

The March 21, 2019, meeting of Providence Presbytery was held at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in the Activities Center, 504 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, South Carolina, at 10:00 a.m. 32 ministers; 31 ruling elder commissioners; eight moderators of coordinating team, ministry teams, or committees; three church educators; four presbytery staff; five representatives of agencies and institutions; and 17 guests. The total attendance was 100. Presbytery was led in worship by the Rev. Edgar McCall of First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster and other members of the Transitional General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Team.

Moderator Ellen Green called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Moderator Green then moved to elect the Rev. Jeannie Bickett as the day's Moderator and the motion was approved.

Visitors included Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Synod of South Atlantic Executive and Stated Clerk; Elizabeth Little, Board of Pensions Representative; Olanda Carr of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation; and Catherine Lynch, Development Specialist for the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, each of whom brought brief greetings and updates to the assembly.

The highlight of the meeting was the report of the Search Team for the Transitional Co-General Presbyters/Stated Clerks. The Team described the search process, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that led them to the Revs. Olivia and Hoover Haney. Explanations were given regarding the job description, contract, and work schedule. The Team then introduced the Revs. Haney to the presbytery.

Following remarks by each of the Haneys, Rev. Douglass Key, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, led the COM's examinations of them for membership in Providence Presbytery. The thorough examinations were sustained unanimously. As a way of introducing the presbytery to the new GPs/SCs, the Communications Team presented a slide show that featured each congregation of the presbytery. It was titled, Southern Hospitality, Providence Presbytery Style.

Reports to the presbytery were received from the Administrative Ministry Team (which concluded the transfer of property to the Saluda Center); the South Carolina Inn Board; the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team; the Bethelwoods Ministry Team; the Mission and Outreach Team; the Education and Equipping Ministry Team; the Hunger Action Team. In addition, a report regarding the ministry of Living Waters for the World was brought from Unity Church representative Dan Rogers.

The day's business being concluded, the presbytery was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. until its next meeting on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. at Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church, York, SC.