

802nd STATED MEETING OF NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware
22 September 2009

802.A - CONVENES: Presbytery convened at 4 p.m. by Moderator George Hall, who offered a prayer. A quorum was present. (**Appendix A – Call of Meeting**)

802.B - ROLL: The Stated Clerk enrolled the following people during the meeting: (Letters preceding ministers' names indicate P-Present, E-Excused, and A-Absent without excuse.)

1. CHURCH	MINISTERS	ELDERS
BEAVER DAM, Pocomoke City	VACANT	(1)
BUCKINGHAM, Berlin	VACANT	(1)
CALVARY, Wilmington	P-Bob Richardson	(1)Eileen Major (2)Jessie Jones
CHESAPEAKE CITY, First	E-Kathie S. Pownall	(1)Rebecca May
CHESTERTOWN, Chestertown	P-Sara A. Holben P-John T. Ames*	(1)Bob Schminkey (2)Jim Urda
CHRISTIANA, Christiana	A-Elisa Diller	(1)
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, Wilm.	VACANT	(1)Venetta Stewart
CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, Wilm.	P-Kathleen W. Busch	(1)Virginia Jones (2)Barbara Bookhart
COMMUNITY, Wilmington	VACANT	(1)Rourke Moore (2)Mae Hall
CONCORD, Wilmington	P-Francis J. Ackerman	(1)Joyce Johnson (2)Marj Johnson
COOLSPRING, Harbeson	P-Linda Williams, CLP	(1)
DELAWARE CITY, First	E-Beth Thomas	(1)Susan Schauber
DOVER, Dover	P-Mary Baber Reed	(1)Gary Patterson
EASTON, Easton	P-Richard "Duke" Dixon	(1) (2)
ELKTON, Elkton	A-Laurel P. Loveless	(1)Helen Rae (2)
ELSMERE, Elsmere	P-Thomas R. Stout	(1)
FAITH CHAPEL, Libertytown	VACANT	(1)
FIRST & CENTRAL, Wilmington	P-Douglas D. Gerdtz P-Jennifer Warren	(1)Rich Swarmer (2)D.E. Tennant
FOREST, Middletown	E-Robert Snable*	(1)
FRANKFORD, Frankford	E-Kerry R. Shull	(1)
GEORGETOWN, Georgetown	P-Michael E. Williams	(1)
GHANAIAN FELLOWSHIP	VACANT	(1)Mawuna Gardesey
GREEN HILL, Wilmington	P-Randall Otto	(1)Charles Reed
GUNBY, Stockton	E-Debra Latture	(1)
HANOVER STREET, Wilmington	P-Andrew Jacob	(1)Pat Undercuffler (2)George Turner
HEAD OF CHRISTIANA, Newark	P-Katherine Simons	(1)Katie Gillespie
LEWES, Lewes	P-Harry W. Hughes P-Hilary E. Livingston	(1)Robert Partlow (2)Donald Sturtz
LIMESTONE, Wilmington	P-Bruce P. Gillette	(1)
LOWER BRANDYWINE, Centreville	P-Carolyn W. Gillette P-David E. Lovelace	(2) (1)
MAKEMIE MEMORIAL, Snow Hill	E-Debra Latture	(1)

CHURCH	MINISTERS	ELDERS
MANOKIN, Princess Anne	VACANT	(1)
MIDWAY, Rehoboth Beach	VACANT	(1)
MILFORD, First	P-Kevin R. Bowers	(1)Judy Adams
NEWARK, First	P-Steven Brundage	(1)Charles Collier (2)Evelyn Hayes
NEW CASTLE, New Castle	P-Nancy L. Rowland	(1)Karen Dobson (2)Connie Reese
NEW COVENANT, Middletown	A-Scott Burkley	(1)
OCEAN CITY, First	P-Alex P. Ayers	(1)
OCEAN VIEW, Ocean View	E-Kerry R. Shull	(1)
PENCADER, Glasgow	P-Robert Undercuffler*	(1)Sandra Averitt
PERRYVILLE, Perryville	VACANT	(1)
PITTS CREEK, Pocomoke City	VACANT	(1)
PORT DEPOSIT, Port Deposit	E-Barry M. Gray	(1)Carole Miles
PORT PENN, First	E-Beth Thomas	(1)
RED CLAY CREEK, Wilmington	P-J. Patrick Vaughn	(1)W. Stewart Ross
	P-Nathaniel Phillips	(2) (3)
REHOBOTH, Westover, MD	A-David S. Parke	(1)
ROCK, Fair Hill	VACANT	(1)
SEAFORD, Seaford	P-Laurie H. Brumbaugh	(1)Lynne Meyers
SMYRNA, First	P-John R. Riley	(1)
ST. ANDREWS, Brookside	P-John G. Paderson	(1) (2)
TRINITY, Wilmington	P-Bradley D.P. Martin	(1)Katrina Harris (2)
WEST, Wilmington	VACANT	(1)
WESTMINSTER, Rehoboth Beach	A-Frank S. Deming	(1)
	A-Dianne Deming	(2)
WESTMINSTER, Wilmington	P-Gregory Knox Jones	(1)J. Richard Haden, Jr.
	P-Anne Reid Ledbetter	(2)Nora Andresen (3)Margo Reign (4)Alex Sprague
WEST NOTTINGHAM, Colora	P-Billie Starr Brightwell	(1)Georgeann P. Winslow (2)Ruth N. Kester
WHITE CLAY CREEK, Newark	E-Richard Pfeil	(1)
	A-Jody T. Tualofai	(2)
WICOMICO, Salisbury	P-Donald Rising	(1)Harold Huffington (2)Harriette M. Schmick

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

E-Adams, Benjamin H.*	P-Clayton, Randy
E-Andrews, Robert W.*	E-Coon, Robert F.*
A-Arnold, Lynn	P-Davis, Thomas C., III*
P-Baer, Gary L.	P-Dean, Mary Jo
P-Bennett, James R., III*	E-Dean, John W.*
E-Bogia, Benjamin*	E-Doty, Elizabeth*
P-Bolt, Robert G.*	E-Dunlap, Patricia T.*
E-Brooks, Earl M.*	E-Dunlap, Stuart S.*
A-Brown, Lucinda A.	P-Dykstra, Lyle J.*
A-Brumbaugh, David	E-Eggleston, George W.*
E-Childs, Brian H.*	P-Fenimore, Edee C.*
E-Clayman, George N.*	P-Gilmore, John A.*

A-Groth, John W.

P-Hays, Richard

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

(Continued)

E-Herrington, James R.*

E-Hipkins, George, III*

E-Hoeflinger, Herbert J.*

P-Holy, Winona E.

E-Hughes, Richard C.*

A-Jackson, Catherine

E-Kaminsky, Davic C.*

P-Lehman, Lois*

E-Loringer, Richard L.S.*

P-Mazza, D. Carl

E-McClurg, Patricia*

E-McKim, Robert L.*

P-McPheeters, Douglas

E-Miller, Hugh M.*

P-Mitchell, Danny

P-Moseley, James L.

P-Moyer, Maurice, J.*

E-Myers, G. Kay

E-Pak, Koo Suh*

P-Potter, John D.*

P-Price-Martin, Barbara

P-Prior, Robert C.*

P-Rodden, Timothy

A-Ruoss, Eric G.

E-Sahrbeck Everett W.*

E-Scheidel, Julius E.*

P-Schwenker, Emily

E-Shackleford, William P., Jr.*

E-Singleton, Patricia S.*

E-Sorensen, Philip J.*

E-Stearns, Richard J.*

P-Stoddard, Robert D., Jr.*

P-Stover, Jane D.

E-Sylvester, Malcolm*

P-Taylor, Jacqueline A.

E-Thompson, Arthur "Tucker"*

P-Torsch, Edward F.*

E-Wolf, Frances G.*

E-Woodruff, Archibald M.*

A-Woodruff, Timothy

E-Wysham, Stuart G.*

E-Yorkston, J. Cameron*

E-Yuninger, Allen B.*

***Retired and non-resident ministers are always excused when they are not present.**

MINISTERS/CLPS:

60 PRESENT

44 EXCUSED

15 ABSENT

119 TOTAL

2. ELDER VOTING MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Elder members of Presbytery Council are VOTING MEMBERS of the Presbytery, as per action of New Castle Presbytery, February 6, 1988. Ministers are not listed as they are counted above in Section 1.

P-Reid Beveridge

P-Alice Davis

P-George Hall

P-Sue Weissinger

P-Jean Bostwick

P-Joan English

P-Marlene Quinn

TOTAL ELDER VOTING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: 7

3. TOTAL ELDER UNIT CHAIRS: 0

4.a) **REGISTERED GUESTS**

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Diane Ayers, Ocean City
Donna Bowers, Milford
Felipe Garcia-Carrion, Coolspring
Donna Gonzalez
Meghan Gloyd, Limestone
Barbara Harris, Westminster
Adele Hudson, Lewes
Paula Hartzell, Interfaith Resource Center
Ed Koffenberger, First Newark
Katy Moore LeFranc
Sharon McKee, Westminster PC, Buffalo, New York
Doris McNatt, First Presbyterian Church
Jan Moore, Concord
Maxwell Otchere-Addo, Ghanaian Presbyterian Fellowship
Sandra Paul, Lower Brandywine
Margaret Nixon, Seaford
Bill Reed, Dover
James C. Reed, Westminster Rehoboth
Jane Reed, Green Hill
Mary Torsch, Dover
Michelle Woodson, Presbytery Office

b) **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:**

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Rev. Laurel Brundage, Lehigh
Rev. Neta Pringle, West Jersey
Rev. David McKee, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Rev. Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, General Assembly

c) **SEMINARY INTERNS**

0

d) **CERTIFIED CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR**

1

Donna L. Scully, New Castle Presbytery Office

e) **CERTIFIED CHURCH EDUCATOR**

0

f) **CHURCH EDUCATORS**

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5. TABULATION

Continuing Members	60
Elder Commissioners & Alternates Serving As Commissioners	42
Elder Commissioners From Council	7
Elder Unit Chair Commissioners	<u>0</u>
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS	109
Corresponding Members	4
Seminary Interns	0
Certified Church Administrator	1
Certified Church Educator	0
Church Educators	0
Other Registered Guests	<u>21</u>
<u>TOTAL PEOPLE PRESENT</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>CHURCHES</u>	
Number Represented by Elder Commissioners	30
Number <u>NOT</u> Represented by Elder Commissioners	25
Number With Clergy Present	27
Number <u>WITHOUT</u> Clergy Present	28
Number Totally <u>VACANT</u>	21

802.C - DOCKET: The moderator introduced the docket. The docket was approved as presented. (**Appendix B**). The moderator introduced first-time commissioners.

802.C.1 – CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: The Rev. David McKee of the Presbytery of the James (executive and stated clerk of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic) and the Rev. Bill Somplatsky-Jarman from Central Kentucky Presbytery (a member of the GA staff) were seated as corresponding members.

802.C.2 – The Rev. Bradley D.P. Martin, host pastor, offered a welcome and instructions for the building.

802.D - STATED CLERK’S REPORT: Reid Beveridge reporting:

802.D.1 – The clerk reported the following actions taken by Presbytery Council on behalf of the whole Presbytery at its regular June 2009 meeting (see 2.002[k] of the Presbytery Manual.)

- To dismiss the Rev. SanDawna Ashley to the Presbytery of Chicago, when the way be clear. She has been called to be pastor and head of staff at Morgan Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago.
- To approve reductions in the 2009 presbytery budget recommended by the Council’s Finance Committee, as follows: Church Development reduced by \$12,000; Resource Development by \$5,000, Mission Development by \$5,000, Administrative by \$3,000. Challenge funds by \$15,000.

- Approved the Personnel Policy recommended by the Human Resources committee. It will be an appendix to the Manual.

802.D.2 – The Stated Clerk reported the following items for information:

- Presbytery minutes or 2008 were reviewed by the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic on August 26, 2009. New Castle's were approved with one exception.
- The clerk announced the following clergy deaths since the 801st Stated Meeting:
 - Howard W. McFall Jr., H.R., pastor emeritus at Red Clay Creek Church.
 - Chad Miller, associate pastor for mission at Westminster church-Wilmington.
 - Charles Martin, former senior pastor at First and Central.
- The clerk noted a new process for reviewing sessional minutes beginning in early 2010.
- Mary Field made an announcement in regard to a visiting missionary, Carla Cole.

802.D.3 – The Stated Clerk moved approval of the Omnibus Motion (**Appendix C**). Motion seconded and carried.

802.D.4 – The Stated Clerk moved approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2009 Presbytery. (**Appendix D**). Seconded and carried.

802.E – COUNCIL REPORT. Kathi Busch reported for Presbytery Council as follows.

- Moved to receive the June 3, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2 Council minutes.
- She moved to renew the employment contract and covenant of Executive Presbyterian James Moseley for a period of five years. Motion carried.
- Nona Holy shared information about the University of Delaware Campus Ministry.
- Chair Kathleen Busch presented a letter of commendation to NCP Office Manager Donna Scully on the occasion of her completion of Level I of the Administrative Personnel Certification.

802.F.- TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Doug Gerdts reported that as of end of August, the financial strength of the presbytery was good. He also reported that the financial review for 2008 is underway and will be announced when it is complete. He also noted that if a church does not pay its per capita or its mission pledge, the presbytery absorbs this expenditure.

802.G – CLERGY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY. Rev. Busch moved that the policy be received on first reading (**Appendix E**). Motion carried. She also moved approval of the Clergy Code of Ethics (on second reading) [**Appendix F**]. Motion carried.

802.H – COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY – Nancy Rowland reported. She presented Inquirer Katy Moore LeFranc to be examined to be advanced to the status of candidate. She moved to advance Katy to candidate. It was

moved and seconded to arrest the examination by unanimous consent, and Katy was escorted out of the room. Main motion carried.

802.I – COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – Laurie Brumbaugh reported. She moved to elect the following to the Committee for the Preparation for Ministry: Rev. Mary Reed, Rev. Mike Williams and the Rev. Nona Holy.

802.J – WORSHIP – The Presbytery gathered for worship on a theme of preserving the earth. Chad Tolman presented a short talk on climate change. Worship was led by the Rev. Bill Somplatsky-Jarman of the General Assembly staff.

802.L - DINNER

802.M – RECONVENE: The moderator reconvened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. with prayer.

802.N – TRUSTEE REPORT – President David Lovelace presented a report on the sale of the West church property. Treasurer Doug Gerdts gave a further report on the details of the sale of the property to “Connections.” Sale price: \$1,000,050. With an additional \$17,000 for the furnishings and fixtures. The sanctuary grand piano went to First and Central for \$1,000. Other interior items, such as the pulpit and communion table, were donated to various organizations including Meeting Ground.

802.O – BUDGET REVIEW. Treasurer Doug Gerdts reported that per capita will remain the same in 2010 as in 2009 at \$30.57 per person. Med-wrap dues will also remain the same as 2009 at 2%.

802.P – COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY. Chairman Doug McPheeters reported. The only item of business was the examination and commissioning of William Reed as a commissioned lay pastor to serve as a CLP at Manokin church. He moved approval and questions followed. It was moved to arrest the examination. Seconded and carried. Main motion carried. Terms:

802.Q – COMMISSIONING: The moderator led a commissioning service for CLP William Reed. The Rev. Duke Dixon, chairman of the Manokin administrative Commission, offered a prayer over Bill’s ministry.

802.R – TWO MINUTE DRILL: Presbytery Executive Jim Moseley offered comments. Rev. Gary Baer offered thanks to for the service of the Rev. Hilary Livingston, who is departing as associate pastor at Lewes and moving to Pittsburgh. Comments also were provided by:

- Donna Bowers for the Leadership Development Unit.
- Kevin Bowers for the Church Development Unit.
- Sara Holben for the Mission Development Unit.
- Associate Executive Jackie Taylor on behalf of Speer Trust.

802.S – ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with prayer by the moderator.

Reid K. Beveridge
Stated Clerk

APPENDICES:

- A: Call of Meeting
- B: Docket
- C: Omnibus motion
- D: Minutes of the 801st Stated Meeting
- E: Clergy Sexual Misconduct Policy (draft)
- F: Clergy Code of Ethics (final)