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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – One Hundred Thirty-Second Stated Meeting

November 16, 2021

Salem participated in worship, including the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, under the leadership of Rev. Jodi Lingan (Parish 4 Engagement Pastor) using scripture reading from John 6:35, 47-51; the Presbytery was led in a Service of Healing and Wholeness, led by various members of and ruling elders in the Presbytery

SALEM ACTIONS:

Renewed Stated Supply Contract between:

- Rev. Laura Spangler & Lloyd PC, September 1, 2021 to August 30, 2022
- Rev. F. Peter Peterson & Bixby PC, September 1, 2021 to August 30, 2022
- Rev. Margaret Almeida & Salisbury Second PC, September 1, 2021 to August 30, 2022
- Rev. Jay Lambeth & St. Paul PC, Greensboro, November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022

Renewed Temporary Supply Contract between:

- Rev. Angela Roberson & St. Paul PC High Point, October 3, 2021 to October 2, 2022

Secured Temporary Supply-Student Pastor Contract:

- Elder Jasmine Evans & Grace PC, November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022

Secured Interim/Transitional Pastor Contract:

- Rev. Jon Phillips & Bethany PC Graham, October 1, 2021 to February 29, 2022

Approved Interim/Transitional Pastor Renewal:

- Rev. Nancy Jo Dederer & Lexington First PC, effective October 6, 2021 to March 5, 2022
- Rev. Kevin Conley & Thomasville First PC, effective November 1, 2021 to March 30, 2022

Secured Parish Associate Agreement between:

- Rev. Amanda Anderson & Burlington First PC, September 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022

Sabbatical Approval:

- Rev. Griff Gatewood

- Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen

Updated the COM Policy on Sabbaticals

Updated the COM Policy on Annual Reporting of Terms of Call

Renewed CRE Contracts-Lay Pastors between:

- CRE David Stratton & Madison PC for one year beginning October 1, 2021
- CRE Bill Bates & Love Valley PC for one year beginning August 1, 2021
- CRE Joseph Brown & Dogwood Acres PC for one year beginning March 1, 2021
- CRE Bill Bates & Fifth Creek PC for one year beginning November 1, 2021
- CRE Jerry Blankenship & Third Creek PC for one year beginning November 1, 2021

Minister Transferring to Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. Charles Murphy from Presbytery of the Mid-South effective August 26, 2021
- Rev. Jon Phillips from Blackhawk Presbytery effective August 26, 2021
- Rev. David Henry from Missouri Union Presbytery effective October 28, 2021

Appointed Moderator of Session:

- Elder Rick Purcell at Bethany PC, Graham
- Rev. Jud Milam at Grace PC
- Rev. Barrie Kirby at John Calvin PC
- Rev. Jodi Lingan at Flat Rock PC
- Rev. Jennie Hemrick at Danbury Community

Added to Pulpit Supply List:

- Rev. Joe Blankinsip
- Rev. Jodi Lingan

Dissolved Relationship Between:

- Rev. Kate Morritauk & John Calvin PC, effective September 24, 2021

Sustained the examination for ordination and approved Validated Ministry (after sustaining a floor examination) for:

- Rachel Fitch & Greensboro First PC

Sustained the examination for ordination and approved Terms of Call between:

- Kathryn Harper & Cross Roads PC, effective January 1, 2022; celebrated the extending of the call to Ms. Harper

Authorized Elders to Celebrate the Lord's Supper:

- CRE Jeff Bumgarner, Fifth Creek PC for 1 year
- CRE Bill Bates, Old Providence PC for 1 year
- CRE Bruce Wheeler, Stony Creek PC for 1 year
- Elder Jasmine Evans, M.Div., Grace PC, December 5, 2021 through the end of her contract

Approved 4% increase in Minimum Compensation Standards for 2022

Approved Honorable Retirement and Participated in a Service of Honorable Retirement for the Rev. John Johnson

Approved individual to fill vacancy on Presbytery committees:

Budget & Finance:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Vicki McCain, Church of the Cross
Elder Glenn Patterson, Bethany,
Graham
Rev. Virginia Wood, MAL

Church Growth & Transformation:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Emily Larsen, St. Andrews
Rev. Kate Morritauk, MAL
Rev. Lee Zehmer, High Point, First

COM-Task Force on Examinations:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Jeremy Cannada, Statesville, First
Rev. Debbie Layman, Highland

COM-Task Force on Policy, Compensation, Mediation, and Church Office Development Examinations:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Felicia Hoyle, MAL
Rev. John Johnson, HR

COM-Task Force on Care of Pastors and Retirees, MALs, Validated and CCE Oversight:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Allison (“Bubba”) Simmons, VM

COM-Task Force on Temporary Ministry and Pulpit Supply:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Ken Broman-Fulks, HR
Rev. Keith Freeman, Baird's Creek

COM-Task Force on Transformational Ministry for the Changing Church:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Wes Pitts, Reidsville First

COM-Task Force on Transitions in Ministry (for installed positions):

Class of 2024 – Rev. Nancy Jo Dederer, Lexington
First
Rev. Mason Todd, New Hope

COM-Task Force on CRE Training and Oversight:

Class of 2024 – Elder Steve Marks, Boone First

COM-Task Force on Preparation for Ministry:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Margaret Almeida, Salisbury
Second

Rev. John Pruitt, First Kernersville
CRE Rick Purcell, Bethany, Graham
Rev. Frank Wyche, Sparta

Executive Council:

Class of 2023 – Rev. Jay Lambeth, St. Paul PC Gso
Rev. Andrew Taylor-Troutman,
Chapel in the Pines

Class of 2024 – Rev. Marybeth Asher-Lawson,
Springwood
Rev. Jennie Hemrick, HR
Rev. Lara Musser-Gritter, Salisbury
First
Rev. Will Heyward, Mount Jefferson

Permanent Judicial Commission:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Sam Stevenson, HR

Personnel:

Class of 2024 – Rev. Randy Harris, Highland
Elder Anne Wright, Jamestown

Elected Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly, Summer of 2022:

Ruling Elders:

- RE Colby Hall, Reid Memorial
- RE Elizabeth Hooten, Burlington, First
- RE Catreli Steele Hunter, Mount Vernon

Teaching Elders:

- Rev. Wes Pitts, Reidsville, First
- Rev. Kim Priddy, Sedgefield
- Rev. Ron Shive, Burlington, First

YAAD:

- Olivia Carratello, Westminster and U-Kirk,
GSO

Committee on Representation:

Class of 2022 – Rev. Ruth Lenger (HR)
Class of 2024 – Rev. Emily Larsen (St. Andrews)
Class of 2024 – Elder Colby Hall (Reid Memorial)
Class of 2024 – Elder Avys Massey (St. Paul, HP)
Class of 2024 – Rev. Casey Riker (Jamestown)

Agreed to concur with OVT-034 of the 225th General Assembly, asking the PC(USA) to divest from the fossil fuel industry

Received a proposal from the Peace & Justice Task Force to initiate required Racial Equity Training for all ministers serving as pastors to congregations or in another validated ministry, CREs serving congregations, Certified Christian Educators, Presbytery Members-at-large, and Presbytery staff

Witnessed a demonstration of *Mission Insite*, a computer-based demographic tool designed to assist congregations with understanding future demographic changes; Salem will provide this tool for one year to all and any of our congregations

Received financial reports from Executive Council's Budget and Finance Committee

After comments from the Budget and Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee, Salem approved an initial draft of the 2022 Presbytery budget.

SALEM ALSO HEARD THE FOLLOWING:

- Barbara Smith, Transitional General Presbyter, presented responses to the “Elephants in the Room” presentation from August 14, 2021 Presbytery meeting
- Received reports from Transitional General Presbyter Barbara A. Smith and Stated Clerk David Vaughan
- Stated Clerk David Vaughan announced that one of our sessions has reported a case of embezzlement, and drew the Presbytery's attention to the required annual review of the church financial records
- Received written reports from Salem's Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and from the North Carolina Council of Churches
- Received report from Rev. Felicia Stewart Hoyle on Synod's recent Assembly meeting
- Rev. Taylor Barner announced the deadline extension of registration for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2022 to December 1, 2021

**Next Presbytery meeting
will be held via Zoom:
Tuesday, February 15, 2022**