

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 1, 2011

FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear Members of the National Presbyterian Church:

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is pleased to nominate Dr. David A. Renwick (pronounced Ren-ick) as our new Senior Pastor. Over the past two years you have stood with us in prayer and encouragement as we have sought the person of God's choosing to lead our congregation. After considering over 200 candidates, many of them recommended by you or by pastors and denominational leaders who are friends of NPC, we believe that the Lord has led us to Dr. Renwick.

Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service on June 5th to ask members to approve the nomination of Dr. Renwick and to confirm the terms of call as negotiated by the PNC. Dr. Renwick will preach at the 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 services on Sunday, June 5th.

Here we offer a brief introduction to Dr. Renwick's life and ministry.

Experience

Dr. David A. Renwick and his wife, Currie, come to us from Spartanburg, SC, where he has been pastor of First Presbyterian Spartanburg since 2006.

Dr. Renwick's higher education began in Scotland at St. Andrews University, where he studied Applied Mathematics and graduated in 1974 with honors. He continued his education at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts, where he earned a Master of Divinity in 1977, and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy in 1988.

Dr. Renwick has been an ordained Presbyterian Minister for over 35 years serving congregations in Newfoundland, Canada; San Antonio, TX and Lexington, KY. He has been a Pastor and Head of Staff since 1987 and has served at churches with between 1000 and 2300 members since 1994.



Dr. David A. Renwick

Congregational Meeting - 6/5

NPC members will vote on the call of Dr. David A. Renwick as the next Senior Pastor of the National Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 5th, directly after the 11:00am service — in the main sanctuary.

Passion for Ministry

Dr. Renwick's passions for ministry include preaching, leadership, worship and pastoral care. His vision for the church includes:

- Biblical preaching within Christ-centered worship as the heart of the church's life.
- A longing for the beliefs, relationships and practices of the congregation as a whole to reflect the life of Christ, so that Christ is visibly seen in the world through "his body," the church.
- The building of relationships with, among and between pastors, staff and lay-persons through which Christ's vision for ministry is embraced, implemented and sustained.

Quotes from Dr. Renwick:

CHANGE . . . "A friend in a successful business once asked me to summarize what I do as a minister in secular terms. I replied that I would like to think of myself as someone who helps people and organizations move through change effectively, happily and faithfully. Change is inevitable; so much of our happiness or unhappiness in life depends on whether or how we handle it. The central scriptural image of Jesus and King David as shepherds ('pastors'), is precisely the image of one who leads from 'pastures' that no longer nourish to 'new pastures' that nourish, strengthen and satisfy."

JOY . . . "We all know that 'love' is at the center of the Christian faith. What I would love to convey to any church is that 'joy' is a close second. Paul mentions joy as the second fruit of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:22. I have watched some of the poorest people in the world be joyful – smiling beautifully, laughing, and simply having fun – in the midst of squalor and hopelessness. Such joy breaks the ice when we are taking ourselves too seriously, and makes it clear that it is not our problems (truly painful as they may be) which have the final word over our lives, but God does, and God will win in the end."

GOD THE CREATOR . . . "I've forgotten most of my math from university days, but I have never understood why people perceive that there is a conflict between faith and science. The fact that every part of the universe is undergirded by the language of math and that this language can be expressed in ones and zeros seems to me to be amazing. In fact, it is so amazing to me that I cannot help but believe that beyond the math lies a mind that put together the pieces of the puzzle that we (like children) spend hours unraveling."



Dr. David A. Renwick

PREACHING . . . “I love to preach, but it hasn’t always been that way. Before God’s call I was scared to death of speaking in public, and I sometimes still am! This is not all bad, however. For one thing, it means that I can empathize with the fears that others share with me – and yet I also know what it means to face those fears with God’s help and find strength to move on. In addition, this knowledge of weakness keeps me dependent on God. We preachers haven’t been called to persuade through eloquence, but through being channels of God’s grace and word. When a congregation and preacher pray and trust God together, I am convinced that God WILL speak through preaching, and that we will all leave worship with the right word that we each needed. This is the weekly miracle that I depend on, and that I believe our Lord Jesus Christ longs for us to experience together.”

Selection Process

In prayerfully considering Dr. Renwick, the PNC, with the support of the National Capital Presbytery, examined his experience, heart for ministry, character and demonstrated leadership skills. We enthusiastically and wholeheartedly endorse him as the new pastor that the Lord has chosen to lead NPC in worship and service. After phone and in-person interviews and hearing him preach in person, we have prayerfully come to this decision and are happy to announce a unanimous vote to call Dr. Renwick.

In Christ’s love,

The Pastor Nominating Committee

Margery S. Bernbaum
John Gordon
Carrie Ivey-Grossmann
Alease Johnson
Tom Morgan
George R. Nethercutt, Jr.
Keith Patman
Ann Reid
Matthew Dow Teems

ONE OF THE BEST GIFTS WE CAN GIVE DR. RENWICK IS TO HONOR HIM
BY HOLDING THIS INFORMATION COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL
WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY,
JUNE 5TH.

Dr. Renwick's congregation will only hear the news of his call to National after
our congregational vote. Please help Dr. Renwick conclude his ministry in
Spartanburg well by allowing him to be the person who first shares this news with
his current congregation.

DR. DAVID RENWICK—BACKGROUND

GENERAL

- Born in Johore, Malaysia, 1952
- Home: Edinburgh, Scotland, 1957-1974
- Married to Currie Nimocks Overby of Gainesville, GA, 1975
- Family: Daughter—Lalla (Husband—Diego),
Son—Charlie (Wife—Lauren; Son—Maclean),
Daughter—Mairi



David & Currie Renwick

EDUCATION

- B.S., St. Andrews University, Scotland, 1974
- M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, MA, 1977
- Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary, VA, 1988

MINISTRY

- Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1974
- Senior Pastor, Christ Church, Wabush, Labrador/Newfoundland, Canada, 1977-82
- Supply Pastor, Pamplin Field of Churches, Pamplin, VA, 1983-86
- Senior Pastor, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX, 1987-94
- Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY, 1994-2006
- Part-time Adjunct Professor, New Testament, Lexington Theological Seminary, 2003-04
- Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC, 2006-2011

PUBLICATIONS:

- Paul, the Temple and the Presence of God. (Brown Series in Judaic Studies, Scholar's Press, Atlanta, 1991)
 - *Lexington Seminary Journal*. Book Review of Introducing the Reformed Faith, by Donald McKim
 - The Learning Bible. (American Bible Society, 2000), contributing editor.
 - *Biblical Preaching Journal*, Spring 2002. "You Believe in the Trinity? So what?"
 - *Biblical Preaching Journal*, Spring 2003. "God is Light"
 - *Interpretation*, July 2003, "Hebrews 11:29-12:2";
 - *Lectionary Homiletics*, Exegetical Articles, Fall 2007
 - *Interpretation*, Matthew 26:36-46 "Drinking With Jesus" November 2010
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