

Abingdon Presbytery
108th Stated Meeting
Brief Summary

Abingdon Presbytery met at Central Presbyterian Church for its 108th stated meeting on June 9, 2011. Worship was led by the Reverend Tom Whartenby who preached from Psalm 100 on Our God is a Faithful God. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Tony Palubicki.

The following were items of interest that were decided upon by the churches of Abingdon Presbytery or reported as work of the presbytery by committees:

- On the second reading, a change to the Manual of Operations was approved that gives Commissioned Lay Pastors voice and vote at presbytery meetings.
- \$20,000 for Washington County and Pulaski each was approved to be sent to the Glade Spring and Anderson Memorial churches for disaster relief
- The presbytery welcomed the Rev. Timothy Reynolds as pastor of the Sinking Spring church, the Rev. Andrew Parkey as pastor of the Rich Valley and Locust Cove churches and the Rev. Charles McChesney as an Honorably Retire member to the membership of the presbytery
- The Rev. Chris Carlisle, pastor of the Dinwiddie church, was approved for Honorable Retirement effective July 1 and gratitude for his service in our midst was lifted up in prayer by the Rev. Ron Kronk
- Information on the effects of the passage of 10-A was given in a pastoral letter by the Stated Clerk. Dates for conversation at the Royal Oak church, June 16 and at the Sinking Spring church, June 23 were announced
- Sara Reid Bird of the Glade Spring church was received into the candidacy process for Minister of Word and Sacrament as an inquirer
- The annual report of the Committee on Representation was presented to the presbytery by the Rev. Cindy Privette
- The report of the annual audit was presented to the presbytery by Richard Linnen of Brown, Edwards and Company.
- Helen Locklear, our regional representative for the Board of Pensions, presented a report on current activities and issues concerning the BOP
- David McKee, Executive of the Synod of the Mid Atlantic, presented a report on the work of the synod
- A motion was passed to permit the presbytery to utilize the previous Form of Government in the 2011 Book of Order to support any decisions in areas not covered by the nFOG until such a time as the Manual of Operations may be updated and advisory manuals produced as needed
- Bruce Ford, Interim Transitional Executive Presbyter of Abingdon Presbytery gave his report which was followed by an excellent small group time during which beginning questions were discussed by cluster groups around the question "Who are we?"

The meeting was closed in prayer by the moderator, Tony Palubicki, to reassemble on November 10 at the Glade Spring church.