

PRESBYTERY REORGANIZATION

Council gave notice to Presbytery that it will present a motion at the June 16 Meeting of Presbytery to rescind the action of Presbytery of January 2008 which established a Council with the following members: Moderator Elect, Executive Presbyter, Moderator, Treasurer, Mission Chair, Moderator of Presbyterian Women, Chairs of New Church Development, Transformation, Information Systems, Leadership Training, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Finance, Representation, Personnel, Nominating, Worship Design-Glo and Transition

Council presented to Presbytery as a first reading the membership of Council that will be recommended to replace the membership as proposed January 2008 as follows: Executive Presbyter, Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Treasurer, President of the 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.

Presbytery Voted to change the recommended number of members of the Mission Committee in the revised Standing Rules to twelve members equally divided between clergy and laity.

Council VOTED to approve the proposed revision in the By-laws and Standing Rules of the Presbytery for action at the June 16 Presbytery Meeting.

PEOPLE:

ELECTED

Moderator/Chairperson for the following committees: CPM – Rev. Mark Peake; Personnel – Elder Alice Wooden-Kelly; Christian Education – Rev. Paul Tuttle; Nominating – Rev. Jen Fox; COM – Elder Beverly McConnell; Sessional Records – Rev. Keith Reed.

Committee Members:

Judicial Commission

2014

Elder Barbara Maylath

New Church Development

2012

Rev. Cliff Jones

Elder Helen Quakenbush

Mission

2012

Rev. Donald Painter

Tre Iglesias Presbiterianas

Margarita Betancourt

Committee on Ministry

Class 2012

Rev. Martin Concepcion

Rev. Jonathan Smith

Rev. Scott Morschauser

Elder Janet Lawrence

Elder Judy Eiseman

Elder Alice Groome

Leadership Education &

Training

2012

Rev. Michelle Allen

Rev. Donna Lepsky

Elder Ora Kokol

Elder Kristen Williams

Preparation for Class

Ministry

Class 2012

Rev. Ivo Meilands

Rev. Lynne Manilla

Elder Maurice Sheets

Information Systems

2012

Rev. Keith Reed

Elder Susan Kercher

Readers of ordination examinations October 5 – 7, 2009 in Raleigh, NC : Rev. Patricia Epprecht, Rev. Kathryn Morgan and Elder Margaret McDaniels and that the following persons be elected as alternate readers: Rev. Debra Cerra, Rev. Mark Peake and Rev. Lynne Manilla.

Installations:

Moderator Elder Judy Platt of the Woodbury Church and Moderator-Elect, The Rev. David Cobb of the Absecon Church were installed for one year terms beginning June 1.

Pastoral.

Rev. Edmund Jones, appointed full time interim pastor First Presbyterian Church of Barrington.

Rev. Barry Gruver will retire as the Associate Pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Laurel Springs July 31, 2009.

Jeanie Manson of Community Presbyterian Church, Brigantine, enrolled under care of Presbytery as an Inquirer.

H. Donald LaRue, candidate under care, certified by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as ready to receive a call.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: The Rev. Andrew Barton, Presbytery of New Brunswick and The Rev. Dr. Hameed Barkat, Presbytery of Riverside, CA.

Ordination Anniversaries: Barbara Green – 25 years; Jen Fox – 10 years; Craig Waetke – 5 years

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT: The Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli, thanked those churches that have already submitted Annual Reports Members were encouraged to read the information from the Board of Pensions as there is a great deal of good information and help available. She encouraged churches to contact her to arrange for a visit. She has visited approximately half of the churches.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The Rev. Lynne Manilla, as she concluded her moderatorial year, thanked Presbytery for its support and for its concern during her illness.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR: Educational Resources Director Judy Grantham requested churches with costly adult education studies to consider sharing them with churches in the Presbytery.

TRANSFORMATION: The Rev. Michele Allen, pastor of Friendship Church, explained what the church is doing in the transformation process to discern its call in the community and beyond.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT: Presbytery tabled a motion from the New Church Development Committee that Presbytery adopt as its objective to start five new churches, with appropriate funding, in the next ten years.

Presbytery approved changes in the terms of call for pastoral positions in 2009

Proposed 2010 Compensation Policy for Pastors with a recommended base effective salary for 2010 at \$45,730 which represents a 1.0% increase over the 2009 figure of \$45,277 was presented for a first reading.

Church Anniversaries: Absecon – 125 years; Grenloch – 100 years

Offering: West Jersey Academy Fund which financially assists candidates under care of the Presbytery who are preparing to become ministers.

Funding:

Scholarships are available for Big Tent Event in Atlanta, June 11-13.

Applications for funds from the Two Cents a Meal Program are also available. Since its inception, the Two Cents a Meal Program has raised \$38,552 for hunger and advocacy and nearly \$20,000 has been given away to alleviate national and international hunger

Approved borrowing by First Church, Haddonfield of \$800,000 from the Presbyterian investment and Loan Program.

\$2500 of Program Funds each year in reserve for the Youth Triennium.

Approved giving the Executive Presbyter sole discretion in approving expenditures from the Sister/Brother Fund to assist others in need.

Approved 2% increase effective June 1 in the compensation of the Executive Presbyter, to bring the compensation package in line with the median compensation for Presbytery Executives in the Synod.