

CALLED MEETING

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

Rebecca Littlepage PCA

Saturday, April ²⁵ 1981

The Called Meeting of the New River Presbytery was convened with prayer by Rev. George Alder at 10:00 am. Moderator Linwood Wilkes read from Deuteronomy 29:29 - 30:11 and called for the congregational singing of 'Now I Belong to Jesus'.

A quorum was determined present with the following:
Teaching Elders present: R. Norman Evans, L.G. Wilkes, George Alder II, Charles W. McNutt, Rod S. Mays, Michael D. Bolus, and Ron Parrish.
Ruling Elders present: Virgil Roberts (Covenant), H. E. Gardner (Kanawha Salines), Thomas F. Minter Jr. (Lebanon), Charles Kennedy (Little River), Forrest Rumburg (Friendship), Jerry Martin (Faith), H.P. Musser Jr. (Littlepage)

The moderator stated the call for this meeting was in accordance with the requirements in the Book of Church Order, and the purpose of the meeting was as follows:

"1. To examine Rev. Michael Hall, who has accepted the call to pastor the Littlepage Church, and to handle matters relating to his coming into Presbytery.

2. To take action as felt needed regarding the Martinsville Mission. Reason: The General Assembly's MUS Committee has informed the mission it will be ending financial support of the group as of June 30. Since Presbytery does not meet until July any action or aid on behalf of the Mission may be needed before then."

A motion was made and approved that the proposed docket be accepted.

The Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Rev. Hall. The chairman of the Ministers and Candidates Committee introduced Rev. Hall to the Presbytery and a motion was made and approved to proceed to the examination. It was noted for the record that Rev. Hall is coming as an ordained minister in full communion in the United Methodist Church. His official papers will be presented to Presbytery after the 1981 meeting of the West Virginia Conference in the Methodist Church.

Examination of Personal Experience	- Sustained
Theology	- Sustained
Sacraments	- Sustained
Polity	- Sustained

A motion was made by the chairman of the Ministers and Candidates Committee that the examination as a whole be approved. Motion carried.

A motion was made and approved to enroll Rev. Hall as a member of Presbytery. Rev. Hall then signed the Covenant of Obligation, following his affirmatively answering the questions in the Book of Church Order 21-5.

The Call from the Littlepage Church was read by RE Harry Musser and a motion was made that it be found in order. Motion carried. The Call was then placed in the hands of Rev. Hall and he was given the right hand of fellowship by members of the Presbytery.

The Commission to install Rev. Hall was announced and a motion was made that it be approved. Motion carried.

The Commission consists of:

Teaching Elders: Charles McNutt - to Charge Congregation
Rod Mays - to Preach
Norman Evans
Ruling Elders: Paige Melton - to Charge Pastor
Pat Jenkins

The date of Installation was set for Sunday, May 24, 1981 at 7:30 pm.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the second item of business on the docket.

Rev. Mays, chairman of the MUS Committee, reported that no action would be recommended by the Committee at this time. Rev. Parrish, pastor of the Martinsville Mission, and Dr. Jim Robertson, spokesman for the Mission, were present and asked to speak on behalf of the work in Martinsville.

Each of the gentlemen spoke and related the facts and feelings of themselves and the remaining group at Martinsville. The Presbytery then went into a special season of prayer for the work and especially for God's guidance between this date and mid summer.

The business of this Called Meeting now being complete a motion was made and approved that Presbytery adjourn. The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. McNutt.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Norman Evans

R. Norman Evans, clerk