

810th Stated Meeting
of the
Presbytery of Baltimore
“The White Book”

First Presbyterian Church
Annapolis, Maryland

Thursday, November 18, 2004
1:00 p.m.

- 11:00 am PrePresbytery Meeting
- “Transforming Violence into Wholeness” Peace and Justice Committee
Registration requested (limited space), call the Presbytery Office
- 12:00 noon Registration and Reading of White Books
- 1:00 Call to Order Moderator Tim Stern
- Opening Prayer
Roll Call (by enrollment sheets)
Introduction of New Ministers and Elders
Welcome by Host Pastor Bill Hathaway
- 1:10 Report of the Stated Clerk (Page 2) Charles Forbes
- Approval of Docket (New Business is due to the Stated Clerk by 3:00 p.m.)
Consent Motion (Page 2)
- 1:15 Presbyterian Homes and Family Services Robert Bishop
- 1:20 New Churches for a New Day Bill Hathaway
- 1:25 Report of the Executive Presbyter Peter Nord
- 1:30 Dialogue with the Jewish Community Rabbi Bradd Boxman
- 2:00 Worship; Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
- 3:00 Nominating Committee (Page 3)
- 3:05 Report of the Moderator Tim Stern
- 3:10 Peace and Justice Committee (Page 3) David Pollitt
- 3:15 Presbyterian Women Judith Kloetzel
- 3:20 Global Mission Committee (Page 3) Ken Kovacs
- 3:30 Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee (Page 4) George Farmer
- 3:35 Committee on Ministry (Page 4) Daris Bultena
- Retirement of James G. Kirk
- 4:05 New Business: Overture from Brown Memorial Park Avenue (Page 5)
- 4:20 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Page 6) Mildred Kreider
- 4:45 Church Growth and Evangelism: Enhancement Subcommittee Louis Dudrow
- 4:50 Council (Page 8) Pat Collins
- 4:55 New Business (Continued)
- 5:00 Adjournment

CONSENT MOTION

The Consent Motion consists of actions not considered to be controversial, nor likely to require explanation or discussion. They will be voted on as one motion made by the Stated Clerk. Members and Commissioners may request the removal of any item from the Consent Motion by contacting the Stated Clerk prior to the meeting or so requesting when the Motion is made. Removed items will be considered at the report time of the agency presenting the motion. When an item includes an election by the Presbytery, persons wishing to make a nomination from the floor should ask to have the item removed from the Consent Motion.

From the Stated Clerk:

1. THAT the Minutes of the 809th Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery, September 23, 2004, be approved as posted on the Presbytery website (www.baltimorepresbytery.org). A copy is appended to the printed version of this White Book.
2. THAT the Administrative Commission appointed by the Committee on Ministry to ordain Candidate Jason Link to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament—consisting of Ministers Richard Link, James Riddell, and Sandra Thomas; Elders Pat Collins (Maryland), Chair, and Allen Ward (First of Bel Air); and Corresponding Members Elders Harold Dunlap (First of Bel Air), Amy Wade (Penningtonville Presbyterian Church, Donegal Presbytery) and Irene Young (Linway Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh Presbytery)—be dismissed in that Rev. Link answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative and was duly ordained by the Commission on June 27, 2004.
3. THAT the Administrative Commission appointed by the Committee on Ministry to ordain Candidate Barbara Stumpf to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament—consisting of Ministers Tim Stern (Chair), Margaret Ferguson, Cherry Marshall, and John Sharp; Elders Marilyn Forbes (Govans), William Presberry (Deer Creek Harmony) and Rosalind Roddy (Granite); and Corresponding Members Ministers Deborah Haskins (United Methodist), Jennifer McKenna (Carlisle Presbytery), Ed Richardson, and Dave Pollitt, and Elder Mildred Kreider (Deer Creek Harmony)—be dismissed in that Rev. Stumpf answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative and was duly ordained by the Commission on October 3, 2004.
4. THAT the Administrative Commission appointed by the Committee on Ministry to install the Rev. Roger Powers as Pastor of First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church and Associate Pastor of Light Street Presbyterian Church—consisting of Ministers Tim Stern (Chair), Alison Halsey and Iris Tucker-Lloyd; Elders John Ginovsky (Light Street), Donald Thompson (First and Franklin Street) and Florence Henderson (Dickey Memorial); and Corresponding Member Rev. Karen Stokes (San Francisco Presbytery)—be dismissed in that Rev. Powers answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative and was duly installed by the Commission on October 17, 2004.
5. That the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County be extended through June 23, 2005, at their request.

From the Committee on Ministry:

6. That the Presbytery concur in the request of the Session and Pastor of the Light Street Presbyterian Church that the Rev. Donald Stroud be their Parish Associate.
7. That the Rev. Sue Lowcock Harris be placed on the roll of Members-at-Large while she is seeking a new call, in that her position as Interim Associate Pastor of Towson Presbyterian Church ended on October 8, 2004.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

8. REPORTS

A. Resignations

Wendy Kunz from New Church Development Committee
Elbert Lai from the Committee on Mission

B. Permanent Judicial Commission

Two members of the Commission, Elders Alice Read and Bob Ferguson, were inadvertently elected to succeeding terms, which is prohibited by the Constitution. Therefore the Stated Clerk

declares their spaces vacant. This means that there are two vacancies in the Class of 2010. The Nominating Committee is presenting a nominee for one of those spaces.

C. Judicial Matters

A Statement of Allegations (D-10.0102b) has been received. The Executive Committee acted on behalf of the Presbytery on October 4, 2004, to establish an Investigating Committee consisting of Christa Burns, Julie Edwards (Dickey Memorial), Austin George (Roland Park) and Steve Tisinger. [Christa Burns has been elected Chair by the Committee.]

9. THAT the Docket be approved as printed and as it may be changed by an announcement from the Moderator or Stated Clerk prior to adoption.
10. THAT the Consent Motion be adopted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

11. NOMINATES to Presbytery Committees

Committee on Administration

2007 J. Calvin Jackson, C, M.
Beverly Hunter, E, Havenwood, F

Committee on Ministry

2006 Georgene McKenzie, E, First of Cumberland, F

Committee on Mission

2005 Jeanette Williams, L, Trinity, F, R/E

Permanent Judicial Commission

2010 John Kazanjian, C, M

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

12. REPORTS that Beryl Smith will be retiring from her position as Director of the Annapolis Office on Public Policy/Public Policy Advocate at the conclusion of the 2005 Legislative session in April. The Council has authorized that the position be filled early in 2005 so that the new incumbent will be able to work with Beryl during the 2005 legislative session. A position description will be posted on the Presbytery Website and applications are invited at the earliest opportunity.

GLOBAL MISSION COMMITTEE

13. REPORTS that it has received the following report from the Guatemala Partnership Committee:

STATE OF THE PARTNERSHIP WITH KAQCHIKEL PRESBYTERY

On October 22nd the Baltimore Presbytery sent a delegation of 11 to Chimaltenango, Guatemala to walk with our brothers and sisters from the Kaqchikel Presbytery and catch up first hand on the many initiatives being carried out by the partnership. The word from the field is WOW! Regardless of the project, they are thriving and expanding to fill an incredible void in the lives of a beautiful people. And once again, the group from Baltimore took home more than they brought in terms of who God is asking us to be as citizens and spirits of the world. Let's take a look at each of the major programs:

Herbert D. Valentine Clinic: This is the 6th year of operation for the clinic and between the doctor and her staff and the health promoters, over 2500 patients were seen during the year in the 19 villages and at the main clinic. The production of natural medicine by the staff herbalist has proven very popular and a breakthrough was made this year to facilitate the introduction of iron in young people's diet. In the coming year, the clinic would like to affiliate with a new village that comes with 11 trained health promoters but will

put some strain on resources. This is an example of the initiative and outreach we are seeing more and more of as the partnership matures and the mutual trust blossoms.

My Healthy School: This program of providing a nutritional dietary supplement to school children is still in its infancy but is growing by leaps and bounds. This year almost 400 children were served in 3 villages. In each village the percentage of children who were properly nourished increased by 30% due to this program alone! In 2005 the plan is to drop one village (it will be served by another program) and add 2 new villages, serving all children in the four villages in a more complete manner. In addition to in-school nutrition, the specialist employed by the program works with the parents, teachers and children to teach healthier lifestyles and monitor the progress each child is making.

Technical and Theological School: By teaching Indigenous adults, this project attempts to bridge the gap between a modern western society and a Mayan cultural heritage. Facilities at the Kaqchikel Presbytery were completed this year and the program is now fully certified by the Minister of Education. Two semesters are offered to approximately 20 students during the school year. Teachers are supplied by various charitable groups making this an incredibly cost efficient way to help a people disenfranchised, by some accounts, for over 600 years. An "Internet Cafe" operated by the local presbytery trains these students in 21st century literacy, information technology and mass communications.

Scholarship Program: Eighty students were scholarshipped this year to assure that they were able to attend their appropriate school grade. Although schooling is technically free and public, most families have to decide which one child is chosen to attend because they cannot afford the books, supplies and uniform required for each child to participate in education. This program, although only two years old, is clearly the partnership's most successful with enough monies raised so far to sponsor 120 children next year. Conservative estimates put the need in our 19 villages to be easily 3 times this number! Most critically, the partnership is trying to emphasize the need to continue education into middle school and beyond.

Onil Stoves: The expression of pride and relief on the face of a homemaker as she displays a new Onil stove installed in her house is something to behold. These stoves (formerly called Lorena stoves) vent cooking smoke from the house, contain the fire so young children cannot be hurt, use much less fuel and move the cooking surface to waist height from ground level. The partnership was able to install over 25 stoves this year and thanks to a most generous grant from Towson Presbyterian Church, 50 more are on the way! We can safely say, however, many more are required to help satisfy the basic needs of 19 villages.

One of the most amazing developments in the last year has been the level of trust that has grown between the partners. Observers and participants definitely feel the barriers to this partnership are diminishing. Each side, for various reasons, has cause not to trust the other, yet we have truly become brothers and sisters walking together, bearing our souls, and risking mutual vulnerability. This is truly where the hand of God is felt- only through God's guidance is this possible. And it is from this plateau that the partnership will continue to build in the coming years, with redeeming grace.

Please visit the partnership's web site (www.guatemalapartnership.org) to learn more, or contact the Presbytery to be directed to a committee member. Currently, three trips to Guatemala are planned for next year (scholarships available!) and each one is guaranteed to be life changing.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

14. THAT the Committee be dismissed, in that the Rev. Peter Nord has accepted the position and has served the Presbytery well throughout his first year, and in that transitional issues have been completed.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

15. REPORTS that on October 5, 2004, it took the following actions on behalf of Presbytery:

- A. Concurred in the call of the Towson Presbyterian Church to Sarah T. Diehl to be their Associate Pastor, effective November 10, 2004, and requested her transfer from New Hope Presbytery effective November 10, 2004. Her terms of call are:

Cash Salary	\$31,000	Professional Expenses*	750
Value of Manse	20,500	Continuing Education*	1,000
Social Security Offset	3,940	Auto Expense*	750
Moving Expenses*	5,000	Factor	550

*Vouchered. 1 month vacation, 2 wks study leave, BOP participation.

- B. Dismissed the Rev. Chris Matthews to Lake Michigan Presbytery at his and their request.
 - C. Dismissed the Rev. Guy Dunham to Donegal Presbytery at his and their request, effective October 5, 2004.
16. REPORTS that
- A. The Committee has appointed the following Session Moderators:
 - Barbara Stumpf, Deer Creek Harmony
 - David Harris, Govans
 - Neta Pringle, Govans (effective upon her transfer from New Castle Presbytery)
17. THAT the Presbytery request the transfer of the Rev. Neta Pringle from New Castle Presbytery, in that the Session of the Govans Presbyterian Church has contracted her to be their Interim Pastor, COM concurring, effective November 28, 2004.
18. THAT Presbytery validate the ministry of the Rev. Carl Lammers as an Evangelist with the Knox Fellowship.
19. THAT the Rev. James G. Kirk be Honorably Retired effective December 31, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS

20. THAT the Presbytery adopt the following Overture from the Session of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, with which the Sessions of the following churches have concurred: Govans, Faith, Maryland, Roland Park, and St. John United.

Whereas, Gitanjali Deane and Lisa Polyak, members of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, have been refused in their attempt to apply for a marriage license because they are both female-and for no other reason; and

Wheres, Gitanjali Deane and Lisa Polyak have brought a civil action against Frank Conaway, Baltimore City Circuit Court Clerk, to require that they be issued a marriage license, the case involving a total of nineteen plaintiffs in five different Maryland jurisdictions, and entitled Deane and Polyak vs. Conaway [information about the case, and a copy of the filing, is on the web at <http://www.aclu-md.org/marriageequality/>]; and

Whereas, Brown Memorial Park Avenue has a pastoral concern for these two courageous members and seeks to support them in their aspirations to be legally married; and

Whereas, Brown Memorial Park Avenue joins Gitanjali and Lisa in their belief that the State of Maryland has no compelling interest in restricting marriage to opposite-sex couples, with the result that gay and lesbian couples are denied the privileges, benefits, and responsibilities of marriage; and

Whereas, Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church has joined a number of houses of worship, governing bodies, religious organizations, and religious leaders expecting to jointly submit an Amicus Curiae brief in the case of Deane and Polyak vs. Conaway, which brief will argue that granting of civil marriage to same-gender couples will not affect the religious rights and liberties of religious organizations and individuals, even those whose religious beliefs oppose the marriage of same-sex couples [the brief will be patterned on a similar brief filed in the civil marriage case in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which has led to the legalization of civil marriage in that state-the brief is on the web at http://www.glad.org/marriage/Religion_Brief.pdf]; and

Whereas, the 216th General Assembly of the PCUSA (2004) adopted a statement urging "state legislatures to change state laws to include the right of same-gender persons to civil unions and, thereby, to extend to them all the benefits, privileges, and responsibilities of civil union" and urges "the Congress ... to recognize those state laws that allow same-gender union and to change federal laws to recognize all civil unions licensed and solemnized under state law to apply in all federal laws that provide benefits, privileges, and/or responsibilities to married persons"; however, the same General Assembly declined to take action to support or oppose the concept of civil marriage thus requiring all other Presbyterian governing bodies-including the Presbytery of Baltimore--to consider the issue of civil marriage and take their own actions if those governing bodies seek to advocate for or against civil marriage for same-gender couples; and

Whereas, the case of Deane and Polyak vs. Conaway, the likely reintroduction into the 2005 Maryland General Assembly of a so-called "Defense of Marriage Act," and the ongoing consideration by the Congress of a "Federal Marriage Amendment" present the issue as both timely and of grave urgency in the life of Presbyterians concerned for the civil rights and liberties of gay and lesbian persons; Be It Therefore Resolved

THAT the Presbytery of Baltimore goes on record in support of the actions quoted above of the 216th General Assembly, and, further, in support of the recognition of "Civil Marriage" for same-gender couples as an appropriate means for securing access to the rights, benefits, privileges, and responsibilities of marriage in our society; and

THAT the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery is directed to subscribe the Presbytery of Baltimore to the Amicus Brief being filed in the case of Deane and Polyak vs. Conaway on behalf of religious organizations and individuals in Maryland, and

THAT the Peace and Justice Committee be directed to include in its advocacy opposition to legislation and constitutional amendments which further prohibit civil marriage.

NOTES:

The Council has reviewed this Overture and will make a procedural motion in its regard-see the Report of the Council, page 8.

The Stated Clerk made minor editorial changes for clarity.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

21. THAT Inquirer Gerald Egger (Brown Memorial Woodbrook) be examined on his sense of call, and that if sustained he be enrolled as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
22. THAT Candidate Kevin Johnson (First of Annapolis) be examined on his Statement of Faith, and that if sustained he be certified ready for final examination for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, pending a call.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Kevin Johnson

I believe there is one living God, who is forever triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This sovereign God created all things from nothing, and, outside divine will and without gracious providence, nothing exists. Through that same will and providence, all is united, sustained and guided. Although humanity is created in the very image of God, this image is completely distorted by sin, breaking the very personal relationship between God and humanity. Humanity cannot repair the damage. Only God can. In response to God's gracious love in doing so, a believer offers to God thanksgiving and praise, in addition to a faith that produces works of love.

I believe that the fully human Jesus Christ is the fully divine self-revelation of God. In Christ's life, death, and resurrection God gave to humanity the example of God's gracious love for humanity. In that example, Christ called for repentance of sin, welcomed and forgave sinners, healed the sick, reached for the lost, taught the good news of the reign of God, and modeled for humanity a life of loving the Lord our God and our neighbor as ourselves. Yet humanity despised him and condemned him unjustly. For our sake, and in his love, he freely suffered death upon the cross. In doing so, he provided a sacrifice of atonement for our sins. His resurrection defeated the power of sin and death in our lives. Although Christ will come again to reign on earth, he sits now in heaven both as our advocate and our judge. By our faith in him, we are joined to him and are made part of the new creation, recipients of the grace God promised to us in God's covenant with us.

I believe the Holy Spirit is one with the Father and the Son and dwells within us. It is also through the Holy Spirit that God's will is revealed to us. In doing so, the Spirit convicts us of our sin and our sinfulness and guides us into a healed relationship with God. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are united with other Christians in the Body of Christ, the Church. This same Spirit also guides our work, both corporate and individual, by equipping and empowering those called to do the various tasks of ministry.

I believe Scripture is the place where God's will is revealed to us. As such, the Bible is the authoritative witness to God's self-revelation, which is completed in Jesus Christ, God's eternal Word. In those

positions, Scripture is the standard for the faith, for the practice, and is a guide for both individual and corporate life.

I believe the Word of God is visibly signified to believers through Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the Sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ. These signs are God's gracious gift to humanity, received by faith through the work of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ. In the Lord's Supper that body remembers with delight and wonder the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and is spiritually fed to take the Good News to the world.

I believe Jesus Christ called the Church into being to take the simple good news of his Gospel out into the world. The Church, both a body of redeemed sinners and the body of their redeemer, proclaims this Gospel by right preaching and right administration of the Sacraments, and is called to exhibit Christ's kingdom until he comes again.

23. THAT Elder Joan Berry (Ark and Dove), having completed the program of preparation for Commissioned Lay Pastor, be examined on her Statement of Faith, and if sustained be certified by the Presbytery as ready to be commissioned as a Lay Pastor.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Joan Berry

God alone initiates loving grace that fosters and directs my response of faith and gratitude. I pray to recognize and implement God's will for me. Faith is not about me.

I believe in the triune God who loves all creation, brings order and calm to life. The Lord seeks only the well being of all living things to achieve God's will. God constantly seeks relationship with creation in today's world. God's three persons or voices are distinct yet united as one Supreme Being. God is all knowing and all-powerful. God is a mysterious reality beyond finite human understanding, revealed to us through scripture, inspiration, and through other people who express God's love and justice.

God, the parent and author, is always designing and creating. God maintains and watches over everything that exists, has existed, or will exist, to accomplish God's will. As a child I saw God as a universal parent who made life and produced beauty in nature and people. Even as an adult, this child in me is still active, and I continue to see God revealed through the beauty and order in the world.

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. As Christ, God chose to become a human, with its finite boundaries, to be an example and lead creation toward God's desired earthly kingdom. Jesus, the Messiah, is both fully divine and fully human, existing from the beginning as part of God. Christ is the revelation through which God's true character was clarified for us. God's nature continues to be revealed in the church, other people, and the physical universe. Through the presence of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, my lifelong journey of faith has affirmed God's purpose for my life.

The Holy Spirit is the gift of life itself—the very breath we breathe. The Holy Spirit inspires us and serves as an advocate and guide to reveal God's will for us. The Spirit is present in the creation of the world and all living things. It is this aspect of God that I call upon to guide me as I try to understand God's will for me. I have experienced the Holy Spirit in charismatic groups and continue to experience this voice of God while reading scripture, when receiving direction through God's people, and when walking labyrinths and other contemplative exercises.

I believe that God creates, leads, and guides humanity to be in a loving relationship with God that provides mutual joy. When we humans listened to voices that were not from the Creator and tried to replace God as the center and ruler of our world, death and isolation from God and others entered our lives and that of our children forever. We continue to experience those effects as sin. Only God's grace and initiative can overcome this separation and reconnect us to God. Through death, Jesus Christ was able to confront death and sin and restore us to God's family. Thus, only through God's grace, which gave us Christ and the ability to have faith, can we be saved.

I believe the church is the physical body of Christ on earth that seeks to understand and obey God's Word. With Christ as its head, the universal church is called to express love, justice, and mercy in humility before God. As church members, we are asked to serve others and bring the justice and wholeness as God leads us. The purpose of the church is to bring the entire world into the joy and love of God's chosen people so that in the end everyone experiences God's love, justice, and peace. Our mission is summarized in the Great Commandments of Matthew: to love God with all your heart and mind and soul, and to love one another. We cannot do this on our own. We do so only because God first loved us and continually reveals,

through scripture, history and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the divine nature and will. As our authoritative guide, scripture reveals God's will for all people. As God gave circumcision to the Jews that they would remember the Word and revelation through history, so God gave, in Christ, the sacraments of baptism as a seal of belonging and the Lord's Supper as a nourishing relationship and remembrance of all God has done and promises to do.

I believe that when our earthly life is over, the Redeemer will cleanse our sins. We will be welcomed into eternal life in a recognizable, yet changed, existence for further service and joy in the presence of God.

COUNCIL

24. REPORTS

- A. That it concurred in the appointment of Scott Corey (Central) to the Property and Loan Commission.
- B. That a special offering will be taken at this meeting to support hurricane relief undertaken by the United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, where the Rev. Joseph Crawford, member of this Presbytery, is serving. Congregations are urged to take the same special offering, and forward funds to the Presbytery for transmittal to Grand Cayman as soon as possible.
- C. That it has authorized the Peace and Justice Committee to seek a new Public Policy Advocate in Annapolis, to work alongside Beryl Smith in the 2005 legislative session, and to replace her upon her retirement at the end of the session. Funding will come from the 2004 and 2005 Peace and Justice Budgets, with the request for an additional \$4,000 referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

25. REPORTS that it heard presentations of three important issues arising within the Presbytery, and took the following actions:

- A. Responding to a recommendation received from our Commissioners to the last General Assembly, the Council agreed to have the Presbytery undertake a study along the lines recommended by the General Assembly Task Force on the Peace, Purity and United of the Church. This will involve group conversations at the next three Presbytery meetings, following a process designed by a committee of the Council.
- B. Responding to a request from several members of the Presbytery to deal with churches that appear to be defiant regarding G 6.0106b, the Council decided to defer such consideration until the final report of the Theological Task force on the Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church is presented to the General Assembly in 2006. The rationale offered for this decision is that in matters regarding ordination standards, General Assembly and this Task Force have repeatedly encouraged that all actions be suspended until the report is brought to General Assembly.
- C. Responding to a presentation from the Session of Brown Memorial Park Avenue regarding their Overture on Civil Marriage (See page 5), Council voted to present the following procedural motion to the Presbytery after the Overture is presented by Brown Memorial Park Avenue:

MOVED that consideration of the Overture from Brown Memorial Park Avenue be postponed to the January, 2005, meeting of the Presbytery with the following special provisions (to be voted on separately if the motion to Postpone to a Definite Time is adopted):

- (1) The Docket Committee is directed to schedule 35 minutes for consideration of the Overture at the January meeting, divided as follows: 8 minutes to present the Overture; a 5-minute presentation by a Task Force to facilitate study of the Overture (see next item), and 20 minutes of debate with presentations limited to 1½ minutes each. (2/3 vote required)
- (2) The Moderator is directed to appoint a Task Force to facilitate study of the Overture; the Task Force will meet at least twice, will create a 60-minute study process for Sessions on this issue, and will make a recommendation to the Presbytery regarding a response to the Overture.

26. THAT the Budget be approved. The Budget shows a total income expenses of \$ 1,391,310. The detailed budget is posted on the Presbytery Website, is available from the Presbytery Office, and will be available at the meeting.