

**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



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**MINUTES**

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH  
STATED MEETING**

**April 26, 2016**

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
108th Stated Meeting  
April 26, 2016  
Montreat Conference Center  
Montreat, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ruling Elder Barbara McLean, Moderator, convened the 108th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m. in Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina.

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, Ruling Elder Barbara McLean, opened the One-Hundred Eighth Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center with prayer.

**MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER**

Mr. Richard DuBose, President of Montreat Conference Center, welcomed the body to the Conference Center, called attention to the upcoming events at the Conference Center, and invited commissioners to visit the shops.

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina met in the always awe inspiring Anderson Auditorium on the campus of Montreat Conference Center. Moderator Barbara McLean opened the meeting with prayer and Richard DuBose, President of Montreat Conference Center gave a warm welcome to the body.

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Keith Grogg, pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church(PCUSA), brought greetings from their church.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- Teaching Elder Melissa Upchurch, Marshall Presbyterian Church
- Ruling Elder Lynne M. Simpson, Marshall Presbyterian Church

Bills and Overtures:

- Eddie Deas, Teaching Elder, Third Street Presbyterian Church
- Mary Nell Tod, Ruling Elder, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Rebecca Gurney, Teaching Elder, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
- John Bates, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- James Holeman, Teaching Elder, Union Presbyterian Church

Tellers:

- Gill Campbell, Ruling Elder, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Martha Campbell, Ruling Elder, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Kay Stockdale, Ruling Elder, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
- Dennis Stockdale, Ruling Elder, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
- John Hopkins, Ruling Elder, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
- Misti Cogbill, Ruling Elder, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

## ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, Teaching Elder Cam Murchison, declared that a quorum was present by reference to our registration data and by observation of those in attendance.

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

|                         |   |                       |   |                    |   |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Robert Abel             | P | Wyatt Aiken, Jr.      | E | Blan Aldridge      | E |
| Charles Alexander       | E | Merriam Alexander     | P | Terry Alexander    | E |
| Stephen Austin          | P | James Aydelotte       | E | Patricia Bacon     | A |
| Michael Bailey          | E | Tony Baker            | E | Susan Balfour      | A |
| Edna Banes              | P | Steven Barnes         | P | Douglas Bartlett   | E |
| Ashley Beavers          | E | Harold Bennett        | P | Joseph Bennett     | P |
| Anita Bernhardt         | P | Katherine Blankenship | A | Lynn Bledsoe       | P |
| Samantha Gonzalez-Block | P | Randall Boggs         | P | Ronald Botsford    | E |
| Adam Bowling            | P | Lee Bowman            | E | Richard Boyce      | E |
| Grace Boyer             | P | David Bradley         | A | Ryan Brakemeyer    | P |
| Ronald Brauer           | E | Hayden Britton        | E | Beverly Brock      | A |
| Sandra Brown            | E | Jason Bryant          | A | William Buchanan   | P |
| Monty Burnham           | E | Sue Burton            | E | Robert Busey       | E |
| Joey Byrd               | E | John Campbell         | E | Kathy Campbell     | P |
| William Campbell        | A | Amy Cantrell          | P | Helen Pride Carson | E |
| Mary Faith Carson       | E | Katherine Cashwell    | P | Joel David Cherry  | E |
| Calvin Chesnutt         | P | Dwight Christenbury   | E | William Christian  | E |
| Sarah Coburn            | A | James Cockerham       | P | Jeffrey Coffey     | E |
| James Cogswell          | P | Evelyn Coleman        | P | Hunter Coleman     | E |
| Priestley Conyers, III  | E | Monty Cook            | E | Thomas Cook, Jr.   | E |
| Donald Cooper           | E | Riley Covin           | P | John Craven        | E |
| Curtis Crowther         | E | Robert Bruce Cumming  | P | James Dale         | P |
| Blake Daniel            | P | Charles Davenport     | P | Dent Davis         | P |
| Heather Davis           | A | Holly Davis           | P | Eddie Deas, III    | P |
| Jey Deifell, Jr.        | P | Arthur DeJong         | E | Susan Denne        | E |
| Edward Donnell          | E | Ellen Dozier          | P | Philip Dunford     | E |
| Stephen Elderbrock      | A | Raymond Fancher       | E | Karol Farris       | P |
| Lee Feero, Jr.          | E | David Fillpot         | E | Ragland Fletcher   | E |
| Edward Forsyth          | E | Maynard Fountain, Jr. | E | McCoy Franklin     | E |
| Kevin Frederick         | P | Keith Freeman         | P | Berry French, III  | P |
| John Frye, Jr.          | E | Curtis Fussell, III   | P | Tempe Fussell      | P |
| A. W. Gaines            | P | Paul Galbreath        | P | Tee Gatewood, III  | P |
| Denise Geiger           | E | Joanne Glaser         | P | Jean Goodwin       | P |
| Gregory Grana           | E | Theodore Grant        | E | Keith Grogg        | P |
| Robert Gruber           | E | George Gunn           | E | Rebecca Gurney     | A |
| Samuel Hale             | E | Michal Hall           | E | Terry Hanna        | P |
| Patrick Hardy           | E | Randall Hardy         | A | Luke Harkey, III   | E |
| Rebecca Harrison        | E | William Heck          | P | Robert Henderson   | E |
| Robert Hewett           | E | Robert Hinman         | P | Richard Hobson     | E |
| Samuel Hobson, Jr.      | E | James Holeman         | P | Richard Holshouser | E |

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|---------------------|---|----------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Samuel Hope         | E | James Hornsby              | E | William Hoyt, III      | P |
| George Hutchins     | P | Donald Jafvert             | E | William Janes          | E |
| Esta Jarrett        | A | Cecil Jividen              | E | Wallace Johnson        | E |
| Patrick Johnson     | P | Franklin Jones             | A | Rebecca Jones          | P |
| Kimberly Justice    | A | Dong Uk Kang               | A | David Kaylor           | E |
| David Kennedy       | E | Ira Kennerly               | E | Paul Kercher           | E |
| William Kirk        | E | Albert Kissling            | E | Earl Kreisa            | E |
| Lee Kruse           | A | John LaMotte               | P | John Laughlin          | E |
| Margaret Lauterer   | P | James Layman               | P | Thomas Lewis           | P |
| William Lindeman    | P | John Lindsay               | E | Eugene Linton, Jr.     | E |
| Deneise Deter Liss  | A | Laura Long                 | P | Billy Lowe             | E |
| Robert Lowry        | P | David Lytle                | P | Tricia Lytle           | P |
| Whit Malone         | P | Marjorie Marsh             | P | Joan Martin            | P |
| Roberta Martin      | E | Robert Martin, Jr.         | E | Tyler Martin           | E |
| John McCall         | E | Sandra McClinton           | A | Patricia McClurg       | E |
| Robert McCully, Jr. | P | Noah McIntee               | P | Flemon McIntosh, Jr.   | E |
| David McKee         | E | Michael McKee              | P | James McPherson        | E |
| Lynn Michie         | A | Beth Ann Miller            | P | Robert Montgomery      | P |
| Anne Morgan         | P | David Morgan               | E | Richard Morgan         | E |
| David Mulford       | E | Donald Mullen              | E | Cameron Murchison      | P |
| Carl Murray         | E | David Nash                 | P | Elizabeth Newman       | P |
| John Newton , Jr.   | E | John Niles                 | E | Richard Nygren         | E |
| Daniel Oedy         | P | O'Hyun Park                | P | Katherine Parker       | E |
| Thomas Parker       | E | David Parks                | E | Donald Patchel         | E |
| Stratton Peacock    | P | Albert Peery, Jr.          | E | Margaret Peery         | E |
| Harry Petersen      | P | Martha Jane Petersen       | P | Lyle Peterson          | E |
| Harry Philips       | P | James Poling               | P | Luke Ponder            | A |
| Michael Poulos      | P | Donald Price               | E | Gene Price             | E |
| Caroline Proctor    | P | Allen Proctor, Jr.         | E | Edyth Pruitt           | P |
| John Pruitt         | E | Tamara Puffer              | E | Jay Rabuck             | P |
| Daria Ragan         | P | Joseph Rand                | E | Kathleen Rankin        | P |
| Earl Rash           | E | Wilson Rhoton, Jr.         | E | Calvin Rice            | E |
| Don Robb, III       | E | Mary Katherine<br>Robinson | P | Steven Runholt         | P |
| Feild Russell       | E | Richard Rustay             | E | Donald Scofield, Jr.   | P |
| Henry Scoggins      | E | Carol Seaman               | E | Kyle Segars            | P |
| William Serjak      | E | Albert Shaw, Jr.           | P | Mary Elizabeth Sigmon  | P |
| Robert Singdahlsen  | E | Wirt Skinner               | P | Allen Smith            | P |
| Kent Smith          | P | Paul Smith                 | A | John Somerville        | E |
| Becky Stanley       | P | Mark Stanley               | P | Margie Stansell        | A |
| Carol Steele        | P | John David Stewart         | E | Daniel Stitt           | P |
| Cynthia Strickler   | E | Charles Swann              | E | William Sweetser, Jr.  | A |
| Joseph Taber        | P | Chris Taylor               | A | Keith Thompson         | P |
| Denise Thorpe       | A | Yvonne Thurmond            | P | Russell Tillotson, Sr. | E |
| Robert Tuttle       | E | Thomas Tweedie             | E | Melissa Upchurch       | P |
| Gary Van Brocklin   | A | Lauren Vanacore            | P | Rockwell Ward          | E |
| Samuel Warner       | P | Lynn Webber                | P | Judith Weger           | E |
| Barbara White       | P | Lamar Williamson, Jr.      | P | Parker Williamson      | E |

|                 |   |                    |   |                  |   |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Emily Wilmarth  | P | Otis Wilson, Jr.   | E | Victor Wilson    | E |
| Chris Wingard   | A | Eugene Witherspoon | E | Graham Wood, Jr. | E |
| Donaldson Woods | E | Rebecca Young      | A |                  |   |

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

|                       |   |                  |   |                 |   |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Linda Abel            | E | Philip Adams     | A | Robert Ayala    | E |
| John Bates            | P | Elizabeth Hall   | A | John Hall       | P |
| Kenneth Humphreys     | P | Bobby Justus     | E | James Koone     | P |
| Peggy Koone           | P | Deborah Lesenger | P | James Millsaps  | A |
| David Moore, Sr.      | A | Lynn Moore       | P | Marla Patchel   | A |
| Randy Patterson       | A | John Pea         | P | Marcia Reighley | A |
| Russell Reighley      | A | Barbara Ross     | P | Betty Shaw      | P |
| Dennis Stamper        | A | John Stanley     | A | James Taylor    | A |
| William Upchurch, Jr. | P | Roger Wise       | E |                 |   |

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

|                  |   |               |   |               |   |
|------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| Dorothy Descieux | E | Jan Duncan    | A | Helen Hall    | P |
| Jane Hansel      | P | Tina Joyner   | P | Bob McFerren  | E |
| Barbara McLean   | P | Nancy McNeill | A | Melvin Meares | P |
| Heath Rada       | A | David Smith   | A | Jack Suddreth | P |

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

|                 |   |                   |   |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Glenn Bannerman | A | Melinda Christian | A | Betty Davenport | A |
| Angela Drummond | A | Margaret Kennerly | E | Leslie McLeod   | P |
| Kathy Parse     | A | Lynn Thomas       | A | Patricia Tuttle | A |
| Jane Van        | P |                   |   |                 |   |

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

|                            |                |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Arbor Dale (1)             | A              |                |
| Asheville First (3)        | Paul Vliek     |                |
| Banner Elk (1)             | Tony Fortune   |                |
| Belmont First (3)          | Steve Burleson | Sue Johnson    |
|                            | Charles Barron |                |
| Bessemer City First (1)    | A              |                |
| Black Mountain (2)         | John Hopkins   | Mistie Cogbill |
| Brevard-Davidson River (2) | John Strong    | Marilyn Massey |
| Bridgewater (1)            | A              |                |
| Brittain (1)               | A              |                |
| Brittains Cove (1)         | A              |                |
| Bryson City (1)            | Ruthie McGowan |                |
| Buladean (1)               | A              |                |
| Burnsville First (1)       | Jonathan Ward  |                |
| Calvary (2)                | A              |                |
| Canton (1)                 | A              |                |
| Cherryville First (2)      | E              |                |
| Clinchfield (1)            | A              |                |

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|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Columbus (1)                                | A                 |               |
| Conley Memorial (1)                         | Pat Davis         |               |
| Crossnore (1)                               | Mary Ann Abrusci  |               |
| Dallas First (1)                            | Martha Pelc       |               |
| Dixon (1)                                   | A                 |               |
| Dorland Memorial (1)                        | June Gahagan      |               |
| Dulatown (2)                                | Princess Anderson | Doris Dula    |
| Duncan's Creek (1)                          | Roger Swink       |               |
| Ellenboro (2)                               | A                 |               |
| Etowah (2)                                  | Debby Vial        |               |
| Fairview (2)                                | A                 |               |
| Fletcher (2)                                | A                 |               |
| Forest City First (2)                       | A                 |               |
| Franklin First (2)                          | John Duncan       | Judy Comer    |
| Gastonia First (4)                          | Grady Kennington  | Martha Beal   |
|   | Beck Glenn        | Tim Fuller    |
| Glen Alpine (2)                             | A                 |               |
| Good Hope (3)                               | A                 |               |
| Grace Covenant (3)                          | Joe Brummit       | Mary Lou Nash |
|   | Kate Shorn        |               |
| Grassy Creek (2)                            | A                 |               |
| Green Mountain (2)                          | A                 |               |
| Green Street (3)                            | A                 |               |
| Hayesville (2)                              | Mendy Roebuck     | Cindy Mulkey  |
| Hendersonville First (2)                    | Charles Snead     |               |
| Hickory First (4)                           | Jay Crane         |               |
| Highlands First (2)                         |                   |               |
| Ironton (2)                                 | E                 |               |
| Jack's Creek (2)                            | A                 |               |
| John Knox (2)                               | Lin Robinson      |               |
| Kenilworth (2)                              | Bob Craddock      | Millie Bruns  |
| Kings Mountain First (2)                    | A                 |               |
| Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (3) | A                 |               |
| Lenoir First (3)                            | A                 |               |
| Lincolnton First (2)                        | Christine Thomas  |               |
| Long Creek (2)                              | Susan Smith       | Sue Unnasch   |
| Love's Chapel (3)                           | A                 |               |
| Lowell (2)                                  | Faye Lynn         | Rob Groves    |
| Marion First (1)                            | E                 |               |
| Marshall (1)                                | Lynn Simpson      |               |
| Micaville (1)                               | A                 |               |
| Mills River (1)                             | A                 |               |
| Montreat (1)                                | Mary Nell Todd    |               |
| Morganton First (2)                         | Scott Coley       | Mike Hodges   |
| Morrison (1)                                | Barbara Harding   |               |
| Mount Holly First (1)                       | Sylvia Groner     |               |
| New Hope, Asheville (1)                     | Susan Maveety     |               |

|                        |                   |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| New Hope, Gastonia (1) | Edwin Lewis       |                    |
| Newdale (1)            | Brenda Howard     |                    |
| Newland (1)            | A                 |                    |
| Newton First (2)       | Candace Jungeites | Charles Moody      |
| Northminster (1)       | A                 |                    |
| Oak Forest (1)         | A                 |                    |
| Oakwood (1)            | A                 |                    |
| Old Fort (1)           | A                 |                    |
| Olney (1)              | A                 |                    |
| Pine Street (2)        | A                 |                    |
| Pineola (1)            | A                 |                    |
| Quaker Meadows (1)     | Judy Galey        |                    |
| Reems Creek-Beech (1)  | Kerry Border      |                    |
| Ridgeview (1)          | Wayne Tipton      |                    |
| Robinson Memorial (1)  | A                 |                    |
| Rutherfordton (2)      | Reid Lane         |                    |
| Ryburn Memorial (2)    | A                 |                    |
| Saluda (1)             | A                 |                    |
| Shelby (2)             | Mary Conner       | Doug Boyette       |
| Sherrill's Ford (1)    | A                 |                    |
| Shiloh, Grover (1)     | A                 |                    |
| Siloam (1)             | Amelia Tipton     |                    |
| Southminster (2)       | Jim Mason         | Jackson Mott       |
| Spindale (1)           | A                 |                    |
| Spruce Pine First (1)  | A                 |                    |
| Sweetwater (1)         | Frances Yoder     |                    |
| Sylva First (1)        | Mary Gelbaugh     |                    |
| Third Street (2)       | Allen Lowry       | Charles Whitesides |
| Trinity (2)            | Bob Forsythe      | Tom Bridges        |
| Tryon (2)              | A                 |                    |
| Union (1)              | Jason Morrison    |                    |
| Union Mills (1)        | A                 |                    |
| United (1)             | Margaret Lillard  |                    |
| Unity (2)              | A                 |                    |
| Vians Valley (1)       | A                 |                    |
| Waldensian (2)         | Christy Bounous   | Dawn Hess          |
| Walnut (1)             | A                 |                    |
| Walnut Grove (1)       | A                 |                    |
| Warren Wilson (1)      | Kay Stockdale     |                    |
| Waynesville First (1)  | Ruth Caldwell     |                    |
| West Asheville (1)     | Judith Albertson  |                    |
| West Avenue (1)        | Dennis Godfrey    |                    |

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

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|---------------------|-----|
| Teaching Elders     | 120 |
| Ruling Elders       | 75  |
| Certified Educators | 2   |



|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| General Council/Committee Chairs | 6   |
| Visitors                         | 45  |
| Total                            | 248 |

There following corresponding member(s) were in attendance:

- Michael E. Lamm, member of the Salem Presbytery
- Connie Button, member of the New Hope Presbytery
- Danny Trapp, member of the Charlotte Presbytery, serving as Transitional Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton
- Leslie Vogel, member of the Grand Canyon Presbytery
- Brant C. Piper, member of the Charlotte Presbytery
- Bryan Hovey, member of the United Church of Christ, serving as Transitional Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Holly

### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

**8:30 Registration**

*(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)*

**Orientation for New Elders**

**Barbara Ross**

**9:00 Call to Order**

**Convene with Prayer of Invocation**

**Barbara McLean  
Moderator**

**Welcome**

**President of Montreat Conference Center**

**Richard DuBose**

**Appointment of Standing Committees**

**Resolution of Thanks**

**Bills and Overtures**

**Tellers**

**Barbara McLean**

**Certification of Quorum**

**Approval of Docket**

**Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk**

**Consent Agenda**

**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.)*

**Stated Clerk's Report**

**Cam Murchison B**

*(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports, Concurrence of Overture – Efforts to Dismantle Racism)*

**Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda**

**Nominating Committee**

**I**

**Outreach/Witness Division Report**

**P**

**Christian Education Committee**

**W**

**Congregational Development**

**GG**

**Finance Committee**

**BB**

**237<sup>th</sup> Synod of Mid-Atlantic Summary**

**II**

**Presbyterian Women**

**MM**

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

**Preacher:** Keith Grogg

**Sermon:** “Range and Territory”

**Scripture:** Ezra 3:10-13 and Mark 9:33-41

**10:25 Speak Out (5 minutes)**

*(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.)*

**Union Presbyterian Seminary (5 minutes)**

**Jordan Davis**

**Presbyterian Loan & Investment (5 minutes)**

**Catherine Lynch**

Restoring Creation Loan Program

**General Council (10 minutes)**

**Michael Bailey C**

*(Work of the committee)*

**Christian Education and Resource Center (5 minutes)**

**Kent Smith**

*(Pastor’s Retreat and Resource Center Update)*

**Committee on Ministry (15 minutes)**

**Whit Malone and D**

*(Work of the committee, Wanda Woodby, CLP, and Paul Galbreath)*

**Tee Gatewood**

**Youth Committee (5 minutes)**

**James Holeman Y**

*(Work of the Committee, Upcoming Events; 2016 Youth Triennium)*

**Joseph Taber**

**Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)**

**Bobbi White GP**

**Guatemala Partnership (15 minutes)**

**Marie Connelly De Palacios**

*(Signing of Covenant)*

**Ministry Campaign (10 minutes)**

**Building HOPE BH**

*(Updates on Congregational Phase)*

**Team**

**\* Bills and Overture Committee**

*Concurrence of Overture –Efforts to Dismantle Racism*

**\*12:15 Prayers of Intercession**

**Curtis Fussell**

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

**\*12:20 Benediction and Adjournment**

**\*12:30 Lunch**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Stated Clerk Cam Murchison explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The items of the Consent Agenda were approved as submitted. Items included in this motion are marked by "CA" in the margin. (Appendix A)

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

- Nominating Committee (Appendix B)

- Outreach/Witness Division Report (Appendix C)
- Christian Education Committee (Appendix D)
- Congregational Development (Appendix E)
- Finance Committee (Appendix F)
- 237<sup>th</sup> Synod of Mid-Atlantic Summary (Appendix G)
- Presbyterian Women (Appendix H)

### **STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Dr. Murchison presented recommendations 1 thru 8 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. He then referred to items 13-20 as items for information.

Stated Clerk Murchison moved recommendations 9, 10, 11, and 12, which were duly seconded and approved.

Cam Murchison, in his Stated Clerk's report, attended any questions regarding the resource for churches for use with compassionately dealing with known sex offenders within a worshipping community.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- CA 1. THAT Barbara McLean, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 26, 2016 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA. 2. THAT the minutes of the January 30, 2016 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. THAT the April 26, 2016 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 I)**
- CA 4. THAT the April 26, 2016 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)**
- CA 5. THAT the April 26, 2016 report of the Board for the UKirk at WCU Cullowhee Campus Ministry be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K )**
- CA 6. THAT the April 26, 2016 report of the Administrative Commissions for Westminster Presbyterian Church and Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)**
- CA 7. THAT the Presbytery accept the report of membership and worship statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report. (Appendix M and Appendix N)**
- CA 8. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix O)**

**Blake J. Daniel**

9. **THAT the overture, submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Dulatown Presbyterian Church Session, Lenoir, regarding Continuing Efforts to Dismantle Racism within Our Denomination and the Larger Society to the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Presbytery of Baltimore be referred to the Presbytery’s Bills and Overtures Committee, for reporting at this meeting. (Appendix P)**
  
10. **THAT the resource, “Sexual Offender Covenant for Participation in the Congregation,” endorsed by the General Council, be available to congregations to use as a resource, should a need arise. (Appendix Q)**
  
11. **THAT the General Council, acting on behalf of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, as outlined in the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, dated April 2015, gave the following authorizations to the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir.**  
*General Council authorized the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir to file a Notice of Actions Contrary to PCUSA Property Governance and Property Reversion in Caldwell County between the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir and the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, North Carolina.*  
  
*General Council authorizes the Administrative Commission for FPC Lenoir, if in its judgment circumstances warrant, to undertake the process that may lead to the AC assuming original jurisdiction. It is understood that such a process would proceed pursuant to the provisions of the Book of Order and with the advice of the Office of the General Assembly.*
  
12. **THAT the April 26, 2016 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix R)**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

13. **THAT Administrative Commission reports were not received from the following commissions/boards for this meeting:**  
**Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa**  
**Administrative Commission for West Asheville Presbyterian Church**  
**Administrative Commission for Paint Gap Presbyterian Church**
  
14. **THAT the 109<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at the Children’s Hope Alliance (formerly, Grandfather Home for Children), Banner Elk, North Carolina.**
  
15. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2016 and 2017 Presbytery Meetings:**  
2016  
 Tuesday, April 26, 2016 – Montreat Conference Center  
 Tuesday, July 26, 2016 – Grandfather Home for Children  
 Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – Brevard-Davidson River  
2017  
 January 28, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton  
 April 25, 2017 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
 July 25, 2017 ~TBD

October 28, 2017 ~TBD

- 16. THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records:**
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| May 14, 2016    | First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville   |
| June 11, 2016   | Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church        |
| October 1, 2016 | First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City |
- 17. THAT the following date has been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2016:**
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| May 12, 2016      | First Presbyterian Church, Morganton       |
| November 12, 2016 | UKirk at Western North Carolina, Cullowhee |
- 18. THAT the 2016 Presbytery of Western North Carolina Directory will be available in the lobby of the Anderson Auditorium for Ministers, Christian Educators, Clerks with Temporary or Stated Supply Pastors, and Committee Moderators.**
- 19. THAT the following dates have been established for informational gathering for 2017 Benefits Plan Redesign of the Board of Pensions. The presentations will introduce the 2017 Benefits Plan Redesign and its various components for those who are most familiar with benefits. The presentations will be designed for Church Business Administrators, Office Managers, Personnel Committee Representatives, Pastors, and COM Moderators/Chair representatives.**
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| 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Tuesday, May 17<br>at New Hope, Asheville     |
| 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  | Tuesday, May 17<br>at UKirk Cullowhee         |
| 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Wednesday May 18<br>at Morganton, First       |
| 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  | Wednesday, May 18<br>at West Avenue, Gastonia |
- 20. THAT the following Session Records for 2016 were submitted and approved on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
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| Arbor Dale      | Banner Elk        | Bridgewater       |
| Brittian        | Burnsville, First | Clinchfield       |
| Conley Memorial | Crossnore         | Fairview          |
| Fletcher        | Grassy Creek      | Hickory, First    |
| Marion, First   | Montreat          | Morganton, First  |
| Newdale         | Newland           | Newton, First     |
| Pineola         | Quaker Meadows    | Robinson Memorial |
| Southminster    | Trinity           | United            |
| Waldensian      | Walnut Grove      |                   |

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

Worship was led by the Reverends Carol Steele, Steve Runholt, Mary Katherine Robinson and Deacon Beverly Highland. The organist for the day was Vivian Hare, Director of Music at New Hope

Presbyterian Church, Asheville. The Rev. Keith Grogg preached a sermon entitled “Range and Territory,” with the scripture taken from Ezra 3:10-13 and Mark 9:33-41.

As part of our worship, mission workers were commissioned for the Presbytery Disaster Relief Trip to South Carolina, the Educational Partnership Team to Guatemala, and the Malawi Mission Team, as well as those who are engaging in mission through their own congregations.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverends Carol Steele, Mary Katherine Robinson, Steve Runholt and Keith Grogg, with communion being served by the ruling and teaching elders representing Black Mountain, Montreat, and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Churches and the Montreat Conference Center.

### **UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY**

Jordan Davis, from Union Presbyterian Seminary, reported on what’s happening at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC and in Richmond, VA, including several travel seminars for the May term. Plans are underway for a Union family reunion at Montreat for October 23-25, 2017. She reminded the Presbytery that Union offers guest preachers, by invitation, at no cost to churches.

### **PRESBYTERIAN LOAN AND INVESTMENT**

Catherine Lynch from the Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program shared with the Presbytery a new program of interest, “Restoring Creation” loan program which enables churches to become more energy efficient. Loans can be financed for up to 90% of the project and interest as low as 2.1%.

### **GENERAL COUNCIL**

On behalf of the General Council, Cam Murchison presented recommendations 1 thru 3 included in the General Council report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

He then referred to items 4 thru 15 of the General Council report as items for information and required no action.

- CA 1. THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committee:**  
Nominating:  
Sylvia Smythe (Sylva) (A) Class of 2018  
Mary Raine Moore (B) Class of 2018
- CA 2. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina follow the special arrangements at this meeting of Presbytery for the discussion and action on the process for voting on the Overture Continuing Efforts to Dismantle Racism within Our Denomination and the Larger Society. (Appendix S)**
- CA 3. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the Ministry Information Form from the Search Committee for an Associate for Mission, Witness, and Church Support. (Appendix T)**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

4. **THAT the General Council reviewed the responsibilities of General Council and approved the following to serve as the 2016 Leadership Team for the General Council:**  
Michael Bailey, Barbara McLean, Susan Denne, Terry Hanna, and Keith Grogg
5. **THAT the General Council approved the following members to serve on a Task Force to review the Camp Woodson Property. Those serving on the Task Force are:**  
Richard Peck, Bob McFerren, Jim Henderson, and Tom Karvonen
6. **THAT the General Council reviewed and approved the following Synod Grant Applications:**  
Good Hope Presbyterian Church – Small Church Grant Application  
Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church – Small Church Grant Application  
UKirk at WNC Campus Ministry – Visionary Grant Application
7. **THAT the General Council approved Jane Laping as the Overture Advocate for Fossil Fuels and Divestment at the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in Portland, OR.**
8. **THAT the General Council approved legal contracts between Begley Law Firm and the Presbytery of WNC for Westminster Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir.**
9. **THAT the General Council approved extending contract negotiations between the Presbytery of WNC Administrative Commission and the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir from March 15, 2016 to April 29, 2016.**
10. **THAT the General Council approved a two-year lease agreement with the Land of the Sky UCC Congregation for occupancy of the Westminster Presbyterian Church property.**
11. **THAT the General Council approved the sale of Mother’s Day Cards, designed by the Presbyterian Women, to be sold at the Presbyterian Women’s Gathering and at the April 26, 2016 Presbytery meeting, with proceeds going to fund the second phase of the Micro Loan Project. (Appendix H)**
12. **THAT the Presbytery of WNC Shower Trailer will be sent to Charleston, South Carolina for use by mission teams.**
13. **THAT the Guatemala Partnership Leadership Team negotiated a new covenant between the Presbytery of WNC, Suchitepequez, and Sur Occidente Presbyteries. The fifth Partnership Covenant begins in January 2016 and ends in December 2025. The new ten-year Covenant, endorsed by the General Council, will be signed at the April 26, 2016 Presbytery meeting. (Appendix U)**
14. **THAT the Articles of Incorporation for the Hillside Grind Coffeehouse (UKirk at WCU Cullowhee Campus Ministry) were received by the General Council. (Appendix V)**
15. **THAT the General Council extended thanks to Barbara McLean, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, for her work on the General Council during her two years as Moderator of PW.**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER**

Kent Smith represented the Jo Bales Gallagher Resource Center, sharing that the resource center will be transitioning/updating their current software program to an internet access program to be more efficient. The Resource Center requested donations of multi-age curriculum for the center to be available to congregations in need.

Mary Lou Nash reported on behalf of the Christian Education Committee and their work. The Christian Education Committee will be sponsoring a retreat for pastors September 26-28, 2016 at the William Black Lodge. (Appendix D)

## **CHURCHES AND PASTORS COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Teaching Elder Whit Malone reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix W)

On behalf of the committee, Teaching Elder Whit Malone reported that the following ministers requested that their membership be transferred

- Ann Aichinger, to Abingdon Presbytery, as Co-Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA, effective March 10, 2016
- Frank Aichinger, to Abingdon Presbytery, as Co-Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA, effective March 10, 2016
- Steven Eason, to Presbytery of The James, as Transitional Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA, effective February 11, 2016
- Carol B. Clark, to Presbytery of Arkansas, as Member-at-Large, effective January 1, 2016
- Mark Clark, to Presbytery of Arkansas, as Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AR, effective January 1, 2016

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Teaching Elder Tee Gatewood introduced Paul Harold Galbreath, as a new minister in the Presbytery. He spoke briefly and signed the Book of Obligations. His Statement of Faith and biographical statement was included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix W)

- Paul Harold Galbreath, from Presbytery of The James, as Professor of Worship and Preaching, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte, effective April 5, 2016

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Whit Malone moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix W)

- Ryan Brakemeyer, as Pastor of Grace Reformed United Church of Christ, Newton, NC, through April 26, 2017.
- Pride Carson, as Coordinator for Transfer and Admissions and Adjunct Instructor, Blue Ridge Community College, through April 26, 2017.
- Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain, Carolinas Healthcare System Blue Ridge, through April 26, 2017.



- Carol Steele, as Vice-President for Program, Montreat Conference Center, through April 26, 2017.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Whit Malone recommended that the Presbytery approve that Wanda Woodby be commissioned as a lay pastor. Wanda Woodby will be commissioned to the Buladean Presbyterian Church, Bakersville, NC. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Moderator McLean then offered prayer. The commissioning for Wanda Woodby is to include permission to celebrate the Sacraments, moderate the Session and officiate at weddings. The moderator thanked the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville for sharing Wanda with another church within our Presbytery. (Appendix W)

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Teaching Elder James Holeman reported on the work of the committee, prior events and upcoming events. (Appendix X)

The Youth Committee had sponsored two events since the January meeting of Presbytery. The Healthy Relationships and Sexuality Retreat exceeded the committee's expectations for attendance and the High School Mission Retreat at Black Mountain Children's Home was very well received.

The Youth Committee will be receiving applications for Youth Council 2016/2017 until May 20. Churches were encouraged to get their youth involved in leadership and to encourage their youth to complete an application and submit by the deadline.

**REPORT OF GENERAL PRESBYTER**

Bobbi White, General Presbyter, gave her report. She highlighted that the Presbytery's emphasis is on mission. Ginnie Stevens was recognized as a gift from God for getting our Presbytery into missions. It was noted that Ginnie was the beginning force for our work with the Guatemala Partnership and the Malawi mission field. She recognized Barbara Nagy for opening doors in Malawi during the past 10 years. (Appendix Y)

**GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

Marie Connelly de Palacios reported on behalf of our Partnership with Guatemala. The Partnership will host two gatherings during the month of June to educate the Presbytery about the partnership and how it functions.

Timoteo Rodas and his wife, Haydee, from the First Presbyterian Newton's partner church, Redentor in Guatemala, brought greetings from Guatemala.

A new ten-year Partnership Covenant was signed between our Presbytery and Sur Occidente and Suchitepequez Presbyteries in Guatemala. The beginning term for the new covenant began in January 2016 and ends in December 2025. (Appendix U)

**MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

The Building HOPE Committee shared good news of the campaign and an interpretation of Psalms 150.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
    praise him in his mighty heavens.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power;  
    praise him for his surpassing greatness.  
<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
    praise him with the harp and lyre,  
<sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
    praise him with the strings and pipe,  
<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
    praise him with resounding cymbals.  
  
<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

Charles Davenport (Long Creek), Whit Malone (First Presbyterian, Hickory), Joanne Glaser (Sweetwater), and Kevin Frederick (Waldensian) expressed how the Building HOPE Campaign had been received and supported by their congregations. Thus far, \$1,347,539 has been received in pledges and contributions. The campaign is still seeking to raise \$900,000 over the next four months. (Appendix Z)

### **BILLS AND OVERTURES**

Teaching Elder Eddie Deas, chair of the Bills and Overtures Committee, reported on the work of the Bills and Overtures Committee for this meeting of the Presbytery. The bills and overtures committee recommended to Presbytery that we concur with Baltimore Presbytery's Overture to Dismantle Racism with our Denomination and the Larger Society to the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The recommendation was approved unanimously.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Reverend Curtis Fussell led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Teaching Elder Melissa Upchurch, Marshall Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Lynne M. Simpson, Marshall Presbyterian Church, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks for the 108<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina held at the Montreat Conference Center, 401 Assembly Drive, Montreat, NC 28757.

WHEREAS being able to assemble in worship and to address church business is a freedom for which we are grateful, and

WHEREAS the assembly was held in a beautiful venue, with attendees being serenaded with liturgical music by players of the group Tarnished Brass upon arrival, and

WHEREAS the Montreat Presbyterian Church graciously provided a wonderful buffet of finger foods to ease attendees into the meeting, and attendees at the meeting were warmly welcomed by Richard DuBose, President of the Montreat Conference Center, and Rev. Keith Grogg, Montreat Presbyterian Church, we express our appreciation for the hospitality that was extended to attendees.

AND WHEREAS we further give thanks for:

- A thoughtful service of worship and celebration of the Lord’s Supper that inspired attendees to think about branching out: exploring the range available to them instead of merely staying within their territory, and hearing about those who participate in mission endeavors around the world;
- Keith Grogg, whose message was timely and well delivered;
- The ministry of Barbara Nagy in Malawi, and the way she has broadened the ministry of the Presbytery and hearing about how God is using the people in the Presbytery to do incredible things;
- The renewal of the covenant of the Guatemala Partnership for the fifth time and hearing from Timoteo and Haydee Rodas, who traveled from Guatemala to thank the Presbytery for its role in the partnership;
- The progress of the Building H.O.P.E. campaign to raise funds for Camp Grier, our ministries in Guatemala and Malawi, and the Vital Churches initiative (aimed at supporting congregations and pastors);
- Standing as one with our brothers and sisters in Christ who have faced hardship by supporting the “Racism Overture from Baltimore,” at the request of the Session of Dulatown Presbyterian Church, so that the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly might continue its efforts to dismantle racism within our denomination and greater society;
- The staff and leadership of the Presbytery office for their hard work in preparing all the materials for the meeting, sending them to attendees, and ensuring that the meeting ran smoothly;
- Individuals who willingly give their time, talent, and financial resources to serve God through the Presbytery, and for the 46 visitors who attended the meeting; and,
- A time for fellowship and catching up with friends from other parts of the Presbytery.

NOW THEREFORE, we resolve that God, “from whom all blessings flow,” be praised, and we thank God for his love and for walking our journey with us, both corporately and individually, as we do the work of the Kingdom, so that others may experience his love and care.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the 108th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator McLean adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m. with prayer.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The 109th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Children’s Hope Alliance - Grandfather Home for Children Campus, Banner Elk, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Barbara McLean, Moderator

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D. Cameron Murchison, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 26, 2016 at its meeting at the Children’s Hope Alliance – Grandfather Home for Children Campus, Banner Elk, North Carolina.

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