

June 12, 2006

TO: Ministers, Commissioned Lay Pastors,
Clerks of Sessions, Members of Presbytery Council
Others Interested in June 29 Presbytery Meeting

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It took us a while, but we're now catching up with our neighboring and colleague presbyteries, most of whom have been making their Presbytery packets available electronically for some time now. Presumably you saw our recent mailer that we'll mail the printed packet out to those 34 churches who according to research done by Presbytery's Committee for Communications have indicated they do not have persons with the capability of receiving electronic communications, and otherwise we'll mail the printed report just to persons to call or write in and request it. We'll assume that folk whom we don't hear from are able to receive the report electronically.

Why go this route? Two very significant reasons: one is cost – we figure that in 2005 it cost Presbytery approximately \$16,000 - \$18,000 for materials and postage for the 550 packets that have been mailed out, not to mention additional costs in staff time and equipment wear. Another factor is timeliness. We'll still have the packet assembled 14 to 16 days prior to the Presbytery meetings, but you'll have immediate access to it electronically rather than having to wait 8 to 10 days for the packet to find its way to you through the mails.

But please be sure that whoever will be coming to the June 29 stated meeting of Presbytery receives the packet; please assure that he/she/they can access the packet on line, or that you or someone in the church can make it available to them. Also, those coming should be aware that the supplemental packet, which will include reports and information which are not available now, will be available electronically probably by early afternoon the day before Presbytery meets (June 28), so it can be studied in advance of the meeting.

One further thing which will be somewhat unusual about the June 29 meeting is that we'll be meeting in a smaller sanctuary than we're usually in. The folk of First Church, Fairmont were so enthusiastic in their desire to host this meeting that Presbytery Council was moved to recommend that Presbytery accept the invitation, which Presbytery did. Following Presbytery's acceptance I drove down to Fairmont to talk with the folk who will be involving in the hosting, and once again I felt their enthusiasm. So come to Fairmont on June 29 expecting to be cozy, perhaps even somewhat cramped, in their beautiful but small sanctuary. But come also expecting to be warmly and enthusiastically welcomed and hosted by the First Church, Fairmont family. I know they're going all out to make our meeting with them an occasion which we will experience with deep appreciation, and later will recall with gratitude.

One suggestion which they make is that we seek to do even more car pooling than ordinarily we might. You might check with your neighboring churches about the possibility of car pooling together. There may be advantages to that beyond just bringing fewer vehicles to Fairmont, in terms of relationship-building with folk of other churches!

This packet will give you some indication of what we'll be taking up and experiencing during the meeting. An exciting part of the meeting will be examining two ministers accepting calls to pastorates, and two candidates for ministry who also will be accepting calls and who will be examined for ordination. But you'll not find those referred to in the Committee on Ministry report, because the congregations involved haven't yet voted to extend the calls and it would be presumptuous for us to include that material in the advance packet prior to the congregational votes. Assuming the congregations approve the calls, an exciting part of the Presbytery meeting will be examining and welcoming persons to serve four of our churches as pastors.

Concerning lunch, please carefully note and follow the letter sent a few days ago to churches and ministers. Lunch will be available at First Church only for persons making advance reservations for lunch, and those reservations must be in the office of Presbytery no later than **June 26**. For this meeting lunch cost is \$7.00 and the menu includes baked ham, pasta salad, string beans, dinner rolls, banana pudding & iced tea.

Childcare can be provided **if requested in advance**. Those needing it **must** contact Presbytery office in advance with the request to include ages of children (910-862-8300 or 800-277-7479), no later than **12:00 noon Monday, June 26**. (Be sure to bring a snack and a lunch for children.)

In the event of severe weather, we will announce any postponement of the meeting on Presbytery's web site (www.presbycc.org), in the voice mail message which answers incoming telephone calls (910-862-8300 or 800-277-7479), and via Presbytery's email networks. If there is any question, check the web site or call the office.

Enclosed, so you can complete them in advance, is an enrollment sheet to be turned in at registration. We'll have name tags for you at registration – unless you choose to create and bring one for yourself!

Moderator Sandy Williams will call the meeting to order promptly at 9:45 a.m. on the 29th. I encourage you to arrive early for a time of visiting displays set up for our benefit, enjoying fellowship with others from throughout the Presbytery, partaking of the refreshments provided, and joining in the opening worship at 9:45.

I look forward to being with you at First Presbyterian Church of Fairmont on June 29.

Sincerely,

John R. Goodman
Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk

**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
ENROLLMENT FORM
JUNE 29, 2006**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

PLEASE CHECK IN PROPER PLACE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Commissioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLP | <input type="checkbox"/> CLPQ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor |

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
606 CHURCH STREET
FAIMONT, NC 28340
PHONE: 910-628-6660**

From the north via Route 41: Five streets intersect at first traffic light in Fairmont. Stay on Route 41 by taking the diagonal right turn, keeping Subway on your right. At the first intersection where you have to change direction, Route 41 takes a shallow left. (You are now one block west and going in the same direction as when you came into town.) Continue on Route 41 through the next traffic light to First Baptist Church, corner of South Main Street and Church Street (Municipal Building is on the left, diagonally opposite.) Turn right onto Church Street. Continue on Church street for one half mile to Presbyterian Church. Church is on right, at corner of Church and Davis Streets. Parking is on streets, in lot across Church Street from church, and in the rear yard of the manse (off Davis Street).

From the north via I-95: Get off at exit 10. At end of ramp, turn left onto Chicken Road. Follow Chicken Road (and to Route 41 signs) to first stop sign. Turn right onto Route 41 and following the directions above.

From Route 74 (east or west): Take exit for Route 41 and follow directions above. [To save a few miles, those coming from the east may make a left onto Route 130 just west of Route 74 mile marker 374. When Route 130 turns left, go straight on Business Route 130, (T) make a right-left jog onto Church Street.]

From Rowland area: Take Route 130 east. When Route 130 turns right, go straight on Business Route 130. Turn right onto Church Street immediately following the first 35 mph speed sign.

JUNE 2006 PRESBYTERY PACKET GUIDE

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GUIDELINES FOR A FIRST TIME ELDER COMMISSIONER
ATTENDING A PRESBYTERY MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA

- When the Presbytery packet is received, read the cover letter, note the directions/map and the agenda.
- Read/review all reports/information in the packet prior to the meeting. During the meeting, the reports/information will be referred to by the number in the top right-hand corner.
- Fill out the blue registration card and complete the nametag prior to the meeting.
- Meet with the pastor &/or elder in the church that have attended a Presbytery meeting.
- Registration for the Presbytery meeting is at 9:00 AM. When you register you will receive a supplemental packet of reports/information and a voting card (a colored 3"x5" index card).
- The Presbytery meeting begins promptly at 9:45 AM.
- Lunch is at 12:30 PM. Lunch tickets are usually \$7.00 and may be purchased when you register. The meal is either prepared/served by the church or catered.
- If you have any questions/etc., please contact the Presbytery office by email (johngoodman@presbycc.org or pennycooper@presbycc.org), by phone (910-862-8300 or 1-800-277-7479), or by fax (910-862-3524).

**PROPOSED AGENDA
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
SEVENTY SECOND STATED MEETING
THURSDAY – JUNE 29, 2006
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FAIRMONT, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Rev. Alexander B. (Sandy) Williams, Presbytery Moderator
Mr. Don Buie, Presbytery Vice Moderator**

***OUR VISION IS
CONGREGATIONS JOYFULLY COMMITTED TO CHRIST AS LORD
CALLED & COMMISSIONED BY GOD
CONNECTED & EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR WORSHIP & SERVICE***

1. Registration – 9:00 AM
2. Call to Order & Opening Prayer (9:45 AM) Rev. Sandy Williams, Moderator
3. Morning Worship [40 minutes] Rev. Raymond W. Mendenhall
4. Declaration of Quorum [1 minute] Rev. John R. Goodman, Stated Clerk
5. Welcome [5 minutes] Rev. Leonard C. Bergman, Jr.
6. Appointments of Standing Committees: [1 minute] Rev. Sandy Williams, Moderator
Attendance, Bills & Overtures, Thanks, Temporary Clerks
7. Adoption of Agenda [1 minute] Ms. Rosia M. Freeman, Vice Chair/Presbytery Council
8. Consent Agenda [1 minute] Ms. Rosia M. Freeman, Vice Chair/Presbytery Council
9. Introduction of New Business [1 minute] Rev. John R. Goodman, Stated Clerk
10. Recognition of elders attending first time, corresponding members, & visitors [2 minutes] Rev. John R. Goodman, Stated Clerk
11. Communications & Referrals; Stated Clerk's Report [5 minutes] Rev. John R. Goodman, Stated Clerk
12. Presbytery Council Report [5 minutes] Mr. James D. Smith, Chair
13. PROGRAM COMMITTEES
 - a. Christian Education & Stewardship Development: [6 minutes] Rev. Sandy Williams
 - b. Communications: [5 minutes]: Ms. Allison Williams
14. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY – Committee on Ministry (11:00 AM)
[45 minutes] Rev. Neil H. Bain, Chair
15. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY – Report from 2006 General Assembly Commissioners
[15 minutes] Ministers: J. Ben McCoy, Danny R. Redman, Thomas G. Dendy
Elders: Ms. Martha Danford, Ms. Carolyn B. Smith, Mr. Betty McLaughlin
YAD: Ms. Lyndsey McCall
16. PROGRAM COMMITTEES (continued)
 - c. Church Revitalization & Transformation: [10 minutes] Mr. Bob Fry
 - d. Mission & Outreach: [10 minutes] Rev. Joe Hester
Theological Education Fund – Rev. William M. Clark [2 minutes]
St. Andrews Presbyterian College Representative – Mr. Paul Baldasare [8 minutes]
 - e. New Church Formation: [5 minutes] Rev. David Jenkins

17. Minute for Mission (12:25 PM) [3 minutes] Ms. Marylou Cook
Associate for Special Ministries/Hunger Action
18. Announcements, Directions for Lunch & Prayer of Thanksgiving (12:28 PM) [2 minutes]
19. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY – Recess for lunch (12:30 PM)

AFTERNOON SESSION

20. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY – Devotional [20 minutes] (1:30 PM)
Installation of Tobyn Wells as new Associate for Youth Ministries
21. Introduction of Presbytery Staff [5 minutes] John R. Goodman, Executive Presbyter
22. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY- Three Year Review of the Presbytery Mission Partnership with
Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico. [15 minutes] Rev. Philip K. Gladden
23. PROGRAM COMMITTEES (continued)
f. Racial Ethnic Ministries: [5 minutes] Ms. Annie Burns
24. OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES
a. Ministry (completion of report): [10 minutes] Rev. Neil H. Bain
b. Nominations & Volunteer Development: [5 minutes] Ms. Ann MacDuffee
c. Preparation for Ministry: [1 minute] Rev. Bill Young
d. Representation: [1 minute] Ms. Grace Kinsey
e. Strategic Planning & Organizational Review: [10 minutes] Mr. John Howard
f. Sessional Records/Overtures/Higher Governing Body Directives: [1 minute]
Rev. Curtis Christian
25. COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Budget & Finance: [5 minutes] Rev. John W. Coker, Jr.
26. FURTHER REPORTS
Regional Coordinators [5 minutes] Helena J. Lee, Associate Executive Presbyter
27. Unfinished Business [1 minute]
28. New Business [1 minute]
29. Additional Information Reports [1 minute]
30. Reports of Standing Committees [3 minutes]
31. Closing Prayer [2 minutes]
32. Adjournment

NEXT STATED MEETING: OCTOBER 7 , 2006

PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
2005 ELDER NECROLOGY
JUNE 29, 2006

ASHPOLE: Woodrow Miller
BENSALEM: Arthur Raleigh Williams
BETHANY/LUMBERTON: Cathaleen Lattie, Milton Thomas
BETHANY/WILMINGTON: Robert Charles Morris, William J. Madliges, John Michel
BETHEL/BEULAVILLE: Linda Ann Nethercutt, John Rivas, Lowanda Thigpen, Connie Raynor
BETHEL/RAEFORD: William Franklin Wright
BLANDONIA: Wesley Jones, William Harvey Knott, Sr.
BLUFF: Gainey Meredith Starling
BROWNSON MEMORIAL: Frank Blue, Horace Porter, John Polley
BUNNLEVEL: A. B. Sherman
BURGAW: Ralph Ruskin Gold, James Alton Saunders, Jr., Preston Lee (P. L.)Sparkman
CALABASH: Roy Keirn, Sam Brecheisen
CAMERON HILL: William Nehi Freeman
CAROLINA BEACH: Jack D. Davis
CARTHAGE FIRST: Shirley McCrimmon
CASWELL: Fred Roy Foyles
CENTRAL: John Andrew Spaulding
CHADBOURN: J. McRae Jackson, Ernest V. Brown
CHURCH IN THE PINES: Mary Sue Hicks
CLARKTON: Anne C. Clark, O. Leslie Clark, Retha B. Carey
COMMUNITY: Mildred McIntosh
CYPRESS: Donald Boughton, Alden Taylor
ELIZABETHTOWN: Jeanne Powell Coffin
ELIZABETHTOWN SECOND: Effie D. Rogers, Mary E. Gill Neal
DUNN FIRST: Gerald Sidney Mann
FAITH: George Franklin Wilcox, Willie Duncan Stubbs
FAYETTEVILLE FIRST: Mildred Dew Ledford Hubbard
FLAT BRANCH: Charles Wilson
GALATIA: Wade McDougald, Bill T. Newton
GRAVES MEMORIAL: John Bunyan "J. B." Newton
GROVE/KENANSVILLE: Thomas Chestnutt
HARPER SOUTHERLAND: Thomas Leon Stroud, Sr.

HIGHLAND: Ward H. Bumpus, W. G. "Bill" Martin
HORSESHOE: Bernice Dexter Mashburn
LAKE WACCAMAW: John Corbett
LAUREL HILL: John M. McLean
LAURINBURG: Warren Sullivan Fulton, Loraine B. (L. B.) Singleton
LILLINGTON: Dorothy Spence Arnold
LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BOARDWALK: Herman Blizzard, Grace Hobbs
LUMBERTON FIRST: Alexander Torry McLean, Jr., Luther Dew, Dr. Howard E. Strawcutter,
James Oliver Tisdale, Betty Elliott Williamson
MARS HILL: Helen Hodges Melvin
MAXTON FIRST: Oliver P. MacKinnon, Talmage McQueen
MOREHEAD CITY FIRST: Harvey Joslyn, Jr., J. C. Harvell, Gene Boyd
MOUNT HOREB: Ethel H. Allen, Katrine H. Munroe
OAK ISLAND: Max Weaver
OAK PLAIN: Tommy K. Smith
PANTHERSFORD: Lessie McBryde
POLLOCKSVILLE: Josephine P. Bender
REILLY ROAD: Troy L. Dickens
SALEM/SANFORD: Earl Sloan, Jr.
SHALLOTTE: Raymond A. Tiley
SNEADS FERRY: Charles Benjamin Casey
SOUTHPORT: Helen Skipper, Mary Young, Dennis Johnston, James Irwin
SOUTHVIEW: Merita Fields
ST ANDREWS-COVENANT: William Bennett Liles, Jr., Wesley Walter Knape, Sr.
ST PAULS: W. A. "Bill" McKay, O. K. Hogan
UNION: Bobby R. Collins
WALLACE: William Henry Browder, Sr.
WARSAW: David Bland, Roy Keirn
WAYSIDE: Earl W. Woodard
WILMINGTON FIRST: Daniel David Cameron, Richard Barton Cashwell, John Douglas Taylor
WILSON CHAPEL: Carrie Leak
WOODBURN: Brenda S. Field

**CONSENT AGENDA
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

The following report of a Commission was found in order and dismissed with our thanks:

Jonathan C. Watson was installed as Pastor of Cape Fear Presbyterian Church in Wilmington at 4:00 PM on February 26, 2006: Rev. Roger E. Horne, Rev. Teri Ott, Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Rev. Daniel Ott, Mr. Matthew Hinson, Mr. Larry Anderson, Ms. Helena J. Lee, Ms. D Askins, Ms. Mary Marcotte.

Robert Whitehouse was installed as Pastor of Cypress Presbyterian Church at 4:00 PM on March 12, 2006: Rev. John R. Goodman, Rev. Jean Y. Ganzel, Rev. William Clark, Ms. Annie Burns, Mr. Robert Moore, Ms. Wilma Johnson.

Bart W. Edwards was ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City at 4:00 PM on March 19, 2006: Rev. Barbara A. Hedin, Rev. Alex Moses, Rev. John R. Goodman, Rev. Timothy J. Havlicek, Mr. Tony Amos, Ms. Robbie Phillips, Ms. J. J. Johnson.

Richard T. Martindale was installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Carthage at 4:00 PM on March 26, 2006: Rev. Christopher J. Bobo, Rev. William C. Goodnight, Jr., Rev. Maureen A. Paterson, Ms. Martha Currie, Ms. Barbara Gomez, Mr. David Lloyd, Mr. Tom Stewart, Rev. James Holderness.

Joshua Lee Bower was installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Whiteville at 3:00 PM on April 30, 2006: Rev. Eugene C. Ensley, Rev. Robert C. Bankhead, Rev. Kate Rascoe, Ms. Doris Dees, Dr. Eugenia Blake, Mr. Coke Gray, Mr. Doug Bower.

PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
June 29, 2006

COMMUNICATIONS TO PRESBYTERY – SUMMARY

1. From Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, a letter of appreciation: “On behalf of the General Assembly I want to extend a special word of appreciation to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina for your faithful stewardship in 2005. More than ever, maintaining the covenant connection that links together the body of Christ is crucial for the faithful witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your presbytery’s full support for 2005 per capita apportionment is a tangible sign of commitment to that vision, and I am extraordinarily grateful....Please share the deepest appreciation of all of us in the Office of the General Assembly for the faithful support of your presbytery and its particular churches for the per capita budget of the General Assembly....”
3/14/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

2. From Executive Director, North Carolina Council of Churches, a complimentary copy of “Acts of Faith, Resources for Prophetic Worship” with information that the resource can be downloaded free from www.nccouncilofchurches.org, or may be ordered for a cost of \$10 from the Council of Churches office. 4/3/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information (*the complimentary copy has been placed in Presbytery’s Resource Center*)

3. From Moderator of the Interim Executive Search Committee, Presbytery de Christo (Arizona-New Mexico), announcement of that presbytery’s search for an Interim Presbytery Executive and invitation for interested elders and ministers to apply, deadline is September 1, 2006; 4/11/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

4. From Robert Moore, Regional Coordinator for Region 5, notification that he and his wife anticipate more active engagement in global missions upon her retirement from teaching at the end of this school year, and thus he will not be available to renew his agreement to serve as Regional Coordinator upon the expiration of the first one-year term at the end of June.

Referral: Presbytery Council

5. From Executive Director, Career and Personal Counseling Service of Charlotte, a letter describing the services provided by the Service, detailing this Presbytery’s giving to the Service since 1999, requesting an increase in Presbytery’s level of giving for 2007, and inviting the Presbytery to approve a covenant of understanding with the Service; 5/15/06

Referral: Committee for Mission and Outreach

6. From Mills J. Peebles, Chair of Presbytery's Administrative Commission working with McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, resignation from his position as chair and as a member of the Administrative Commission effective June 29, 2006, because he has accepted an invitation to serve as Interim Minister of St. Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, New Zealand effective July through December 2006. Also, notification that Gene D. Miller, Jr. has submitted his resignation from serving as a member of the Administrative Commission, effective May 18, 2006, because of the press of other commitments. 5/18/06

Referral: Committee on Ministry

(Stated Clerk's note: These resignations leave the Administrative Commission with a membership of one minister and 5 elders. Because the Commission's work is not yet completed, Presbytery will need to elect replacement ministers to bring the Commission back up to strength, as well as a new chair. The Committee on Ministry is offering suggestions to Presbytery for filling these vacancies.)

7. From clerk of session, First Presbyterian Church of Lumberton, notification of the session's action taken on June 11, 2006 favoring current ordination standards and its opposition to adoption by the General Assembly of Recommendation #5 of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church; 6/12/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

- A. A summary of Presbytery's 2005 annual statistical report to the Office of the General Assembly is attached. Not reflected on the summary is the fact that as of December 31, 2005 this Presbytery had 255 ministers on its rolls, as active members, members-at-large, or honorably retired.
- B. "When the number of resident ministers entitled to vote in the presbytery is greater than the number of elders so entitled, it shall redress this imbalance annually by providing for an election, appointment, or selection of additional elders, paying special attention to the concerns of G-9.0104...." (G-11.0101b) As of December 31, 2005 this Presbytery had 210 resident ministers (defined as residing within the bounds of the Presbytery). The 189 sessions of the Presbytery were entitled to elect 209 elders as commissioners to meetings of Presbytery. Additionally, 20 elders were serving as commissioned lay pastors of churches in the Presbytery, and in that capacity were entitled to vote. Thus the imbalance favoring ministers does not exist.
- C. On March 8, 2006 Walter M. Dinkins, member at large of this Presbytery, filed with the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic a complaint against the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Presbytery's stated clerk received from Mr. Dinkins a copy of this complaint on March 9, 2006.

The substance of the complaint is that the Committee on Ministry "...did hinder a valid call to the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, Texas."

Specifications of the complaint as stated are as follows.

“The irregularity occurred in that the Committee on Ministry of Coastal Carolina Presbytery failed to dismiss Reverend Dinkins to the New Covenant Presbytery in accordance with G-11.0502h.”

“Further irregularities occurred in that the Committee on Ministry of Coastal Carolina Presbytery both refused to receive the call of Rev. Dinkins to The First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, Texas and failed to recommend to the presbytery what action should be taken. In effect, the Committee on Ministry acted on behalf of the presbytery, outside the committee’s jurisdiction.

“In addition the Committee on Ministry of Coastal Carolina Presbytery failed to present the call to Reverend Dinkins.”

“A further irregularity occurred in that the Reverend Dinkins’ credentials as an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament, in good standing, were not certified through the stated clerk. No charges are pending nor have any been filed against the Reverend Dinkins and yet his credentials were not certified.”

The relief requested by Mr. Dinkins is stated as follows:

“Complainant requests that the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic order the Committee on Ministry of Coastal Carolina Presbytery to cease and desist in causing interference to the call of the Reverend Dinkins to ordained ministry.

“Further the complainant requests that the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic order the Committee on Ministry of Coastal Carolina Presbytery dismiss [*sic*] the Reverend Dinkins to the calling presbytery.

“Further the Complainant requests that the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic order the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina to certify the credentials of the Reverend Dinkins in response to his call to ordained service.”

The stated clerk will furnish a copy of the full text of the complaint to any member of Presbytery requesting it.

In accordance with Section D-6.0302 of the *Book of Order* and Section 13.03a of this Presbytery’s *Manual of Administrative Operations*, on March 9, 2006 the stated clerk notified the Moderator of Presbytery that Presbytery was the respondent in a remedial case filed with the Synod. On March 13, 2006 Moderator A. B. “Sandy” Williams appointed the following three persons to serve as committee of counsel for this Presbytery as respondent: the Reverend William A. Stewart, Jr., Chair; elder Elizabeth Murchison; and the Reverend David A. Walker. A committee of counsel has the responsibility to “represent that...respondent in the case until final decision is reached in the highest governing body to which the case is appealed.”

In accordance with Section D-6.0303, on April 6, 2006 the committee of counsel submitted to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic its “concise answer” to the complaint, with a copy of the “concise answer” furnished to the complainant.

On April 17, 2006, the stated clerk received notification from the office of the synod of the Mid-Atlantic that the complaint of Walter M. Dinkins against the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina as well as the committee of counsel’s answer to the complaint had been received, and that copies were furnished to the moderator and the clerk of the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission (D-6.0304).

The requirements of D-6.0307a&b having been fulfilled, in accordance with D-6.0307c on April 25, 2006 the stated clerk furnished a copy of the “Listing of Papers and Other Materials” and the actual papers and other materials to the office of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, with a copy of same mailed to the complainant.

The committee of counsel as of this writing (on June 12, 2006) is awaiting word from the moderator and clerk of the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission regarding their examination of the complaint and the answer, and regarding their findings, in accordance with D-6.0305 and D-6.0306. There are no further steps to be taken by the committee of counsel or Presbytery’s stated clerk at this time, pending receipt of notification from the Synod PJC moderator and clerk. The Synod stated clerk, in response to an inquiry from Presbytery’s stated clerk, recently has indicated that he anticipates a report of findings soon from the SPJC moderator and clerk.



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (USA)**

PRESBYTERY REPORT FOR 2005

Presbytery # 146
Presbytery Coastal Carolina

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Email Address johngoodman@presbycc.org
Website

Membership

Prior Active Members: 30,893

Gains

Profession 17 & Under: 229
Profession 18 & Over: 537
Certificate: 498 Other:
225 **Total Gains:** 1,489

Losses

Certificate: 371
Death: 453
Other: 940'

Total Active Membership: 30,618

Total Losses: 1,764

Female Members: 17,106 Inactive
Members: 5,926 Baptized Members: 3,601
**Total Adherents: 40,145 Average Church
Attendance: 11,698 Affiliate Members:
176**

Baptisms

Children: 285
Adult: 69

Officers

Male Elders: 717
Female Elders: 531 Male
Deacons: 187 Female
Deacons: 220

Age Distributions

25 & Under: 3,228
26 - 35: 4,862
36-55: 4,449
56-64: 4,130
65 & Over: 6..924

People with Disabilities

Hearing: 614
Mobility: 641 Sight:
322 Other: 480

Christian Education

Birth 3: 609 Age 4: 66
 Kindergarten: 231 Grade 1
 245 Grade 2 224 Grade
 3 233 Grade 4 295
 Grade 5 239 Grade 6
 301 **Total!** 11,937

Grade 7: 256
 Grade 8: 294
 Grade 9: 274
 Grade 10: 246
 Grade 11: 238
 Grade 12: 244
 Young Adults: 613
 Over 25; 5,716
 Teacher/Officer: 1,413

Racial Ethnic Breakdown Membership Elders Deacons

Asian	50	00 Black	749	75
55				
Native	23	30 American		
Hispanic	40	21 White	22,727	1,074
340 Other	8	00 Totals	23,597	1,154
396				

Potential Giving Units: 215,066 **Budgeted**

Income: 21,394,548 **Budget Expense:**
 38,713,087

Receipts

Regular Contribution: 21,679,172 Capital
 Building Fund: 3,700,529 Investment Income:
 565,398 Bequests: 316,255 Other
 Income: 2,190,937 Subsidy or Aid:
 69,187

Expenditures

Local Program: 18,389,942 Local Mission:
 1,443,957 Capital Expenditure: 4,544,395
 Investment Expense: 642,272 Per Capita
Aprt: 261,341 Validated Mission:
 1,996,366 Theological Fund: 34,881 Other
 Mission: 2,210,774

**PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

Mr. James D. Smith, Chair,
Ms. Rosia M. (Gerri) Freeman, Vice Chair

ACTION ITEMS

1. That Presbytery approve a new formula for Presbytery to use in requesting churches to give to the mission and work of the wider Church (Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly):
 - The goal is for each church to give at least 10% of contributions from all living donors, to the mission of the wider church.
 - If a church in the past has given less than 10%, it will be challenged to raise its giving level by 1% of contributions from donors.
 - If a church in the past has given at least 10%, it will be challenged to raise its giving by an amount as approved by the session.

2. That Presbytery elect a 3- or 4-person search committee to seek a person to recommend to Presbytery as regional coordinator for Region 5 of Presbytery (Lee and Moore Counties, replacing Robert Moore who is leaving the area), with the Personnel Committee of Presbytery Council also to name one of its members as an *ex officio* liaison to the search committee and with appropriate staff also participating *ex officio*; that the search committee be comprised of persons especially with a Region 5 focus; and that the search committee be asked to work expeditiously, with a goal of making a recommendation to the next stated meeting of Presbytery.
(Note: The Committee on Nominations and Volunteer Development is prepared to nominate persons for the search committee, if Presbytery approves this recommendation.)

3. That Rev. Laura Lupton be elected as representative to an October Synod-Presbytery Consultation on the role and function of Synod.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The Personnel Committee with the concurrence of Presbytery Council is in the process of studying and researching several personnel- and employment-related items to present to the Executive Committee of Council. It is anticipated that out of this work will come recommendations to upcoming meetings of Presbytery for action. One such item will be a recommendation to the June 29 meeting via the supplemental packet concerning the four regional coordinators called to one-year initial terms of service and whose terms expire June 30, 2006.

2. Presbytery Council Minutes for January 31 – February 1, 2006 have been approved.

3. The next meeting of Presbytery Council will be September 6, 2006.

4. 2006 Stated Presbytery Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 7 (Saturday)	Midway Presbyterian Church, Maxton
December 7 (Thursday)	Open

GIFTS TO THE 1% THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND IN 2005
From the Churches of Coastal Carolina Presbytery

<u>NAME OF CHURCH</u>	<u>NC ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. BETHESDA	Aberdeen	\$3428.97
2. PLEASANT VIEW	Albertson	127.66
3. GRACE	Beaufort	300.00
4. HOPEWELL	Burgaw	200.00
5. CAMERON	Cameron	150.00
6. CYPRESS	Cameron	500.00
7. CAROLINA BEACH	Carolina Beach	500.00
8. EBENEZER	Coats	804.00
9. SHERWOOD	Fayetteville	750.00
10. WESTMINSTER	Fayetteville	500.00
11. BLACK RIVER	Ivanhoe	212.00
12. FAITH	Laurinburg	700.00
13. LAURINBURG	Laurinburg	3750.00
14. TRINITY	Laurinburg	1536.37
15. LILLINGTON	Lillington	1000.00
16. FIRST	Lumberton	3000.00
17. FIRST	Morehead City	1500.00
18. POCKET	Sanford	1600.00
19. SOUTHPORT	Southport	900.00
20. FIRST	Spring Lake	150.00
21. CAPE CARTERET	Swansboro	800.04
22. ST PAULS	St. Pauls	900.00
23. OAK PLAIN	Wallace	125.00
24. NEW HOPE	Winnabow	58.33
25. LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BRDWLK	Wrightsville Beach	524.97
THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF COASTAL CAROLINA		<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$24,317.34

FACT ONE: The 1%* TEF is the only denominationally wide source of funding for the 10 related seminaries of the PC (USA). *(1% of the Operational Budget of churches found on Line 25 of the GA Part II-A Statistics as reported by local churches.

FACT TWO: We are grateful to the 25 churches above who included TEF in their 2005 giving, yet that represents **only 13% of the churches of Coastal Carolina.**

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CHALLENGE FOR 2006: To add at least **5 churches to the givers** to TEF for 2006:

I. _____ Presbyterian Church would like: () interpretative materials on TEF; () DVD giving the story of TEF available later in 2006.

2. _____ Presbyterian Church will seek to begin again or for the first time to support TEF in 2006.

Signed _____

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

A. ACTIONS ITEMS

1. RECEPTION OF MINISTERS

- a. That Dwight O. Christenbury, Jr. (a member of Eastern Virginia Presbytery) be admitted to the floor for reception.

(See biographical & faith statements attached.)

- b. Rev. Christenbury is received as an Honorably Retired Member.

2. NEW CALL

- a. That the following terms of call of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford to W. Philip West to become their Pastor effective 6/12/06 be approved.

Cash Salary	\$31,707.50
SECA	\$ 4,614.64
Housing Allowance	\$24,000.00
Full Board of Pensions	\$17,269.33
Professional Reimbursements	\$ 6,400.00

Other Benefits:

- Vacation Time: 4 weeks including 4 Sundays.
 - Continuing Education Time: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Continuing education is to be planned in consultation with the Session.
 - Sick Leave to accumulate 1¼ days each month to 60 days. Sick leave of 10 days is granted to those beginning their first call or brought forward from a previous call.
 - Holidays as determined by Presbytery policy, as appropriate.
 - Paternity/Adoptive leave: 2 weeks.
 - Full costs of moving to the field by a licensed carrier.
- b. That the following commission be formed to install W. Philip West as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford at 5:00 PM on July 16, 2005.

Ministers: JoAnne M. Mercer, Joseph L. Hester, Jr., Mamie L. Wilson,
Alexander B. (Sandy) Williams

Elders: Susan King, Martha Currie, Sherry Garner, Robert Dalrymple

3. PASTOR EMERITUS

That Presbytery approve the election of Rev. Waldo Dotson as Pastor Emeritus by Barbecue Presbyterian Church. (*Book of Order* G-14.0605)

4. COMMISSIONING OF COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

Emily M. Davis– Iona Presbyterian Church/Fairmont
Tenure of Commission: 6/29/06 – 6/29/09
Moderator: Rev. John L. Bryan

5. PARISH ASSOCIATE

That Rev. Cynthia J. Strickland be approved as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care begin Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church effective 9/05/06.

6. 2006 TERMS OF CALL

That the attached 2006 Terms of Call for Installed Ministers be approved.

7. 2007 PROPOSED MINIMUM COMPENSATION

That the attached 2007 Proposed Minimum Compensation for Installed Positions be approved.

8. MCDONALDS CHAPEL PRES CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

That Rev. Karen C. Allen, Rev. W. Dudley Crawford, Rev. Teri M. Ott, & Rev. Robert M. Urie be elected to serve on this administrative commission.

That Ms. Meredith Hudson be elected as chair of this administrative commission.

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The COM has established “Listening Teams” which are available to meet with sessions, other church leaders and congregations which have concerns over actions taken by the 2006 General Assembly (meeting June 15-22). A team is appointed for each of Presbytery’s six regions, as follows:

#1: Rev. David A. Walker & Ms. Ellen Newbold
#2: Rev. Ernie Thompson & Rev. Steve Hein
#3: Rev. Bill Goodnight & Rev. Neil H. Bain
#4: Rev. Ben West & Ms. Myrna McKinney
#5: Rev. Karen Allen & Ms. Anne McNeill
#6: Rev. Neal Carter & Mr. John Frye

Sessions or others interested should contact COM Chair Neil Bain to make arrangements for such a visit (email: shine@intrstar.net; phone: 910-814-0192); or contact Presbytery's administrative assistant, Penny Cooper (pennycooper@presbycc.org; or 910-862-8300 or 800-277-7470).

2. MATTERS FOR THE RECORD

a. That the following relationships have been dissolved.

- Rev. Ian Rankine & Antioch Presbyterian Church/Red Springs effective 6/30/06.
- Rev. Michael L. Ward & Oak Island Presbyterian Church effective 6/01/06.
- Rev. William H. Bland, Jr. & Smith Presbyterian Church effective 3/19/06.

c. That the following ministers have been dismissed.

Jesse Gonzalez – Arkansas Presbytery – 7/01/06
John L. Speight – New Hope Presbytery – effective 5/04/06
Ian Rankine – Elizabeth Presbytery – effective 6/30/06

d. That the following ministers have been granted permission to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery.

Rev. Warren L. Bock, Jr. – New Hope Presbytery
Rev. Joseph J. Fontana – Nevada Presbytery
Rev. Mills J. Peebles – Presbytery in New Zealand

e. That the following Moderators-of-Sessions have been appointed for churches that are currently without an installed pastor.

Bethel/Raeford & Shiloh: Rev. Ladson M. Brearley
Buffalo: Rev. Dale E. Miller
Edgewood: Rev. Warren L. Bock, Jr.
Lumberton First: Rev. Stuart Wilson
McDonalds Chapel: Rev. William M. Clark
Oak Island: Rev. Garrett Albertson
Pocket: Rev. Richard D. Rodda
Salem/Sanford: Rev. Thomas K. Spence.
Sherwood: Rev. James R. Randall, Jr.
Summerville: Rev. Elinos Whitlock
Westminster/Wilmington: Rev. Ed Connette

f. That the following supply relationships have been approved.

- Bethel & Shiloh – Rev. Ladson M. Brearley (HR) as Interim Pastor 6/15/06 – 6/15/07.

- Croatan – Rev. Richard C. Boyd (HR) as Stated Supply 8/09/06 – 8/09/07.
- Edgewood – Rev. Warren L. Bock, Jr. (HR) as Interim Pastor 3/01/06 – 8/31/06.
- First/Lumberton & Rev. Stuart Wilson as Interim Pastor 6/01/06 – 5/31/07
- McDonalds Chapel – Rev. William M. Clark (HR) as Temporary Supply 6/06/06 – 10/05/06.
- Oak Island – Rev. Garrett Albertson (HR) as Interim Pastor 6/01/06 – 5/31/07
- Pocket – Rev. Richard D. Rodda (HR) as Interim Pastor 5/01/06 – 10/31/06.
- Salem/Sanford – Rev. Thomas K. Spence (HR) as Interim Pastor beginning 5/7/06.
- Sherwood – Rev. Archie Barringer (Baptist) as Temporary Supply 4/01/06 – 9/30/06.
- Silver Hill Presbyterian Church – Rev. Bernard Hamilton (Baptist) as Temporary Supply 4/16/06 – 4/15/07.
- Summerville – Rev. Elinos Whitlock (HR) as Stated Supply for 2007.

f. That the following Commissioned Lay Pastors have been extended.

Annelle Waldron – Peace Presbyterian Church
Three year extension (10/01/06 – 10/01/09)

Betty Sherrod – Wayside Presbyterian Church
One year extension (3/01/06 – 3/01/07)

Robert Swart – Potts Memorial Presbyterian Church
One year extension (3/31/06 – 3/31/07)

James D. Smith – Ashpole & Rowland Presbyterian Churches
Two year extension (7/01/06 – 6/30/08)

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Dwight O Christenbury, Jr.

Family History:

I was born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina. My parents joined the Camp Greene Presbyterian Church (now Christ Presbyterian) and there I was baptized and nurtured in the Christian faith. My wife, Patricia Maynor, and I were married at Christ Presbyterian on June 1, 1963, and we have two children, Dwight III and Melinda. Dwight is a 2005 graduate of Union-PSCE and is currently employed at the First Presbyterian Church of Morganton, N. C. His wife, Carol Steele, is on staff at Montreat Conference Center. Our daughter, Melinda, a graduate of James Madison University, is a teaching assistant in the Hanover County School system and lives in Ashland, Va., with our two grandsons, Joshua and Caleb.

Education:

1958-62	Charlotte College, Charlotte, N. C.	A.A. Degree
1962-64	Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C.	B. A. Degree
1964-67	Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.	B. D. Degree
1976-78	McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.	D. Min.

I was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by Appomattox Presbytery in July of 1967.

Churches Served:

1967-70	Pastor of the Brookneal and Roanoke Presbyterian Churches, Brookneal, Virginia
1970-74	Pastor of the Clarksville Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, Va.
1974-76	Pastor of the Belmont Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
1976-84	Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Va. Beach, Va.
1984-2000	Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, Va.
2000-2005	Designated Pastor and Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Retirement:

I was honorably retired as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on December 31, 2005. Pat and I currently make our home in the Brick Landing community, Brunswick County, North Carolina.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Dwight O. Christenbury, Jr.

There is an old gospel hymn from my childhood that serves as a good place to begin my statement of faith:

“Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.”

It brings to mind the words of Paul that “all the promises of God find their yes in him.” (2nd Cor. 1:20). Which means to me that Christian faith (my faith) begins with Jesus Christ, and the growing awareness that he is truly the Son of God, the very life of God with us. The incarnation is a mystery to behold, but it speaks to this remarkable truth that the God of the ages has most perfectly revealed Himself to us in Jesus, not from a great distance, but as flesh and blood, as one of us.

My understanding of the work of Christ is grounded in the Reformed tradition, believing that we are sinners, who even in our highest moments find our actions to be tainted with self-interest. We are lost without a savior, and it is by the grace of God in Christ Jesus that we are led to repentance and faith and are forgiven. Our salvation is the work of God in Christ. God has reached out to us in love, and taken upon Himself the result of sin: suffering and death. By the resurrection of Christ, God has defeated the power of sin and death, and leads the believer into the new creation, giving hope and mission to the church, and a vision for the world that God created.

A personal experience with Christ, and being baptized into the Church, guides us toward a full expression of God that we know as the Trinity. Through Christ, we are led to see that God is “merciful and full of steadfast love.” God created the universe and blessed it, and filled it with the goodness of God. The power of creation continues in the life of the world, as God provides for the nurturing and sustaining of life through the moral structure and natural law of God’s infinite wisdom.

Through the call of Christ, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives life to the church by calling men and women to lives of witness and service, by healing the church of its wounds, by inspiring the proclamation of God’s Word, and by challenging and leading the church to live out the Word through witness and service in the world. There is great statement in our Book of Order which says that the “Church of Jesus Christ is the provisional demonstration of what God intends for all of humanity,” suggesting that the church at its best is listening for the sounds of the Spirit as it moves through the church, calling it to faithfulness.

Through Christ, the Holy Scripture, inspired by the Spirit of God, is opened to us as the Word of truth and life. The Bible is the Church’s textbook, which teaches and guides the church in forming its doctrines and creeds. For ministers and officers it becomes the voice of authority as we give expression to our faith and witness, and as we teach that faith to the church. Through Christ, I believe that we are called to be faithful stewards of His Church; of the world blessed by God and given as our home; and of our own unique gifts, born of the Spirit. In summary, as the gospel hymn at the beginning of this statement suggests, I believe that we are all created to “glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” (Book of Confessions, 7.001)

**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
2606 TERMS OF CALL FOR INSTALLED PASTOR
JUNE 29, 2006**

- NOTE: 1. Presbytery's Minimum Terms of Call for 2006 is \$53,028.
2. P/T denotes call is not full-time.

CHURCH MINISTER	EFFECTIVE CASH SALARY	BOARD OF PENSIONS	PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENTS	OTHER	TOTAL
BARBECUE Alexander 'Sandy' Williams	\$51,607	\$16,817	\$4,200	\$1,200	\$73,824
BETHANY/LUMBERTON & PANTHERSFORD Opelton Parker	\$33,905	\$11,344	\$4,600	\$2,594	\$52,443
BETHEL/RAEFORD Sanders G. Read, Jr.	\$10,029	\$5,900	\$2,500	\$9,374	\$27,801 (P/T)
BETHESDA David Hudson	\$50,385	\$17,184	\$5,048	\$4,204	\$76,857
BETHESDA Susan Hudson	\$44,532	\$14,066	\$2,510	\$2,222	\$44,532 (P/T)
BLANDONIA Mamie L. Wilson	\$34,928	\$10,828	\$4,600	\$3,872	\$54,228
BLUFF Robert L. Yoder	\$43,797	\$14,621	\$3,600	\$5,376	\$64,394
BROWNSON MEMORIAL Grady J. Perryman	\$78,500	\$24,335	\$3,990	\$10,500	\$117,325
BROWNSON MEMORIAL Karen C. Allen	\$49,566	\$12,834	\$4,600	-----	\$67,000
BURGAW Raymond W. Mendenhall	\$47,873	\$14,840	\$5,000	\$4,338	\$72,051
CALYPSO Chris Currie	\$37,440	\$11,093	\$4,600	-----	\$53,133
CAMERON Teresa M. Ott	\$34,928	\$10,828	\$4,600	-----	\$53,028
CAROLINA BEACH Keith Grogg	\$44,520	\$15,623	\$8,430	\$3,573	\$72,146
CARTHAGE FIRST Rick Martindale	\$38,450	\$12,152	\$4,600	\$3,028	\$58,230
CHESTNUT STREET Perry D. Griffin	\$34,500	\$11,566	\$7,750	-----	\$53,816
CHURCH IN THE PINES Diane Freeland	\$51,183	\$14,317	\$4,500	\$3,833	\$74,833
CLARKTON Steuart T. Link	\$41,614	\$14,525	\$4,900	\$4,597	\$65,636

CHURCH MINISTER	EFFECTIVE CASH SALARY	BOARD OF PENSIONS	PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENTS	OTHER	TOTAL
CYPRESS Robert B. Whitehouse	\$35,900	\$11,129	\$6,150	\$8,046	\$61,225
DUNN FIRST David B. Sherrod	\$57,476	\$21,601	\$4,400	\$6,877	\$91,354
EBENEZER Joseph L. Hester, Jr.	\$31,810	\$10,615	\$5,100	\$6,433	\$53,958
ELIZABETHTOWN William G. Young	\$55,553	\$17,221	\$6,427	\$5,283	\$84,484
FAISON C. Mark Scott	\$37,409	\$14,420	\$4,800	\$1,580	\$58,209
FAITH James H. Bumgardner	\$31,000	\$10,066	\$13,300	\$5,629	\$59,995
FAYETTEVILLE FIRST John W. Coker , Jr.	\$118,716	\$36,802	\$1,505	\$753	\$157,776
FAYETTEIVLLE FIRST James B. McCoy, III	\$59,078	\$20,969	\$2,273	\$14,000	\$96,320
GRAVES MEMORIAL Louie V. Andrews, III	\$52,267	\$17,680	\$6,500	\$6,800	\$83,247
GROVE/DUNN Joanne M. Mercer	\$42,096	\$14,644	\$5,098	\$3,199	\$65,037
GROVE/KENANSVILLE & SMITH/William H. Bland, Jr.	\$36,716	\$13,176	\$6,800	\$3,969	\$60,711
HOPE MILLS James W. Randall, Jr.	\$41,079	\$13,709	\$5,000	\$3,143	\$62,931
JACKSON SPRINGS Suzanne S. Simpson	\$35,064	\$11,521	\$4,600	\$2,187	\$53,372
JONESBORO Keith A. Miller	\$42,266	\$12,000	\$4,600	\$3,085	\$61,951
LAUREL HILL Howard H. Whitehurst	\$47,356	\$14,680	\$4,000	\$3,450	\$69,486
LAURINBURG E. Neal Carter, Jr.	\$66,564	\$20,906	\$6,450	\$2,417	\$96,337
LAURINBURG Elizabeth G. Forester	\$53,232	\$16,966	\$4,900	\$1,862	\$76,960
LEAFLET & RAVEN ROCK Patricia M. Fletcher	\$35,460	\$12,033	\$6,000	\$3,357	\$56,850
LILLINGTON William C. Goodnight, Jr.	\$48,384	\$17,795	\$5,000	\$11,256	\$82,435
LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BOARDWALK Todd R. Wright	\$51,522	\$19,821	\$6,392	\$6,391	\$84,126

CHURCH MINISTER	EFFECTIVE CASH SALARY	BOARD OF PENSIONS	PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENTS	OTHER	TOTAL
MACPHERSON Jerrold C. Burnside	\$42,050	\$17,040	\$6,900	\$7,836	\$73,826
MOREHEAD CITY FIRST Timothy J. Havlicek	\$56,210	\$17,425	\$4,678	\$4,300	\$82,613
MOUNT PISGAH Billie Douglas Houston	\$37,551	\$10,533	\$5,800	\$3,873	\$57,757
MOUNT ZION Brian C. Doles	\$34,429	\$10,828	\$4,600	\$3,172	\$53,029
OAK ISLAND Michael L. Ward	\$49,394	\$15,312	\$9,430	\$3778	\$77,914
OLIVIA George M. Walton	\$37,200	\$10,393	\$5,750	-----	\$53,343
PEARSALL MEMORIAL June H. Highfill	\$40,968	\$15,180	\$3,060	-----	\$59,208
PINK HILL Jessica Bailey	\$41,500	\$12,519	\$4,600	\$3,065	\$61,684
RED SPRINGS Michael L. McGehee	34,376	\$12,443	\$8,200	\$5,000	\$60,009
REILLY ROAD Rogers E. Randall, Jr.	\$37,600	\$13,413	\$4,600	\$2,876	\$58,489
SARDIS Patrick H. Winkler	\$34,300	\$11,280	\$5,600	\$3,400	\$53,580
SHALLOTTE John N. Causey	\$49,080	\$14,725	\$9,400	\$4,558	\$77,763
SHERWOOD David A. Bush	\$37,770	\$12,231	\$3,850	\$3,480	\$57,331
SNEADS FERRY Timothy L. Croft	\$30,128	\$11,385	\$7,742	\$7,472	\$56,727
SOUTHPORT Mary Alice Haynie	\$44,000	\$17,006	\$4,600	-----	\$65,606
ST ANDREWS Danny R. Redman	\$44,200	\$15,866	\$5,912	4,596	\$70,574
ST ANDREWS-COVENANT Steven E Hein	\$89,729	\$28,057	\$6,080	\$6,965	\$130,831
ST ANDREWS-COVENANT Robert H. Lapp	\$53,500	\$16,815	\$5,600	\$4,450	\$80,365
ST ANDREWS-COVENANT Ann B. Jahnes	\$52,980	\$16,652	\$3,500	\$4,406	\$77,538
ST PAULS Dexter M. Hall	\$41,743	\$12,940	\$4,600	\$4,470	\$63,753

CHURCH MINISTER	EFFECTIVE CASH SALARY	BOARD OF PENSIONS	PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENTS	OTHER	TOTAL
TOPSAIL C. Owen Carriker	\$50,000	\$15,500	\$5,000	\$3,801	\$74,301
TRINITY/LAURINBURG Thomas Dendy	\$48,702	\$15,197	\$5,411	-----	\$72,935
WALLACE Philip K. Gladden	62,795	\$20,683	\$3,450	\$5,202	\$92,130
WARSAW W. Ben Burrows	\$42,816	\$13,273	\$5,500	\$4,775	\$66,364
WESTMINSTER/FAYETTEVILLE Ben West	\$64,394	\$18,807	\$7,075	\$6,081	\$96,357
WESTMINSTER/WHITEVILLE Kathryn Roscoe	\$29,341	\$9,096	\$4,600	\$2,845	\$45,882 (P/T)
WHITE HILL Brown B. Patton	\$31,450	\$15,012	\$4,600	\$4,905	\$55,967
WILMINGTON FIRST Ernest T. Thompson, III	\$90,091	\$27,928	\$6,166	\$6,447	\$130,632
WILMINGTON FIRST Charles D. Lee, Jr.	\$38,000	\$12,455	\$4,600	\$2,907	\$57,962
WINTER PARK Madison M. Highfill	\$57,590	\$17,853	\$5,578	\$4,406	\$85,427
WINTER PARK W. Philip West	\$42,955	\$13,316	\$3,248	\$3,286	\$62,805

THE PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
Proposed Minimum Terms of Call
Ministers of the Word and Sacrament
Installed Positions
2007

A. SALARY

CASH SALARY **\$ 38,954**

May include items such as: cash salary, housing allowance and utilities, deferred compensation, SECA.
 If the church provides a manse, 30% of the annual cash salary is credited toward cash salary.

MANSE EQUITY (if the church provides a manse) **\$ 1,200**

Following a satisfactory performance review by the session, The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina recommends a minimum salary increase of at least 3.6% for those who have served at least 6 months in their current installed position.

B. PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENTS **\$ 6,000**

Professional reimbursements include full costs for professional expenses including use of automobile in performance of ministry at the current IRS business rate, continuing education, professional literature, and other costs of ministry.

C. BENEFITS: **Estimated** **\$ 11,152**

Participation in the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is required by the Book of Order [G-14.0506 a. (2)]. The Benefits Plan provides pension, death, disability and medical. The exact amount of the dues is determined by the Board of Pensions based on information furnished by a church.

OPTIONAL BENEFITS may include such items as: dental insurance; additional disability; term life insurance, retirement savings plan, supplementary costs of relocation.

D. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS – other than monetary – shall include a minimum of:

- 1) Vacation Time: 4 weeks including 4 Sundays
- 2) Continuing Education Time: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays, the use of which is to be planned in consultation with the Session.
- 3) Sick Leave is to accumulate at least 1 1/4 days each month; shall accumulate to 60 days total. Sick leave to a minimum of 10 days is granted to ordinands, or shall be brought forward from a previous call.
- 4) Holidays as determined by Presbytery policy, when appropriate.
- 5) Maternity/adoptive Leave – 4 weeks.
- 6) Paternity/adoptive Leave – 2 weeks.
- 7) Full cost of moving to the field by a licensed carrier

NOTES:

1. Increase in “cash salary”
 - 2003 - \$ 33,400 + 1,000 to \$ 34,400 – increase of 3.0 %
 - 2004 - \$ 34,400 + 1,376 to \$ 35,776 – increase of 4.0 %.
 - 2005 - \$ 35,776 + 724 to \$ 36,500 – increase of 2.0 %
 - 2006 - \$ 36,500 + 1,100 to \$ 37,600 – increase of 3.0 %
 - 2007 - \$ 37,600 + 1,354 to \$ 38,954 – increase of 3.6 %

2. Minimum Professional Accountable Reimbursements has not increased for a number of years. Increased costs across the spectrum and especially the cost of gas and continuing education necessitates the 30.4% increase..

3. Effective Salary is defined by the Board of Pensions. Please refer to the appropriate booklet of the Board of Pensions which can be obtained by calling the Board of Pensions at (800) 773-7752. The Web address is www.pensions.org.

4. It is required by this Presbytery that a church have an Accountable Reimbursement Plan, that the minister be reimbursed for professional expenses upon presentation of an approved voucher, and that these professional expenses not be listed as allowances.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
for
MCDONALDS CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Aberdeen, North Carolina
To
Committee on Ministry
The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
June 1, 2006

This is a summary of the work of the Administrative Commission for McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church as we approach the anniversary of our appointment by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church had its beginning in the early decades of the previous century around its cemetery. A Sunday school was begun in the 1930's under the auspices of Community Presbyterian Church, Pinehurst. Community Presbyterian Church began services at McDonalds Chapel in 1941. McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church was organized by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina in 2002. It was ably served by area ministers until the first called pastor began his ministry September 2003. Deeds dated several decades ago list McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church as title holder indicating that there was for many years a vision that some day McDonalds Chapel would become an organized church. The property now consists of some 27 acres debt free. McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church is classified by Presbytery as a new church development.

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina meeting June 23, 2005 on recommendation by the Committee on Ministry appointed this Administrative Commission under Section G-9.0503a(4) of the Book of Order and charged the Administrative Commission with several specific tasks. The first part of this report will relate specifically to the assigned tasks and a brief summary of the response of the Administrative Commission.

1. to visit the McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, and to inquire into and seek to settle the difficulties therein

Dr. John R. Goodman, Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk (Dr. Goodman), gathered the proposed members of the Administrative Commission for an unofficial meeting prior to June 23. At the meeting Dr. Goodman stressed the relevant sections of the Book of Order, distributed and reviewed numerous documents relating to the situation, and responded in depth to questions.

The organizational meeting of the Administrative Commission was July 10. The documents relating to the situation were reviewed.

Three members of a special committee appointed by the Committee on Ministry to seek to settle the difficulties in McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church who are members of the Administrative Commission gave additional background information. It is noticed that some months after their first intervention in the conflicted situation, they were again sent into the situation by the Committee on Ministry.

Continuing reports of members of the congregation stressed that the congregation was in deep conflict and divisions continued to escalate; there was no peace and unity; members were withholding their offerings or making significant changes in the amount they give as seen in the financial reports and stated publicly by members. Members of session were making serious charges against each other. A petition to remove the pastor was circulated.

Almost weekly letters were sent by several of the elders of the church for many months to members of the congregation that harshly criticized the pastor and the direction of the worship and ministry of the church. Two worship services on Sunday morning apparently did nothing to promote the unity of the church.

The Administrative Commission responded affirmatively at the first meeting to a request by the pastor of the church to meet with the session Sunday, July 17.

From the first meeting of the Administrative Commission, very intentional steps were taken to seek to settle the differences therein. Representative initiatives that have been taken and continue to be taken appear throughout the remainder of this report.

2. To assume original jurisdiction over the session if it finds that the session "is unable or unwilling to manage wisely the affairs of the church"

The Administrative Commission met in Executive Session with the session July 17. It was a tumultuous meeting. Following the meeting, the Administrative Commission reviewed the observations of its members and the actions of the session.

The Administrative Commission called a formal hearing that was held Saturday, August 27, to give members of the church the opportunity to voice orally or in writing their consideration of the Administrative Commission assuming Original Jurisdiction. Some 40 members of the Church spoke or presented individual written communication. Following the hearing, after prayer and deliberation, the Administrative Commission concluded the session could not exercise its authority and is unable or unwilling to manage wisely the affairs of the church. At a subsequent meeting, the action was reviewed and the Administrative Commission unanimously voted to assume original jurisdiction September 12, 2005.

At that time the Administrative Commission stated: "This is not meant to be a permanent situation. As soon as this Administrative Commission sees measurable progress in terms of the peace, harmony, financial stability, and a shared vision for the future of this church, authority will be returned to the leadership elected by the congregation."

The session was not dissolved. The membership and classes of the session remained the same. The committees of the session continued to serve. The Treasurer of the Church continued as Treasurer. The Administrative Commission began to serve as Session.

3. To dissolve the pastoral relationship if it finds "that the church's mission under the Word imperatively demands it";

The Administrative Commission was keenly aware of the dissatisfaction with the pastor by perhaps a majority of the members of the church and also that a number of members of the church strongly supported his ministry. The Administrative Commission appointed three of its members to consult with the pastor. The consulting team conferred with the pastor and Dr. Goodman. Shortly thereafter the pastor completed and shared with the Administrative Commission his Personal Information Form.

The pastor received a call by the Presbytery of Florida as New Church Development Organizing Pastor in October. At the pastor's request a congregational meeting was called. The meeting was held November 6, 2005. The congregation voted unanimously to concur with the recommendation of the Administrative Commission serving as Session to concur with the Pastor's request that Presbytery dissolve the existing pastoral relationship effective November 30 that he might accept the call of the Presbytery of Florida.

Neither the Administrative Commission nor its members requested the pastor to resign or to seek another call.

4. *To give the members of the church at a congregational meeting the opportunity to act on a petition requesting presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship;*

At the Congregational Meeting on November 6, the congregation unanimously approved a recommendation by the Administrative Commission acting as Session that “The purpose of the congregation taking action under G-14.0603 to request that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between this church and Daniel Ottaviano has been acted upon and answered by virtue to the congregation’s concurrence of the request of the Reverend Dr. Daniel Ottaviano to dissolve the pastoral relationship in order that he may accept the call issued by the Presbytery of Florida.”

5. *To carry out the responsibilities relating to an allegation of offense.*

The Administrative Commission appointed in July an Investigating Committee consisting of five persons (see Book of Order D-10.0201 a.). The Investigating Committee was thoroughly briefed by Dr. Goodman. The Investigating Committee subsequently met a number of times. The Administrative Commission made available to the Investigating Committee all the data it requested.

The Investigating Committee reported in a letter dated October 4, 2005 which followed Form No. 29, Appendix A of the Book of Order.:

“After completing our investigation, it is the decision of the McDonalds Chapel Investigating Committee not to file charges.

With prayers for the peace and unity of McDONALDS Chapel, I remain
In Christ’s Service

Signature of Chair of McDonalds Chapel Investigating Committee.”

The report of the Investigating Committee concluded its assigned task. It was discharged by the Administrative Commission with thanks.

I digress to state that Dr. Goodman in his roll as Stated Clerk of Presbytery exceeded all expectations in promptly meeting requests of the Administrative Commission for interpretations of the Book of Order and contacting the Department of Constitutional Services of the Office of the General Assembly on behalf of the Administrative Commission. Two persons, Doska Ross, Manager of Polity Guidance and Training, and Mark Tammen, Director, of the Department of Constitutional Services were extremely helpful.

Two members of the staff of Presbytery, Gale Boykin, Treasurer & Business Manager, and Penny Cooper, Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk, provided invaluable assistance on a continuing basis.

Dr. Ottaviano’s last day as pastor was November 30. Following his last service on November 13, a luncheon was held honoring Dr. Dan Ottaviano. Guest ministers and members of the Administrative Commission ably filled the pulpit for Sunday worship and also for special worship services. A Pastoral Leadership Committee was named by the Administrative Commission acting as session.

The Reverend Cynthia J, Strickland accepted the invitation of the Administrative Commission acting as Session to serve as Interim Pastor. Her Covenant began January 5 and ends June 5. Her primary tasks may be said to include: worship and preaching; take a lead roll in pastoral care; seek to lead the congregation to come to terms with their history; work with the Administrative Commission in a thorough congregational self study using an external consultant,

The Administrative Commission acting as Session appointed in April a Pastoral Leadership Committee consisting of three members of the church and three members of the Administrative Commission. The Reverend Dr. William M. Clark accepted the invitation of the Administrative

Commission serving as Session to serve as Temporary Supply with a Covenant beginning June 6 and ending October 5. The Pastoral Leadership Committee remains in place to handle any other duties associated with maintaining pastoral leadership at McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church.

In January a decision was made by the Administrative Commission acting as Session upon recommendation to move from two worship services on Sunday to one. The staff musicians resigned and stated they were leaving the church February 26. The following paragraph slightly puts this into context.

McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church experienced considerable growth during the first two years of its existence as an organized church. It has also experienced two periods of significant loss of active members. The first significant loss began December 2003. The second significant loss of active members occurred during the period December of 2005 through February 2006. The Clerk of the Administrative Commission acting as Session is working with appropriate persons to review the rolls of the church.

The Administrative Commission acting as Session in 2006 reduced the number of standing committees of session to five. Each of these committees consists of active members of the congregation including a Chair who is a member of the Church.

The church is not incorporated. A committee consisting of three elders of the church plus one member of the Administrative Commission is working with an attorney to prepare necessary documents to incorporate the church and also to prepare necessary documents to incorporate the cemetery. It is intended that the documents will be presented to the congregation for approval when legal requirements are met.

The Building and Grounds Committee and the Cemetery Committee have greatly enhanced the entrance road to the church and to the cemetery.

The church is fortunate to have a Church Treasurer who gives complete, accurate and timely reports. The financial support of the General Assembly which ended November 2005 and the financial support of Presbytery which will end August, 2006 are deeply appreciated. The 2006 church budget is a "work in progress" that is closely monitored by the Church Treasurer and the Administrative and Finance Committee. The Church Treasurer is optimistic about reaching a breakeven point for a half time minister before much longer.

With the leadership of the Interim Pastor and Robert Fry, Chair of Committee for Church Revitalization and Transformation, as consultant, a church self study has been conducted. A draft of the self study has been received by the Administrative Commission as session and is being reviewed by the consultant.

At a congregational meeting May 14 the congregation on recommendation of the Administrative Commission acting as Session unanimously voted to reduce the number of members of session from twelve to nine. A representative nominating committee was elected. There are vacancies to be filled in the classes of 06 and 07. Classes of 08 and 09 will be elected. A period of in depth study and preparation for office for officers elect and continuing members of session is contemplated.

The Administrative Commission at its February, 2006 meeting set ten objective measurements and one subjective measurement for relinquishing original jurisdiction. These were shared with the congregation at the annual congregational meeting in March. Some of the

measurements have been achieved and all are in process of being achieved. A summary of the measurements follows.

OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENTS

1. Complete a congregational self study, draft a mission statement. Prepare vision statements, begin work on goals. Receive congregational approval of statements.
2. Form a corporation with charter and by-laws.
3. Review Rolls and Registers.
4. Establish a schedule for sessional committees to meet and to report regularly on their work to the session.
5. Review, update existing duties and responsibilities of committees.
6. Establish procedures for the election of officers, including the election of a congregational nominating committee.
7. Elect officers – new classes, fill vacancies in existing classes.
8. Provide training for all active and newly elected elders.
9. A service of ordination and installation.
10. A Covenant in place for pastoral services.

SUBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT

The spiritual health and cohesiveness of the congregation and the ability of the session to rule well.

The resignations of three outstanding members of the Administrative Commission have been accepted: Bruce Ezell, Chris Bobo, Gene Miller. The resignation of Mills Peebles will be effective at the end of the June meeting of Presbytery. The Administrative Commission has recommended to the Committee on Ministry four persons to replace them.

As we look to the future we remember “The law and government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) presuppose the fellowship of women and men with their children in voluntary covenanted relationship with one another and with God through Jesus Christ. The organization rests upon the fellowship and is not designed to work without trust and love.” (BoO G-7.0103)

Mills J. Peebles, Chair
Administrative Commission for McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
CLASS OF 2008:

That Ms. Teresa Cocolin (3) be elected.

COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CLASS OF 2006:

That Ms. Marsha Kinlaw (6) be elected.

COMMITTEE FOR NEW CHURCH FORMATION:
CLASS OF 2008:

That Rev. Matt Highfill (2) be elected.

COMMITTEE FOR RACIAL ETHNIC MINISTRIES
CLASS OF 2008:

That Ms. Priscilla Webb (2) be elected.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION
CLASS OF 2007:

That Ms. Mary Kate Maready (1) be elected.

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
CLASS OF 2008:

That Ms. Joyce Ward (3) be elected.

CLASS OF 2006:

That Mr. John Griffin (4) be elected.

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

That Mr. Charlie Albertson (1), Rev. Archie Barringer (4), Ms. Matrice Morrison (2), & Mr. Robert Massey (4) be elected. (Classes will be determined when this committee has all elected members.)

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR REGION 5 COORDINATOR

That Mr. Gerald Cross, Ms. Judy Davis & Ms. Betty Pope be elected.

THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Report to Presbytery June 29, 2006

Bill Young, Moderator

Jim Bryan, Vice-Moderator

Ian Rankin, Secretary

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) reports the following to Presbytery
AS INFORMATION:**

- 1) The following individuals were approved by the CPM to be enrolled as an Inquirer:
Peter Bynum of First Presbyterian, Wilmington;
Nathan Stratman of St. Andrews Covenant, Wilmington.

- 2) The following individuals continue to be enrolled as Inquirers:
Elizabeth Codington of First Presbyterian, Wilmington;
Barry French of First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton;
Aaron Gatten, of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, Laurinburg
Denise McLeod of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Laurinburg;
Valita Quattlebaum of Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, Wilmington;
Charles Reed of St. Andrews Covenant, Wilmington.

- 3) The following persons continue to be enrolled as Candidates:
Christina Brown of Bunnlevel Presbyterian Church;
John Chappell of First Presbyterian Church, Carthage;
Eric Douglass of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford;
John Hage of First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington;
Brandon Hood of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen;
LaVera Monroe of First Presbyterian Church, Carthage;
John Richardson of First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington;
Paul Shields of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford.

- 4) The following individuals are Candidates who have been previously certified as to be
“ready for examination for ordination pending a call”:
Eric Douglass of First Presbyterian Church, Sanford;
John Hage of First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington;
LaVera Monroe of First Presbyterian Church, Carthage.

Next CPM meeting: - August 31, 2006 at Presbytery Office Elizabethtown ,NC

Please visit our Web Site at www.presbycc.org/Preparation for Ministry

**The Budget and Finance Committee of Council
Report to Presbytery
June 29, 2006**

A Action Items:

Background:

Peace Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, NC has applied for a loan from the Small Church Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be used towards the replacement of the HVAC at the church. The bid is \$97,329.00, and of this amount, \$64,563.00 is available to pay for the work to be performed. Unpaid pledges total approximately \$10,000.00. They would like to borrow from the Small Church Revolving Loan fund to help with the difference.

Note: Peace had requested previously, and been given approval, to sell some of its land for this purpose, but the session has decided to keep the land and raise the funds from congregational pledges and this loan.

Sufficient funds are available for this loan.

The Budget and Finance Committee of Council approved this request on May 30, 2006 via an electronic vote.

The Council of Presbytery approved this request on May 31, 2006.

This request was **approved/not approved** by Presbytery at its meeting on June 29, 2006.

Motion:

The Budget and Finance committee recommends approval of a request from Peace Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, NC, for a \$25,000.00 loan for the purpose of replacing the broken HVAC system in the church. These funds would come from the Small Church Revolving Loan Fund following approval by Presbytery.

B Informational Items:

1. Budget and Finance met on May 8, 2006 to discuss the 2007/2008 Biennial budget process. Letters had been sent to the chairpersons of Presbytery committees, the chair of Personnel, and to Helena Lee who has oversight of the regional coordinator program, inviting them to attend Budget Interface on May 15, 2006.
2. Budget Interface was held on October 15, 2006 and eight committee chairpersons attended at their scheduled times, plus a letter was received from one who was unable to attend. Very informative conversations were held regarding the needs and concerns for budgeted funds. The Budget and Finance committee will meet again in July to finalize the 2007/2008 Biennial budget and present it to Council and Presbytery for a first reading at the October meeting of Presbytery and for action at the December meeting.
3. Grave concerns still exist regarding the large financial requirements of several programs and missions of Presbytery with declining revenue and increased costs.
4. Budget and Finance and Council approved the use of Kirkwood Designated Funds to repair the rustic village building at Kirkwood where damage was not due to hurricanes of previous years. Repairs directly attributable to hurricanes of previous years, but not done at that time due to the massive amount of damage incurred, will be paid from some funds still held for that purpose which were never used.

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Inc.
Property Committee of Council Report to Presbytery
June 29, 2006

No Action Items.

The Property Committee of Council met on May 24, 2006 at the Presbytery office.

The committee met with Robert McIver, our insurance agent, and discussed the insurance policy we currently have with GuideOne Insurance. We will maintain the current coverage as it is, with the exception of few minor changes to vehicle coverage, and Mr. McIver will look into the possibility of our obtaining additional sexual misconduct coverage. This has been requested several times over the past few years, but the underwriter failed to provide approval for it, even though the Sexual Misconduct Policy of Presbytery was implemented a few years ago. (Note: GuideOne now has a moratorium on providing additional coverage due to the large number of cases and payouts of recent years per Mr. McIver in an email received since the meeting.)

The committee discussed the use of 15-passenger vans and is asking that they not be used for transporting youth this year if alternate transportation is available at a reasonable cost. The committee is considering a policy of not allowing them to be used at all in future years due to the highway safety warnings issued regarding their high turnover rate, especially when loaded, which has resulted in numerous accidents and deaths. The associates for Youth Ministries and Outdoor Ministries have been given copies of the insurance and highway cautions every since they were issued several years ago.

The committee also discussed repairs to be made to the building and grounds and discussed the status of several properties currently owned by Presbytery.

Any actions relating to these properties following some research on them will be sent to Presbytery for approval.

PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA

REQUEST FOR EXCUSE

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ATTENDANCE

I hereby request that I be excused from attendance of the meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meeting at

_____ on _____

for the period of time indicated below, for the following reasons:

(1) The entire meeting of Presbytery _____

(2) From (hour) _____ on

(day) _____ until

(hour) _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

() Minister () Elder () CLP

Church: _____

Please return to: PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
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Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
June 29, 2006
Morning Worship

Call to Worship

L: We gather in the Name of Jesus Christ

P: We are the people of the Way as Christ leads us.

L: We gather in the Presence of God.

P: We are the people of the Covenant as God has chosen us.

L: We gather in the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: We are a Servant people as God's Spirit blesses us.

Responsive Prayer

L: Mighty God: Your Kingdom comes in the Risen Christ and grows among us day by day. Send us into the world to preach Good News, so that all may hear and believe, be rescued from sin, and become your faithful people.

P: Gracious God: You guard our lives, and put down powers that could overturn us. Help us to trust You, to acknowledge You before all people, and live to Your Glory all our days.

L: Faithful God, Your Word is the seed from which faith grows. As we receive Good News, may Your Love take root in us and bear the fruits of service, compassion, and peace.

All: God we lift our hearts and lives to You, praying in the name of the Father, by the grace of the Son, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Special music Fairmont Presbyterian Church Choir Katheleen Bacot,
Director and Organist

Scripture Mark 4: 35-41
Sermon Calm Down The Rev. David Jenkins

Hymn: The Church's One Foundation verse 1 & 2 (No. 437)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be His Holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one Holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Remembering the saints: The Elder Necrology

L: The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.
**P: One generation shall praise Your works to another,
O Lord, and declare Your mighty deeds!**

Prayer

Almighty God, who holds in Your hands the souls of the righteous, we give You thanks and praise for all the generations of the faithful, who have served You here in faith and love, and who dwell now forever in Your Holy Presence. Especially this day, O Lord, we remember and honor those elders who have served Your church with commitment and have left in their passing a legacy of faith and hope for Your church in our day and in the future.

(Time of silent prayer for those elders remembered)

We thank You for all these who have enriched the world with their faith and presence, who have labored in the service of others, and who have done great things for You and Your Church. May all the good we have seen and known in them inspire and guide us in the days ahead, Creator, Savior and Holy Presence, three in name but one in purpose, we praise You now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day No. 457
(Tune: Take My Life and Let it Be, No. 310)

Savior, teach me, day by day, Love's sweet lessons to obey;
Sweeter lessons cannot be, Loving Him Who first loved me,
Loving Him Who first loved me.

With a child's glad heart of love, at Thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow Thee, Loving Him who first loved me,
Loving Him who first loved me.

Teach Me thus Thy steps to trace, Strong to follow in Thy Grace,
Learning how to love from Thee, Loving Him who first loved me,
Loving Him who first loved me.

Benediction

**COMMUNICATIONS TO PRESBYTERY – SUMMARY
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
June 29, 2006**

8. From pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Carthage, “We now wish to move forward with selling the church manse. Even though we are not required to gain approval from Presbytery we wish to share this information because of our belief that we are a connectional church.” 6/14/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information (*No Presbytery approval of this action is needed, as the church took the exception provided for in G-8.0701 and reported it to Presbytery in December 1990.*)

9. From clerk of session, Shallotte Presbyterian Church, copy of the session’s expression of gratitude for the service to the church and community of former clerk of session, William R. Robertson, upon his move from Shallotte to another community within the region of this Presbytery: “...Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Session of the Shallotte Presbyterian Church, do thank God for the service of WILLIAM R. ROBERTSON and do hereby proclaim that he will be sorely missed in these parts, having left ‘shoes too big to fill’” Resolution approved 5/15/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

10. From Moderator of the 2006 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, a letter addressed to all congregations of the denomination summarizing impressions and some notable actions taken by the Assembly; 6/25/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information (full letter attached)

STATED CLERK’S REPORT

- C. (Addendum to description of the complaint against Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry)
On June 23, 2006 the stated clerk of Presbytery received from the office of Synod the determination reached by the moderator and the clerk of the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission (SPJC) regarding the preliminary questions stated in D-6.0305 of the Rules of Discipline. The parties to the remedial case (Walter M. Dinkins, complainant; and the Committee on Ministry of this Presbytery as respondent, represented by the committee of counsel appointed by the moderator of Presbytery), and any member of the SPJC, may appeal the decision reached by the moderator and clerk of the SPJC within thirty days. If such an appeal is made, the SPJC will set a hearing regarding the issue questioned. Another option noted by the moderator and clerk of the SPJC is that the parties to the case can agree to seek alternative forms of resolution as described in the Rules of Discipline.

Office of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

June 25, 2006

To Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lectionary Psalm for today is Psalm 133: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

As the 217th General Assembly met together in Birmingham, it was remarkable to see Presbyterians from north, south, east, and west gathered together to discern the mind of Christ for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We witnessed the work of the Spirit in and through the assembly, giving us a glimpse of our visible oneness in Jesus Christ. We give thanks that the assembly theme, "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses" (Heb. 12:1) permeated the community of faith within the convention center.

In this meeting, we saw commissioners and advisory delegates living out in word and deed their deep commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ, their passion to be living expressions of Christ's love to the world, and their eagerness to be a part of the future God intends for the PC(USA). We experienced the Presbyterian process of doing things at its best. We observed people working fairly and treating each other graciously.

This assembly dealt with hundreds of items, and a few made headlines across the country. Most likely, you have read or will read about the assembly's actions from a number of sources over the next many days and weeks, but we want you to hear about this important gathering directly from the General Assembly. That is why we are writing this letter to you.

We know of three particular decisions that made immediate headlines. Here is what the assembly did with each of them:

--Israel/Palestine issues: This General Assembly acknowledged that the actions of the 2004 assembly caused hurt and misunderstanding among some Presbyterians and our Jewish neighbors. However, this assembly did not rescind the previous action on divestment. Divestment is still an option, but not the goal. Instead, this assembly broadened the focus to corporate engagement to ensure that the church's financial investments do not support violence of any kind in the region.

--Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church: With the approval of this report, the assembly did not alter our historic standards for ordination. However, it did make clear that more responsibility is to be exercised by sessions and presbyteries regarding the examination of candidates for ordination. By an overwhelming majority, the assembly also affirmed our covenantal partnership, our common theological roots, and the need for prayer in Christian communities as we make decisions.

--The Trinity: The assembly received a paper that affirms "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" as the church's primary language for the Trinity. The paper also lifts up other biblical images of the Trinity for study and use in worship.

We hope, over the months ahead, you will hear about the other items that did not make headlines -- new church development, Christian education, evangelism, older adult ministries, homelessness, globalization, international mission, multicultural issues, disability awareness, and military chaplains, to name a few.

It was obvious to us that this assembly, like the church, had deep differences on a number of issues. But, the longer we were together, the more we realized how much we have in common in Jesus Christ--and the more we realized we need one another.

The unity we seek for the church--and the unity we experienced at the assembly--is not just about coming to an agreement. It is also about being with each other in the healthy struggle to discern God's will. It was that healthy struggle we witnessed at the assembly, and in that struggle we were blessed. God's Spirit was with us. Not everyone will like what the commissioners did, but the spirit coming out of the assembly was something we think will be a blessing to the whole church.

Indeed, we are convinced that God has a future for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We invite you to join us as we move with renewed enthusiasm to doing God's work in the world.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Joan S. Gray
Moderator of the 217th General Assembly (2006) of the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.)

The Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
Committee on Church Revitalization and Transformation
Report to Presbytery - June 29, 2006

The Committee on Church Revitalization and Transformation met several times since the March meeting of Presbytery. Below is a summary of its discussions and actions during this period.

1. Discussed chair's meeting with Council's Budget & Finance Committee about 2007-2008 budget. Concern was expressed over the potential loss of funds that would be available for churches who may submit grant requests in the future. Funding now given to Hope Mills (\$25,000) and McClure Memorial (\$2,500) will end December 31, 2006 while support given to Pike-Rocky Point (\$7,500) will end by August 2007. During Mr. Fry's May 15th meeting with the Budget Committee, he agreed to revert current Hope Mills funds to the Presbytery's general fund budget to cover projected revenue shortfalls.
2. Mr. Fry presented information about his meeting with COM's Sub-Committee on Calls and Vacancies. The Sub-Committee supported the CCRT's proposal to assist PNCs with the development of church mission statements and other planning documents. CCRT Committee members expressed concern this activity would exceed the CCRT's limited personnel resources. Discussion also focused on the possibility of meeting with candidates prior to approval by COM. It was suggested that CCRT supply COM with questions that can help them determine if the candidate is a proper fit with the church's mission and vision.
3. The Committee will discuss possible changes to the church grant request process at its July meeting.
4. The Committee heard reports on churches that have been in contact with the Committee since the prior meeting. Two churches are considering the possibility of yoking while several churches heard Committee presentations on the processes that can be used in revitalization and transformation (R & T) activities. Rev. Bush made an R & T presentation to Region 4 Council's Church Revitalization Committee at Peace Church on May 17th. The Committee suggested that Rev. Bush's PowerPoint presentation be used as the basis for future regional council and church presentations.
5. The Committee will conduct a training workshop on church planning for its members and other interested individuals on June 17th at Presbytery Office. Rev. Jerry Burnside will present information on the relationship between stewardship and (R & T) during this workshop
6. Members suggested that the Committee create a Planning CD that both Committee Personnel and Church groups can use during revitalization and transformation activities.
7. Pike-Rocky Point will make a short presentation to the Presbytery about its transformation activities.
8. Three of the current four members of the Committee's Class of 2007 have agreed to reappointment to the Committee if asked. The fourth member who did not attend this meeting will be contacted to determine his willingness to be reappointed to the Committee.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

A. ACTIONS ITEMS

1. CANDIDATES & MINISTERS

- a. That Candidate LaVera Monroe, under the care of this Presbytery and Candidate Kimani W. Wright, under the care of Salem Presbytery, be admitted to the floor to be examined for ordination.

(See biographical & faith statements attached.)

- b. That the following terms of call of Grace Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, to LaVera Monroe to become their pastor effective July 3, 2006 be approved.

Salary	\$36,880
(Of the above salary, \$11,880 is designated as IRS housing allowance for costs of providing a home.)	
SECA	\$ 2,821
Professional Reimbursements	\$ 4,600
Estimated Board of Pensions	\$11,433

Other Benefits:

- Vacation Time: 4 weeks including 4 Sundays.
 - Continuing Education Time: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Continuing education is to be planned in consultation with the Session.
 - Sick Leave to accumulate 1¼ days each month to 60 days. Sick leave of 10 days is granted to those beginning their first call or brought forward from a previous call.
 - Holidays as determined by Presbytery policy, as appropriate.
 - Maternity/Adoptive leave: 4 weeks.
 - Full costs of moving to the field by a licensed carrier.
- c. That the following commission be formed to ordain LaVera Monroe at First Presbyterian Church, Carthage at 3:00 PM on July 23, 2006:.

Ministers: Rick Martindale, David Coffey, Brown Patton, Grady J. Perryman
Elders: Barbara Gomez, June Stewart, JoAnne Wahala

- d. That the following commission be formed to install LaVera Monroe as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church at 4:00 PM on July 30, 2006:

Ministers: David A. Walker, Alex Moses
Elders: Robbie Phillips, Terry White, Tony Amos
Guest Minister: W. Emory Trainham (Baptist)
Guest Elder: Edgar T. Steward (Coastal Carolina)

- e. That the following terms of call of Haymount Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, to Kimani W. Wright to become their pastor effective July 15, 2006 be approved.

Salary	\$41,211
(Of the above salary, \$23,211 is designated as IRS housing allowance for costs of providing a home.)	
SECA	\$ 3,153
Professional Reimbursements	\$ 4,600
Board of Pensions (estimated)	\$12,776

Other Benefits:

- Vacation Time: 4 weeks including 4 Sundays.
- Continuing Education Time: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Continuing education is to be planned in consultation with the Session.
- Sick Leave to accumulate 1¼ days each month to 60 days. Sick leave of 10 days is granted to those beginning their first call or brought forward from a previous call.
- Holidays as determined by Presbytery policy, as appropriate.
- Paternity/Adoptive leave: 2 weeks.
- Full costs of moving to the field by a licensed carrier.

- f. That the following commission be formed to install Kimani W. Wright as Pastor of Haymount Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville.

Ministers: Laura Lupton, Rogers E. Randall, Garfield Warren
 Elders: Jerome Brown, Demaris Broadwater
 Guest Minister: George Brooks (Grand Canyon Presbytery)

5. PARISH ASSOCIATE

That Rev. Charles S. Weaver be approved as Parish Associate for MacPherson Presbyterian Church effective 9/05/06. (National Capital Presbytery has given its permission for Rev. Weaver to labor outside their bounds and within ours in this capacity.)

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

MATTERS FOR THE RECORD

- a. That the following Moderators-of-Sessions have been appointed for churches that are currently without an installed pastor.

Buffalo: Rev. Harold Stone (HR) [correction]
Broadway: Rev. Dale E. Miller (HR) [correction]

LaVera Monroe
Biographical Summary

LaVera Monroe
Biographical Statement

I was born and raised in North Carolina. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 9 and received baptism at age 12. I hold an Associate of Arts degree from Peace College, a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a Masters of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

I first felt God calling me to ministry when I was 13. When I was 15, I went on my first short term mission trip (a week in Costa Rica). Over the next 13 years, I explored what God's calling on my life would look like in. Initially I thought I would be a career missionary and participated in short term missions trips to New York City, Poland, and Thailand/Laos. It was during my second year of seminary that I seriously thought that God was redirecting me to be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Why did it take me 13 years to discern God's call on my life? From age 8 I attended a non-denominational Bible church. This church provided me with wonderful discipleship as well as tools to study the Word of God. I came to accept the Reformed Tradition of the Faith in high school, which did not necessarily go against the teachings of my church. However, I did begin to see discrepancies between my understanding of Scripture and certain teachings of the church, including the areas of spiritual gifts and women in ministry. Desiring to be faithful to the Word of God, I read myriads of books from college on, especially in regard to women in ministry, in an effort to reconcile the call I heard from God with Scripture. It was at the beginning of my second year in seminary that I felt peace and had assurance that women's serving in ordained ministerial positions was not contrary to the Word of God.

Even though I was being redirected by the Lord, I still felt compelled to explore missions as I continued to have a heart for the world's unreached peoples. I learned about Asian Access, an interdenominational church planting mission organization, while attending Gordon-Conwell. I began her application process shortly after her graduation in 2001. At the same time, I returned to North Carolina where I joined First Presbyterian Church, Carthage. I worked as a resource teacher with Moore County Schools and began the ordination process. God continued to confirm my call to the pastorate as I served in and with First Presbyterian Church. In October 2003 I was approved as a Candidate.

In January 2004 I left for two years of service in Japan with Asian Access. I served as a church planting associate, working with two different churches in two different locations assisting them with their third year of their three-year church planting cycles. Through working with these Japanese churches, I gained a greater appreciation of and passion for small church ministry. At the end of my time in Japan, I felt even more confirmed and experienced to return to the United States and to pastor a small church.

Statement of Faith
LaVera Monroe

The framework for my theology is built upon the complete reliability of the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, as the inspired words of God. God is personal and desires to be known as is reflected in the Scriptures. I believe that God is One, existing in three centers of individuality: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All the persons are equal in their character, attributes, and mind and are co-eternal. The Bible gives us God's redemptive plan for humankind beginning with Creation and culminating with God and His people being united for eternity in the New Jerusalem.

Humans need to be redeemed because they chose to reject God by disobeying Him (the Fall). Sin has touched every part of our being (total depravity) so that we are unable to please God and keep His commandments on our own. The consequences of the Fall resulted in physical death with all of creation being corrupted, as well as a broken relationship with God and spiritual death (separation from God--hell) for unredeemed humanity.

God Himself is the initiator, provider, means of, and sustainer of salvation. God is initiator in that He calls a person to repentance and gives the person faith. God provided our salvation in sending the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ, to earth, fully God and fully human, to be born, to die, and to rise again from the dead as our atoning sacrifice (the means of our salvation), so that anyone who believes in Him has eternal life. God is the sustainer of our salvation in that the Holy Spirit indwells and empowers believers to live as God commands and to help the believer carry out God's work in the world. Christ also sustains the believer in that after completing His work on earth, Christ ascended into heaven, where He now reigns and intercedes on behalf of those who believe in Him.

Salvation through God's grace is available to anyone. True repentance involves knowledge of, sorrow for, and turning away from sin and self. The person responds with belief and repentance and is converted and declared righteous by God (justification). The believer demonstrates that salvation has taken place by dying to self and living through the faith and power of Jesus Christ. I believe that faith alone in Jesus Christ is the only means of salvation.

When a person comes to faith in Christ, he/she is automatically made a part of the Body of Christ by the work of the Spirit. Participation in the Body is demonstrated by believers meeting regularly as a local congregation. Although unbelievers may be part of a local church, they are not a true part of the Body of Christ. I believe that the two main purposes of the Church are to carry out Christ's mission in the world of making disciples and participating in the corporate worship of our Lord. These purposes are carried out through service and evangelism, as well as through the ministry of the Word, prayer, music, and the sacraments.

I believe in two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper, both ordained by Jesus Christ, as outward signs of God's grace working in the believer. Baptism, signifying spiritual rebirth is given once. The Lord's Supper is to be repeated on a regular basis. Eating the bread and drinking the cup serve as a remembrance and proclamation of Jesus's death until He comes again. Both sacraments are given power by the Word of God and are acts of worship.

Kimani K. Wright
Biographical Sketch

My faith journey is the continuation of the faith journeys of my ancestors; from the sea islands of South Carolina and the Caribbean through today. I was born in Washington, DC to parents, both educated in Presbyterian institutions, who were active in their faith and at Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church. It was there that my parents met. My faith and my family's faith were nurtured in the church and in our home. My earliest recollections of my faith formation bring to mind my grandmother teaching me this prayer that my brother, sister and I would repeat at night:

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon this little child.
'Fain I would to thee be brought, gracious God forbid it not.
In the kingdom of thy grace, give this little child a place.
For Christ's sake, Amen.

This prayer would conclude with our petition for God to bless our family (including our pets) and friends as we called them by name. It was at Fifteenth Street that I was baptized, confirmed and entered the full membership of the church.

My pursuit of undergraduate education led me to Greensboro, NC where I attended North Carolina A & T State University where I majored in business administration with a concentration in management. I attended Saint James Presbyterian church and became active in the Campus Ministry and in a variety of ministries of the church. While living in Greensboro I worked for a youth agency and had the opportunity to serve as mentor, advocate and friend to hundreds of young people. Many of the relationships have withstood the test of time and I have had opportunity to watch the students' journey from elementary school through college, marriages, children and careers. I also worked as a recruiter for a global staffing and recruiting company. While in North Carolina, I felt God calling me to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. After mulling the call over for some time and having the call confirmed by the community of faith I began my process of exploring the call under the guidance of the session and Salem Presbytery. This resulted in me attending Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary at the ITC in Atlanta, GA.

During seminary I had my faith poked and prodded and further nurtured. I welcomed the opportunity to learn with open arms. I served as the clerk of the student fellowship for two years and also mentored and tutored other students. I received several honors and awards, was inducted into the honor society and graduated with high honors. It was during seminary that I met my wife Angela to whom I have been married for three years.

Kimani K. Wright
Statement of Faith

I believe in God, the self-existing, self-sustaining one, who existed before time and who created the heavens and the earth. Infinite in being and perfection, God called all things into being and acts with sovereign power and divine providence, reigning from eternity to eternity.

God created all things both visible and invisible, out of nothing. All that was created was good, with humanity created in God's image. Instead of living in harmony with God, we were deceived, choosing instead that which would separate us. In our brokenness, God ordained Jesus as Christ to be the mediator between God and us. This was a precious act of grace and kindness to humanity. Through faith in Christ Jesus we are able to participate in God's gracious act, to find freedom from our guilt, and to enter into a new covenantal relationship with God as reconciled, forgiven children.

I believe in Jesus, God the Son who became God incarnate. He is Messiah and Christ, the incarnate Word, who as both human and God served as a perfect witness for humanity. His presence on Earth was filled with acts of grace and kindness toward people of all stations in life. In return for a life filled with love and compassion he was crucified. In this ultimate act of selfless love he paid the penalty for the sins of all those called to be children of God. He died and was buried. He triumphed over death as our resurrected Lord. He ascended into heaven where he now dwells until he comes again. I affirm the he is the head of the Church and we, as believers, are his body.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the comforter and sustainer, who in the beginning moved over the face of the waters and who now guides and directs into truth and understanding. It is the same Spirit who moves us to service and calls humanity from guilt to freedom of new life, just as it called the church into being on the day of Pentecost. The Spirit is still moving, working, and speaking to the community of faith today illuminating the scriptures and through the proclamation of the good news.

I believe that humanity is created in the image and likeness of God; each person distinctly unique and equipped with gifts to fulfill the call foreordained by God in God's service and in service to humanity.

The Lord Jesus Christ instituted two sacraments that the communities of faith celebrate. These sacraments are outward and visible signs of God's invisible grace. In the Lord's Supper we remember the sacrifice made on our behalf experiencing the real spiritual presence of God. In baptism we are cleansed of sin, grafted into Christ and welcomed into the family of God. Because I believe God's love precedes our response in faith, I affirm that baptism applies to children of the faithful as well as to those who are of age and discretion. When the sacraments are celebrated, they are informed by the proclamation of God's word and blend in unity with it.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

Ms. Ann MacDuffee, Chair
Mr. Tad Cates, Vice Chair

NEW CHURCH FORMATION

CLASS OF 2006:

That Ms. Peggy Stinnett (2) be elected.

CLASS OF 2007:

That Mr. Richard Hepner (2) be elected.

CLASS OF 2008:

That Rev. Jonathan Kelly (2) be elected

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

That Ms. Janice Wynn (2) be elected

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR REGION 5 COORDINATOR

That Mr. Gerald **Croll*** & Rev. George Walton be elected

***Correction in spelling of last name.**

**COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING & ORGANIZATIONAL
REVIEW
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

Mr. John S. Howard, Chair
Dr. Ken Newbold, Vice Chair
Ms. Betty Pope, Secretary

ACTION ITEM

A request was received from the Committee for New CHURCH Formation for a name change;

SPOR recommends to Presbytery that the Committee for New Church Formation be re-named, NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT.

RATIONALE: The name change does not conflict with the approved mission, duties and assigned responsibilities (MAO). The name change will be consistent/aligns with the name used by Higher Governing Bodies responsibilities for similar activities.

Changing the committee's name involved amending the Manual of Administrative Operations wherever the committee's name appears in the Manual. In accordance with Section 17.00 of the Manual, this proposed amendment is presented for a first reading at the June 29 meeting, and will be recommended for Presbytery's action at the next stated meeting October 7, 2006.

Installation of Associate in Youth Ministry

Call to Worship

Hymn: Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

L: There are many gifts,

P: But it is the same Lord who gives them.

L: There are different ways of serving God,

P: But it is the same Lord who is served.

L: Each of us has been given and gift by the Spirit,

P: To use for the common good.

L: Though, we have different gifts, together we are in ministry,
led by the Risen Christ. We work and pray to make Christ's church
useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that,
in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Within our common ministry, some are chosen for particular work.
We install and commission them, affirming their call to the service
they undertake to the Lord.

I bring to you now Tobyn Wells, called of God and elected by this body
as Associate in Youth Ministry for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

Tobyn, you believe yourself called to this special ministry and have prepared
Yourself for this special service to the church.

Are you ready now to be installed as Associate in Youth Ministry?

I am.

Do you welcome this responsibility as a way to fulfill your Christian calling,
to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, to love neighbor and to work for the
reconciliation of the world?

I do.

Do we, the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina now accept Toba as one chosen of God to lead us in Ministry to Youth in our Presbytery and to guide us all in the way of Christ?

We do.

Prayer

God of Grace who calls us to a common ministry in Christ, give us courage and discipline to follow where Your servants rightly lead us, that together we may show Your love and declare Your wonderful deeds to the world; in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Toba, you are now installed as Associate in Youth Ministry in the Presbytery. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus Christ, Giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Amen

Hymn: Blest Be the Ties That Bind

Blest be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
JUNE 29, 2006**

Ms. Susan Council, Chair

As information to Presbytery:

On May 31, the Personnel Committee reported a number of findings and resolutions to the Council of Presbytery. Having approved those resolutions, Council now informs Presbytery of the following actions:

1. That, with respect to employment of most program and support staff, who are the office and regional employees of Presbytery, Council has endorsed in principle the concept of employment at-will. (Please see the attached summary.)

Council intends to bring to Presbytery at its October 7 meeting a formal proposal regarding employment at-will, complete with suggested changes to the Personnel Policies Manual, the Manual of Administrative Operations, and related documents.

2. That there are certain job performance issues within Presbytery staff and that these issues are being addressed. (Employees involved have been fully notified.)

As a motion of Council to Presbytery:

RESOLVED:

1. That the four Regional Coordinators whose calls expire on June 30 are to be retained as at-will employees, in their present roles and responsibilities and at their present salaries.

These individuals are Diana Askins, Laura Lupton, Robbie Phillips, and Joyce Winkler.

EMPLOYMENT AT-WILL (A SUMMARY)

Employment at-will is a standard and customary practice under which the employer (Presbytery) and employee each recognize that:

- Employment is voluntarily entered into by both parties
- The employee is free to end the employment at any time, for any reason, with or without notice
- Presbytery, acting as a body or through appropriate channels, can also end employment at any time, for any lawful reason
- At-will employees are not hired for a defined period of time

A frequently-heard reference to employment at-will is that the employee serves “at the pleasure of” the employer.

It is important to add that, as a matter of practicality and courtesy, notice, while not required, may be requested and may be voluntarily given, by either party.

More details and information will follow in the packet for the October 7 meeting of Presbytery.

SYNOD REPORT (To Council & Presbytery)

June 29, 2006

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

Summary of Council Actions

February 17, 2006

John Howard, Sr. (Representative)

COASTAL CAROLINA PRESBYTERY CONSENT AGENDA

- The Synod Council convened its first meeting for 2006 on Friday, February 17, at the AmeriSuites Hotel in Glen Allen, Virginia. Time was set aside during the morning for former Council members and new Council members to re-acquaint themselves with Synod policies and procedures.
- Representatives from all 14 presbyteries were in attendance, as well as the President of the Board of Trustees (Larry Chapin); the General Assembly Council representative (George Conn), the chairperson of the Committee on Representation (Wilhelmina Stone-Mason, the chairperson of the Review and Evaluation Committee (Greg Wood) and Richard Short, representing the presbytery executives of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.
- The Council concurred with the Executive Committee authorizing the purchase of a new telephone system which features an automated system. Effective immediately, callers will receive a recorded message and will be asked to key in each person's extension. For your records, please note the following: Roger Harp, ext. 309; Tracey Carper, ext. 302; Sandy Francis, ext. 311; Sandra Hillquist, ext. 308, Sharon Moody, ext. 306 and Mary Williams, ext. 305.
- The Council concurred with the Executive Committee approving the request from the Atlantic Korean-American Presbytery to approve an alternate ordination examination process for Seonghee Chae.
- Barber-Scotia College is in an "administrative year," functioning without students, staff and faculty. Dr. Mable Parker McLean, long-time former president is the lone employee as Interim President.
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Executive Committee to send Emma Jean Levi, Chairperson, to the 217th General Assembly.
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to adopt the revised 2006-2007 Governance Budget with the understanding that the Administration and Personnel Committee's report and its financial impact be factored into the final revised version.
- The Council concurred with the recommendation from the Finance Committee and the Administration and Personnel Committee of a reduction in staff due to a financial retrenchment. The part-time accounting assistant position will be vacated effective, March 31, 2006.
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to award a \$2,500 New and Small Church Grant Fund to Blooming Presbyterian Church (Shenandoah Presbytery) for pew replacement, pending receipt of the bids.
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to authorize the Comptroller to transfer \$2,500 from the income of the Small Church and Manse Loan Fund to the New and Small Church Grant Fund to cover the cost of the grant awarded at this meeting.
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to award \$2,500 from the New and Small Church Grant Fund to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis, NC (Charlotte Presbytery) for emergency financial assistance for furnace replacement with agreement to the exception to the "ordinarily one-time rule."
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to authorize the Comptroller to transfer \$2,500 from the Loan Fund income to the New and Small Church Grant Fund to cover this grant.

- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to award \$4,000 from the Wharton Fund to the Lloyd Presbyterian Church (Salem Presbytery) for salary support for a shared associate pastor for children, youth and families.
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to renew the following Euler Seminary Scholarships, totaling \$28,000:

<u>Name/College Attending</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Class of 2007</u>		
Adam Bowling, Union/PSCE (dual degree)	(Eastern VA)	\$2,500
Sharon Risher, Austin	(Charlotte)	\$2,500
Dr. Mark James Grussendorf, Dubeque	(James)	\$2,000
Nicole Elizabeth Howard, Princeton	(Eastern VA)	\$2,500
James Gray Marshall, Union/PSCE	(Eastern Va)	\$1,000
Laura Renn Crim, McCormick	(Peaks)	\$5,000
Bonnie Lou Stephens, Louisville	(National Capital)	\$5,000
Samuel T. Weddington, Buchanan	(Abingdon)	\$2,500

Class of 2008

Susan B. Dietrich, Union/PSCE	(Salem)	\$2,500
Berry French Godwin, Union/PSCE	(Coastal Carolina)	\$2,500

- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to award \$1,000 each to the following seminary students pending confirmation of good academic standing and acceptance at accredited PC(USA) seminaries:

Class of 2007

	<u>Presbytery</u>
Mark Frimpong, Louisville & Heidi Grube, Union/PSCEtE	National Capital
Kendall Pearson, Columbia	James
Jessica Tate, Union/PSCE (dual degree)	Charlotte
Andrew Wing, Columbia	Abingdon

Class of 2008

	<u>Presbytery</u>
Stephanie Sorge, Louisville	Abingdon

Class of 2009

	<u>Presbytery</u>
Julie Burns, (McCormick or Pittsburgh)	Salem
Scott Spence, (Union, Austin, Columbia or SanFrancisco)	New Hope
Susan "Robin" Williamson, Union/PSCE	James

Class of 2010

	<u>Presbytery</u>
Aimee C. Goldmeyer, Union/PSCE (dual degree)	New Hope
William E. Spoon, Union/PSCE (dual degree)	Salem

- The Council, effective immediately, instructs Synod not to pay honorariums for members of committees as leaders at Synod of the Mid-Atlantic sponsored events. Reimbursement for expenses (travel, meals, and lodging) as defined by the Synod Meeting Expense Voucher should be honored.
- The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee to abandon two Xerox contracts in exchange for one contract for a new leased copier and a free desktop backup copier-approximate savings of \$460 per month; acceptance of a new lawn maintenance agreement contract at \$345 per month - a savings of \$80 per month, and acceptance of new insurance carrier, Church Mutual, for Directors and Officer's coverage at \$3,000,000 aggregate for \$4,200 and Employment Practices Liability at \$2,000,000 aggregate for \$1,706 - total savings of \$1,250 per year over prior budgeted coverage level for prior carrier.
- The Council approved the following grant awards from the Campus Ministries Grant Fund, overseen by the Shared Ministries Committee at the recommendation of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Campus Ministers (SMACM):
 - \$1,500 to Cooperative Christian Ministry in Higher Education (Charlotte, NC)
 - \$1,390 to Lutheran/Presbyterian Campus Ministry (Harrisonburg, VA)

\$1,500 to International Study Program of United College Ministries (Alexandria, VA)
\$800 to United College Ministries (request denied) (Alexandria, VA) \$2,120* to
Community College Ministries (Blacksburg, VA)

•(SMACM recommended \$1,320; however, Council added the \$800 request denied from the United College Ministries.)

Larry Chapin, President of the Board of Trustees reported that it has been "quiet" time for the Trustees. The Trustees recently approved some roofing and HVAC repairs (at the Synod Office) and replacing both of which have not been completed. He further reported that the Trustees had a good year with investments exceeding the benchmarks and also note that the \$100,000 approved by the Synod Assembly to go to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program had been sent. This investment will provide lower interest rates for Synod of the Mid-Atlantic churches with loans from the Presbyterian Church Investment and Loan Program. The overall return for Synod investments is 6.9% vs. 3.6% benchmark and equities is 9.8% vs. 4.9% predominantly as a result of performance.

The Council approved the recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the following:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Synod Committee</u>
Sylvester Bullock	James	Jubilee Fund
Carolyn Wells	Peaks	Review and Evaluation

The Council approved the recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the following members to serve in the Class of 2008 on the Massanetta Springs, Inc. Board of Trustees: John Earl, II (WMC) - Charlotte; Patricia Valentine (WFL) - James; H. Davis Yeuell (WMC) - James.

The Council did not approve the recommendation from the Nominating Committee to increase the membership to 14 on Synod Committees having less than 14 members. It was reported that the following names have been submitted to the General Assembly for nomination to the General Assembly Council: Roger Gench (WMC) - National Capital; Nellouise Watkins (BFL) - Salem; Thomas Whartenby (WMC) - Abingdon and John Wimberly (WMC) - National Capital. The following names have been submitted to General Assembly for nomination to the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission: Robin Alexander (BFL) - National Capital; Ronald Bullis ((WMC) - James and H. Stephen Morse (WML) - National Capital. ' An oral report was heard from the chairperson of the Committee on Representation. The .Synod COR is planning a training session with Joan Richardson, Manager, General Assembly Committee on Representation, in April or May. > An oral report was received from the chairperson of the Review and Evaluation

Committee. It was reported that the proposed changes to the *Standing Rules/Manual of Operation*, presented at the 218th Stated Meeting in Wilmington, Delaware were presented for a "first reading." There are numerous situations where wording has been changed to clearly state the intent of the provision. However, there are situations where conflicts exist within the current document that have been rewritten to eliminate any uncertainty as to the procedure to be followed.

- Roger Harp, Synod Executive, reminded the Council to begin reviewing the process for the circulation of the proposed *Standing Rules* to presbytery councils for comment.
- General Assembly Council Representative, George Conn reported that several significant actions were taken by the General Assembly Council (GAC) at its most recent meeting February 7-11, 2006 in Louisville, KY. He noted the following actions:
 - Voted to continue funding Barber-Scotia College during its "administrative year" with funds from the Christmas Joy Offering and selected restricted funds.
 - Rejected the recommendation from the Worldwide Ministries Division to "spin off" the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program into a 501 (c) 3 charity.

- Approved a radical reorganization of its Council which reduces its membership from 84 to 48, and voting members from 72 to 39.
- Twenty-one members of the new GAC will come from the presbyteries (down from the current 48). The Council will include two synod executives and three presbytery executives. The current council has a representative from every synod. In the new configuration, every synod will be included in the council's membership, but not through designated representatives. Four young adults, 18 to 35 years old, will be elected at-large by the General Assembly.
- Roger Harp referred the Council to the letter received (on October 28, 2005 at the Synod Office) from the Presbyterian Women. The Presbyterian Women are requesting voice and vote on the Synod Council and this letter was in support of that request. This communication was received as information.
- A draft copy of the Minutes of the 218th Stated Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic was received.
- Chairperson Levi referred the Council to the list of colleges, universities and agencies who have had covenant relationships with the Synod. Some of the covenants have not been reviewed or revised in over a decade. Eddie Deas volunteered to meet with Sandy Francis to devise a system for reviewing covenants, currently housed in the Synod office. Eddie will report the status of his findings at the May 2006 Council meeting.
- The covenant from Hampden-Sydney College was received. Since there are several colleges, universities and agencies that have covenants with the Synod that have not been reviewed in a while, and since Eddie Deas will make a report to the May Council meeting, it was suggested that Roger Harp draft a letter to Hampden-Sydney, informing them that the Council is in receipt of their Covenant, a committee was formed to further study covenants, and a recommendation from the committee will be presented to the May 2006 Council meeting.
- A memo dated, November 2005 regarding starting a Self-Development of People Committee was received. Chairperson Levi asked Beverly Bullock to conduct further research and report her findings to the May 19, 2006 Council meeting.
- The Council meeting concluded its business at 5:30 p.m. with the celebration of communion, led by the Reverend John Kazanjian and assisted by Elder Janice Howard.

ACTION ITEMS FOR COUNCIL: NONE

TIME NEEDED ON PRESBYTERY AGENDA: NONE

UPCOMING DATES AND _____ OF NOTE; REVIEW INFORMATION ITEMS(ABOVE)

END OF REPORT

CHORALE PRESBYTERIENNE DU CONGO

All Coastal Carolina Churches are invited to the only appearance by the "**Chorale Presbyterienne du Congo**" (**The Congo Choir**) within the bounds of our Presbytery. They have sung at the General Assembly Meeting in Birmingham, AL and will be singing at the Worship & Music Conference at Montreat. **On Tuesday evening, August 1 at 7:30pm, the Congo Choir will be in concert at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church, 5070 Main Street in Shallotte.** A Love Offering will be collected and a Reception honoring the Choir will follow the Concert. **Call John Causey at 910-754-6929** for more information. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity.

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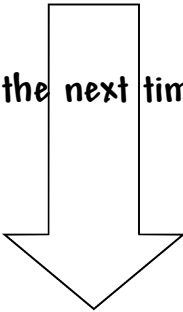
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For the next time:



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One thing I plan to do as a result of what was presented today is...

June 15, 2006

TO: Ministers, Commissioned Lay Pastors,
Clerks of Sessions, Members of Presbytery Council
Others Interested in June 29 Presbytery Meeting

RE: June 2006 Presbytery Packet #2

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Please note that the enclosed item was not included in the original **June 2006 Presbytery Packet** that was mailed yesterday.

- Three Year Evaluation of the Presbytery Partnership between Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico.

Presbytery Partnership
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico
Three Year Evaluation of the Presbytery Partnership

History

The partnership between the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico (The Presbytery of the Gulf of Mexico, PGM) was three years old in March 2006.

At the sixtieth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on March 8, 2003, a covenant agreement was signed that included the following commitments: “In mutual agreement with what we believe, we, the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico, do covenant: to pray for and with each other; to communicate with and listen to each other; to learn from each other; to work with each other; to stand in solidarity with each other; and to witness to God’s reconciling work of love with each other for the period of five years with a comprehensive evaluation to be conducted after the third year.”

Location

The PGM is contained within the state of Tabasco in southeastern Mexico. Tabasco is bordered by the state of Chiapas and the country of Guatemala to the south, the state of Veracruz to the west, the Gulf of Mexico to the north, and the state of Campeche to the east. The airport is located in the capital city of Villahermosa, a large city of approximately 750,000. The Seminario Presbiteriano Teologico del Sureste (The Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Southeast) is located outside of Villahermosa. This school has been built over the past eleven years. The seminary president, Dr. Huascar de la Cruz, is a member of the PGM partnership committee.

The presbytery office is located in the city of Comalcalco, about ninety minutes northwest of Villahermosa. The president of PGM (until the end of December 2005) is Rev. Francisco Magaña, who also serves as a member of the partnership committee of PGM.

The National Presbyterian Church of Mexico is growing very rapidly in Tabasco. The state is predominantly Protestant while the majority of Mexican residents are Roman Catholic. PGM was the fourth presbytery founded at the national level and is 109 years old. The presbytery has churches, congregations, and missions (listed in the order of magnitude). Each church will be responsible for a few congregations. Each congregation will be responsible for a number of missions. The missions are served by the elders of the congregations.

Partnership Committees

Both presbyteries have partnership committees that communicate regularly. The partnership committees will provide guidance to congregations that want to visit in Mexico and North Carolina. While the committees do not intend to “micro-manage” exchange visits, each committee wants to be kept informed of plans, so as to coordinate the overall partnership development. Furthermore, there may be personal and corporate experience and/or background or training materials that the partnership committee can provide or recommend to groups considering a partnership trip.

Projects

Two main projects have been identified by both presbyteries as the focus of this developing partnership:

- (1) The Siloam Health Clinic Project in Comalcalco: El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico has plans to construct a health clinic compound on a 60-acre site near Comalcalco, Tabasco. When completed, the compound will include a health clinic, mental health inpatient facilities, retirement housing for pastors, drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, and camping programs and facilities for youth. The PGM currently has a capital campaign in place to raise the necessary funds to purchase the land. The PGM has established the Jose Coffin Sanchez Foundation to oversee the planning of the proposed clinic. Dr. Drusso Lopez Estrada, a physician and active church member, serves as president of the foundation. The council of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina has identified the Siloam Health Clinic as the number one partnership project. Conversations between the two partnership committees and physicians from both presbyteries continue.
- (2) Congregation-to-congregation partnerships: Several congregations in the PGM are interested in having congregational partnerships with congregations in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. These congregational partnerships will be the strength of the overall partnership, as church members visit back and forth between Mexico and the United States, learn about two different cultures, and work together.

Previous Visits

Three delegations from PGM have visited in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Two presbytery delegations and one youth group from Coastal Carolina have visited in PGM. The Wallace Presbyterian Church visited with Iglesia “El Divino Verbo” in January 2006. The Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, NC visited with the Iglesia “Emmanuel” in Arroyo Hondo in June 2006.

Opportunities

Nine congregations in the PGM are interested in developing congregation-to-congregation partnerships with congregations in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Opportunities exist for visits within the PGM and with individual congregations. The emphasis in these visits is on *partnership*, finding ways to work together, either in Mexico or in North Carolina. An important part of these visits is the cultural exchange. While the physical labor of any particular project is important, the sharing of our common faith and learning about different cultures are most important. This necessarily involves being open to new experiences and being willing to reserve judgment when you encounter a different way of doing things.

Contacts

In El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico:

- Rev. Francisco Magaña: francmaga@hotmail.com (may be helpful to translate your message into Spanish before sending)
- Dr. Huascar de la Cruz: hdelac50@hotmail.com (Huascar is fluent in English)

In The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina:

- Rev. Philip Gladden, moderator, Presbytery Partnership Committee, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Wallace Presbyterian Church,
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(910) 285-2808 wallacepresbyterian@earthlink.net

Rev. Gladden and other members of the Presbytery Partnership Committee are willing (when available) to visit your congregation and present a program (e.g., displays, Power Point, narrative) about the partnership and opportunities for your congregation to be involved.

**VISITS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
TO EL PRESBITERIO DEL GOLFO DE MEXICO**

January 2004

Sixteen representatives from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina visited El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico, including: Rev. John Goodman, Executive Presbyter; Zoe Anne Cagle, minister of youth and education at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines; Rev. Tom Dendy, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg, Ms. Rosia (Gerri) Freeman of the Haymount Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Rev. Philip Gladden, pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church in Wallace, Ms. Marian James of the Maple Hill Presbyterian Church in Maple Hill, Rev. Jerry McCann, retired pastor, Rev. Burwell Shore, retired pastor, Ms. Lynn Warren of the Jonesboro Presbyterian Church in Sanford, Rev. Eduardo Moreno of the presbytery staff, Ms. Helen Williams of the College Heights Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Rev. Mamie Wilson, pastor of the Blandonia Presbyterian Church in Sanford, Ms. Nancy Miller of the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown, Mr. Jose Perez, commissioned lay pastor from Lillington, Rev. Sanders Read, pastor of the Bethel and Shiloh Presbyterian Churches in Raeford, and Ms. Kathleen Read of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Raeford. The group was hosted for one week at the Presbyterian Seminary of the Southeast in Villahermosa, Tabasco and in various locations throughout the presbytery. Group members visited the Alfa y Omega School, the presbytery meeting in Comalcalco, the presbytery office (to attend a meeting with presbytery officials who explained various presbytery ministries and projects), the Dorcas Bible School for Young Women (a school of sacred music and Christian Education in Comalcalco), and numerous congregations. There was also time for sightseeing.

July 2004

Zoe Anne Cagle (former minister of youth and education at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines), Rev. Burwell Shore, and Rev. Eduardo Moreno led a group of youth from Brownson Memorial PC for a week-long visit to Tabasco.

March 2005

A group of seven representatives visited El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico, including Dr. Carl Walters (professor, St. Andrews Presbyterian College), Ms. Helena Lee (associate executive presbyter), Dr. Marvin Hage (OB/GYN from First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington), Rev. Philip Gladden (pastor, Wallace Presbyterian Church, Wallace), Ms. Lydian Altman-Sauer (member, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clinton), Rev. Louie Andrews (pastor, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clinton), and Ms. Cecelia Walters (translator). Group members visited the presbytery office, with members of the Jose Coffin Sanchez Foundation for the construction of the Siloam Health Clinic, with representatives of congregations interested in developing partnerships, the Alfa y Omega School (to investigate an exchange program with St. Andrews Presbyterian College), a main hospital in Villahermosa, and numerous congregations.

January 2006

The Wallace Presbyterian Church of Wallace, NC sent a group of six people to visit with Iglesia “El Divino Verbo” in Libertad, Cunduacan, Tabasco. These two congregations are developing a congregation-to-congregation partnership. Group members included Rev. Philip Gladden, pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church and elders Pat Barrow, Greg Maready, and Charles Stark. Elder Mike Mills of the Lake Waccamaw Presbyterian Church and Rev. Eduardo Moreno of the presbytery staff were also group members. Group members stayed in the homes of church members, ate meals at the church, and helped with a construction project at one of the mission churches (Salem) in a nearby neighborhood.

June 2006

A group of seven adults and eighteen Senior High youth from the Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, NC visited with the Iglesia “Emmanuel” in Arroyo Hondo near Comalcalco.

VISITS FROM EL PRESBITERIO DEL GOLFO DE MEXICO TO THE PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA

June 2003

The members of the Partnership Committee of El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico visited within the bounds of our presbytery for one week: Rev. Francisco Magaña, Rev. Moises Osorio, Rev. Fidel Angeles Fuentes, and Dr. Huascar de la Cruz. They visited the June presbytery meeting.

October 2004

Another contingent of visitors traveled throughout our presbytery in various congregations: Rev. Francisco Magaña, Dr. Drusso Lopez Estrada, Guillermo Dorantes Graniel, Marco Bocanegra, and Dr. Huascar de la Cruz. They visited the October presbytery meeting.

November 2005

Three men visited various churches within our presbytery and brought us up-to-date on the progress of the Siloam Health Clinic and the congregation-to-congregation partnerships: Rev. Francisco Magaña, Dr. Drusso Lopez Estrada, and Rev. Abraham Martinez.

GOALS FOR THIS PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP

According to our agreement,

“The hope is that this partnership will:

- strengthen Hispanic ministry in southeastern North Carolina;
- focus mission education in the churches of Presbytery toward a shared goal;
- facilitate participation in the PCUSA’s primary procedure for mission in today’s world (how to be in mission WITH people in other countries, rather than in mission FOR others);
- encourage members and churches to share faith, learn about Presbyterian missions, and be involved in mission.”

At the end of three years, the presbytery partnership between the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico is helping Presbyterians in Tabasco and North Carolina meet these stated goals.

- (1) As members of congregations from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina visit in Tabasco and learn more about the Mexican culture, they are developing a greater understanding of and appreciation for Hispanic neighbors in southeastern North Carolina. Brothers and sisters from PGM can contribute to our knowledge of Mexican culture with cultural exchanges and education.
- (2) The presbytery partnership provides opportunities within the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina for different congregations to work together toward a common goal. Already members of different congregations have traveled and worked together. The partnership committee hopes to sponsor presbytery-wide trips to Tabasco to encourage and enable members of congregations (in particular, smaller churches) to travel and work together. In addition, the partnership serves as a uniting factor for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.
- (3) The presbytery partnership committee is committed to helping congregations and individuals learn more about the concept of “partnership” as we seek to work WITH people in Mexico. Different languages and cultures prove to be challenges but do not have to be barriers to working together. Congregations are encouraged to design visits that will emphasize partnership, even while acknowledging differences (e.g., financial resources, ease of travel, language, culture, etc.).
- (4) The presbytery partnership provides a wonderful opportunity for congregations in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico to share their faith. While construction projects are beneficial and enjoyable, worshiping together, sharing common meals, and visiting in homes and churches are activities that will promote understanding, appreciation, and Christian love.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the events and developments of the past three years in this presbytery partnership, with thanksgiving to God, the members of the Presbytery Partnership Committee of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina enthusiastically recommend:

- that the partnership continue;
- that congregations of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina be encouraged to plan visits to Tabasco;
- and that information continue to be shared presbytery-wide and, in particular, with congregations about the joys and opportunities that are available through our work with our brothers and sisters in El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico.