

# Digest



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## Proceedings of Salem Presbytery – One Hundred Forty-Third Stated Meeting August 6, 2024

### SALEM ACTIONS:

#### Secured a Stated Supply Contract between:

- Robert Moore & Trinity PC, July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024
- Allison Buikema & Cross Roads PC, May 12, 2024 to August 11, 2024

#### Secured a Stated Supply Renewal Contract between:

- Rev. Will Eads & Collinstown PC, April 22, 2024 to April 21, 2025
- Rev. Will Eads & Francisco PC, April 22, 2024 to April 21, 2025
- Rev. Pamela Mitchell & Grace PC, July 4, 2024 to July 3, 2025

#### Secured Interim Pastor/Transitional Minister Contract:

- Rev. Dr. Steve Schaick & Westminster PC, August 19, 2024 to August 18, 2025

#### Secured Interim Pastor/Transitional Minister Renewal Contract:

- Rev. Lisa Mullen & John Calvin PC, June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025
- Rev. Mason Todd & New Hope PC, March 8, 2024 to September 7, 2024
- Rev. David Smith & Thyatira PC, July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- Rev. Lisa Mullen & John Calvin PC, June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025
- Rev. Kevin Conley & Shiloh PC, July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

#### Secured Parish Associate Agreement between:

- Rev. Scott Lawson & Starmount PC, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- Rev. Caroline Tuttle & First Burlington PC, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

#### Sabbatical Approval:

- Rev. Erin Bowers
- Rev. Timothy Bates

#### Appointed Moderator of Session:

- Rev. Allison Simmons at Cleveland PC
- Rev. Allison Simmons at Bethany PC
- Rev. Pat Fletcher at Trinity PC
- Rev. Cindy Higgins at Westminster PC
- Rev. Willie Teague at Cross Roads PC
- Rev. Joe McCutchen at Bethel PC

#### Renewed CRE Contract between:

- CRE Wayne Robertson & Greenwood PC, for one year beginning March 1, 2024
- CRE Steve Braxton & Trinity PC, for one year beginning March 16, 2024
- CRE Sid Crunk & Glendale Springs PC, for one year beginning May 1, 2024
- CRE Mae Weed & Lansing PC, for one year beginning July 1, 2024
- CRE James Harley & Second Salisbury PC, for one year beginning June 1, 2024

#### Validated Ministry Approved:

- Christopher Speaks

**Validated Ministry Renewal Approved or Revalidated:**

- Rev. Jonathan Freeman

**Minister Transferring out of Salem Presbytery:**

- Rev. Jeff Sockwell transferred to New Hope Presbytery

**Minister Transferring into Salem Presbytery:**

- Rev. Dr. Steve Schaick was received from New Hope Presbytery

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

- Elder Carla Pence at Old Providence PC and Fifth Creek PC for a period of one year beginning May 28, 2024

**Extended Call to Minister Transferring to Salem Presbytery:**

- Reverend Dr. Troy Leshner-Thomas to Clemmons PC
- Reverend Dr. Carrie Finch-Burriss to Fieldstone PC

**Approved Retirements:**

- Rev. Francis Rivers Meza, effective February 13, 2024
- Rev. Jeff Sockwell, effective December 31, 2023
- Rev. Steve Braswell, effective September 8, 2024

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

- Rev. Francis Rivers Meza
- Rev. Jeff Sockwell
- Rev. Steve Braswell

**Election of Stated Clerk**

- Election of Rev. Paul Sink as Stated Clerk for a three-year term effective September 1, 2024

**Elder Ronda Tatum with Budget & Finance**

presented Salem Presbytery's statement of financial position and statement of activities.

**2025 Minimum Salaries:** The COM Task Force on Policy, Compensation, Mediation, and Church Officer

Development is recommending no change to the 2024 minimum salaries for 2025. The Task Force recommends that congregations consider up to a 3% salary increase for 2025.

**SALEM:**

- Participated in worship and celebrated the Lord's Supper under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jay Smith and CRE Tony De La Rosa. Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo Jr., President of Columbia Theology Seminary of Decatur, GA, presented a previously taped sermon entitled "A New Day"
- A Land Acknowledgement statement was offered by Elder Beth Hooten, to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live
- Sy Hughes, Ministry Engagement Advisor with the Presbyterian Mission Agency, gave special recognition to Clemmons PC & Springwood PC for their consecutive contributions to OGH
- Received reports from Executive Presbyter Tony De La Rosa, Designated Presbyter Jodi Lingan and Stated Clerk David Vaughan
- Commissioners and YAAD: Steve Braxton, Wes Pitts, Susan Stewart, Liz Troyer and Caroline Beach-Verhey gave reports on the 226th Meeting of the General Assembly
- Honored and celebrated the service of retiring Stated Clerk David Vaughan
- Presented Mission Challenge Awards to Bethesda/Statesville and Vandalia PCs
- Received reports from the Executive Council, Budget & Finance, Stewardship Committee, Personnel Committee, COM, Task Force on Examinations, and Peace and Justice Task Force (see packet details)

**Next Presbytery meeting  
will be held at  
First Presbyterian Church in Reidsville  
Saturday, November 16, 2024**