

CONSENT AGENDA (OMNIBUS MOTION)
Report to Providence Presbytery
March 12, 2009

For Information:

1. Regarding balance of ministers and elders at Presbytery meetings

NOTE: The stated clerk is instructed by the *Book of Order*, G 11.0100b to report annually the balance of elders and ministers attending Presbytery meetings.

As of January 1, 2009, Providence Presbytery had 41 active ministers, plus 26 retired ministers for a total of 67. We have 62 elder commissioners eligible to vote at each meeting of the Presbytery. In 2007, we had the following representation at the three stated meetings.

| <u>2008 Meetings</u> | <u>Elders</u> | <u>Ministers</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <u>Stated:</u> | | |
| Winter: February 28 | 33 | 33 |
| Spring: May 18 | 33 | 28 |
| Fall: October 12 | <u>41</u> | <u>37</u> |
| Total | 107 | 98 |

No Called Meetings

2. The Preparation For Ministry Committee Report - current list of Candidates & Inquirers be received as information. **(See Appendix 3 - To Be Handed Out At Presbytery Meeting)**
3. The 2008 Theological Education Giving Report for Providence Presbytery be received as information. **(See Appendix 4)**

For Action:

1. That the minutes of the stated meeting on October 12, 2008 held at Faith New Church Development, Indian Land, South Carolina for Providence Presbytery be approved by the Presbytery at the request and recommendation of the Minute Reading Committee, which is composed of Rev. David Riddle, Rev. Charles von Rosenberg, and Luanne Ussery.
2. That Rev. Fred Powell and other ministers be authorized to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the Central America mission travelers to Honduras during the trip and the retreat as well as the Global Village mission trip.

(Honduras Adult Travelers Mission trip dates: May 22 - June 7, 2009)

(Global Village mission trip dates: July 5 - 13, 2009)

3. That the Presbytery's Administrative Commission appointed to install the Reverend Daniel Smoak, as the pastor for Bethesda Presbyterian Church, York, South Carolina at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 2, 2008 be dismissed with thanks and their report be entered into the minutes of Providence Presbytery.
4. That the Presbytery's Administrative Commission appointed to install the Reverend Tai Magette, as the associate pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2008 be dismissed with thanks and their report be entered into the minutes of Providence Presbytery.
5. That the Congregational Development & Evangelism Ministry Team Report be approved with the following action: **(See Appendix 5)**
 - A. That Presbytery approve the Subsidy Funds for 2009 reflecting the scheduled 10% annual decrease established in 1999. **(See Appendix 6)**
6. That the Vacant Church Relationships List for 2009 be approved. **(See Appendix 7)**
7. That the 2009 Salary Compensation and Benefits Packages Report, which depicts changes in ministers and presbytery staff terms of call, be approved. **(See Appendix 8 - To Be Handed Out At Presbytery Meeting)**