

**DIGEST ~ PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
EIGHTY FOURTH STATED MEETING, SATURDAY – MARCH 7, 2009
RAEFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RAEFORD, NORTH CAROLINA**

CALL TO ORDER: Elder Meredith Hudson, Presbytery Moderator. **ENROLLMENT:** 128 from a total of 261 minister members; 166 elders representing 151 from a total of 189 churches; 4 committee chairs, 22 commissioned lay pastors & 83 visitors.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Commissioned two Commissioned Lay Pastors: Denise Jones/McClure Memorial Presbyterian Church and Tom Brown/Southview Presbyterian Church. Introduced the new Qualified Elders who have completed their Commissioned Lay Pastor Training 12/31/08: John Birkenhauer, Bruce Brown, Roy Campbell, Julie Carriker, Dee Clere, Brent Edwards, John Frye, Ronald Holmes, Brett Johnson, Doug Jordan, Becky Thompson, Earnestine G. Wall & Gracie Williams. Several Moderators-of-Sessions, Supply Relationships and Commissioned Lay Pastors extensions were reported. (**See March 2009 Presbytery Packet, pages 9 – 11.*)

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR MISSION COORDINATOR FOR THE WEST COMMUNITY: Presbytery approved the call to the Rev. Laura Lupton to serve as Mission Coordinator for the West Community, with the added expectation that she will continue to maintain the Presbytery website and provide occasional tech support assistance, effective 4/01/09, and the Presbytery will cover the expense of moving her into the region if she decides to do so during the first year of service. (**See March 2009 Presbytery Packet, pages 13 – 15 and 34.*)

Salary	\$26,350
Housing/Utilities	\$20,000
SECA	\$ 3,546
Professional Reimbursements	\$ 7,000
Board of Pensions (estimated)	\$14,600

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: With no nominations from the floor, the report was approved and those listed be elected. (**See March 2009 Presbytery Packet, page 37.*)

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: Presbytery approved that the position for Mission Coordinator for the West Community be filled as scheduled but that the hiring process for other budgeted staff positions in Council's budget be postponed until further notice. Presbytery approved a loan to Little Chapel On The Boardwalk Presbyterian Church in an amount up to \$25,000 from the Small Church Revolving Loan Fund to assist them with their current financial obligations, repayable over 5 years at 6% interest. Presbytery approved up to \$15,000 from the Monroe Designated Fund be approved for renovations to Boyd Hall. (**See March 2009 Presbytery Packet, pages 20 – 24 and 39.*)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: Ann Locklear, part of the Presbytery support staff, has made a lateral position change in order to serve as support staff for our summer camping ministry. The position description is attached. (**See March 2009 Presbytery Packet, Pages 40-41.*)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: Presbytery approved that Inquirers Lyndsey Marie McCall/Laurinburg Presbyterian Church and Timothy/Dodenhoff/First Morehead City Presbyterian Church be received and enrolled as Candidates for Ordination as Ministers of the Word and Sacraments. (**See March 2009 Presbytery Packet, Page 38.*)

COMMITTEE ON SESSION RECORDS/OVERTUES/HIGHER GOVERNING BODY DIRECTIVES: Outcome of voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- 08-A. Vows of Membership – **Negative Vote**
- 08-B. Ordained Officers – **Negative Vote**
- 08-C. Replacing the Word “Sympathy” with the Word “Compassion” - **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-D. General Assembly Mission Council Name Change – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-E. Non-Geographic Presbyteries – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-F. Presbytery Membership of Certified Christian Educators – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-G. Synod Membership on Permanent Committees – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-H. Five Ordination Examinations – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-I. Certified Christian Educators – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-J. Alternative Forms of Resolution – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-K. Ecumenical Statement with the Roman Catholic Church – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-L. Ecumenical Statement with the Episcopal Church – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-M. Ecumenical Statement with the Korean Presbyterian Church of America – **Affirmative Vote**
- 08-N. Ecumenical Statement with the Moravian Church – **Affirmative Vote**

MEETING ADJOURNED with prayer to meet on Thursday, June 18, 2009.

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