

Highlights of August 27, 2011 Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Lexington, VA

Actions of Shenandoah Presbytery:

- Tully J. Hunter - Approved the examination, terms of call and his installation commission on September 11, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, Fishersville, VA, transfers from Florida Presbytery
- Joan Wilson – Approved the examination, Stated Supply contract with Mt. Storm Presbyterian Church, Mt. Storm, WV and her ordination commission on September 18, 2011 at 4:00 PM at Woodstock Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, VA
- Approved the following ruling elders to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors:
 - Bill Barnett – First Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, WV through December 15, 2011 while Rufus Burton is on sabbatical
 - Alan Morrison – Second Opequon and Round Hill Presbyterian Churches through December 31, 2011
- Gary L. Coppedge – Restored to the ordered ministry of teaching elder and gave permission to labor outside the bounds in the Presbytery of the Peaks
- Elected the following persons to serve on the General Presbyter Search Committee:
 - Rev. John Bethard of Charles Town Presbyterian Church
 - Ruling Elder Kimberly Kline of Franklin Presbyterian Church
 - Ruling Elder Ken McNulty of Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church
 - Rev. Charles Reed of Warm Springs Presbyterian Church
 - Ruling Elder Mary Strickler of Waynesboro 2nd Presbyterian Church
 - Rev. Lisa Webb of Woodstock Presbyterian Church
- Elected Ruling Elder Glenn Ryburn of Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- Elected Rev. John McDonald as Vice Chair of the Nominating Committee
- Elected the following persons to serve as readers for the standard ordination exams:
 - Ruling Elder Mary Lou McMillin
 - Rev. Carrie Evans
 - Rev. Carl Moore
- Accepted the invitation for hosting presbytery meetings:
 - Lexington Presbyterian Church – May 8, 2012
 - Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church – August 25, 2012
- Approved new wording for the Vision Statement from “church professionals” to “Church leaders and members are nurtured and strengthened for service”
- Deleted the Vision and Mission Committee from the Presbytery Manual
- Gave permission for Little Falls Presbyterian Church to sell a riverfront lot

Written reports and other information shared:

- Board of Pensions Medical Plan will increase ¾% in 2012 and also in 2013 by the same rate
- Received information regarding “Decisions Congregations and Sessions Need to Make” in regards to the new form of government
- Received actions taken by Committee on Ministry which included the following recommendation:
“While recognizing the ongoing economic conditions within our country, the Committee on Ministry still urge churches to strive to provide a 2% compensation increase for their pastor(s) for 2012 for the stability of their ministry.”
- Heard staff reports:
 - Sally Hinchman – Interim General Presbyter
 - Doug Sensabaugh – Communications Coordinator/Hunger Action Enabler
 - Lisa Hedrick – Resource Coordinator
- Heard from Charles Reed regarding the health of his son Caleb who underwent two heart surgeries following his birth January 7th. Charles thanked the presbytery for their support and prayers.
- Reed Hopkins led the presbytery in prayer for the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus
- Received verbal report from Randy Webb for the World Wide Ministries
- Heard from Doug Dicks, regional liaison for the Middle East
- Kerry Foster urged churches to get involved with colleges and universities in their communities
- Tom Holden led the presbytery in Intercessory Prayer
- Beth Pyles presented the 2012 Budget for first reading and received feedback
- Discussion was held regarding recommendations for restructuring Presbytery Council and the Presbytery’s Manual
- Church Development Committee offering 12 scholarships of \$250 to attend the “Getting Unstuck” Conference in Montreat October 23 – 27, 2012
- Moffett for Mission Report was given by Alex Haney regarding the recent Mission Trip to Baja

**Next Stated Meeting – Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Opequon Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA**