



***e-News* from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay**

4704 Kelly Road, Tampa, Florida 33615

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Summary

Presbytery of Tampa Bay Stated Meeting Thursday, November 20, 2014 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

Moderator Patrice Hatley called the Stated Meeting to order, and the Presbytery adopted the docket, as amended, and approved the Consent Agenda. Vice-Moderator, John Fullerton, took the chair, and the first major item of business was the report of the Coach/Coordinator Search Committee, which the chair, Mike Loudon, presented, concluding with the words, "It is, therefore, with joy and thanksgiving to God that we nominate Patrice Hatley for the position of Coach/Coordinator of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay." The Presbytery, following due deliberation, elected Ruling Elder Patrice Hatley, as its first Coach/Coordinator, and she resumed the chair.

Teaching Elder Fitz Conner presented the report of the Committee on Nominations and Representation. The results of the Presbytery's action were the following elections:

Moderator: John Fullerton, TE

Moderator-Elect, Marsh Rydberg, RE

Chair of the Coordinating Team: Mike Loudon, TE

Cedarkirk Board: Jean Cooley, TE; Linda Beckham, RE; and Claudia Henderson TE

West Region Leadership Team At-Large Members: Henry Elam, RE, and Doug McMahan, TE

Commission on Ministry: Jerry Smith, RE, and as Chair

Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Sue Moore, RE, and as Chair

Commission on Church Vitality: Dick Huggins, TE

The principle elements of Ruling Elder Jerry Smith's report of the Commission on Ministry were the celebrations of the granting of Honorably Retired status to Teaching Elders Kenneth Shick and Lindsay Frame.

Ruling Elder Sue Moore delivered the report of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, which included the election of Examination Readers:

Teaching Elders: Fitz Conner, Carl Vom Eigen, and Barbara Booth-Jarmon

Ruling Elders: Barry Dowdy, Helen Huntley, and Gail Michaels

Alternates: Teaching Elder David Shelor and Ruling Elder Cary McMullen

The Stated Clerk, Charles Willard, presented for adoption the end-of-the-year report on the redress for Teaching and Ruling Elder imbalance. He encouraged that two other reports, one on Rolls and the other, on Terms of Call, be reviewed for completeness and accuracy prior to the end of the year.

Presbytery took the following actions that the Coordinating Team recommended in the report delivered by Teaching Elder Cecelia Wilhite, Chair:

To approve the following dates for Stated and Regional Commission meetings in 2015:

Saturday, 28 February: Stated Meeting

Week of 20 April: Regional Commission Meetings

Thursday, 23 July: Stated Meeting

Week of 20 September: Regional Commission Meetings
Thursday, 19 November: Stated Meeting

To extend the term of Earle Brown as Treasurer through the Stated Meeting, 28 February 2015.

To extend the term of Terry Dennis as Assistant Treasurer through the Stated Meeting, 28 February 2015.

To approve Laurie Palmer as the Temporary Stated Clerk.

The Coordinating Team reports the following actions that it has taken:

To designate the offering at the Stated Meeting for the benefit of Thornwell Home for Children.

To extend the term of the Interim Executive Presbyter through 31 December 2014.

To approve the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations and Representation for the members of the Search Committee for the Stated Clerk and Communications Director: Adam Balic, RE; Vicki ByRode, TE; Reg Dickey, RE; David Drain, TE; Zac McGowan, TE; and Bobby Musengwa, TE.

The Coordinating Team examined Patrice Hatley, RE, the candidate nominated by the Coach and Coordinator Nominating Committee, and warmly endorsed her in the role.

Ruling Elder Terry Dennis presented the 2015 budget, which the Coordinating Team had recommended for approval, and Presbytery approved the budget as presented.

Teaching Elder John DeBevoise reported on behalf of the Committee to Amend the Gracious Communion Policy. He stated that, upon distribution of the draft, the Committee received expressions from a number of members of Presbytery who shared concerns about different aspects of the proposed revisions. In order to more effectively consider these concerns, Presbytery unanimously approved a motion

To defer the report until the 28 February 2015 Stated Meeting.

Charles

Louis Charles Willard
Stated Clerk

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