

St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC

**MINUTES  
OF  
CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY COUNCIL  
FALL STATED MEETING  
December 13, 2016  
9:30 AM**

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Council held its Fall Stated Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m., at St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina. Present and constituting a quorum were the following:

Teaching Elders:

<b>Rebecca D. Albright</b>	<b>Jeffery S. Kackley</b>
<b>Cecelia Armstrong</b>	<b>Sam F. Martin III</b>
<b>Maggie F. Beamguard</b>	<b>Daniel W. Massie (HR)</b>
<b>Dorothy Blackwelder</b>	<b>Cliff H. McLeod, Jr.</b>
<b>Robert L. Capers</b>	<b>James B. Miller (HR)</b>
<b>Frank Cunningham (HR)</b>	<b>James Moss</b>
<b>Richard A. Cushman (HR)</b>	<b>Laurey H. Murphy</b>
<b>Achim Daffin</b>	<b>Jeffrey I. Myers</b>
<b>Sidney E. Davis</b>	<b>Patrick H. Perryman</b>
<b>D. Donald Day</b>	<b>Ashley R. Sanders</b>
<b>Audrey O. Deas</b>	<b>Clark Scalera</b>
<b>Raymond Fancher (HR)</b>	<b>Lisa Schrott</b>
<b>Michael L. Fitze</b>	<b>Timothy Scoonover</b>
<b>Douglas K. Fletcher</b>	<b>Cameron Stark Smith</b>
<b>Arthur S. Gatewood (HR)</b>	<b>David Wallace</b>
<b>Perry D. Griffin</b>	<b>Alonza A. Washington (HR)</b>
<b>Christine Herrin</b>	<b>McKinley Washington, Jr. (HR)</b>
<b>Thomas C. Herrington</b>	<b>Joel Wood</b>
<b>Charles C. Heyward</b>	<b>Donnie R. Woods</b>
<b>William Jones</b>	<b>Beth Yarborough</b>
<b>Ridgley B. Joyner</b>	<b>Jack N. Miller</b>

Commissioned Ruling Elders:

**Al Eads**, Hampton  
**Johnny “Bo” Hamilton**, Summerville  
**Willie McPhail**, Beaufort-Salem

Ruling Elders:

<b>Barnwell</b>	<b>Duncan Holliday</b>
<b>Bethel, Johns Island</b>	<b>Sarah Roper</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Joseph T. Coleman</b>
<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>Peter Jones</b>
<b>Edisto</b>	<b>Wilma Frazier</b>
<b>First, Beaufort</b>	<b>Wayne Heath</b>
<b>First, Hilton Head</b>	<b>Anne Senf</b>
	<b>Kent Grimes</b>
	<b>Robert Heinrich</b>
<b>First, Moncks Corner</b>	<b>Ruth Lusk</b>
<b>First, Orangeburg</b>	<b>James Harvey</b>
<b>Harmony</b>	<b>Terry Helms</b>

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**Hebron-Zion  
Hopewell  
James Island  
Johns Island  
Lowcountry  
Mt. Pleasant**

**Palmetto  
Pres. Church on Edisto Isl.  
Providence  
St. James**

**St. Luke  
St. Paul  
Salem  
Sea Island  
Second, Chas.  
Summerville**

**Wallingford  
Yeamans Park**

**Tumiko Rucker  
Esther Black  
Debbie Berry  
Beth Dolby  
Chuch Thomas  
Andy White  
Greg McCoy  
Susan Mellichamp  
Susan Dalton  
Ellen Auten  
Archie Johnston  
Ron Montgomery  
Elaine Williams  
Barry Wright  
Willie Woodbury  
William Holmes  
Brad Dickerson  
Barbara Thomas  
Laura O'Neill Ott  
Kimball Collins  
Colin Martin  
John A. Ford, Jr.  
William Beard**

Educators:

**Kaye Borgstedt**, First, Orangeburg  
**Pie Mikell**, Presbytery office  
**Sue Mathews**, Harbor View

Chairs of Ministry Units, Committees, Commissions:

**Dorothy Blackwelder**, Commission on Ministry  
**Bobby Byrd**, Coordinating Committee  
**Richards Roddey**, Finance Committee

Lay Officers/Staff:

**Janis K. Blocker**, recording clerk  
**James P. Deavor**, past moderator  
**Gloria Parlor**, moderator of PW

**CALL TO ORDER AND WORSHIP**

Teaching Elder **Ashley Sanders**, moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer and conducted the worship service. Following the message, the commissioners observed the sacrament of Holy Communion. A special offering was received for the Haitian victims of Hurricane Matthew.

**RECOGNITION OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND FIRST-TIME COMMISSIONERS**

Teaching Elder **Donnie Woods**, stated clerk, recognized **Franklin Fant**, Presbyterian Communities of S.C.; **Christopher Brown**, staff chaplain at MUSC; **Bryce Wiebe**, director of Special Offerings/Appeals, PCUSA. A motion to seat them as corresponding members was seconded and carried. All first-time commissioners were introduced and welcomed.

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**WELCOME**

**Karey Poinsette**, student supply at St. Luke, welcomed the commissioners to the church and gave a brief history of the church.

**APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET**

**Woods**, stated clerk, presented the docket, which was adopted.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The moderator made the following appointments:

Attendance: Teaching Elder **Art Gatewood**, Yeamans Park, chair  
Teaching Elder **Joel Wood**, First, Hilton Head  
Ruling Elder **Wilbur Logan**, Zion-Olivet

Thanks: Teaching Elder **Sandra Thomas**, Estill, chair  
Ruling Elder **Kaye Borgstedt**, Orangeburg  
Ruling Elder **John Ford**, Wallingford

**PRESENTATIONS FROM INSTITUTIONS**

**Fant**, Presbyterian Communities, reported on activities in the communities and asked that the foundation and staff be lifted up in prayer. **Brown**, staff chaplain at MUSC, explained his work at the university and particularly his association with the Council on Aging.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Teaching Elder and Stated Clerk **Donnie Woods** recommended the following Consent Agenda, which was adopted:

1. Stated Clerk
  - a. That the minutes of the September 17, 2016 Summer Stated Meeting be approved and recorded.
  - b. That the minutes of the administrative commission to install **Lisa Schrott** and **Joel Wood** as associate pastors of First Presbyterian, Hilton Head Island, on November 30, 2016, be approved.
  - c. That all the unit/committee reports with no recommendations be received with the exception of the report on attendance.
  - d. That all requests for excused absences from teaching and ruling elder commissioners be referred to the Committee on Attendance for review and recommendation.
  
2. Finance Committee
  - a. That the Giving by Churches and the Income/Expenses reports through October 2016 be recorded.
  - b. That Presbytery commend to the churches the following Validated Special Offerings for 2017:
    - \* One Great Hour of Sharing
    - \* Mother's Day for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina
    - \* Pentecost
    - \* Peace & Global Witness
    - \* Thanksgiving for Thornwell Home for Children
    - \* Christmas Joy
  
5. That the printed reports in the *Commissioner's Handbook* from the following committees/commissions/units with no recommendations for action be adopted:
  - a. Coordinating Committee
  - b. Commission on Ministry
  - c. Committee on Preparation for Ministry

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- d. Congregational Development Ministry Unit
- e. Nurture Ministry Unit
- f. Church and Society Ministry Unit
- g. Leadership Development Ministry Unit
- h. Presbyterian Women

**REPORT OF PRESBYTERY RESPONSE TEAM**

Teaching Elder **Beth Yarborough**, chair of the team, reported on the work with Barnwell Presbyterian Church and expressed gratitude for the committed work of the team and commended Teaching Elder **Frank Cunningham**, interim pastor, for his leadership and pastoral skills.

The following recommendations were presented for adoption:

1. That Presbytery approve the application from Barnwell Presbyterian for a one-time grant from the Small Church Fund in the amount of \$20,000 to address building maintenance.
2. That Presbytery endorse the applications from Barnwell Presbyterian to the Synod Hemphill Small Church Grant fund in the amount of \$6,000 and to the 2017 Presbyterian Women Thank Offering for up to \$20,000.
3. That Barnwell Presbyterian receive any presbytery funds collected from special offerings for hunger ministries in 2016, up to \$2,000.
4. That Barnwell Presbyterian not pay Fair Share contributions for 2016-17 if the Session determines that funds are insufficient to do so.
5. That Session work in partnership with the Commission on Ministry to plan a retreat for providing resources for the congregation to move forward in dealing with hurt, disappointments, anger, and grief, in addition to engaging in a process of discerning and implementing a vision for the future of the church.
6. That the Commission on Ministry conduct a triennial visit of the Barnwell Session during the first quarter of 2017 and approve any requests in transitional ministry during 2017.
7. That the PRT, if the way be clear, be dismissed with thanks and appreciation for its work.

A teaching elder commissioner expressed concern that the church has requested that it be excused from any Fair Share giving. He asked that the church be encouraged to consider at least a token amount to Presbytery. After that discussion, the recommendations were approved and adopted.

**CELEBRATION OF JOYS**

The moderator offered time to commissioners in churches M - Z to share events and joys.

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

The recommendations were included in the Consent Agenda. **Woods** presented **Eric Doss**, who promoted a pilgrimage to the Holy Land being organized by him and his wife **Heather Prince Doss**, former teaching elder in this presbytery. He distributed packets of information to be shared with congregations.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Teaching Elder **Dorothy Blackwelder**, chair, presented several items for information. She reported that the COM had conducted interviews with applicants for the position of stated clerk and recommends that Presbytery elect Ruling Elder **Catherine Byrd**, member of First (Scots), to serve as stated clerk and that she be installed at the February 25 Stated Winter Meeting of Presbytery. As there were no other nominees, the moderator called for the vote, and the recommendation was adopted.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Teaching Elder **Doug Fletcher**, chair, presented the slate of nominees presented at the last meeting with some updates. The slate was approved effective January 1, 2017.

CLASS	TEAM	CHURCH	NEIGHBORHOOD	OFFICE	ETHNICITY	GENDER
		St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC				
	<b>STRATEGY</b> (Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Immediate Past Moderator, General Presbyter, & Stated Clerk)					
2017	Cecelia Armstrong* (Moderator)	St. James	E	TE	AA	F
	James Parlor (Vice-Moderator)	Hebron-Zion	E	RE	AA	M
	Ashley Sanders (Past Moderator)	PC on Edisto Is	E	TE	W	F
	Catherine Byrd (Stated Clerk)					
	Donnie Woods (General Presbyter)					
	<b>SHEPHERDING</b> (12- a TE and a RE from each neighborhood)					
2017	Ashley Sanders*	PC on Edisto Is	E	TE	W	F
2017/ 2	Bobby Byrd	First (Scots)	F	RE	W	M
2017/ 2	Doug Fletcher	FPC, HHI	D	TE	W	M
2017/ 1	Gladys Johnson	St Luke	C	RE	AA	F
2017/ 1	Vance Polley	Sunrise	B	TE	W	M
2018/ 2	Cassandra Roper	St James	E	RE	AA	F
2018/ 1	Mickey Seabrook	Palmetto	B	RE	W	M
2018/ 1	Jeff Kackley	Dorchester	A	TE	W	M
2018/ 1	Frank Cunningham	Barnwell	C	TE	W	M
2019/ 2	Charles Heyward	HR	E	TE	AA	M
2019/ 2	Kirk Brown	Aimwell	A	RE	AA	M
2019/ 1	Jack Miller	Sea Island	D	TE	W	M
2019/ 1	Irene Whaley	Edisto	E	RE	AA	F
	<b>STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE</b> (6- one TE or RE from each neighborhood)					
2017/ 2	Kent Grimes	FPC, HHI	D	RE	W	M
2018/ 2	Richards Roddey*	Johns Island	E	RE	W	M
2018/ 1	Mike Fitze	Palmetto	B	TE	W	M
2019/ 1	Peter Jones	Dorchester	A	RE	W	M
			C			
			F			
	<b>STEWARDSHIP OF INDIVIDUAL GIFTS</b> (9- 3 elected in fall for one 3 yr term)					
2017	Audrey Deas	HR	E	TE	AA	F
2017	Danny Massie*	First, O'burg	C	TE	W	M
2017						
2018	Linda Rousseau	St Andrews, C	F	RE	AA	F
2018	Clifford Jenkins	Wallingford	F	RE	AA	M
2018						
2019						
2019						
2019						
	<b>COMMISSION ON MINISTRY</b> (9- TE or RE from each neighborhood; 3 at-large)					
2017/ 2	Bob Capers	Bethel/Salem	E	TE	AA	M
2017/ 1	Dorothy Blackwelder*	At-Large	A	TE	W	F
2017/ 1	Janis Blocker	Bethel, W'boro	A	RE	W	F
2017/ 1	William Holmes	St Paul	E	RE	AA	M
2017/ 1	Robert Luhn	Second	F	RE	W	M
2017/ 1	Mary Porter	St Paul	E	RE	AA	F
2018/ 2	Perry Griffin	Aimwell/Hopewell	A	TE	AA	M
2018/ 1	Jules Anderson	First (Scots)	F	RE	W	M

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<b>SERVICE TO OTHERS</b> (6 at-large)						
2017/ 2	Spike Coleman	St. Andrews, C	F	TE	W	M
2017/ 2	Chalmers Mikell	First, O'burg	C	RE	W	M
2017/ 1	Theresa Pinckney	Aimwell	A	RE	AA	F
2018/ 1	Jack Miller	Sea Island	D	TR	W	M
2017/ 1	Everard Rutledge	St Andrews, C	F	RE	AA	M
2017/ 1	Cameron Smith*	James Island	E	TE	W	F
2018/ 1	Sherry Roberts	Summerville	A	RE	AA	F
2018/ 1	Linda Rousseau	St. Andrews, C	F	RE	AA	F
2019/ 1	Joe Crowley	Lowcountry	D	RE	W	M
2019/ 1	Alonza Washington	HR		TE	AA	M
<b>PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION</b> (9- equal TE & RE; staggered 6 yr term)						
2017	David Blocker	Bethel, W'boro	A	RE	W	M
2017	Dick Giffen	HR	B	TE	W	M
2017	John Sheppard	HR	D	TE	W	M
2019	Shirley Hendrix	Mount Pleasant	B	RE	W	F
2019	McKinley Washington	HR	E	TE	AA	M
2019	Jeanette Wilson	James Island	E	RE	W	F
2021	Pam Freeman	Wallingford	F	RE	AA	F
2021	Steven Thomas	HR	D	TE	W	M
2021	David Yandle*	Westminster	F	RE	W	M
<b>BOARDS &amp; AGENCIES</b>						
<b>SC Inn at Montreat:</b>						
2017/ 2	Martha Trussell	Yeamans Park	B	RE	W	F
2018/ 2	Don Day	HR- Denmark	C	TE	W	M
2019/ 2	Cynthia Wilson	Summerville	A	L	W	F
<b>Bethelwoods</b>						
2017/ 2	Cliff McLeod	Belle Isle	A	TE	W	M
2018/ 2	Arleen Stewart	Harbor View	E	L	W	F
2019/ 1	Jim Deavor	Mount Pleasant	B	RE	W	M
<b>Thornwell</b>						
2017/ 1	Danny Massie	First, Orangeburg	C	TE	W	M
<b>Presbyterian Communities of SC</b>						
2018/ 1	Mike Shelton	Summerville	A	TE	W	M
<b>Villa International</b>						
2017/ 1	Sharon Young	Peace	A	L	W	F

**CANE BAY COMMISSION**

CLASS	TEAM	CHURCH	NEIGHBORHOOD	OFFICE	ETHNICITY	GENDER
2019/ 1	Charles			RE	W	M

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	Harris (replace Mary Robinson)					
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**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE TASK FORCE (Service to Others Ministry Team)**

CLASS	TEAM
	Melvina Bishop
	Odessa Brown
	Barbara Lundy
	Alvin Mitchell
	Mary Porter
	Alonza Washington*

**NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Shepherding Team)**

CLASS	TEAM	CHURCH	NEIGHBORHOOD	OFFICE	ETHNICITY	GENDER
	James Parlor	Hebron-Zion	E	RE	AA	M
	Everard Rutledge	St Andrews, C	F	RE	AA	M
	Isaac Moore	St Andrews, JI	F	TE	AA	M
	Art Gatewood	Yeamans Park	B	TE	W	M

**2017 S.T.E.P.S. PLANNING TASK FORCE (Nurture Ministry Team)**

CLASS	TEAM	CHURCH	NEIGHBORHOOD	OFFICE	ETHNICITY	GENDER
	Dorothy Blackwelder (co-chair)	At-Large	A	TE	W	F
	Ridgley Joyner (co-chair)	Mount Pleasant	B	TE	W	F
	Laurey Murphy	Johns Island	E	TE	W	F
	Clark Scalera	Mount Pleasant	B	RE	W	M
	Martha Trussell	Yeamans Park	B	RE	W	F
	Cassandra Bligen	Edisto	E	RE	AA	F
	Marilyn Muckenfuss	James Island	E	RE	W	F
	Janie Bruce	Westminster	F	CE	W	F

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION**  
(Pending approval of the neighborhoods)

CLASS	NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATOR	CHURCH	NEIGHBORHOOD	OFFICE	ETHNICITY	GENDER
			A			
			B			
			C			
	Jack Miller	Sea Island	D	TE	W	M
	Brad Dickerson	Salem	E	RE	AA	M
	Ray Fancher	HR	F	TE	W	M

**CELEBRATION OF JOYS**

The moderator offered time to commissioners in churches A-L to share events and joys.

**REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ruling Elder **Richards Roddey**, chair, briefed the commissioners on the financial situation of Presbytery. He presented the 2017 Asking Budget for first reading.

The moderator welcomed **Bryce Wiebe**, director of the Special Offerings and Appeals for the PCUSA, who brought attention to the special offerings and how they benefit members of the PCUSA, the country, and the world. He encouraged generous support of these offerings and appeals.

**REPORT OF THE PARK CIRCLE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

Teaching Elder **Mike Fitze** updated Presbytery on the sale of the presbytery office property. A prospective sale in the amount of \$1.6 million with CalAtlantic Group, Inc., is now in the due diligence stage of 90-120 days. He presented the following resolution to be approved by presbytery in order to continue with the sale of the property. The resolution passed without objection.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that **Donnie R. Woods** is hereby authorized to sign off on the contract to sell the presbytery property and office buildings at 2421 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29414 to CalAtlantic Group, Inc. for the amount of \$1.6 million to begin the due diligence period.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Jessie C. Dove, Baxter Norris, E.M. Seabrook III, and Beulah Washington**, as Trustees of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery; or any three (3) of them are hereby authorized and directed to sign, execute, and deliver all the necessary legal documents and instruments required to transfer title and deed to the approximately 8.020 acres of property owned and held by Presbytery (Seller) to CalAtlantic Group, Inc. (Purchaser).

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED ALSO, that **LeRoy Hutchinson**, Presbytery Trustee, is hereby authorized to represent the interests of and act as closing attorney for Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Donnie R. Woods**, duly elected Stated Clerk of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a duly

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authorized Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016 in the St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC, at which meeting a due and properly constituted quorum was present and acted throughout; and I do further certify that in accord with the *Book of Order, 2015-2017* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), all proceedings were constitutionally authorized; and I do further certify that **Jesse C. Dove, Baxter Norris, E.M. Seabrook III, Beulah Washington and LeRoy Hutchinson** are the Trustees of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

**Donnie R. Woods**, Stated Clerk  
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

The above Resolution Certification is hereby ratified and approved.

**Ashley Sanders**, Moderator  
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The moderator presented the omnibus motion: that Presbytery approve the following amendments to the *Constitution*:

- 16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy
- 16-B. Parity in Committees
- 16-C.1. On amending F.3.0202
- 16-C.2. On amending G.2.0102
- 16-C.3. On amending G.2.0301
- 16-C.4. On amending G.2.05 and G.2.0501
- 16-C.5. On amending G.2.0701
- 16-C.6. On amending G.3.0307
- 16-C.7. On amending titles in *Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline*
- 16-C.8. On amending W.4.4001a
- 16-D. Relationship to the PC(USA) of a person who has renounced jurisdiction of the Church
  - 16-D.1. On amending G.2.0509
  - 16-D.2. On amending D.10.0401
- 16-E. Certified Service Requirements: On amending G.2.1101
- 16-F. The Ministry of Members: On amending G.1.0304
- 16-H. Revised *Directory for Worship*: On replacing the *Directory for Worship*

The moderator asked commissioners to request any amendments they wished to pull from the omnibus motion. When requests to pull from the omnibus motion more than half of the proposed amendments, a motion to vote on each individual amendment rather than on all of them collectively in the omnibus motion was seconded and carried. The moderator proceeded to present the amendments in sequence, allowing debate on each. After debate, each of the proposed amendments carried in the affirmative. The stated clerk will report the results of the vote to General Assembly. The moderator offered prayer following the vote.

**INSTALLATION of MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR**

The moderator and stated clerk conducted the Service of Installation for Teaching Elder **Cecelia Armstrong**, moderator-elect, and Ruling Elder **James Parlor**, vice moderator-elect. They will begin service immediately.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Attendance: Teaching Elder **Art Gatewood**, chair, presented the following report:

- 43 teaching elders
- 3 teaching elders excused
- 14 teaching elders absent without excuse
- 0 visiting teaching elders
- 3 commissioned ruling elders
- 39 ruling elders
- 17 churches without ruling elder representation  
(3 with excuse; 14 without excuse)
- 3 church educators
- 3 chairs of ministry units, committees, commissions
- 3 officers/presbytery staff
- 14 visitors
- 5 institutional representatives

Teaching Elders absent without excuse:

<b>Gary Bullard</b>	<b>Devia P. Phinisee</b>
<b>Spike Coleman</b>	<b>Frank Portee III</b>
<b>William Dietrich</b>	<b>James T. Rogers</b>
<b>Carmen Goetschius</b>	<b>Michael Shelton</b>
<b>Noah Kennedy</b>	<b>Patti Tillman Simpson</b>
<b>David S. Lindsay</b>	<b>Daniel Smoak</b>
<b>John N. Miller, Jr</b>	<b>Saundra Thomas</b>

Churches without ruling elder commissioners

Aimwell	Peace
Allendale	Providence
Beaufort-Salem	St. Andrews, Johns Island
First (Scots), Chas.	Salem
Hampton	Santee
Harbor View	Williston
New Wappetaw	Zion-Olivet

**ADJOURNMENT AND LUNCH**

The moderator adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with prayer so that commissioners could gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch at which time the following Resolution of Thanks was presented:

We, the members of the Thanks Committee, extend heartfelt and grateful appreciation to the St. Luke Presbyterian Church family for accepting us into their home this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016. We thank them and bless this house in the name of Jesus, our Christ.

*Janis K. Blocker*

**Janis K. Blocker**, recording clerk