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Minutes – Sunday, 6/27/04

Sunday, June 27, 2004, 10:00 A.M.

Opening Worship and Service of Holy Communion

Commissioners of the 216th General Assembly (2004) and other participants assembled for worship on Sunday, June 27, 2004, in the Richmond Coliseum, Richmond, Virginia. Susan Andrews, Moderator of the 215th General Assembly (2004) preached a sermon, entitled Abundant Abundance. Scripture readings were from Exodus 16:1-3, 9-21, Psalm 23, and John 10:1-15. Ministers and elders from the Presbytery of the James assisted in the distribution of communion elements.

Moderator Ufford-Chase designated the offering from this service for the following mission program(s): Education in Ethiopia, including the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School (BESS) and the Gidado Bible College (GBC), the Gidado Bible College; and the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School; and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, Immokalee, Florida.

Commissioning of Mission Personnel

The worship service included the recognition of mission personnel retiring, Global Partners in Mission in the U.S.A., and members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) appointed to serve in mission in North America and worldwide.

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Following the opening worship service, commissioners and others participated in various afternoon events, including a lunch sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements, and the Moderator's Reception.

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The 216th General Assembly (2004) was reconvened at 5:00 p.m. by Moderator Rick Ufford-Chase, with prayer by Marie Cross, Co-Executive of the Synod of the Covenant.

Moderator Ufford-Chase introduced Rev. Jean Marie Peacock, Associate Pastor of the Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of South Louisiana, whom he appointed to serve as Vice-Moderator of the 216th General Assembly (2004). Vice-Moderator Peacock briefly addressed the assembly.

Moderator Ufford-Chase announced the offering at the Opening Worship Service totaled \$42,245.21 and that the offering supports were listed in the opening worship program.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK REVIEW/NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Moderator Ufford-Chase, according to Standing Rule G.1.c., appointed Gradye Parsons, Associate Stated Clerk, to serve as temporary Stated Clerk during the report of the Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee.

Sandy Peirce, moderator of the Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee, gave the report of the committee. Kathy Walker and Thomas Are, Jr., and Charles Heyward, members of the committee, gave an overview of the work of the committee's work.

Moderator Ufford-Chase announced the intent of three additional candidates for Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Robert Davis, L. Rus Howard, and Alex Metherell. All candidates were invited to the platform.

Matthew Johnson, elder commissioner from the Presbytery of the James, nominated Dr. Alex F. Metherell; Christopher Scruggs, minister commissioner from the Presbytery of

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Memphis, nominated Rev. Robert B. Davis; Sandy Peirce, on behalf of the Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee, nominated Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick; and Rodney Bakker, minister commissioner from the Presbytery of Great Rivers nominated Rev. Linn W. Rus Howard.

Moderator Ufford-Chase, as directed by the Standing Rules, asked the nominees if they reaffirmed a willingness to serve as Stated Clerk, if elected. The nominees answered in the affirmative.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Susan Davis Krummel, chairperson of the General Assembly Nominating Committee, who described the process for reassignment of classes and extension of terms for some members of permanent committees to accommodate moving to biennial assemblies. The assembly approved these reassignments as Item 00-04.

ORIENTATION TO COMMITTEE WORK

Moderator Ufford-Chase recognized Associate Stated Clerk Parsons and Kathy Lueckert, deputy executive director of the General Assembly Council, for a period of orientation to committee work.

Announcements

Associate Stated Clerk Parsons made several announcements including a reminder that the deadline to sign up for the open hearings of committees is 7:00 p.m. tonight.

Closing Prayer

Following prayer led by the Moderator's father, Lerold Chase. The assembly recessed at 6:10 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2004.

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The assembly met in committees for the remainder of the evening.