

Digest



www.salempresbytery.org
www.pcusa.org



Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – One Hundred Forty-First Stated Meeting February 13, 2024

SALEM ACTIONS:

Secured a Stated Supply Contract between:

- Rev. Caroline Phillips & First Greensboro PC, November 29, 2023 to November 28, 2024
- Rev. Caroline Rhoads Tuttle & First Burlington PC, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Secured a Stated Supply Renewal Contract between:

- Rev. Keith Freeman & Baird's Creek PC, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- Rev. Timothy Porter & Mt. Tabor PC, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- Rev. Jay Lambeth & St. Paul PC, November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024
- Rev. Pamela Mitchell & Grace PC, July 5, 2023 to July 4, 2024
- Rev. Fred Beck & Faith PC, October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- Rev. John Senior & Pine Hall PC, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Secured Interim Pastor/Transitional Minister Contract:

- Rev. Jeff Sockwell & Bethel PC, January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024
- Rev. Julie Hill & Sparta PC, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Secured Parish Associate Agreement between:

- Rev. David Henry & Ruple Memorial PC, October 16, 2023 to October 15, 2024

Laboring within the Bounds of Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. Julie Hill, Sparta PC, beginning January 1, 2024 (Charlotte Pby)

Renewed Interim/Transitional Pastor Contract:

- Rev. Stewart Rawson & First Burlington PC, January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 (Contract ended February 4, 2024)
- Rev. Jon Phillips & Bethany PC, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- Rev. Mason Todd & New Hope PC, September 8, 2023 to March 7, 2024

Sabbatical Approval:

- Rev. Kathy Beach

Appointed Moderator of Session:

- Rev. West Pitts at Speedwell PC
- Rev. Timothy Bates at Reid Memorial PC
- Rev. Neil Dunnivant at Forest Hills PC
- Rev. Caroline Rhoades Tuttle at First Burlington PC

Added to Pulpit Supply List:

- Rev. Margaret Almeida

Renewed CRE Contract between:

- CRE Sue Moore & Unity PC, for one year beginning January 1, 2024

Validated Ministry Approved:

- Rev. Patricia Greene

Minister Transferring to Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. Sidney Davis from Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery
- Rev. Patricia Greene from the Baptist Church

Authorized to Preside at Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

- Hugh Montgomery, Dan Moore, Bob Gentry, Jenny Banfield and David Althouse at Speedwell, for a period of 1 year beginning December 15, 2023

Recognition of CRE Retirement:

- CRE Jim Beard

Approved individual to fill vacancy on Presbytery committees:

Budget & Finance:

Class of 2026 – Elder Myra Belo

COM-Transitions in Ministry for Installed Positions:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Scott Lawson

Class of 2026 – Rev. Lisa Mullen

COM-Examinations:

Class of 2026 – Rev. Jon Phillips

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

Class of 2025 – Elder Billy Coleman

Executive Council:

Class of 2025 – Rev. Arlo Tysinger

Synod Committee on Representation:

Class of 2026 – Rev. Sidney Davis

Approved modification of Section 4, Item D in Salem Presbytery’s Dismissal Policy due to a violation of a provision in the Book of Order.

Installed Steve Braxton, Ruling Elder (CRE, Trinity PC) as the 2024-2026 Presbytery Moderator. Paid tribute to Dr. Catrelia Steele Hunter, Ruling Elder (Mt. Vernon) for her two years of service as Salem Presbytery’s Moderator.

Ronda Tatum with Budget & Finance presented Salem Presbytery’s statement of financial position and statement of activities.

SALEM:

- Participated in worship and celebrated the Lord’s Supper under the leadership of CRE Tony De La Rosa with the sermon focused on the passage at Joel 2:1-2, 12-17. Worship included the Commissioning of Elder Tony De La Rosa and installation as Salem’s Executive Director
- A Land Acknowledgement statement was offered by Rev. Laura Musser Gritter, to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live
- Welcomed Elder Elizabeth Little with Board of Pensions, Ashlee Anderson with Union

Presbyterian Seminary, Rev. David Cho with the Synod of the Mid Atlantic and Kendall Cox with Living Waters for the World

- Received reports from Executive Presbyter Tony De La Rosa, Designated Presbyter Jodi Ligan and Stated Clerk David Vaughan
- Received Salem Presbytery’s statement of financial position and statement of activities
- Received reports from the Executive Council, Budget & Finance, Stewardship Committee, Church Growth & Transformation, COM, Task Force on Examinations, and Peace and Justice Task Force (see packet details)

**Next Presbytery meeting
will be held at Concord Presbyterian
Church in Statesville
Tuesday, May 14, 2024**