

## PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF

Providence Presbytery gathered for its stated fall meeting on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, SC. After retiring Moderator Dot Killian called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., we were led in worship by Moderator Killian and candidate for ordination Neill McKay. Following worship, the Rev. Barry Lambert, pastor of the Woodlawn Church, was elected Moderator. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Hearing the Stated Clerk report on a kairos moment in the life of our presbytery. This moment of opportunity and promise that God is providentially offering us has been brought about by the confluence of two events: the Report of the Mission Discernment Assessment Task Force and the awarding of a General Assembly mission grant in congregational transformation to the five presbyteries of South Carolina
- Hearing the Report of the Mission Discernment Assessment Task Force and having commissioners engage the report at their tables, using a process of "Dwelling in the Word" that the task force is urging congregations to use for the next six months among as many groups as possible. A final reading of and action on the report will take place at the March 2012 presbytery meeting
- Examining Neill McKay for ordination to the office of Teaching Elder and pastor-elect of the Beth Shiloh Church
- A report on the recent Dimes for Hunger mission trip to Guatemala as well as a report from Unity Church on their mission trip to Honduras
- Hearing from the Rev. Mark Adams, a son of this presbytery (Clover Church) and mission co-worker with the Presbyterian Boarder Ministry in Agua Prieta, Mexico
- Approval of the 2012 Salary Study Committee Report and the Nominations Committee Report
- Approval of presbytery meeting dates for 2012: Thursday, March 15, beginning at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in York; Sunday, June 24 at Bethelwoods; and Sunday, October 14 at Bethesda Church in McConnells.

- Hearing about two up-coming events sponsored by the Education and Equipping Ministry Team: (1) The E3 Leadership Event: Educating, Equipping, and Empowering God's People for Ministry on January 8, 2012 at Rock Hill First; and (2) the Confirmation Cluster (January - May 2012)
- A report by the Rev. Wayne Dickson on the 2011 Smaller Church Conference held at Epworth By the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA, sponsored by the Synod of South Atlantic

***THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY WILL BE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012 AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN YORK  
AT 10:00 A.M.***

Respectfully submitted,

T. Mark Verdery, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk