

Highlights of May 10, 2011 Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery Charles Town Presbyterian Church, Charles Town, WV

Actions of Shenandoah Presbytery:

- Approved revisions to the Authorized Lay Pastor and Commissioned Lay Pastor Policy
- Approved terms of call for ministers of Word and Sacrament
- Approved examination for ordination and installation of Patrick Lanaghan to serve at the Burnt Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA and approved his terms of call.
- Elected an Administrative Commission to ordain and install Patrick Lanaghan on June 5, 2011 at 3:00 PM at Burnt Presbyterian Church
- Approved the examination of the Rev. Harry Johns to serve as Interim Pastor for Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staunton, transfers from the Presbytery of the James
- At the request of Rev. Kenneth Haines, "to be released from the exercise of ordained office" of minister of Word and Sacrament (G-6.606a)
- Approved the following elders to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors:
 - Linda Reece for the Burlington and Springfield Churches
 - James Boyette for the Buckton Church
 - Deborah Barnett for the Charles Town Church through 8/31/11 while the pastor, John Bethard is on sabbatical
- Approved Inquirer Walter Cantor to be enrolled as a Candidate
- Approved changes to the Guidelines for the Samuel Ramsey Funds for Global Missions
- Approved the loan application from Woodstock Presbyterian Church for up to \$270,000 from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) for building improvements
- At the request of the clerk of session from the Upper Tract Presbyterian Church, the presbytery is calling a meeting of the congregation of Upper Tract Church for the purpose of establishing the church as a chapel of the Ruddle Presbyterian Church
- Approved a revised process for nominating and electing commissioner, alternates and YAAD's for the biennial meeting of the General Assembly
- Approved the following: If the New Form of Government is approved by a majority of the presbyteries, that the Presbytery of Shenandoah follow the current *Book of Order* (2009 – 2011) in areas no longer covered by the New Form of Government until Manual of Presbytery is amended

Written reports and information shared:

- John Bethard, pastor of Charles Town Presbyterian welcomed the presbytery and shared that individuals from their Homeless Shelter were assisting individuals in parking
- Received greetings from Ato Girma Borishie Bati, Director of Department of Administration and Finance for Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus

- John Fisher, Winchester First, led the presbytery in prayer for the partnership
- Ron Potter presented Cheri Bowman, Office Manager for 12 years, with a plaque and gift of appreciation since she has decided to be a stay at home mother
- Heather Carter who has been serving as the part time Bookkeeper will also serve as Officer Manager was introduced
- Helen Locklear, Board of Pensions Regional Representative, shared information from the Board
- Clark DeSarro-Raynal encouraged presbyters to fill out the nomination forms for General Assembly Commissioners
- Lisa Hedrick, Resource Coordinator, encouraged everyone to attend the “Big Event” on September 10, 2011 at Massanetta Springs
- Shenandoah 2010 led the presbytery in a discussion regarding Mission Communities
- John Robinson, Associate with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, thanked the presbytery for giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and challenged the congregations to join Covenant Presbyterian in building a Shower Trailer
- Judy Hensley led the presbytery in Intercessory Prayer
- Tom Rhyne, Front Royal, shared how the money from the Moffett Fund for Mission has helped them support the St. Luke Free Clinic
- Martin Stokes reported for the Communications Committee that they are exploring ways to assist churches with their web pages and using video conferencing for some meetings
- Sally Hinchman, Interim General Presbyter/Stated Clerk included pastoral letters and additional materials regarding the proposed change to the *Book of Order* G-6.0106b

Note: All written reports are found on the presbytery website

**Next Stated Meeting – Saturday, August 27, 2011
Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Lexington, VA**