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## PRESBYTERY OFFICE HOURS

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# Presbytery Digest

Presbytery of West Virginia

November 21, 2006

The Presbytery meeting was held at **Second Presbyterian Church** in Huntington. **Moderator Susan McGhee** presided, and **Rev. David Richards** welcomed the Presbytery.

Presbytery welcomed three new pastors: **Cameron Harkness**, Interim Pastor at Marlinton; **Doug Jenkins**, Interim Co-Pastor at Davis Memorial, Elkins; and **Janet Jenkins**, Interim Co-Pastor at Davis Memorial, Elkins.

**Stated Clerk John Bolt** reported that he has received a document on *Serious Mental Illness: Seeking a Comprehensive Christian Response* from the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy copies of which were distributed at the meeting and are available from the Presbytery office. He also reported that the Summersville Presbyterian Church was recognized by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program for adopting the Commitment to Peacemaking. Finally, he received minutes from the administrative commissions that installed **Michael R. Seely** as pastor of First Presbyterian, Parkersburg and ordained **Elizabeth A. Pyles** as Minister of Word and Sacrament for the McDowell Presbyterian Church in McDowell, VA.

Presbytery heard a report on **West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW)** by **Joan Stewart**, Executive Director and a presentation by **John Robinson** of the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** program.

The Nominating Committee presented and Presbytery approved a roster of nominees to serve on Presbytery committees including the election of **Elder James Harless** as Moderator, **Rev. Kristi Moore** as Moderator-Elect and **Rev. Susan McGhee** as Chair of Council for 2007.

Presbytery granted permission for Candidate **Leslie Clay** to take the Bible Exegesis Ordination Examination by an alternate method per Book of Order G-14.0313b. Candidate **James 'Jamie' Smith** was examined for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Following discussion, Presbytery referred approval for sustaining his examination to the following administrative commission: **Rev. John Davis**, Chair; **Rev. Kristi Moore**; **Rev. Charla Waters Koerner**; **Rev. Robert Bondurant**; **Elder Betsy Crockett**; **Elder Mavis Grant Lilley**; and **Elder Sam Burford**.

The Personnel and Administration asked Presbytery to approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between **Malcolm Brownlee** as Interim Special Presbyter for Quadrant 3 effective November 30, 2006 and to accept the resignation of **Bill Knott** as Director of Planned Giving effective October 1, 2006 and the requests were approved.

An offering of \$1,140.00 was received and will be sent for humanitarian relief in the Darfur region of Western Sudan through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The Committee on Ministry proposed approval of the following stated supply agreements: **Arpad Tordai**, a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Hungarian Reformed Church, and the Alderson church; **Dan Festa** and the Winfield church; **Robert J. Klein** and the Mill Creek church; and **David Warf** and the Mt. Pleasant church and all were approved. In addition the committee recommended approval of an administrative commission to dissolve the **Scott Memorial** church in Bowden and a **Validated Ministry Policy**; and both were approved. The following moderators were elected:

**Cinda Harkless** and Bates Memorial;  
**Catherine George** and Bradley and Mount Hope;  
**Charla Waters Koerner** and Church of Our Savior, Clarksburg;  
**Gene Lassiter** and First, Clarksburg;  
**Ed Thompson** and Comfort;  
**Doug Jenkins** and Harman;  
**Adrian Pratt** and First, Hinton;  
**W. D. Hasty** and Melrose, Princeton;  
**Ron Obenchain** and Mount Pleasant;  
**Robin Debnam** and Trinity, Shady Spring;  
**John Davis** and Village Chapel; and  
**Ed Thompson** and Westminster, Charleston and South Park,

**Lois Coffey**, Financial Administrator and Treasurer presented a current financial report.

The Christian Nurture and Worship Committee asked Presbytery to endorse the **Synod's Resource Center Mission Network**, a network of resource centers, and the recommendation was approved. It also presented information from the Church Mutual Insurance Company concerning child sexual assault in churches and distributed information to churches in attendance. Contact **Susan Sharp Campbell**, Associate for Educational Ministries, for more information. Also, the committee announced that **Leonard Sweet** would be the keynote speaker for the **Festival of Faith** on March 31, 2007 at First Presbyterian, Charleston and that **Triennium** will be held July 17-22, 2007. The Presbytery hopes to send 80 persons to Triennium.

### Upcoming Events

**ALP/CLP Continuing Education** – December 2, 2006 at Village Chapel

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry Retreat** – January 5-6, 2007

**COM/CDC Retreat** – January 15-16, 2007 at John XXIII, Charleston

**Synod of the Trinity Meeting** – February 8-9, 2007

**Council Retreat** – February 16-17, 2007 at John XXIII, Charleston

**Educator Clergy CLP Retreat** – February 26-27, 2007

**Younger Youth Retreat** – March 9-10, 2007 at Cedar Lakes

**Festival of Faith** – March 31, 2007 at First Presbyterian, Charleston

**The next Presbytery meeting will be  
Saturday, March 17, 2007**