



Rev. Peter Henry presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. Elder Gary Blackmon was approved to serve as Commissioned Pastor to Statesville Avenue Church.

Rev. Lynn Thompson-Bryant was granted Honorable Retirement. She has most recently served as Interim Pastor at Cook's Memorial, First-Monroe and Hopewell Churches.



Elder Gary Blackmon



Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant

Rev. Allister Anquetil, from Johannesburg, was received to serve as Pastor of Hopewell Church. Rev. Rhonda McClain was received to serve as Temporary Pastor at Davidson Church. Rev. David True was received as a member at-large.



Rev. Allister Anquetil



Rev. Rhonda McClain



Rev. Dave True



Highlights of the 155th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte

Saturday, August 20, 2022

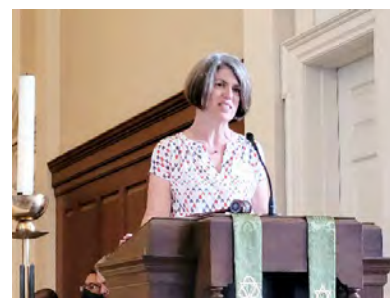


*It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at Trinity Presbyterian Church for our first "Hybrid" Presbytery meeting! The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by our **2022 Moderator, the Rev. Sonya McAuley-Allen**, Pastor of Bellefonte Presbyterian Church. The Moderator acknowledged the indigenous peoples that once lived on the land on which we gathered - including the Waxhaw, Cheraw, Sugaree and Catawba tribes. **Rev. Steve Lindsley**, Pastor of Trinity Church, welcomed the body and gave a brief overview of the history and some of the missions and ministries of the church.*



Rev. Gail Henderson Belsito

*The Presbytery entered into a time of worship with Elder **Gary Blackmon** (Black's Memorial, leading the call to worship. **Lia Benton** (Caldwell) led the Prayer of Confession and **William Watkins** (Amity) read the Scripture. Music was led by **D.J. Boyd**. The **Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito**, Associate Pastor of Caldwell Church, preached the sermon based on Luke 17:11-19. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was led by **Rev. Steve Lindsley and Rev. Lynn Thompson-Bryant** (Hopewell). Ryan Atkinson (Statesville Avenue) led the Prayers of the People.*



Lia Benton



D.J. Boyd

The 156th Stated Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at Rocky River Presbyterian Church.



Rev. Steve Lindsley



Rev. Lynn Thompson-Bryant

General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston gave a brief update to the Presbytery. She titled her report, "Shift Happens"- regarding the change in the culture and how it has affected the wider church.

Rev. Whitney Bayer and Rev. John Magnuson presented the report of the Ministry Resource Committee and the Church Ambassadors initiative and encouraged churches to participate in the program. They also reminded the Presbytery about grant opportunities for churches that are offered by the MRC.

Presbytery heard a report from the Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly. They highlighted some of the 'hot topics' and proposed changes to the PCUSA Constitution that will be coming before presbyteries for a vote in the next few months. Commissioners shared 'highs and lows' from their experiences with the hybrid format of the GA. They each stressed the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit in their deliberations and decision-making on each of the overtures. **Our Commissioners were: Ministers: Rev. Von Clemans, Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, Rev. Heather McIntyre, Rev. Sally Herlong, Elders: Renda Brinson, Ryan Atkinson, William Watkins and Joyce Woodard.**



Charlotte Presbytery's Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly

Elder Kathy Pilkington and Rev. Deborah Conner presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. **Sarah Scoggin** (Hopewell) and **Ryan Atkinson** (Statesville Avenue) were approved to be enrolled as a Candidate in the preparation for ministry process. **William Watkins** (Amity) was examined and approved for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.



Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston



Rev. Whitney Bayer and Rev. John Magnuson

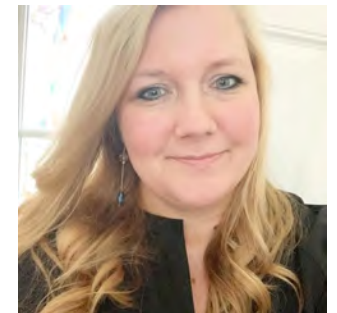


Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis

The Presbytery congratulated and honored the **Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis**, upon her election as **Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly of the PC(USA)**. Rev. Starling-Louis gave a brief overview of her experience in moderating the plenary sessions during GA. She also spoke briefly about some of the work and missions that she and her Co-Moderator, Rev. Ruth Santana Grace (Philadelphia Presbytery) will be involved with in the coming months.



Kathy Pilkington and Rev. Deborah Conner



Sarah Scoggin



Ryan Atkinson



William Watkins