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## Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – One Hundred Thirty-Third Stated Meeting February 15, 2022

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### SALEM ACTIONS:

#### Renewed Stated Supply Contract between:

- Rev. Keith Freeman & Baird's Creek PC, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
- Rev. Timothy Porter & Mt. Tabor PC, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

#### Secured Interim/Transitional Pastor Contract:

- Rev. David R. Smith & Thyatira PC, January 17, 2022 to January 16, 2023

#### Approved Interim/Transitional Pastor Renewal:

- Rev. Lee Zehmer & High Point First PC, effective December 15, 2021 to June 14, 2022

#### Secured Parish Associate Agreement between:

- Rev. Leigh Wisner & Clemmons PC, January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

#### Approved Request for Pastor Emeritus Status:

- Rev. J. Randy Hall of New Hope PC

#### Secured Temporary Supply Contract between:

- Rev. Lisa Mullen & Forest Hills PC, January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022

#### Renewed CRE Contracts-Lay Pastors between:

- CRE Richard LaDew & Siler City PC for one year beginning September 1, 2022
- CRE Jeffrey Bumgarner & Laurel Fork PC for one year beginning November 1, 2022
- CRE Sue Moore & Unity PC for one year beginning January 1, 2022

#### Minister Transferring to Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. David R. Smith from Muskingum Valley Presbytery effective December 2, 2021
- Rev. Kristen Levens from Philadelphia Presbytery effective January 27, 2022

#### Appointed Moderator of Session:

- Rev. Jodi Lingan at Covenant PC

#### Added to Pulpit Supply List:

- CRE Rainey Ratchford

#### Minister Transferring out of Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. Caroline Sell to Western Carolina Presbytery effective December 2, 2021

#### Approved Request to Waive Requirement for Limitations of Service on the Session:

- Oakland Presbyterian Church
- El Bethel Presbyterian Church
- St. James Presbyterian Church

#### Approved Call to Minister:

- Rev. Kristen Levens as Pastor, Stony Creek PC effective February 17, 2022

#### Authorized Elder to Celebrate the Lord's Supper:

- CRE Steve Marks, Parish E of Salem Presbytery for 1 year

#### Approved Request for Honorable Retirement:

- Rev. Steve Snipes, effective February 1, 2022
- Rev. Erich Thompson, effective February 1, 2022
- Rev. Neil Dunnivant, effective March 1, 2022

#### Participated in a Service of Honorable Retirement for:

- Rev. Steve Snipes
- Rev. Erich Thompson
- Rev. Neil Dunnivant

**Recognized Commissioned Ruling Elder Retirement:**

- CRE John Groff

**Salem Presbytery concurred and voted to adding Salem Presbytery's name to the list of those for the General Assembly to consider on the overture from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, adopted in its stated meeting on January 29, 2022**

**Transitional General Presbyter Barbara Smith, on behalf of the Executive Council, presented the establishment of the position of "Designated Presbyter," which was approved**

**Ronda Tatum with Budget & Finance presented the provisional budget which was voted as the official 2022 budget for Salem Presbytery**

**Installed Dr. Catreli Steele Hunter, Ruling Elder (Mt. Vernon) as the 2022-2024 Presbytery Moderator**

**Paid tribute to Rev. Paul Sink (Taylorsville) for his two years of excellent service as Salem Presbytery's Moderator; Rev. Sink has the distinction of moderating all meetings of Salem via the ZOOM technology during his tenure**

**SALEM ALSO HEARD THE FOLLOWING:**

- Salem Presbytery was led in worship and the Lord's Supper by Reverend Phanta Lansden and St. James Presbyterian Church.
- Reverend Gregory J. Bentley, Co-Moderator of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, preached a sermon on the psalmist's meaning of the word "blessed."
- Received reports from Transitional General Presbyter Barbara Smith and Stated Clerk David Vaughan
- Elizabeth Little with the Board of Pensions, Rev. Tim Moore with Union Presbytery Seminary and Rev. Frank Dew with the Salem Hunger Program gave reports
- Peace & Justice Task Force reported on the proposed required (for clergy) Racial Equity Training program, answered questions, and prepared the Presbytery for a vote on this matter in May 2022
- The former Healthy Boundaries training will now be offered online as a Clergy Ethics

module to be completed once every three years

- A video presentation by Rev. Lee Zehmer was given on behalf of Church Growth and Transformation regarding the marks of a vital congregation
- The Stewardship Committee on behalf of Rev. Kim Priddy requested pledge cards be turned in for the 2022 calendar year and Rev. Kyle Goodman presented a video by John Johnson encouraging the contribution of time

**Next Presbytery meeting  
will be held in Parish Locations (TBA):  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**