

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE 240th STATED MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY, WHEATON COMMUNITY CHURCH, JULY 13, 2010

The meeting was convened by the Moderator, Elder Doris Mabrey (First PC, Arlington), at 6:05 p.m. As the call was in order and a quorum present [full enrollment will be set out in the permanent minutes], the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

OMNIBUS MOTION

Rev. Richard McFail, Stated Clerk and Treasurer, presented the Omnibus Motion for approval. Presbytery approved the Omnibus Motion which follows:

From Presbytery Council

Council moves that the Manual of Operations be amended as follows:

Administrative Commission on Congregational Property

Line # 1084 currently reads “The Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members...”

Amend to read: “The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members...”

Rationale: This increase above the constitutionally mandated minimum will enable the ACCP to continue functioning in the event of a resignation, until a replacement can be elected. Currently a resignation of one of the seven members renders the ACCP constitutionally barred from acting.

From Committee on Preparation for Ministry

CPM moves that in keeping with action taken by presbytery in November 2009 permitting a 2% draw on scholarship funds, \$20,000 be allocated to scholarships for enrolled Inquirers and/or Candidates (award amounts and recipients to be determined by CPM)..

From the Nominating Committee

The committee moves that presbytery grant an exception to the Presbytery Manual’s rule that committee chairs serve a limit of three years, so that Rev. Larry Hayward can continue for another year as Chairperson of Committee on Ministry.

The committee nominates Rev. Leslieanne Braunstein (At-large member) to serve on the Administrative Commission for Congregational Property in the Class of 2012.

From the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk moves the approval of the minutes of the June 2010 Stated Meeting. [Note: the June summary minutes have been subsequently amended to correctly reflect St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is located in Purcellville, VA (not MD) as noted in the report from the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property on page 9].

PRESBYTERY REPORTS

From the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reports that the Committee on Representation of National Capital Presbytery has filed its 2010 report with the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

The Stated Clerk reports that on behalf of the Session Records Review Committee he has reviewed the Session Minutes Book of Eastminster PC for the period September 15, 2002- November 15, 2009, and the Register, and has approved both with exceptions noted and communicated to the Clerk of Session.

From Committee on Preparation for Ministry

CPM reports that Inquirer Jessica Doerrer (Hope PC) has been enrolled as a Candidate under care effective May 20, 2010.

From the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property

G-8.0501 and G-8.0502 from the Book of Order

5. Selling, Encumbering, or Leasing Church Property

G-8.0501 A particular church shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the particular church.

G-8.0502 A particular church shall not lease its real property used for purposes of worship, or lease for more than five years any other real property, without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the particular church.

The Presbytery has empowered the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property with the powers of an Administrative Commission to consider and approve requests from churches to lease, sell or encumber the real property of a church. Any action in this regard by a congregation without the Presbytery's permission will not be recognized as legally valid.

If your church is considering leasing, selling or encumbering real property call Managing Director, Dick Lowery at 240-514-5356 or email dlowery@thepresbytery.org.

06-15-2010 Northwood Presbyterian Church

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property (ACCP), by consensus action, authorized the Northwood Presbyterian Church (Northwood PC), 1200 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD, a member in good standing of the NCP, to sell and convey the land and office building adjacent to the church located at 1106 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD to the current tenant, Crosswood Inc. dba as Pathways for \$1. The property was originally purchased by Northwood in 1995 for the sole and exclusive use by Crosswood Inc. dba as Pathways, a corporation formed in 1981 by Northwood PC to operate the Pathways school for troubled children and youth. Pathways has paid or reimbursed to Northwood all costs associated with the land and building since its acquisition. All settlement costs for this transaction will be paid by Crosswood Inc. dba as Pathways. Northwood PC will include a deed restriction in the transfer of the property that grants Northwood PC (or its successors, including NCP, Inc.) the first right of refusal if Crosswood Inc. dba as Pathways elects to sell the property, and further gives Northwood PC (or its successors, including NCP, Inc.) the first right of refusal to purchase the property if Crosswood Inc. dba as Pathways goes out of business. This approval is subject to verification of current session and congregational approval of this proposed action. Further, this approval is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the ACCP if the sale and transfer of deed is not completed within that time period, and the ACCP authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

Report from the Committee on Ministry, June 2 and 9, 2010:

1. A motion to adopt the policy on Honoraria for Pulpit Supply, Temporary Supply and Moderating Session was approved. The policy will be available on NCP website and on the pulpit supply list.
2. A motion to elect the Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea to a one year term on Team One of the Clearance Team was approved.
3. Dismiss At-large member Barry Young to Redstone Presbytery where he has a call to be Pastor of Trinity PC, Florence PA. (Terms for information only: Effective salary \$47,301, pension/medical 13,841, continuing ed expense 600, mileage reimbursed at the IRS rate.)
4. Concur in the request of the Rev. Henry Kim and the congregation of Mt. Vernon PC that the pastoral relationship between them be dissolved effective May 30, 2010. The congregation acted on this request at a meeting held on May 16, 2010.
5. Approve a six-month extension of the Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Diane Hutchins and the Session of Calvary PC, July 1-December 31, 2010. Compensation for the six months:

Effective salary - \$31,160

Social Security offset - \$2,364.50

Pension/medical - \$9,736.50

Medical deductible up to \$1,250

Continuing ed/books – up to \$500

6. Approve a six-month extension of the Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Mary Pullen and the Session of Riverdale PC until September 16, 2010.
7. Grant permission to the Session of Falls Church PC to call a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
8. Concur with the request of the Session of Ashburn PC to eliminate the position of Associate Pastor effective June 1, 2010.
9. Approve the request of Chaplain, Colonel Leon D. Page, Sr. to validate his work as Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Chaplains, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Bolling AFB, DC as specialized ministry.
10. Approve a six-month extension of the Interim Pastor agreement between Larry Duncan and the Session of Potomac PC effective July 27, 2010 at the current terms.
11. Renew the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. Thomas Jones and the Session of Bradley Hills PC from 6/1/2010 through 5/31/2011.
12. Approve an Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Stephany Crosby and the Session of First PC/Arlington, June 13 -December 13, 2010. Compensation is monthly:

Effective salary - \$5890

Social Security offset - \$451

Pension/medical - \$1855.35

Continuing ed/books - \$170

Travel - \$85

Discretionary - \$125

13. The Team approved that the following be added to our Terms of Call Forms.

“The Pastor and Congregation agree to abide by the Book of Order (D 10.0106), the Presbytery’s Sexual Misconduct Policy and the Presbytery’s Administrative Leave Policy which permits the Presbytery to put a minister on administrative leave upon receipt of allegations of sexual misconduct or for failure to participate in the mandated education on the Presbytery’s Sexual Misconduct Policy within the first year of the call and every three years thereafter.”

MISSION COORDINATION COMMITTEE – Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Rev. Lawrence Hill, Chairperson of the Mission Coordination Committee (MCC), presented the proposed distribution of MCC's 2010 Resurrection Fund allocation for presbytery approval. He provided a brief background about the source of these funds and mentioned that there are other

grants that are available to congregations. On behalf of the MCC, Rev. Lawrence Hill moved that presbytery approve the following allocation of Resurrection Fund monies:

Funds available to all congregations	\$49,600
Funds designated for DC churches only	6,541
Total	<u>\$56,141</u>

Title	Request	Purpose
Global Mission	25,000	Matching grants to all congregations to support partnerships in global mission
One Such Child	6,500	Matching grants to DC congregations to encourage partnerships on behalf of children in need
Middle East Concerns	1,300	To attend national network Meetings and produce a Brochure
Housing	17,000	Matching grants to all congregations to support partnerships to provide affordable housing
College Ministry	3,080	Salary for Peer Minister for community service and mission, United Campus Ministry, University of Maryland
Total	52,880	
Carryover to 2011:	3,220 for all congregations 41 designated for DC churches only	

Presbytery approved MCC's recommended allocation of funds.

WORSHIP

National Capital Presbytery's commissioners to the 219th General Assembly (GA) participated in worship—leading the service and contributing hymns and elements of worship held at GA. Those contributing to worship were NCP Commissioners: Elder Cynthia Bolbach (First PC, Arlington), Rev. Beth Braxton (Burke PC), Rev. Jay Click (Grace PC, Springfield), Elder Doug Feaver (Old Presbyterian Meeting House), Elder Harriet Hopkins (Lewinsville PC), Rev. Roy Howard (Saint Mark PC), Rev. Yena Hwang (Wheaton Community Church), Elder Doris Mabrey (First PC, Arlington), Rev. Andy Nagel (Neelsville PC), Laura Scott (Bush Hill PC), and Elder Margaret Washnitzer (Fifteenth Street PC); and pianist, Ms. Chris Mosier (Taiwanese PC of Washington).

219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presbytery meeting commissioners watched a video of the 219th General Assembly (GA) including photographs of the election of the Moderator, Elder Cynthia Bolbach (First PC, Arlington), and reflections by National Capital Presbytery's commissioners on their GA experience. The video was produced by Rev. Wilson Gunn and Elder Rob Monroe of the NCP staff.

Following the video, Rev. Wilson Gunn and Rev. Carla Gorrell of the NCP staff offered words of appreciation for Rob Monroe's 11 years of service to the presbytery on the staff of Camp Glenkirk and more recently as Program Assistant in the presbytery office; Mr. Monroe and his family have relocated to St. Louis, MO.

The presbytery meeting commissioners then broke into 11 groups each headed by a GA commissioner to hear and discuss information about the assembly. The GA commissioners rotated among the groups so the presbytery meeting commissioners could hear other perspectives about GA. The groups reconvened as a whole for a panel discussion with all GA commissioners and two overture advocates.

Following closing prayer in small groups, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by the NCP Moderator, Elder Doris Mabrey (First PC, Arlington), at 9:00 p.m.

Richard McFail
Stated Clerk/Treasurer