

Highlights of the February 23, 2013 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

The Presbytery of East Tennessee held its One Hundred Fourteenth Stated Meeting at Lake Forest Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

Worship was led by the Support Mission Team. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Les Rust. The Necrology was read by the Rev. James McTyre.

Coordinating Committee for Vision and Mission

The Coordinating Committee moved and the Presbytery approved the following motion:

- ◆ **Motion:** That Karen White, Ruling Elder (Sequoyah Hills) be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2015

The Coordinating Committee awarded the New Vision banners to Renaissance Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga for their mission work in the Westside neighborhood of Chattanooga.

Transition Team

The Transition Team moved and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

- ◆ **Motion:** We recommend that authority and responsibility to sell the Cedar Lane property be transferred from the Transition Team to the Property Committee of Presbytery.
- ◆ **Motion:** We recommend that the Transition Team be dissolved as of February 23, 2013.

Committee on Nominations

The Committee moved and the Presbytery approved the following nominees:

Committee on Ministry

Class of 2013

Tim Crawford Ruling Elder – Eusebia

Class of 2015

Miki Vanderbilt Teaching Elder - West Emory
Ann Naylor Ruling Elder - Farragut

Connect Mission Team

Class of 2013

Sharon Youngs Teaching Elder – First, Oak Ridge

Personnel Committee

Class of 2013

Linda Springer Teaching Elder – First, Spring City

Property and Presbytery Office Operations Committee

Class of 2015

Thomas Preston Teaching Elder – First, Sweetwater
John Thomason Ruling Elder – Farragut

Outdoor Ministries Team

Class of 2014

Ross Dempster Ruling Elder – Sequoyah Hills

Serve Mission Team

The Serve Mission Team moved and the Presbytery approved the following motion:

- ◆ **Motion:** The Serve Committee recommends that monies from the Valleybrook Account of the Presbytery Reserve Fund be used to fund 100% of the 2013 Lake Forest budget shortfall (up to \$50,000); dollar amount to be determined in November 2013.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Committee moved and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

- ◆ **Motion:** To nominate Ms. Peggy Cowan (New Providence) and Rev. Dr. Holton Seigling (Sequoyah Hills) to be Ordination Exam Readers.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East TN receive Inquirer Emily Brewer as a Candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry moved and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

- ◆ **Motion:** That PET dissolve the open associate pastor position at Farragut.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee appoint an Administrative Commission to inquire into and seek to settle the differences with the First Presbyterian Church of Greenback, with the authority to assume original jurisdiction, if deemed necessary, after first granting a hearing to all those in the congregation affected by this decision. At the appropriate time, the Commission will then report its findings and recommendations to the Presbytery. Commission members recommended are: Wendy Neff, TE, Bethel, chair; George Barber, RE, Lake Hills; Roberta Childress, RE, Center; Ann Myers, TE, member at large; Roy Scarborough, TE, member at large.

- ◆ **Motion:** That PET grant Honorably Retired status to Rev. Tom Gilliland, effective March 1, 2013, and that Rev. Gilliland be honored by the Presbytery at its May 7, 2013 meeting.

Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk presented and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

- ◆ **Motion:** That the presbytery approve the 2013 Board of Directors of Presbyterian Homes, Inc.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the presbytery approve the serving of The Lord's Supper at the Annual Spring Gathering and Annual Fall Retreat of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery redress the imbalance of ministers and elders entitled to vote at its meetings by entitling to vote elders serving as CREs and Coordinating Committee members, and by adding a representative from the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery.

Voting on General Assembly Actions

Results of voting on actions of the 220th General Assembly:

12-1 Heidelberg Catechism - **Approved**

12-A. Business Proper to Congregational Meetings—On Amending G-1.0503 - **Approved**

12-B. Gifts and Qualifications for Ordered Ministry—On Amending G-2.0104a - **Approved**

12-C. Presbytery Registers—On Amending G-3.0104 and G-3.0305 - **Approved**

12-D. Shared Synod Permanent Judicial Commission - **Approved**

12-D.1. Judicial Commissions—On Amending G-3.0109a - **Approved**

12-D.2. Administrative Commissions—On Amending 3.0109b(6) - **Approved**

12-D.3. Reduced Function—On Amending G-3.0404 - **Approved**

12-D.4. Permanent Judicial Commissions—On Amending D-5.0101 - **Approved**

12-D.5. Permanent Judicial Commission Expenses—On Amending D-5.0106 - **Approved**

12-D.6. Permanent Judicial Commission Meetings—On Amending D-5.0203 - **Approved**

12-D.7. Permanent Judicial Commissions Quorum—On Amending D-5.0206 - **Approved**

12-D.8. Initiating a Remedial Case—On Amending D-6.0101 - **Approved**

12-D.9. Filing a Complaint in a Remedial Case—On Amending D-6.0202a(6) - **Approved**

12-E. Enrolling Ruling Elders as Members of Presbytery—On Amending G-3.0301 - **Approved**

12-F. Concurrences for Overtures—On Amending G-3.0302d - **Failed**

12-G. Service of Ordination, Installation, or Commissioning—On Amending W-4.4002 - **Approved**

12-H. Jurisdiction in Judicial Process—On Amending D-3.0101b(2) - **Approved**

12-I. Administrative Leave —On Amending D-10.0106 - **Approved**

12-J. Investigating Committee Responsibilities—On Amending D-10.0202 - **Approved**

Please Note: These are simply highlights of the actions taken at the meeting and are not official minutes.