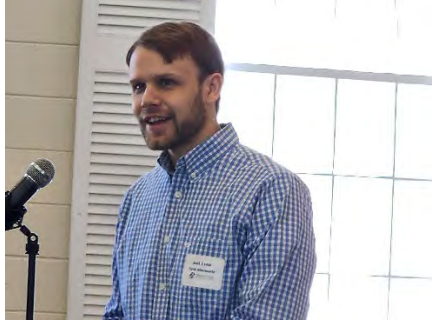


In the COM Report, **Rev. Ellen Crawford True** welcomed new members, **Rev. Joel Lynn**, Pastor of First-Albemarle Church, **Rev. Brian Daoust**, Associate Pastor at Selwyn Avenue Church, **Rev. Michael Marsh**, Temporary Pastor at Henderson Grove Church, and **Rev. Vincent Kolb**, retired. **Rev. Caitlyn Zold** was approved to move from Temporary to Installed Associate Pastor at Davidson College Church. **Rev. Crawford True** led the body in a laying on of hands, by members of the COM for, **Rev. Dr. Gregory Busby**, as he moves forward in his retirement.



**Rev. Joel Lynn (First-Albemarle)**



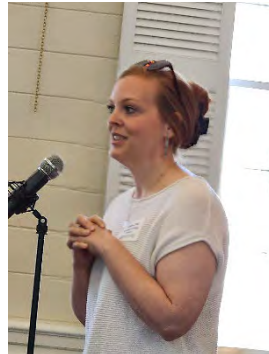
**Rev. Brian Daoust (Selwyn Avenue)**



**Rev. Vincent Kolb**



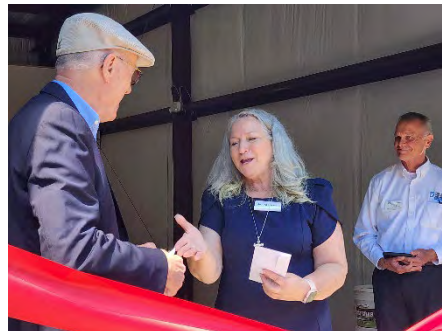
**Rev. Michael Marsh (Henderson Grove)**



**Rev. Caitlyn Zold (Davidson College Church)**



**Dedication of the Disaster Response Team Warehouse at Locust Church**



**Edwin Shoaf thanks Rev. Skidmore and the Locust Church members for their support**

## **Highlights of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte Tuesday, May 21, 2024 THEME: "HOW CAN WE...?"**



It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at **Locust Presbyterian Church!** The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by our **2024 Moderator, Elder Tommy Lawson** (Covenant-Charlotte). **Rev. Ardy Skidmore** Pastor of Locust Church, welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the members of the church. Moderator Lawson welcomed our special

guests, **Rev. Dr. Jim Kirk**, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Associate for National Disaster Response who joined us for the dedication of the Disaster Response Team Warehouse at Locust Church. Moderator Lawson then asked the Presbytery to stand in recognition of our Co-Moderators of the 225<sup>th</sup> PCUSA General Assembly, **the Rev. Sharon Starling-Louis and the Rev. Ruth Santana Grace**, who serves as Executive Presbyter in the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship. **Pastor Skidmore** led the call to worship. **Rev. Joel Lynn** (First-Albemarle) led the prayer of confession and the assurance of pardon. **Rev. Heather McIntyre** (First-Wadesboro), led the Prayer of Illumination and read the Scripture. **Rev. Ruth Santana Grace** preached the sermon entitled, "Where Heaven and Earth Meet", based on John 1:1-5. **Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis** led the Presbytery in a special blessing of our Commissioners to the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. **Ministers: Casey Aldridge, Sonya McAuley-Allen, Beth Olker, Delton Farmer. Elders: Doris Boyd, Suzanne Davis, Andrea Graham, and Lula Rookard. YAAD: Audra Nelson.** Aaron Alexander (CN Jenkins) led the Prayers of the People. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was led by the Co-Moderators, **Rev. Starling-Louis and Rev. Santana Grace.**



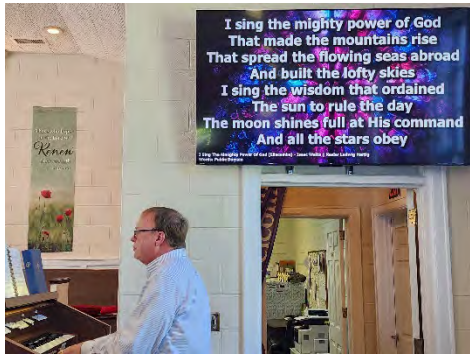
**Blessing of our GA Commissioners**



**Rev. Starling-Louis and Rev. Ruth Santana Grace**

**The 163<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting will be on Saturday, August 17, 2024  
at First-Concord Presbyterian Church**





**Locust Church Organist**



**Rev. Ruth Santana Grace**



**Elizabeth Little, Board of Pensions**



**Associate General Presbyter,  
Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill**

**Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill** updated the Presbytery on the resources available through the MRC Grants. Information and the application may be found on the Presbytery website. She also highlighted the recent African-American Church Summit that was held April 20<sup>th</sup> at Bellefonte Church. All 27 of our African-American Churches were represented and we look forward to future gatherings and mutual support.



**Rev. Dr. Whitney Bayer and Rev. Dr. John Magnuson** gave a brief update on the work of the MRC and reminded the body to inquire about support for new ministries and innovative initiatives for our churches. They offered sign-up sheets for those that are interested in various topics that the MRC can help with in providing resources and future discussions.

**Elder Edwin Shoaf** presented the report of the Administration Committee and **Rev. Julie Hill** presented the report of the Presbytery's Council and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

**Elder Kathy Pilkington** (First-Concord) and **Rev. Chaz Blasdell** (Gilwood) presented the report of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry. **Ryan Poag** (First-Charlotte), **Amanda Shanks** (Avondale), and **Courtney Shudak** (Covenant) were enrolled as Inquirers in the preparation for ministry process. **Aaron Alexander** (CN Jenkins), **Liz Corsig** (Myers Park), **Rich Lambert** (Philadelphia), and **Evan Magen** (Caldwell), were approved as Candidates for Ministry. **Ashlee Anderson** (Covenant-Charlotte) was approved to be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and will serve in validated ministry at Union Presbyterian Seminary as Director of Admissions.



**Aaron Alexander**



**Liz Corsig**



**Rich Lambert**



**Evan Magen**



**Chaz Blasdell and Kathy Pilkington  
CPM Co-Moderators**



**Ashlee Anderson**