

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
241st Synod Assembly
Ginter Park Presbyterian Church Richmond, VA
March 12-13, 2018

Assembly Reporting Form

Committee: **Executive Committee**

Recorder: **Tami Scott**

GENERAL ITEMS:

The Executive Committee met in October and November 2017 and January and February of 2018 by conference call on second Tuesdays at 2pm. Moderator Richard Claterbaugh presided and membership is composed of the Designated Committee Chairs, the moderator, vice moderator and one at large member who has been the most recent past moderator.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Approved minutes, heard reports from the stated clerk, moderator and committees.
- Letters of appreciation were sent to the leadership and preachers during the 240th Assembly, namely Rev. Ken Henry, Rev. Elaine Ellis Thomas, Mrs. Kim Bobo, Ms. Lana Heath de Martinez, Rev. Marina Godpadze, Rev. Dale Brown and Rev. Jim Moseley.
- Reports were shared about the Vegas Shooting, Moderators Training, and the Stated Clerks membership on the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) as well as the work of PMA.
- SPJC updates included (a) Dismissal of Burris v. NAT; (b) Dismissal of MPC v AKAP; (c) a hold was placed on all other complaints with AKAP due to civil charges having been filed.
- Received reports about the Virginia Council of Churches and Virginia Interfaith Center
- Reviewed the non-compliance of four presbyteries not having elected synod commissioners according to the Synod Standing Rules
- Received a Talking Paper from the Exec and SC concerning the increased workload resulting from presbyteries requesting support for Executive Search resourcing and in fostering new and healthier relationships with presbyteries, and the normal workload. The Administration and the Finance Committees will explore an avenue to restore the position to fulltime.
- Shared pastoral concerns for Rev. Eddie Deas III
- The Rev. Clayton Rascoe was installed as Massanetta Springs Exec Director by the Board on Sunday, January 29, 2018
- A recommendation from Kate B. Reynolds Fund Certification Committee will be presented to the Assembly to amend its guidelines.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approved the 240th Synod Assembly Stated Meeting Minutes.
- Consulted with Rev. Mark Hong, Synod Exec and Stated Clerk of Southern California and Hawaii concerning developing solutions to address the health, life and viability of AKAP.
- Approved WNC request to reduce its 2015 per capita giving by 831 members due to churches that left their presbytery, but had not been calculated earlier. The General Assembly has done the same.

RECOMMENDATION: