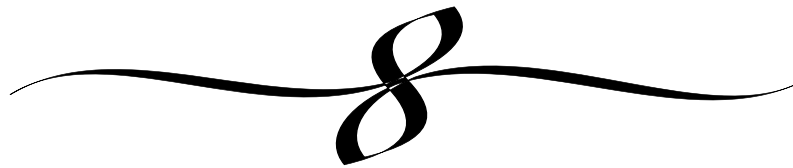
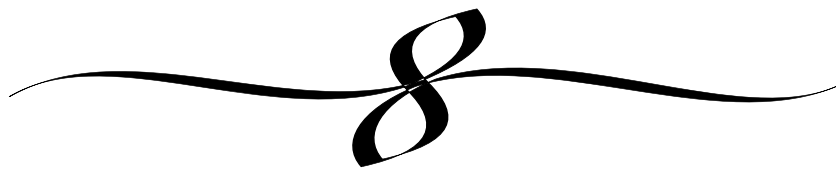


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
EIGHTY-NINTH  
STATED MEETING  
July 26, 2011**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Eighty-Ninth Stated Meeting  
July 26, 2011  
at First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

Dr. James Aydelotte, Moderator, convened the Eighty-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:00 a.m., in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. John Frye welcomed all presbyters and others to the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia and made brief announcements about upcoming activities.

**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 MINISTERS 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
State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	A	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P	Michael Bailey	E
Tony F. Baker	A	Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	P
Ashley J. Beavers	A	Joseph D. Bennett	P	Stanley Bennett	E
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Randall Boggs	P	Randall Boone	P	Ronald A. Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	E	Adam Bowling	P	Lee Bowman	A
Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	E
Ryan Brakemeyer	E	Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	P
Edwin Brenegar, III	P	Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	P
Jerry Bron	P	G. Thompson Brown	E	Sandra Brown	E
Jason Bryant	P	Aimee Buchanan	E	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	E	Mark Burnham	A	Monty Burnham	E
Sue Burton	E	Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E
John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	A
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	A	Calvin Chesnutt	E

Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	E	Carol Clark	P
Mark Clark	P	Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	P
William Cockrill	A	Jeffrey Coffey	P	James Cogswell	E
Evelyn Coleman	A	Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyer, III	E
Thomas Cook, Jr.	P	Donald Cooper	E	Riley Covin	P
John Craven	E	James Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cuming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	A
Dent Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	P	Jay Deifell, Jr.	E
Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P	Charles Donnell	E
Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E	John Ellington	E
Charles Elyea	E	Raymond Fancher	P	Kristy Farber	A
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E
Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	P	Maynard Fountain	E
McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	E	Keith B. Freeman	P
John Frye, Jr.	P	A. W. Gaines	E	Tee Gatewood, III	P
Denise Geiger	E	David Grachek	A	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	A	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P
Samuel Hale	E	Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P
Randall Hardy	P	Martin L. Harkey	P	William Heck	E
Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E
Robert Hinman	A	Richard Hobson	E	Samuel Hobson	E
Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E
William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	E	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	E	William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	P	Mike Johnston, IV	A	Franklin Jones	E
Dong Uk Kang	A	David Kaylor	E	Alyce Kelly	A
David Kennedy	E	James 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	Gale Lammey	E	John LaMotte	E

John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E	James Layman	E
Calvin Lewers	E	Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E
Bill Lindeman	P	John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E
Brad Long	E	Laura Long	E	Dick Lonnee	E
Billy Lowe	E	Bob Lowry	E	David Lytle	A
Marjorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	E	Roberta Martin	E
Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	E	Layton Mauze, III	E
John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	P	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	David McKee	P
Alexander McLean	P	James McPherson	E	Lynn Michie	E
Beth Ann Miller	A	Robert Mills	A	Paul Moehlman	E
Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	E	David Morgan	E
Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	A	David Mulford	E
Donald Mullen	E	Camerson Murchison	E	Carl Murray	E
David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	A	John Newton, Jr.	E
John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E
O'Hyun Park	E	Katherine Parker	P	Thomas Parker	P
David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E	Stratton Peacock	E
Albert Peery, Jr.	A	Margaret Peery	E	Harry Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Phillips	E
James Poling	P	Luke Ponder	E	Samuel Pope	P
Carolyn Poteet	P	Michael Poulos	E	Donald Price	E
Gene Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	E
Jay Rabuck	E	Daria Ragan	P	Mark Ramsey	E
Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E
Homer Richabaugh	E	Don Robb, III	P	Jack Robinson	E
Steven Runholt	A	Richard Rustay	E	Matthew Schlageter	A
Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	E	Julius Scott	E
Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	P	William Serjak	E
Albert Shaw, Jr.	E	Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	E

Wirt Skinner	E	Allen Smith	E	O'dell Smith	E
Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E
Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	A
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E	David Stover	P
Cynthia Strickler	E	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	E	Lee Thomas	E
Keith Thompson	P	Dan Thornton	P	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E
Margaret Torrence	P	Ace Tubbs	E	Robert Tuttle	E
Thomas Tweedie	E	Gary Van Brocklin	P	Lauren Vanacore	P
Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P	Joseph Washburn	P
Mark Watson	A	Lynn Webber	P	Barbara White	P
Cynthia Williams	E	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E	Parker Williamson	E
John C. Wilson	E	Otis Wilson, Jr.	E	Margaret Wilson- Stayton	P
William Wing, Jr.	E	Chris Wingard	E	Eugene Witherspoon	E
Heather Wood Davis	P	Graham Wood, Jr.	E	Donaldson Woods	E
Rebecca Young	E				

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

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood, Sr.	P	Kenneth Humphreys	P
James Millsaps	A	David Moore, Sr.	P	Linda Moore	P
Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	P	Betty Shaw	A
William Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	A
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	A
Patricia Clark	P	Jay Crane	P	Bill Kantonen	A
Janet Mahannah	A	Melvin Meares	P	Cindy Moore	A
Judy Nebrig	A	Kathy Parse	A	Dick Peck	A

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	A	Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A
Betty Davenport	A	Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	E
Margaret Kennerly	A	Leslie McLeod	P	Heath Rada	A
Bonnie Sanford	A	Patricia Tuttle	A	Angela Washburn	P

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

Arbor Dale (2)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Evelyn Jarrett	Cindy Brown
	Jennifer Kantonen	
Banner Elk (2)	Ben Garris	
Belmont First (3)	Jamey Boiter	Martha Jayne Rhyne
Bessemer City First (2)	Harold Dameron	
Black Mountain (3)	A	
Brevard-Davidson River (3)	James Sexton	Gail Blunt
	Lew Sayre	
Bridgewater (2)	A	
Brittain (2)	Andrew Harris	
Brittains Cove (2)	A	
Bryson City (2)	A	
Buladean (2)	A	
Burnsville First (2)	A	
Calvary (3)	A	

Canton (2)	Lois Atkinson	Larry Watson
Cherryville First (2)	Marsha Brown	Debbie Lesenger
Clinchfield (2)	A	
Columbus (2)	A	
Conley Memorial (2)	E	
Crossnore (2)	Rachel Deal	Fred France
Cullowhee (2)	A	
Dallas First (2)	Don Dills	Ron Ewing
Dixon (2)	Phil Humphries	
Dorland Memorial (2)	E	
Dulatown (3)	A	
Duncan's Creek (2)	A	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Wanda Cook	
Fairview (1)	Renee Moriarty	
Fletcher (1)	E	
Forest City First (1)	A	
Franklin First (1)	Cardy White	
Gastonia First (3)	Tom Efird	Billy Simmons
	Martha Rockett	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	Allene Sellers	Julio Washington
Grace Covenant (2)	Mary Lou Nash	
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	Cliff Schoen	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Glenn Richardson	Larry Mobley



Hickory First (2)	Meaghan Texer	
Highlands First (1)	Dick Hills	
Ironton (1)	Meredith Moore	
Jack's Creek (1)	Linda Anglin	
John Knox (1)	Marilyn Odom	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (1)	E	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	A	
Lincolnton First (1)	Peggy Lafferty	
Long Creek (1)	Becky Bridges	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Sue Johnson	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	Genell King	
Micaville (1)	E	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Martha Campbell	
Morganton First (2)	Rick Leissner	
Morrison (1)	E	
Mount Holly First (1)	Howard Rozendal	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	A	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	John Hancock	
Newdale (1)	A	
Newland (1)	Bob Shoffner	
Newton First (1)	Bonnie Pritchard	
Northminster (1)	Debra Caywood	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	

Olney (1)	Gene Grissom	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	Peggy Ferguson	
Quaker Meadows (1)	Randy Caudill	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A	
Riceville (1)	Jim Turpin	
Ridgeview (1)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (1)	John Pea	
Rutherfordton (1)	John Talley	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Dave Titus	
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Margaret Neely	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	A	
Sweetwater (1)	Lynn Honeycutt	
Sylva First (1)	A	
Third Street (2)	A	
Trinity (1)	A	
Tryon (1)	Charles Drawdy	
Union (1)	Claire Cabral	
Union Mills (1)	E	
United (1)	A	
Unity (2)	Denita Sample	
Vians Valley (1)	A	

Waldensian (1)	Carolyn Warren	
Walnut (1)	E	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	A	
Waynesville First (1)	A	
West Asheville (1)	Don Hawkins	
West Avenue (1)	Gail Haynes	
Westminster (1)	Dot Dexcieux	

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

Ministers	88
Elders	66
Certified Educators	2
Council/Committee Chairs	11
Visitors	48
Total	215

There were two corresponding members in attendance.

- Rev. Helen Locklear, Coastal Carolina Presbytery, Board of Pensions
- Rev. Meg Skidmore, Charlotte Presbytery, First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton

#### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the docket be approved as amended. The motion passed with corrections that we will hear from Board of Pensions and that the Hunger Committee will not be reporting.

**8:30 Registration** (*Memorial Gallery*)  
**Continental Breakfast** (Circle)

**8:30 Prayers before Presbytery** (*Chapel*) **John Stanley**  
**Orientation for New Elders** (*Session Room*) **John Lindsay**

**9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation** (*Sanctuary*) **James Aydelotte, Moderator**  
**Hymn**  
**Welcome** **John Frye**  
**Appointment of Standing Committee** **Moderator**  
**Resolution of Thanks**  
Kenneth Humphries, CLP at Bessemer City, First

**Certification of Quorum** **Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk**  
**Approval of Docket**  
**Omnibus Motion** **A**

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

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

**Nominating Committee**

**Budget & Finance Committee**

*(Financial Report and Annual Audit Report)*

**I  
BB**

**Stated Clerk's Report**

*(Reports of Administrative Commissions)*

**B**

**Christian Education**

**Adam Bowling**

**Let's Celebrate ~ August 20, 2011**

**Adam Bowling**

**Board of Pensions**

**Helen Locklear**

**Missions Committee**

**Carole Ball**

**P**

**Guatemala Partnership**

**Ellen Dozier**

**P**

**Youth Committee**

**Heather Wood Davis**

**Stewardship Committee**

**Ed Brenegar**

**10:25 Service of Worship, including the Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Liturgist**

**Beth Yarborough**

**Preacher**

**John Frye**

*Sermon: "Looking for Light in All the Right Places"*

*Text: John 3:1-21*

**Thanksgiving ~ Care of Church Professionals**

**Sam Pope**

*(Recognition of ministers with 25 and 50 years of ministry, ministers retiring)*

**Honorably Retired**

*Bob Abel*

*Jerry Bron*

*Maggie Lauterer*

*Dan Thornton*

**50 Years in Ministry**

*Thomas D. Parker*

*Wyatt Aiken*

**25 Years in Ministry**

*William P. Campbell*

*Sandra McClinton*

*A. Willis Gaines*

*Cynthia R.P. Strickler*

**Communion distributed to Elders from First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia**

**Travel to Fellowship Hall (10-15 Minutes)**

**(11:30) Interpretation of the word through drama "Nick (Nicodemus) at Night" -  
(LOGOS Program from Mooresville) (40 minutes)**

**12:10 Prayers of Intercession**

**Edyth Pruitt**

**12:15 Lunch (Fellowship Hall)**

**1:00 Reconvene with a hymn**

**Speak Out (10 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.)*

<b>1:10</b>	<b>Small Church Committee (Such a Time as This)</b>	<b>Terry Hanna</b>	
<b>1:15</b>	<b>Committee on Ministry (65 minutes)</b> <i>(Introduction of new ministers and 3 ministers for ordination)</i>	<b>John Frye</b> <b>Margaret Torrence</b>	<b>D</b>
	<i>Candidate Esta Jarrett</i> <i>Sermon: The Meal of Compassion</i> <i>Text: Mark 6:30-44</i>	<i>Candidate Michael Isaacs</i> <i>Sermon: Kudzu Kingdom</i> <i>Text: Matthew 13:31-32</i>	
	<i>Candidate Melissa Upchurch</i> <i>Sermon: From Dark of Night to Light of Day</i> <i>Text: John 19:38-42</i>		
	<b>Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)</b>	<b>Bobbi White</b>	<b>GP</b>
	<b>Good News from Our Churches (10 minutes)</b> Kenilworth Presbyterian Church First Presbyterian Church, Marion		
	<b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry (10 minutes)</b> <i>(Introduction of candidate Darren Uiley)</i>	<b>Sylvia Sellers</b>	<b>K</b>
	<b>Coordinating Council (10 minutes)</b> <i>(Camp Woodson Lease)</i>	<b>J. D. Waldrop</b>	<b>C</b>
	<b>School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastors (15 min)</b> <i>(Recognition of SL/CLP Graduates)</i>	<b>Lynn Moore</b>	
	<i>Rose Brooks (Union)</i> <i>Marsha Brown (Cherryville)</i> <i>Frank Chapman (Grace Covenant)</i> <i>Jennifer England (Burnsville, First)</i> <i>J. W. Helms (Union)</i>	<i>Mary Lou Helms (Union)</i> <i>Deborah Lesenger (Cherryville)</i> <i>Margaret Lillard (United)</i> <i>Marcia Reighley (Hickory, First)</i>	<i>Russell Reighley (Hickory, First)</i> <i>Barbara Ross (Crossnore)</i> <i>Jim Taylor (Crossnore)</i> <i>Christine Viola (Union)</i>
	<b>Hunger Committee (5 minutes)</b> <i>(Report on the work of the committee)</i>	<b>Cindy Moore</b>	
	<b>Resolution of Thanks</b> <b>Benediction and Adjournment</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	

### OMNIBUS MOTION

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

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

- Nominating Committee (Appendix B)
- Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix C)

### STATED CLERK’S REPORT

Stated Clerk Sigmon presented recommendations 1-11 included in the Stated Clerk’s report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. Stated Clerk Sigmon addressed the body about the importance of turning in Session Minutes. The Stated Clerk also mentioned

the upcoming Let's Celebrate Event and that there would be a session on our new form of government.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- OM 1. THAT James Aydelotte, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the October 21-22, 2011 Presbytery meeting.
- OM 2. THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2011 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.
- OM 3. THAT the Presbytery accept the report of membership and worship statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report and that it be recorded that the following Sessions are not in compliance with the Book of Order G-10.102 p (7). (Appendix D)
- |                  |                |                            |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Ellenboro</i> | <i>Estatoa</i> | <i>Korean of Asheville</i> |
| <i>Old Fort</i>  | <i>Shiloh</i>  | <i>Vians Valley</i>        |
- OM 4. THAT the July 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix E)
- OM 5. THAT the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, having completed its work, be dissolved, effective July 26, 2011, with the thanks of Presbytery for its good work.
- OM 6. THAT the July 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix F)
- OM 7. THAT the July 26, 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 G)
- OM 8. THAT the July 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church be received and entered in to the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix H)
- OM 9. THAT the Special Administrative Commission appointed for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church shall consist of the following members:
- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Rev. Terry Hanna, Chair | Ms. Judy Covin, Elder  |
| Rev. Ed Brenegar        | Mr. Dick Graham, Elder |
| Rev. Susan Denne        | Rev. Ann Morgan        |

The Special Administrative Commission will work along side the session and congregation to develop a plan for revitalization of their campus ministry, and of their church, and to support them and their PNC in calling a pastor. (The appointment of this special administrative commission was approved by the Committee on Ministry on April 12, 2011 and by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina on April 26, 2011.)

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| OM | 10. | <b>THAT the July 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix I)</b>                  |
| OM | 11. | <b>THAT the following person(s) be appointed to serve as replacements on the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development.</b><br>Mr. Greg Smith, Chair<br>Rev. Ryan Brakemyer |

Elder Sigmon then reported items 12-21 as information to the Presbytery.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

- 12. The ninetieth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday, October 21, 2010 and Saturday, October 22, 2010 at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.**
- 13. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on May 5, 2011 at a Session Records Review held at the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas.**
- |                      |                       |              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Belmont, First       | New Hope, Gastonia    | Olney        |
| Bessemer City, First | Hickory, First        | Third Street |
| Cherryville, First   | Ironton               | Union        |
| Dallas, First        | Kings Mountain, First | Unity        |
| Dixon                | Lowell                |              |
- 14. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on May 21, 2011 at a Session Records Review held at the First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville.**
- |                  |                  |                    |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Arbor Dale       | Grace Covenant   | Montreat           |
| Asheville, First | Green Mountain   | Newdale            |
| Banner Elk       | Highlands, First | Northminster       |
| Crossnore        | Jack's Creek     | Spruce Pine, First |
| Duncan's Creek   | Marshall         | Waynesville        |
| Etowah           | Micaville        | Westminster        |
- 15. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on June 11, 2011 at a Session Records Review held at the Columbus Presbyterian Church in Columbus.**
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|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Calvary      | Hendersonville, First | New Hope, Asheville |
| Columbus     | John Knox             | Oak Forest          |
| Cullowhee    | Kenilworth            | Saluda              |
| Grassy Creek | Morrison              | Trinity             |
- 16. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on June 14, 2011 at a Session Records Review held at the First Presbyterian Church in Marion.**
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|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Bryson City       | Marion, First | Riceville   |
| Clinchfield       | Newland       | Siloam      |
| Conley Memorial   | Pineola       | Union Mills |
| Lincolnton, First |               |             |
- 17. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on July**

**9, 2011 at a Session Records Review held at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton.**

Black Mountain	Love's Chapel	Sweetwater
Bridgewater	Oakwood	United
Dulatown	Rutherfordton	Franklin, First

**18. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the *Book of Order* (G-9.0407.d).**

BrittainsCove (2006-2010)	Good Hope	Ridgeview (2006-2010)
Buladean	Green Street	Robinson Memorial
Dorland Memorial	Korean Pres (2006-2010)	Shiloh (2009 & 2010)
Ellenboro (2006-2010)	Mills River	Spindale (2009 & 2010)
Estatoa (2006-2010)	Old Fort (2006-2010)	Vians Valley (2009 & 2010)
Glen Alpine	Paint Gap	Walnut
	Pine Street (2006-2010)	West Asheville

**19. THAT a reception for honorably retired ministers, elders, missionaries, church workers, and spouses on the Board of Pensions who are members of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. Helen Locklear, Board of Pensions Regional Representative, will be the speaker.**

**20. THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, *Let's Celebrate... With Gratitude To God,* 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.**

**21. THAT Seminar 5 for the Acts 16:5 Initiative will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and the cost will be \$10 per person.**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ RESOURCE CENTER**

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee and Resource Center Task Force, Rev. Adam Bowling reported on the work of the committee and the task force. The committee will be hosting a Christian Education Day Retreat on Saturday, January 25, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. The Resource Center Task Force is working toward moving the Resource Center from Morganton to Montreat and to raise \$45,000 needed to make this move possible.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ LET'S CELEBRATE**

Rev. Adam Bowling, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and a member of the Let's Celebrate Task Force, promoted the annual event, "Let's Celebrate," which will be held on August 20, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. There will be over twenty different workshops offered on this day for pastors, educators, laypersons and youth.

**BOARD OF PENSIONS**

The Rev. Helen Locklear, Regional Representative with the Board of Pensions, brought greetings from the Board of Pensions. She addressed the body regarding housing allowances for pastors, the present value of the pension's endowment, and other matters.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Missions Committee, the Rev. Grace Boyer discussed the Rev. John McCall's return to



Taiwan and that he is looking for financial support from churches in the Presbytery.

Jan Griffin, a member of the Missions Committee and an employee of Camp Grier, discussed the camp and its importance to young people. She extended an invitation to everyone to come and visit the camp.

### **GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

On behalf of the Guatemala Partnership, the Rev. Ellen Dozier made a presentation on the Guatemalan Project. Several representatives of the Team made presentations. The representatives mentioned the joy with which they were received and the strength of the Holy Spirit present in the people and their churches. Three Guatemalan representatives from Trinity Presbyterian's sister church visited recently as well. There were also three youth representatives who reported on their visits to Guatemala in June.

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Rev. Heather Wood Davis discussed the upcoming Youth Rally at Montreat in September and churches were invited to send their youth. The Youth Committee is considering a Sexuality Conference and the body was encouraged to check the presbytery website for developments. She encouraged churches to send youth to Let's Celebrate.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Rev. Ed Brenegar, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, discussed a recent Stewardship Conference (Generosity Workshop) attended by twelve different church representatives. The Stewardship Committee will also have two workshops at the upcoming Let's Celebrate event.

### **GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

The Presbytery heard, with appreciation, reports from the following:

- Elder Melvin Mears, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- Rev. Jeff Coffey, First Presbyterian Church, Marion

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

Worship was led by the Rev. John Frye, Jr. and the Rev. Beth Yarborough. Rev. Frye's sermon was titled, "Looking for Light in All the Right Places," with the scripture taken from John 3:1-21. Following the worship service, the Rev. Sam Pope recognized and gave thanks for the ministries of Revs. Bob Abel, Jerry Bron, Maggie Lauterer (not present) and Dan Thornton and the body joined in saying the litany of thanksgiving. Certificates of honorable retirement were presented. Rev. Dwight Christenbury invited several members to receive certificates of appreciation for twenty-five and fifty years of faithful service to the church.

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

<u><i>50 Years in Ministry</i></u>	<u><i>25 Years in Ministry</i></u>
<i>Thomas D. Parker</i>	<i>William P. Campbell</i>
<i>Wyatt Aiken</i>	<i>Sandra McClinton</i>
	<i>A. Willis Gaines</i>
	<i>Cynthia R.P. Strickler</i>

Rev. Frye and Rev. Yarborough led the congregation in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They were assisted by elders from the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia.

### **INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD THROUGH DRAMA "NICK (Nicodemus) at NIGHT"**

The service of worship continued in the fellowship hall where 36 first through sixth graders, from the

"Logos Youth Choir" of the First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, NC (Charlotte Presbytery), presented an inspiring play entitled, "Nic at Night," the story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Reverend Edyth Pruitt offered prayers of intercession.

### **RECONVENE**

Presbytery reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with the singing of the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

### **SMALL CHURCH COMMITTEE**

Rev. Terry Hanna, chair of the Small Church Committee, reported on the work of the committee and their commitment to continue to work in support of the small church congregations within the presbytery.

Rev. Hanna shared that the Presbyterian Church (USA) has designed a program, "Such a Time as This," to assist the smaller church congregation and pastors seeking a first time call to the ministry. The program is designed to pair small, healthy congregations, that are deemed hard to fill, with a designated pastor for a two-year call. The residency call for a pastor could be with two small churches with yoked congregations. Once a church has entered the program, the church must pull out of the regular call system. If needed, grants are available up to \$4000 per year.

Rev. Hanna recognized Esta Jarrett, Michael Isaacs, and Melissa Upchurch as candidates into ministry who will be serving churches within our Presbytery through the program, "Such a Time as This."

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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

The Rev. John Frye, chair of the Committee on Ministry, reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Rev. Margaret Torrence introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. Each 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 J)

- J. Samuel Hobson, Jr., from Presbytery of Western Reserve, as a Member-at-Large, effective May 10, 2011 (was not in attendance)
- Lauren S. Vanacore, from Salem Presbytery, as an Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, effective August 10, 2011 (was in attendance)
- Robert L. Lowry, from Holston Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective June 14, 2011 (was not in attendance)
- John S. McCall, from Salem Presbytery, as Mission Co-Worker in Taiwan, effective August 1, 2011 (was not in attendance)
- Randy Boone, from Presbytery of Chicago, as Director of Institutional Advancement at Kanuga Conferences, Inc., effective July 12, 2011 (was in attendance)

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. John Frye, Jr. moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following:

- Brad Long, as Executive Director, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Int'l, through July

26, 2012.

- David Bradley, as Pastoral Counselor with Pastoral Counseling and Growth Center of Asheville, through July 26, 2012.
- Randy Boone, as Director of Institutional Advancement, Kanuga Conferences, Inc., through July 26, 2012.
- Joseph D. Bennett, as Chaplain for Hospice of Yancey County, Inc., through July 26, 2012.
- John T. Campbell, as Director for Eastatoe Trail Counseling and Consultation, LLC, through July 26, 2012.
- Evelyn Coleman, as Associate Director for the Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, through July 26, 2012.
- William Christian, as Counselor at Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center, through July 26, 2012.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. John Frye, Jr. introduced Esta Jarrett, designated pastor elect, Canton Presbyterian Church in Canton; Michael Isaacs, designated pastor elect, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Asheville; and Melissa Upchurch, designated pastor elect, Marshall Presbyterian Church in Marshall, as candidates for ordination and installation. Following sermons from each of the candidates, Rev. Frye moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that they be ordained and installed by the Presbytery. The motion passed and Rev. Frye offered prayer. Representatives from Canton Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Marshall Presbyterian Church were recognized.

*Candidate Esta Jarrett*

*Sermon: The Meal of Compassion  
Text: Mark 6:30-44*

*Candidate Michael Isaacs*

*Sermon: Kudzu Kingdom  
Text: Matthew 13:31-32*

*Candidate Melissa Upchurch*

*Sermon: From Dark of Night to Light of Day  
Text: John 19:38-42*

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, presented the three candidates: Esta Jarrett, Michael Isaacs and Melissa Upchurch with Guatemalan stoles on behalf of the Presbytery and as a welcome to the Presbytery.

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

The General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, reported her excitement regarding the number of new ministers being received into the presbytery. She continued her report by encouraging everyone to look around the presbytery and see where the spirit is blowing. She would like to challenge everyone in the presbytery to look and see where Christ is. We were reminded that we are in a time of change and that our journey is to always remember that God is with us in our journey. She encouraged everyone to attend the October Presbytery meeting which is going to be exciting! (Appendix K)

### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Elder Sylvia Sellers made the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Darren W. Utley, a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery. Darren has been chosen to be the moderator of the student body at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

After Darren Utley shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Aydelotte opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions of Darren Utley, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Darren W. Utley as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. The Rev. Jerry Bron delivered the charge to Mr. Utley and Elder Scott Mason the prayer. Those who came in support of Darren W. Utley were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix L)

**COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Elder J. D. Waldrop, moderator of the Coordinating Council, presented for approval recommendation 1. Motion was approved. Items 2 through 10 were presented as information to the Presbytery.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. THAT the Presbytery elect the Rev. Dr. Don Scofield as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2013, serving as Vice-Moderator elect in 2012.**

The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery presents the following for information:

**FOR INFORMATION:**

- 2. THAT in response to Presbytery’s decision in April 2011, the Council appointed a Special Transition Task Force to assist Presbytery in adjusting to the new Form of Government. (Appendix M)**
- 3. THAT the summary background report on the Montreat Court Case become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix N)**
- 4. THAT the Lease Agreement and an Option to Purchase between the Presbytery and The Pisgah Center, Inc., become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The Presbytery of Western North Carolina approved the request at the October 2010 Presbytery meeting. (Appendix O)**
- 5. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following Nickel-A-Meal Grants:**

Homeward Bound’s A HOPE Day Center (Asheville)	\$3,000
Fairview Presbyterian’s Pay-It-Forward Food Pantry (Lenoir)	\$2,250
Interfaith Assistance Ministry Food Pantry (Hendersonville)	\$1,000
Carenet Back Pack Program & Soup Kitchen (Franklin)	\$2,250
Angel Food Y.U.M.M. (Valdese)	\$3,000
Waldensian Presbyterian Assistance Ministry (Valdese)	\$2,250
IFA/Cleveland County Rescue Mission (Shelby)	\$1,000
Pack-a-Bag Program - Shuford Elementary School (Conover)	\$2,250
TOTAL	\$17,000

6. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
7. **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.**
8. **THAT Seminar 5 for the Acts 16:5 Initiative will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and the cost will be \$10 per person.**
9. **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
  - April 21, 2012 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

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

**2011**

- July 26, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
- October 21-22, 2011 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

**2012**

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

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

Dean and Assistant Dean of the School for the Laity and the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program, Lynn Moore and Lisa Canterbury, respectively, reported on the SL/CLP program and the enthusiastic endorsement of the program by all who have attended. They then recognized thirteen lay persons as graduates for the year of 2011.

*Rose Brooks (Union)*

*Mary Lou Helms (Union)*

*Russell Reighley (Hickory, First)*

*Marsha Brown (Cherryville)*

*Deborah Lesenger (Cherryville)*

*Barbara Ross (Crossnore)*

*Frank Chapman (Grace Covenant)*

*Margaret Lillard (United)*

*Jim Taylor (Crossnore)*

*Jennifer England (Burnsville, First)*

*Marcia Reighley (Hickory, First)*

*Christine Viola (Union)*

*J. W. Helms (Union)*

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Kenneth Humphries, Commissioned Lay Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

WHEREAS, the 89th meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, through the grace and power of God, met at First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia to fulfill its mission; and

WHEREAS, God has called us, the people of the Presbytery, into ministry to be witnesses for God's faithfulness and grace, and

WHEREAS, we have been blessed through worship and through a wonderful presentation by the youth of the First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville, and

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia has graciously welcomed us, and

WHEREAS, we were able to recognize ten ministers of the Word and Sacrament for their many years of service to God, and

WHEREAS, three candidates for ordination and thirteen graduates of the School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastors Program were welcomed and recognized, and

WHEREAS, in so many ways, the mission activities of the Presbytery abroad in Guatemala, Taiwan, Malawi, and other places and at Camp Grier and in our communities, continue in service to the Lord,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we express our heartfelt thanks for all that God has done for us and for all that these many servants of the Lord have been doing, are doing, and will be doing in His name. Amen.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the Eighty-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Vice-Moderator Patricia Clark at 3:00 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Ninetieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, 2011, at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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James Aydelotte, Moderator

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William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on October 21-22, 2011 at its meeting at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, NC.

## APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Report from the Nominating Committee
- C. Report from the Budget and Finance Committee
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- E. Report from the Administrative Commission of First Presbyterian Church, Marion
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- G. Report from the Administrative Commission for New Vision in Conover
- H. Report from the Administrative Commission of West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- I. Report from the Administrative Commission of the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church, Cullowhee
- J. Report from the Committee on Ministry
- K. Report of the General Presbyter
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- M. Report from the Special Transition Task Force
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- O. Lease Agreement/Option to Purchase - The Pisgah Center, Inc.

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