

PRESBYTERY IN REVIEW

The 100th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the James was held on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Lord Jesus Korean Congregation in Richmond. It was a wonderful meeting; the host congregation was very gracious; the facilities were superb; we had a full day. Our worship service was inspiring with music led by the Korean Choir, preaching by Rev. Joshua Andrzejewski, and the reading of the necrology.

At the meeting, we welcomed three new ministers:

1. Rev. Rev. Mark Jernigan from Presbytery of Eastern Virginia will be Pastor, Overbrook Church.
2. Rev. McCoy Franklin, Honorably Retired, from Western North Carolina Presbytery
3. Rev. Christian Shearer, Interim Pastor at Culpeper Church from the Reformed Church of America.

Candidate Sarah Dennis was examined for ordination and approved to become Covenant Pastor, Tuckahoe Church.

Gary Hatter (Olivet Church) was examined for candidacy and approved as part of his preparation for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

As a personal note, I was deeply grateful for the recognition of my ministry as General Presbyter and Stated Clerk since 1997. It was very touching and meaningful to me with this kind of send-off. Thanks to everyone for this kind gesture. Thanks also for granting me Honorable Retirement, February 28, 2019.

Other action which was taken included...

1. Approval of minutes from the Stated Meeting of June 12, 2018 and the Called Meeting of August 7, 2018.
2. Approval of the balancing of commissioners for 2019 for presbytery meetings.
3. Expansion of powers of the Greenwood Administrative Commission to include possible recommendation of closure of the Greenwood Church.
4. Recognition of the 175th anniversary of the Hebron Church in Goochland County.
5. Heard the report from the Permanent Judicial Commission which imposed on Rev. David Forney, the Censure of Formal Rebuke with supervised rehabilitation for breach of proper pastoral boundaries with a staff member of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.
6. Allowed for a statement from the Session of First Church, Charlottesville, to be read by Ruling Elder Downing Miller (Charlottesville First). Permission was given that the statement be included in the minutes of the meeting.
7. The Woodville Session was granted an exception for three years for rotation of elders on the Church Session.
8. People were elected to various committees and teams in the presbytery.
9. The Presbytery Manual of Operations was amended to allow for former POJ Moderators to be seated as Corresponding Members at meetings.
10. Approved the following ministers to become Members at Large:

- a. Rev. Allen Pickett, February 14, 2018
 - b. Rev. Peter Smith, April 2, 2018.
 - c. Rev. Molly Spangler, July 1, 2018.
 - d. Rev. Sally Ann Sisk, July 9, 2018.
 - e. Rev. Beverly Bullock, September 1, 2018
11. Rev. David Barry's voice and vote were removed in accord with G-2.0508
12. Presbytery validated two positions for Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Director of the Global Mission Center for Christian Education, Union Presbyterian Seminary; and the position of Chaplain, Hospice of the Piedmont.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stated Clerk

February 16, 2019
June 18, 2019
October 19, 2019

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2019 Presbytery Meetings

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