

The 31st STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
THE CROWNE PLAZA ~ JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 5-6, 2017

ADMINISTRATION AND RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE (ARC):

- The Child Protection Policy was approved by the Synod body. The Sexual Misconduct Policy was approved as amended, to be consistent with General Assembly policy.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)/TREASURER:

- The *Synod of South Atlantic* adopted a 2018 Per Capita and Mission Budget totaling \$438,033, which anticipates a deficit of \$54,595 from the presbyteries' receipts. The deficit could be significantly reduced if presbyteries paid their full per capita in 2018 and considered increasing mission funding. Per capita will not be increased for 2018, but remains at \$1.50, and mission funding remains at \$1 per member.
- **Howard and Isabella Hawkins Trust Funds:** The Florida Presbyterian Homes received a \$174,604.14 disbursement from the Howard Hawkins Trust Fund. The Synod receives the other half of the fund, \$174,604.13, and another disbursement of \$240,112.66 from the Isabella Hawkins Trust fund, both for Seminary students.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION (COR) ~ 2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- *Administration and Relationships Committee* (ARC): The Rev. Dr. David Shelor
- *Budget and Finance Committee* (BFC): The Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant
- *Committee on Representation* (COR): The Rev. Robert "Bob" Capers
- *Ministry Support Committee* (MSC): The Rev. Andy Casto-Waters

MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (MSC):

- In 2017, the MSC approved a total of \$10,625 for various grants. The Committee also clarified the R. M. Urie Scholarship guidelines, noting no parameters to limit applications.

RACIAL ETHNIC CONSULTANT REPORTS:

- The Rev. **Joe Rigsby, African-American Consultant**, St. Augustine Presbytery, reported that they continue with annual retreats, a national Black Caucus gathering, and an emphasis on growing their endowment fund.
- The Rev. **Keonbae Kim, Korean-American Consultant**, Tampa Bay Presbytery, reported that a new, joint retreat with parents was very successful, so it will be continued for two more years. Other events included a Pastor's retreat and a Union Prayer Session.
- Mr. **Luis "Tony" Boada Davila, Hispanic-American Consultant**, Central Florida Presbytery, reported on their retreat, climbing Stone Mountain with worship along with way, as a memorable youth event. They are anticipating future ministry to Hispanics moving into Synod area because of Hurricane Irma.

SYNOD OFFICE:

- To avoid future weather issues, the Synod Stated Meeting will be moved to the spring of each year. In 2018, the **Stated Meeting dates are April 19-20, 2018**, noon to noon.
- **Committee Meetings** will be January – March, 2018.
- The Rev. **Joyce Peyton Lieberman** was installed as the Synod Executive/Stated Clerk.
- Elder Gloria Graham Boyd was installed as the **Moderator**, with the Rev. Kathi Parchem as Moderator-Elect.