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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – One Hundred Fortieth Stated Meeting November 14, 2023 Alamance Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

SALEM ACTIONS:

Secured a Stated Supply Contract between:

- Rev. Boni Quandt & Bixby PC, September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024
- Rev. John Senior & Pine Hall PC, September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

Secured a Stated Supply Renewal Contract between:

- Rev. Maria Hanlin & First Greensboro PC, June 15, 2023 to June 14, 2024

Secured Parish Associate Agreement between:

- Rev. Doug McLeroy & First Greensboro PC, June 15, 2023 to June 14, 2024

Renewed Interim/Transitional Pastor Contract:

- Rev. Lisa Mullen & John Calvin PC, June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024

Secured Interim Pastor/Transitional Minister Contract:

- Rev. Kevin Conley & Shiloh PC, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Validated Ministry Renewal Approved or Revalidated:

- Rev. Grant Sutphin
- Rev. Sarah Godbey

Secured CRE Contract between:

- CRE Rachael Brooks & Hills PC, for a period of six months beginning September 1, 2023
- CRE Kevin Dodd & Cooleemee PC, for a period of one year beginning October 1, 2023

Renewed CRE Contract between:

- CRE Rachael Brooks & Pine Ridge PC, for one year beginning September 1, 2023
- CRE Richard LaDew & Siler City PC, for a period of 1 year beginning September 1, 2023

- CRE Jerry Blankenship & Third Creek PC, for one year beginning September 1, 2023
- CRE Tim Glaser & Cleveland PC, for one year beginning October 1, 2023
- CRE Jeffrey Bumgarner & Laurel Fork PC, for one year beginning November 1, 2023
- CRE Jeffrey Bumgarner & Old Providence PC, for one year beginning November 1, 2023
- CRE Bill Bates & Love Valley PC, for one year beginning August 1, 2023
- CRE Bill Bates & Fifth Creek PC, for one year beginning November 1, 2023

Minister Transferring to Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. Sarah Godbey from Presbytery of the James

Appointed Moderator of Session:

- Rev. Newton Cowan at New Creation PC
- Rev. Fred Beck at Faith PC
- Rev. Charlie Murphy at Piedmont PC

Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:

- Rev. Keith Curl-Dove & New Creation PC, effective August 15, 2023
- Rev. Keith Curl-Dove & Faith PC, effective August 15, 2023

Minister Transferring out of Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. Barbara Smith transferred to Peace River Presbytery
- Rev. Susan Moorefield transferred to Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Approved Honorable Retirement:

- Rev. Elinor Ware Wilburn, effective September 1, 2023

Participated in a Service of Honorable Retirement for:

- Rev. Elinor Ware Wilburn

Elected Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly, Summer of 2024:

Commissioned Ruling Elder:

- CRE Steve Braxton, Trinity, Elon

Ruling Elders:

- RE Courtney Hunter, Mt. Vernon
- RE Susan Stewart, Elkin

Teaching Elders:

- Rev. Phanta Lansden, St. James
- Rev. Wes Pitts, Reidsville, First
- Rev. Liz Troyer, Concord

YAAD:

- Caroline Beach-Verhey, Rumble Memorial

Approved individual to fill vacancy on Presbytery committees:

Budget & Finance:

Class of 2026 – Elder Ernestine Merchant

Church Growth & Transformation:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Timothy Bates
Class of 2026 – CRE LaQreshia Bates-Harley
Rev. Liz Troyer

COM-Transitions in Ministry for Installed Positions:

Class of 2026 – Rev. John Pruitt

COM-CRE Training and Oversight:

Class of 2026 – CRE Rachael Brooks
Rev. R.C. Griffin
Elder Thomas Coaxum

COM-Examinations:

Class of 2026 – Rev. Matt Bussell
Rev. Jon Martin

COM-Ministry for the Changing Church:

Class of 2026 – Rev. Jon Gaska
Rev. Joanne Glaser
Elder Ursula Robinson

COM-Policy, Compensation, Mediation and Church Officer Development:

Class of 2026 – Rev. Erin Bowers
Rev. Neil Dunnivant

COM-Task Force on the Care of Pastors and Retirees, Members at Large/Validated Oversight and Certified Christian Educator Oversight:

Class of 2026 – Rev. Barrie Kirby

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Peter Kim

Class of 2026 – Rev. Kent Berry

Elder Beth Hooten

Elder Alice Milam

Executive Council:

Class of 2024 – Rev. John Carlson

Class of 2026 – Rev. Stephen Fearing

Elder Betsy Harrington

Elder Catrelia Hunter

Personnel:

Class of 2026 – Elder Julie Davis

Elder Andrew Spainhour

Set aside the standing rule to elect a presbytery executive by written ballot

Acting on the recommendation of the General Presbyter Search Committee, commissioners to the 140th Stated Meeting of Salem Presbytery elected Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa as our new General Presbyter effective 1/1/2024

Dismissed (with gratitude) the General Presbyter Search Committee

After comments from the Budget and Finance Committee, Salem approved the 2024 Presbytery budget.

SALEM:

- Participated in worship and celebrated the Lord's Supper under the leadership of Rev. Kyle Goodman, with the sermon focused on the passage at Luke 24:1-12
- Welcomed Ecumenical Visitor, Scott Jones of Tiny House Greensboro
- A Land Acknowledgement statement was offered by Rev. Timothy Bates, to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live
- Recognized Joelle Brummitt-Yale as a Certified Christian Educator
- Received reports from Designated Presbyter Jodi Langan and Stated Clerk David Vaughan
- Received a report from Rev. Felicia Stewart Hoyle and Elder Lee Woods on Synod's recent Assembly meeting
- Received Salem Presbytery's statement of financial position and statement of activities

- Received reports from the Search Committee for Executive Presbyter, EQUIP, Peace and Justice Task Force, Church Growth & Transformation, COR, COM, Task Force on Examinations, Executive Council, Budget & Finance, Stewardship Committee

**Next Presbytery meeting
will be held on the ZOOM platform
Tuesday, February 13, 2024**