

Presbytery Meeting Highlights

The Spring Stated Meeting of Trinity Presbytery was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Clinton. The meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator, the **Reverend Dr. Kyle Hite**. Worship followed with a sermon entitled “*The Whole Purpose of Seeds*” from the **Reverend Dr. Ellen Fowler Skidmore**, Pastor of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church.

- ◇ An offering of \$578 was collected to be designated for hunger issues in Trinity Presbytery. The link to contribute is still live for those who would like to contribute. [Trinity Presbytery Hunger Offering](#).
- ◇ Presbytery was welcomed by the **Reverend Dr. Duke Dixon**, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton.
- ◇ Presbytery voted in the affirmative on the remaining 17 of the 33 OGA Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order.
- ◇ The **Reverend Dr. Fran Bragan** and the **Reverend Mitch Van Metre** were granted Honorable Retirement status and recognized for their service to Trinity Presbytery and the Church.
- ◇ The **Rev. Tim Erskine** was examined and approved to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor for our Aveleigh congregation.
- ◇ Two Administrative Commissions (AC) were dismissed with the thanks of the Presbytery for their service: Northminster Presbyterian Church AC and Petersen Presbyterian Church AC.
- ◇ Two new AC's were formed : one for the request of our Aveleigh congregation to be dismissed to another reformed denomination and one for the request from our Grace Covenant congregation to close.
- ◇ **Elder Jim Rowell**, Interim Stated Clerk, gave his annual report, including the statistical information for 2022 and presbytery meeting rebalancing.
- ◇ **Elder Amy Alexander**, PW Moderator, reported that the PW Officers' Training is scheduled for August 19th, with the location TBD. PW continues to support Mission Haven. If you'd like to participate, please see the online [wish list](#).
- ◇ **Elder Bill Wannamaker**, Trinity Presbytery Youth Ministry Coordinator, gave an update. The new Youth Council application will be distributed to churches in a few weeks. Plans for the Enneagram retreat (Aug. 23- 25) at Camp Fellowship have been finalized.
- ◇ Presbytery received a report from the Administrative Enabling Team (AET) (**Elder MaryAnne Massey** , Moderator) The Presbytery is in good financial shape at this time.
- ◇ Presbytery received a report for the Mission and Evangelism Team (MET) **Rev. Leon Page**, Moderator. **Dr. Phyllis Sanders**, Vital Congregations Coordinator, spoke to Presbytery about new opportunities that offer practical and useful guidelines, specifically designed for each church to empower congregational leaders. [Read more...](#)
- ◇ Presbytery received a report from the Discipleship and Resourcing Team (DRT) **Rev. Caroline Dennis**, Moderator. The Spring Adult Retreat held in April was a success, with Dr. Bob Bryant from Presbyterian College offering an engaging study of the book of Revelation. The five Presbyteries of South Carolina (SC5) held their Annual Leader of Leaders Event in April with 50 attendees. Worship on the Water, at Camp Fellowship will run from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. Camp Fellowship is celebrating 75 years this summer!
- ◇ Presbytery received a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) **Rev. Brad Christie**, Moderator. CPM has received a new Inquirer by transfer from New York Presbytery. All inquirers and candidates continue to make progress toward certification for ordained ministry.

The next Stated Meeting of Trinity Presbytery will be held on Saturday, August 26 at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church in Chapin, convening at 9:30 a.m.