

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH STATED MEETING
MINUTES OF SALEM PRESBYTERY
Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
April 25, 2015**

The One Hundred Sixth Stated Meeting of Salem Presbytery, held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was called to order with prayer by the Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Dianne Givens-Moffett at 9:00 a.m.

ENROLLMENT

Commissioners		Commissioned Ruling Elders	9
Elders	75	Christian Educators	2
Ministers	93	Corresponding Members	2
		Administrative Staff	3

TOTAL: 184
(visitors – 24)

The following Ministers were enrolled:

A-F:

Margaret Almeida, Kaye Barrow-Ziglar, Timothy Bates, Sidney F. Batts, Mark Brainerd, Kellie Browne, Thomas Burlison, Kathryn Campbell, W. Kevin Conley, Newton Cowan, Brian Daoust, Melissa Davis, James Dunkin, Neil Dunnivant, David Ealy, Lou East, John Elam, Terri Engle, Robert C. Evans, III, Dana Fruits, Tempe Fussell.

G-L:

Brian Gawf, Doug Gebhard, Diane Givens-Moffett, Kyle Goodman, Phillip Hagen, J. Randy Hall, Stephanie Hankins, William Stephen Hannah, Randy Harris, Marti Hazelrigg, Peter Hazelrigg, Jennie L. Hemrick, Will Heyward, Frederick R. Horner, Charles H. Howell, Felicia Stewart Hoyle, William M. Hoyle, James Robert Jackson, Karen Ware Jackson, John Johnson, Barrie Miller Kirby, Randal V. Kirby, Khelen Rhodes Kuzmovich, Thomas J. Labonte, Jay Lambeth, Michael E. Lamm, Emily Larsen, Eric P. Larsen, Debbie Ann Layman, Robert E. Lee, Ruth B. Lenger, Joel M. Long.

M-R:

Inger Manchester, Sam Marshall, Toure' Marshall, Bryan F. McFarland, Douglas S. McLeroy, Jud Milam, Alfredo Miranda, Stephen A. Moss, Arnold Nuckles, Glenn Otterbacher, Jeffrey P. Paschal, S. Curtis Patterson, Rebecca Todd Peters, Floyd Peter Peterson, Matthew D. Randolph, Paul L. Rhodes, Grier Booker Richardson, Paul N. Ridolfi, David Rockness, Jean Rodenbough.

S-Z:

Dan Sandifer-Stech, Stephen W. Scott, Howard Sherrill, Ronald Lowell Shive, Paul Sink, Jay Dale Smith, Jeffrey S. Smith, Jeffrey Sockwell, Courtney Stevens, Frank Darrell Stewart, Patricia F. Stewart, John Stuart Taylor, III, Peter A. Thompson, Benton J. Trawick, Laurie Ann Valentine, E. Dale Walker, Randolph T. Wellford, Daniel C. Wilkers, A. Lee Zehmer.

The following Ministers asked to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery:

Jay Banasiak, Donald Barbour, Steve Braswell, Kenneth L. Broman-Fulks, Jill Yvette Crainshaw, Samuel Dansokho, Christopher F. East, Sandra Lee Greene, Hye Jin Hwang, Vicki-Jones Johnson, Ki Seok Kim, Walter W. King, Jacqueline Lynn Kunkle, Genie Varker Martin, Donald McCann, Raymond P.

Mims, Jr., Rosa Miranda, Emily Odom, John L. Odom, Russell H. Ritchel, Jr., Kristi Mills Rolison, Peter N. Smith, J. Grantham Sutphin, William Waterstradt, Connie S. Weaver, Nancy Cole Williams-Berry.

The following Ministers were not present and did not request an excuse from this meeting of Presbytery:

A-L:

Amanda Anderson, Jonathan Barker, Frederick Beck, Kent Berry, Erin Bowers, Thomas A. Brown, Helen Pride Carson, Jae Heung Chung, M. Gray Clark, Hilton J. Cochran, William Reid Dalton, III, Judith Dellinger, Franklin M. Dew, Mindy Douglas, Lee Ellenwood, Carlton Eversley, Jonathan H. Freeman, Larry W. Freeman, Jonathan Gaska, Carter B. Gillespie, Robert J. Goforth, William Hamilton, John Hartman, Eulando Henton, Elizabeth Inman, Dorothy C. Jacobs, Scott Jeffreys, Cynthia Douglas Keever, William F. Lawrence, Jr., David Yeon Lee, Insook Lee, Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Troy Leshner-Thomas, Amanda (Davee) Lomax.

M-Z:

Amanda Maguire, Mary C. McNeal, Francis Rivers Meza, Richard R. Osmer, Jo Nygard Owens, Carl Parsons, Samuel Perkins, Steve Macon Pharr, Andre Resner, Jr., Lynn Rhoades, William Robinson, Brian Kenneth Rummage, Mark Alan Sandlin, John Senior, William Robert Sharman, III, Mark Wallace Sinnott, Stevan A. Snipes, Laura M. Spangler, John Stuart Taylor, III, Erich W. Thompson, Keith A. Uffman, Elinor Ware Wilburn, Virginia Wood.

The following Churches were enrolled by the attendance of their elected Elder Commissioners:

A-D

Alamance Kitty Wells, **Asheboro First** Cathy Grey, Ed Morgan, **Baird's Creek** Rainey Ratchford, **Bethany Graham**, Karen Maxwell, **Bethany Statesville** Alan Lorne Cook, **Bethel** Lois Miles, **Bixby** Bill Cornatzer, **Boone First** Sue Newell, **Burlington First** Jo M. Grimley, Bob Hill, Penny Lewis, **Calvary** Steven D. Clark, **Cameron** James Harley, **Church of the Covenant** Ralph Cauthern, **Clemmons** Susan Preston, Jon Clark, **Collinstown** Robin Gray, **Community in Christ**, Michael Edens, **Concord** Della Kinney, **Cross Roads** Rob Latimer, **Danbury Community** Steve Shelton, **Dellabrook** Ingrid C. Dan.

E-J

El Bethel Jim Anderson, **Fairmont** Buddy Holder, **Faith** Bonnie Maready, **Fellowship** Linda Yeland, **Flat Rock** Rosa Marshall, **Grace** Reginald McNeill, **Greensboro First**, Cathy Lovejoy, Beth K. Phipps, Leigh H. Jones, Beth McAlhaney, **Hawfields** Debby Ferrell, **High Point First** William Traywick, Bill Smith, **Highland** Emily Collins, Kit Broadhurst, **Immanuel** Tony Blankenship, **John Calvin** Mary Ann Frye.

K-R

Kernersville First Millie Vernon, **Lexington First** Ken Vander Schaaf, **Madison** Lisa Trump, **Mocksville First** John Bumgarner, **Mooreville First** Jim McDonnell, Karen Shore, **Mt. Airy First** Margaret Cockerell, **Mount Jefferson** Anne Crawley, **Mount Tabor** Tina Cowan, **Parkway** Julie Coulter, **Pilot Mountain First** Michael P. Alford, **Pine Hall** Tony Paris, **Pine Ridge** Nancy Gordon, **Prospect** Cristal Howie, **Rumple Memorial** Kenneth Helms.

S-Z

Saint Andrews M. Eric Rimes, **Saint James** Paula Graves, Lynette Hawkins, **Salisbury First** Julian Stevens, Julie Fuller, **Salisbury Second** Greg C. Moore, **Shallowford** Nathan Peifer, **Sparta** Norma Whitfield, **Springwood** Ann Jennings, **Starmount** Connie Fowler, **Statesville First** Katie Long, David Parker, **Stony Creek**, Janet Barker, **Taylorville** Laura Jamison, **Thomasville First** Gene Moore, **Unity** James C. Moore, **Westminster (Greensboro)** John Morgan, Jan Parker, Jim Wilkie, Terri Burleson.

The following Churches were not present and did not request an excuse from this meeting of Presbytery:

A-L:

Allen Temple, Bethesda (Statesville), Beulah, Boonville First, Chapel in the Pines, Christ Presbyterian, Church of the Cross, Cleveland, Cooleemee, Covenant, Eben-ezer, Ebenezer, Eden First, Elkin, Fieldstone, Fifth Creek, Forest Hills, Forest Park, Francisco, Franklin, Freedom, Glendale Springs, Glenwood, Graham, Greenwood, Griers, Guilford Park, Gulf, Hills, Jamestown, Joyce, Lake Norman Fellowship, Lansing, Laurel Fork, Lexington Second, Lloyd, Logan, Love Valley.

M-Z:

Mebane First, Milton, Mocksville Second, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Springs, New Creation Community, New Salem, North Wilkesboro, Oak Ridge, Oakland, Oakview, Old Providence, Piedmont, Pittsboro, Pleasant Grove, Red House, Reid Memorial, Reidsville First, Riverview, Saint Paul (Greensboro), Saint Paul (High Point), Sandy Ridge, Sedgfield, Shady Side, Shallowford, Shiloh (Burlington), Shiloh (Statesville), Siler City, Smyrna, Speedwell, Stoneville, Tabor, Taylorsville, Third Creek, Thyatira, Trinity (Elon), Trinity (Salisbury), Trinity (Winston-Salem), Vandalia, Wentworth, Yadkinville, Yanceyville.

The following Church Educators were enrolled: Darryl Ray, Dianna Wright

The following Commissioned Ruling Elders (Lay Pastors) were present: Jim Beard, Jeff Bumgarner, Doug Brinkley, Sidney Crunk, Sue Flippin, Cynthia Ingle, Hal McElroy, Fred Terry, Shaun Draughn.

The following Corresponding Members were present:

Helen Locklear (Coastal Carolina)
Eustacia Moffett Marshall (Charlotte)

The following Administrative Staff were present: Chris Campbell, Peggy Trenchard, and Laurie Scott.

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

The Moderator, Rev. Diane Givens-Moffett, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and delivered the opening prayer.

QUORUM

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum was present for conducting the business of Presbytery.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The docket was presented by the Moderator of Salem Presbytery, Rev. Diane Givens-Moffett.

ACTION:

1. Presbytery approved the docket. (Appendix A).

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION:

2. Salem Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda which consisted of two items on the Committee on Ministry report, two items on the Council Report, and the Nominating Committee report. (Appendix B).

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

The governing body was welcomed by Rev. Randy Harris, Pastor, Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Information regarding the arrangements for this meeting was presented.

WELCOME FROM THE MODERATOR

The Moderator, Diane Givens-Moffett, welcomed the body of Salem Presbytery and encouraged all members of Salem Presbytery to listen for the spirit of God.

INTRODUCTIONS

Corresponding Members and Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were recognized and welcomed by the Moderator. The Moderator then turned the meeting over to the Reverend Randy Harris to lead in the morning worship.

MORNING WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Sid Batts, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, preached a sermon, "Mr. Gorbachev, Tear Down This Wall!", using the text from Acts 10:9-16; 11:1-4a, 17-18. The Lord's Supper was celebrated following his message.

NECROLOGY

The 2014 Necrology for Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, and Commissioned Ruling Elders was read by Elder Dianna Wright.

GREETINGS FROM SALEM PRESBYTERY STAFF

Executive Presbyter, Sam Marshall and Associate Presbyters, Bryan McFarland and Dianna Wright, and Hispanic Mission Evangelist, Alfredo Miranda brought greetings, welcome and announcements to Salem Presbytery.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
Elder Mack Dagenhart, Stated Clerk

The process for voting on Amendment 14-F was described. Summary of the 2014 Statistical Report was given as follows:

143 churches in Salem Presbytery (loss of 1 church)
2 new church developments (no report)
14 churches did not report
21 churches reported no change
67 churches reported a decrease
44 churches reported an increase (10 of these churches reported double digit increases)

VOTE ON AMENDMENT 14F

ACTION:

3. Salem Presbytery voted to approve Amendment 14F which amended W-4.9000 in the book of order to say:

Marriage is a gift God has given to all humankind for the well-being of the entire human family. Marriage involves a unique commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman to love and support each other for the rest of their lives. The sacrificial love that unites the couple sustains them as faithful and responsible members of the church and the wider community.

In civil law, marriage is a contract that recognizes the rights and obligations of the married couple in society. In the Reformed tradition, marriage is also a covenant in which God has an active part, and which the community of faith publicly witnesses and acknowledges.

If they meet the requirements of the civil jurisdiction in which they intend to marry, a couple may request that a service of Christian marriage be conducted by a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), who is authorized, though not required, to act as an agent of the civil jurisdiction in recording the marriage contract. A couple requesting a service of Christian marriage shall receive instruction from the teaching elder, who may agree to the couple's request only if, in the judgment of the teaching elder, the couple demonstrate sufficient understanding of the nature of the marriage covenant and commitment to living their lives together according to its values. In making this decision, the teaching elder may seek the counsel of the session, which has authority to permit or deny the use of church property for a marriage service.

The marriage service shall be conducted in a manner appropriate to this covenant and to the forms of Reformed worship, under the direction of the teaching elder and the supervision of the session (W-1.4004-.4006). In a service of marriage, the couple marry each other by exchanging mutual promises. The teaching elder witnesses the couple's promises and pronounces God's blessing upon their union. The community of faith pledges to support the couple in upholding their promises; prayers may be offered for the couple, for the communities that support them, and for all who seek to live in faithfulness.

A service of worship recognizing a civil marriage and confirming it in the community of faith may be appropriate when requested by the couple. The service will be similar to the marriage service except that the statements made shall reflect the fact that the couple is already married to one another according to the laws of the civil jurisdiction.

Nothing herein shall compel a teaching elder to perform nor compel a session to authorize the use of church property for a marriage service that the teaching elder or the session believes is contrary to the teaching elder's or the session's discernment of the Holy Spirit and their understanding of the Word of God.

The vote was taken by secret ballot and was reported as 125 in favor and 44 opposed.

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
Rev. Margaret Almeida, Rev. John Senior, Co-Moderators

An appeal was made to Salem Presbytery for Ruling or Teaching Elders to read and evaluate ordination exams in the August and November 2015 exam cycles.

ACTION:

4. Salem Presbytery enrolled Daniel Hugh Ervin, a member at Concord Presbyterian Church, Statesville, attending Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament as a Teaching Elder following her successful examination.

EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE
Rev. William Hoyle, Moderator

The Presbytery proceeded with the examinations of Mr. Kenneth Gifford Gatewood and Mr. Rick Purcell. They have been examined by the Examinations Committee of Salem Presbytery.

In the context of the committee's examination, the Candidates mentioned in the following pages were asked those questions that were required through the endorsement of the Peace, Purity and Unity Special Committee's Report. There were no declared departures from the essential tenets of the Church.

In addition, Examination Committee members were given additional resources for the examination including the P.U.P. Committee's suggested questions.

Griff Gatewood - Statement of Faith

"Jesus saves." This simple statement of the Gospel is the starting point of my confession of the Trinity. It is the center of Christian doctrine. From it, the church throughout the ages has understood humanity, the Trinity, and their relationship. This statement focuses first on the name of Jesus and then on the verb "to save."

To say "Jesus" is to name a particular Jew who lived in Galilee under Rome in the Mediterranean world. His life was like any other, yet his life was like no other. He was born of woman, lived in a family, and went to worship. Like no other life, his life began in the mystery of the Spirit's work- he was born of a virgin; it continues in mystery in God's power- he rose again, ascended and will return. To say "Jesus" is to name the one man who lives a life like ours: fully human. It is also to name the one man who is also fully God. To know the life of this man is to know the heart of God.

Jesus saves. He lived, died and rose again for all humanity, so that we might live no longer for ourselves but live in his life, for others, to his Glory. This salvation undoes human sin. In light of this, as a Gentile, I have been brought into right covenant relationship with God and with others. I am called to live a Christ-like, Cross-shaped life of faith and hope in God and love towards all. I long for Jesus' return, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment, and the renewal of all creation. At his return, all will confess that the Lord Jesus saves.

Jesus reveals his Father, the Lord of Israel; together the Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Father together with the Son and the Spirit created all things out of nothing. Like all acts of God, creation expresses Triune love and freedom. From the beginning of time, the Triune God desires to be with us in love and mercy.

Jesus saves by incorporating us into his one, holy, catholic Church. He freely justifies sinners by grace alone and Christ's faithfulness alone. The Holy Spirit brings about the life of Christ in sinners through the instruments of grace found in the Church. Christ shows himself in these instruments and calls disciples as he forms them primarily in the church. These instruments include preaching, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The church trusts that Baptism initiates believers into the Lord's Covenant with Israel, the Lord's Supper reveals Jesus' continued presence in our own life, and preaching proclaims the identity of the Trinity. By this revelation, the Triune God sends out the church with the mission to live in an alternative way in the broken world.

Finally, Jesus gives his church a book. Jesus reveals himself through the authoritative, prophetic, and apostolic witness of the Old and New Testaments; these texts are trustworthy in all matters of faith and discipleship. By living under their authority, our lives flourish. God speaks through these texts to discipline the wayward desires of sinners, to encourage us as disciples, and to renew our minds.

Griff Gatewood – Journey of Faith

Two churches in particular have shown me the character of The Triune God: First Presbyterian Church Americus, Georgia and Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina.

First Presbyterian in Americus Georgia is my "home church." I was baptized there from the same font used in my father's baptism. This small community showed me the unmerited and undeserved covenantal love of the Trinity. Day in and day out, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, this church showed me my place in God's family through their unconditional love. I heard there the Good News of my adoption through Christ into Israel. In this way, First Presbyterian, Americus gave me an unshakable belief in the heart of the Gospel.

There is a decade of communities between First Presbyterian, Americus and Blacknall Memorial PC. The Methodist church welcomed me in high school. At Wake Forest, I learned to think theologically. At First Presbyterian, Winston-Salem, I was first given an official pastoral role. At Regent College in Vancouver, I learned God's particular call on all of our lives. In Charlottesville, at Christ Episcopal and The Covenant School, I learned about worship and teaching. In these communities, God deepened my faith in Jesus and my pastoral vocation.

When I arrived at "Blacknall" in Durham in 2005, I had been married for two years. Over the next five years, my marriage would end as my first wife abandoned me. During the tragedy and pain of those years, Blacknall held me together as my life fell apart. Through Sunday worship, Sunday evening healing services, Lenten services, and the open doors of many families, the church loved me. In the midst of this darkness, surrounded by the love of this church, I met Jesus in a new way. He found me right in the midst of suffering. As my world crumbled, I found that Jesus was the rock upon which I could stand. Also, during these years, I felt a renewed call to be a pastor. During times of worship and in conversation, I realized I wanted to serve at our Lord's Table: to break his bread and offer his cup to his people. I realized my desire to spend my life proclaiming God's gospel.

In my first years of Blacknall, I met Jesus, the man of sorrows, in the midst of my sorrow. In the last few years, I have met Jesus, the resurrected Lord, as I have seen my pastoral call affirmed and my life redeemed. At Blacknall I met my wife, Elizabeth, who is a gift from the Lord. Her kindness, her faithfulness, and her love for

me have given me a new life, one I don't deserve and that for many years seemed like a remote possibility. We were married in January 2013 at our church. It was the most joyful celebration as we worshiped, ate at the Lord's Table, and made our vows. Also, during this period my call to be a pastor has been confirmed by the session as an inquirer and by serving as an intern who led worship, preached, and taught.

In the first community of First Presbyterian Americus, I was welcomed into God's Family. In the second of Blacknall, my salvation and my vocation have been intimately intertwined. As I move forward seeking God's call, my hope is that I will not only be shaped, but have the opportunity to shape a community of faith in response to the risen Lord, by the power of the Spirit to the Glory of the Father

Richard (Rick) Purcell – Statement of Faith

I believe in the ONE triune God.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.....

The Creator, YHWH, Abba....

So powerful is God that His mere breath calls into existence all things, seen and unseen. By His speaking it, something as complex as life itself began. And yet so compassionate is God and desiring of a close relationship with humans that He became one, by sending His son to live among us. His abundant grace cannot be measured as evidenced by His capacity to forgive our ever sinful nature.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.

The Redeemer, Messiah, Son of Man. . . .

Fully human and yet fully God...came to earth to show us the Way...so that we could see...associated with those marginalized by society...despised and rejected...unjustly accused...who took on the burden of the sins of the world, to save the world...unjustly suffered...**yet conquered Death**...to live with/in/through us forever.

I believe in the Holy Ghost. . . .

The Sustainer, Counselor, Comforter...

The life-breath energy within us, "apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor know, nor served., The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service".

I believe in this Triune God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, facets of the One, as recorded in the Holy Bible. The Scripture provides an inspired account of God revealing Himself to humankind. The Word became flesh in the body of Jesus, as a living example and teacher of how to see and live the Kingdom. By remembering God's promise, through the institution of the Sacraments, we are remembering, we are putting His members back in place by becoming His hands and feet. Much of Jesus' ministry was curing the blind and teaching us how to see. Some are blind physically but many are blind spiritually. He wants us to 'see' and assist Him in building a Kingdom unlike any other. The Kingdom has no physical or temporal boundaries. This Kingdom is "**the Realm of experiencing God**". The Kingdom is not a location, yet can be anywhere and everywhere. It is timeless, it is past, it is present-the here and now, and I look forward to the Kingdom in the future. Occasionally we catch a glimpse of the Kingdom, but our mission is to make the Kingdom more visible, more real, for all to see and experience. The Church, individually and collectively, as the re-membered body of Christ must remain the light for all to see. By our following a disciplined life in the Way of Christ, and if all that we say and do is to bring honor and Glory to God, we are living as servants **in** God's Kingdom and providing an opportunity for others to experience God. It is a gift to be shared.

Richard (Rick) Purcell – Journey of Faith

Education: Bachelor of Science, Biology/Psychology, West Virginia Wesleyan College, May 1981. Masters in Biblical Counseling with Crisis and Trauma, Light University, Sept. 2013.

Military: Captain, United States Marine Corps, Honorably Discharged

Law Enforcement: Wildlife Enforcement Officer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Retired Chief Pilot. General and Specialized Instructor through NC Criminal Justice in Subject Control and Arrest Techniques/Defensive Tactics, First Responder, Physical Fitness, Explosives and Hazardous Materials. Active teacher in Law Enforcement Training Academies through Alamance Community College, Guilford Technical Community College, and other law enforcement agencies. Currently serve as Chaplain for Graham Police Department.

Community Activities: Senior Member (Retired), Alamance County Rescue unit. Member, Marine Corps league. Member, Captain, Civil Air Patrol.

Church Activities: Ordained Elder, Bethany Presbyterian Church. Former Sunday School Superintendant. Sunday School Teacher/Leader. Youth Leader. Habitat and other building ministries. Good Shepherd Kitchen. Active in the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage movement. Active in HESED (Cursillo type retreat for Developmentally Disabled). Called to Pulpit supply for several churches.

My faith journey started, like many, growing up in a family where the expectation was. 'go to church', which also like many expectations, I resisted. We were fortunate, as our church was close enough to Princeton Seminary, that we had seminary students as youth leaders. It was through some of these seminary students that I began to see 'Faith' as a lifestyle. I experienced other **styles** through High School, College, and then in the working force. Notice that I did not say '**lifestyle**', because that element that gives life was not present. Eventually, I started attending church regularly, and not because of family expectations, but because I wanted the 'life'back in the 'style'.

I started taking the then CLP classes sometime after I was elected and ordained as an Elder. Feeling somewhat unprepared and unequipped for this position, I saw the list of required courses for CLP/CRE's and thought that this would be a good start for **any** church officer. While taking the courses after my retirement, I started seeing other opportunities for service. As I look at my journey, it most definitely has not been a linear one, more like crossing the creek without getting my feet wet. I now see that every item, in the above section with bullets, is a stepping stone on my faith journey, and there are many other stones not mentioned, on some I have stumbled. My faith tells me that there was a reason for each stone, that God put me on the stepping stone that I needed to be on. Sometimes it is frightening to jump from a stable stone to one that I am unsure of the footing, but that is what faith is about. It is only through God's guidance that I am standing where I am, and it is only through His guidance that I look for the next stepping stone.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
Rev. Doug Gebhard & Rev. Kellie Browne, Co-Moderators

I. COMMITTEE ACTION REPORTED FOR THE INFORMATION OF PRESBYTERY

A. SECURING AN INTERIM PASTOR

1. Concurred with the Session of **Alamance Presbyterian Church**, Greensboro, North Carolina, in securing the **Reverend Joel Long** to serve as Interim Pastor for a period of one year, beginning March 1, 2015.

2. Concurred with the Session of **Prospect Presbyterian Church**, Mooresville, North Carolina, in securing the **Reverend Tom LaBonte** to serve as Interim Pastor for a period of one year, beginning March 15, 2015.
3. Concurred with the Session of **Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church**, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, in securing the **Reverend Charles Landreth** to serve as Interim Pastor for a period of one year, beginning March 4, 2015.

B. SECURING A TEMPORARY SUPPLY

1. Concurred with the Session of the **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, Greensboro, North Carolina in securing the **Reverend Steve Monroe** to serve as Temporary Supply for a period of twelve months beginning March 15, 2015.

II. COMMITTEE ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF PRESBYTERY

A. DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS WHERE BOTH PARTIES AGREE

1. Dissolved the Pastoral relationship between the **Reverend Kevin Conley** and **Covenant Presbyterian Church**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, effective May1, 2015.

B. COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS/LAY PASTORS (RENEWAL)

1. Concurred with the Session of the **Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church**, Siler City, North Carolina, in renewing the contract of **Mr. Bill Browder** to serve as their Commissioned Ruling Elder-Lay Pastor for a period of one year beginning February 1, 2015.
2. Concurred with the Session of the **Sandy Ridge Presbyterian Church**, Sandy Ridge, North Carolina, in renewing the contract of **Mr. David Stratton** to serve as their Commissioned Ruling Elder-Lay Pastor for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2015.
3. Concurred with the Session of the **Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church**, Woodleaf, North Carolina, in renewing the contract of **Dr. Emery L. Rann, III** to serve as their Commissioned Ruling Elder-Lay Pastor for a period of one year beginning February 1, 2015.
4. Concurred with the Session of the **Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church**, Asheboro, North Carolina, in renewing the contract of **Mr. Joseph T. Brown** to serve as their Commissioned Ruling Elder-Lay Pastor for a period of one year beginning February 17, 2015.

C. STATED SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP (RENEWAL)

1. Concurred with the Session of **Cameron Presbyterian Church**, Statesville, North Carolina, in renewing the Stated Supply contract with the **Reverend Timothy Bates** for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2015.
2. Concurred with the Session of **Oakland Presbyterian Church**, Statesville, North Carolina, in renewing the Stated Supply contract with the **Reverend Steve Snipes** for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2015.

D. PERMISSION TO LABOR WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF SALEM PRESBYTERY

1. Granted permission to **the Reverend Charles Landreth**, a member of Saint Augustine Presbytery

To labor within the bounds of Salem Presbytery as Interim Pastor at Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Blowing Rock, North Carolina for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2015.

E. MINISTER TRANSFERRING TO SALEM PRESBYTERY

1. That the **Reverend Lindsay Conrad** a member in good standing of Detroit Presbytery, was received into membership following her successful examination by the Examinations Committee and meeting with the Committee on Ministry on March 26, 2015

III. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ACTION OF PRESBYTERY

A. CANDIDATE TRANSFERRING INTO SALEM PRESBYTERY TO ACCEPT A CALL
ACTION:

5. Following his successful examination, the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy to **Kenneth Griffin Gatewood**, a candidate under the care of Presbytery of New Hope, to serve as Pastor was found in order; and the terms of call (printed below) were approved; and that upon the signing of the Book of Ministerial Obligations, the call was placed in his hands. The Committee on Ministry is satisfied that this congregation has complied with the EEO provisions of the Book of Order (G.2.0804) and the AAEEO Policy adopted by Salem Presbytery (July 1993) in offering this call. The effective date is April 13, 2015.

Salary	\$ 28,750.00
Housing Allowance	\$ 20,000.00
Auto Allowance	\$ 1,400.00
Professional Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
Continuing Education	\$ 1,200.00
Moving Costs	\$ 3,500.00

Full medical, pension disability, and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions. One month paternity leave at full pay.

Paid Vacation 4 weeks

Paid Continuing Ed. 2 weeks

In the seventh year of service, the congregation will provide for a three-month Clergy Renewal Leave (Sabbatical), continuing the salary and benefits for that period and providing for pulpit supply in the pastor's absence.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION APPROVED TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL
ACTION:

6. The following Administrative Commission was approved to ordain and install **Kenneth Griffin Gatewood** at First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, on April 26, 2015, at 4:00 pm.

NAME	RESPONSIBILITY	Teaching/Ruling Elder
Laura Spangler	Preside & Propound the Constitutional Questions	TE
Allan Poole	Preach the Sermon	TE
Tee Gatewood	Charge the Minister	TE
Rob Evans	Charge the Congregation	TE
Margaret Frothingham	Prayer of Ordination	RE
Doug Brinkley	Lead in Worship	RE
Margaret Cockerell	Lead in Worship	RE
Peter Smith	Lead in Worship	TE

C STATED SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP (NEW)

ACTION:

7. The **Reverend Larry Summey** was appointed as the Stated Supply (and Moderator of Session) of the New Salem Presbyterian Church, Stony Point, North Carolina, for a period of six months beginning January 1, 2015.

D. COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS (LAY PASTOR)

ACTION:

8. **Mr. Richard Purcell** was commissioned to a validated ministry as the Chaplain (Lay Pastor) of the Graham Police Department, Graham, North Carolina, for a one-year period beginning April 26, 2015, and he was granted permission to celebrate the Sacraments.

E. HONORABLE RETIREMENT

CA

1. That the **Reverend Dan Wilkers** be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective July 31, 2015. And that a Service of Retirement be held at the August 11, 2015 Presbytery Meeting.

CA

2. That the **Reverend Mike Lamm** be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective June 30, 2015. And that a Service of Retirement be held at the August 11, 2015 Presbytery Meeting.

LUNCH ADJOURNMENT

Directions for lunch plans and a blessing of thanksgiving were given by Rev. Randy Harris. Salem Presbytery was dismissed for lunch.

PRAYERS FOR INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

The Moderator, Rev. Diane Givens-Moffett reconvened Salem Presbytery after lunch and led Salem Presbytery in prayers for intercession and thanksgiving.

BOARD OF PENSIONS

The Rev. Helen Locklear, regional representative for the Board of Pensions, brought greetings and information about the work of the Board of Pensions under its new president, Frank Spencer. She will be holding listening sessions on May 28th at Highland Presbyterian in Winston-Salem, and May 29th at Starmount in Greensboro, to answer questions and hear ideas about the current medical plan.

COUNCIL

Elder David Boger Moderator

The Council of Salem Presbytery met on March 19, 2014.

For Information:

Prayers went out to Genie Martin for quick recovery from her illness. She is our past moderator of Council, 2014-2015.

Reports were received from Sam Marshall, Executive General Presbyter; Dianna Wright and Bryan , Associate Presbyters; Mack Dagenhart, Stated Clerk; budget moderator. Information from these persons

will be shared during the April 25, 2015 meeting. Therefore, this information will not be repeated in this report. Each will share information in their reports to Presbytery. Minutes of Council meeting of March 19 are available from Presbytery staff.

CA

1. Approval of Church Growth's grant of \$8,000 to Concord Presbyterian Church for a new church van for their scouting program. (The current one is 28 years old and cannot meet the BSA standards. It will be donated to Fifth Street Ministries in Statesville)

2. Approval of nominating Lou East to the Nominating Committee

Rev. Fred Horner, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, announced the retirement of Stated Clerk, Mack Dagenhart, at the end of his term, April 30, 2015. The Personnel committee is moving forward with the interview process to select a new Stated Clerk nominee to be voted on at the August, 2015 meeting.

ACTION:

9. Salem Presbytery voted to extend the term of the current Stated Clerk, Mack Dagenhart, until such time as a new clerk is elected.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

The motion to adjourn was approved and the Moderator, Rev. Diane Givens-Moffett, pronounced the benediction and the closing prayer.

Recorded by:

Laurie Scott
Office Manager

Mack Dagenhart
Stated Clerk

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