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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – One Hundred Tenth Stated Meeting Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin, North Carolina

SALEM ACTIONS:

Approved Ordination for Candidate:

- Kevin Guerink, Pastoral Resident at Greensboro First, June 9, 2016

Approved Parish Associate:

- Rev. Fred Beck & Guilford Park (Greensboro)
March 1, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017

Renewed Temporary Supply contract between:

- Rev. Howard Dean (Butch) Sherrill & Westminster (Greensboro)
Jan. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016

Renewed CRE – Lay Pastor Contracts between:

- Mr. Marty L. Brim & Wentworth (Wentworth)
Jan. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016
- Mr. William Browder & Mt. Vernon Springs (Siler City)
Feb. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017
- Mr. Emery Rann & Mt. Vernon (Woodleaf)
Feb. 7, 2016 – Feb. 6, 2017
- Ms. Amanda Santolla & Hills (Pilot Mtn)
April 19, 2016 – April 18, 2017

Renewed Stated Supply contract between:

- Rev. Paul Ridolfi & Vandalia (Greensboro)
Feb. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017
- Rev. Timothy Bates and Cameron (Statesville)
Jan. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016
- Rev. Andre Resner and Cleveland (Cleveland)
Mar. 1, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017
- Rev. Bruce Benton & Sparta (Sparta)
Feb. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017

Approved an Administrative Commission to install Pastor:

- Rev. Ernest Thompson at Westminster, (Greensboro)
Apr. 10, 2016

Commissioned Ruling Elders:

- Mr. Stedman Newsome & Allen Temple (Cleveland)
March 16, 2016 – March 15, 2017
- Ms. Sue Moore & Unity (Woodleaf)
May 1, 2016 – Aug. 1, 2016

Re-Commissioned Ruling Elders:

- All Commissioned Ruling Elders currently serving congregations in Salem Presbytery

Authorized Elders to Celebrate the Lord's Supper:

- Elder Rick Purcell
- Elder Dianna Wright
- Elder Ethan Sherrod, Shadyside (Lexington)

Authorized Consideration of Interim to Installed Pastor:

- Rev. Marti Hazelrigg & Oak Ridge (Oak Ridge)

Approved Revised Dismissal Policy

Concurred with Overture 09-01

- 2016 Fossil Fuel Divestment Overture from the Presbytery of San Francisco

Approved Resolution Calling for Repeal of North Carolina HB2

Read Necrology of Teaching and Ruling Elders in 2015

Voted to dismiss First Presbyterian Church, Eden to the EPC

Approved individuals to fill vacancies on Presbytery committees

Elected to Serve on COR:

- Rev. Sandy Kern
- Rev. Kaye Barrow-Ziglar

Elected to Serve on Budget and Finance:

- Elder Rusty Tyson, Elkin

Elected to Serve on COM East:

- Elder Parks Williams, Starmount

Elected to Serve on CPM:

- Rev. Jon Gaska, Trinity
- Elder Anna Lehman, Boone First

Elected to Serve on PYC:

- Rev. Lindsay Conrad, Burlington First

Elected to Serve as Rep. to NC Council of Churches:

- Rev. Rob Jackson, Community in Christ

Elected to Serve as Rep. to Synod PJC:

- Elder Mack Dagenhart, Highland

Elected to Serve as Rep. to Synod Jubilee Fund Committee:

- Elder Sarah McHenry, Logan

Elected to Serve as Rep. to Synod COR:

- Rev. Kaye Barrow-Ziglar, Logan

SALEM HEARD:

- Rev. Diane Givens-Moffett preach during worship: Sermon "A New Kind of Teaching" Scripture reading: Mark 1: 21-28
- Participated in Worship and the Lord's Supper
- Reports from Executive General Presbyter, Rev. Sam Marshall; Associate Presbyter, Rev. Bryan McFarland, and Associate Presbyter, Elder Dianna Wright
- Presentations or reports from the Executive Council, Examinations, Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Representation, Commission on Ministry, Peace & Justice, COR
- Presentation by Ms. Catherine Lynch, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program

RESULTS OF RECENT SALEM PJC DECISION:

The Stated Clerk reported on a recent DECISION made by Salem's Permanent Judicial Commission. A member and ruling elder in a Salem congregation filed an allegation of irregularity against his Session – which had adopted a policy that categorically prohibited same-gender weddings in that particular church. The complainant alleged that such a policy is in conflict with the *Book of Order*, Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, in that it discriminates against members of the church based upon their sexual orientation.

The PJC affirmed that "nothing ... 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" (W-4.9006)


Nevertheless, the PJC found that a categorical prohibition of same-gender marriage on church property is inconsistent with the process required by the *Book of Order*, W-4.9001-9006. The PJC was also informed by the provision of F-1.0403 which reads, in part, that "No member shall be denied participation or representation for any reason other than those stated in this Constitution."

The PJC found that the policy that categorically prohibits same-gender marriages is not in compliance with the *Book of Order* and, therefore, is void.

This DECISION is binding upon all churches in Salem Presbytery.



Presbytery Meetings 2016

- **Tuesday, February 9**
 - **Saturday, April 30**
 - **Tuesday, August 9**
 - **Saturday, November 12**
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Next meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Boone, NC on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.