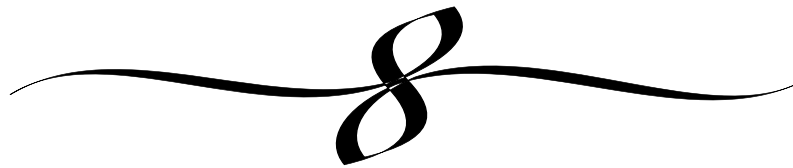
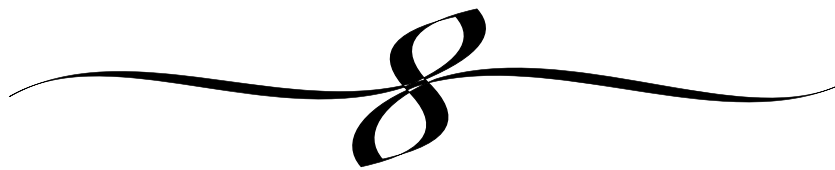


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
NINETY-SEVENTH  
STATED MEETING  
July 30, 2013**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Ninety-Seventh Stated Meeting  
July 30, 2013  
at Grandfather Home for Children  
Banner Elk, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

**CONVENE WITH PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Rev. Don Scofield, Moderator, convened the Ninety-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:00 a.m., in the Gymnasium of the Grandfather Home Academy, in Banner Elk, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with a prayer.

**WELCOME**

Ruling Elder Mae Weed, Director of Church Relations at Grandfather Home for Children, welcomed all presbyters and others to one of the most beautiful days at Grandfather Home for Children in quiet some time. She took a moment to thank the staff of Grandfather Home for their support and assistance in celebrating 100 years of ministry in the mountains of Banner Elk.

**ATTENDANCE**

The Stated Clerk, Ruling 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 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
Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	P	Stephen Austin	E
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P	Michael Bailey	E
Tony Baker	E	Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E
Ashley J. Beavers	P	Harold Bennett, Jr.	P	Joseph Bennett	E
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Randall Boggs	E	Ronald Botsford	E	Adam Bowling	P
Lee Bowman	E	Richard Boyce	P	Margie Boyd	P
Grace Boyer	E	David Bradley	A	Ryan Brakemeyer	A
Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	A	Edwin Brenegar, III	E
Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	P	Thompson Brown	E
Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	P	William Buchanan	E
Mark Burnham	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E

Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	A	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	P	Mary Faith Carson	E
Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	E	Dwight Christenbury	P
William Christian	E	Carol Clark	E	Mark Clark	E
Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	E	Jeffrey Coffey	E
James Cogswell	E	Evelyn Coleman	A	Hunter Coleman	E
Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Donald Cooper	P
Riley Covin	P	John W. Craven	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	P
Dent Davis	P	Heather W. Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	E
Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P
Edward Donnell	P	Ellen Dozier	E	Philip Dunford	E
Stephen Elderbrock	E	John Ellington	E	Raymond Fancher	A
Kristy Farber	A	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E
Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	E
Keith Freeman	P	Berry French, III	E	John Frye, Jr.	E
James Gailey	E	A. W. Gaines	E	Tee Gatewood, III	P
Denise Geiger	E	Jean Goodwin	P	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	E	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	E
Samuel Hale	E	Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P
Randall Hardy	A	Martin L. Harkey	P	William Heck	E
Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E
Robert Hinman	E	Richard Hobson	E	Samuel Hobson, Jr.	P
James Holeman	P	Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E
James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	E
Michael Isaacs	P	Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E
Esta Jarrett	E	Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	E
Mike Johnston	A	Franklin Jones	A	Kimberly Justice	A
Dong Uk Kang	P	David Kaylor	E	David Kennedy	E

Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E	Shannon Kershner	P
Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	A	Albert Kissling	E
Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	John LaMotte	E
John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	P	James Layman	E
Calvin Lewers	E	Thomas Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E
William Lindeman	A	John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E
Deneise Deter Liss	E	Brad Long	A	Laura Long	A
Dick Lonnee	E	Billy T. Lowe	P	Robert Lowry	P
David Lytle	P	James Malone	P	Marjorie Marsh	P
Joan Martin	E	Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E
Tyler Martin	E	John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A
Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	E	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E
David McKee	E	Alexander McLean	E	James McPherson	E
Lynn Michie	E	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Montgomery	E
Anne Morgan	P	David Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Cameron Murchison, Jr.	P
Carl Murray	E	David Nash	E	Elizabeth Newman	E
John Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E
Richard Nygren	E	O'Hyun Park	P	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	P	David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E
Stratton Peacock	E	Albert Peery, Jr.	A	Margaret Peery	E
Harry Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E
Harry Philips	E	James Poling	E	Luke Ponder	E
Carolyn Poteet	E	Michael Poulos	E	Donald Price	E
Gene Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	P	John Pruitt	A
Tamara Puffer	E	Jay Rabuck	P	Daria Ragan	E
Mark Ramsey	E	Joseph Rand	P	Kitty Rankin	P
Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E
Don Robb, III	E	Steven Runholt	E	Feild Russell	P
Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	E

Julius Scott	E	Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	E
Kyle Segars	P	William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E
Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	E	Wirt Skinner	E
Allen Smith	P	Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	A
John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P
Carol Steele	A	John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E
David Stover	E	Cynthia Strickler	P	James G. Stuart	E
Walter Styles	E	Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A
Catherine Taylor	P	Keith Thompson	A	Dan Thornton	E
Yvonne Thurmond	P	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E	Margaret Torrence	E
Ace Tubbs	E	Robert Tuttle	E	Thomas Tweedie	E
Melissa Anne Upchurch	P	Gary Van Brocklin	E	Lauren Vanacore	P
Sara Varnado	A	Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P
Lynn Webber	E	Judith Weger	P	Barbara White	P
Lamar Williamson	E	Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	P
Margaret Wilson-Stayton	E	Otis Wilson	P	Victor Wilson	E
William Wings, Jr.	E	Chris Wingard	A	Eugene Witherspoon	E
Graham Wood, Jr.	E	Donaldson Woods	E	Beth Yarborough	A
Rebecca Young	E				

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

Linda Abel	E	Philip Adams	A	Lisa Canterbury	P
Dwayne Durham	A	Joe Gernoske	P	Ken Humphreys	P
Deborah Lesenger	E	David Moore, Sr.	A	Randy Patterson	A
Pete Peterson	P	Patricia Queen	P	Thomas Queen	P
Marcia Reighley	E	Russell Reighley	E	Barbara Ross	P
Betty Shaw	E	William Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	A
Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A	Jim Taylor	P
Roger Wise	P	William Wuehrmann	A		

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

Lois Camp	A	Patricia Clark	P	Jay Crane	P
Gail Deas	A	Jim Henderson	P	Sue Johnson	P
Bill Martin	A	Barbara McLean	P	Melvin Meares	P
Dick Peck	A	Bob Riddle	A	Martha Rockett	A
Florence Shelor	A	Tony Sigmon	A	Pat Skinner	A
Jack Suddreth	P	Ron Tingle	A	Jane Vann	A
Mae Weed	P				

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

Mary V. Atkinson	A	Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A
Betty Davenport	P	Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	A
Margaret Kennerly	E	Leslie McLeod	A	Mary Lou Nash	E
Kathy Parse	A	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)	Susie Jameson	
Banner Elk (1)	Susan Carter	
Belmont First (2)	Beth Geddis	Lissa McMerken
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Andy Gwynn	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Mary Johnson	Jim Sexton
Bridgewater (1)	Roger Lowery	
Brittain (1)	E	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	A	

Calvary (2)	Mamie White	Vivian Ridley
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (2)	Doug Crawley	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Mary Ann Abrusci	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	A	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Mary Gahagan	
Dulatown (2)	Helen Hall	Evelyn Bennett
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Darlene Hagan	
Fairview (1)	Jane Roberts	
Fletcher (1)	Lu Ann Guignard	
Forest City First (1)	A	
Franklin First (1)	A	
Gastonia First (3)	David Rogers	Charlie Grissom
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Lynne Meacham	
Grassy Creek (1)	John Hall	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Mimi Jamieson	Eloise Murray
Hickory First (3)	Devon Fisher	Sarah White



	Lynn James Smith	
Highlands First (1)	A	
Ironton (1)	E	
Jack's Creek (1)	Jean Phillips	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (2)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	A	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	A	
Love's Chapel (2)	E	
Lowell (1)	Bobby Massey	
Marion First (2)	A	
Marshall (2)	Travis Lamb	
Micaville (2)	Louise Tomberlin	
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Mary Nell Todd	
Morganton First (3)	Kathy Allen Calloway	Robert Clark
Morrison (2)	E	
Mount Holly First (2)	Bob Jessen	Brenda McKinney
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Susan Maveety	
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	A	
Newdale (2)	Anita Fortner	Becky Ayala
Newland (2)	Jon Patterson	
Newton First (3)	A	
Northminster (3)	Nathan Crabtree	
Oak Forest (2)	A	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	

Olney (2)	Phyllis Hallman	Gene Grissom
Paint Gap (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	A	
Quaker Meadows (2)	Dorothy Paschall	Ann Dietz
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	Elizabeth Barbee	Susie Rabuck
Ridgeview (2)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (2)	A	
Rutherfordton (3)	Fred Bayley	Reid Lane
Ryburn Memorial (3)	E	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Rich Coiner	Larry Wilson
Sherrill's Ford (1)	Karen Phillips	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	A	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	E	
Sweetwater (1)	Lynn Honeycutt	
Sylva First (1)	E	
Third Street (2)	E	
Trinity (2)	A	
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (1)	Martha Simmons	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	Bill Biggs	
Unity (2)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Wes Garrou	Frank Grill

Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	Jim Taylor	
Warren Wilson (1)	Sally Broughton	
Waynesville First (1)	Beverly Benson	
West Asheville (1)	A	
West Avenue (1)	Paula Wallace	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Teaching Elders (formerly Ministers)	83
Ruling Elders (formerly Elders)	65
Certified Educators	2
Administrative Board/Committee Chairs	8
Visitors	52
Total	210

There were two corresponding members in attendance.

- *Helen Locklear, Board of Pensions, Coastal Carolina Presbytery*
- *Rebecca Harrison, Presbytery of Nevada*

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- *Rev. Michael Isaacs, Westminster Presbyterian Church*

Bills and Overtures:

- *Rev. Cam Murchison, Chair*
- *Mrs. Betty Davenport, Ruling Elder*
- *Rev. Hal Bennett, Dulatown Presbyterian Church*

Tellers:

- *Ruling Elder Larry Weed, Banner Elk Presbyterian Church*
- *Ruling Elder Verleen Gregory, Banner Elk Presbyterian Church*
- *Ruling Elder Jane Richardson, Banner Elk Presbyterian Church*
- *Rev. Kathy Campbell, Crossnore Presbyterian Church*
- *Ruling Elder Jim Taylor, Crossnore/Grassy Creek/Newdale Presbyterian Church*
- *Ruling Elder Becky Ayala, Newdale Presbyterian Church*
- *Ruling Elder Bob Ayala, Newdale Presbyterian Church*
- *Ruling Elder David Hege, Crossnore Presbyterian Church*
- *Ruling Elder Mary Jo Hege, Crossnore Presbyterian Church*

#### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the approval of the docket as distributed. The motion was made and approved.

**8:30 Registration**

**8:30 Prayers before Presbytery  
Orientation for New Elders**

**9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation**

**Don Scofield, Moderator**

**Welcome**  
**Grandfather Home for Children**

**Mae Weed**

**Appointment of Standing Committees**  
**Tellers**  
**Bills and Overtures**  
**Resolution of Thanks**

**Moderator**

**Certification of Quorum**  
**Approval of Docket**  
**Consent Agenda**

**Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk**

**A**

*(Consent Agenda 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 Consent Agenda and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)*

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

**Budget & Finance Committee** **BB**  
*(Financial Report and Annual Audit Report)*  
**Committee on Representation** **F**  
*(Annual Report)*  
**Campus Mission Committee** **V**

**Stated Clerk's Report**

**Bert Sigmon**

**B**

*(Reports of Administrative Commissions; Reports of Membership and Worship Statistics)*

**9:30 Service of Worship, including the Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Scripture:** *Romans 12:1-5; Luke 12:22-27*

**Storytellers:** *Jim Taylor and Mae Weed*

**Worship Planners:** *Rev. Kathy Campbell, Jim Taylor, CLP, and Mae Weed*

## **CHURCHES and PASTORS**

**10:30 Committee on Ministry (30 minutes)**

**Mark Ramsey,** **D**  
**Cam Murchison and Tee Gatewood**

*(Recognition of ministers with 25 and 50 years of ministry; ministers retiring; Commissioning of Lay Pastor -Bobby Justus; Introduction of ministers new to the Presbytery - Rev. Kitty Rankin and Rev. Jean Goodwin)*

**Honorably Retired**

*Rev. William E. Christian  
Rev. Dr. Theodore Grant  
Rev. Sam Hobson  
Rev. Henry D. Scoggins*

**50 Years in Ministry**

*Rev. John C. Wilson  
Rev. Dr. R. Paul Kercher  
Rev. Dr. David Nash*

**25 Years in Ministry**

*Rev. Ann Aichinger  
Rev. Dr. James Bernhardt  
Ch (MAJ) Joey T. Byrd  
Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson  
Rev. Dr. Lee W. Bowman*

**11:00 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (10 minutes)**

**Mark Burnham**

**K**

*(Introduction of a candidate for ministry - David Strickler.)*

**11:10 School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastors(10 min)** **Lisa Canterbury** **OO**

*(Recognition of SL/CLP Graduates)*

*Patsy Brison, New Hope, Asheville  
Barbara Crumley, Lincolnton, First  
Steve Eberhart, Banner Elk  
Leah Epps, Trinity*

*Eloise Kaeck, Green Mountain  
James Koone, Union Mills  
Peggy Koone, Union Mills  
Dan McLaurin, Shelby  
Mark Osborn, New Vision*

*Alice Ragan, Gastonia, First  
Howard Rozendal, Mt. Holly, First  
Ric Stapleton, Southminster  
Fred Van Itallie, Trinity*

<b>11:20</b>	<b>Report from the Hendersonville, First Administrative Commission</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i>	<b>Cam Murchison</b>	
<b>11:25</b>	<b>Board of Pensions</b> <i>(10 minutes)</i>	<b>Helen Locklear</b>	
<b>MISSIONS</b>			
<b>11:35</b>	<b>Missions Committee</b> <i>(10 minutes)</i> <i>(Work of the committee, Malawi Mission Team Report)</i>		<b>P</b>
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Guatemala Partnership</b> <i>(10 minutes)</i> <i>(June Presbytery Delegation to Guatemala)</i>	<b>Guatemala Partnership</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>11:55</b>	<b>Report from Barbara Nagy</b> <i>(20 minutes)</i>	<b>Barbara Nagy</b>	
<b>12:15</b>	<b>Report of the General Presbyter</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i>	<b>Bobbi White</b>	<b>GP</b>
<b>12:20</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>12:25</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Reconvene</b>		
<b>1:35</b>	<b>Grandfather Home for Children Annual Report</b> <i>(10 minutes)</i>	<b>Jim Swinkola</b>	
<b>1:45</b>	<b>Youth Committee</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Report from Triennium and Presbyterian Youth Council)</i>	<b>Evelyn Coleman</b> <b>Beth Gunn</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>1:50</b>	<b>Administrative Board</b> <i>(10 minutes)</i> <i>(Changes to Guidelines for Congregations Seeking Dismissal; Report received from Mission Study Task Force)</i>	<b>Patricia Clark</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>2:00</b>	<b>Peace and Justice Committee</b> <i>(10 minutes)</i> <i>(Updates on Israel and Palestine)</i>	<b>James Aydelotte</b>	
<b>2:10</b>	<b>Benediction and Adjournment</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	

### CONSENT AGENDA

Stated Clerk Sigmon explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Consent Agenda was approved as submitted. (Appendix A)

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

- Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix B)
- Committee on Representation (Appendix C)
- Campus Mission Committee (Appendix D)
- Evangelism (Appendix E)

## 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 Consent Agenda. He then referred to items 11-17 as items for information.

Recommendations 10 and 18 from the Stated Clerk's Report were moved, seconded, and approved by the Presbytery.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- |    |    |   |
|----|----|---|
| CA | 1. | <b>THAT Don Scofield, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the October 26, 2013 Presbytery meeting.</b>  |
| CA | 2. | <b>THAT the minutes of the April 30, 2013 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.</b>  |
| CA | 3. | <b>THAT the Presbytery accept the report of membership and worship statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report and that it be recorded that the following Sessions are not in compliance with the <i>Book of Order G-3.0108a</i>). (Appendix F and Appendix G)<br/>Ellenboro, Shiloh, and Spindale</b> |
| CA | 4. | <b>THAT the July 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix H)</b>  |
| CA | 5. | <b>THAT the July 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix I)</b>   |
| CA | 6. | <b>THAT the July 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)</b>   |
| CA | 7. | <b>THAT the July 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)</b>  |
| CA | 8. | <b>THAT the July 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)</b>   |
| CA | 9. | <b>THAT the Committee on Representation, having met and completed their annual report for the year ending December 31, 2012 and submitted it to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, requests that it become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix C)</b>                                 |

**10. THAT the following persons be appointed to serve as replacements on the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church.**

John Lindsay, Teaching Elder  
Michael Isaacs, Teaching Elder  
Judy McManus, Ruling Elder

**The Commission will now be composed of the following members:**

Terry Hanna, Chair; John Lindsay, Michael Isaacs, and Judy McManus

**The commission will continue to work along side the Session and congregation to develop a plan for revitalization of their campus ministry, and to offer support.**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**11. The ninety-eighth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina.**

**12. THAT the following dates have been set for 2013 and 2014 Presbytery Meetings:**

**2013**

July 30, 2013 ~ Grandfather Home for Children  
October 26, 2013 ~ Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

**2014**

January 25, 2014 ~ Hosted by Columbus Presbyterian Church  
April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
July 29, 2014 ~ Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
October 25, 2014 ~ Unity Presbyterian Church

**13. THAT the following Session Records for 2012 were submitted and approved on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at a Session Records Review, held at the Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia:**

Bessemer City, First	Ironton	Northminster
Cherryville, First	John Knox	Olney
Conley Memorial	Kings Mountain, First	Southminster
Dallas, First	Long Creek	Third Street
Dixon	Love's Chapel	Union
Forest City, First	Lowell	West Avenue
Good Hope	Mills River	

**14. THAT the following Session Records for 2012 were submitted and approved on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at a Session Records Review, held at the Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore:**

Burnsville, First	Grassy Creek	Newdale
Clinchfield	Jack's Creek	Pineola
Crossnore	Lenoir, First	Ryburn Memorial
Dulatown	Micaville	Trinity
Etowah	Mount Holly	Vians Valley
Fletcher	New Hope, Asheville	Walnut Grove
Grace Covenant	New Hope, Gastonia	Westminster

15. **THAT the following Session Records for 2012 were submitted and approved on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin:**

Belmont, First	Franklin, First	Shelby
Calvary	Green Street	Sherrill's Ford
Columbus	Hayesville	Sylva, First
Cullowhee	Highlands, First	Union Mills
Dorland Memorial	Marshall	Waynesville, First
	Morrison	

16. **THAT the following Session Records for 2012 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the 2011-2013 Book of Order.**

Arbor Dale (2011-2012)	Lincolnton, First	Robinson Memorial (2010-2012)
Brittains Cove (2006-2012)	Oakwood	Ridgeview (2006-2012)
Buladean (2010-2012)	Oak Forest	Shiloh, Grover (2009-2012)
Ellenboro (2006-2012)	Old Fort (2006-2012)	Spindale (2009-2012)
Green Mountain	Paint Gap (2010-2012)	Sweetwater
Korean Pres Ch (2006-2012)	Pine Street (2006-2012)	Walnut (2010-2012)

17. **THAT the following dates have been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training:**

August 17, 2013 @ Let's Celebrate - Healthy Boundaries & Social Media  
*(Designed for local congregations & does not meet the requirement for sexual misconduct prevention training.)*

September 14, 2013 @ First Presbyterian, Gastonia - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*(3 hour training - meets the requirement for those needing the 3 hour training session; session targeted to those who work with children.)*

October 5, 2013 @ First Presbyterian, Waynesville - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
*(3/6 hour training; morning session meets the requirement for 3 hr. training; all day meets the requirement for 6 hr. training.)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

18. **THAT the Stated Clerk, the General Presbyter, and the chair of the Committee on Ministry be given permission to appoint a fifth member to Cullowhee Administrative Commission.**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Worship was led by the Rev. Kathy Campbell and Ruling Elders Jim Taylor and Mae Weed. Jim Taylor and Mae Weed made the Scripture lessons come alive by enacting the founding and nurture of the Grandfather Home for Children. Others participating in worship included the Reverends Maggie Lauterer, Feild Russell, Tee Gatewood and Keith Freeman with scripture and prayer. The Banner Elk Presbyterian's Men's Choir aided with music, along with multi-talented Bob Ayala and Bert Sigmon strumming guitars.



Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper led by Kathy Campbell and Roger Wise.

**CHURCHES AND PASTORS  
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix K)

Four teaching elders were granted honorable retirement. Rev. Murchison recognized and offered prayer for Bill Christian, Ted Grant, Sam Hobson and Hank Scoggins on the occasion of their retirement.

The following ministers were also recognized for their service as ministers for 25 and 50 years.

**50 Years in Ministry**

*John Wilson  
Paul Kercher  
David Nash*

**25 Years in Ministry**

*Ann Aichinger  
James Bernhardt  
Joey Byrd  
Keith Thompson  
Lee Bowman*

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. Cam Murchison introduced the following new minister in the Presbytery. They 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 K )

- Kathleen V. Rankin, as Stated Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City, effective June 4, 2013, from Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery.
- Jean H. Goodwin, as member-at-large, effective June 4, 2013 from Presbytery of St. Augustine.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix K)

- Joseph Bennett, as Chaplain for Hospice of Yancey County Inc., through July 30, 2014.
- David Bradley, as a Pastoral Counselor, through July 30, 2014.
- John Campbell, as Director for Estatoe Trail Counseling and Consultation, LLC, through July 30, 2014.

- Carol Steele, as Senior Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center, through July 30, 2014.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

**IV. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR**

On behalf of the Examinations Committee, Rev. Tee Gatewood moved that the Presbytery approve that Bobby Justus be commissioned as a lay pastor. Bobby Justus will be commissioned to the Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine and Newdale Presbyterian Church in Burnsville. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. The commissioning for Bobby Justus included permission to lead worship, celebrate the Lord’s Supper, Baptisms, weddings, and moderate the Session. (Appendix K )

Also, approved the re-commissioning of Dennis Stamper (Blue Ridge Health Care) as Chaplain and Joe Gernoske (Trinity Presbyterian Church) as Parish Visitor. The commissioning for Dennis Stamper includes permission to celebrate the Sacraments and officiate at weddings. The commissioning for Joe Gernoske includes permission to celebrate the Sacraments, moderate the Session and officiate at weddings. (Appendix K)

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

**V. DESIGNATED PASTOR**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison moved that the Rev. T. Feild Russell become the installed pastor, with a limited term of two years (designated pastor), of the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. The motion passed. (Appendix K)

The following churches were approved to issue a call to their pastor for an indefinite period: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Michael G. Isaacs) and Marshall Presbyterian Church (Melissa A. Upchurch). The Canton Presbyterian Church (Esta Jarrett) was approved to extend their designated pastor call to an installed position with a limited term. (Appendix L)

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Mark Burnham made the following recommendation to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

**I. THAT** David J. Strickler, a member of Lenoir First Presbyterian Church and a student at Duke Divinity School, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After David J. Strickler shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Scofield opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of David J. Strickler as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Libby Boehne delivered the charge to Mr. Strickler and Rev. Cindy

Strickler offered the prayer. Those who came in support of David J. Strickler were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix L)

### **SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY/COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS**

Dean for the School for the Laity and the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program, Lisa Canterbury, reported on the SL/CLP program and the enthusiastic endorsement of the program by all who have attended. They then recognized the 2013 graduates. (Appendix M)

*Patsy Brison, New Hope, Asheville*

*James Koone, Union Mills*

*Howard Rozendal, Mt. Holly, First*

*Barbara Crumley, Lincolnton, First*

*Peggy Koone, Union Mills*

*Ric Stapleton, Southminster*

*Steve Eberhart, Banner Elk*

*Dan McLaurin, Shelby*

*Fred Van Itallie, Trinity*

*Leah Epps, Trinity*

*Mark Osborn, New Vision*

*Eloise Kaeck, Green Mountain*

*Alice Ragan, Gastonia, First*

### **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSONVILLE**

Rev. Cam Murchison, chair of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville reported on the work of the commission. It was reported that on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 that a congregational hearing was held for the purpose of requesting dismissal to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The congregation vote was 81% requesting dismissal and 18% requesting not to be dismissed. The commission will continue to work with the congregation under the terms of the "dismissal guidelines." (Appendix I)

### **BOARD OF PENSIONS**

The Rev. Helen Locklear, Regional Representative with the Board of Pensions, brought greetings from the Board of Pensions. She addressed the body regarding the Board of Pensions 2013 updates and approved recommendations for 2014-2015 Medical Dues. (Appendix N)

### **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Witness Division, Anita Bernhardt reported on the actions of committees under the division. She referred the Presbytery to the written report of the Witness Division for a summary of the Malawi Mission Team report and additional information from the division. (Appendix O)

Tom Kilgore presented a power point presentation covering the last ten years of mission trips from this Presbytery to Malawi. He quickly reviewed the past 10 years of Mission Teams going to Malawi and the changes that have occurred thanks to the work of mission teams each year. Improvements included, but are not limited to roads, bathrooms, the hospital, and Ebenezer school. The trips' main emphasis has been on building relationships. In closing, Tom stated that Malawi has more Presbyterians than the USA. Of the 13.9 million people in Malawi, three million are Presbyterian.

### **REPORT FROM BARBARA NAGY**

The Presbytery heard from Dr. Barbara Nagy, mission co-worker in Malawi, who is currently attending Emory University working on her master's in health care. Following her return to Malawi, she will not only be working at the Nkhoma Hospital, but will also be traveling to the remote villages in Malawi. She stated that the people in Malawi consider themselves to be blessed by the Americans. Since 2003, when our work began in Malawi, not only has the Glen Davis House been built, but through Presbyterian Women's Grants, housing has been provided for nurses and doctors.

### **GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

Barbara Hosbein and Amanda Carringer traveled to Guatemala with the mission team in June 2013. They highlighted areas of their work and thanked the Presbytery for their prayers and support. They also shared that there have been beneficial trips from others in our Presbytery to their partner churches in Guatemala. A full report from members of the mission team is included in the Witness Division Report. (Appendix O)

### **REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER**

General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, encouraged us to continue to dream. That God has called us to dream together and to be open to what he is calling us to do. She encouraged us to pray individually about how God will use us today according to his will and how God will use our church in old ways and new ways. (Appendix P)

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. Feild Russell led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:27 p.m.

### **RECONVENE**

Ruling Elder Jim Henderson, Vice-Moderator, reconvened the Presbytery at 1:32 p.m. with a hymn and prayer.

### **GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN**

Mr. Jim Swinkola, Director of Grandfather Home for Children, shared a brief history of 100 years of service to needy children in the Banner Elk area. The home began in 1914, when the Rev. Edgar Tufts, a Presbyterian minister, converted a farmhouse into an orphanage for homeless children. The home was originally known by "Grandfather Orphans' Home." As the home filled with children, additional dormitories and a school were built. The home currently ministers to over 600 children annually.

### **YOUTH**

Heather Wood Davis, Beth Gunn and Chelsea Anderson reported on the recent Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2013, which was attended by over 5000 Presbyterian youth, sharing that a number of youth experienced God at work in their lives. (Appendix Q)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Patricia Clark and James Aydelotte presented the report of the Administrative Board. On behalf of the Administrative Board, recommendations 2-3 and 19 were presented for approval. Item 1 was presented in the Consent Agenda report. The recommendations were approved. Items 4 through 18 were presented for information.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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| <b>CA</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee:</b><br/>Mr. Bobby Justus (Grassy Creek) (F) Class of 2014<br/>Mr. Don Bridges (Shelby) (C) Class of 2015</li><br/><li><b>2. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the recommendation regarding changes to the "Guidelines For Congregations Considering A Request To Presbytery To Be Dismissed." (Appendix R)</b></li><br/><li><b>3. THAT, as outlined by the "Bridging the Gap" campaign, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina encourage congregations to observe September 2013, as a month for College Ministry and to receive a special offering for North Carolina Higher Education (NCPHEM) one Sunday in September. (Appendix S)</b></li></ol> |
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### **FOR INFORMATION:**

- 4. THAT the Administrative Board reviewed and approved the following grant applications.**
  - Grant (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)**  
Jack's Creek Presbyterian Church
  - Grants (Synod)**  
Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia  
Ryburn Presbyterian Church, Shelby
  - Grants (Synod-Visionary)**  
Presbytery WNC Christian Education Committee
  - Grants (Synod-Jubilee)**  
Good Hope Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain
  
- 5. THAT the Administrative Board received the report from the Mission Study Task Force with special thanks. (Appendix T)**
  
- 6. THAT the Administrative Board, acting on the recommendation of the Mission Study Task Force, appoint a committee to study the current Presbytery committee structure and outline a proposal for the restructuring of Presbytery committees.**
  
- 7. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**

8. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2013:**  
 August 17, 2013 - Pathways Leadership Event for Youth  
 September 28, 2013 - High School Rally  
 November 8-10, 2013 - Middle School Retreat
9. **THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Youth, Evangelism, Building Relationships and Partnerships to Strengthen Congregations To Be Faithful and Vital Witnesses to Jesus Christ. Keynote speakers will be Rev. Stephen Wilde, pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, CA, and Rev. Marshall Nord, serving in a validated ministry at Reverence Pictures Media as a Media Evangelist.**
10. **THAT the Administrative Board will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2015.**
11. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2013 and 2014 Presbytery Meetings:**  
2013  
 July 30, 2013 ~ Grandfather Home for Children  
 October 26, 2013 ~ Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church  
2014  
 January 25, 2014 ~ Hosted by Columbus Presbyterian Church  
 April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
 July 29, 2014 ~ Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church  
 October 25, 2014 ~ Unity Presbyterian Church
12. **THAT the Small Membership Church Committee reported on the meetings held with the Presbyterian Foundation for small membership churches. They encouraged all small membership churches to attend one of the next scheduled sessions that will be held on August 20 and August 22.**  
 August 20, 2013 - New Vision, Conover (9:00 a.m.)  
 August 20, 2013 - West Avenue, Gastonia (12:30 p.m.)  
 August 22, 2013 - Spruce Pine, First (9:00 a.m.)  
 August 22, 2013 - Westminster, Asheville (12:30)
13. **THAT the Presbyterian Women will be holding their Fall Gatherings on:**  
 September 21, 2013-Westminster Presbyterian Church, Asheville  
 October 5, 2013-Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Church, Sherrill's Ford
14. **THAT the Board of Pensions will sponsor the following seminars during the month of September 2013.**  
 Post-Retirement Seminar ~ September 24, 2013  
 Render Unto Caesar ~ September 24, 2013
15. **THAT the Administrative Board reports approval of the following regional Nickel-**

**A-Meal Grants totaling \$11,000:**

\$4,000 to Open Door of Waynesville (Sponsored by First Presbyterian, Waynesville)

\$2,000 to Pay It Forward of Lenoir (Sponsored by Fairview Presbyterian, Lenoir) (\$2,000 now and \$2,000 next year, providing they have made progress toward setting up their board and proceeding with fund raising efforts.)

\$5,000 to Cleveland County Rescue (Sponsored by Shelby Presbyterian)

**16. THAT the Administrative Board reports approval of the following International Grants totaling \$30,685:**

\$11,285 OFCB Ministries of Haiti

\$19,400 Guatemala Partnership

**17. THAT the Administrative Board reports approval of a request from the Hunger Committee to discontinue the "super-sizing" of the Souper Bowl of Caring collections.**

**18. THAT the Administrative Board strongly encourages Camp Grier to develop a future business plan.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 19. THAT the Presbytery grant permission to Jack's Creek Presbyterian Church to borrow up to \$25,000 to aid in the repairs of the parking lot, sink holes and other structural damage . (The church needs to borrow up to \$25,000 to dig out the parking lot and fix the other parking area. They have already been able to replace the heating system and carpet in the sanctuary. They appreciate the gift of \$5,000 from the Presbyterian Disaster Relief and other donations from various churches, the Presbytery and neighbors.)**

**PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Dr. James Aydelotte gave a brief update on the Palestinians and Israelis and asked the Presbytery to pray for peace in Jerusalem.

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Rev. Michael Isaacs, Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

At the close of the 97th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, we hereby give thanks for the Grandfather Home for Children. Not only are we grateful for their gracious hospitality and welcome for our meeting, we are eternally grateful for the hospitality and welcome offered to the over 600 children they serve each year. We give thanks to Grandfather Home for providing 100 years of stability, love, and respite, and we are thankful to have such wonderful partners in ministry within the bounds of our Presbytery. We are also grateful today for the inspirational worship of God and the reports of the various ministries and missions of our Presbytery. Thanks especially to

Barbara Nagy for her update on our partnership in Malawi and for news brought by mission team representatives of our work in Guatemala. Finally, we give thanks for the Banner Elk Presbyterian Men's Choir and the musicians that led us in praising God. To God be the glory!

**BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the Ninety-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Don Scofield at 2:25 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Ninety-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC. These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Don Scofield, 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 October 26, 2013 at its meeting at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina.



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