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NOTE: Those receiving the copy of the Maze are requested to provide a copy for each minister, clerk of session, chairman of the Board of Deacons, and Church Treasurer.

NEXT STATED MEETING
June 5, 2007
Bonclarken Conference Center
Convocation
2:00 P. M.

SPECIAL COMMISSION

Our Moderator, R. E. Patrick, Jr. has appointed the Special Commission on the Old Brick Church. Members are Paul Gettys {First Rock}, Chandler McNair [First Columbia, Roger Rowe {Bethel}, Harmon Patrick {White Oak}, Buddy Lever {First Lancaster}, Presbytery Treasurer who serves ex-officio. Advisory members are the current Moderator, R. E. Patrick, Jr., and Synod's Historian Bill Roberts. Filling in for Bill will be Bryan McKown, who as been appointed Acting Historian by Synod's Executive Board. The Commission is authorized to oversee and maintain the Old Brick Church in behalf of the Presbytery. If you have suggestions, please give them to a member of the Commission. Dr. Harmon Patrick will serve as Chairman and Bryan McKown will serve as secretary.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Reports for the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery are due May 5, 2007. Please send the report as a WORD attachment to an email to guysmith@comporium.net. Thank you for your help.

Guy Smith
Stated Clerk/Administrator

PRESBYTERY NEWS

At the recent meeting of the Presbytery, Matthew Mantooth was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel. He will be ordained when a call is received.

Also at the meeting, Martin B. Cramer and Mark Gordon Witte were received as candidates. Marty is a member of the Rowan Church and Mark is a member of First Columbia. Both are students at Erskine Seminary.

The Presbytery elected David Mitchell as Vice Moderator and Moderator-elect. David will begin his term as Moderator on July 1, 2008. Kyle Sims begins his service as Moderator of July 1, 2007.

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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

The Committee on Church Extension has requested that the churches of the Presbytery devote one prayer meeting to pray for the possible new mission in Indian Land. The Columbia area churches are also asked to devote time to prayer for the needs of the IBL Mission. For further information you can contact Billy Fleming, Chairman of Church Extension, at 704-243-0706 or 803-285-5800. His email is bfleming2@carolina.rr.com

SPECIAL THANKS

The Presbytery gave a rising vote of appreciation to the Bethel Session and in particular, Bethel Session member Meredith Chappell, for the many years of faithful and dedicated service to the Presbytery in the maintenance and upkeep of the Old Brick Church. Members of the Session and individual members gave much time to the Old Brick Church and often served as guides for those who wished to visit the Old Brick Church. We are indeed grateful to the Bethel Session, the congregation and Mr. Chappell for their faithful oversight.

PRESBYTERY 2007 CALENDAR

March 9-11, 2007

Catawba Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken March 13, 2007

Catawba Presbytery at Smyrna Church, Smyrna, SC at 10:00 a.m. March 23-25, 2007

Catawba Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Bonclarken

April 21, 2007

Catawba Children's Retreat at 10:00 A.M. Ebenezer Church, Rock Hill, SC May 3, 2007

Catawba Presbytery Senior Adult Retreat 10:00 a.m. – Chester Church, Chester, SC June 5, 2007

Catawba Presbytery meets at Convocation Center, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC at 2:00 p.m. October 9, 2007

Catawba Presbytery meets at Tirzah Church, York, SC at 10:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Listed below are the future meeting dates for the Presbytery. Churches not able to host the meeting on the date listed are asked to notify the Stated Clerk as soon as possible.

June 5, 2007

Bonclarken – Convocation, Flat Rock, NC October 9, 2007 Tirzah Church, York, SC March 11, 2008

> Union Church, Richburg, SC June 3, 2008

Bonclarken – Convocation, Flat Rock, NC October 14, 2008

> Unity Church, Lancaster, SC March 10, 2009

Westminster Church, Conway, SC June 2, 2009

Bonclarken - Convocation, Flat Rock, NC October 13, 2009

White Oak Church, White Oak, SC March 9, 2010 York Church, York, SC