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Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – One Hundred Thirty-Ninth Stated Meeting September 9, 2023 First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, North Carolina

SALEM ACTIONS:

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

Secured a Stated Supply Contract between:

- Rev. Jeff Sockwell & Shallowford PC, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- Candidate Taylor Austin & Westminster PC, June 21, 2023 to December 20, 2023

Secured a Stated Supply Renewal Contract between:

- Rev. Will Eads & Francisco PC, April 22, 2023 to April 21, 2024
- Rev. Will Eads & Collinstown PC, April 22, 2023 to April 21, 2024
- Ruling Elder G. Wilborn Rives & Flat Rock PC, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
- Rev. Stephen Jordan & Pleasant Grove PC, March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024
- Dr. Pamela Mitchell & Grace PC, July 5, 2023 to July 4, 2024

Sabbatical Approval:

- Rev. Dr. Randy Kirby

Secured Parish Associate Agreement between:

- Rev. John W. Johnson & First Burlington PC, August 1, 2023 to, January 31, 2024

Appointed Moderator of Session:

- CRE Rachael Brooks at Hills PC

- Rev. Jon Martin at Shady Side PC
- Rev. Suzanne Shafer-Coates at Glenwood PC
- Rev. Larry Summey at Franklin PC
- Rev. Jodi Langan at Bixby PC
- Rev. R.C. Griffin at Sparta PC

Added to Pulpit Supply List:

- Rev. Sandra Greene
- Rev. Steve Scott
- RE Richard Collier
- RE Jack Donovan
- Rev. Bill Hoyle

Renewed CRE Contract between:

- CRE Sid Crunk & Glendale Springs PC, for one year beginning May 1, 2023
- CRE Tim Glaser & Bethany PC, Statesville, for a period of 6 months beginning July 1, 2023
- CRE James Harley & Freedom PC, for one year beginning January 31, 2023

Minister Transferring out of Salem Presbytery:

- Rev. Jo Nygard Owens transferred to Presbytery of Western Reserve
- Rev. Lee Zehmer transferred to Presbytery of the James
- Rev. Taylor Barner transferred to Scioto Valley Presbytery

Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:

- Rev. Frank Wyche & Sparta PC, effective August 15, 2023
- Rev. Taylor Barner & First Burlington PC, effective July 31, 2023

Authorized to Serve Communion

- Elder Sandra Thomas at Grace PC for a period of 1 year beginning June 15, 2023
- Elder Reginald McNeill at Grace PC for a period of 1 year beginning June 15, 2023

- Elder Carol Wilson at Grace PC for a period of 1 year beginning June 15, 2023

Approved Retirement:

- Rev. John Elam, effective July 31, 2023
- Rev. Sandra Greene, effective May 25, 2023
- Rev. Vicki Jones Johnson, effective July 18, 2023
- Rev. Mark Sinnett, effective August 1, 2023
- Rev. Barbara Smith, effective October 31, 2023
- Rev. Frank Wyche, effective August 15, 2023

Participated in a Service of Honorable Retirement for:

- Rev. John Elam
- Rev. Sandra Greene
- Rev. Vicki Jones Johnson
- Rev. Mark Sinnett
- Rev. Barbara Smith
- Rev. Frank Wyche

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

- RE Rainey Ratchford in Parish E, for a period of 1 year beginning June 20, 2023

Secured CRE Contract between:

- Mr. James Harley & Second Salisbury PC, for a period of 1 year beginning June 1, 2023

Elected to Serve as Moderator of Salem Presbytery:

- Elder Steven ("Steve") Lance Braxton effective at the conclusion of the February 2024 meeting of Presbytery

Dismissed to ECO, and celebrated the witness of:

- Franklin PC

Dissolved, and celebrated the witness of:

- Stoneville PC

Approved to waive requirements for the Session of Bethel PC, McLeansville, for limitations of service on the Session

Approved minimum compensation standards for 2024 for Ministers of Word and Sacrament (both installed and non-installed), Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Certified Christian Educators

Dismissed (with gratitude) the Administrative Commission for Stoneville Presbyterian Church

SALEM:

- Participated in worship and celebrated the Lord's Supper under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson, Rev. Carrie Tuttle, with the sermon from Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall. The sermon was entitled "God's Vision Unfolding: What Matthew 25 looks like in Action" based on the passage Acts 16:6-15.
- Welcomed Ecumenical Visitor, Jai Baker of Allied Churches of Alamance County
- A Land Acknowledgement statement was offered by Elder Karen Worley, to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live
- Participated in a Litany of Repentance (coming from the GA225) led by Elder Beth Hooten
- Received reports from 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 Search Committee for Executive Presbyter, Executive Council, Stewardship Committee, Church Growth & Transformation, CPM, COM, COR, Task Force on Examinations, Hunger Committee, Peace & Justice Task Force

Next Presbytery meeting will be held on the ZOOM platform Tuesday, November 14, 2023