

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

At its May 21, 2020 meeting, the Executive Council (EC):

- Was called to order by Moderator Jeff Sockwell, who constituted the meeting in prayer;
- Approved minutes from the April meeting of the EC and the February meeting of the Presbytery;
- Agreed to collaborate with TGP Steve Scott to offer advice to churches, worshipping communities, and campus ministries regarding how we might respond to the current public health crisis;
- On behalf of Presbytery (as allowed by our Presbytery's Manual) - elected individuals to service on Presbytery committees and commissions, approved the Kernersville congregation's request to dispose of real property, and modified Salem's rules to allow for virtual meetings of Presbytery (the previous rules afforded this to every body within the Presbytery except the Presbytery itself);
- Agreed to hold the August 15, 2020 Presbytery meeting by virtual means;
- Approved a grant proposal to the Lilly Endowment, Inc. to implement the reorganization of Salem Presbytery; the grant request is for \$1 million, to be spread over five years (Lilly has set aside \$50M for this initiative of theirs);
- Heard a report that a task group would be deployed to respond to questions from members of Presbytery that were received after the February 2020 meeting;
- Reviewed and received monthly financial reports from the Budget and Finance Committee;
- Approved a revised position description (which will, in due course, be posted on Salem's website) for a Transitional General Presbyter to serve Salem for 3-5 years; the Search Committee's work is now underway;
- Heard that the Personnel Committee is to be engaged to recruit and employ the "Parish Engagement Pastors" under the new configuration;
- Received word that there is some interest from an organization to lease/buy the Presbytery property in Clemmons, and discussed the need for relocating Presbytery staff and critical files to an off-site host;
- Prayed for Salem churches and individuals who are suffering (in a variety of ways) during this period;
- Was adjourned in prayer by Presbytery Moderator Paul Sink.

Jeff Sockwell, Moderator  
David Vaughan, Clerk