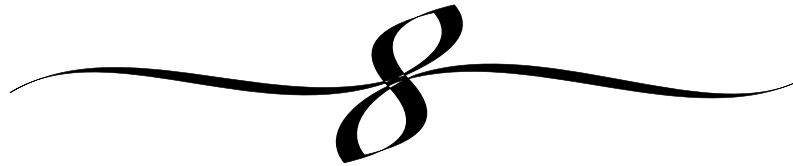
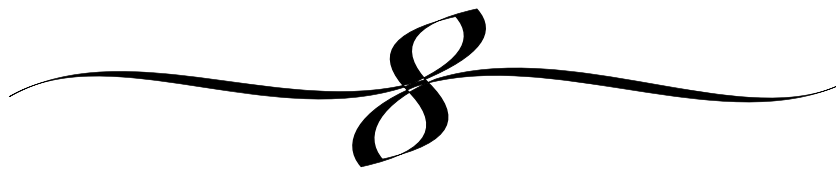


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
NINETY-SECOND  
STATED MEETING  
April 24, 2012**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Ninety-Second Stated Meeting  
April 24, 2012  
at Montreat Conference Center, Anderson Auditorium,  
Montreat, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

Elder Patricia Clark, Moderator, convened the Ninety-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:05 a.m., in the Anderson Auditorium at the Montreat Conference Center, in Montreat, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with a hymn.

**CONVENE WITH PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Patricia Clark, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Dr. Pete Peery welcomed all presbyters and others to the beautiful Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina. He brought greetings from the college and conference center and invited everyone to participate in upcoming conferences at the center. Dr. Peery encouraged everyone to be part of the capital campaign to refurbish the Assembly Inn.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FROM GUATEMALA**

We were honored to have three Guatemalan sisters visiting with the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Rev. Ellen Dozier introduced the ladies to the members of the presbytery. Silvia Bac from Suchitepequez and Floridalma Giron from Sur Occidente brought greetings from their Presbyteries in Guatemala.

**GOOD NEWS FROM MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Stated Supply of the Montreat Presbyterian Church, brought greetings and good news from the church. As a church on the move, they are a flourishing congregation motivated to provide a PCUSA worship center.

**ATTENDANCE**

The Stated Clerk, Elder Bert Sigmon, declared that a quorum was present by reference to our registration data and by observation of those in attendance. He invited people to turn off all cell phones.

The following **MINISTERS WERE ENROLLED** (P = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent without excuse):

Robert Abel	P	Ann Aichinger	P	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P	Michael Bailey	P
Tony F. Baker	A	Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E
Ashley J. Beavers	P	Joseph D. Bennett	P	Stanley Bennett	E
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Randall Boggs	P	Ronald A. Botsford	E	Dewey Bowen	E

Adam Bowling	P	Lee Bowman	A	Richard Boyce	P
Margie Boyd	P	Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	E
Ryan Brakemeyer	P	Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	A
Edwin Brenegar, III	P	Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	A
G. Thompson Brown	E	Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	P
Aimee Buchanan	A	Ralph Buchanan	E	William Buchanan	A
Mark Burnham	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	P	Mary Faith Carson	E
Joel David Cherry	P	Calvin Chesnutt	P	Dwight Christenbury	P
William Christian	P	Carol Clark	P	Mark Clark	A
Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	P	Jeffrey Coffey	P
James Cogswell	P	Evelyn Coleman	P	Hunter Coleman	E
Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Donald Cooper	P
Riley Covin	P	John Craven	P	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	A
Dent Davis	P	Heather Wood Davis	E	Eddie Deas, III	P
Jey Deifell, Jr.	P	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P
Edward Donnell	P	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E
John Ellington	E	Charles Elyea	E	Raymond Fancher	P
Kristy Farber	P	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E
Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	P
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	P	McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	Berry Franch, III	E	John Frye, Jr.	P
A. W. Gaines	P	Tee Gatewood, III	P	Denise Geiger	P
David Grachek	P	Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	E
Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P	Samuel Hale	E
Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P	Randall Hardy	P
Martin Harkey, III	P	William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E
Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E	Robert Hinman	A

Richard Hobson	E	Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E	Richard Holshouser	E
Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	E
George Hutchins	P	Michael Isaacs	P	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	P	Esta Jarrett	P	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	P	Mike Johnston, IV	E	Franklin Jones	P
Dong Uk Kang	P	David Kaylor	A	Alyce Kelly	A
David Kennedy	E	James Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	E
Paul Kercher	E	Shannon Kershner	P	Jeff Kesterson	E
William Kirk	A	Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E
Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	E	John LaMotte	E
John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	P	James Layman	E
Calvin Lewers	E	Wendell Ligon	P	William Lindeman	E
John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton , Jr.	P	Deneise Deter Liss	P
Brad Long	P	Laura Long	P	Dick Lonnee	P
Billy Lowe	P	Bob Lowry	P	David Lytle	A
James W. Malone	E	Marjorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	E
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	P
Layton Mauze, III	E	John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A
Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	E	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E
David McKee	E	Alexander McLean	A	James McPherson	E
Lynn Michie	P	Beth Ann Miller	P	Paul Moehlman	E
Robert Montgomery	P	Anne Morgan	E	David Morgan	P
Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	A	David Mulford	E
Donald Mullen	E	Camerson Murchison	P	Carl Murray	E
David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	P	John Newton, Jr.	E
John Niles	P	Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E
O'Hyun Park	P	Katherine Parker	E	Thomas Parker	E
David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	P
Albert Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret Peery	P	Harry Petersen	P
Martha Jane Petersen	P	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Phillips	P

James Poling	P	Luke Ponder	A	Samuel Pope	P
Carolyn Poteet	P	Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E
Gene Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	P
Jay Rabuck	P	Daria Ragan	P	Mark Ramsey	P
Joseph Rand	P	Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E	Don Robb, III	E
Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	P	Feild Russell	P
Virginia Russell	P	Richard Rustay	E	Matthew Schlageter	A
Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	P	Julius Scott	E
Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	P	William Serjak	E
Albert Shaw, Jr.	E	Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	E
Wirt Skinner	E	Allen Smith	P	O'dell Smith	E
Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	P	John Somerville	E
Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	P	David Stover	P
Cynthia Strickler	E	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	Lee Thomas	P
Keith Thompson	P	Dan Thornton	E	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E
Margaret Torrence	P	Ace Tubbs	E	Robert Tuttle	P
Thomas Tweedie	E	Melissa Upchurch	P	Gary Van Brocklin	P
Lauren Vanacore	E	Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P
Mark Watson	A	Lynn Webber	P	Brian Weger	E
Judith Weger	E	Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A
Lamar Williamson, Jr.	P	Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E
Otis Wilson	P	Margaret Wilson-Stayton	P	William Wing	E
Chris Wingard	P	Eugene Witherspoon	E	Graham Wood, Jr.	E
Donaldson Woods	E	Beth Yarborough	P	Rebecca Young	E

The following COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Linda Amos	A
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Dwayne Durham	A	Joe Gernoske	P	David Moore, Sr.	A
Linda Moore	A	Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	P
Patricia Queen	P	Thomas Queen	P	Marcia Reighley	A
Russell Reighley	P	Betty Shaw	A	William Sigmon	P
Robert Simes	E	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A
William Wuehrmann	A				

The following MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL and COMMITTEE CHAIRS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

Suzanne Barrett	P	Mike Begley	P	Patricia Clark	P
Jay Crane	P	Janet Mahannah	A	Bill Martin	A
Melvin Meares	P	Dick Peck	A	Julia Richards	A
Martha Rockett	A	Jackie Scott	A	Florence Shelor	P
Tony Sigmon	A	Pat Skinner	A	Jack Suddreth	A
Ron Tingle	P	Jane Vann	P	Paula Wallace	P

The following CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS WERE ENROLLED for this meeting of Presbytery:

Mary V. Atkinson	E	Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A
Betty Davenport	P	Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	E
Margarette Kennerly	A	Leslie McLeod	P	Kathy Parse	E
Heath Rada	A	Bonnie Sanford	P	Patricia Tuttle	A

The following CHURCHES WERE ENROLLED by the attendance of their elder commissioners:

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Bill Kantonen	Cindy Brown
	Laura Traylar	
Banner Elk (1)	Ben Garris	
Belmont First (2)	Beth Howe	David Cloninger
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Rosie Johnson	Margie Tyas
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Cathy Gary	Carolyn Winchester

Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Edward Taylor	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	Michael Letterman	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Jim Ludwig	
Calvary (2)	Vivian Ridley	
Canton (1)	Emily Smathers	
Cherryville First (2)	Deborah Lesenger	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	Donna Ashley	
Conley Memorial (1)	A	
Crossnore (1)	Carroll Berkley	
Cullowhee (1)	Lynda McNeely	
Dallas First (1)	Nina Greene	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Mary Gahagan	
Dulatown (2)	Elmer Dula	Evelyn Bennett
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (2)	A	
Estatoa (2)	A	
Etowah (2)	Don Wauchope	
Fairview (2)	Jason Myers	
Fletcher (2)	Tommy Burleson	Roger Wise
Forest City First (2)	A	
Franklin First (2)	Ernie Potter	Lewis Mesta
Gastonia First (4)	A	
Glen Alpine (2)	A	
Good Hope (3)	A	
Grace Covenant (3)	Mary Lou Nash	Jim Wallis



	Bill Satterfield	
Grassy Creek (2)	A	
Green Mountain (2)	A	
Green Street (3)	Charlita Lytle	
Hayesville (2)	E	
Hendersonville First (3)	Bob Murray	Larry Mobley
	Mimi Jameison	
Hickory First (4)	Paul Caporossi	John Bates
Highlands First (2)	A	
Ironton (2)	E	
Jack's Creek (2)	Jean Phillips	Linda Anglin
John Knox (2)	A	
Kenilworth (2)	Bob Craddock	Marvin Chambers
Kings Mountain First (3)	Carol Lewis	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (3)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	Tate McKee	Wes Collins
Lincolnton First (2)	A	
Long Creek (2)	A	
Love's Chapel (3)	E	
Lowell (2)	Bobby Massey	Sue Johnson
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Louise Tomberlin	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Martha Campbell	
Morganton First (2)	Scott Davis	Ron Kendrick
Morrison (1)	Corky Brown	
Mount Holly First (1)	Marguerite Randall	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	A	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	

Newdale (1)	Anita Fortner	
Newland (1)	Marie Gwyn	
Newton First (2)	Rob Inscoe	
Northminster (2)	A	
Oak Forest (1)	E	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Lamar Howe	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	Peggy Ferguson	
Quaker Meadows (1)	E	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Catherine Roberts	
Riceville (1)	Jim Thomas	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (2)	Bob Ward	Fred Bayley
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Larry Wilson	Kathy Wilson
Sherrill's Ford (1)	Ramona Edwards	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	A	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Betty Rand	
Sweetwater (1)	A	
Sylva First (1)	Douglas Reed	
Third Street (2)	A	

Trinity (2)	Robert Forsythe	Mel Bringle
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (1)	W. N. Craig	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	Steve Crisp	
Unity (2)	Bob Howard	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Sharon Jacumin	
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	E	
Warren Wilson (1)	A	
Waynesville First (1)	Janet Tingle	
West Asheville (1)	Barbara Clark	
West Avenue (1)	Dennis Godfrey	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

The Stated Clerk later reported that the attendance for this meeting was:

Teaching Elders (formerly Ministers)	140
Ruling Elders (formerly Elders)	76
Certified Educators	3
Administrative Board/Committee Chairs	9
Visitors	79
Total	307

There were three corresponding members in attendance.

- Rev. Joe Walker, Coastal Carolina
- Rev. Eade Anderson
- Rev. James Richardson, Foothills Presbytery

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- Rev. Don Cooper, Honorably Retired, and Elder Bob Craddock, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville

Bills and Overtures:

- Rev. D. Cameron Murchison, Jr. (Chair); Elder Mike Begley, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church; Elder Jerry Ragan, First Presbyterian Church, Belmont; Rev. Susan Denne, Honorably Retired; Elder Bill Kantonen, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville

Tellers:

- First Presbyterian Church Swanannoa - Jane Hansel, Lynn Holman, & Maryann Riddle
- Kenilworth Presbyterian Church - Katherine Brinkley, Katie Adams, & Marvin Chambers

### **APPROVAL OF DOCKET**

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the approval of the docket as distributed. A motion was made to amend the docket to allow an overture from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church (Appendix A) pertaining to Special Offerings of the PCUSA. The motion was made and approved.

**8:30 Registration (Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)**

**8:30 Prayers before Presbytery** **Dot Descieux**  
*(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)*

**Orientation for New Elders** **Barbara Ross**  
*(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 1)*

**9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation and Hymn** **Patricia Clark, Moderator**  
*(Anderson Auditorium)*

**Welcome** **Pete Peery, President**  
**Montreat Conference Center**

**Introduction of Presbyterian Women from Guatemala** **Ellen Dozier**  
*(Floridalma Giron from Sur Occidente and Amanda Godoy and Silvia Bac from Suchitepéquez)*

**Words of Welcome and Good News**  
**Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)** **Maggie Lauterer**

**Appointment of Standing Committee** **Moderator**  
**Resolution of Thanks -**

*(Don Cooper and Bob Craddock)*

**Bills and Overtures –**

*(Cam Murchison, Mike Begley, Jerry Ragan, Susan Denne, Bill Kantonen)*

**Tellers -**

*(Kenilworth Presbyterian Church - Katherine Brinkley, Katie Adams, Marvin Chambers)*  
*(First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa - Jane Hansel, Lynn Holman, Maryann Riddle)*

**Certification of Quorum** **Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk**  
**Approval of Docket**

**Omnibus Motion** **A**  
*(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. Any commissioner may pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason. Simply state the item to be removed from the Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)*

**Stated Clerk's Report** **B**  
*(Report of Administrative Commissions; Annual Report from Committee on Representation)*

**Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Omnibus**

	<b>Nominating Committee</b>		<b>I</b>
	<b>Witness Division</b>		<b>P</b>
	<b>Budget and Finance Committee</b>		<b>BB</b>
	<b>Reports from Commissioners to Synod</b> <i>(Eddie Deas and Martha Rockett and Bill Kantonen)</i>		<b>II</b>
	<b>Personnel Committee</b>		<b>FF</b>
	<b>Campus Mission</b>		<b>V</b>
<b>9:25</b>	<b>Service of Worship, including Celebration of Pentecost and of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>Preacher:</b> Shannon Kershner <b>Scripture:</b> John 16:12-15; Acts 2:1-4 & 14-21 <b>Worship Planners:</b> Anita Bernhardt, James Bernhardt and Nathan Crabtree <b>Commissioning of Guatemala and Malawi Mission Teams</b>		
<b>10:50</b>	<b>Administrative Board</b> <i>(25 minutes)</i> <i>(Recommendations regarding, churches requesting dismissal, preaching by our candidates for ordination, appraisals of church property, recognition of milestones.)</i>	<b>James Aydelotte</b>	<b>C</b>
	<b>Peace and Justice</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(NC Constitutional Marriage Amendment)</i>	<b>James Aydelotte</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>11:15</b>	<b>PCUSA Missions Report</b> <i>(30 - 45 minutes)</i>	<b>Frank Dimmock</b>	
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Prayers of Intercession</b> <i>(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)</i>	<b>Margaret Torrence</b>	
<b>12:05</b>	<b>Lunch (Assembly Inn)</b>		
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Reconvene (Anderson Auditorium)</b> <b>Speak Out</b> <i>(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less, per speaker, on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)</i>		
<b>1:35</b>	<b>Hunger Committee</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Recognition of churches who participated in SouperBowl Supersizing)</i>	<b>Bill Heck</b>	
	<b>Evangelism</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(2012 Year of Evangelism; Study of the Book of Acts)</i>	<b>Michael Sears</b>	
	<b>Let's Celebrate ~ August 18, 2012</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Annual event for everyone in the Presbytery)</i>	<b>Michael Sears</b>	<b>W</b>
	<b>Youth Committee</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(PYC Youth Applications)</i>	<b>Michael Bailey</b>	<b>Y</b>
	<b>Christian Education</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Update on the resource center)</i>	<b>Adam Bowling</b>	
<b>2:10</b>	<b>Report of General Presbyter</b> <i>(15 minutes)</i>	<b>Bobbi White</b>	<b>GP</b>
	<b>Preparation for Ministry</b> <i>(15 Minutes)</i> <i>(Introduction of candidate Michael McKey)</i>	<b>Mark Burnham</b>	<b>K</b>

<b>Committee on Ministry</b> <i>(45 minutes)</i> <i>(Introduction of new members; commissioning of lay pastors)</i>	<b>John Lindsay</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Report from the Transition Task Force</b> <i>(20 minutes)</i>	<b>Bert Sigmon</b>	<b>TT</b>
<b>Campus Mission</b>		<b>V</b>
<b>Montreat College</b> <i>(3-5 minutes)</i>	<b>Gary Van Brocklin</b>	
<b>North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education</b>	<b>Jerry Beavers</b>	
<b>Report from the Bills and Overture Committee</b>		
<b>Resolution of Thanks</b>		
<b>Benediction and Adjournment</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

Stated Clerk Sigmon explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion. He then moved that the following items be removed from the Omnibus Motion:

- Recommendation III.B. from the Committee on Ministry's Report  
(See Committee on Ministry's Report for Contents of Recommendations.)
- Recommendation I. from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report  
(See Committee on Preparation for Ministry's Report for Contents of Recommendation.)

Motion was approved. It was then moved that the remaining items be approved as submitted. It was duly seconded. (Appendix B) The Presbytery approved all remaining items. Items included in this motion are marked by "OM" in the margin.

The following committees and Synod Commissioners submitted reports to the Presbytery for information and approval. All were received and approved.

- Nominating Committee (Appendix C)
- Witness Division (Appendix D)
- Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix E)
- Reports from Synod Commissioners - Rev. Eddie Deas and Elder Martha Rockett (Appendix F)
- Personnel Committee (Appendix G)
- Campus Mission (Appendix H)

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 1-9 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. The Stated Clerk then referred to item 10 of the report and moved that the overture from Hendersonville, First be referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee for a report at this meeting. The motion was made and approved. Also, the overture from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church be referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee for a report at this meeting. The motion was made and approved.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

<b>OM</b>	<b>1. THAT Patricia Clark, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 31, 2012 Presbytery meeting.</b>
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- OM 2. THAT the minutes of the January 28, 2012 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.
- OM. 3. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:  
**Rev. Michael Sears (Appendix I)**
- OM 4. THAT the April 24, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)
- OM 5. THAT the April 24, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development and Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K)
- OM 6. THAT the April 24, 2012 Report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)
- OM 7. THAT the April 24, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)
- OM 8. THAT the April 24, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for Dulatown Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix M)
- OM 9. THAT the April 24, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for Southminster Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix M)

10. THAT the overture, submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, regarding the current Presbytery policy described in "Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed" (originally approved in 2006 and modified in 2009), be referred to the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee for report at this meeting. (Appendix N)

**FOR INFORMATION:**

11. THAT the summary background report on the Montreat Court Case become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix O)
12. The ninety-third stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families in Black Mountain, North Carolina.
13. THAT the following dates have been established for Reviewing of Church Records and Form of Government Training:

Saturday, April 21, 2012 - Waynesville, First

**Saturday, May 5, 2012 - Spruce Pine, First**  
**Saturday, May 19, 2012 - Forest City, First**  
**Saturday, June 9, 2012 - Long Creek, Kings Mountain**

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.      New Form of Government Training  
 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.      Lunch  
 12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.      Session Records Review

**14. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on March 10, 2012, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**

Bridgewater	Grace Covenant	Newton, First
Brittain	Ironton	Quaker Meadows
Brevard-Davidson River	Lenoir, First	Siloam
Etowah	Marshall	United
Fairview	Montreat	Waldensian
Glen Alpine	Morganton, First	

The Stated Clerk presented items 11-14 as items of information.

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
 AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

The Rev. Shannon Kershner, Ruling Elder at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, delivered the morning sermon. The scripture for the morning was read from John 16:12-15; Acts 2:1-4 & 14-21.

Worship planners for the service were Revs. James and Anita Bernhardt and Mr. Nathan Crabtree from Northminster Presbyterian Church in Hickory. Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communion was served by elders from Montreat Presbyterian Church, Kenilworth Presbytery Church and First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa.

A commissioning service for mission teams going to Guatemala and Malawi was led by Grace Boyer and Ellen Dozier.

**PEACE & JUSTICE**

On behalf of the Peace and Justice Committee, the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte gave information about the proposed NC Marriage Amendment to the State Constitution. (Appendix U)

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

James Aydelotte presented the report of the Administrative Board. On behalf of the Administrative Board, recommendations 5-9 and 11-13 were presented for approval. Items 1-4 and 10 were presented in the Omnibus Motion report. The recommendations were approved. Items 14 through 25 were presented for information.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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| <b>OM</b>                           | <p><b>1. THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mrs. Jane Hansel (Swannanoa, First)</td> <td>B</td> <td>Class of 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Bonnie Sanford (Shelby)</td> <td>C</td> <td>Class of 2013</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Betty Davenport</td> <td>D</td> <td>Class of 2013</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Don Baucom (Spruce Pine, First)</td> <td>F</td> <td>Class of 2013</td> </tr> </table> | Mrs. Jane Hansel (Swannanoa, First) | B | Class of 2014 | Ms. Bonnie Sanford (Shelby) | C | Class of 2013 | Mrs. Betty Davenport | D | Class of 2013 | Mr. Don Baucom (Spruce Pine, First) | F | Class of 2013 |
| Mrs. Jane Hansel (Swannanoa, First) | B   | Class of 2014                       |   |               |                             |   |               |                      |   |               |                                     |   |               |
| Ms. Bonnie Sanford (Shelby)         | C   | Class of 2013                       |   |               |                             |   |               |                      |   |               |                                     |   |               |
| Mrs. Betty Davenport                | D   | Class of 2013                       |   |               |                             |   |               |                      |   |               |                                     |   |               |
| Mr. Don Baucom (Spruce Pine, First) | F   | Class of 2013                       |   |               |                             |   |               |                      |   |               |                                     |   |               |



- OM 2. **THAT the Presbytery grant permission for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events and mission trips during 2012.**
- OM 3. **THAT the Presbytery grant permission to the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Pilgrimage events during 2012.** *(This will be administered by Presbyterian ministers for the Presbytery of WNC and surrounding Presbyteries.)*
- OM 4. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with an agreement between the Union Mills Presbyterian Church and the Bethel Rural Community Organization in the transfer of the baptismal font currently located at the historic Bethel Presbyterian Church.**  
*"The Session and Congregation of the Union Mills Presbyterian Church in Union Mills, N.C. request that The Bethel Rural Community Organization, (which organization currently rents the former Bethel Presbyterian Church property, which is owned by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina) agree to transfer the baptismal font currently located in the historic Bethel church, to the Union Mills church, subject to the condition that, in the event that the Union Mills congregation is dissolved, ceases to be a PC(USA) church, or otherwise obtains another suitable baptismal font, the existing font shall be returned to the historic Bethel Church. "*
5. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the following recommendation regarding appraisal of property:**  
 Whereas the Presbytery, at its meeting on July 31, 2007, *approved that in the future, should there be any recommendation concerning the dismissal of a congregation with its property, an appraisal of the property in question be obtained prior to the Presbytery's consideration of that recommendation* but did not specify how the cost of the appraisal should be met, therefore, the Presbytery of WNC now agrees that the cost of such appraisal by a licensed appraiser-(selected by Presbytery in consultation with that congregation) should be divided evenly between that congregation and the Presbytery.
6. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the following recommendation regarding changes to the "Guidelines For Congregations Considering A Request To Presbytery To Be Dismissed."** (Appendix AA)
7. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the following recommendation regarding preaching by its own candidates for Ordination:**

## PREACHING BY CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION

*One of the many requirements for ordination as a teaching elder (minister of Word and Sacrament) is training in preaching. Generally, this has been left to the seminaries, though candidates may have been afforded opportunities to preach in their home church and elsewhere. Our Presbytery's current practice is to have all candidates preach a sermon before Presbytery, and then answer any questions from the floor before a vote is taken to approve ordination (and perhaps installation).*

*The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has recently agreed that, before it has "certified a candidate ready for examination for ordination, pending a call" (BO: G-6.2.0607), it will have heard that candidate preach a sermon before the committee and offer that person extensive, helpful advice on preaching.*

*It should be remembered that candidates under care of our Presbytery are very well known to all members of the CPM, one of whom is appointed a mentor to make frequent contact with each candidate. The CPM, on behalf of Presbytery, has the time, desire and ability to give all of its candidates considerable constructive evaluation of each person's preaching ability.*

### **The Presbytery therefore agrees that:**

1. Such candidates, certified by its CPM and receiving a call in our Presbytery, need not preach a sermon before Presbytery, though the text of the sermon preached before the CPM will be furnished to Presbytery;
2. Such candidates will instead come before Presbytery, and:
  - a. state their reasons for seeking ordination
  - b. speak briefly to some theological question posed by the CPM (such as, "Describe some Christian Doctrine that you have found particularly meaningful in your preparation for the ministry.")
  - c. Answer any questions from the floor (before disappearing while the Presbytery debates and votes).

It is understood that other candidates to be approved for ordination coming from another Presbytery will - following our Presbytery's current procedure - preach a sermon before Presbytery, as well as answer any questions from the floor.

8. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the hiring of Elder Barbara Ross, as a volunteer presbytery staff member as a Presbytery Associate, with reimbursement for her travel, with an effective date of April 24, 2012 and that she be commissioned as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. (The second part of this recommendation was approved by the Committee on Ministry after they examined her.) (Appendix P and Appendix G)**

OM

9. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the Administrative Board and the Personnel Committee to recommend that elder Bert Sigmon be re-elected for a second three-year term as part-time Stated Clerk, beginning July 1, 2012.**  
(Appendix G)

10. **THAT the following persons have been selected to the Theological Education Fund Team for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**

Rev. Bob Lowry  
Rev. Jim Cockerham  
Rev. Becky Stanley

11. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina send budgeted Institution Funds for Montreat, Lees-McRae, and Warren Wilson Colleges through NCPHEM (North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education Ministries Board) to help with their matching grant fundraiser.**

12. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina recognize the following churches for their years of service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:**

Conley Memorial Presbyterian Church - 125 years  
Newland Presbyterian Church - 100 years  
Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church - 100 years

13. **THAT the Presbytery recognize that the Administrative Board, at its February 2012 meeting, appointed the following persons as Presbytery's Montreat Team for the Montreat Court Case:**

Don Scofield (Pastor, Rutherfordton; Presbytery Moderator-elect) Chair  
James Aydelotte (Chair, Administrative Board; Honorably Retired minister)  
Patricia Clark (Presbytery Moderator; elder, Morganton, First)  
John Frye (Pastor, Gastonia, First; past chair, COM)  
Melvin Meares (Board member; elder, Hickory, First)  
Mark Ramsey (Pastor, Grace Covenant; COM member)  
Bert Sigmon (Stated Clerk; elder, Waldensian)  
David Stover (Board member; Honorably Retired minister)  
Bobbi White (General Presbyter; minister)

The Presbytery's Montreat Team was appointed for these tasks:

- monitor events with Presbytery's lawsuit
- evaluate the findings/recommendations of the attorneys
- liaison with the representatives of the Montreat Presbyterian Church (USA)
- help prepare the Presbytery for possibly making some important decisions in this matter
- report to Presbytery, through the Board, at each Presbytery meeting

The Presbytery now agrees that the members of the Presbytery's Montreat Team, as composed and established by the Administrative Board at its February 2012 meeting, be authorized (1) to continue to negotiate with the dismissed Montreat EPC congregation in accord with the terms of the Board's decision, (2) to approve, on behalf of the Presbytery, any proposed settlement of the Montreat litigation which may be offered, and (3) to propose and prepare for the distribution and application of any funds which may be awarded to the Montreat PCUSA congregation and/or the Presbytery, at the conclusion of a jury trial."

**FOR INFORMATION:**

14. **THAT the report from the Presbytery Montreat Court Case dated April 24, 2012 become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix O)**
  
15. **THAT the Administrative Board reviewed and approved the following grant applications and forwarded them the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic for consideration:**
  - Visionary Grants**
    - Such a Time As This
    - Resource Center
    - North Buncombe Samaritan Ministries (Reems Creek-Beech)
  - Walton Grant**
    - New Vision
  - Other Grants**
    - Dulatown Presbyterian Church
    - First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa
    - Pineola Presbyterian Church
  
16. **THAT the Administrative Board approved the schedule for a process of when committees of Presbytery shall report. (Appendix R)**
  
17. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
  
18. **THAT as part of the "Year of Evangelism," and to encourage churches to preach and read through Acts this summer, the Administrative Board approved a pre-presbytery offering "Preaching and Teaching the Book of Acts," with Lamar Williamson. The event will be held at the William Black Lodge, the day before Presbytery.**
  
19. **THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Evangelism, Revitalization and Transformation. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Gergen.**
  
20. **THAT the following dates have been set for Youth Events in 2012:**
  - July 8-13, 2012 - W.O.W. Week of Work - Charlotte  
(Week of Work will take place at CROSS, a ministry of Myers Park Presbyterian Church.)
  - August 17-18, 2012 - PYC Orientation & Let's Celebrate

September 23, 2012 - High School Event at Montreat  
November 9-11, 2012 - Middle School Retreat at Camp Grier

- 21. THAT the following dates have been set for 2012 and 2013 Presbytery Meetings:**
- 2012**
- April 24, 2012 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
July 31, 2012 ~ Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families  
October 26-27, 2012 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center
- 2013**
- January 26, 2013 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Hickory  
April 30, 2013 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
July 30, 2013 ~ Grandfather Home for Children  
October 25-26, 2013 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center
- 22. THAT the following dates have been set for General Assembly Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner Training:**
- May 3, 2012 - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ~ Morganton, First  
June 7, 2012 - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ~ Morganton, First
- 23. Committee Chair training was held February 8, 2012.**
- 24. SMRT held a six-hour sexual misconduct prevention training on Marcy 3, 2012 at Morganton, First. As of this date,**
- 202 ministers and elders have taken the six-hour training,  
32 ministers and elders have taken the three-hour training.
- There are still approximately 70 ministers and elders who still need the six-hour training and approximately 100 who still need to complete the three-hour training. The next three-hour training will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Upper Anderson Auditorium in Montreat and the next six-hour training will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012 in Cullowhee.
- 25. THAT the sale of the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship Church building has been sold to Sovereign Grace Orthodox Church with the total proceeds to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina being \$110,000. Per the Administrative Board policy, monies from the sale have been placed in a designated fund to support New Church Development/Transformation.**

### **PCUSA MISSIONS REPORT**

Frank Dimmock, PCUSA Missionary, will be returning to Malawi within the next few weeks. He and Nancy have been in the states this past year and have been giving reports throughout the Presbyteries of their work with early childhood development, improving maternal and child health, and education and literacy programs. Everyone was asked to make a pledge to play, learn, encourage, discern, give and engage those withing their congregation to be supportive of a least one missionary.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. Margaret Torrence led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Vice-Moderator, reconvened the Presbytery at 1:40 p.m. with prayer and an opportunity for Presbyterians to address the Presbytery with announcements, concerns, and opinions.

## **HUNGER COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Hunger Committee, Rev. Bill Heck reported on the work of the committee and of the number of ways in which the congregations within our Presbytery are working toward hunger relief. He recognized that 50 churches in the Presbytery participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring with "supersizing" and that 75 of our churches are supporting the Nickel-A-Meal offering at least once a month. Other ways congregations are helping to fight hunger are supporting back-pack programs for children, food pantries within their community, and organizing community gardens. (Appendix D)

## **LET'S CELEBRATE**

Rev. Michael Sears, member of the Let's Celebrate Task Force, shared plans for the annual event, "Let's Celebrate" which will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. This year's keynoter will be Dr. Kenneth Gergen from the Taos Institute.

## **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

Rev. Michael Sears, chair of the Evangelism Committee, reported on the work of the committee and emphasized that 2012 is designated as "The Year of Evangelism."

The committee has encouraged churches to explore the book of Acts in worship, teaching and preaching, in 2012. Opportunities will be offered throughout the year to assist with the teaching and preaching of the Book of Acts. At the October Presbytery meeting at Lake Junaluska, Ray Jones, from the General Assembly, will be the keynote speaker with an emphasis on evangelism.

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Rev. Michael Bailey, chair of the Youth Committee for the Presbytery, reported on the work of the committee and upcoming events for the youth within this Presbytery. He urged applications for the Presbytery's Youth Council for 2012-2013 to be completed and returned. A video, prepared by Chelsea Anderson, a member of this year's youth council, was shared. The video was created to encourage enthusiasm among youth in our congregations and to encourage youth to become a part of youth council. (Appendix Q)

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Resource Center and Director of Christian Education at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Ginny Soll gave an inspiring report on the progress of moving toward having the Presbytery Resource Center at the Montreat Conference Center.

Rev. Eade Anderson, a member of the Resource Center Task Force, took a moment to share good news from the task force. Rev. Anderson has been instrumental in the campaign to raise funds for the move of the Resource Center. He shared that their goal of raising \$45,000 was close to being reached. He encouraged those who would like to contribute to send their funds to the Presbytery Office.

## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER**

General Presbyter, Bobbi White, having just returned from a support journey to Malawi, recounted many of God's blessings on the work of the Presbytery. She challenged everyone to continue to not only look at the witness of our church, but to also be a witness to the world. God is at work in powerful ways and we need to celebrate the work that God is doing among us. (Appendix T)

## **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Mark Burnham made the following recommendation:

- I. THAT** Michael T. McKee, a member of Lenoir First Presbyterian Church, and a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After Michael T. McKee shared his faith journey and call to the ministry, Moderator Clark opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Michael T. McKee as a candidate for ministry. The Moderator then asked the questions in the 2009/2011 Book of Order, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Those who came in support of Michael McKee were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix V)

Rev. Burnham then presented the following from the committee as information:

- Christine Cabral-Viola was enrolled as an inquirer on February 15, 2012. Christine is a member of Union Presbyterian Church.
- Everdith Landrau, a member of the Dulatown Presbyterian Church and a candidate from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, has accepted a call as Pastor of the New Friendship Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, North Carolina.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. John Lindsay reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. The following was recognized for Honorable Retirement: Tony F. Baker, effective August 7, 2012. (Appendix S)

On behalf of the Committee, he reported that the following ministers requested that their membership be transferred:

- David Randall Boone, to Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective February 18, 2012.
- Cynthia A. Williams, to Coastal Carolina Presbytery, as Member-At-Large, effective March 3, 2012.

Rev. Sam Warner, teaching elder member of the Committee on Ministry, recommended that the Rev. John Lindsay, First Presbyterian Church at Waynesville and Rev. Robert McCully, First Presbyterian Church at Dallas, become installed pastors at the churches in which they are currently serving. The recommendation was approved. (Appendix S)

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Rev. Margaret Torrence introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. Each spoke briefly and signed the Book of Obligations. Their statements of faith and biographical statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix S)

- Joseph Rand, from New Covenant Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective March 13, 2012.
- Virginia H. Russell, from Eastern Virginia Presbytery, as Interim Pastor at West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC.
- T. Feild Russell, from Eastern Virginia Presbytery, as Interim Pastor, Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, Banner Elk, NC.

- Edward W. Donnell, from New Hope Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective April 10, 2012.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**  
**III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. John Lindsay moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix S)

- Pete Peery, as President, Mountain Retreat Association (Montreat Conference Center), through April 24, 2013.
- Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain with Blue Ridge Healthcare, through April 24, 2013.
- Gary Van Brocklin, as Professor of Cross Cultural and Biblical Studies, Montreat College, through April 24, 2013.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**  
**IV. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR**

On behalf of the Examinations Committee, Rev. Margaret Torrence moved that the Presbytery approve that Barbara Ross and Ken Humphreys be commissioned as lay pastors. Barbara Ross will be commissioned to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Ken Humphreys to Conley Memorial Presbyterian Church in Marion. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. This commissioning for Barbara Ross and Ken Humphreys included permission to lead worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper, Baptisms, weddings, and moderate the Session. (Appendix S)

Also, approved the re-commissioning of Robert Simes (at Vians Valley Presbyterian Church) and Betty Shaw (at Duncan's Creek and Ryburn Memorial Presbyterian Churches) as commissioned lay pastors. This commissioning for Robert Simes and Betty Shaw included permission to lead worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper, Baptisms, weddings and moderate the Session. (Appendix S)

**TRANSITION TASK FORCE**

The Stated Clerk presented recommendations 1 through 3 from the Transitional Task Force for approval. The recommendations were approved.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the Administrative Board and the Committee on Ministry by approving of the following policy for Administrative Commissions of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.** (Appendix W)
2. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the Administrative Board and the Committee on Ministry by approving of the Temporary Pastor Titles for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.** (Appendix X)
3. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the Administrative Board and the Committee on Ministry by approving of the policy for Associate Pastors of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.** (Appendix Y)

**CAMPUS MISSION**

On behalf of Montreat College, Dr. Marshall E. Flowers, Jr., Senior Vice President and Provost, welcomed the Presbytery to Montreat and brought greetings from the board and students of the college.



The Rev. Jerry Beavers, a member of the Campus Mission Committee and a member of the North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education Ministries Board, shared additional information about NCPHEM and their campaign to raise additional funds for campus ministries, funds above and beyond what Presbyteries are now contributing. (Appendix H)

### **BILLS AND OVERTURES**

Rev. Cameron Murchison, chair of the Bills and Overtures Committee presented the following recommendations for the overtures submitted to their committee: (Appendix Z)

1. While The Bills and Overture Committee is of the opinion and hereby recommends that the Presbytery not concur in the proposed overture regarding substituting the Charlotte Procedure for our own; it would like to express its appreciation and gratitude to First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, North Carolina both for bringing this matter before this Committee and the Presbytery for their consideration and decision and for the manner in which it has advocated its concerns in this matter. (Appendix Z - Report from Bills and Overtures Committee & Appendix N - Overture from First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville)
2. Regarding the referral from the body of a motion to "insert a new roman numeral II (relisting subsequent roman numeral) stating "The Presbytery shall be guided by "The gracious Witness Resolution" as approved by the General Assembly in 2008"-- The Bills and Overture Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to presbytery's Administrative Board to consider how its spirit and wording might best be reflected in the presbytery's "Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed," with a recommendation to be brought to the next meeting of Presbytery.
3. Regarding the overture from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Session concerning the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the Committee recommends that Presbytery concur in the overture. (Appendix Z - Report from Bills and Overtures Committee & Appendix A - Overture from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, NC.)

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Rev. Don Cooper, Honorably Retired and Elder Bob Craddock, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

We are thankful to God Almighty on this 24th day of April 2012 during this 92nd meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for the following:

- For the turning of the weatherman's prediction of a snowy day into a beautiful Spring Day.
- To the Montreat Conference Center for its spacious auditorium, accommodations, and lunch that lived up to its customary excellence.
- To the Montreat Presbyterian Church for its expansive caring for all our visiting needs through parking, pre-meeting music, in depth refreshments, giving witness to a church so obviously on the move.
- Thanks for the visiting guests from Guatemala that spoke and sang their greetings.
- For the inspiring sermon by Rev. Shannon Kershner, challenging us to be ready for newness drawing inspiration from Jesus' words.

- For Frank Dimmock's sharing the exciting ministry going on in Malawi with invitations to involve meeting its ongoing needs.
- Thanks to our Moderator Patricia Clark, who did so well with the aid of Clerk Bert Sigmon, in working through the maze of challenging parliamentary hurdles.
- For the hard work of the Bills and Overtures Committee in working through the complexity of the overtures they had to wrestle with.
- Thanks to so many other committees keeping us abreast of the fine, faithful work of our Presbytery, and numerous conference opportunities.
- Last and not least, thank you God for your continuing healing touch of our General Presbyter, Bobbi White, who has suffered, not from falling from grace, but a fall in her recent visit to Malawi.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the Ninety-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Patricia Clark at 4:55 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Ninety-Third Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Patricia Clark, Moderator

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William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 31, 2012 at its meeting at the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth, and Families in Black Mountain, NC.

## APPENDICES

- A. Overture from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
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