

DIGEST

NINETY-THIRD STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

October 23, 2012
Westminster Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Moderator: Julie Thro
Vice Moderator: Roxie Holder
Stated Clerk: Donald F. Bickhart
Journal Clerk: Linda M. Smith

WORSHIP

- Candidate **Veronica Thomas** preached the sermon on "The Jericho Road vs. the Other Side" based on Luke 10:30-37. The Revs. **Richard Keever** and **Wilbur Douglass** led the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- The offering for Hunger Relief (Nickel-A-Meal) was \$1,029.28.

IN MEMORY

Roy Kinneer Patteson, Jr.

The Reverend Roy Kinneer Patteson, Jr., died on August 30, 2012 at Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the age of 83. He was born in Richmond, Virginia on October 27, 1928 to Roy and Mary Elizabeth Patteson and had one sister all of whom preceded him in death.

Rev. Patteson graduated from the University of Richmond in 1957. He earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1961 at Union Theological Seminary and was ordained by Orange Presbytery. He enrolled at Duke Divinity School for graduate study in Biblical Languages and Literature receiving his Master of Theology degree in 1964 and his Ph.D. degree. He served at Peace College as social studies department head and at Davidson County Community College as an instructor in History and as the Academic Dean. He later served as President at Southern Seminary, as Vice President for Development at Mary Baldwin College, as President of King College, and as Vice President and Chaplain at Westminster Canterbury. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pauline; two sons and their spouses; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at New Providence Presbyterian Church in Raphine, Virginia.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

- **Donald P. Troast**, a minister member in the United Church of Christ, was received into membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and as a member of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.
- The ordinand sermon and examination of **Veronica Thomas** were sustained and she was approved to be received into membership in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia upon her ordination. She will be installed as Pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia.
- **Walter C. Hunting** was granted the status of Honorably Retired effective November 1, 2012 and honored for his 45 years of service.
- **Richard H. Grice** was granted the status of Honorably Retired effective October 1, 2012.
- Terms of Call for **Veronica Thomas** as Pastor of First United Presbyterian Church and **Mark T. Jernigan** as Pastor of Yorkminster Presbyterian Church were approved.

COMMISSION OF PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

- The recommendation that an alternative Theology Ordination exam for Helen Louise (Lou) Ventura was approved.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (VIT)

- Approved recommendation that Presbytery support the new model for ODU campus ministry and accept the 2013 budget request from the Campus Ministry Committee (see CM report for details).
- Approved recommendation that Presbytery accept the coordinated efforts of the Makemie Woods Committee and the Vision Implementation Team and adopt creation of the Makemie Woods Management Team (MWM) with specific composition, authority, responsibility, and accountability as follows:

That the Moderator appoint upon recommendation of the VIT a seven person Makemie Woods Management Team effective

October 23, 2012 to serve as an Administrative Commission with the authority of Presbytery to include:

- Maintain and manage the MWCCC facility to preserve the value of the asset.
- Form and supervise four special committees for the purposes of: property management; visioning and marketing; resource development and public relations; and programming.
- Terminate staff without prejudice on November 8 with severance.
- Finalize the Draft Business Plan for use as the operational and financial control document by November 15, 2012 with copies to SMT and VIT for information.
- Transfer all financial accounting responsibility and record keeping functions, both manual and electronic, to the PEVA BM.
- Dissolve the call of the Director.
- Develop an operating budget for 2013 for review and approval by SMT, with PEVA support not to exceed \$50,000.
- Report monthly to the SMT and quarterly to the VIT (2nd, 5th, 8th, and 11th months).
- Report performance and make appropriate recommendations for operations to the stated meeting of PEVA in October 2013, which may include the closing or sale of Makemie Woods.
- Propose permanent administrative structure to presbytery no later than October 1, 2014 for full implementation by January 1, 2015.

- MWMT members appointed by the Moderator are: **Belinda Adams, Ken Krall, Skip Cothran, Burt Higgins, Eugene Johnson, Rev. Clint Mitchell, and Rev. Bob Sheldon**

- Approved the recommendation that Presbytery accept the recommendation of the VIT to acknowledge the 2012 budget deficit, to agree to fund the deficit with funds borrowed from PEVA Restricted Funds as permitted, and to commit to repay that borrowed money as soon as possible and no later than December 2014.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

- Reports of Teaching Elders **Bob Melone, Ted Hanawalt, and Addie Peterson** and Ruling Elder **Rick Bainbridge** were received.

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between **Richard H. Grice** and Calvin Presbyterian Church effective 9/30/12.
- Dissolved the associate pastoral relationship between **David B. Pierce** and Yorkminster Presbyterian Church and dismissed him to Northumberland Presbytery effective 8/16/12.
- Dissolved the associate pastoral relationship between **Jennifer M. McDevitt** and Bayside Presbyterian Church and dismissed her to Heartland Presbytery effective 9/1/12.
- Dismissed **Ellen C. Gardner** to Charlotte Presbytery effective 8/8/12.
- Dismissed **Eleanor R. Norman** to Salem Presbytery effective 7/17/12.
- Approved agreement between **Robert W. Gustafson** and Yorkminster Presbyterian Church as Parish Associate.
- Sustained the examination of **Mark Tate Jernigan** and approved him to serve as Pastor of Yorkminster Presbyterian Church effective 10/31/12.
- Sustained the examination of **Randal L. Bremer** and approved him as Interim Pastor at King's Grant Presbyterian Church effective 9/30/12.
- Sustained the examination of **Donald P. Troast** and recommended that he be received as a PC (USA) and PEVA member.
- Sustained the examination of **Veronica Thomas** to allow her to preach and be examined on the floor of Presbytery.
- Approved Interim Pastor Covenant between **Robert Sheldon** and Williamsburg Presbyterian Church until 4/14/13.

PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS/ACTIONS

- Approved the report of the Sessional Records Review Committee.
- Received report of the General Presbyter.
- Approved 2013 housing allowances for PEVA clergy staff members.
- Approved housing allowances for 2013 for PEVA Clergy Staff members.
- Received oral/written reports from Stewardship, Nominations, Congregation Transformation, Peacemaking, and Hunger Committees, Makemie Woods, ODU Campus Ministry, Vision Implementation Team, Commission on Ministry, Commission on Preparation for Ministry, and the Stated Clerk.

TEMPORARY CLERKS

- **Robert** Melone and **Robin Wooddell**
served as Temporary Clerks.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

59 Teaching Elders
59 Ruling Elder
118 Total voting members
51 Visitors
169 Total Registered

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 9 a.m. at
Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church,
Norfolk, VA.