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CALL TO THE PRESBYTERY MEETING – JULY 16, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church, Orange

We are going to Orange for the July 16th Presbytery meeting! It has been several years since we traveled east. The historic church edifice is a feast for the eyes, from the saints in the top of the dome to the angels protecting the chancel. We will begin our day with worship in the beautiful sanctuary as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ordination of women to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Our commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly will be reporting on their experiences working on committees and voting on the business of the church. It should be interesting to hear their reflections and to imagine how the decisions will affect our lives individually, as congregations, as the presbytery and across the nation.

With the retirement of Mike Cole at the end of 2016, the Staff Vision Team will report their suggestions, which include the calling of an Interim Presbyter. The Nominating Committee has worked quickly to bring forth the names of those who have agreed to serve on the team to find that person. Approving them will allow their work together to begin as soon as possible.

Our friends from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be with us to make a presentation about their work across the country and around the world. We are grateful for their care and concern, particularly with the spring flooding here in Southeast Texas. They were a long time helpful presence after hurricane Ike with two villages hosting people from all over the United States who came to help rebuild along the Gulf Coast.

We will be saying “good-bye” to two congregations who are leaving us for the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. We will celebrate with RE Jim DeMent (Houston, St. Philip) as he moves to candidacy in his preparation process toward ordained ministry. We will recognize RE Forbes Baker, the Director of Finance, as he moves from full time to part time through the end of the year.

It should be a good day! Due to the distance for much of the presbytery the meeting will begin at 10:00 am! Please try to carpool – perhaps invite those from a neighboring congregation to ride along. The church address is 902 Green Avenue in downtown Orange. Hope to see you there!

Lynn Hargrove
Stated and Recording Clerk