

**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



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**MINUTES**

**ONE HUNDRED TENTH**

**STATED MEETING**

**October 25, 2016**

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
110th Stated Meeting  
October 25, 2016  
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church  
Brevard, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ruling Elder Barbara McLean, Moderator, convened the 110th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church in Brevard, North Carolina.

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, Ruling Elder Barbara McLean, opened the One-Hundred Tenth Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in the sanctuary of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, in Brevard, North Carolina with prayer.

**BREVARD-DAVIDSON RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Dr. Keith Thompson, pastor at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, welcomed all presbyters and others to Brevard. He indicated that Blue Grass Music would be included in the worship in celebration of the culture in western North Carolina.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Standing Committees:

Resolution of Thanks:

- Teaching Elder Blake Daniel, First Presbyterian Church, Sylva
- Ruling Elder Susan Blair, First Presbyterian Church, Sylva

Bills and Overtures:

- Kyle Segars, Teaching Elder, Etowah Presbyterian Church
- Holly Davis, Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville
- John Duncan, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

Tellers:

- Ruling and Teaching Elders from Brevard-Davidson River

**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 TEACHING ELDERS 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	A	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	A
Michael Bailey	P	Tony Baker	E	Edna Banes	E
Steven Barnes	A	Douglas Bartlett	E	Ashley Beavers	E

Harold Bennett	P	Joseph Bennett	A	Katherine Blankenship	A
Lynn Bledsoe	E	Samantha Gonzalez-Block	P	Randall Boggs	P
Ronald Botsford	E	Adam Bowling	P	Lee Bowman	E
Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	E
Ryan Brakemeyer	A	Ronald Brauer	E	Hayden Britton	E
Beverly Brock	A	Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	A
William Buchanan	A	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Connie Button	P	Joey Byrd	E
John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	A
Amy Cantrell	A	Mary Faith Carson	E	Pride Carson	P
Katherine Cashwell	P	Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	E
Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	E	Sarah Coburn	A
James Cockerham	E	Jeffrey Coffey	E	James Cogswell	E
Evelyn Coleman	E	Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E
Monty Cook	P	Thomas Cook, Jr.	P	Donald Cooper	P
Riley Covin	E	John W. Craven	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	E	James Dale	E	Blake Daniel	P
Charles Davenport	P	Dent Davis	P	Heather Wood Davis	A
Holly Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	E	Jey Deifell, Jr.	E
Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P	Edward Donnell	E
Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E	Stephen Elderbrock	A
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	E
Berry French, III	P	John Frye, Jr.	P	Curtis Fussell, III	E
Tempe Fussell	P	A. W. Gaines	E	Paul Galbreath	E
David Garnett	P	Tee Gatewood, III	A	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	E	Samuel Hale	E
Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P	Patrick Hardy	E

Randall Hardy	A	Martin L. Harkey, III	P	Rebecca Harrison	P
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E
J. Richard Hobson	E	J. Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E	James Holeman	P
J. Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E
William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	E	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	E	Esta Jarrett	A	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	E	Patrick Johnson	P	Franklin Jones	A
Rebecca Jones	A	Kimberly Justice	A	Dong Uk Kang	A
David Kaylor	E	David Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P
Paul Kercher	E	William Kirk	E	Albert Kissling	E
Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	Michael Lamm	A
John LaMotte	E	John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E
James Layman	E	Thomas Lewis	E	William Lindeman	P
John Lindsay	E	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Deneise Deter Liss	A
Laura Long	E	Billy T. Lowe	E	Robert Lowry	E
David Lytle	E	Tricia Lytle	E	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.	E
Noah McIntee	A	David McKee	E	Michael McKee	A
James McPherson	E	Lynn Michie	A	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
Richard Nygren	E	Daniel Oedy	P	O'Hyun Park	E
Katherine Parker	E	Thomas Parker	P	David Parks	E
Donald Patchel	E	Stratton Peacock	E	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	E
Margaret Peery	E	Harry Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E
Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E	James Poling	E
Luke Ponder	A	Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E

Gene Price	E	Allen Proctor, Jr.	P	Caroline Proctor	P
Edyth Pruitt	A	John Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	P
Jay Rabuck	E	Daria Ragan	E	Joseph Rand	E
Kathleen Rankin	E	Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Don Robb, III	E	Billy Robinson	P
Mary Katherine 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.	E	Marcia Mount Shoop	E	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	P
Carol Steele	E	John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E
Cynthia Strickler	E	Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A
Joseph Taber	E	Christopher Taylor	A	Keith Thompson	P
Denise Thorpe	A	Yvonne Thurmond	P	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E
Danny Trapp	P	Robert Tuttle	P	Thomas Tweedie	E
Melissa Upchurch	E	Gary Van Brocklin	A	Lauren Vanacore	P
Dana Vaughn	P	Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	A
Lynn Webber	A	Judith Weger	P	Kim Wells	P
Barbara White	P	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E	Parker Williamson	E
Emily Wilmarth	E	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	P
John Bates	A	John Hall	P	Kenneth Humphreys	P
Bobby Justus	P	James Koone	E	Peggy Koone	E
Deborah Lesenger	A	James Millsaps	A	David Moore, Sr.	A
Lynn Moore	A	Mark Osborne	E	Marla Patchel	E

Randy Patterson	A	John Pea	P	Marcia Reighley	A
Russell Reighley	A	Barbara Ross	P	Betty Shaw	E
Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A	James Taylor	A
William Upchurch, Jr.	A	Roger Wise	P	Wanda Woodby	A

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

Mary Louise Bringle	A	Jay Crane	P	Dorothy Descieux	P
Jan Duncan	A	Jane Hansel	A	Anna Huntley	A
Tina Joyner	P	Rodney Lytle	P	Bob McFerren	P
Barbara McLean	P	Nancy McNeill	A	Melvin Meares	P
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	P	Leslie McLeod	P
Mary Lou Nash	E	Kathy Parse	E	Heath Rada	A
Lynn Thomas	A	Patricia Tuttle	A	Jane Vann	P

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Joan Murchison	
Banner Elk (1)	A	
Belmont First (3)	Catherine Lane	
Bessemer City First (1)	E	
Black Mountain (2)	Wayne Mullis	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Marilyn Massey	Karen Alcorn
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	E	
Brittain's Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	Liz Butler	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Jonathan Ward	

Calvary (2)	A	
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (2)	E	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	Donna Ashley	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	E	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Emma Kate Davis	
Dulatown (2)	A	
Duncan's Creek (1)	E	
Ellenboro (2)	A	
Etowah (2)	Gary Haulton	
Fairview (2)	A	
Fletcher (2)	A	
Forest City First (2)	A	
Franklin First (2)	John Duncan	
Gastonia First (4)	Tim Efird	David Rogers
	Greg Sellers	
Glen Alpine (2)	A	
Good Hope (3)	Allene Sellers	Juelio Washington
Grace Covenant (3)	A	
Grassy Creek (2)	Beth Hall	
Green Mountain (2)	A	
Green Street (3)	A	
Hayesville (2)	Roger Lents	
Hendersonville First (2)	Charles Sneed	
Hickory First (4)	A	
Highlands First (2)	Bob Tietze	
Ironton (2)	E	



Jack's Creek (2)	A	
John Knox (2)	E	
Kenilworth (2)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (2)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (3)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	Lucy McCarl	Beverly Beal
Lincolnton First (2)	Sandy Eldridge	
Long Creek (2)	Otis Whitehurst	
Love's Chapel (3)	A	
Lowell (2)	Darinda Fredricksen	Rob Groves
Marion First (1)	Robert Ayers	
Marshall (1)	Henry Shaner	
Micaville (1)	A	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Eric Nichols	
Morganton First (2)	Jean VanNoppen	Jane Rigsbee
Morrison (1)	A	
Mount Holly First (1)	Marguerite Randall	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Milton Spann	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	Anita Fortner	
Newland (1)	A	
Newton First (2)	Bruce Deese	Gary McDougal
Northminster (1)	Donna Putnam	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	A	

Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Pat Bradley	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	Darla Auten	
Rutherfordton (2)	Susan Allred	Judie Shapiro
Ryburn Memorial (2)	E	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Mary Conner	Joe Ogburn
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Keith Berry	Jackson Mott
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	Don Baucom	
Sweetwater (1)	Karen Spencer	
Sylva First (1)	Susan Blair	
Third Street (2)	E	
Trinity (2)	Bob Forsythe	Don Widemayer
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (1)	Faye Harrell	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	A	
Unity (2)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Tammy Black	Ann Mullis
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	Vicki Collins	
Waynesville First (1)	Ron Tingle	
West Asheville (1)	A	
West Avenue (1)	Sylvia Sellers	

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

Teaching Elders	82
Ruling Elders	58
Certified Educators	3
General Council/Committee Chairs	8
Visitors	36
Total	187

There following corresponding member(s) were in attendance:

- Bryan Hovey, member of the United Church of Christ, serving as Transitional Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Holly
- Randy Calvo, Director, Alumni and Church Relations at Columbia Theological Seminary

### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
	<b>Orientation for New Elders</b>	<b>Barbara Ross</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Convene with Prayer of Invocation</b>	<b>Barbara McLean</b>
		<b>Moderator</b>
	<b>Welcome from Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian</b>	<b>Keith Thompson</b>
	<b>Appointment of Standing Committees</b>	<b>Barbara McLean</b>
	<b>Resolution of Thanks</b>	
	<i>Rev. Blake Daniel, First Presbyterian Church, Sylva</i>	
	<i>Ms. Susan Blair, First Presbyterian Church, Sylva</i>	
	<b>Bills and Overtures</b>	
	<i>Rev. Kyle Segars, Etowah Presbyterian Church</i>	
	<i>Rev. Holly Davis, First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville</i>	
	<i>Mr. John Duncan, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin</i>	
	<b>Tellers</b>	
	<i>Ruling and Teaching Elders from Brevard-Davidson River</i>	
	<b>Certification of Quorum</b>	<b>Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk</b>
	<b>Approval of Docket</b>	
	<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>A</b>
	<i>(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.)</i>	
	<b>Stated Clerk's Report</b>	<b>Cam Murchison B</b>
	<b>Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda</b>	
	<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>I</b>
	<b>Outreach and Mission Report</b>	<b>P</b>
	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>BB</b>
	<b>Congregational Development Report</b>	<b>GG</b>
	<b>Highlights of the 238<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic</b>	<b>II</b>
	<b>Report from the Presbyterian Women</b>	<b>MM</b>

**9:25 Service of Worship and Music**

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson

**Scripture:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Sermon:** “The Underdressed Guest”

**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.)*

**10:30 General Council** (10 minutes)

*(Work of the committee, Election of Vice-Moderator/Moderator-Elect)*

**Michael Bailey C**

**Report of the Search Committee for**

**Associate Presbyter for Mission, Witness & Church Support** (15 minutes)

**Kathy Campbell PP**

**Stated Clerk’s Report (continued)**

**Report for the Administrative Commission for  
Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church** (20 minutes)

**Roger Wise BA**

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry** (20 minutes)

*(Introduction of inquirer to move to candidate for ministry)*

**Bob Tuttle K**

**Youth Committee** (5 minutes)

*(Upcoming Events; Middle School Retreat)*

**James Holeman Y**

**Christian Education Committee** (5 minutes)

*(Work of the Committee and Spring Spirituality Retreat)*

**Joanne Glaser W**

**Ministry Campaign** (5 minutes)

*(Updates)*

**Dick Larson BH**

**Earth Care Congregations** (5 minutes)

*(Recognition of earth care congregations in PWNC)*

**Jane Laping T**

**Committee on Ministry** (35 minutes)

**Whit Malone D**

**John Pea and Lauren Vanacore**

*(Work of the committee, introduction of new ministers – Connie Button, Billy Robinson, and CLP-Brenda Howard; Candidate from Savannah Presbytery, Jacob L. Douylliez; Sacred Trust/Relational Boundaries)*

**Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families** (3 minutes) Sarah Thomas

**Guatemala Partnership** (5 minutes)

**Tina Joyner**

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

**Bobbi White GP**

**12:55 Prayers of Intercession**

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

**Terry Hanna**

**Benediction and Adjournment**

**1:00 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 and Mission Report (Appendix C)
- Finance Committee (Appendix D)
- Congregational Development Report (Appendix E)
- Highlights of the 238th Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (Appendix F)
- Report from the Presbyterian Women (Appendix G)

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

Dr. Murchison presented recommendations 1 thru 5 and 7 thru 12 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. He then referred to items 13-22 as items for information.

Stated Clerk Murchison moved that recommendation 6, the actions of the Administrative Commission for Walnut Grove be reported and acted upon at its docketed time.

- CA 1. THAT Barbara McLean, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 28, 2017 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA. 2. THAT the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. THAT the October 25, 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 H)**
- CA 4. THAT the October 25, 2016 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix I)**
- CA 5. THAT the October 25, 2016 report of the Board for UKirk at WCU Cullowhee Campus Ministry be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)**
- 6. THAT the October 25, 2016 report of the Administrative Commission for Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery and that the actions be considered during the docketed time at this meeting. (Appendix K)**
- CA 7. THAT the October 25, 2016 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)**



Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Seeking Invitation  
 Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center  
 Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – Seeking Invitation  
 Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

**The Presbytery will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2017 and 2018.**

- 17. THAT the following Session Records for 2015 were submitted and approved on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City.**

Bessemer City, First	Black Mountain	Bryson City
Cherryville, First	Dallas, First	Dixon
Duncan’s Creek	Gastonia, First	Green Street
Highlands, First	Lenoir, First	Lincolnton, First
Long Creek	Love’s Chapel	Lowell
Morrison	Sherrill’s Ford	Sweetwater
Third Street	Union	

- 18. THAT the following Session Records for 2015 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the 2015-2017 Book of Order. For churches desiring to meet the requirements of the Book of Order and be in compliance, please contact Stated Clerk, Cam Murchison for further instructions.**

Belmont, First	Brittains Cove	Buladean
Calvary	Canton	Ellenboro
Forest City, First	Glen Alpine	Good Hope
Green Mountain	Ironton	Jack’s Creek
Kings Mountain, First	Korean Presbyterian Church	Mills River
New Hope, Asheville	Oak Forest	Oakwood
Old Fort	Pine Street	Ridgeview
Ryburn Memorial	Shiloh, Grover	Spindale
Walnut	Warren Wilson	West Avenue

- 19. THAT the next date for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2016 will be:**

November 12, 2016 UKirk at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee

**If you are in question as to whether you should attend this meeting or the next time you should attend, please contact the Presbytery office.**

**For Pastors and Elders of the Presbytery:** According to our Presbytery’s policy, clergy and elders involved in leadership are required to take sexual misconduct training once every four years.

**For leaders of local congregations:** The workshop is open for all local leaders who want to educate themselves about healthy boundaries.

**Who should attend:** All persons designated below are required to have an approved three-hour workshop of sexual misconduct sponsored by the WNC Presbytery or equivalent training approved by the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Team.

All Presbytery professionals and Presbytery volunteers are required to have the three-hour training every four years with the following exceptions:

1. Exempted from training are fully retired Presbytery professionals who have availed themselves of this option, with its associated limitations of not serving on Presbytery Committees, preaching in local churches, leading workshops or retreats, or exercising other pastoral functions such as celebrating the sacraments, or conducting weddings and/or funerals unless a “Single Event” exception has been made to Presbytery.
2. Members on the following committees, their sub-committees, and Task Forces are **ineligible for exemption** during the term of their membership:

General Council	Youth
Committee on Ministry	Christian Education
Examinations	Joint Outdoor Ministry
Small Membership Church	Campus Mission
Permanent Judicial Commission	
3. Members of all other existing committees are exempt, though changes to committee structures may require review of eligibility.
4. **Interims** who are working within the bounds of the Presbytery who receive comparable hours of training in their judicatory, at least as frequently as required in our Presbytery, may be exempt.

**20. THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records:**

Saturday, April 29, 2017	First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
Saturday, June 10, 2017	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville
Saturday, August 19, 2017	Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Saturday, September 30, 2017	First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City

**21. THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 222nd General Assembly, will be distributed at the registration table at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga222-proposed-amendments-constitution/>

**22. THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 222nd General Assembly, have been referred to the following committees for a recommendation at the Presbytery meeting in January and/or April.**

**LIST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

16.A. Child and Youth Protection Policy—On Amending G-3.0106 - **Sacred Boundaries**

16.B. Parity in Committees—On Amending G-3.0109 – **General Council**

16-C. Ordered Ministry Titles – **Committee on Ministry**

16-C.1.—On Amending F-3.0202

16-C.2.—On Amending G-2.0102

16-C.3.—On Amending G-2.0301

16-C.4.—On Amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501

16-C.5.—On Amending G-2.0701

16-C.6.—On Amending G-3.0307



16-C.7.—On Amending Titles in Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline

16-C.8.—On Amending W-4.4001a.

16-D. Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church - **Committee on Ministry**

16-D.1.—On Amending G-2.0509

16-D.2.—On Amending D-10.0401

16-E. Certified Service Requirements—On Amending G-2.1101 – **Validated Ministry**

16-F. The Ministry of Members—On Amending G-1.0304 – **Committee on Ministry**

16-G. Access to the Lord’s Table—On Amending W-2.4011a. and b. – **General Council**

16-H. Revised Directory for Worship—On Replacing the Directory for Worship - **General Council**

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

Worship was led by Dr. Keith Thompson, pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church. Dr. Thompson preached a sermon entitled “The Underdressed Guest,” with scripture taken from Matthew 22:1-14.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverends Susan Denne and Keith Thompson, with communion being served by the ruling elders from the Brevard-Davison River Presbyterian Church.

**GENERAL COUNCIL**

On behalf of the General Council, Michael Bailey presented recommendations 2 thru 5 included in the General Council report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. He then presented recommendation 1, that ruling elder Melvin Meares be elected as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2018, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2017. The recommendation was moved and approved.

He then referred to items 6 thru 22 of the General Council report as items for information and required no action.

1. **THAT the Presbytery elect Ruling Elder Melvin Meares as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2018, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2017.**

- CA 2. **THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committee:**

Nominating:

Mrs. Jane Hansel (Montreat)	(B)		Chair 2017
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Mr. Charles Kincaid (Dulatown)	(E)	Class of 2019	
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Mrs. Susan Maveety (New Hope, Asheville)	(B)	Class of 2019	
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Rev. Don Cooper (Retired)	(F)	Class of 2018	
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Representation:

Ms. Gloria Dupree (Asheville, First)	(B)	Class of 2018	
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- CA. 3. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the addition of Mr. Lee Galloway to serve on the WNC UKirk Campus Ministry Board.**
- CA 4. THAT the Presbytery approve the covenant with the Presbyterian Hunger Program, including the support for the Hunger Action Enabler position. (Appendix S)**
- CA 5. THAT the Presbytery approve a retired minister who is not a member of the Presbytery of the Western North Carolina, but who lives within the bounds of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, to be allowed to be nominated to serve on a committee of Presbytery, at the will of that committee, provided that he or she participates in the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Program’s Sacred Trust training as required by policy.**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

- 6. THAT the General Council approved that \$35,000 of the first installment payment of the property settlement agreement of \$100,000 from the Lenoir Presbyterian ECO Church be allocated to the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir for its 2017 budget.**
- 7. THAT the General Council of the Presbytery extended the services of Mr. Sam Avery, of OS Associates, LLC to continue his contract with the Presbytery of Western North Carolina from August 31, 2016 until March 31, 2017 said contract may be terminated by either party with a 90 day notice. Mr. Avery will continue his services during the congregational phase of Ministry Campaign of the Presbytery. (Appendix T)**
- 8. THAT the General Council approved the contract for the continuation of a part-time Campaign Director. The contract between the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Dr. Richard Larson came before the General Council from the Building H.O.P.E. Campaign Planning Committee and Finance Committee. The role of the part-time director would be to handle educational programs and conduct training sessions related to the Building H.O.P.E. Campaign. (Appendix U)**
- 9. THAT the General Council reviewed and approved a contract between the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Billy Robinson for services performed on behalf of the Presbytery from September 15, 2016 through October 31, 2016. (Appendix V)**
- 10. THAT the General Council received an Annual Report from the Wee-Kirk Linville Ministry, which is a summer church of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The General Presbyter thanked the congregation for their mission and met with their leadership.**
- 11. THAT the General Council reviewed and approved the following Synod Grant Applications:**
  - Northminster Presbyterian Church– Visionary Grant Application
  - Christian Education Committee – Visionary Grant Application
  - Bryson City Presbyterian Church – Small Church Grant Application

12. **THAT the General Council reviewed and approved the following Hunger Grant Applications for submission to the General Assembly Hunger Program:**  
     Community of the Beloved  
     Camp Grier Farm
13. **THAT the General Council reviewed and approved a letter from the UKirk Campus Ministry seeking support be sent to the churches within the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
14. **THAT the General Council acknowledged receipt of funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Lenoir Presbyterian Evangelical Presbyterian Church in accordance with the property settlement agreement.**
15. **THAT the General Council and the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the Presbytery to guarantee a PILP Loan for Newdale Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$190,000. The Newdale Presbyterian Church will be adding a fellowship hall that will also be used for additional class room space.**
16. **THAT the Paint Gap Presbyterian Church property has been sold and funds have been received by the Presbytery.**
17. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
18. **THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings. The following dates have been set for Presbytery Meetings in 2017 and 2018:**  
     2017  
     Saturday, January 28, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton  
     Tuesday, April 25, 2017 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
     Tuesday, July 25, 2017 ~ Seeking an Invitation  
     Tuesday, October 24, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Asheville  
     2018  
     Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Seeking Invitation  
     Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center  
     Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – Seeking Invitation  
     Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
19. **THAT the General Council and the Building HOPE Finance Committee reviewed and approved that a \$50,000 campaign gift designated to be used where needed be designated for use for the Vital Churches segment of the campaign.**
20. **THAT on August 19-29, 2016, 17 Presbyterian pastors from Taiwan, 2 pastors from Guatemala, (Osmundo Ponce and Hugo Guzman), and 12 pastors from Western North Carolina came together for a retreat at Montreat Conference Center. (Appendix W)**
21. **THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor an overnight spirituality retreat, to be held March 31-April 1, 2017, at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock. The retreat leader will be Carl Horton.**

22. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2016 and 2017:**  
November 4-6, 2016 Middle School Retreat  
March 17-18, 2017 High School Mission Retreat  
April 29, 2017 Youth Adventure Day  
Summer of 2017 International Mission Trip to Guatemala

**REPORT OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR AN  
ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER FOR MISSION, WITNESS & CHURCH SUPPORT**

Kathy Campbell, chair of the Search Committee, reported on the work of the committee and described the process that the Search Committee worked through in their selection of a nominee for the position of Associate Presbyter for Mission, Witness, and Church Support. Following the report and after a time for questions from the floor, the Rev. William Blount (Billy) Robinson was formally nominated to be the Associate Presbyter for Mission, Witness and Church Support. (Appendix X)

After Pastor Robinson shared his statement and vision with the Presbytery, the Rev. William Blount (Billy) Robinson was unanimously elected as Associate Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Rev. Kathy Campbell offered prayer for the Presbytery and for the newly elected Associate Presbyter.

Rev. Campbell thanked the Presbytery for the opportunity to serve on the Search Committee. She then introduced the members of the committee and thanked them for their commitment and time to the search for an Associate Presbyter.

Members of the Search Committee included the Rev. Kathy Campbell, Chair (Crossnore), Helen Hall (Dulatown), Rev. Terry Hanna (Bryson City), Rev. Bill Heck (Retired-Warren Wilson), Judy Nebrig (Brevard-Davidson River), Mr. Jerry Ragan (Belmont, First), Roger Wise, CLP (Fletcher in Newland).

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR  
WALNUT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLETCHER**

Roger Wise, Chair of the Administrative Commission for the Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, reported on the work of the Administrative Commission. At a hearing of the congregation of the Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, 75% of the membership requested to be dismissed to the Evangelical Covenant Order of the Presbyterians (ECO). The congregation was unanimous in their request for dismissal and their request to follow the process for dismissal. The Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church was granted dismissal from the PC (USA) to the Evangelical Covenant Order of the Presbyterians in accordance with the Presbytery guidelines and the pre-determined property settlement agreement by a vote of 136 to dismiss, 3 not to dismiss and 2 unmarked ballots. Total eligible to vote was 149. (Appendix K)

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

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

**THAT Jackie Putnam, a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, be enrolled as a Candidate.**

After sharing her faith journey and her call to the ministry, Moderator Barbara McLean opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Jackie

Putnam as a Candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce delivered the charge and the Rev. Merri Alexander offered the prayer for Jackie Putnam. Those who came in support of this candidate were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix Y)

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Rev. James Holeman reported on the work of the committee and future events of the youth committee. He encouraged the churches to register their youth for the upcoming Middle School Retreat to be held at Camp Grier and to start planning for the High School Mission Retreat in 2017. The Middle School Rally that was held in September was attended by approximately 100 youth and advisors, with a large number of our smaller churches attending. (Appendix Z)

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. Joanne Glaser reported on behalf of the Christian Education Committee. The committee will be sponsoring a Spirituality Retreat March 31-April 1, 2017 at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock. The retreat leader for this event will be Carl Horton. (Appendix AA)

### **MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

Dick Larson gave an update on the Building H.O.P.E. Ministry Campaign stating that the active solicitation phase was completed on August 31, 2016. The campaign has received \$1,627,000 in contributions and pledges as of this date and will continue to work with some of our churches through March 31, 2017. (Appendix BB)

### **EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS**

Jane Laping recognized the following congregations from the Presbytery of Western North as Earth Care Congregations: (Appendix CC)

- Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
- Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church of Asheville
- Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Montreat Presbyterian Church (USA)
- New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville

### **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 DD)

On behalf of the committee, Teaching Elder Whit Malone reported that the following minister requested that his membership be transferred:

- Robert F. Hinman, to ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians), East Central Presbytery, effective July 26, 2016.

On behalf of the committee, Teaching Elder Whit Malone reported that the following minister requested honorable retirement:

- J. William Lindeman, effective September 1, 2016.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Teaching Elder Lauren Vanacore introduced Kimberleigh Wells, David Garnett, Connie Button, Billy Robinson, and Jacob Douylliez, as new ministers 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 DD)

- Willian (Billy) Blount Robinson, from Providence Presbytery, to PWNC as Associate Presbyter for Mission, Witness, and Church Support, effective October 27, 2016.
- Constance (Connie) Button, from New Hope Presbytery, to PWNC as Transitional Pastor at Newton First Presbyterian Church, effective October 1, 2016.
- Jacob L. Douylliez, from Savannah Presbytery, to PWNC as pastor at Marion First Presbyterian Church.
- Kimberleigh Wells from the Presbytery of the James to New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville as pastor, effective September 26, 2016.
- David Garnett from Tampa Bay Presbytery to Unity Presbyterian Church as Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff, effective August 1, 2016.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **III. ORDINATION/INSTALLATION**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Rev. Lauren Vanacore introduced Jacob Douylliez, as pastor-elect, Marion First Presbyterian Church, a candidate for ordination and installation. Following Jacob's sermon entitled "Jacob," with scripture from Genesis 32:33-37, Rev. Vanacore moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that Jacob be ordained and installed by the Presbytery. The motion passed and Rev. Vanacore offered prayer. Representative from Marion First Presbyterian Church were recognized. The motion passed. (Appendix DD)

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, presented Jacob Douylliez with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Presbytery and as a welcome to the Presbytery.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **IV. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES**

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

- William Buchanan, as Executive Director of Asheville Youth Mission, through October 25, 2017.
- Joan Martin, as Chaplain at Covenant Village, Inc., through October 25, 2017.
- Cynthia Strickler, as Director and Head of Staff, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Int., through October 25, 2017.
- David Lytle, as Chaplain, Novant Health, Huntersville Medical Center, through October 25, 2017.
- Brenda Howard, as Chaplain Volunteer, Hospice and Palliative Care of The Blue Ridge, Inc. through October 25, 2017.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **V. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Whit Malone recommended that the Presbytery approve that Brenda Howard to be commissioned as a lay pastor. Brenda Howard will be commissioned to the Mitchell County Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge, Inc. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Moderator McLean then offered prayer. The commissioning for Brenda Howard is to include permission to celebrate the Sacraments. The moderator thanked the congregation of Newdale

Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine for sharing Brenda with another organization within our Presbytery. (Appendix DD)

### **BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

Sarah Thomas, VP of Finance & Development at the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families, thanked the churches and donors for their gracious contributions to the home. The Black Mountain Home serves children from birth through college graduation who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Through contributions, wishes and dreams of the children can be met. Each congregation in attendance was encouraged to pick up their “Thanksgiving Offering” Packets.

### **GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

Tina Joyner, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, reported that the Guatemala Microloan Project is in its third phase, and that there are currently 68 Guatemalan women participating in the project. These women are learning new skills, receiving new opportunities, learning more about financial responsibilities and making new friends. She stated that the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

### **REPORT OF GENERAL PRESBYTER**

The General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White shared how the Holy Spirit is working within our Presbytery and its mission. Through the work of each one in the Presbytery, wonderful and exciting opportunities are being fulfilled through the funds being contributed to the Building Hope Campaign. She expressed that through the Holy Spirit we have yet to see all of the fruit of the Holy Spirit being breathed upon us. (Appendix EE)

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Reverend Terry Hanna led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Teaching Elder Blake Daniel, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Sylva and Ruling Elder Susan Blair, First Presbyterian Church, Sylva, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks for the 110<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina held at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Brevard, NC:

Having met at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church in beautiful Brevard, NC on October 25, 2016 for the 110<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:

We give thanks...

For the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit which goes with us and before us in all things.

We give thanks...

For Jesus' body, the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church led by the Spirit to the glory of God in mission to the world.

We give thanks...

For the work of the Presbytery of Western Carolina, bearing witness to the Gospel in ministry and supporting congregations locally and globally as they do the same.

We give thanks...

For the hospitality and organization of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church in hosting this meeting and leading God's people in worship of Word and Sacrament.

We give thanks...

For the work of presbytery staff, committees, councils, and commissions before, during, and after this meeting.

We give thanks...

For Jackie Putnam, Billy Robinson, Jacob Douylliez, Brenda Howard, Connie Button, Kimberleigh Wells, and David Garnett, who are entering this presbytery through ordination, commissioning, or transfer in service to Christ and his church.

We give thanks...

For the work that is yet to come, praying with humility that “whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

For these things, and more, we give thanks.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the 110th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator McLean adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. with prayer.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The 111th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton, 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 are to be approved by Presbytery on January 28, 2017 at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina.



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