

February 21, 2018

Dear Friends in Presbytery of the James:

The 98th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the James took place on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church on Monument Avenue in Richmond, VA. The meeting went very well and we adjourned before 12:30 PM. The folks at Grace Covenant displayed warm hospitality and a great welcoming spirit to all Commissioners and friends. Some of the highlights of the meeting included:

+Recognizing the retirement of four minister members of the Presbytery

Rev. Rebekah Johns

Rev. John Turned

Rev. Judy Thomson

Rev. Tuck Knupp

-Welcoming into the presbytery three new minister members:

Rev. Jill Duffield, Editor and Publisher, Presbyterian OUTLOOK

Rev. Jim King, Pastor at Salisbury Church

Rev. Connie Weaver, Pastor at Hebron Church

-Celebration of the Haiti Mission trip which departed today for a week in Haiti to see the mission work which Cindy Corell, our mission co-worker, is doing there.

-Awarding of a Self-Development of People grant of \$6,100 to Brookland Park Young Leaders Project

-Installation of the 2018 Moderator and Vice Moderator: Ruling Elder John Garrett and Rev. Diane Prevary.

The business of the day included the following matters:

1. Approval of the October 21, 2018 POJ Minutes
2. Approved Honorable Retirement for several ministers as well as Member at Large status for three other ministers.
3. Elected Ruffin King (Olivet) Moderator of the Committee on Preparation, Class of 2018
4. Elected Gordon Lindsay to Committee on Ministry, Class of 2018
5. Approved the Communication and Coordination Team along with Committee on Nominations to appoint an Interim Search Committee for the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk position. The current GP/SC will retire December 31, 2018, and the new person would begin January 1, 2019. In addition, the procedures and processes for affecting the work of the Interim Committee were approved.
6. Approved the Committee on Nominations presenting a Strategic Planning Committee for election at the June, 2018, Presbytery meeting.

7. Appointed the Greenwood Administrative Commission of six people to assume original jurisdiction of the church.
8. Approved the Creating a Culture of Evangelism Purpose Group to authorize the sacraments in the new worshipping communities in the presbytery.
9. Approved the Creating a Culture of Evangelism Purpose Group Funding Policy.
10. Approved Rev. Lynne Clements to become Associate Pastor at Westminster Church, Charlottesville (Lynne was previously a Covenant Pastor at the church and a 3/4 vote of the presbytery was required).

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Stated Clerk

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS UPCOMING:

June 12, 2018	Westminster Canterbury < Richmond, VA
October 20, 2018	Lord Jesus Korean Church, Midlothian VA
February 16, 2019	Three Chopt Church, Richmond, VA
June 18, 2019	INVITATION NEEDED
October 20, 2019	INVITATION NEEDED