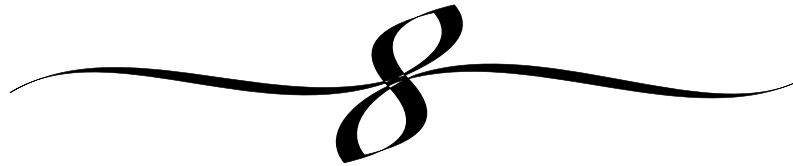


**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
NINETY-SIXTH
STATED MEETING
April 30, 2013**

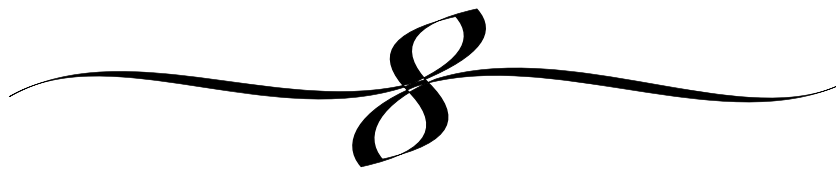


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Ninety-Sixth Stated Meeting
April 30, 2013
at Montreat Conference Center, Anderson Auditorium,
Montreat, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

Rev. Don Scofield, Moderator, convened the Ninety-Sixth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m., in the Anderson Auditorium at the Montreat Conference Center, in Montreat, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with a hymn.

CONVENE WITH PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Don Scofield, Moderator, convened the meeting with prayer.

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Pete Peery welcomed all presbyters and others to the beautiful Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina. He brought greetings from the college and conference center and invited everyone to participate in upcoming conferences at the center and to visit the Presbytery Resource Center.

GOOD NEWS FROM MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Stated Pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church, brought greetings and good news from the church.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Robert Abel	P	Ann Aichinger	P	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P	Michael Bailey	P
Tony Baker	E	Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E
Ashley J. Beavers	E	Harold Bennett, Jr.	P	Joseph Bennett	P
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Randall Boggs	P	Ronald Botsford	E	Adam Bowling	P
Lee Bowman	P	Richard Boyce	P	Margie Boyd	P
Grace Boyer	E	David Bradley	E	Ryan Brakemeyer	P
Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	A	Edwin Brenegar, III	P

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

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

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

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

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

John Stanley	A	Roger Wise	P	William Wuehrmann	A
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The following MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD and COMMITTEE CHAIRS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

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

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Jamie Brady	Jack Cloninger
	Cindy Brown	
Banner Elk (1)	Allen Clark	
Belmont First (2)	Beth Howe	William J. Howe
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Mike Begley	Anne Straughan
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Marilyn Massey	Corinne Hachbold
Bridgewater (1)	Roger Lowery	
Brittain (1)	Edward Norris	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	

Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	A	
Calvary (2)	A	
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (2)	Doug Crawley	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	A	
Cullowhee (1)	Jo Ella Bennett	
Dallas First (1)	E	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	June Gahagan	
Dulatown (2)	Nadine Hood	Bobby Dixon
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Don Wauchope	
Fairview (1)	Jason Myers	
Fletcher (1)	Tommy Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	Mary Jane Daily	
Franklin First (1)	Martha Ranier	
Gastonia First (3)	Sarah Wentz	Pat Glenn
	Gloria Hickson	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Mary Lou Nash	Jim Wallis
Grassy Creek (1)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	

Hayesville (1)	Betty Anne Watkins	
Hendersonville First (2)	Mimi Jamieson	Marjorie Hever
Hickory First (3)	Ken Bates	Lisa Webber
	Paul Caporossi	
Highlands First (1)	Osborne Oakley	
Ironton (1)	A	
Jack's Creek (1)	E	
John Knox (1)	Julia Price	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (2)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	A	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	A	
Love's Chapel (2)	Cora Slade	Thelma Isles
Lowell (1)	A	
Marion First (2)	A	
Marshall (2)	Lynne Simpson	
Micaville (2)	E	
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Perrin Wright	Marylyn Huff
Morganton First (3)	Sylvia McBane	Ron Kendrick
Morrison (2)	Lynn Kirkconnell	Linda Ligon
Mount Holly First (2)	E	
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Mary Jane Boyd	
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	Ray Medford	Edwin Lewis
Newdale (2)	Anita Fortner	Becky Ayala
Newland (2)	Sam Ray	Gene Brewer
Newton First (3)	Bonnie Pritchard	
Northminster (3)	Bill Claypoole	Otto Woods

Oak Forest (2)	A	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	Phyllis Hallman	
Paint Gap (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	A	
Quaker Meadows (2)	Dorothy Paschall	Rachel Marler
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	Elizabeth Barbee	Ryan Baldwin
Riceville (2)	A	
Ridgeview (2)	A	
Robinson Memorial (2)	A	
Rutherfordton (3)	John Latham	Ted Stroud
Ryburn Memorial (3)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	John Schweppe	Shannon Blackley
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	Jean Francis	
Siloam (1)	Amelia Tipton	
Southminster (2)	A	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Jane Hansel	
Sweetwater (1)	Gerald Finney	
Sylva First (1)	Judy McManus	
Third Street (2)	A	
Trinity (2)	M. L. Bringle	
Tryon (2)	Kerry Austin	
Union (1)	Frank Suggs	
Union Mills (1)	A	

United (1)	Gary Amos	
Unity (2)	Denita Sample	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Bill Brinkley	John Heilman
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	Susan Laney	
Waynesville First (1)	Beverly Stubbs	
West Asheville (1)	Barbara Clark	
West Avenue (1)	Dennis Godfrey	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Teaching Elders (formerly Ministers)	148
Ruling Elders (formerly Elders)	83
Certified Educators	4
Administrative Board/Committee Chairs	10
Visitors	83
Total	328

There were four corresponding members in attendance.

- *Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, World Mission with PCUSA, Grace Presbytery*
- *Rev. Susan Key, Tampa Bay Presbytery*
- *Rev. Jean Hilton Good, Presbytery of St. Augustine*
- *Rev. James T. Richardson, Foothills Presbytery*

Standing Committees:

Resolution of Thanks:

- *Rev. Michael Isaacs, Westminster Presbyterian Church*
- *Elder Bob Craddock, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church*

Bills and Overtures:

- *Rev. Cam Murchison, Chair*

Tellers:

- *Elder Mike Begley, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church*
- *Elder Martha Campbell, Montreat Presbyterian Church*
- *Elder Marylyn Huff, Montreat Presbyterian Church*
- *Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Montreat Presbyterian Church*
- *Elder Anne Straughan, Montreat Presbyterian Church*
- *Elder Perrlin Wright, Montreat Presbyterian Church*

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

8:30	Registration	(Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)	
8:30	Prayers before Presbytery	<i>(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)</i>	
	Orientation for New Elders	<i>(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 1)</i>	Barbara Ross
9:00	Convene with Prayer of Invocation and Hymn	(Anderson Auditorium)	Don Scofield, Moderator
	Welcome		Pete Peery, President Montreat Conference Center
	Words of Welcome and Good News	Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)	Maggie Lauterer, Pastor Montreat Presbyterian Church
	Appointment of Standing Committees		Don Scofield, Moderator
	Resolution of Thanks -	<i>Michael Isaacs, Pastor, Westminster</i> <i>Bob Craddock, Ruling Elder, Kenilworth</i>	
	Bills and Overtures –	<i>Cam Murchison - Chair</i>	
	Tellers -		
	Certification of Quorum		Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk
	Approval of Docket		
	Consent Agenda		A
	<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>		
	Stated Clerk’s Report		B
	<i>(Report of Administrative Commissions; Annual Report from Committee on Representation)</i>		
	Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Omnibus		
	Administrative Board		C
	Budget and Finance Committee		BB
	Evangelism		O
	Nominating Committee		I
	Self-Development of People		M
	Reports from Commissioners to Synod		II
	<i>(Eddie Deas and Martha Rockett)</i>		
9:25	Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		
	Preacher:	Hunter Farrell	
	Scripture:	<i>Isaiah 58:1-10; Mark 3:31-35</i>	
	Sermon:	<i>“Mission: Redrawing the World”</i>	
	Worship Planners:	<i>Rev. Kathy Campbell and Rev. Anne Morgan</i>	

- 10:25 Mission Study Task Force (45 minutes)** **Barbara McLean QQ**
(Presentation by the staff of the Asheville (Western North Carolina) Chamber of Commerce about future economic and population trends in Western North Carolina and the cultural shifts that are being seen for the future.)
- 11:10 “Presbyterians in Global Mission:
Why We’re Better Together”** **Hunter Farrell**
- Budget and Finance Committee (5 minutes)** **Jay Crane BB**
- Amendment to the Constitution Part 1 of 2 (20 minutes)** **James Aydelotte**
Heidelberg Catechism *(recommendation to Presbytery for their vote)*
<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga220-proposed-amendments-constitution-part-1-2/>
<http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/oga/pdf/heidelberg-compare-2012.pdf>
http://www.presbyterywnc.org/content/materials/documents/2013/jan2013_presentation-heidelberg.pdf
- Report of General Presbyter (5 minutes)** **Bobbi White GP**
- Resource Center (2-3 minutes)**
(Introduction of Carol Thomas, Resource Center Director - Invitation to Ttut the Jo Bales Gallagher Resource Center)
- Camp Grier (2-3 minutes)** **J. D. Waldrop EE**
(Introduction of Interim Director for Camp Grier)
- 12:25 Prayers of Intercession** **Lynn Webber**
(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk’s table before 11:00 a.m.)
- 12:30 Lunch (Assembly Inn)**
- 1:30 Reconvene with Hymn & Prayer (Anderson Auditorium)** **Moderator**
- 1:40 Speak Out (up to 1 minute per person)**
(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less, per speaker, on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)
- 1:50 Announcements from PWNC Committees (up to two minutes per person)**
(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for up to two minutes or less, per speaker, with announcements coming from a Presbytery Committee. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements pertaining to events, mission trips, educational opportunities, or good news may be shared.)
**Evangelism; Self-Development of People; Mission; Hunger; and Let’s Celebrate
Task Force**
- Youth (5minutes)** **Evelyn Coleman Y**
- Riceville Administrative Commission Report (15 minutes)** **James Aydelotte BA**
- Administrative Board (10 minutes)** **Don Scofield C**
- Committee on Ministry (20 minutes)** **Mark Ramsey D**
(Work of the committee, Introduction of new ministers, Commissioning of Lay Pastors)

**Report from the Bills and Overtures Committee
Resolution of Thanks
Benediction and Adjournment**

Moderator

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

- Administrative Board (Appendix B)
- Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix C)
- Evangelism (Appendix D)
- Nominating Committee (Appendix E)
- Self-Development of People (Appendix F)
- Report for Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Spring Meeting (Appendix G)

STATED CLERK’S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 1-8, included in the Stated Clerk’s report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. He then referred to items 9-14 as items for information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| CA | 1. THAT Don Scofield, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 31, 2013 Presbytery meeting. |
| CA | 2. THAT the minutes of the February 9, 2013 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. |
| CA | 3. THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:

Merriam S. Alexander (Appendix H)
Marshall J. Nord(Appendix I) |
| CA | 4. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of the Presbytery:

Kyle Segars (Appendix J) |
| CA | 5. THAT the April 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K) |
| CA | 6. THAT the April 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L) |

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| CA | 7. | THAT the April 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L) |
| CA | 8. | THAT the April 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix M) |

FOR INFORMATION:

9. THAT the ninety-seventh stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2013 at the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

10. THAT the following dates have been established for Reviewing of Church Records and Form of Government Training:

- Saturday, March 23, 2013 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
- Saturday, April 13, 2013 - Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver
- Saturday, May 4, 2013 - Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
- Saturday, May 18, 2013 - Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore
- Saturday, June 8, 2013 - First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

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

11. THAT the following Session Records for 2012 were submitted and approved on March 23, 2013, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.

Asheville, First	Marion, First	Spruce Pine, First
Banner Elk	Montreat	Swannanoa, First
Black Mountain	Morganton, First	Tryon
Brevard-Davidson River	Newland	United
Bridgewater	Newton, First	Unity
Brittain Church	Quaker Meadows	Waldensian
Bryson City	Reems Creek-Beech	Warren Wilson
Fairview	Rutherfordton	West Asheville
Gastonia, First	Saluda	
Hendersonville, First	Siloam	

12. THAT the following Session Records for 2012 were submitted and approved on April 13, 2013 at a Session Records Review, held at Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver.

Canton	Glen Alpine	Kenilworth
Duncan's Creek	Hickory, First	

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

2013

- April 30, 2013 ~ Montreat Conference Center
- July 30, 2013 ~ Grandfather Home for Children
- October 26, 2013 ~ Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

2014

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

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

June 1, 2013 @ Montreat Conference Center - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 5, 2013 @ First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

(3/6 hour training; morning session meets the requirement for 3 hr. training; all day meets the requirement for 6 hr. training.)

Since the first workshop in March 2011, the Sexual Misconduct Task Force has held at least 3 to 4 trainings each year in various locations of the of the Presbytery. During that time, a total of **297** people have attended a session. We are now in the third year and there are still a number of teaching elders, ruling elders and committee members who should attend by the end of 2013.

The last training was held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. There was a total of 38 in attendance.

Still needing to attend a Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training:

80	Teaching Elders (Retired Ministers)
20	Teaching Elders (Active Ministers)
4	Teaching Elders (Ministers Laboring in our Bounds)
5	Ruling Elders (Commissioned Lay Pastors)
<u>96</u>	Ruling Elders (Committee Members) (approximately)
205	Total remaining to attend

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission for the PCUSA, preached the opening worship service. His sermon was entitled, Mission: Redrawing the World. Scripture for the morning was read from Isaiah 58:1-10 and Mark 3:31-35.

Worship planners for the service were Revs. Anne Morgan (New Hope, Asheville) and Kathy Campbell (Crossnore Presbyterian Church) and Musician Mr. Eric Wall, from Montreat Conference Center. Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communion was served by teaching and ruling elders from Cherryville, First; Burnsville, First; Kenilworth; Trinity; Swannanoa, First; and Westminster.

A commissioning service for mission teams going to Guatemala and Malawi was led by Rev. Anita Bernhardt and Rev. Ellen Dozier. A special commissioning service was led by Dr. Hunter Farrell for Marlene and Gary Van Brocklin, serving as Mission Co-Workers to South Asia Regional Liaisons.

MISSION STUDY TASK FORCE

Ruling Elder Barbara McLean, chair of the Mission Study Task Force, reported on the work of the task force. Task Force member, Dr. Ed Brenegar, introduced the staff of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce (Western North Carolina) for an enlightening presentation related to the future economic and population trends in Western North Carolina and the cultural shifts that are being seen for the future. (Appendix N)

PRESBYTERIANS IN GLOBAL MISSION

The Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell gave a special lecture on why the Church must change its mission strategy. Outlining opportunities and challenges to Presbyterian World Ministry in the 21st Century.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Ruling Elder Jay Crane, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and Operations Divisions, reported on the work of the committee and the status of the Presbytery. (Appendix C)

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Dr. James Aydelotte presented the recommendation of the proposed changes to the current Heidelberg Catechism. Following a brief discussion, the Presbytery voted in favor of the recommended changes. (Appendix O)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Presbytery heard an inspiring report from General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, encouraging everyone to continually ask what is God calling us to do as a church and as a Presbytery. She encouraged everyone to listen closely to what God is saying and reminded the Presbytery to think about being an Evangelist. She shared that 86 of the 110 churches in our Presbytery support a PCUSA missionary or Guatemala Partnership and entertained churches which are not supporting a missionary to talk with the Presbytery and consider supporting mission in some form. (Appendix P)

RESOURCE CENTER

Nancy McNeil from the Resource Center Task Force, introduced Carol Todd Thomas, Resource Center Director at The Jo Bales Gallagher Resource Center. The resource center for the Presbytery is now located in Montreat on the lower level of the Moore Center. The center has over 4,000 resources available and can be accessed by phone, on-line or in person.

CAMP GRIER

J.D. Waldrop, Acting Director at Camp Grier, introduced Jason McDougald as the new Interim Director at Camp Grier. Jason spoke briefly about Camp Grier and the how the youth of the Presbytery can be enriched through their experiences at camp. (Appendix Q)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Lynn Webber led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Moderator, reconvened the Presbytery at 1:30 p.m. with a hymn and prayer and an opportunity for Presbyterians to address the Presbytery with announcements, concerns, and opinions.

YOUTH

Beth Gunn and Heather Davis shared vital information on the work and upcoming events of the Youth Committee. The Youth Committee is seeking applications for Youth Council for 2013-2104. A video prepared by Madeleine Tilley, a member of Unity Presbyterian Church and this year's Youth Council, was shared to encourage enthusiasm and interest among youth. (Appendix R)

LET'S CELEBRATE TASK FORCE

Rev. Michael Sears, member of the Let's Celebrate Task Force, shared plans for the annual event, "Let's Celebrate" which will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. This year's keynoters will be Rev. Marshall Nord, Media Evangelist and member of the Presbytery of WNC and Rev. Steve Wilde, pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, CA.

RICEVILLE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

On behalf of the Administrative Commission for the Riceville Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte reported on the work and actions of the commission. A detailed report was given with regard to the Riceville Presbyterian Church. The Administrative Commission made the following recommendation to the Presbytery: (Appendix S)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Property Settlement Agreement;
2. Dismiss all the members of the Riceville Congregation to the Evangelical Presbyterian denomination, with thanks for their Christian service and witness among us and our blessings for their future service to the Lord of the One Church.

Recommendations 1 and 2 were approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Patricia Clark and Don Scofield presented the report of the Administrative Board. On behalf of the Administrative Board, recommendation 4 was presented for approval. Items 1-3 were presented in the Consent Agenda report. The recommendations were approved. Items 5 through 14 were presented for information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| CA | 1. THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee:
Rev. Melissa Upchurch (Marshall) B Class of 2015
Mr. Marvin Chambers (Kenilworth) B Class of 2015 |
| CA | 2. THAT Rev. Eddie Deas be elected to serve as a commissioner to Synod, for a three year term (2013-2015), beginning in January of 2013. (Martha Rockett is our other commissioner.) |

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| <p>3. THAT the Presbytery receive with appreciation the final report from the Presbytery's Montreat Team. (Appendix T)</p> <p>4. THAT the Administrative Board recommends that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina endorse Dr. Heath Rada as a candidate to be Moderator of the 221st (2014) General Assembly and serving the PCUSA for the next two years. (For Information - Dr. Heath Rada has been endorsed by the Session of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville. Additional information on Dr. Rada can be found on COM Attachment 3.) (Appendix U)</p> |
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FOR INFORMATION:

5. **THAT the Administrative Board reviewed and approved the following grant applications.**
- Visionary Grants (Synod)**
 - Spiritual Renewal
 - Renovations of Office Space
 - Walton Grant (Presbyterian Mission Agency)**
 - New Vision
 - Other Grants (Synod - Small Church Grant Fund)**
 - Dulatown Presbyterian Church
 - First Presbyterian Church, Bryson City
6. **THAT the Administrative Board endorsed a grant request from Grandfather Home for Children that will be submitted to the Presbyterian Women.**
7. **THAT the presentation on the Heidelberg Catechism at the February 9, 2013 Presbytery meeting is on the Presbytery website and will be included in the April 30, 2013 packet. (Appendix O)**
8. **THAT a copy of the Proposed Amendment of the Heidelberg Catechism to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 220th General Assembly, was distributed at the October 2012 Presbytery Meeting, and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**
- Heidelberg Catechism - Part 1 of 2 (to be voted on April 30, 2013)**
 - <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga220-proposed-amendments-constitution-part-1-2/>
 - <http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/oga/pdf/heidelberg-compare-2012.pdf>
9. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
10. **THAT the following dates have been set for Youth Events in 2013:**
- July 16-20, 2013 ~ Presbyterian Youth Triennium
 - (The Presbytery has a bus going with approximately 46 youth from 16 churches, many from our smaller membership churches.)
11. **THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Youth, Evangelism, Building Relationships and Partnerships to Strengthen Congregations To Be Faithful and Vital Witnesses to Jesus Christ. Keynote speakers will be Rev. Stephen Wilde, pastor at First Presbyterian**

Church of Livermore, CA, and Rev. Marshall Nord, serving in a validated ministry at Reverence Pictures Media, as a Media Evangelist.

12. THAT the Administrative Board will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2014 and 2015.

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

2013

April 30, 2013 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 30, 2013 ~ Grandfather Home for Children
October 26, 2013 ~ Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

2014

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

14. THAT the Small Membership Church Committee reported on the meetings held with the Presbyterian Foundation for small membership churches. They encouraged all small membership churches to attend one of the next scheduled sessions that will be held on May 14th and May 16th.

May 14, 2013 - New Vision, Conover (8:00 a.m.)
May 14, 2013 - West Avenue, Gastonia (12:30 p.m.)
May 16, 2013 - Spruce Pine, First (8:30 a.m.)
May 16, 2014 - Westminster, Asheville (12:30)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Mark Ramsey reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. The following were recognized for Honorable Retirement: Rev. Theodore P. Grant, effective January 15, 2013; J. Samuel Hobson, effective April 1, 2013; and William E. Christian, effective April 1, 2013. (Appendix V)

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

- Rev. Nancy Mugford, to Salem Presbytery as Member-at-Large, effective February 12, 2013.
- Rev. Matthew Schlageter to Central Florida Presbytery as Chaplain at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, effective September 27, 2012.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. Mark Ramsey introduced the following 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 V)

- James J. Holeman from Utah Presbytery, as pastor at the Union Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC, effective June 19, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Mark Ramsey moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix V)

- Pete Peery, as President, Mountain Retreat Association (Montreat Conference Center), through April 30, 2014.
- Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain with Blue Ridge Healthcare, through April 30, 2014.
- Gary Van Brocklin, as Professor of Cross Cultural and Biblical Studies, Montreat College, through April 30, 2014.
- David Lytle, as Chaplain with Presbyterian Health Care, through April 30, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
IV. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

On behalf of the Examinations Committee, Rev. Kevin Frederick moved that the Presbytery approve that Deborah Lesenger and Jim Taylor be commissioned as lay pastors. Deborah Lesenger will be commissioned to the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Shelby and Jim Taylor to Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine and Newdale Presbyterian Church in Burnsville. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. This commissioning for Deborah Lesenger and Jim Taylor included permission to lead worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper, Baptisms, weddings, and moderate the Session. (Appendix V)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
V. DISMISSAL POLICY OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WNC

Rev. Cam Murchison, vice-moderator of the Committee on Ministry, submitted the following recommendation from the Committee on Ministry and Administrative Board regarding the church dismissal policy for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix W)

V. Recommend to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina the following amendment to the Dismissal Policy of the Presbytery of WNC and the following additional action.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DISMISSAL POLICY OF PRESBYTERY OF WNC

III. Congregations may be dismissed by Presbytery to a member of the World Communion of Reformed Churches or to another Reformed denomination whose organization Presbytery determines is conformed to the doctrines and order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

PROPOSED ACTION FOR MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF WNC

Because the doctrine of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians is focused on the triune God, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the authority of scripture and the acknowledgment that the *Book of Confessions* (of the PCUSA) is a faithful exposition of the Word of God;

and because its polity connects and holds accountable congregations through presbyteries and a synod;

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina determines that the doctrines and order of the Evangelical Covenant of Presbyterians sufficiently conform to the doctrines and order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Following a brief discussion, the Presbytery approved the recommendation.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Rev. Michael Isaacs, Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Bob Craddock, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

Having brought the 96th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to a conclusion, we give thanks for Montreat Conference Center for helping foster one of the places of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Likewise, we are thankful for Montreat Presbyterian Church—the tarnish on their brass and the sugar in their goodies.

As we gathered here, we gave thanks that the image of God in each of us recognizes the image of God in one another. *Namaste.*

We are thankful for the \$7,000 from the "One Great Hour of Sharing" that led to the environmental impact study in Peru. We are grateful for mission teams to Guatemala and Malawi who take our outpouring of gratitude for God to the whole world. Likewise, we give thanks for 11,000 mission agencies in our denomination called congregations.

With some trepidation, we give thanks that for every step we take closer to Jesus, we take a step closer to a neighbor, to a stranger, or to an unlikely partner in ministry.

We give thanks for confessions that guide our interpretation of Scripture. Especially, when they remind us that we are not our own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. And we are thankful for a scrupulous tradition that allows us to continue to discern God's activity in the world, and reminds us that our human knowledge is provisional.

We gave thanks for Presbytery Youth Council, our youth, and their mentors. We gave thanks especially, for transitional leaders of Camp Grier.

For Riceville Presbyterian Church, and our history of partnership in the name of Jesus Christ, thank you. For a Lord who hears our prayers for the peace, unity, purity, and progress of the Church of Jesus Christ, thanks be to God.

We give thanks for the prayer life and leadership of Heath Rada, and for a denomination that affirms gifts of leadership. Likewise, we give thanks for the commissioning of James Taylor and Deborah Lesenger.

Finally, we give thanks for our Moderator, Stated Clerk, General Presbyter, Associates Presbyters, and for each congregation in this Presbytery who God uses anywhere and anytime. Thanks be to God. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Ninety-Sixth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Don Scofield at 3:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Ninety-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Don Scofield, Moderator

William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 30, 2013 at its meeting at the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

APPENDICES

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