

PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF

The Stated Winter Meeting of Providence Presbytery was held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Van Wyck Presbyterian Church. We had the pleasure of meeting in the church's beautiful new fellowship hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by retiring Moderator, Elder Jim Morton. The Rev. Randy McSpadden, Pastor of the host church, welcomed us warmly. The Rev. David Bender, Pastor of Faith New Church Development, was elected Moderator.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- A meaningful and moving morning plenary led by story-teller, musician, and theologian Ed Kilbourne around the theme "The Power of Story"
- A delicious lunch served by the ladies of the Van Wyck Church
- The examination of two candidates for ordination: Trey Hegar(Purity) and Aaron White (Bowling Green)
- The welcome into our presbytery of the Rev. Winifred Rinehart (HR) as a member-at-large
- A Service of Honorable Retirement for the Rev. Tom McPhail
- Approval of compensation guidelines for church educators
- Updates from Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, the Board of Pensions, and Presbyterian College
- Approval of Presbyterian Campus Ministry Covenant between Providence Presbytery and Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
- The 2009 financial report
- Approval of a balanced budget for 2010. Mission Partnership acceptances from the churches for 2010 were \$24,519 less than in 2009
- Approval of an Overture on Iraq to the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church(USA)

The next stated meeting of Providence Presbytery will be held at the Tirzah (L) Church, Waxhaw, NC, on Sunday, May 23, 2010, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Mark Verdery, Stated Clerk