

Digest of November 14, 2020
99th Stated Meeting of New Harmony Presbytery
By ZOOM

The Presbytery of New Harmony held its 99th Stated Meeting by ZOOM. **Moderator Linda Jackson** called the meeting to order and opened it with prayer. A quorum was declared and the docket adopted. Special Rules of Order for electronic meetings were reviewed and adopted, and any Standing Rules which contradicted them were suspended. First-time Ruling Elders and Corresponding Members were welcomed. Corresponding Members were seated. **Rev. Erika Rembert Smith** led the Presbytery in worship.

Presbytery took the following actions:

- Received a report from the **Stated Clerk**, including approving the **recommendation for Commissioner Balance** by allotting two ruling elder commissioners from First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach (same as 2020).
- Received a report from the **Guiding Council**, including approving Amending the Manual of Operations by revising the Standing Rules to **allow for electronic meetings** (final reading); adding a Standing Rule concerning “**conflict of interest**” (final reading); removing the restriction of \$150,000 “permanently restricted portion” of the **Invested Fund for Camp Pee Dee**; removing **Outdoor Ministries** from the Presbytery design (first reading); receiving on first reading the **Proposed 2021 Operating Budget** (The second reading and action on the budget will take place at the February 20, 2021 Stated Meeting.); and electing Rev. Annette Brewer, Rev. Jim Clark, and Carrie Hampton to serve on **Committee on Representation and Nominations**.
- Received a report from the **Committee on Ministry**, including approval of a rule to allow **Temporary Membership in Presbytery** for non PCUSA ministers approved by COM for validated ministry or pastoral covenant with a congregation, upon examination and their affirmation to the order and discipline of the PCUSA; approval of **Rev. Jennifer Kottler** [Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)] who is serving as Stated Supply of John Calvin Presbyterian Church as a Temporary Member of New Harmony Presbytery for the duration of her service to John Calvin Presbyterian Church; approval (by more than 75%, as required) **Rev. Ashley Cheek** as the next installed Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, effective December 1, 2020; introduced **Rev. Pete Brzezinski** as a new minister at large; and approved increasing the **minimum terms of call** for full-time installed pastors by 1%.
- Received the report of the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**, including a review of inquirers and candidates currently under the care of presbytery.
- Received reports from **Administrative Commissions** for Camp Pee Dee, Friendfield, John Calvin, New Harvest, and Old Bethel and approving dissolving **Old Bethel Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission** when transfers have taken place.
- Heard verbal reports from representatives from **Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Mission Agency, and Synod of South Atlantic**.

Following announcements and thanks, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.