

PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

January 15, 2008

Ancora Psychiatric Hospital

TRANSITION TEAM: Adopted proposal in which reflections about the health of the Presbytery of West Jersey were considered as well as proposals regarding new structures and forms of ministry for the presbytery's future. The proposals were designed to deepen the care being provided to congregations and pastors and thereby encourage the connectional mission of the presbytery. The proposals fall into three main categories: work of the Executive Presbyter; changes in presbytery staff positions; and presbytery meetings. Proposals for change will be implemented by September 2008 and form the foundation for a presbytery three-year plan.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS: Rev. Lynne Manilla, Elder Hank Heidler, Rev. John Sheldon and Elder Cricket Cohen were elected as commissioners to General Assembly and Rev. MaryLouise Hawken, Elder Michael Petri and Rev. Keith Reed were elected as alternate commissioners.

MISSION PLEDGES: \$514,676 was pledged for 2008.

ELECTED:

Christian Education	Class 2010	Rev. Robert Reader
New Church Development		Elder Dave Herdeg
Preparation for Ministry	Class 2010	Rev. Joanne Martindale
Preparation for Ministry	Class 2010	Elder Louise Dunnavan

PASTORAL:

Installation of Rev. Bruce McClendon as Pastor at Elmer Church – January 6, 2008.

Ordination of Kathryn Morgan – January 13, 2008

Installation of Rev. Dr. Russell S. Duncan as Pastor of Cold Spring Church – February 10, 2008.

Installation of Rev. Nicole Melara as Pastor of the Williamstown Church – February 17, 2008.

Ordination examination of Kristine Aragon Bruce sustained; she has received a call as Associate Pastor at Cherry Hill Church.

Donald McCann: Certified ready to receive a call.

Rev. Dr. Roger Dunnavan appointed part time interim pastor at Cape May Church. **Rev. Dr. Robert Sullivan** appointed part time interim pastor of Wenonah Church. **Rev. Joanne**

Martindale designated Parish Associate at the Cherry Hill Church. **Rev. Linda Gillon Post** resigned from Carney's Point Church since her husband is taking a position in Minneapolis. **Rev.**

Ki Nam Ko dismissed to the Presbytery of Atlantic Korean American, Maryland where he is serving as Chaplain with the Department of Justice. Received **Rev. Dr. Donald Fletcher**, honorably retired, as member of Presbytery.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Purchase – 30 years; M.Jo Tolley – 25 years

Jamie Donahue of the Blackwood Church enrolled under care of Presbytery as an Inquirer.

RECOGNITION OF MUSICIANS: **Kenneth B. Carter** of Haddonfield Church, as Certified Church Musician and **Joyce Ann Routon**, also of Haddonfield Church, as Certified Associate Church Musician within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Imbalance of elders to clergy be corrected by inviting each of the following churches to elect one additional elder commissioner to meetings of Presbytery between February 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009: Ocean City, Pitman, Pleasantville, Riverton, Salem, Sewell, Sicklerville, Somerdale, Vineland Bethel, Vineland First, Wenonah, Wildwood, Williamstown and Willingboro.

BOARD OF PENSIONS: Philip Gehman, regional representative, reported that the pension plan is fully funded, up 8% in the last year. The healthcare dues for 2008 remain the same as 2007. Maintenance prescriptions should now be ordered through Express Scripts rather than through a pharmacy because there is now a surcharge for these orders. It is estimated that this will save the Board of Pensions approximately \$2 million. Members were encouraged to take the Mayo Clinic Health Risk online and members of the healthcare program who are over the age of 50 were reminded that they are entitled to a \$100 rebate if they have a physical during calendar 2008.

CAMP JOHNSONBURG: Harry Zweckbronner of Camp Johnsonburg reported that the summer theme this year is “Hanging with Jesus” and will be looking at relationships.

Presbytery VOTED to carry forward from the 2007 Administrative Budget unexpended funds of \$9,000 for the Transition Team and \$9,500 for the Executive Presbyter Search Committee to the 2008 Budget.