

Highlights of the August 20, 2016 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

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

The Presbytery of East Tennessee held its One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Stated Meeting at Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

The Outdoor Ministries Team presented a **video** featuring highlights of 2016's Summer Camp. You can view the video at <https://youtu.be/qYyX46Zvh0Y>

Remarks were shared by Dr. Leanne Van Dyk, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, who also led **Worship**.

The Coordinating Committee for Vision and Mission awarded the New Vision Banners to Center Presbyterian Church, Tellico Plains, in recognition of their outreach through "Shelter My Sheep," an ecumenical ministry that builds and maintains micro houses to provide temporary shelter to homeless families, enabling them to secure employment and permanent housing.

The Commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly – Rev. Ann Myers, Rev. Max Reddick, Elder Mary Boyd, and Elder Kenneth Kim - shared their experiences and reflections from this year's meeting.

The Outdoor Ministries Team moved and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

- ◆ **Motion:** The Outdoor Ministries Team requests the Presbytery of East Tennessee approve the distribution of up to \$10,000 from the John Knox Center Restricted Fund to install a 200 amp electrical service to the waterfront area of John Knox Center.
- ◆ **Motion:** The Outdoor Ministries Team requests the Presbytery of East Tennessee approve the distribution of up to \$10,000 from the John Knox Center Program Fund to install a backup generator at the Chadwick Lewis Nature Center at the John Knox Center.
- ◆ **Motion:** The Outdoor Ministries Team requests the Presbytery of East Tennessee approve the distribution of \$5,200 from the John Knox Center Restricted Fund to make repairs to the John Knox Center office roof.

The Congregational Development Team moved and the Presbytery approved the following motion:

- ◆ **Motion:** The Congregational Development Team requests Presbytery's approval to increase the total 5-year salary & benefits package for Tom Bagley by \$13,491 (from \$163,509 approved in May 2015 to \$177,000). This increase of \$13,491 would be taken from the Congregational Development Fund.

The Finance & Stewardship Committee moved and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

- ◆ **Motion:** The Manual of the Presbytery of East Tennessee is amended by deleting the last sentence of paragraph 10.1. ("All funds and all monies that come into the presbytery through settlement of Presbytery of East Tennessee congregations that dissolve or separate from the PCUSA will go into the Congregational Development fund.")
- ◆ **Motion:** The Manual of the Presbytery of East Tennessee is amended by the addition of the following text, to become paragraph 13.3: "All funds and all monies that come into the presbytery through settlement of Presbytery of East Tennessee congregations that dissolve or separate from the PCUSA, including all uncommitted funds from previous settlements, shall be placed into a Property Sales Reserve Fund."
- ◆ **Motion:** The Manual of the Presbytery of East Tennessee is amended by the addition of the following text, to become paragraph 13.4: "The Finance and Stewardship Committee shall review any non-budgeted expenditure request made by (a) a committee, (b) a subsidiary corporation, (c) a partnering ministry, or (d) a Presbytery floor motion, prior to PET approval."

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

- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery to approve the sales agreement with Old North Abbey so closing can take place as soon as possible after their financing is approved.

The Committee on Nominations moved and the Presbytery approved the following nominees:

Committee on Ministry

Class of 2019: Gloria Mencer, TE- Other Validated
Ann Naylor, RE, West Emory
George H. Waters, TE-at large

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Class of 2017: Dan Jarvis, RE, Powell
Class of 2019: Joyce Bay, RE, Rivermont
Matt Nieman, TE, Farragut
Meredith Loftis, TE, First, Knoxville

Congregational Development Team

Class of 2019: Linda Lundy, RE, Chattanooga
Pete Steyn, RE, Second, Chattanooga
Stephen Mealor, TE-at large

Congregational Relations Team

Class of 2019: Ann Brunger, TE, HR

Roberta Childress, RE, Center

Equip Mission Team

Class of 2019: Terry Paris, RE, Northside

Finance and Stewardship

Class of 2019: Wyn Bryant, TE, Spring Place

Steve Riggs, RE, Second, Chattanooga

Max Reddick, TE, Fountain City

Loan Committee

Class of 2019: Lanny Payne, RE, First, Knoxville

Elizabeth Peterson, TE, Fourth United

Outdoor Ministry Team

Class of 2019: Sherry Paris, RE, Bethel

Jean Davidson, TE, Eusebia

Permanent Judicial Council

Class of 2019: Martha Anne Fairchild, TE, First, Huntsville

William Garrett, RE, Madisonville

Buran Phillips, TE, Westminster

Personnel Committee

Class of 2019: Carolyn Anderson, CRE, Wartburg

Lee McClesney, RE, First, Cleveland

Property Committee

Class of 2017: Paul Rader, TE, Northside

Class of 2019: Diane Hicks, RE, New Providence

Steve Russell, RE, Rivermont

Serve Mission Team

Class of 2019: Dwyn Mounger, TE, New Hope

Dan Terpstra, RE, First, Oak Ridge

Support Mission Team

Class of 2019: Jeff Paris, RE, Bethel

Sharon Youngs, TE, First, Oak Ridge

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

- ◆ **Motion:** The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that Austin Young be received as a candidate for ministry.
- ◆ **Motion:** The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that Lauren Voyles be received as a candidate for ministry.

The Coordinating Committee for Vision and Mission moved and the Presbytery approved the following motion:

- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery approve the following dates for the Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of East Tennessee in 2017:
 - Saturday, Feb 11
 - Tuesday, May 16
 - Saturday, Aug 19
 - Tuesday, Nov 14

Committee on Ministry

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

- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee sustain the examination of Jim Gray and receive him into membership from Holston Presbytery.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee sustain the examination of Diarmuid O'Hara and receive him into membership from Susquehanna Presbytery.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee sustain the examination of Rachel Hamburger as Associate Pastor at Sequoyah Hills Church, Knoxville, TN, receive her into active membership from the Los Ranchos Presbytery, concur with the terms of call outlined in the meeting packet, and approve the installation commission.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee sustain the examination of Tim Reynolds as Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN, receive him into active membership from the Abingdon Presbytery, concur with the terms of call outlined in the meeting packet, and approve the installation commission.
- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee commission Mr. Greg Bennett as Commissioned Ruling Elder at Gatlinburg Presbyterian Church.

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

- ◆ **Motion:** That the Presbytery create a standing Administrative Commission to direct congregations wishing to close not from dissent of schism but because they no longer are able to maintain a viable ministry. The Commission will have the authority of original jurisdiction. It will consist of members elected by the Presbytery, serving renewable one (1) year terms, the initial members being: Mert Cowser, Jean Davidson, John Link, John Thomason, Gloria Mencer, Bill Keeler.