

Presbytery in Brief

Providence Presbytery gathered for its stated winter meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, SC. After being welcomed by host Pastor, Dr. Dan Holloway, and electing the Rev. Janet Alford as Moderator, we worshiped together in Unity's beautiful new sanctuary. We were led in worship and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper by our special guest, Elder Cynthia (Cindy) Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church(USA), Dr. Dan Holloway, and Providence Presbytery's retiring Moderator, the Rev. Jill Duffield. Moderator Bolbach preached a thought provoking from Mark 2:1-5 on the topic "Breaking Through"

Following morning worship, we moved to the fellowship hall for the remaining portions of our meeting. An engaging and informative morning plenary was led by Moderator Bolbach on the subject of the proposed new Form of Government, which the presbytery would be voting on after lunch.

A delicious soup and sandwich lunch was prepared by the men of Unity Church and served by both the men and women of the church.

Other highlights of the meeting included:

- Approval of the proposed new Form of Government
- Examination of the Rev. John O'Kain to become a minister of the Presbyterian Church(USA) and a member of Providence Presbytery so that he might become the Associate Pastor for Campus and Young Adult Ministry at the Oakland Avenue church
- Service of honorable retirement for the Rev. Henry Alexander
- Remembering in prayer ministers and elders who entered the Church Triumphant since our 2010 winter meeting
- Hearing highlights of the Rev. Edgar McCall's pilgrimage to the Middle East
- Approval of 2011 ministers' salary compensation and benefits packages
- Updates from Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina and our South Carolina Home at Montreat
- Approval of presbytery's 2011 mission budget

The next stated meeting will be held Sunday, June 12 at 2:30 P.M. at Oakdale Presbyterian Church