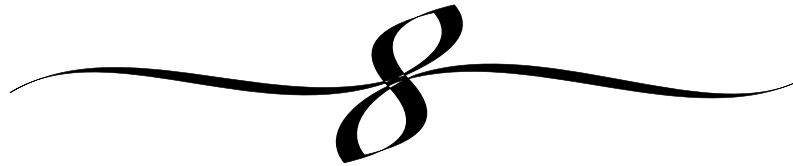


**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
EIGHTY-EIGHTH
STATED MEETING
APRIL 26, 2011**

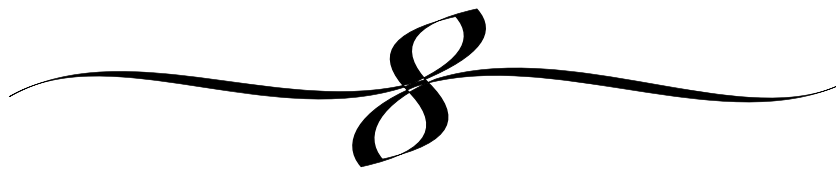


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Eighty-Eighth Stated Meeting
April 26, 2011
at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

Dr. James Aydelotte, Moderator, convened the Eighty-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:05 a.m., in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and introduced the Rev. Dr. Albert G. Peery, Jr., President of the Montreat Conference Center.

WELCOME

Dr. Peery welcomed all presbyters and others to Montreat and made brief announcements about upcoming activities.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Moderator Waldrop appointed the following committee:

Resolution of Thanks:

- The Rev. David Stover, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Elder Cardy White, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

Tellers

- Elder Jane Collins, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
- Elder Lenoir Tucker, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
- Elder Kay Layman, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Elder Martha Campbell, Montreat Presbyterian Church

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.

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

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

Robert Abel	E	Ann Aichinger	P	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	P	Stephen Austin	A
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	A	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 W. Bowman	P	Richard Boyce	P

Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	A	Ryan Brakemeyer	P
Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	P	Edwin Brenegar	P
Hayden Britton	P	Beverly Brock	A	Jerry Bron	E
Thompson Brown	E	Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	P
Aimee Buchanan	P	Ralph Buchanan	E	William Buchanan	P
Mark Burnham	P	Monty Burnham	P	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	E	William Campbell	P	Mary Faith Carson	E
Joel David Cherry	A	Calvin Chesnutt	E	Dwight Christenbury	P
William Christian	P	Carol Clark	E	Mark Clark	E
Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	E	William Cockrill	A
Jeffrey Coffey	P	James Cogswell	P	Evelyn Coleman	P
Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	P
Drayton Cooper	E	Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P
John Craven	E	James Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	P
Dent Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	E	Jay Deifell, Jr.	P
Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P	Charles 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	P
McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	P	Keith B. Freeman	E
John Frye, Jr.	E	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	P	Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P
Randall Hardy	P	Martin L. Harkey	P	William Heck	P
Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E
Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	E	Richard Holshouser	E

Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	P
George Hutchins	P	Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E
William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	P
Mike Johnston, IV	A	Franklin Jones	P	Dong Uk Kang	P
David Kaylor	E	Alyce Kelly	A	David Kennedy	E
James Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E
Shannon Kersher	P	Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	A
Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A
Gale Lammey	E	John LaMotte	P	John Laughlin	E
Margaret Lauterer	P	James Layman	P	Calvin Lewers	P
Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	P	William Lindeman	P
John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	P	Brad Long	P
Laura Long	P	Dick Lonnee	P	Billy Lowe	P
David Lytle	E	Majorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	P	Tyler Martin	P
Layton Mauze, III	E	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Deborah McEachran	P	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E
David McKee	E	Alexander McLean	P	James McPherson	E
Lynn Michie	P	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	E	Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	P
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.	P	John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E
Richard Nygren	E	O'Hyun Park	P	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	P	Andrew Parkey	E	David Parks	E
Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	P	Albert Peery, Jr.	P
Margaret Peery	P	Harry Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E
Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Phillips	E	James Poling	P
Luke Ponder	A	Samuel Pope	P	Carolyn Poteet	P

Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	P	Gene Price	P
Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	A	Jay Rabuck	P
Daria Ragan	P	Mark Ramsey	P	Earl Rash	E
Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E
Don Robb, III	E	Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	P
Richard Rustay	E	Matthew Schlageter	E	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	A	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	E
Daniel Stitt	P	David Stover	P	Cynthia Strickler	A
James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E	Charles Swann	E
William Sweetser, Jr.	E	Lee Thomas	P	Keith Thompson	A
Dan Thornton	P	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E	Margaret Torrence	P
Ace Tubbs	E	Robert Tuttle	P	Thomas Tweedie	E
Gary Van Brocklin	P	Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P
Joseph Washburn	P	Mark Watson	P	Lynn Webber	A
Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	P
Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E	Otis Wilson, Jr.	P
Margaret Wilson-Stayton	P	William Wing, Jr.	E	Chris Wingard	P
Eugene Witherspoon	P	Heather Wood	P	Graham Wood, Jr.	P
Donaldson Wood	E	Rebecca Young	E		

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

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood, Sr.	P	Kenneth Humphreys	P
James Millsaps	A	David Moore, Sr.	P	Linda Moore	P
Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	E	Betty Shaw	A

William Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	A	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:

Samuel Baraki	A	Suzanne Barrett	P	Mike Begley	P
Patricia Clark	P	Jay Crane	P	Bill Kantonen	P
Janet Mahannah	A	Melvin Meares	P	Cindy Moore	A
Judy Nebrig	A	Kathy Parse	A	Dick Peck	A
Larry Poe	A	Heath Rada	A	Jackie Scott	A
Charles Sellers	A	Florence Shelor	P	Pat Skinner	P
Jack Suddreth	P	Ron Tingle	A	J. D. Waldrop	P
Guy Wallace	P	Paula Wallace	P		

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (2)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Laura Traylor	Jamie Brady
	Jennifer Kantonen	
Banner Elk (2)	George Anderson	
Belmont First (3)	Beth Howe	Mark Adcock
Bessemer City First (2)	A	
Black Mountain (3)	A	
Brevard-Davidson River (3)	Freddie Hart	Roberta Schlacks

	Ginny Bradford	
Bridgewater (2)	A	
Brittain (2)	Edward Norris	Andrew Harris
Brittains Cove (2)	A	
Bryson City (2)	Michael Letterman	
Buladean (2)	A	
Burnsville First (2)	Jonathan Ward	Jim Ludwig
Calvary (3)	Mamie White	
Canton (2)	Alta Foster	Larry Watson
Cherryville First (2)	Marsha Brown	Debbie Lesenger
Clinchfield (2)	A	
Columbus (2)	A	
Conley Memorial (2)	E	
Crossnore (2)	Barbara Ross	David Hege
Cullowhee (2)	Marion Beegle	Lynda McNeely
Dallas First (2)	Lucy Tyler	Annette Carrigan
Dixon (2)	A	
Dorland Memorial (2)	A	
Dulatown (3)	Elmer Dula	Charles Kincaid
Duncan's Creek (2)	A	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Wanda Cook	
Fairview (1)	Jane Roberts	
Fletcher (1)	Tommy Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	A	
Franklin First (1)	Joyce Sammet	
Gastonia First (3)	Pat Glenn	John Garrett
	Martha Rockett	

Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	Allene Sellers	Julio Washington
Grace Covenant (2)	Liz Rupp	Mary Lou Nash
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	E	
Hayesville (1)	A	
Hendersonville First (2)	Pat Green	Brenda Bradshaw
Hickory First (2)	Gary Oakley	Carole Cumming
Highlands First (1)	Pat Boyd	
Ironton (1)	Peggy Bartholomew	
Jack's Creek (1)	Grace Silvers	
John Knox (1)	Barbara Ghigo	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (1)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Jeff Crisp	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Sue Unnasch	
Love's Chapel (2)	Thelma Isles	Cora Slade
Lowell (1)	Rob Groves	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Billie Tomberlin	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Kay Layman	
Morganton First (2)	Donna Benner	
Morrison (1)	Lynn Kirkconnell	
Mount Holly First (1)	Robert Jessen	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Bud Weeks	

New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Frank Maske	
Newdale (1)	A	
Newland (1)	Gene Brewer	
Newton First (1)	A	
Northminster (1)	Gene Rice	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	A	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	Lelia Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Catherine Roberts	
Riceville (1)	Mike Wilson	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Fred Bayley	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Richard Fletcher	Jeanne Spragins
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	A	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Jane Hansel	
Sweetwater (1)	Dave Honeycutt	
Sylva First (1)	A	

Third Street (2)	A	
Trinity (1)	Mel Bringle	
Tryon (1)	A	
Union (1)	Claire Cabral	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	A	
Unity (2)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	Sharon Jacumin	
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	Jim Taylor	
Warren Wilson (1)	Sarah Anne Eller	
Waynesville First (1)	Phil Dammann	
West Asheville (1)	A	
West Avenue (1)	Dennis Godfrey	
Westminster (1)	Dot Dexcieux	

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

Ministers	140
Elders	77
Certified Educators	2
Council/Committee Chairs	12
Visitors	37
Total	268

There were no corresponding members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the docket be approved as distributed. The motion passed.

8:30 Registration (Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)

8:30 Prayer before Presbytery (Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)

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

**9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation
(Anderson Auditorium)**

James Aydelotte, Moderator

Welcome

**Pete Peery, President
Montreat Conference Center**

**Appointment of Standing Committee
Resolution of Thanks**

Moderator

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

Committee on Representation

F

Nominating Committee

I

Outreach Division

P

Budget and Finance Committee

BB

Reports from Commissioners to Synod

II

9:15 Coordinating Council

J. D. Waldrop

C

(Special Offering for Malawi Missions.)

Introduction of Brian Blount, President, Union Seminary

9:25 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Liturgist

Shannon Kershner

Preacher

Brian Blount

Sermon: "It's Always Exodus"

Scripture: Revelation 1:9-11

Communion Distributed by Elders from the Black Mountain & Montreat Churches

Commissioning of Malawi and Guatemala Mission Teams

Special Offering ~ Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi Missions

10:50 Committee on Ministry

John Frye

D

Sexual Misconduct Administrative Task Force

Jim Wallis

D

(The policy and implementation plan are included as part of Committee on Ministry Report)

Campus Mission

Joseph Washburn

Montreat College

Youth Committee

Michael Bailey

Christian Education

Dick Lonnee

W

(Resource Center opportunity)

Let's Celebrate ~ August 20, 2011

Adam Bowling

(Annual event for everyone in the Presbytery)

Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program
(Benefits of investments received and designated for the Presbytery)

Catherine Lynch

12:10 Prayers of Intercession

(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)

12:15 Lunch (Assembly Inn)

1:30 Reconvene (Anderson Auditorium)

Speak Out

(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.)

1:35 Report of General Presbyter

Bobbi White

GP

1:40 Belhar Confession

Bible Study

Brian Blount

New Form of Government (nFOG)

Stewardship

(A Year of The Stewardship of Gratitude)

Frank Aichinger

X

Peace and Justice

Jane Laping

P

Resolution of Thanks

Benediction and Adjournment

Moderator

OMNIBUS MOTION

Stated Clerk Sigmon explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved that it be approved. It was duly seconded. (Appendix A) The Presbytery approved all items. Items included in this motion are marked by "OM" in the margin.

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

- Committee on Representation (Appendix B)
- Nominating Committee (Appendix C)
- Outreach Division (Appendix D)
- Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix E)
- Reports from Commissioners to Synod (Appendix F)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendation 9 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that recommendations 1-8 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. Stated Clerk Sigmon moved item 9 from the Stated Clerks's report which was duly seconded and adopted.

Elder Sigmon then reported items 10-14 as information to the Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. | THAT James Aydelotte, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 26, 2011 Presbytery meeting. |
| OM | 2. | THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2011 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. |
| OM | 3. | THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix G)
Jeffrey Coffey |
| OM. | 4. | THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix H)
Heather Wood |
| OM | 5. | THAT the April 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix I) |
| OM | 6. | THAT the April 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J) |
| OM | 7. | THAT the April 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for New Vision, the Conover New Church Development, be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K) |
| OM | 8. | THAT the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church, having completed its work, be dissolved, effective April 26, 2011, with the thanks of Presbytery for its good work. |
| | 9. | THAT a Special Administrative Commission be appointed for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church to work along side the session and congregation to develop a plan for revitalization of their campus ministry, and of their church, and to support them and their PNC in calling a pastor. The appointment of this special administrative commission was approved by the Committee on Ministry at their meeting of April 12, 2011, to begin their work immediately. Members of this special commission will be selected by the chair of the Committee on Ministry, the General Presbyter, the chair of Coordinating Council and the Stated Clerk and will be included in the July 2011 Presbytery Packet. |

FOR INFORMATION:

- 10. THAT the eighty-ninth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina.**
- 11. THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records:
Thursday, May 5 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Dallas**

and the Micaville Presbyterian Church regarding the sale of some of its land and the relocation of its manse, contingent on a favorable vote of the Micaville congregation.

3. THAT the Presbytery approve the recommended process for voting on General Assembly Proposed Amendments for the Belhar Confession and the new Form of Government (nFOG) at the April 26, 2011 Presbytery Meeting. (Appendix L)
4. THAT the Presbytery approve receiving a special offering during the Worship Service at this Presbytery meeting for the Malawi Mission Team for building materials to repair houses for medical personnel in remote villages. The homes are being repaired so that the medical personnel can live in the villages full time and give on site care at the village clinics.

FOR INFORMATION:

5. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.
6. THAT copies of the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) proposed new Form of Government (Part 1 of 3), and Belhar Confession (Part 2 of 3) approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) were distributed at the January 29, 2011 Presbytery Meeting, to be voted on at the April 26, 2011 Presbytery Meeting. These documents can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments.pdf (proposed new Form of Government)
http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments2.pdf (Belhar Confession)

7. THAT a Presbytery Stewardship Event, "Creating a Spiritual Culture of Generosity," presented by Kevin Garvey, Board of Pensions, will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.
8. THAT the following dates have been set for Youth Events in 2011:
May 20-21, 2011 ~ Senior High LEAP ~ Asheville
9. THAT a training event for adults and youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Evangelism, Revitalization and Transformation.
10. THAT Seminar 5 for the Acts 16:5 Initiative will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and the cost will be \$10 per person.
11. THAT the following dates have been set for the Spring and Fall Gatherings for the Presbyterian Women:
April 30, 2011 ~ Trinity Presbyterian Church
September 24, 2011 ~ Waldensian Presbyterian Church
October 1, 2011 ~ Grace Covenant
April 21, 2012 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

12. THAT the following dates have been set for 2011 and 2012 Presbytery Meetings:

2011

April 26, 2011 ~ Montreat Conference Center

July 26, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia

October 21-22, 2011 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

2012

January 28, 2012 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Belmont

April 24, 2012 ~ Montreat Conference Center

July 31, 2012 ~ Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families

October 26-27, 2012 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Worship was led by the Rev. Shannon Kershner, Pastor Black Mountain Presbyterian Church; Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and professor of New Testament at same; and Rev. Pete Peery, President of the Montreat Conference Center, with music led by Eric Wall of First Presbyterian Church, Asheville. The Presbytery heard a sermon by Dr. Brian Blount, "It's Always Exodus," with the scripture taken from Revelation 1:9-11.

Following Dr. Blount's sermon, the mission teams going to Malawi and Guatemala were commissioned. A special offering was received for the Nkhoma Hospital and Malawi Missions. The service of worship concluded with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper led by the Revs. Shannon Kershner, Pete Peery and Brian Blount. Elders from the Black Mountain and Montreat Presbyterian Churches distributed the elements by intinction.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Pete Peery, member of the Committee on Ministry, reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix M)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Elder Jim Henderson 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 M)

- Ryan Brakemeyer, from Presbytery of Chicago, as Temporary Supply Pastor at Northminister Presbyterian Church
- J. William Lindeman, from Salem Presbytery, as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Pete Peery moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following:

- Aimee Buchanan, as Co-Director for Asheville Youth Mission, through April 26, 2012.
- Gary Van Brocklin, as Professor of Cross Cultural and Biblical Studies, Montreat College, through April 26, 2012.
- Lee Kruse, as Chaplain for Bless & Co (Basic Law Enforcement Support Services and Community Outreach), through April 26, 2012.

- Pete Peery, as President, Mountain Retreat Association (Montreat Conference Center), through April 26, 2012.
- Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain with Blue Ridge Healthcare, through April 26, 2012.
- Carol Steele, as Senior Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center, through April 26, 2012.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

IV. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE TASK FORCE

POLICY PRESENTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Jim Wallis introduced the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy, explaining its work is for prevention and pastoral care to all parties involved, and describing the work of the Task Force. The Rev. Mark Ramsey, member of the Committee on Ministry, spoke on behalf and need of the policy. Rev. Carol Steele and Attorney Sarah Thornburg, members of the Task Force, spoke about the pastoral and legal areas of the policy. Ms. Thornburg highlighted that the policy is broad in scope, requires extensive training and includes reporting guidelines. The policy and its implementation plan were approved. (Appendix N and Appendix O)

CAMPUS MISSION

The provost of Montreat College shared its mission and some of its exciting programs, including those on the Montreat campus and those at Charlotte and Asheville campuses.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Rev. Michael Bailey, chair of the Youth Committee, reported on the work of the committee and special events that have been held.

Beth Gunn promoted the PWNC Youth Council and encouraged the churches to pick up applications and have their youth complete and returns forms to her.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ RESOURCE CENTER

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee and the Resource Center Task Force, Rev. Dick Lonnee reported on the work of the committee and spoke of the establishment of an educational resource center at Montreat. The opportunity of establishing a resource center at Montreat would allow our presbytery to expand the ministry of this important place and would provide a new ministry in Montreat. In order for this to occur, the proposed Resource Center would need to raise \$45,000 by October 1, 2011.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ LET'S CELEBRATE

Rev. Adam Bowling, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, reported on the work of the Christian Education Committee and continued by promoting, "Let's Celebrate," a leadership training event for adults and youth that will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The theme for 2011 will be "Let's Celebrate...With Gratitude to God!" Mel Bringle, Professor at Brevard College, will join us this year as the worship leader.

PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT & LOAN PROGRAM

Catherine Lynch, representative of the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, emphasized the long term values of the program and then presented the Presbytery with a check due to the investments made in support of New Vision Church in Conover (our NCD).

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Reverend Calvin Lewers offered prayers of intercession.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with a congregational hymn sing.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, reported on the "good things happening" within the Presbytery, including the \$1,700 that was received as the special offering today for renovating the medical staff housing in Malawi. She contained her report, elaborating on the work of the Presbytery and mission teams to Malawi. She shared that the Presbytery had helped the hospital get needed medical supplies, built a school for the children of Malawi, renovated houses in the outlying villages and other works of the teams. She continued her report with a brief update on the mediation process for the Montreat Presbyterian Church. (Appendix P)

BELHAR CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce spoke on behalf of the work of the Belhar Confession Task Force and introduced the proposed addition of the Belhar Confession to the *Book of Confessions* and reported on the work of the task force assigned to study this proposed addition. Rev. Boyce and Rev. Dr. Billy Lowe spoke to the proposal. After a period of debate and silent prayer, the vote was called and the proposed confession was approved. (Appendix Q)

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Brian Blount led the Presbytery through a Bible Study with Scripture taken from the Gospel of Mark.

NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Rev. Eugene Witherspoon introduced the proposed Amendment 10-A to the *Book of Order* and reported on the work of the New Form of Government Task Force that studied the proposed New Form of Government. Elder Paula Wallace and Rev. Carolyn Poteat spoke to the proposed Amendment 10-A. After a time of discussion followed by silent prayer, the vote was called and the measure was approved. (Appendix R)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, the Rev. Frank Aichinger reported on the work of the committee and the upcoming stewardship workshop, "Creating a Spiritual Culture of Generosity," presented by Kevin Garvey with the Board of Pensions. (Appendix S)

PEACE AND JUSTICE

On behalf of the Peace and Justice Committee, Elder Jane Laping recognized two congregations within the Presbytery as certified Earth Care Congregations.

First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
Montreat Presbyterian Church

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Reverend David Stover and Elder Cardy White submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

At the 88th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, we express thanks for God's grace in allowing those gathered to fulfill God's purpose through prayers, worship, and service.

WE give thanks to Montreat for extending hospitality...

to Brian Blount for challenging preaching and for the sustenance of the Lord's supper...
for the fellowship among old and new friends...
for the Presbytery staff for facilitating the meeting by hard work and caring...
for the ministers who will enrich us and for those leaving us who will be missed...
for the work of Presbytery committees who enable us to express God's
 call to service and mission...
for our willingness to listen to one another in love...during debate on sensitive issues...
WE are thankful for the challenge for an expanded confession of our faith to help us to deal with
 our call to be the Church in the 21st Century
AND for a new understanding of the government needed to be a faithful and effective people of
 God
AND now...
Let the people of GOD say...THANK YOU.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Eighty-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Aydelotte at 4:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Eighty-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

James Aydelotte, Moderator

William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 26, 2011 at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Annual Report from Committee on Representation
- C. Report from the Nominating Committee
- D. Report from the Outreach Division
- E. Report from the Budget and Finance Committee
- F. Reports regarding the Synod of Mid-Atlantic Meeting
- G. Minutes of the installation/ordination for Jeffery Coffey
- H. Minutes of the installation for Heather Wood
- I. Report from the Administrative Commission of First Presbyterian Church, Marion
- J. Report from the Administrative Commission of the Iglesia Presbiteriana Fellowship
- K. Report from the Administrative Commission for New Vision in Conover
- L. Recommended Process for Voting on Belhar Confession and New Form of Government
- M. Report from the Committee on Ministry
- N. Sexual Misconduct Task Force Policy and Plan
- O. Sexual Misconduct Task Force Policy Implementation Plan
- P. Report of the General Presbyter
- Q. Belhar Confession Task Force Report
- R. New Form of Government Task Force Report
- S. Stewardship Committee Report

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