

DIGEST
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
SEVENTY-SEVENTH STATED MEETING
ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 28, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Elder John S. Monroe, Jr., Presbytery Moderator

ENROLLMENT: 89 ministers, 118 elders representing 107 sessions, 7 committee chairs, 12 commissioned lay pastors & 83 visitors.

COMMUNICATIONS & REFERRALS: **See June Presbytery Packet, page 10.*

STATED CLERK'S REPORT: **See June Presbytery Packet, pages 10 -14.*

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Approved the following candidates: Paul J. Shields for ordination & for installation as Pastor of Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Sanford; Charles L. (Chip) Stapleton, III for ordination & for installation as Associate Pastor as Highland Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville; & Peden Emile Harley for ordination & for installation as Associate Pastor of Winter Park Presbyterian Church, Wilmington. Received two ministers: John R. Kerr as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville; & Walter L. Taylor as Pastor of Oak Island Presbyterian Church, Oak Island. Approved the 2007 Terms of Call for Installed Pastors. Approved 2008 Proposed Minimum Compensation for Installed Pastors. Rev. Robert L. Yoder was honorably retired effective 6/30/07. Rev. J. Ben McCoy, III was honorably retired effective 9/01/07. Approved the request of Silver Hill Presbyterian Church, Marston to waive the requirement of the Book of Order G-14.0202b, not to rotate session members, for a period of three years beginning 3/03/07. Approved & adopted the Proposed Sabbatical Policy. A list of approved Moderators-of-Sessions & supply relationships is attached. **See June Presbytery Packet, pages 15 – 26 and pages 81 – 93.*

COMMITTEE FOR MISSION & OUTREACH: Approved the Covenant of Agreement between the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina & the Eastern Operations of North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Inc. (as described in this report) effective June 28, 2007. PASSED. Approved the establishment of a covenant agreement between Presbytery and the Reverends David & Susan Hudson, in which Presbytery will encourage all its member churches for an initial period of three years to do the following: Commit annually to the financial support of David & Susan Hudson, with a goal of all churches of the Presbytery contributing a combined total of a minimum of \$25,000 annually; (2) Publicly recognize this covenant relationship with David & Susan Hudson in ways appropriate to each church, such as listing the covenant relationship in the church bulletin, highlighting mission in India/South Asia as a part of the church's mission program, and other appropriate expressions of support. (3) Regularly remember David & Susan Hudson and the mission in which they engage through prayers of thanksgiving and intercession and invite and welcome them into our respective churches as opportunity permits. **See June Presbytery Packet, pages 36 – 47 and 94 – 97.*

TRANSITION TEAM: Approved the recommendation that Presbytery reconsider its May 8th action to have the first reading of the Reorganization Plan at its June meeting; and that the timeline be amended so that the first reading of the Reorganization Plan be postponed until Presbytery's October meeting. ** See June Presbytery Packet – page 27 & 28.*

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL: (1.) A MOTION was made that Presbytery concur in Presbytery Council's action regarding the appointment of Rev. David A. Walker as Interim General Presbyter effective August 1, 2007. PASSED. (2.) A MOTION was made to elect Rev. David A. Walker as Interim Stated Clerk effective August 1, 2007. PASSED. (3.) Presbytery concurred in action taken by Presbytery Council and in Council's further recommendations, resulting in the approval of David A. Walker as Interim General Presbyter and Stated Clerk effective August 1, and in redesigning

the tasks of the search committee elected by Presbytery May 8 as that of searching for and recommending to Presbytery a candidate or candidates for General Presbyter and for Stated Clerk (with the understanding that the committee's work of seeking candidates will be deferred until Presbytery has finalized its decision regarding whether the two positions will be filled by a single person or two persons). (4.) That Ms. Shirley Stockton [6] be elected to the Committee on Nominations & Volunteer Development, Class of 2010. PASSED. (5.) A MOTION was made to accept the invitation of Burgaw Presbyterian Church to host the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2007, at the Burgaw Church. PASSED. (6.) A MOTION was made to accept the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Dunn to host the Presbytery meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007. PASSED. *See June Presbytery Jacket – pages 30 & 31.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT: With no nominations from the floor, the report & the supplemental report were approved and all those listed were elected as nominated. *See June Presbytery Packet – pages 48 & 98.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: Presbytery approved the examination of Inquirer Charles Reed and enrolled him as a Candidate for Ordination as Minister of the Word & Sacrament under the Presbytery's care. *See June Presbytery Packet, pages 32 & 33.

COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Norman Frank Lewis, Jr., Lillington Presbyterian Church, the recipient of the Older Adult of the Year award was introduced and addressed Presbytery. The registration form is available online for the Learning/Leadership School on September 15, 2007 (www.presbycc.org). You may also contact Ms Kaye Bledsoe at the Presbytery Office. *See June Presbytery Packet – page 34.

COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNICATIONS: There is a survey on the Presbytery website (www.presbycc.org). Help this committee by completing this survey.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: Approved the request to guarantee a loan for Reilly Road Presbyterian Church from the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program in the amount of \$100,000 for their church expansion project. PASSED. *See June Presbytery Packet – pages 49 – 53.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Approved the recommendation that Presbytery grant permission for Bethany Presbyterian Church, Lumberton to sell a vacant lot that they own but are not using. *See June Presbytery Packet – page 5.

NON-BUSINESS TIMES: Presbytery

- Heard a presentation by Timothy B. Tyson, author of *Blood Done Sign My Name*.
- Presented honorable retirement certificates to Bob Yoder, Ben McCoy, and John Goodman.
- Gave recognition to John Goodman's years of service as an ordained minister, the last seven years as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of this Presbytery.

MEETING ADJOURNED with prayer to meet in a stated meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2007.

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

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL/ LEARNING FAIR

"Discipleship Amidst Change"

Join members of the Presbytery of
Coastal Carolina for a day filled with

WORKSHOPS,

BOOKSTORE, DISPLAYS

Saturday—September 15, 2007—8:30am-3:00pm

Robeson Community College

Exit 22, I-95 - Lumberton, NC

Cost—\$25 per person (includes lunch)

Registration Deadline - Sept. 11, 2006

Gardner Edwards Lecturer/Keynoter:

Rodger Nishioka serves as Associate Professor of Christian
Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. (He
will give the keynote and lead 2 workshops)

DAY CAMP

9:00AM—3:15 PM

*Co-sponsored with Committee for
Outdoor Ministries*

For children K-5th Grade Cost—\$10.00

Games— Arts & Crafts—Lunch

Campers must fill out a special

Day Camp Registration form—

Call the Presbytery office 1-800-277-7479

(Bulletin Insert)

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL/LEARNING FAIR SCHEDULE

September 15, 2007

8:30—9:00	Registration and Refreshments
9:00—9:45	Plenary with keynote & awards
10:00—11:00	Session #1 Workshops
11:15—12:15	Session #2 Workshops
12:30—1:30	Lunch, Bookstore, Resource Center, Displays
1:45—3:00	Session #3 Workshops & Evaluation

For brochure/ registration form online - www.presbycc.org or
call the Presbytery office (1-800-277-7479)

WORKSHOPS OFFERED (see brochure for complete list)

- Church Finances for Treasurers
 - Building Small Group Ministry in the Church
 - Transforming the Confirmation Journey
 - PW Horizon's Bible Study Introduction
 - Becoming a Welcoming Congregation
 - Commissioned Lay Pastors: A Vocation for Elders
 - Emerging Worship
 - Organizing & Implementing Retreats
 - Creative Programs & Practices for Advent
 - Edifying the Church: Sharing the Gospel
 - Small Church Alive!
 - Emerging Worship
 - Climate Change: a faith-based response
 - Church Transformation: Becoming a "Great" Church
 - Nurturing Children's Spirituality: Birth to 12 years
 - Developing Youth Ministry Around Your Lay People
 - Helping Others Through Grief: A Good Friend for Bad Times
 - Empathic Evangelism
 - Music for the Small Church
 - Sessional Records for Clerks of Session
 - Encouraging and Supporting Church Leaders
- Participate in 3 workshops or spend one workshop time
shopping in the Bookstore or visiting the Resource Center and
displays.**



Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

WHAT? Presbytery-Wide Partnership Trip to
Tabasco, Mexico

WHEN? November 5-12, 2007

WHY? To visit partner congregations in
El Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico

WHO? For anyone interested in learning more about
our presbytery partnership (8-10 spaces available)

HOW MUCH? The trip will cost about \$1,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip Gladden

Wallace Presbyterian Church

910-285-2808

wallacepresbyterian@earthlink.net





Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Disaster Assistance and Recovery
“PCCDAR”
PLEASE ANNOUNCE
Volunteer Information NEEDED

The Presbyterians of Coastal Carolina know the necessity of helping families in time of need and we know first hand what it means to have natural disasters. We, as the body of Christ understand through God’s love and by his hands we are bound by his direction to help our neighbors in times of their desperation and physical need.

There has been a discussion group formed to formulate how we as Coastal NC Presbyterians can respond to any natural disasters (both in our own area and elsewhere). In the next few weeks a data form will be completed and distributed to all the churches within our Presbytery asking information from those individuals that are willing to have their name placed on a list to be called on in times of natural disasters. This data base will used as a tool to identify those people within our Presbytery that are willing to respond and give whatever time and talents they have to our neighbors in need. We’ll be asking each church to distribute these forms to your membership. The form then can be mailed to the data base coordinator. We are also working on an on-line form that can be filled out and electronically sent to the data base itself.

If you or someone you know maybe interested in joining this group, have additional information that would help or have any questions, please contact the following:

Leader and moderator of the *Discussion group* is:

Jason Davenport
919 775-3713
edgewoodpc@windstream.net

Data-base coordinator is

John Crowder
910 371-9921
johncrowder@earthlink.net

The information collected is for the expressed purpose of gathering information of those individuals that are willing to volunteer their time, talents and other efforts to others in times of need. The information gathered will not be shared with any other organization or agency and will only be used to maintain a list of those volunteers that are willing to help in times of natural disasters. Submitting this information will not obligate the individual for any volunteer time or project. They will have the right to accept or reject any task or mission asked of them.

To: Churches, Sessions and Ministers of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
From: Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Subject: Moving toward a Theology of Child Advocacy

Servants in Christ:

Last September, at our yearly educational event in Lumberton, the keynote speaker, The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner made us laugh and cry with her inspiring insights and wonderful stories. She concluded by challenging us with these words. “In order to restore community as a Church and as a Nation, we need to fulfill our calling to take care of the children and youth God has entrusted in our care. We need to once again take responsibility for the children in our neighborhoods.”

Your Peacemaking Committee heard her words and has begun a year long strategy to respond to her challenge. We are calling our project:

SCHOOL – STUDENTS – CHURCH
Together
Finding Harmony

The Peacemaking Committee believes there are many programs within the bounds of our Presbytery that are actively working with our school programs to both improve the lives of our children and also give them a safe environment in which to learn. We have heard stories of church members becoming mentors, of churches offering a safe after school space for children/youth such as after school recreation programs, even a church that will provide designated drivers for youth who have become intoxicated after events such as Prom Night.

We recognize the need exists to create ways of caring for our school age children/youth. We know many of you have come up with some creative programs. The Peacemaking Committee wants to be the vehicle by which we hear your concerns and offer possible solutions from folks who are attempting creative programs. But to make this work, we need to hear from you. We are writing to every church in the Presbytery and asking you fill out the following form. Tell us what you are doing. Share your fears and your dreams. Our goal is to see if what someone in Wilmington is doing might meet the needs of a church in Fayetteville. Or perhaps a program sponsored in Bladen County might also work in Sampson County. Please fill out this form and return it to us. We promise to share our results with the entire Presbytery this fall. Help us to help you find harmony for our students in our Schools and Churches.

In Christ,

Louie V. Andrews

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Contact person _____

Email _____

List Programs that currently involve your church and your local school system. Brief explanation would be helpful.

List Problem Areas with youth and children you would like to see addressed

What stumbling blocks might keep churches from being more involved with existing programs sponsored by the local schools?

Please list your school district and someone from that district that we might contact.

Please return to Rev. Louie V. Andrews, 100 Church St., Clinton NC 28328
or the Presbytery Office