



Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

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DATE: July 25, 2008

TO: Ministers, Commissioned Lay Pastors, Clerks of Sessions,
Members of Presbytery Council & Others

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In response to the proper request made, the Moderator of Presbytery has **called a Special Presbytery Meeting for Thursday, August 14, 2008**, at the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church. Directions are in your packet.

Please read/study the attached advance packet. **You will find the advance Presbytery packet by going to the Presbytery’s web site (www.presbycc.org).** Click on ‘packets & digests’.

At the registration desk you will be given an enrollment card to be filled out, a name tag and a blank white card for prayer requests. When you complete your prayer requests card, you may turn it in at registration or leave them on the Stated Clerk’s table.

We do not have plans for lunch at the church, nor do we expect the meeting to extend into the lunch hour but there are a number of eateries within an easy distance of the church for those who wish to take advantage before heading home. No child care is planned for this meeting.

Following adjournment of this meeting, I will be joined by our Commissioners to the 218th General Assembly in the fellowship hall to answer questions, offer clarifications and discuss actions taken at General Assembly. You are invited to join in this information discussion. A formal GA report from our commissioners will be presented at the regular October Presbytery meeting.

Moderator Christopher J. Bobo will call the meeting to order promptly at 9:45 AM.

David A. Walker
Interim General Presbyter and Stated Clerk



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June 30, 2008

The Reverend Christopher J. Bobo
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
807 West King Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Dear Mr. Moderator:

In accordance with Section G-11.0201 of the *Book of Order*, the undersigned elders and ministers hereby request that you call a special meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The meeting is called for the following purpose:

- A. to act on the final recommendation of the Mission Coordinator Search Committee who will present a candidate for Mission Coordinator in the Central Community;
- B. to act on the request to form a Search Committee for a Director of Outdoor Ministries; and
- C. to approve an Administrative Commission to proceed with the ordination of Candidate Charles K. Reed.

It is our belief that each of these matters are of sufficient importance and urgency such as to warrant a Special Presbytery Meeting, and not wait until the regular October Stated Presbytery Meeting. Therefore, we respectfully request that such a special meeting be called for Thursday, August 14, 2008 at the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church at 9:45 AM.

Naomi Newton, Elder
Silver Hill Presbyterian Church
25040 Newton Road
Marston, NC 28363

James V. Bender, Jr., Elder
Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
PO Box 70
Pollocksville, NC 28573-0070

Rev. William G. Young
Minister Member of Presbytery
PO Box 576
Elizabethtown, NC 28337-0576

Rev. David D. McDonald
Minister Member of Presbytery
500 Kenwood Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28405

ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
800 WEST BROAD STREET
ELIZABETHTOWN, NC 28337
PHONE: 910-862-3736

FROM FAYETTEVILLE/LUMBERTON: Approaching Elizabethtown on NC 87 & 41, leave the 4-lane NC 87 bypass and follow NC 41/business 87 into Elizabethtown. Go approximately 3-5 miles on Highway 87 which is also Broad Street and the church will be on your left.

FROM WILMINGTON: Traveling on Highway 87 Bypass of Elizabethtown, take a right at the stoplight onto Highway US 701 that takes you into Elizabethtown. Go to the third stop light and turn left onto Broad Street (which is also Highway business 87). Go approximately ½ mile or so and the church will be on your right

FROM CLINTON: Take Highway US 701 into Elizabethtown. At the first stoplight you come to in Elizabethtown, turn right onto Broad Street (which is also Highway business 87). Go approximately ½ mile or so and the church will be on your right.

FROM WHITEVILLE: Take Highway US 701 into Elizabethtown. After you cross over the Elizabethtown Bypass NC 87, go to the third stoplight and turn left onto Broad Street (which is also Highway business 87). Go approximately ½ mile or so and the church will be on your right.

**PROPOSED AGENDA
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY – AUGUST 16, 2008
ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA**

1. Registration – 9:00 AM
2. Call to Order & Opening Prayer (9:45 AM)
3. Morning Worship (15 minutes) – Rev. Patricia M. Fletcher
4. Declaration of Quorum (1 minute) – Stated Clerk
5. Welcome from host church (1 minute) – Rev. William G. Young
6. Adoption of Proposed Agenda (1 minute) *[Page 4]*
7. Procedural Recommendation(s) of the Stated Clerk for this meeting (1 minute)
 - a. That business to be considered for this called meeting be limited to the items in the agenda and business related thereto, as the agenda is adopted by Presbytery.
8. Appointment of Standing Committees (1 minute)
 - a. Attendance, Bills & Overtures, Temporary Clerks, Thanks
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Ministry: Rev. James V. Bender, Jr., Chair *[Pages 5 – 7]*
 - b. Mission Coordinator Search: Rev. David D. McDonald *[Pages 8 – 11]*
 - c. Outdoor Ministries: Mr. Julian Butler, Chair
10. Reports of Standing Committees
11. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
AUGUST 14, 2008**

ACTION ITEMS

1. That Hazel Arlean Wilson (a member of New Harmony Presbytery) be admitted to the floor for reception as a Member-at-Large.

(See biographical & faith statements attached.)

2. That the following commission be formed to ordain Charles K. Reed as a Minister of the Word & Sacrament at 11:00 AM on September 21, 2008 at St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Ministers: N. Samuel Murrell, Steven E. Hein, Barbara T. 'Sweetie' Francis

Elders: Hunt Jones, Mary Farmer, Blanche Nichols

Guest: Diana Askins (Regional Coordinator - #1)

Hazel A. Wilson Biographical Information

Hazel Arlean Wyatt Wilson was born in Seale, Alabama to Reverend Willie and Mrs. Carrie Wyatt. Reverend Wilson graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Religion from Saint Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina; a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey; and a Masters of Social Work from Rutgers University School of Social work in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Presently Reverend is enrolled in Pittsburgh Seminary where she is completing her doctoral thesis in Urban Ministry and Economic Development.

Upon graduation from Princeton Reverend Wilson received the Jagow Preaching Award for excellence in Homiletics and Speech and the Friar Club Award for Community Service and Commitment to Community.

Reverend Wilson worked in corporate America many years before returning to graduate school. Previous employment include being a Customer Service and Sales Manager with the Xerox Corporation in Seattle, Washington. At Xerox she supervised a team of repair technicians and sales persons. In Durham, North Carolina she worked as an AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Disease Counselor for the Center for Disease Control (CDC). During her tenure with the CDC she was contracted by the agency to design and implement the First Step for Babies Hotline, designed to decrease the infant mortality rate in the state of North Carolina. She worked most recently for Cigna Health Care as a Physicians Recruiter.

Reverend Wilson has also experience working with individuals who are chemically dependent in rehabilitation settings. She has also worked for the correctional department in the state of North Carolina and New Jersey as a case manager and counselor for both the inmates and their families. And being strongly committed to community Rev. Wilson has served as a volunteer for the LaBauch Literacy Program; on the board of First Teen Pregnancy; and a co-sponsor with Diabetes of America.

Reverend Wilson has also worked for several North Carolina radio stations as a license radio announcer providing Christian Music, talk shows and documentary programs. For the last 21 years Reverend Wilson has been a facilitator, and conference speaker for various Christian retreats, workshops and seminars.

Presently, Hazel is pastor of new Bethel Presbyterian Church in Dillon, SC; a professor at the University of Carolina at Pembroke in Pembroke, NC; a member in good standing of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Reverend Wilson most recent endeavors are to putting her energies into The Daughters of Hadassah (DOH). DOH is an empowerment ministry that focuses on the wholeness of women and includes a literary ministry, investment ministry, health and counseling ministry. DOH responds to the wholeness of women, churches, groups and individuals providing a variety of specialized retreats and seminars tailored individuals in "living their best life now."

Reverend Wilson has a passionate call to minister to those in the community as well as the church. She believes that the work of Christ transcends all denominational, racial, and socioeconomic lines. She states that "as a minister, my responsibilities include not only preaching the Gospel but assisting others in living it out. This means that I must be available to meet the spiritual, emotional, physical, economic, and educational needs of the community. My idea of ministry is one that combines Pastoral Care and social services. I have located my foundation for this within the biblical witness of scripture Isaiah 61:1, 'to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners...and to comfort all those who mourn.' This passage establishes the need for social ministry and also lays the foundation for which my own personal ministry is built."

Hazel A. Wilson
Statement of Faith

I believe in one God, holy and infinite, who is complete in Himself. God I know is love, truth and all wisdom. His essence is far beyond our capacity to define or comprehend. Yet, in his love and freedom, God has chosen to make himself known to human kind. He is the Father, the Revealer, who created all that is and all that will be. He created humans in his own image and appointed us as stewards of all that he has created. He created us in his own image to live in communion with him, but in our sin and disobedience we estranged ourselves from God.

God, in his love and freedom, has chosen to do for us what we are unable to do for ourselves. He has given to us his Son, the Savior and Reconciler, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, who is wholly God. The Son is God emptying himself and taking the human form of a servant. He became fully human. Born of the Virgin Mary, he lived, suffered, and dies on the cross for the atonement of our sins. Jesus was placed in a tomb and on the third day he was raised from the dead. He ascended into heaven and dwells and reigns in glory with the Father. The Son is the Revelation of God. It is through the Son that we can know the Father as love and grace. In Christ, God reconciled the world to himself.

God in his love and freedom, has chosen to give us the Holy Spirit as our counselor and our advocate to enable us to understand and to appropriate into ourselves the essence of God's revelation. The Holy Spirit draws us into the process of reconciliation. The Spirit is our teacher and interpreter of God's acts and the Word. The Spirit grants us the capacity for faith and obedience. The Holy Spirit is the Father and Son fully present in our daily lives.

The Holy Spirit draws us into community with fellow believers and builds us up into the Body of Christ. I believe that the church is the community of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is present with the church in the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Holy Spirit draws us out into the world as witnesses to God's revelation in Jesus Christ and equips us for the ministry of reconciliation to which God has called us.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's revelation of himself and is essential for our instruction and discipleship as God's people. Through the Holy Spirit the scriptures become God's word for us.

I believe that the new life that comes to us in Jesus Christ is life that is eternal and that we do and will share in his eternal victory and glory.

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and our joy and blessing is to serve and glorify him.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR MISSION CORDINATOR
FOR THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
AUGUST 14, 2008**

On December 6, 2007, Presbytery directed that the Interim General Presbyter be charged with the responsibility of “creating and chairing a search committee for three regional Mission Coordinators, one for each community”.

At that time only three of six regions were being served by the previously authorized part-time regional coordinators, employed for 17-18 hours per week.

As part of the December 6, 2007 action of Presbytery, it was agreed that the three full-time Mission Coordinators be phased in on six-month intervals: summer of 2008 (Central Community), early 2009 (West Community), and summer of 2009 (East Community).

On February 26, 2008, the Search Committee for the Central Community met for the first time to: review the task, determine the format for applications, rough draft the CIF, establish the method for advertising the position, and set time lines. Committee members include:

Rev. Sommer Fulmer Bower, Chair
Ms. Naomi Newton
Rev. David D. McDonald
Ms. Rosia M. (Gerri) Freeman
Ms. Maxine Anders
Ms. Nina Stephens
The Rev. Dr. David A. Walker

The committee subsequently met five additional times, received applications from several well qualified candidates, narrowed the field to three finalists, conducted interviews, and arrived at a final decision on June 7, 2008. In making their final decision, much emphasis was placed on professional expertise, personal communication skills, a positive attitude, experience with the dynamics of a small congregation, inter-racial experience, and an authentic Christian witness.

Action Item

That the Presbytery approve the call to the Rev. Hazel A. Wilson to serve as Mission Coordinator for the Central Community, effective 9/15/08.

Salary	\$45,000
SECA	\$ 3,443
Professional Reimbursements	\$ 7,000
Board of Pensions (estimated)	\$14,175

**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION: Regional Mission Coordinator (3)

PURPOSE: To improve communication between local churches and with the Presbytery, to facilitate Regional Council meetings, programs and activities and to be the local Presbytery representative within identified geographic areas of Presbytery.

BACKGROUND AND POSITION JUSTIFICATION: Churches within the Presbytery require support as they seek to fulfill their mission as defined in the Great Ends of the Church. Many lack the resources and expertise to undertake even minimal activities and programming for members and for the community at large. To help meet the needs of smaller churches, enhance communication between Presbytery and the local church and to connect churches within reasonable size geographic areas, the Presbytery established six geographic regions and created a Regional Coordinator position within each. Each position was tasked with creating a Regional Leadership Council, composed of volunteer representatives from each church within the region. Although part-time, Regional Coordinators were able to begin the process of bringing diverse groups together to work on common problems in a productive and meaningful way. With the reorganization of the Presbytery in 2007-08, Regional Coordinator responsibilities were expanded and assigned to three full-time Regional Mission Coordinators serving three newly defined geographic communities. With a few exceptions, each community is composed of two of the original regions defined in 2003.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Educational:

Credentials as Minister of the Word & Sacrament or a minimum of a baccalaureate degree for those serving as Commissioned Lay Pastor, church educator or elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA

Work Related Experience:

At least four years of experience in a church or related leadership position where candidate identified, developed and implemented strategies for addressing organizational needs

Professional:

- Experience working in a non-profit setting with heavy reliance on volunteers
- Training in one or more of the following areas: conflict management, Christian education, evangelism, growth, mission, transformation, small church ministry organization and group process or other identified area of Presbytery need.
- Working knowledge of computer applications and internet services and resources.

Personal:

- Evidences a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and faithful witness in word and deed. Evidences knowledge of Scriptures, the *Book of Order* and *Book of Confessions*.
- Shows commitment to the Presbyterian Church, USA and the Six Great Ends of the Church.
- Remains passionate and enthusiastic about the work, diligent as to duties, reliable and trustworthy of character, affirming in manner, flexible and collegial in relationships, open to the insight of others.
- Self-starter that requires minimal direction and continuing oversight
- Excellent organization, communication and relational skills.
- Demonstrates skills necessary for working with diverse groups.
- Exhibits vision and imagination; is articulate, creative and energetic.
- Is willing and able to travel regularly within his or her community and to a lesser extent throughout the Presbytery.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Creates a visible presence in the life of the geographic community by attending worship, celebrations, meetings and events. Builds understanding of and rapport with churches, sessions, ministers and bodies serving the mission of Jesus Christ. Identifies and implements ways in which groups can join together in worship, learning and service.
2. Works with the Committee on Church Revitalization and Transformation to help churches move through transformation activities and identify ways to reach out to their surrounding communities.
3. Creates opportunities for volunteer involvement in multi-church activities and projects and provides ways to enhance volunteer development and involvement within the community.
4. Assist churches in developing member skill lists for use at the church or community level.
5. Provides a witness to the region, communicating the steadfast services and intent of Presbytery, interpreting programs and linking individuals and groups of Presbytery. Examples include collaborating with program staff and incorporating the hunger and Racial Ethnic ministries into the consciousness and consideration of the region.
6. Communicates with and collects needs, concerns and comments from local churches, regional councils and individual members.
7. Provides feedback from churches, regional councils and individual members to Presbytery staff, committees of Presbytery and other bodies.
8. Contacts churches and church representatives, alerting and inviting them to programs and events. Encourages churches and groups to develop creative ideas and solutions to common problems and shares techniques used at other churches and in other organizational structures.
9. Acts as resource and staff to the Regional Leadership Council, contributing to the planning and facilitating of focus, programs and events. Edits or contributes to newsletters and other written and electronic communications.

10. Identifies actual or perceived problems in churches and reports them to the General Presbyter and/or Committee on Ministry and to the relevant staff.
11. Preaches regularly (twice per month) in churches throughout his or her community.
12. Develops and presents relevant training and informational programs within his or her community or to larger audiences when appropriate.
13. Attends staff meetings, Presbytery meetings and other Presbytery functions. Attends committee meetings and serves as committee staff as assigned by the General Presbyter.
14. Builds contacts in and familiarity with a geographic Community, identifying individuals qualified for service. Maintains awareness of Presbytery structure and activities and becomes acquainted with a wide range of people within the Presbytery.
15. Person in this position will be expected to expand skills as needed through continuing education programs offered through the Presbyterian Church, USA and from other sources.

Additional responsibilities may be added, consistent with the skills and effort described.

SEARCH AND HIRING AUTHORITY: The General Presbyter is charged with conducting a search authorized by Presbytery to fill a vacancy occurring in this position. The search shall follow procedures authorized in the Presbytery's Manual of Administrative Operations. The General Presbyter shall present a selected candidate and the proposed terms of call to the Presbytery for final approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Full-Time - Exempt

REPORTS TO: General Presbyter

EVALUATED BY: Evaluated annually by General Presbyter and others using procedures established in the Presbytery's Manual of Administrative Operations.

Drafted by the Transition Team 6/26/2007

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) Part of the meeting of Presbytery _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

() Minister () Elder () CLP

Church: _____

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Presbytery Meeting Evaluation

How Did We Do Together!

We appreciate you taking time to be a part of this Presbytery Meeting and hope this was a meaningful experience for you. In an effort to improve future Presbytery meetings, please assist us by completing the questions below and leave this with us as you depart the meeting on August 14th.

Your Status: Elder Commissioner; Minister member; Visitor

Was today your first time to attend a meeting of this Presbytery?

Yes; No

1. Please rate the following items:

	<u>Excellent</u>			<u>Needs Improvement</u>	
a. Meeting Packet:	5	4	3	2	1
b. Registration:	5	4	3	2	1
c. Morning Meeting:	5	4	3	2	1
d. Worship Service:	5	4	3	2	1
e. Afternoon Meeting	5	4	3	2	1
f. Overall Rating:	5	4	3	2	1

2. What would you identify as a highlight or highlights of this meeting?

3. Please add further comments. In particular, for any items which you answered as “Needs Improvement”, please provide us with your suggestions on ways to improve. Use reverse side if needed. Thanks!