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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – Seventy-Ninth Stated Meeting Bethel Presbyterian Church, McLeansville, North Carolina July 19, 2008

SALEM ACTIONS:

Elected the Reverend Curtis Patterson Clerk pro tem for this meeting, in absence of the Stated Clerk.

Celebrated Retirement, including compensation through November 2008, of Associate Presbyter Willie D. Garvin.

Approved Examinations, Testimonies, Credos, and Calls (including appointment of Administrative Commissions to ordain and/or install) of Candidate Canessa Stafford (to be Designated Pastor at Bethesda, Statesville) and Ministers seeking admission to Salem Presbytery: Kathryn Threadgill (to be Associate Pastor at Westminster, Greensboro); Donald McCann (to be Pastor, Third Creek, Cleveland); Randolph Harris (to be Pastor at Highland, Winston-Salem); Larry Duncan (to be Interim Pastor at Westminster, Greensboro); and Tyler Domske (to be Associate Pastor at Mooresville First).

Approved New Minimum Compensation Standards for Ministers and Educators in full-time

service for 2009, reflecting a 3.98% increase over 2008 levels.

Adopted Recommendation of the Stated Clerk that Salem Presbytery concur with the Presbyteries of Charlotte and Western North Carolina in approving granting of a legal easement across properties of the Camp Grier, to an adjacent property owner, in exchange for a fee of \$80,000, proceeds to be used for support of Camp operations; Camp program not to be affected in any way by this arrangement.

Unanimously adopted Report of Salem Presbytery's Peace, Unity, and Purity Committee, including all eleven (11) of its recommendations and its attachment, *Process for Discerning, Identifying, and Evaluating Departures*, thanked the Committee for its diligent work, and granted permission to hold a meal for its members, marking the completion of their task [NOTE: that Committee Recommendations call for various future actions by Salem Presbytery].

Postponed until the October 2008 meeting of Salem Presbytery a

motion that the Presbytery make certain declarations regarding Chapter VIII of the **Book of Order**.

Elected persons to fill vacancies in the presbytery structure.

Authorized Reverend Ken Broman-Fulks and Elder John Edwards to serve as readers for PCUSA Ordination Exams in October 2008.

Thanked the Session and Congregation of Bethel Presbyterian Church for their gracious hospitality and thoughtful provision for the needs of this meeting.

SALEM HEARD:

Pre-meeting music by host Pastor Benjamin E. Williams with hymn-singing.

Choral music by the Choir of Bethel Presbyterian Church.

The Word of God from Psalm 33:1-5 and I Corinthians 12:4-12.

Sermon "Celebrating the Gifts of God", by GA PW Moderator Dr. Catreliia Hunter, specially noting God's gifts to Salem Presbytery

through retiring Associate
Presbyter Willie D. Garvin.

Communion Anthems by Salem
Presbytery Black Caucus Mass
Choir, conducted by Dr. Kevin
Sloan.

Many commendations of Ms.
Willie D. Garvin, retiring after 19
years service to Salem Presbytery.

Report on services and policies of
PCUSA Board of Pensions to all
ministers and lay staff insured
under the Board's Major Medical
Plan.

Peace and Justice presentation
by Dr. Barbara Clawson,
describing her time of service as
International Peacemaker in
Colombia.

Recognition of Ms. Sarah Beth
Christie, DCE at First Presbyterian
Church, Burlington, upon meeting
all GA criteria as a Certified
Associate Educator.

Report of Commissioners to the
218th General Assembly of the
PCUSA, in San Jose, CA
(Ministers Diane Givens-Moffett,
Joanne Hull, Steve McCutchan,
Ronald Shive, Dale Walker; Elders
Charlie Rose, Wayne Green,
Carolyn Sprinkle, Linda Saleeby,
Theresa McGraw; and YAD, Sara
Pugh), including printed reports
and invitation to churches to use
their availability to speak to
Sessions and Congregations about
the work in GA.

Remarks of General Presbyter
Sam Marshall, encouraging Salem
to have strong hope that God is
doing new and positive things
among us.

Report of Budget and Finance
Committee thanking Salem for
their generous giving in 2007 and
encouraging their timely pledges
for 2008.

Introduction of Reverend Eudoxio
Santos, Brazilian Presbyterian

Pastor, by Reverend Jim Dunkin,
First Presbyterian Church,
Salisbury, and presentations of
plaques expressing gratitude to
First (Salisbury), First (Asheboro),
Thyatira and other churches for
their generous support of mission
work at and through Igreja
Presbiteriana Pão da Vida in
Brazil.

Sermon "God's Funny Farm" by
Ordination Candidate Canessa
Stafford, on Matthew 13:24-30,
and 36-43, proclaiming God's
amazing generosity and
forgiveness.

Decisions of Presbytery Council
not to pursue any claims to
property being sold by Reynolda
Presbyterian Church, which was
dismissed from (predecessor
Concord) Presbytery with its
property in 1987; and to continue
discussion with New Hope
Presbytery and Springwood ,
Whitsett, concerning disposition of
the D.P. Foust Trust.

Report of Equip Support Team,
describing new and closer ties with
local Churches, and plans to
develop an active data bank for
responding to needs and
proposals from churches in
educational ministries and
leadership development.

Report of Ministry Team: that it
had concurred in formation or
renewal of Interim Pastor
relationships between the following
Ministers and Sessions: Paul
Ridolfi (First, Asheboro), Kurt
Johnston (Second, Lexington),
Larry Duncan (Westminster,
Greensboro); Jennie Hemrick
(Unity, Woodleaf), Roger Mackey
(Second, Salisbury); Ed Lewis
(Third Creek, Cleveland); John
Johnson (Shiloh, Burlington); and
had **approved** forming a Parish
Associate relationship between the
following Ministers and Session:
Mary McNeal (Oak Ridge); Jean
Rodenbough (Fellowship,
Greensboro); and had **authorized**
Mandy Santolla, CLP, to perform

marriages in congregations of Hills
and Pine Ridge, Pilot Mountain;
and had **renewed** Stated Supply
relationships between the following
Ministers and Churches: Barrie
Kirby (Immanuel, China Grove);
Steve Snipes (Wilkes Chapel, N.
Wilkesboro); Andre Resner
(Cleveland, Cleveland); and had
dissolved Pastoral Relationships
between the following Ministers
and Churches: Jonathan Freeman
(Parkway, Winston-Salem); Don
Kerns (Springwood, Whitsett-
including transfer to Mid-South
Presbytery); Jeffrey A. Smith (Mt.
Tabor, Cleveland-including
permission to labor within the
bounds of Central Florida
Presbytery); Marvin Lindsay (John
Calvin, Salisbury); and had
transferred Gavin Meeks to
Presbytery of the James; and had
appointed as Session Moderators
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas (Gulf, Gulf);
Reid Dalton (Springwood,
Whitsett); Jennie Hemrick (Trinity,
Salisbury); Fred Sanford (Mt.
Tabor, Cleveland); and had
approved renewal of CLP
Contracts between: Sue Flippin
(Siler City, Siler City); Bruce
Wheeler (Milton, Milton); Tracey
Collins (Collinstown, Westfield);
Timothy Bates (Calvary,
Statesville).

FUTURE PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

***October 21, 2008 at Rumble
Memorial, Blowing Rock***

***February 14, 2009 location
TBA***

***April 21, 2009 location
TBA***

July 18, 2009 location TBA

***October 20, 2009 at
Greensboro First***