

Edna Wigfall-Cruté presented the report of the Administration Committee. The Presbytery approved renewal of the lease of office space at Amity Presbyterian Church for 3 years with one renewal term.



Elder Edna Wigfall-Cruté



Rev. Peter Henry

Rev. Peter Henry presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. Presbytery approved the recommended 2023 Minimum Terms of Call. (As a point of information, COM voted at their September 27, 2022 meeting to recommend that existing calls receive an 8.7% increase to keep up with cost of living increases.) Rev. Amantha Barbee was received to serve as Pastor of Quail Hollow Church. Rev. William Watkins was approved to move from Temporary Pastor to installed Pastor at Ramah Church.



Rev. Amantha Barbee



Rev. William Watkins



**Rev. Megan Argabrite (Amity) and
Rev. Damiko Faulkner (Ben Salem)**



Elder Berniece Grier (McClintock)

**The 157th Stated Meeting will be on Saturday, February 11, 2023
at Covenant-Charlotte Presbyterian Church.**

Highlights of the 156th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte

Tuesday, October 25 2022



It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at Rocky River Presbyterian Church! 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. Neal Carter, Pastor of Rocky River Church, welcomed the body and gave a brief overview of the history and ministries of the church.

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship with Rev. Amantha Barbee, Pastor of Quail Hollow Church, leading the call to worship and the Prayer of Confession. Music was led by the Rocky River Presbyterian Church Trio: Laura Smith, Stephanie Campbell, and Rev. Neal Carter. Rev. Matthew Conner, Pastor of Newell Church, preached the sermon entitled, "Childish", based on Mark 10:13-16. Rev. Alistair Anquetil, Pastor of Hopewell Church, led the Prayers of the People. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was led by Rev. Amantha Barbee and Rev. Neal Carter.



Rocky River Trio



Rev. Matthew Conner

General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston gave a brief update to the Presbytery. Her report was entitled 'We Are a Presbytery That is Shifting Its Own Culture'. Challenging the Presbytery to not think of themselves as 94 "Lone Ranger" Churches, but as a single, connectional church - with 27,954 participants, in 94 churches in 7 counties. Since the August Presbytery Meeting, Jan has met with several church pastors and other leaders that are looking for community partners and seeking creative ways of using their property and resources to serve the needs of their surrounding communities.

Jan recognized our Stated Clerk, Elder **Tamara Williams**, celebrating her 20th year as a member of the Presbytery Staff. The Presbytery also congratulated Tamara on her selection as a recipient of the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Women of Faith Award. The award ceremony will take place on November 3rd on Facebook.



Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston



Elder Tamara Williams

Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill updated the Presbytery on the resources available through the MRC, including Technology Consultants and Grants. She announced that the next "Nuts and Bolts" online workshop for church leaders will take place on January 21, 2023 from 9:00 am to Noon. The keynote address will be done by **Rev. Jim Kitchens**, who will speak on 'Taking the Risk of Holy Experimentation: Testing Out New Forms of Church'. Rev. Ridgill also thanked the Presbytery for their prayers and support of her service as a Chaplain in the US Air Force Reserves.



Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill



Rev. Whitney Bayer & Rev. John Magnuson

Rev. Whitney Bayer and Rev. John Magnuson presented the report of the Ministry Resource Committee. They encouraged churches to participate in the Ambassadors program and highlighted a couple of church initiatives that have benefitted from MRC Grants – Rocky River Church received a Pharr Grant to upgrade their technology in the Sanctuary. McClintock and Central Steele Creek Churches partnered to sponsor a workshop to educate the community on the benefits of COVID vaccines.



Rocky River Church –Technology Upgrade



Rev. Gregory Busby and Berniece Grier

Rev. Dr. Robert Charles, our new Presbytery Comptroller/Treasurer shared a brief bio introducing himself and gave an update on the Presbytery's financial status.

Rev. Katie Harrington (Sardis), presented the Committee on Representation Report. **Rev. Steve Lindsley**, Pastor of Trinity Church, was elected as 2023 Presbytery Moderator. **Elder Tommy Lawson (Covenant-Charlotte)**, was elected as Vice-Moderator.



Rev. Dr. Robert Charles, Comptroller



Rev. Katie Harrington, COR Moderator

Elder Kathy Pilkington and Rev. Deborah Conner presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. **Van Herring (Davidson College Church)** was approved to be enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry.



Moderator asked Van Herring the Constitutional questions for Candidacy

