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Presbytery Digest

Presbytery of West Virginia
March 17, 2007

The Presbytery meeting was held at **First Presbyterian Church** in Fairmont. **Moderator James Harless** presided, and **Rev. Gene Lassiter** welcomed the Presbytery.

Presbytery welcomed one new pastor: **Robert E. Lee**, Interim Pastor at Village Chapel Church, Charleston.

Stated Clerk John Bolt reported that the Presbytery's minutes for the September 7, 2006 and November 21, 2006 meetings were approved. He also reported that the Administrative Commission to examine **James Michael Smith** had sustained his examination and the commission was dismissed with thanks. **James Michael Smith** was ordained at **Bream Memorial church** on Saturday, March 10, 2007.

The Committee on Ministry recommended approval of the change in the terms of call of **David Krum** at **First church, Weston** and **Glenville church**; approval of the commissioned lay pastor covenants between **James Harless** and **First church, Kenova**; **Jim Musgrave** and **First, Oak Hill** and **Summerlee churches**; **Diane Hall** and **First church, Welch**; **Tracy French** and **First church, Mullens**; **John Bolt** and **Westminster, Charleston** and **South Park churches**; **David Allen** and **Community church, Arthurdale**; **Doyle Kester** and **Spring Creek church**; the renewal of fifteen stated supply agreements, and the approval of a number of moderators. All of the recommendations were approved including a request from **Montgomery church** for a waiver from the requirements of elder rotation.

The Presbytery also heard a sermon by **Janice Tiedeck**, a candidate for ordination from Albany Presbytery, and then she was examined and approved for ordination as the associate pastor/campus minister at **Beckley church** and **Mountain State University, Beckley**.

Presbytery approved changing the November Presbytery meeting from Tuesday, November 20 to Thursday, November 29, 2007. The quadrant Presbytery meetings

will be held in Quadrant 2 on September 6th, in Quadrant 3 on September 7th, in Quadrant 1 on September 10th and in Quadrant 4 on September 11th.

The Worship Review and Polity Committee presented a number of amendments to the Form of Government to the PC (USA) and following discussion and voting the results are as follows:

Amendment	Description	Affirmative	Negative
06-A	Revision of Form of Government Chapter 14 with accompanying amendments to <i>Book of Order</i>	96	16
06-B.1	Moving Ordination, Installation and Commissioning Questions to Directory of Worship	108	4
06-B.2	Adding Licensure of Candidates	56	62
06-B.3	Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process	108	5
06-C	Enabling New General Assembly Council Structure	103	7
06-D	Opening COM to access by CLPs	113	0
06-E	Members of the Synod	112	0
06-F	Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters	106	6 (2 abstain)

The Personnel & Administration requested permission to form a search committee to fill the Director of Planned Giving position and the following committee was approved: **Paul Romine, Ben Gurley, Pam McCalla, Sharon Rowe** and **Ron Shrewsbury** with **Gay Mothershed** and **Lois Coffey** serving as ex officio members.

The Finance and Development committee approved a \$10,000 grant for **Kuhn Memorial church, Barboursville** from the Small Church Assistance Fund.

Lois Coffey reported the 2006 giving to per capita, shared mission and extra commitment giving as well as the 2006 year end financial data. In addition she reported that a number of churches had yet to respond to the 2007 shared mission requests. As of March 5, 2007, 87 churches had pledged 61% of the 2007 Presbytery budget. If no additional pledges are received, the Presbytery will run out of operating funds on October 14, 2007.

The nominating committee presented the following persons to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry: **Elder John Arbuckle, Jr.**, Quadrant 3,

chair; and **Elder Pam Curtis**, Quadrant 1 and they were approved.

An offering of \$912 was received for the **Theological Education Fund** during the afternoon worship service and **Dr. Dean Thompson**, President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary preached.

The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship committee reminded churches to participate in the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Information is available at www.pcusa.org/pda/faq/oghs.htm

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry requested and was granted approval for **Elise Murphy Neal** to take alternative ordination exams for Polity, Theology and Worship and Sacraments.

Council reported that the following persons have been elected to serve on the Presbytery's Nominating Committee: **Jim Musgrave**, Quadrant 1, chair; **Kris Haig**, Quadrant 2; and **Doug Minnerly**, Quadrant 4. Presbytery also had the first reading of a *Manual* change that will reduce the number of at-large members of the Council from two (2) per quadrant to one (1) per quadrant.

Upcoming Events

Clergy Women's Retreat – April 12-14 at Knotty Pine Lodge, Red House

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering – April 21 at Enslow Park, Huntington

Session Record Review – Quad 1 – April 22 at Pt. Pleasant

WV Context of Ministry – April 23-24 at John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

Council – April 28 at Fayetteville Presbyterian Church

Equipping Elders Event – April 29 at Pt. Pleasant, Bridgeport and Highlawn, St. Albans

Session Record Review – Quad 3 – May 6 at First, Hinton

Session Record Review – Quad 2 – May 20 at First, Buckhannon

**The next Presbytery meeting will be
Saturday, May 19, 2007 at Bluestone Camp in Hinton, WV**