

Summary Presbytery of Coastal Carolina October 14, 2017 at First Presbyterian of Fayetteville

Worship at the Presbytery meeting featured five presentations on key aspects of the Protestant Reformation:

1. Rev. Catherine Taylor spoke on the *Sola Gratia* (Saved by Grace Alone)
2. Rev. Cathy Purves spoke on *Sola Fide* (Through Faith Alone)
3. Elder Helane Church spoke on *Solus Christus* (In Christ alone)
4. Rev. Sue Hudson spoke on *Sola Scriptura* (by Scripture alone)
5. Rev. Helen Locklear spoke on *Soli Deo Gloria* (For the Glory of God Alone).
6. An offering in the amount of \$4,173.81 was received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Ivonne Anton of the Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition spoke about the ongoing recovery work in Fayetteville. Watch on at www.youtube.com/user/CoastalCarolinaPCUSA

Future meeting dates for the presbytery were set:

- March 3, 2018, place to be determined
- October 20, 2018 – St. Andrews-Covenant, Wilmington
- March 2, 2019 – Laurinburg Church
- October 19, 2019, place to be determined

Our partners from the Gulf of Mexico Presbytery in Tabasco, Mexico, were welcomed. They thanked the churches and members of the presbytery for our support of the construction of the health clinic in Comalcalco.

Members of the Presbytery were invited to participate in PUSH Week (Presbyterians Utilizing Servant Hands) volunteering a day to work in Hurricane Matthew Recovery in Lumberton or Fayetteville the week of Oct 30 – Nov 4.

The following persons were elected upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee:

- TE LaVera Parato and CRE Trinidad Martínez as Moderator and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery
- Six Commissioners to the 2018 General Assembly
- Seven persons as a Search Committee for GP/SC to replace Bill Reinhold who will be retiring at the end of his second term in October, 2018.

Upon advice of the Preparation for Ministry committee Chris Taylor was enrolled as a Candidate

Upon advice of the Finance and Property Committee:

- Approved limited guarantee for new construction loan for Southport
- Approved transfer of property purchased for the bridge Presbyterian Church to them now that they have been organized as congregation
- Adjustments to the 2018 presbytery budget

The Presbytery approved a resolution urging the passage of legislation to provide a path to citizenship for persons brought to this country as children. This will be sent to members of congress and the president.

Approved these recommendations of the Commission on Ministry:

- Granted Honorable Retirement Status to Rev. Joe Ward
- Approved the ordination of Richard Aylor as Interim Associate at First Church Wilmington
- Approved new minimum terms of call for 2018
- Requested a ruling from GA regarding allowing Ministers of Other Christian Church serving as Temporary Members of the Presbytery to moderate the session and congregational meetings.
- Clarified that Missional Communities (in addition to the full Presbytery) can act to dissolve pastoral relationships if the dissolution is contested by either party.