

**Highlights of the 154th Stated Meeting of
the Presbytery of Charlotte
Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

Rev. Katie Harrington presented the Committee on Representation report. The Presbytery of Charlotte approved the COR's recommendation to endorse the Reverend Shavon Starling-Louis (Memorial) as a Candidate for Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly with Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace.



Rev. Katie Harrington



Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis

*Moderator Sonya McAuley-Allen led the Presbytery in a Commissioning Service for the Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly. **Minsters:** Rev. E. Von Clemans, Rev. Sally Herlong, Rev. Heather McIntyre, Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis; **Elders:** Ryan Atkinson, Renda Brinson, William Watkins and Joyce Woodard.*



Moderator McAuley-Allen



Commissioners to the 225th GA



*It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church for our first in-person Presbytery meeting in over two years! The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by our **2022 Moderator, the Rev. Sonya McAuley-Allen, Pastor of Bellefonte Presbyterian Church.** Moderator acknowledged the indigenous peoples that once lived on the land on which we gathered - including the Waxhaw, Cheraw, Sugaree and Catawba tribes.*

*The Presbytery entered into a time of worship with the **Rev. Mark Lee, pastor, Central Steele Creek Church,** leading the call to worship. **The Rev. Kate Murphy, Pastor of The Grove Church,** preached the sermon based on Acts 1:12-26. A laying on of hands was done in recognition of the ordinations of **Rev. Megan Argabrite, Rev. Beth Olker, Rev. Rebecca Heilman, Rev. Daniel Heath (in absentia), Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito,** who were all ordained during the pandemic. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was led by Rev. Megan Argabrite, Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito, Rev. Rebecca Heilman and Rev. Beth Olker. Music was led by **Dan Forrest,** and the South Mecklenburg Church Chancel Choir.*



Rev. Mark Lee



Rev. Kate Murphy



SMPC Chancel Choir



Gail Henderson-Belsito, Megan Argabrite, Beth Olker & Rebecca Heilman

The 155th Stated Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 9:30 am at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

General Presbyter, **Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston** gave a brief update to the Presbytery about the way our congregations and communities have changed in the four years since she began serving as General Presbyter. "How it started... How it's going".



Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston



"How it's Going"

Associate General Presbyter, **Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill**, along with Rev. Rodger Sellers, reminded the Presbytery about the upcoming "Nuts and Bolts" leadership training Workshop on May 21, 2022.

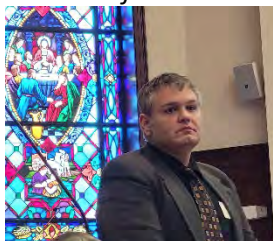


Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill



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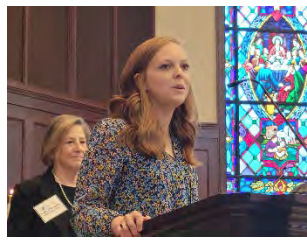
Elder Kathy Pilkington presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. **LaWonder McDowell (Caldwell)**, **Evan Bille (Caldwell)**, and **Allison Tibe (Selwyn Avenue)** were enrolled as Inquirers in the preparation for ministry process. **TJ Shirley (Sardis)** was approved to be enrolled as a Candidate in the preparation for ministry process. **Marcy Doak (Sharon)** and **Caitlyn Hathaway (New Harmony Presbytery)** were examined and approved for ordination as Ministers of Word and Sacrament.



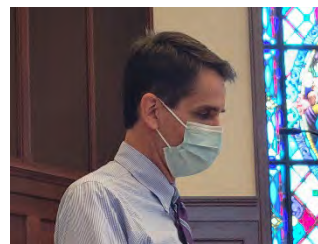
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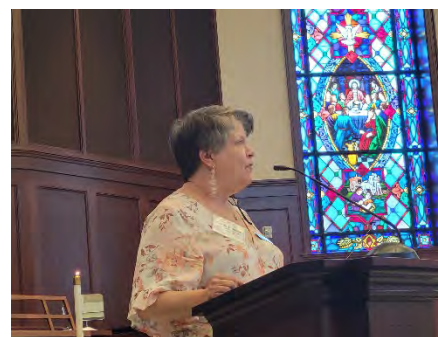


Caitlyn Hathaway



Rev. Peter Henry presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. **Rev. David Lindsay** was received as a member-at-large. **Caitlyn Hathaway** was approved to serve as a part-time Temporary Associate at Davidson College Church. **Marcy Doak** was approved to serve as a part-time Temporary Associate Pastor at Matthews Church.

Elder Renda Brinson, 2022 President of Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE) and Director of the Presbytery's Resource Center, gave a brief update on a new curriculum program, 'Opening Doors to Discipleship'.



Elder Renda Brinson, Director of the Presbytery's Resource Center



Rev. John Magnuson presented the report of the Ministry Resource Committee and the Church Ambassadors initiative and encouraged churches to participate in the program.

Rev. Magnuson introduced MRC member, **Rev. Megan Argabrite** to share information about the **Charlotte Prayer Room**, which is a ministry partner of Amity Presbyterian Church that benefitted from the MRC's shared grants.



Rev. John Magnuson



Rev. Megan Argabrite