

Presbytery Highlights June 16, 2009 Bunker Hill

PEOPLE:

Ordination Anniversaries: Joseph Donchez – 50 years; James O'Dell – 45 years; Kenneth Larter – 30 years; Jeffrey Allen – 20 years; Mouris Yousef – 15 years; Donna Lepsky – 15 years; Keith Reed – 15 years

COMMISSIONING OF CUBA TRAVELERS: The following persons were commissioned by Moderator-Elect Rev. David Cobb to represent this Presbytery for a trip to Matanzas Presbytery, Cuba June 22 – July 1: William Kelly, Charles Matthews, Natalie Huber, Gladys Rodriguez, Mary Hershman, Erika Lower and Matthew Mackowsky.

Katie Mulligan: Presbytery VOTED to sustain the ordination examination of Katie Mulligan; and request the Presbytery of New Brunswick to proceed to her ordination. She has received a call from New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Mt. Laurel, as part-time stated supply pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Philip Oehler of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, called as Pastor of the Woodbury Church effective August 23.

BUDGETS: 2010 Administrative and Mission Budgets will be presented and acted on at the September meeting of Presbytery.

WORSHIP: Centered around the 500th birthday of John Calvin.

EVENTS

Transformation Event: Diana Butler-Bass will be the key speaker at “New Ways of Being Church”, September 20, Trinity Church, Cherry Hill.

Upcoming visits from The Rev. Francisco Marerro, General Secretary, Synod of Cuba and Marta Elvis Collazo, Presbyterian Women President, Synod of Cuba in July.

2010 Compensation Policy for Pastors adopted.

COUNCIL: Presbytery **VOTED** new membership of council, replacing the membership adopted in January, 2008: Executive Presbyter, Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Treasurer, President of Board of Trustees, 2 Past Moderators of Presbytery (1 clergy, 1 elder nominated by the Nominating Committee), 3 Members at Large nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Approved revisions in the By-laws and Standing Rules of the Presbytery.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH GROWTH TASK FORCE: presented for a first reading a report with recommendations for church growth strategy for the churches involved as well as recommendations to ensure the support of Presbytery. The report will be presented for adoption at the September meeting of Presbytery.