

Upcoming Events

April 5	Festival of Faith, First Church Charleston
April 6	Session Record Review- Quadrant 2, Beverly Church
April 9	Budget Conversation, Elk Hills Charleston
April 13	Equipping Elders Events, First Clarksburg & First Parkersburg
April 19	Council Meeting, First Clarksburg Church
April 20	Equipping Elders Event, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
April 20	Session Record Review-Quadrant 3, First Hinton Church
April 27	Session Record Review – Quadrant 4, Village Chapel Church
May 4	Session Record Review – Quadrant 1, Point Pleasant Church
May 17	Presbytery – Davis Memorial Church, Elkins
May 21 – 22	Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training

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Presbytery Digest

Presbytery of West Virginia
March 15, 2008

The Presbytery met on March 15, 2008 at **First Church, Huntington**. Moderator **Kristi Moore** presided at the meeting which was attended by 198 individuals. Presbytery was welcomed by **Roger Rabey**, pastor.

Presbytery welcomed three new pastors: **Jim Fisher**, interim pastor of **Enslow Park Church, Huntington**; **Alice Monschke**, interim pastor of **First Church, Fairmont**; and **Jim Roberts**, associate pastor of **First Church, Charleston**.

The meeting began with morning worship. **George Lilley**, chair of Social and Ecumenical Ministries, reported on Presbytery's mission trip to the RHINO [Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans] project of St. Charles Avenue Church in New Orleans.

Ed Rugeley, Chair of Trustees, and representatives of **First Church, Morgantown** presented a proposed project to be undertaken by the church to buy school property adjacent to the church and to erect two six-story buildings to house the church's Child Development Center, to provide space for the campus ministry program and to provide much needed student housing in Morgantown. The church would make the initial property purchase but then transfer the property to a new 501c(3) corporation called Westminster House once permanent financing is secured. The church has unanimously endorsed the project and Presbytery affirmed the process for granting final approval for borrowing money for this project by the Moderator and Chair of Council with concurrence of the Stated Clerk and with the advice of the Trustees. The decision will be reported to Presbytery at its May meeting.

Paul Hooker, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of St. Augustine Presbytery and a member of the PC (USA) Form of Government Task Force, was a guest of Presbytery and reported on the work of the Task Force which has developed a new document to replace the current *Book of Order*. The recommendations will be presented to the General Assembly when it meets June 21-28, 2008 in San Jose CA. The Rev. Hooker's presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period.

During the afternoon worship service, the annual Necrology of Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament who died in 2007 was read and Presbytery gave thanks for their years of faithful service. The \$1,083 offering from the afternoon worship service was designated to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which continues to respond to a multitude of natural disasters in the United States and around the world.

The Presbytery again enjoyed hearing Good News from the Pews during the Congregational Development Committee report.

The Committee on Ministry recommended approval of the renewal of the stated supply covenants between **Daniel Simmons** and **Hughes River Church; Denny Dodson** and **Belle Church; Leonard Graham** and **Sugar Grove Church; David Warf** and **Mount Pleasant Church; Cinda Harkless** and **Beverly Hills Church; Patricia Jarvis** and **First Dunbar Church; Michael Anderson** and **St. Marys Church; Boyd Purcell** and **First Whitesville** and **Orgas Churches; Ron Buckalew** and **Spencer Church; Charles Ferguson** and **Clothier Church; Jerry Harrah** and **Kuhn Memorial Church; Judd Alford** and **Brush Creek Church; and Jerry Gustin** and **First United Ravenswood Church; approval of the renewal of the Commissioned Lay Pastor agreements between William Dunfee** and **Westminster Church, Vienna; David Pettry** and **Colcord** and **Marsh Fork Churches; Joanne Glaser** and **Beverly** and **Tygarts Valley Churches; Karen McClanahan** and **Marsh Fork Church; and Kathryn McCrary** and **Falls View** and **Montgomery Churches; and the approval of two moderators. In addition, Presbytery approved changes in the terms of call of Joan Stewart** and the **Falls View** and **Montgomery Churches** that clarified the use of the manse and related expenses. A commissioned lay pastor mentor policy was approved and requests from the following churches for a waiver of the requirement for the rotation of elders were approved: **Carmel Church, Comfort Church, Rock Forge Church, Westminster Charleston Church** and **Melrose Church. David Pettry** and **Joanne Glaser** were commissioned as CLP's during the COM report.

Presbytery elected the following: **Kathryn McCrary**, CLP of **Falls View and Montgomery Churches**, Vice-Moderator of Quadrant 4; **Chris Rogillio**, educator of **Kanawha United Church**, Member at Large of Council; **Ed Pettus**, pastor of **Princeton Church**, chair of Camps, Conferences and Retreat Ministries; **Kelly Stephens** of **Clifton Church**, Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly, and **Lucy Swecker** of **Mill Creek Church**, alternate Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly. In addition, four persons were elected to serve on Presbytery committees: **Elizabeth Stone**, CLP of **Bradley** and **Mount Hope Churches**, to serve on Camps, Conference and Retreat Ministries; **Bonnie Boyce**, pastor of **Spring Valley Church**, to serve on Congregational Development; **Lynn Wood**, parish associate of **Bream Memorial Church**, to serve on Mission Interpretation

and Stewardship; and **Sandra McIntire**, member of **Mount Hope Church**, to serve on Personnel and Administration. The vice moderators were installed during the nominating committee report.

The Christian Nurture and Worship Committee reminded Presbytery of the upcoming **Festival of Faith** on Saturday, April 5th at **First Church Charleston**. This year's keynote presenter is **Elizabeth Caldwell. Equipping Elder Events** will be held on April 13 at **First Clarksburg Church** and **First Parkersburg Church** and April 20 at **Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Hurricane**.

The Personnel and Administration Committee reported that **Frank Mansell**, honorably retired minister, has agreed to serve as the staff resource person in Quadrant 4 to provide pastoral care.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reported that **Benjamin Glaser** has withdrawn as an inquirer and that **Kari Preslar**, ALP, has been certified as ready to receive a call as a commissioned lay pastor.

Lois Coffey reported that 46 churches have not submitted pledges or indicated their intentions for 2008 shared mission giving and 19 churches have not paid their 2007 per capita apportionment.

Ed Pettus, chair of Camps, Conferences and Retreat Ministries Committee, reported that in addition to the regular four weeks of camping this year at **Bluestone Camp**, there will be some new focus camps running simultaneously. The new focus camps are:

Week 1 – June 15 to 21 – Global Connection I – Ecostewardship

Week 2 – June 22 to 28 – Global Connection II – Social Justice

Week 3 – June 29 to July 5 – Performing Arts Camp – theater, drama & dance for worship

Week 4 – July 6 to 12 – Worship Leadership Camp – for those with musical talents, focus on collaboration and leadership

The **Presbyterian Women** announced their **Spring Gathering at Community Church Arthurdale** on Saturday, April 12, 2008.

**The next Presbytery meeting will be:
Saturday, May 17, 2008 – Davis Memorial, Elkins**