenue), **Joyce Woodard** (Memorial); **ELDERS (ALTERNATES):** **Sherry Nelson** (Matthews-Murkland), **Jonette Harper** (First United). Rev. Harrington then invited members of the Presbytery to apply to serve on Presbytery Committees as the COR will be recruiting over the next several months.

Rev. Phanta Lansden and Rev. Deborah Conner presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). **Shardae Henry (The Grove) and Sarah Scoggin (Hopewell)** were enrolled as Inquirers in the preparation for ministry process. **Dana Purdom (CN Jenkins)** was examined and approved as a Candidate in the preparation for ministry process. **Margo Richardson**, a Candidate under the care of New Hope Presbytery, was examined and approved for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.



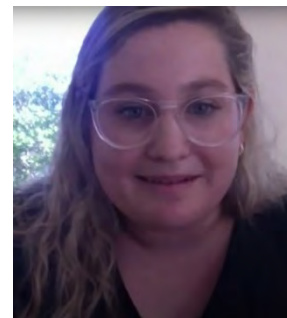
Rev. Phanta Lansden



Rev. Deborah Conner



Dana Purdom



Margo Richardson



Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant, along with several members of First-Monroe Church surprised **Rev. Janet Tyson**, with the establishment of a new scholarship fund in her name, to honor her on her retirement and to celebrate her many years of service as a pastor and as an educator.