

Presbytery Highlights

May 18, 2010

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INSTALLATION: Rev. David Cobb was installed as Moderator and Elder David Large, Moderator-Elect by the out-going Moderator, Elder Judy Platt.

COMMISSIONING OF TRIENNIUM DELEGATES and chaperones to Youth Triennium in July at Purdue University. Twenty five (25) youth are attending Triennium representing ten (10) churches of this Presbytery.

COMMISSIONING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

Rev. David Cobb, Elder Wendy Frisby, Rev. MaryLouise Hawken and Elder Michael Petri. Sarah Beggs was commissioned as West Jersey's Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD).

ELECTED:

Elder David Large as Moderator-Elect
Robert Nichols was re-elected Presbytery Treasurer.

Committee Chairs:

The Rev. Jonathan Smith – Committee on Ministry
The Rev. Donald Painter – Mission
The Rev. Cliff Jones – New Church Development
The Rev. Jen Fox – Nominating
Elder Alice Wooden-Kelly – Personnel
Elder Milton Fredericks – Transformation and Church Growth.

General Assembly TSAD (Theological Student Advisory Delegate) Alternate: Inquirer Jeanie Manson

General Assembly Alternate Elder Commissioner: Elder Dhyan Cassie, Marlton

Synod Elder Commissioner: Class of 2012 Elder David Watts, Carneys Point

Committee on Ministry

Class 2013

Rev. Walter Arkell
Rev. Ken Larter
Rev. Patti Weikart
Rev. Karin Nurnberger
Elder Joan Cohen
Elder Patricia Dahl
Elder David Mudge

Finance & Stewardship

Class 2013

Elder Gerald Gump

Transformation & Church Growth

Personnel

Class 2013

Rev. James D. O'Dell
Elder Ken Dietrich

Preparation for Ministry

Class 2013

Rev. John Fordyce
Elder Louise Dunnavan

New Church Development

Class 2012

Kimberley Peake, Lay Person

Class 2013

Class 2013
Rev. Cliff Jones

Rev. Katie Mulligan
Elder Ed Behrens

Mission

Class 2013
Rev. John Nurnberger
Elder Alice Wooden-Kelly
Elder Beverly Currier

Council

Class 2013
Rev. Floyd White
Elder Dana Green
Elder Barbara Trought

Leadership, Education & Training (formerly Christian Ed)

Class 2013
David Stedman, Lay Person

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class 2016
Elder Sandy Gunn
Elder Janet Lawrence

Readers of Ordination Examinations October 4 – 6, 2010 in Raleigh, NC: Elected Rev. Lynne Manilla and Rev. Kathryn Morgan and alternate reader Rev. Mark Peake.

PASTORAL CHANGES

- The Rev. Neta L. Pringle Interim Pastor Union Presbyterian Church of Carneys Point, a member of New Castle. She will labor within the bounds of West Jersey.
- The Rev. Paul Milio granted permission to labor within the bounds of Monmouth Presbytery to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of New Gretna.
- The Rev. Jaikoo E. will be Honorably Retired as of June 1.
- The Rev. Tim Hines appointed Interim Pastor Cold Spring Presbyterian Church
- The Rev. Scott Bullock called as Pastor of the Irvine Presbyterian Church, Irvine, Presbytery of Los Ranchos California

Ordination Anniversary: Patti Weikart – 10 years

Resignation: Janet Lawrence – Committee on Ministry (COM)

Inquirer: Wesley Allen, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, enrolled under care of Presbytery as an Inquirer.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

1. **Cold Spring's** 300th Anniversary will be celebrated in the near future asked that churches who have recently celebrated milestone anniversaries contact Clerk of Session at oldbrick5@comcast.net.
2. **Woodbury** is hosting the Covenant Players Drama Ministry Creative Workshop Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 pm.
3. **Willingboro** celebrated its 50th Anniversary May 1.

4. **Hammonton** is giving an historical house away; it would need to be moved from the church property.
5. **Jethro** thanked Presbytery for prayers as it has increased membership by 15 people.
6. **Moorestown**: is hosting a concert by High School Chapel Choir and Adult Choir at 7:00. Sunday, May 23. It is also holding its Strawberry Festival Friday evening May 21, 2010.
7. **Cape May** is hosting English as a Second Language Class.
8. **Gloucester City** ordained 3 deacons, having not had them for many years.
9. **Woodbury Heights** concludes the year long celebration of its 100th anniversary June 13 with the placement of a time capsule in the Memorial Garden.
10. **Williamstown** has reestablished deacons and 2 new people were recently installed as elders.

MISSION: Grants from 2 Cents a Meal program were awarded to: **Bread of Life Food Pantry** in Riverton (\$500); **Lighthouse Youth Garden**, Salem. (\$1000). Grant from the Mission Committee was awarded to the **Shore Adventure Club**, Wildwood (\$1000), a Friday evening Youth Program that includes VBS.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT:

- **Tres Iglesias** project is in the final stages of hiring a pastor. West Jersey has pledged \$10,000 to support this project.
- **Turn-Around Boot Camp:** National coaching groups for church planting runs the boot camp; it is designed to help congregations turn around and grow. The boot camp will be held Jan. 7 & 8, 2011. Cost to churches bringing up to 4 people is \$300 and the pastor must attend. For \$500 the church can send an unlimited number of people.

TRANSFORMATION & CHURCH GROWTH: Focusing on encouraging Christian Practices that will open congregations up to the presence and power of God. Rev. Pat Weikart, Pitman, said that a Singing Bowl is used in Pitman's session meetings to remind sessions that there must always be space for God. The Bowl is struck every 20 minutes with prayer to refocus on God and the business of the church.

MISCELLANY:

- Offering received at March meeting of Presbytery: \$812.04 for the "Administrative Budget".
- Yearly Report of the Information Systems Committee for the review of session minutes was available.
- Annual report of Presbyterian Women was distributed.
- Smaller Churches not able to accommodate a Presbytery meeting were invited to co-host a meeting in conjunction with a church with larger facilities.
- 2011 Compensation Policy for Pastors with a recommended base effective salary for 2011 at \$45,730 which represents a 0% increase over the 2010 figure of \$45,730 presented for a first reading.
- Council referred the proposal from the Chairperson of the Information Systems Committee concerning the process of reviewing Sessional Records to the Executive and the Stated Clerk for further review and clarification.
- Minutes of West Jersey Presbytery were approved without exception by Synod

THANK YOU AND TRANSITION. Council **VOTED** to express its deep appreciation to the Moderator, Judy Platt, for her dedication, sensitivity and excellence during the past year as she served Christ's church through her work as Moderator of the Presbytery. **HANDING OVER OF BELL AND GAVEL:** Moderator

Judy Platt handed the bell and gavel over to the new Moderator and Moderator-Elect, Rev. David Cobb and Elder David Large respectively. The in-coming Moderator, Rev. David Cobb thanked Elder Platt for her dedicated service during the past year and presented her with a gift certificate and a bouquet of flowers.