Highlights of the August 24, 2013 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

The Presbytery of East Tennessee held its One Hundred Sixteenth Stated Meeting at New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville, TN on Saturday, August 24, 2013.

Worship was led and the sermon delivered by the Rev. Laura Becker. Piano accompaniment was provided by Jason Graffis of New Providence Presbyterian Church, Maryville.

Committee on Ministry
The Committee on Ministry moved and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

♦ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee: sustain the examination of Rev. Jim Lunde; receive him into active membership from Whitewater Valley Presbytery; concur in his call to Graystone Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, effective July 15, 2013; approve terms of call; and approve the commission for his installation on September 15, 2013.

♦ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee receive the Reverend Jean Davidson into active membership as a member at large from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery.

♦ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee receive the Reverend Stephen Mealor into active membership from the Presbytery of the Mid-South.

♦ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee approve the commission to ordain Rachael Whaley Pate at New Providence at 11:05 am on September 1, 2013. Rachael has been called to serve Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

♦ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee grant Honorably Retired status to Rev. Anne Owens Brunger.

♦ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee approve the COM Handbook.

♦ **Motion:** That the Presbytery of East Tennessee appoint an Administrative Commission to inquire into and seek to settle the differences with the Wilson Station Presbyterian Church, with the authority to assume original jurisdiction, if deemed necessary, after first granting a hearing to all those in the congregation affected by this decision. At the appropriate time, the Commission will then report its findings and recommendations to the Presbytery. Commission members recommended are: Sharon Carter, TE, member at large; Jon Faraone, TE, Center, Tellico Plains; Bill Farnham, RE, Westminster; Brenda Hooper, RE, Northside, Chattanooga; Bonnie Murray, RE, First, Oak Ridge; and Jonathan Warren, TE, Powell.
Committee on Preparation for Ministry
The Committee moved and the Presbytery approved the following motion:

♦ **Motion:** To receive Jai Kwak as a Candidate effective on June 19, 2013.

Committee on Nominations
The Committee moved and the Presbytery approved the following nominees:

Outdoor Ministries Team - Class of 2013
William S. (Bill) Taylor, Jr. Lay – Sequoyah Hills

New Congregation Development - Class of 2014
Il Sun Kim Minister – Korean, Knoxville

Coordinating Committee for Vision and Mission
The Coordinating Committee awarded the New Vision banners to Fourth United Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge in recognition of their outreach efforts.

Stated Clerk’s Report
The vote on the proposed overture to the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge was postponed until the November Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Property & Presbytery Office Operations Committee
The Committee moved and the Presbytery approved the following motions:

♦ **Motion:** To grant the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Gatlinburg authority to sell a parcel of property they own located at 414 Stuart Lane in Gatlinburg that was formerly used as a day care center contingent on the terms and conditions of the sale and distribution of the proceeds being approved at a duly called congregational meeting.

♦ **Motion:** To grant the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir City authority to sell a parcel of property they own located behind their primary church property contingent on the terms and conditions of the sale and distribution of the proceeds being approved at a duly called congregational meeting.

♦ **Motion:** To grant the Property and Presbytery Office Operations Committee authority to sell or give away a small parcel of property in Blount County which is owned by the Presbytery and known as New Castle Chapel but is not part of a chartered church or being used by any Presbytery program.

**Please Note:** These are simply highlights of the actions taken at the meeting and are not official minutes.