

PRESBYTERY Highlights

September 18, 2007

Riverton

WORSHIP Celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the Afro-American Presence in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Delrio Ligons-Berry spoke of the Past History of 200 Years of the Afro-American Presence in the Presbyterian Church.

COMMISSIONING OF TRAVELERS FOR CUBA TRIP in November: William Kelly, Alice Wooden-Kelly, Margarita Betancourt, Julio Betancourt, Lorraine Heuser, Sheralyn Tinsley, Joan Rugge and Ernest Meyers.

PRESBYTERY APPROVED

1. Shared Facilities Covenant between the Presbyterian Church of Willingboro and Agape Church.
2. New Church Development Committee to seek financing to purchase the property known as 230 Clems Run Road aka Cedar Ridge Christmas Tree Farm.
3. West Collingswood Presbyterian Church to sell their property at 1225 Collings Ave., West Collingswood, with the understanding that the actual sale of the property will be presented to Presbytery for final approval.
4. 2008 Administrative Budget of \$366,163 which carries a **Presbytery** per capita of \$25.68 if paid in January or \$27.43 if paid quarterly.
5. The 2008 Mission Funding Budget of \$320,000.

WORSHIP Rev. James Reese spoke of the Present of the Afro-American Presence in the Presbyterian Church and there was a music selection by the Victory First Presbyterian Deliverance Choir.

PEOPLE

Congratulations on the marriage of Transitional Executive Presbyter, C. Raymond Trout, to Diana Condon at First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia on September 1.

Alice Wooden-Kelly has accepted the position of Chair of the Congregational Transformation Advisory Committee; Betty Agee serves as Council liaison to the committee.

Ordination Anniversaries: Rev. John B. Smiley – 55 years; Rev. Joseph T. Hourani – 50 years; Rev. C. Raymond Trout – 40 years; Rev. Laurence Miller – 40 years; Rev. Barry Gruver – 40 years; Rev. Dale Schultz – 20 years; Rev. Mary Louise Hawken – 10 years.

Timothy Beggs (Atco) as the youth advisory delegate to Synod Assembly, October 19 – 20.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Bruce McClendon of the Presbytery of Arkansas as Pastor of Elmer Presbyterian Church;

Rev. Paul Tuttle appointed full time stated supply, First Presbyterian Church of Janvier;

Rev. Michael Koch leaves Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah for the Presbytery of Charlotte where he will be Associate Pastor of the Sharon Presbyterian Church of Charlotte;

Rev. Brian Witherspoon leaves Memorial Presbyterian Church of Vineland;

Re. Michelle Witherspoon dismissed to the Presbytery of Plains & Peaks to accept a call as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sterling, CO;

Rev. Neta L. Pringle appointed interim pastor, Presbyterian Church of Woodbury.

Installations: **Rev. Alfred Graise**, Associate Pastor at Calvary Presbyterian Church of Riverton, June 24; **Rev. Pat Weikart**, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Pitman, September 23; **Rev. Dr. Gregory Faulkner**, Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill, November 4.

TRANSITION TEAM broke those attending the Presbytery Meeting into three groups, pastors, committee members and elder commissioners, to discuss their viewpoints on the current structure of the presbytery.

WORSHIP: Rev. Floyd White spoke of the Future and the Hope of the Afro-American Presence in the Presbyterian Church.