

**Digest of August 18, 2020**  
**98th Stated Meeting of New Harmony Presbytery**  
**By ZOOM**

The Presbytery of New Harmony held its 98<sup>th</sup> 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.

Presbytery took the following actions:

Received the report from the **Stated Clerk**, which included delaying the reading of Session Minutes for 2020 until 2021 and assisting churches which are not incorporated with the process of incorporation.

Received the report from **Guiding Council**, which included first reading amending the Manual of Operations to **allow electronic Presbytery meetings and Adding “conflict of interest” rules**, on second and final reading for approval, amending the Manual of Operations to include a **Way a Special Meeting is called, Changing Guiding Council Composition regarding Black Caucus and Presbyterian Women designated commissioners, Revised Descriptions of Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry, a Position Description for New Harmony Presbytery General Assembly Commissioners, and a Policy on Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection, and Receiving the Financial Reports ending June 30, 2020.**

Received the report of the **Committee on Ministry**, including approved Commission Pastor Covenants, changes in terms of calls, temporary pastor covenants, and mission studies and ministry information forms. Following a satisfactory examination, **Ruling Elder Delcia-Harper Baxter** was unanimously approved as Commissioned Pastor for New Harvest Presbyterian Church from June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Welcomed Rev. Jennifer Kottler (Disciples of Christ) as Stated Supply of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Received the report of the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**, including a review of inquirers and candidates currently under the care of presbytery. Following a satisfactory examination, **Inquirer Caitlyn Hathaway** was enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry by the Presbytery of New Harmony.

Received reports from **Administrative Commissions** for Friendfield, John Calvin, New Harvest, and Old Bethel, approving dissolving **Old Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kentyre**, and giving the property to New Bethel Presbyterian Church in order that New Bethel can give the property to the non-profit cooperation being formed to hold and oversee the property. Received a report and letter from **Tirzah Administrative Commission** marking the dissolving of the **Tirzah Presbyterian Church, Dalzell**, on August 18, 2020.

Received the comprehensive, detailed report from the **Administrative Review Committee for Camp Pee Dee** concerning the financial and usage trends over the past 20 years and approved its recommendation, to close Camp Pee Dee permanently, by a vote of 68-1.

Received the report from Commissioners to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

Following announcements and thanks, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Linda Jackson.