

DIGEST
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
SEVENTY FIFTH STATED MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 7, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Rev. Sandy Williams, Presbytery Moderator.

ENROLLMENT: 87 ministers, 103 elders representing 91 sessions, 7 committee chairs, 12 commissioned lay pastors & 36 visitors.

COMMUNICATIONS & REFERRALS: *See December Presbytery Packet, pages 10 & 75 – 77.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT: *See December Presbytery Packet, pages 10 – 15 and 75 – 77.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Received two ministers: David L. Perry as Pastor of Flat Branch Presbyterian Church and Matthew A. Rich as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton. Rev. Henrietta J. Carmichael was honorably retired effective 11/09/06. Approved the request of John R. Goodman to be designated as an Honorably Retired minister of the Word & Sacrament effective 7/31/07, concurrently with the dissolution of his relationship with Presbytery as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk. Commissioned one Commission Lay Pastor: W. Bruce Ezell, Jr./Antioch Presbyterian Church, Red Springs. Approved the request of Teachey Presbyterian Church to waive the requirement of the Book of Order G-14.0202b, not to rotate session members, for a period of three years beginning 12/07/06. *See December Presbytery Packet, pages 31 – 35 and 78 – 82.

BUDGET & FINANCE: Approved the 2007/2008 Biennial Presbytery Budget in the amount of 1,690,136 for 2007 and \$1,687,136 for 2008. Year-to-Date Financial Summary was received as information. *See December Presbytery Packet, pages 37 – 39.

SESSIONAL RECORDS/OVERTURES/HIGHER GOVERNING BODY DIRECTIVES:

Results of the voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA): 06-A: *Affirmative*; 06-B.1: *Affirmative*; 06-B.2: *Affirmative*; 06-B.3: *Affirmative*; 06-C: *Affirmative*; 06-D: *Affirmative*; 06-E: *Affirmative*; 06-F: *Affirmative*. *See Presbytery Packet, pages 16 – 18.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL: Accepted the invitation of Bethesda Presbyterian Church to host the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Adopted updated Guidelines for Commissioners to Synod and General Assembly. Approved an increase in the membership of the Committee on Nominations & Volunteer Development establishing a Subcommittee for Volunteer Development, including new members to the Committee on Nominations & Volunteer Development. Elected new members to the Subcommittee for Volunteer Development. *See December Presbytery Packet, pages 19 – 28.

NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: With no nominations from the floor, the report & the supplemental report were approved and all those listed were elected as nominated. *See December Presbytery Packet, pages 36 & 85.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: [1] Approved the following position descriptions as submitted: General Presbyter & Stated Clerk, Associate for Mission, Treasurer & Business Manager, Associate for Outdoor Ministries, Hispanic Evangelist, Regional Coordinator, & Associate for Resource Services. [2] Approved year-end bonuses in the amount of \$400 each to the following: Associate for Resource Services (1), Associates for Outdoor Ministries,

Youth, & Hispanic Ministries (3), Regional Coordinators (4), Treasurer & Business Manager (1), Site Managers (2), Administrative Assistants (2), Financial Assistant (1) & Hunger Action Enabler (1). [3] Approved improving fairness of pay by enacting the following increase, effective December 1, 2006. Associate for Resource Services, Kaye Bledsoe, from \$23,607 to \$27,107. [4] Approved authorizing Presbytery Council to update the organization of the staff, making changes consistent with the salary/benefits budget for 2007. [5] Approved authorizing Presbytery Council to search for and retain an Interim Associate for Mission (formerly Associate Executive Presbyter), for 12 – 18 months, to ensure continuity of leadership. [6] Approved authorizing Presbytery Council to nominate a search committee for General Presbyter & Stated Clerk, for action at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, March 3, 2007. [7] Approved recommendation that a representative of the Personnel Committee be invited to all meetings of and serve as ex-officio, without a vote, to all Search Committees. *See December Presbytery Packet, pages 40 – 60 and 88 – 92.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: Approved that Presbytery affirm its encouragement for persons interested in the preservation of historical South River Presbyterian Church and Cemetery to form an organization with the responsibility of maintaining and preserving the church building, cemetery, and grounds, and affirm its openness to consider the transfer of title for said property to such an organization if the way be clear. *See December Presbytery Packet, page 61.

MEETING ADJOURNED with prayer to meet on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, NC.

*To find the December Presbytery Packet: Go to www.presbycc.org. On the menu, click ‘Packets & Digests’.