PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



MINUTES EIGHTY-SEVENTH STATED MEETING January 29, 2011





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The Presbytery of Western North Carolina Eighty-Seventh Stated Meeting January 29, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Elder J. D. Waldrop called the Eighty-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to order at 9:02 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton, North Carolina.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR/VICE-MODERATOR

As the immediate past Moderator, Elder Waldrop led a service to install James Aydelotte as Moderator and Patricia Clark as Vice-Moderator for 2011.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator convened the Eighty-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m., in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

WELCOME

The Rev. Michael Bailey welcomed the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator Aydelotte appointed the following committee:

Resolution of Thanks:

- Rev. Robert Bruce Cumming, Retired
- Elder Lynn Moore, Trinity Presbyterian Church

Tellers:

- Rev. Michael Bailey, Morganton, First
- Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, Waldensian
- Rev. Frank Aichinger, New Vision
- Rev. Anne Aichinger, New Vision
- Mr. Bruce McKinney, Morganton, First
- Mr. Joe Tubito, Morganton, First

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, Elder Bert Sigmon, declared that a quorum was present.

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

Robert Abel	Е	Ann Aichinger	P	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan Aldridge	P	Charles Alexander	Е
State Alexander, Jr.	Е	Terry Alexander	P	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	Е	Michael Bailey	P

Tony F. Baker	A	Douglas Bartlett	Е	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	Е
Ashley J. Beavers	P	Joseph D. Bennett	P	Stanley Bennett	Е
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	Е	Carter Blaisdell	P
Randall Boggs	P	Ronald A. Botsford	Е	Dewey Bowen	Е
Adam Bowling	P	Lee W. Bowman	P	Richard Boyce	Е
Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	Е	Ronald Brauer	Е
Michael Brazelle	Е	Edwin Brenegar, III	P	Hayden Britton	Е
Beverly Brock	P	Jerry Bron	Е	Thompson Brown	Е
Sandra Brown	P	Jason Bryant	Е	Aimee Buchanan	Е
Ralph Buchanan	Е	William Buchanan	Е	Mark Burnham	P
Monty Burnham	P	Sue Burton	Е	Robert Busey	Е
Joey T. Byrd	Е	John Campbell	Е	Kathy Campbell	P
William Campbell	P	Mary Faith Carson	Е	Joel David Cherry	A
Calvin Chesnutt	Е	Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	A
Carol B. Clark	Е	Mark P. Clark	P	Sarah Coburn	P
James Cockerham	P	William Cockrill	A	James Cogswell	Е
Evelyn Coleman	A	Hunter Coleman	Е	Priestley Conyers, III	Е
Thomas Cook, Jr.	Е	Drayton Cooper	Е	Donald Cooper	P
Riley Covin	P	John Craven	Е	James Crook	Е
Curtis Crowther	Е	Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P
Jack Davidson	P	Dent Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	P
Jey Deifell, Jr.	Е	Arthur Dejong	Е	Susan Denne	P
Charles Donnell	Е	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	Е
John Ellington	P	Charles Elyea	Е	Raymond Fancher	P
Kristy Farber	P	Lee Feero, Jr.	Е	David Fillpot	Е
Ragland Fletcher	Е	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	Е	Edward Forsyth	P
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	Е	McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	John Frye, Jr.	P	A. W. Gaines	P
Tee Gatewood, III	P	Denise Geiger	Е	David Grachek	P
Gregory Grana	Е	Theodore Grant	P	Robert Gruber	Е

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George Gunn	P	Samuel Hale	P	Michal Hall	Е
Terry Hanna	Е	Randall Hardy	P	Martin L. Harkey, III	P
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	Е	Robert Hewett	Е
Fred Hill	Е	Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	Е
Richard Holshouser	Е	Samuel Hope	Е	James Hornsby	Е
William Hoyt, III	P	George Hutchins	P	Donald Jafvert	Е
William Janes	P	William Jennings	Е	Cecil Jividen	Е
Wallace Johnson	P	Mike Johnston, IV	P	Franklin Jones	Е
Dong Uk Kang	A	David Kaylor	Е	Alyce Kelly	A
David Kennedy	Е	James Kennedy	Е	Ira Kennerly	Е
Paul Kercher	Е	Shannon Kershner	P	Jeff Kesterson	Е
William Kirk	P	Albert Kissling	Е	Earl Kreisa	Е
Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	Е	John LaMotte	P
John Laughlin	P	Margaret Lauterer	Е	James Layman	P
Calvin Lewers	P	Ernest Lewis	Е	Wendell Ligon	P
John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	Е	Brad Long	A
Laura Long	P	Dick Lonnee	P	Billy T. Lowe	P
David Lytle	Е	Marjorie Marsh	Е	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	Е	Robert Martin, Jr.	Е	Tyler Martin	Е
Layton Mauze, III	Е	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	Е
Robert McCully, Jr.	Е	Deborah McEachran	Е	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	Е
David McKee	P	Alexander McLean	P	James McPherson	Е
Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	Е	Robert Montgomery	P	Anne Morgan	P
David Morgan	P	Richard Morgan	Е	Nancy Mugford	Е
David Mulford	Е	Donald Mullen	P	Camerson Murchison	A
Carl Murray	Е	David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	Е
John Newton, Jr.	Е	John Niles	Е	Herman Nodine	Е
Richard Nygren	Е	O'Hyun Park	P	Katherine Parker	P
Thomas Parker	P	Andrew Parkey	P	David Parks	Е

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Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	P	Albert Peery, Jr.	Е
Margaret Peery	P	Harry Petersen	P	Martha Jane Petersen	P
Lyle Peterson	Е	Harry Phillips	Е	James Poling	P
Luke Ponder	Е	Samuel Pope	P	Carolyn Poteet	P
Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	P	Gene Price	Е
Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	P	Jay Rabuck	P
Daria Ragan	A	Mark Ramsey	P	Earl Rash	Е
Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	Е	Calvin Rice	Е	Homer Rickabaugh	P
Don Robb, III	Е	Jack Robinson	Е	Steven Runholt	P
Richard Rustay	Е	Matthew Schlageter	A	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P
Henry Scoggins	P	Julius Scott	Е	Carol Seaman	Е
Michael Sears	P	William Serjak	Е	Albert Shaw, Jr.	P
Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	P	Wirt Skinner	P
Allen Smith	P	O'dell Smith	P	Kent Smith	P
Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	Е	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	Е
Daniel Stitt	P	David Stover	P	Cynthia Strickler	P
James Stuart	Е	Walter Styles	Е	Charles Swann	Е
William Sweetser, Jr.	P	Lee Thomas	P	Keith Thompson	P
Dan Thornton	P	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	P	Margaret Torrence	P
Ace Tubbs	Е	Robert Tuttle	P	Thomas Tweedie	Е
Gary Van Brocklin	P	Rockwell Ward	Е	Samuel Warner	P
Joseph Washburn	P	Mark Watson	P	Lynn Webber	P
Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	Е
Parker Williamson	Е	John Wilson	Е	Otis Wilson, Jr.	Е
Margaret Wilson- Stayton	P	William Wing, Jr.	Е	Chris Wingard	P
Eugene Witherspoon	P	Heather Wood	P	Graham Wood, Jr.	P
Donaldson Wood	Е	Rebecca Young	Е		

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

Linda Abel	Е	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood, Sr.	P	Kenneth Humphreys	P
James Millsaps	P	David Moore, Sr.	A	Linda Moore	P
Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	P	Betty Shaw	P
William Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	Е
John Stanley	P	William Wuehrmann	A		

The following MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

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

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (2)	Carter Blair	Phillip Shomaker
Asheville First (3)	Joanne Barton	Alex Pence
	Ellen McDougald	
Banner Elk (2)	A	
Belmont First (3)	William Howe	Michael Holder

Bessemer City First (2)	A	
Black Mountain (3)	Gladys Brooks	Julia Capps
Brevard-Davidson River (3)	Sam McManus	John Hachbold
Bridgewater (2)	A	
Brittain (2)	Edward Norris	
Brittains Cove (2)	A	
Bryson City (2)	A	
Buladean (2)	A	
Burnsville First (2)	Lanny Heidenfelder	
Calvary (3)	Е	
Canton (2)	Ron Stockton	Larry Watson
Cherryville First (2)	Todd Dellinger	
Clinchfield (2)	A	
Columbus (2)	Fred Ashley	Phil Ashley
Conley Memorial (2)	Е	
Crossnore (2)	Barbara Ross	
Cullowhee (2)	Marion Beegle	Lynda McNeely
Dallas First (2)	Alice Denton	Annette Carrigan
Dixon (2)	A	
Dorland Memorial (2)	Emma Kate Davis	
Dulatown (3)	Gary Norwood	
Duncan's Creek (2)	Joseph Brooks	Herman Campbell
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Don Wauchope	
Fairview (1)	James Myers	
Fletcher (1)	Е	

Forest City First (1)	Caroline Baynard	
Franklin First (1)	Patsy Clinton	
Gastonia First (3)	Tim Paschall	John Garrett
	Frank Sell	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Janet Hovis	Liz Rupp
Grassy Creek (1)	Bobby Justice	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	Jackie Scott	Eugene Conley
Hayesville (1)	A	
Hendersonville First (2)	Brenda Bradshaw	Rena Nisbet
Hickory First (2)	John King	Don Coleman
Highlands First (1)	Osborne Oakley	
Ironton (1)	Pat Bradshaw	
Jack's Creek (1)	Linda Anglin	
John Knox (1)	Barbara Ghigo	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (1)	David Leonard	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Jeff Crisp	
Lincolnton First (1)	Greg McBryde	
Long Creek (1)	Sherry Hoover	
Love's Chapel (2)	Valinda Reid	Cora Slade
Lowell (1)	Sue Johnson	
Marion First (1)	Robert Ayers	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Billie Tomberlin	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Kay Layman	

Morganton First (2)	Bruce McKinney	Joseph Tubito
Morrison (1)	Linda Ligon	
Mount Holly First (1)	Robert Jessen	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Kim Presley	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	Bob Ayala	
Newland (1)	Ellie Ellenburg	
Newton First (1)	Amy Yenderusiak	
Northminster (1)	Rebecca Inglefield	
Oak Forest (1)	Mary Louise Carpenter	
Oakwood (1)	Sabrina Cardwell	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Melissa Sears	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	David Caputo	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Pat Bradley	
Riceville (1)	Karl Stroupe	
Ridgeview (1)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (1)	John Pea	
Rutherfordton (1)	John Talley	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	Lucretia Bell	Carolyn Howell
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Richard Fletcher	Jack Breen
Sherrill's Ford (1)	Alana Dysart	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Teresa Locke	Darrell Current
Spindale (1)	Sarah Kirk	

Spruce Pine First (1)	Bob Skillen
Swannanoa First (1)	Steve Hansel
Sweetwater (1)	Ray Combs
Sylva First (1)	Erik Enberg
Third Street (2)	Gayle Deas
Trinity (1)	Emily Stanley
Tryon (1)	Les Stobbe
Union (1)	Rose Brooks
Union Mills (1)	Susan Ward
United (1)	A
Unity (2)	Jane Copeland
Vians Valley (1)	A
Waldensian (1)	Linda Rostan
Walnut (1)	Mark Pearson
Walnut Grove (1)	A
Warren Wilson (1)	Julia Richards
Waynesville First (1)	Charlotte Casey
West Asheville (1)	Amy Hawkins
West Avenue (1)	George Ratchford
Westminster (1)	Nancy Wait

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

Ministers	141
Elders	102
Certified Educators	3
Council/Committee Chairs	15
Visitors	60
Total	321

It was later moved that the following person be recognized as a corresponding member, which was approved.

• Jack Presseau, Trinity Presbytery, Stated Supply, Saluda Presbyterian Church

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the docket be approved as distributed, which was approved.

OMNIBUS MOTION

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees are reported and their reports were submitted to the Presbytery for inclusion as part of the minutes of this meeting.

- Nominating Committee (Appendix B)
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Appendix C)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations included in the Stated Clerk's report, noting that items 1 through 13 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. He referred to items 15 through 21 from the report to Presbytery as information.

\mathbf{OM}

1. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders who died during the year of 2010 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.

Asheville, First	Cherryville, First	Hendersonville, First
Elizabeth Murray Glenn	Davis Browne	William E. Carpenter
Owen Arden Neff	Roger Davis	Anne Cope
Williard "Bill" Mangus Sessler	Ava Ford	Abram P. Holcombe
Louise Hesson Shelburne	A. R. McNeely	Frank H. Lee
	W. J. Smith	Nancy D. Pearson
Banner Elk		William C. Ritzel
Ward Breidenthal	Crossnore	John Saby
Guion "Guy" Oakes Eells	Gene O. McGarr	Robert K. Tindall
James "Jim" Austin King		
Charles "Harry" Harrison Newman	Cullowhee	Hickory, First
	John Alan Beegle	Arthur H. Burgess, Jr.
Belmont, First	Richard Wm. Iobst, II	
William Gordon Forrest, Sr.		
Charles David Frye	Fairview	Highlands, First
Joseph Eugene Maier	Richard Kirby	Dr. C. Patrick Brogan
Ruth Blanton Wilkie	•	_
	Forest City, First	Lenoir, First
Bessemer City, First	Mary Moore	A. Dent Sullivan
Earnest Lee Dameron		
Virginia Carson Lankford	Franklin, First	Lincolnton, First
Richard Saunders	Del Likens	William Metts
	Sarah Smart	
Bryson City		Long Creek
Marge Drennan	Gastonia, First	Derriel Smith
Everett "Speck" Waters	Dr. William Danford Wilson	
-		Love's Chapel
Burnsville, First	Grace Covenant	Mildred Davis
Beverly Bell	Theodore "Ted" Patton	Sudie Smith

Marion, FirstOak ForestTrinityJulius Alonzo KanipeClaude HolcombeRuss LewisLewis SwannMidge Mack

Lewis Swann Morganton, First

James William BillingsOlneyTryonDwight BrennemanBetty GrierCharles CecilWilliam Jenkins GambleRobert L. Dick, III

Lillian Gaskill Quaker Meadow

Mt. Holly, FirstKenneth BrandonUnityEdith HannahJohn Smith

Charles Earsen Loftin James Nathaniel Thackston, Sr.

Ryburn Memorial Waldensian

New Hope, AshevilleEzra BridgesLouis Daniel BounousElwood "Woody" CoppessCarlton E. Caruso, Sr.

Shelby Victor H. Garrou

New Hope, Gastonia Clarence McCain McMurray

Lois Smith Harrison Morgan Parsons <u>West Avenue</u>

Alden Shannon

Westminster

Newton, First
Ginger Clark
Sylva, First
Martha Vodak

David P. Day

Joseph Martin Bailey

James W. FultonSwannanoa, FirstMae Thorn TuckerVillard C. BlevinsWill Nell DavidsonMarianna Williams

OM 2. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who died during the year of 2010 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.

Rev. Richard G. Shelor (3/9/2010)

Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbuagh (7/26/2010)

- OM 3. THAT any disparity in numbers between elder and minister commissioners be corrected in the following manner:
 - A. Each racial ethnic congregation be asked to elect two (2) commissioners.
 - B. All elders who were elected by the Presbytery to serve as committee or division chairs or be on Council have voice and vote.
 - C. All Certified Christian Educators who are elders have voice and vote.
 - D. All Commissioned Lay Pastors have voice and vote.
 - E. That elder commissioners to General Assembly and Synod have voice and vote for a period of two years, beginning with the date of the Assembly they attended.
 - F. That the following churches (Churches A-D) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2011. (In 2008, Churches E-L were given this responsibility, in 2009, Churches M-R, and in 2010, Churches S-Z were given this responsibility.)

Arbor Dale Brittains Cove Conley Memorial
Asheville, First Bryson City Crossnore

Banner ElkBuladeanCullowheeBelmont, FirstBurnsville, FirstDallas, FirstBessemer City, FirstCalvaryDixon

Black Mountain Canton Dorland Memorial

Brevard-Davidson River Cherryville, First Dulatown
Bridgewater Clinchfield Duncan's Creek

Brittain Columbus

- OM 4. THAT the Stated Clerk be given permission to attach a current list of ministers of this Presbytery and that the list become a part of the permanent record.
- OM 5. THAT James Aydelotte, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 26, 2011 Presbytery meeting.
- OM 6. THAT the minutes of the October 22-23, 2010 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.
- OM 7. THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix D)

Robert "Bob" J. Tuttle

OM. 8. THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix E)

David Grachek

- 9. THAT the report of the Investigating Committee called to respond to allegations against pastor Jorge Alvarado Reyes, which report was duly reviewed and approved by the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission on December 20, 2010, be included in and made a part of the permanent record of Presbytery, and a part of the pastor's permanent record. (Appendix F)
- OM 10. THAT the past membership roster of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Permanent Judicial Commission, as required in *BO: D-5.0206.b*, be reported and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix G)
- OM 11. THAT the January 29, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix H)
- OM 12. THAT the January 29, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix I)
- OM 13. THAT the January 29, 2011 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 J)
 - 14. THAT the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:
 Rev. Jack Presseau, Trinity Presbytery, Stated Supply, Saluda Presbyterian

FOR INFORMATION:

15. The eighty-eighth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at the Montreat Conference Center, Upper Anderson Auditorium, in Montreat, North Carolina.

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

Saturday, March 12 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Session Records Review

Saturday, March 19 ~ West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ~ New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review

Tuesday, April 12 ~ Fairview Presbyterian Church, Lenoir

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ NEW CLERK TRAINING ONLY

Thursday, May 5 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Dallas

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ SESSION RECORDS REVIEW ONLY

Saturday, May 21 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ~ New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review

Saturday, June 11 ~ Columbus Presbyterian Church, Columbus

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ~ New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review

Tuesday, June 14 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Marion

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ SESSION RECORDS REVIEW ONLY

- 17. THAT the deadline for the Annual Statistical Report is February 23, 2011.
- 18. THAT the following dates have been set for 2011 and 2012 Presbytery Meetings:

2011

January 29, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

April 26, 2011 ~ Montreat Conference Center

July 26, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia

October 21-22, 2011 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

2012

January 28, 2012 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

April 24, 2012 ~ Montreat Conference Center

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

October 26-27, 2012 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

19. THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements (Part 3 of 3) approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and that will be voted on at the January 29, 2011 meeting were distributed at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed amendments3.pdf

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

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments.pdf (proposed new Form of Government) http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments2.pdf (Belhar Confession) 21. THAT the "General Assembly Talks" series continues. We will continue to provide forums for discussion and learning as we shift our focus to the proposed New Form of Government and the Belhar Confession. Be informed - plan to attend a General Assembly Talks session near you.

February 6, 2011 \sim 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \sim New Vision, Hickory February 13, 2011 \sim 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \sim Sylva, First February 27, 2011 \sim 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \sim Belmont, First

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Worship was led by the Rev. Michael Bailey, Rev. Adam Bowling, Mr. Rick Leissner, Mr. Robert Smith and Ms. Cara Conway of the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. Rev. Bailey preached a sermon entitled, "Led by Love" with scripture from 1 Corinthians 13. Revs. Michael Bailey, Adam Bowling and Bobbi White officiated at communion and the recognition of all departed ministers and elders from the past year.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Elder J. D. Waldrop, Moderator of the Coordinating Council, presented recommendation 1 for approval. The recommendation was approved. Items 2 through 6 were previously approved in the Omnibus motion. Items 7 through 21 were presented for information.

- 1. THAT Elder Jack Suddreth be re-elected as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for 2011.
- OM | 2. THAT the following persons be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Florence Shelor (Black Mountain) B Class of 2013 Chair

Rev. Bill Kirk (Ellenboro/Spindale) C Class of 2013

- OM 3. THAT permission be granted for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events and mission trips during 2011.
- OM 4. THAT permission be granted to the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Pilgrimage events during 2011. (This will be administered by Presbyterian ministers for the Presbytery of WNC and surrounding Presbyteries.)
- OM 5. THAT David Cohn, Director of Camp Grier, be given voice at the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Presbytery meetings.
- OM 6. THAT the Presbytery approve the Covenant of Understanding Agreement between the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Grandfather Home for Children for 2010 2015. (Appendix K)

FOR INFORMATION:

7. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.

8. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following Nickel-A-Meal Grants:

Heartlife @ Pleasant View (Morganton)	\$3,200
His Hands Food Pantry (Rutherfordton)	\$5,000
Loving Food Resources (Asheville)	\$3,000
Canton Community Kitchen (Canton)	\$6,000
LINC Home Meals (Lincolton)	\$4,500
Ridgeview Saturday Breakfast (Hickory)	\$3,000
Cherokee County Sharing Center	\$2,000
Dulatown Food Pantry	\$ 500
Swannanoa Welcome Table	\$ 500

9. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following International Grant:

Nkhoma Orphan Care Project (Malawi)	\$ 30,000
Joining Hands Against Hunger Cameroon	\$ 10,252
West Africa Initiative (Sierre Leone & Liberia)	\$ 10,252
Joining Hands Against Hunger South India	\$ 10,252

10. THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements (Part 3 of 3) approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and that will be voted on at the January 29, 2011 meeting were distributed at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed amendments3.pdf

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

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

12. THAT the "General Assembly Talks" series continues. We will continue to provide forums for discussion and learning as we shift our focus to the proposed New Form of Government and the Belhar Confession. Be informed - plan to attend a General Assembly Talks session near you.

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February 6, 2011 \sim 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \sim New Vision, Hickory February 13, 2011 \sim 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \sim Sylva, First February 27, 2011 \sim 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \sim Belmont, First
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- 13. THAT Seminar 4 for the Acts 16:5 Initiative will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and the cost will be \$10 per person.
- 14. THAT the Council met with David McKee to discuss questions of PWNC and the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic work. The Council expressed our thanks to David for their financial support of legal work and church renewal grants.
- 15. THAT thanks was expressed to Luke Harkey for chairing the Council and to Phil Dammann for his years of service on the Council.

- 16. THAT Rev. Jerry Beavers was appointed as a representative from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the NC Higher Education Board.
- 17. THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a one-day retreat, to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church (Asheville, NC). Keynoter for this event will be Mary Todd Peters, with music by David LaMotte.
- 18. THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Evangelism, Revitalization and Transformation.
- 19. THAT the following dates have been set for Youth Events in 2011:

March 5, 2011 ~ Youth/Parent Human Sexuality Workshop ~ Montreat March 20, 2011 ~ Middle School Rally ~ Montreat May 20-21, 2011 ~ Senior High LEAP ~ Asheville

20. THAT the following dates have been set for the Spring and Fall Gatherings for the Presbyterian Women:

April 30, 2011 ~ Trinity Presbyterian Church September 24, 2011 ~ Waldensian Presbyterian Church October 1, 2011 ~ Grace Covenant

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

2011

January 29, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Morganton April 26, 2011 ~ Montreat Conference Center July 26, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia October 21-22, 2011 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

2012

January 28, 2012 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Hickory April 24, 2012 ~ Montreat Conference Center July 31, 2012 ~ Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families October 26-27, 2012 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Elder Judy Nebrig, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported on the work of the committee and presented their recommendations for the salaries for the staff. The recommendations were approved as presented. Robert Garrison was recognized on his retirement of December 31, 2010 and for his service as a Presbytery Associate. Additionally, it was reported that the Rev. Ellen Dozier will be working temporarily as the Coordinator of the Guatemala Partnership for PWNC. (Appendix L)

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Charles Sellers, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget for 2011. Charles thanked the Presbytery and the members of the Presbytery for their faithfulness and their contributions to the Presbytery. (Appendix M)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. John Frye, Jr., reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix N)

The following were recognized for Honorable Retirement and commended for their many years of faithful ministry:

- Dan M. Thornton, effective January 1, 2011
- Jerry Bron, effective December 31, 2010
- V. Otis Wilson, effective January 1, 2011

On behalf of the Committee, he reported that the following minister requested that his membership be transferred:

• Troy Braswell to Presbytery of Scioto Valley Presbytery as Pastor, Circleville Presbyterian Church, Circleville, Ohio

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. John Frye, Jr. and Rev. Margaret Torrence introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. Their statements of faith and biographical statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix N).

- Beverly D. Brock. Director, The Community Kitchen, Canton, NC
- Raymond Fancher, Interim Pastor, Southminster Presbyterian Church

The Rev. D. Cameron Murchinson, Jr., Member-at-Large, was not present but will be presented at the April 26, 2011 meeting of Presbytery. (His statement of faith and biographical statements are in Appendix N.)

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. John Frye, Jr. introduced Jeff Coffey, pastor elect for First Presbyterian Church, Marion, as candidate for ordination and installation. After preaching a sermon, followed by questions and answers, Rev. Frye moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that he be ordained and installed by the Presbytery. The motion passed and Rev. Frye offered prayer. Representatives from the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine and Unity Presbyterian Church were recognized. General Presbyter, Bobbi White, presented Jeff Coffey with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix N)

COMMISSIONING OF COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Frye moved that the Presbytery approve that James E. Millsaps be commissioned as lay pastor to the Oakwood Presbyterian Church in Lenoir. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. This commissioning for Mr. Millsaps included permission to lead worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper, baptisms, weddings, and moderate the Session. Members of the Oakwood Presbyterian Church and Dulatown Presbyterian Church were asked to stand and be recognized.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

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

- Beverly Brock, as Director of The Community Kitchen in Canton, through January 29, 2012.
- Edwin R. Brenegar, III, as Consultant/Speaker, Community of Leadership, LLC, through January 29, 2012.
- Joey T. Byrd, as Chaplain, U.S. Army, through January 29, 2012.
- Matthew Schlageter, as Chaplain for Mission/St. Joseph Hospital, through January 29, 2012.
- Cynthia Strickler, as Director of Dunamis Fellowship, Intl. with Presbyterian Reformed

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY IV. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and as COM liaison to the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Mark Ramsey recommended that an administrative commission be appointed for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church:

- "To inquire into and settle the difficulties" (BO:G-9.0503 a(4)
- "To assume original jurisdiction" (BO: G-11.0103s), and to exercise the "responsibility and power" of the Session (BO: G-10.0102), if needed, and as needed, in the discretion of the Commission. The Commission may, from time to time, delegate any of those responsibilities and powers to the existing Session, and may likewise deny those to the Session from time to time as it deems necessary.
- To make a report, through the Committee on Ministry, to each meeting of the Presbytery. The recommendation was approved. The commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church is composed of the following persons: Mark Ramsey, Chair; John Lindsay; Mark Stanley; Maggie Lauterer; Bill Kantonen; Dot Descieux; and Samuel Baraki.

OUTREACH DIVISION CAMPUS MISSION

The Rev. Joseph Washburn, chair of the Campus Mission Committee, reported on the work of the committee and introduced Julie Lehman from the Warren Wilson College. Julie brought greetings from the Swannanoa Valley and the Warren Wilson College. (Appendix O)

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

On behalf of the Guatemala Partnership, the Rev. Randall Boggs reported on the work of the task force and the partnership. The Presbytery is in its 17th year of partnership with churches in Guatemala, with 31 of the congregations within our Presbytery paired with sister congregations in Guatemala. Rev. Boggs also reported that Ellen Dozier will be serving as Interim Coordinator of the Guatemala Partnership.

HUNGER

Eric Nichols, member of the Hunger Committee, reported on the work of the committee for 2010 and of the upcoming events for 2011 with the main emphasis on the upcoming Souper Bowl Sunday, February 6, 2011. (Appendix O)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Ed Brenegar, chair of the Stewardship Committee, reported on the work of the committee and encouraged churches to be planning to send representatives from their church to the upcoming program on Stewardship on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The program will be presented by Kevin Garvey from the Board of Pensions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adam Bowling, chair of the Christian Education Committee, reported on the work of the committee for 2010 and led a skit on the importance of Christian Education in the life of the local church. The committee will be having a retreat for Christian Educators on April 9, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville. The keynote speaker for the event will be Mary Todd Peters and David LaMotte will present a musical program for the event.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Carole Steele and Beth Gunn reported on the work of the committee for 2010 and reminded everyone of the upcoming Middle and High School events for 2011.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Michael Poulos, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

Moderator James Aydelotte reconvened the Presbytery at 1:20 p.m. with an opportunity for Presbyterians to join together in a hymn sing and to address the Presbytery with announcements, concerns, and opinions.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

General Presbyter, Bobbi White, spoke of the work of the Presbytery and the upcoming April Presbytery meeting. Dr. Brian Blount, from Union Seminary, will be our worship and Bible Study leader for the April meeting. In addition, Rev. White reminded everyone that the Presbytery would be voting on the proposal to add the Belhar Confession to the *Book of Confessions*, and the proposed New Form of Government at the April meeting. The Presbytery will be holding General Assembly Talks during the month of February as informational discussions regarding these two amendments. She encouraged everyone to be in prayer to commit themselves to reaching out to those in their communities in need of help. (Appendix P)

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION TASK FORCE

The Sexual Misconduct Prevention Task Force has been working diligently on a revised sexual misconduct policy for the Presbytery. The Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be voting on a sexual misconduct prevention policy at its April Presbytery meeting. In addition, the Presbytery will be hosting upcoming training sessions to make persons aware of the policy and its contents.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Stated Clerk recommended that the Presbytery accept the recommendations of various committees regarding the General Assembly's Amendments to the Constitution. Amendment 10-A was removed from the recommendations to be discussed further. Additionally, Amendments 10-F, 10-M and 10-N were removed from the recommendations to be discussed further. The remaining Amendments were voted on, sustaining the recommendations of the committees. Thus, Amendments 10-F and 10-N were approved and 10-M was disapproved.

10-B. The motion was approved.

(Removing Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session)

10-C. The motion was approved.

(Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy)

10-D. The motion was approved.

(Nominating Committees)

10-E. The motion was approved.

(Presbytery Rolls and Registers)

10-F. The motion was approved.

(Certified Christian Educators)

10-G. The motion was approved.

(Synod Function)

10-H. The motion was approved.

(Nominations Process)

10-I. The motion was approved.

(Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services)

10-J. The motion was approved.

(Stay of Enforcement)

10-K. The motion was approved.

(Preliminary Questions)

10-L. The motion was approved.

(Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee)

10-M. The motion was disapproved.

(Time Limit)

10-N. The motion was approved.

(Appeal of "Not Guilty" Verdict)

10-O. The motion was approved.

(Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission)

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

On behalf of the Evangelism and New Church Development Committees, Becky Stanley, chair of the Evangelism Division reported on the work of the committees and encouraged all churches to attend the next Acts 16:5 workshop to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

The Presbytery heard, with appreciation, a report from the following:

- Rev. Mark Watson, First Presbyterian Church, Newton, NC
- Rev. Ed Forsyth, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Reverend Robert Bruce Cumming and Elder Lynn Moore submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

WHEREAS the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has completed its business for the 87th stated meeting with the word faithfully proclaimed and sacraments rightly administered – scripture read and preached, bread broken and cup shared, and baptism remembered in those servants whose baptism is now complete in their death;

WHEREAS new leadership has been recognized, and ongoing leadership confirmed, in council, staff, and the work of COM and CPM;

WHEREAS presbytery has demonstrated its trust and stewardship of financial resources given by God, the giver of all;

WHEREAS presbytery has celebrated mission outreach on college campuses, poverty-ridden villages in "faraway" countries who are our neighbors, places where hunger threatens God's children, places where young people gather and are cared about -- and the many places where the people can speak out, confident that God's people will hear their joys and concerns; and presbytery still has time to hear good news from local churches close to home;

WHEREAS the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has dealt with difficult issues of theology and polity, in its discussion of amendments to the constitution of the PC(USA), and has done so not with a spirit of division or violence, but "armed" by trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, faith in Scripture as the unique and reliable witness to Christ, and by reliance on our confessions and our form of government as

the way to do things "decently and in order;"

WHEREAS presbytery and hosting churches have proved that IT IS POSSIBLE to meet in winter -- as demonstrated last year by the Waldensian church on Jan. 30; and Feb. 6; and Feb. 19 -- and as demonstrated by the willingness of the Grace Covenant Church, may their turn come again soon to host! -- and as shown today by the staff and people of First Morganton in their gracious hospitality and service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina adjourn with thanks to Almighty God, creator, redeemer, sustainer in all that we are, until our next meeting -- in spring, a time of more pleasant weather, yet also the season we commemorate the passion and death of Christ before his rising .

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit we MOVE it!

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Eighty-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Eighty-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat.

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These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on April 26, 2011 at its meeting at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Nominating Committee
- C. Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- D. Minutes of Ordination/Installation of Robert "Bob" J. Tuttle
- E. Minutes of Ordination/Installation of David Grachek
- F. Report of the Investigating Committee for Jorge Alvarado Reyes
- G. Membership Roster of the Permanent Judicial Commission
- H. Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion
- I. Report of the Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship
- J. Report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development
- K. Grandfather Home for Children Covenant
- L. Report of the Personnel Committee
- M. Report of the Budget and Finance Committee
- N. Report of the Committee on Ministry
- O. Report of the Outreach Division
- P. Report of the General Presbyter
- Q. Report of the Amendments to the Constitution

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