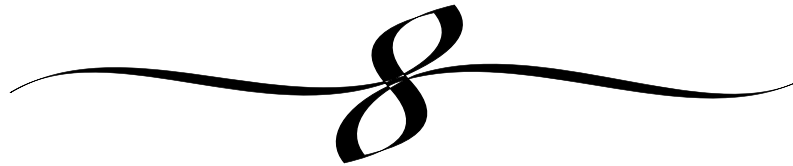


**PRESBYTERY OF
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**MINUTES
EIGHTY-FIRST
STATED MEETING
JULY 28, 2009**

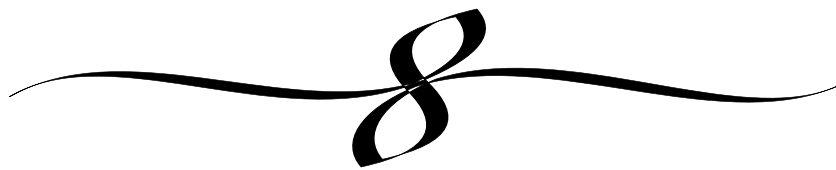


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
 Eighty-First Stated Meeting
 July 28, 2009
 at Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey, convened the Eighty-First Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:05 a.m., at the Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. He led the Presbytery in a prayer written by John Calvin, in honor of the 500th anniversary of his birth.

WELCOME

Dr. Scott Colley, President of the Lees McRae, welcomed the Presbytery to the College, briefly outlining its history and ongoing mission.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Moderator Harkey appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:**

- Pete Peterson, CLP, Micaville and Jack’s Creek
- Bonnie Sanford, Associate in Ministry (ELCA), Shelby Presbyterian Church

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, declared that a quorum was present and welcomed all ministers and elders attending a Presbytery meeting for the first time. He also called attention to two documents: “Newcomers Guide” and “Rules for Debate.”

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

Robert Abel	E	Ann Aichinger	P	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
George W. Alexander	E	State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	P
David Anderson	E	James Arnold	E	Wayne Aughinbaugh	E
Stephen Austin	P	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	E
Michael Bailey	E	Tony Baker	E	Douglas Bartlett	E
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Ashley J. Beavers	P	Joseph Bennett	P
Stanley Bennett	E	Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P
Carter Blaisdell	E	Randall Boggs	E	Ronald Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	A	Adam Bowling	P	Lee W. Bowman	E
Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	A
Troy Braswell	P	Ronald Brauer	P	Michael Brazelle	P

Edwin Brenegar, III	E	Hayden Britton	P	Beverly Brock	A
Jerry Bron	P	G. Thompson Brown	E	Jon Brown	E
Jason Bryant	E	Aimee Buchanan	E	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	E	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	P	William P. Campbell	P	Day Carper	E
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	E
Dwight Christenbury	E	William Christian	E	Carol Boggs Clark	P
Mark P. Clark	A	James Cockerham,	P	James Cogswell	E
Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E
Drayton Cooper	E	Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P
John Craven	E	James Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	P
Dent Davis	P	Eddie Deas	P	Arthur DeJong	E
Charles Donnell	E	Ellen Dozier	E	Kathryn Dudley	E
Philip Dunford	E	John Ellington	E	Charles Elyea	E
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E
Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	P	Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E
McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	P	John Frye, Jr.	P
Will Gaines	P	Tee Gatewood, III	P	Denise Geiger	E
Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	E	Robert Gruber	E
George Gunn	P	Karen Haak	E	Samuel Hale	E
Michael Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P	Randall Hardy	P
Martin L. Harkey, III	P	William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E
Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E	Robert Hinman	P
Richard Hobson	E	Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E
James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	E	Allen Huff, Jr.	P
George Hutchins	E	Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E
William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	P
Mike Johnston, IV	E	Franklin Jones	P	Dong Uk Kang	A

Alyce Kelly	P	David Kennedy	E	James Kennedy	E
Ira Kennerly	E	Paul Kercher	E	Jeff Kesterson	E
William Kirk	A	Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E
Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	E	John LaMotte	P
John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E	Calvin Lewers	P
Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E	John Lindsay	P
Eugene Linton, Jr.	P	Brad Long	A	Laura Long	E
Dick Lonnee	E	Edward Loper	A	Billy Lowe	E
David Lytle	E	Joan Martin	P	Roberta Martin	E
Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	P	Griffith Matthews	E
Layton Mauzé, III	P	John McCall	P	Sandra McClinton	A
Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully	A	Deborah McEachran	E
Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	David McKee	P	Alex McLean	P
James McPherson	E	Robert Meachem	E	Lynn Michie	E
Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A	Paul Moehlman	E
Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	P	David Morgan	P
Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	E	David Mulford	E
Donald Mullen	E	Carl Murray	E	David Nash	E
Elizabeth Newman	E	Karen Newsome	A	John Newton, Jr.	E
John Niles	P	Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E
O'Hyun Park	E	Yoon E. Park	A	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	E	Andrew Parkey	P	David Parks	E
Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	E	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P
Margaret Peery	P	PatrickPerryman	E	Harry Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Phillips	E
James Poling	P	Carolyn Poteet	P	Michael Poulos	E
Donald Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	E
Jay Rabuck	E	Mark Ramsey	E	Earl Rash	E
Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E
Don Robb, III	E	Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	A

Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	P
Julius Scott	E	Carol Seaman	P	Michael Sears	P
William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	P	Richard Shelor	E
James Shroyer	E	Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	E
Wirt Skinner	P	Allen Smith	P	O'dell Smith	E
Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	A	John David Stewart	E
Daniel Stitt	E	David Stover	E	Cynthia Strickler	P
James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E	Charles Swann	E
William Sweetser, Jr.	P	Lee Thomas	E	Keith Thompson	A
Dan Thornton	A	Margaret Torrence	P	Ace Tubbs	E
Thomas Tweedie	E	Gary Van Brocklin	P	Rockwell Ward	E
Samuel Warner	P	Morris Warren	E	Joseph Washburn	P
William Waterstradt	E	Mark Watson	E	Lynn Webber	P
Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E
Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E	Otis Wilson	E
Claude Wilson-Stayton	P	Margaret Wilson-Stayton	P	William Wing, Jr.	E
Chris Wingard	P	Eugene Witherspoon	E	Heather Wood	P
Graham Wood, Jr.	P	Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	E

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

Linda Abel	E	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Robert Garrison	P	Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood	P
David Moore, Sr.	A	Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	P
Betty Shaw	P	Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	A
John Stanley	P	William Wuehrmann	P		

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

Samuel Baraki	A	Mike Begley	A	Frela Beck	A
Arthur Burgess, Jr.	A	Patricia Clark	P	Philip Dammann	P
Edna Goshorn	A	William Kantonen	P	Kathy Parse	A
Dick Peck	A	Pat Queen	A	Larry Poe	A
Jack Suddreth	P	Perrin Todd	A	J. D. Waldrop	P
Guy Wallace	A	Mae Weed	P	Lois Camp	A
Elizabeth Hill	A	Judy Nebrig	A		

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (1)	Ann Bell	
Asheville First (2)	Lynn Kieffer	Joanne Bartsch
Banner Elk (1)	Tim Howard	
Belmont First (2)	Anne Hixson	Mark Adcock
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Grace Stitt	Carey Jo Elam
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Lew Sayre	Don Stinchcomb
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Edward Norris	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	Richard Schaddelee	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Saskia Etheridge	
Calvary (2)	E	
Canton (1)	A	

Cherryville First (1)	Marsha Brown	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	E	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Barbara Ross	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	E	
Dixon (1)	Philip Humphries	
Dorland Memorial (1)	A	
Dulatown (2)	Helen Hall	Elmer Dula
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	E	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	Ken Humphreys	
Fletcher (1)	Patricia Johnson	
Forest City First (1)	E	
Franklin First (1)	Jim Geary	
Gastonia First (3)	Greg Sellers	Bill Quarles
	Laura Lineburger	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Susie Churchfield	Janet Hovis
Grassy Creek (1)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Gil Broyles	Doug Davidson
Hickory First (2)	John Clark	Nancy Toy
Highlands First (1)	A	

Ironton (1)	E	
Jack's Creek (1)	Bill Evans	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	Trey Tingle	
Kings Mountain First (1)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	James Harper, Jr.	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Patricia Byers	
Love's Chapel (2)	Cora Slade	Annie Faulkner
Lowell (1)	Pam Myers	
Marion First (2)	Robert Ayers	Larry Hartman
Marshall (2)	A	
Micaville (2)	Max Hughes	Billie Tomberlin
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Kay Layman	Janie Moore
Morganton First (3)	David Tate	John Wilson
Morrison (2)	A	
Mount Holly First (2)	Bob Jessen	
New Hope, Asheville (2)	T. Weeks	
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	Edwin Lewis	Frank Maske
Newdale (2)	A	
Newland (2)	Marie Gwyn	Bob Shoffner
Newton First (3)	A	
Northminster (2)	Chris Wilson	Nolan Coggins
Oak Forest (2)	E	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	Lamar Howe	

Paint Gap (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	Sharon Stewart	
Quaker Meadows (2)	Rich Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	A	
Riceville (2)	Karl Stroupe	Mike Wilson
Ridgeview (2)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (2)	John Pea	Doug Alt
Rutherfordton (2)	Reid Lane	Janet Jolly
Ryburn Memorial (3)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Richard Fletcher	
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	E	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Joanne Mitchell	
Spindale (1)	E	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Steve Hansel	
Sweetwater (1)	Lynn Honeycutt	
Sylva First (1)	Marlies Owens	
Third Street (2)	A	
Trinity (1)	Jay Barr	
Tryon (1)	Bob Dick	
Union (1)	Charles Nelson	
Union Mills (1)	Elizabeth Hendrix	
United (1)	Jackie Muldoon	
Unity (2)	Joe Lampron	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	Ken Bumgarner	

Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	A	
Waynesville First (1)	Alice Johnson	
West Asheville (1)	Gary Storch	
West Avenue (1)	Charles Sellers	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Ministers	95
Elders	81
Certified Educators	4
Council/Committee Chairs	6
Visitors	<u>52</u>
Total	238

It was later moved that two persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved. (See Stated Clerk's Report):

The Reverend Helen Locklear, Coastal Carolina Presbytery
 Elder Kevin Garvey, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Whitewater Valley Presbytery
 (Both from the Board of Pensions)

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Aydelotte proposed the adoption of the docket as distributed (with the deletion of a report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry), which was seconded and approved.

8:30 Registration (*Cannon Student Center - King-Shivell Room*)
8:30 Prayers before Presbytery (*Banner Elk Presbyterian Church - Sanctuary*)
Orientation for New Elders (*Wily's-Cannon Student Center*) **Charles Davenport**

9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation (*Evans Auditorium*) **Luke Harkey, Moderator**
(A Prayer in Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of John Calvin)

Welcome	President Scott Colley Lees-McRae College
Welcome to Presbytery Youth	Moderator
Appointment of Standing Committee	Moderator
Resolution of Thanks	
Certification of Quorum	James Aydelotte, 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.)

Stated Clerk’s Report

B

(Corresponding Members; Reports of Administrative Commissions)

9:15 Service of Worship including the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Worship Leaders: Joseph Washburn and Tee Gatewood

Sermon: David McKee, Executive, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

“Is the Lord With Us, or Not?”

Texts: Old Testament - Exodus 17:1-7

New Testament - Romans 8:31-39

Communion distributed by Elders from Banner Elk and Arbor Dale Churches

10:15 Report of the Search Committee for a Stated Clerk (30 min) Don Scofield

FF

(Election for a 3-year term from August 1, 2009 and installation)

Committee on Ministry (50 minutes)

James Bernhardt

D

(Introduction of new members, examination for ordination/installation of Daria Ragan.)

Bill Sweetser

11:20 Prayers of Intercession

Cynthia Strickler

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

11:30 Lunch (MacDonald Dining Hall)

12:30 Reconvene

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.)

Good News from the Churches (10 minutes)

Robinson Memorial

John Stanley

Dulatown

Alyce Kelly

Waynesville, First

John Lindsay

Coordinating Council (20 minutes)

Bill Kantonen

C

(Multi-Cultural Mission; Election of a Moderator for 2011)

Youth Committee (5 minutes)

Aimee Buchanan

(Events)

Let’s Celebrate (5 minutes)

Beth Gunn

(Annual Event for everyone in the Presbytery)

Adam Bowling

Campus Mission (10 minutes)

Mae Weed

V

Lees-McRae College

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (5 minutes)

Michael Poulos

K

Report of the General Presbyter <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Bobbi White	GP
Budget & Finance Committee <i>(10 minutes)</i> <i>(Financial Report)</i>	Charles Sellers	BB
Board of Pensions <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Helen Locklear	
Nominating Committee <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Election of members for Presbytery committees and work of the committee; please fill out the recommendation sheet with suggested persons for the Nominating Committee to consider in the future.)</i>	Don Cooper	I
Care of Church Professionals <i>(30 minutes)</i> <i>(Recognition of ministers with 25 and 50 years of ministry, ministers retiring)</i>	Edyth Pruitt	
<u>Honorably Retired</u>	<u>50 Years in Ministry</u>	<u>25 Years in Ministry</u>
Jim Cockerham	Blan C. Aldridge	Kathryn Dudley
Jim Hornsby	W. Riley Covin	John McCall
Wallace Johnson	Arthur DeJong	Bob McCully
Flemon McIntosh	David Fillpot	Stratton Peacock
David Morgan	George Hutchins	Mark Ramsey
Bill Serjak	James C. McPherson	
	Donald B. Patchel	
	J. Julius Scott	
	John David Stewart	
School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastors <i>(10 min)</i> <i>(Recognition of SL/CLP Graduates)</i>	Joe Gernoske	
Fred Brown	Ann Dietz	Jane Hansel
Steve Hansel	Janet Jolly	Bobby Justus
Charlie Nelson	Bill Wuehrmann	
Strategic Goals Committee <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Otis Wilson	
Hunger Committee <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Jane Hansel	
Peace and Justice <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Presentation of Recipient of Peacemaking Offering)</i>	Terry Alexander	
Missions Committee <i>(10 minutes)</i> <i>(Update on Missionaries)</i>	Allen Huff	
Resource Center Presentation <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Jo Gallagher	
3:15 Resolution of Thanks		
Benediction and Adjournment	Moderator	

OMNIBUS MOTION

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved it. This motion was seconded and adopted. (Appendix A)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Items 1-4 having been approved in the Omnibus Motion, Dr. Aydelotte moved items 5, 6, and 7, which were seconded and adopted. These included reports from the Administrative Commissions for the Marion and Duncan's Creek Churches. He also moved that the Report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

(Appendix B) and the Report from the Evangelism Committee (Appendix C) be received as information. This was seconded and passed.

Items 8-15 were also received as information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. | THAT Luke Harkey, James Aydelotte, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the October 23-24, 2009 Presbytery meeting. |
| OM | 2. | THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. <i>(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table and has been posted on the website.)</i> |
| OM | 3. | THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix D)
Allen P. Smith (Kenilworth) |
| OM | 4. | THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix E, F, & G)
Lee W. Bowman (Highlands, First)
Margaret Wilson-Stayton (Lowell)
Kathy D. Campbell (Crossnore) |
| | 5. | THAT the July 28, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Marion Presbyterian Church be received at this meeting. (Appendix H) |
| | 6. | THAT the July 28, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church be received at this meeting. (Appendix I) |
| | 7. | That the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:
Rev. Helen Locklear, Coastal Carolina Presbytery
Elder Kevin Garvey, Zionsville Presbyterian Church,
Whitewater Valley Presbytery |

FOR INFORMATION:

- 8. The eighty-second stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 23-24, 2009, Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.**
- 9. THAT the following Session Records for 2008 were submitted and approved on June 6, 2009, at a Session Records Review, held at the Canton Presbyterian Church in Canton, NC.**

Asheville, First	Cullowhee	Jack's Creek
Black Mountain	Franklin, First	Kenilworth
Brevard-Davidson River	Glen Alpine	Long Creek
Bryson City	Grace Covenant	Morrison
Calvary	Hayesville	Oak Forest
Cherryville, First	Hendersonville, First	Paint Gap

Reems Creek-Beech
Swannanoa, First
Warren Wilson
Waynesville, First
West Asheville
Westminster

10. **THAT a fourth and final reading of Session Records was held on Saturday, July 25, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. All the Clerks of Sessions of the congregations listed below submitted their 2008 Session Records for review, which were approved.**

Bridgewater	Green Mountain	Shiloh, Grover
Buladean	Micaville	Sylva, First
Canton	Mills River	Union Mills
Dorland Memorial	New Hope, Asheville	Vians Valley
Etowah	Pineola	Walnut
Grassy Creek		

11. **THAT the following Session Records for 2008 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the *Book of Order* (G-9.0407.d).**

Brittains Cove	Korean Pres. of Ashe.	Old Fort
Ellenboro	Marshall	Pine Street
Estatoa	Oakwood	Ridgeview

12. **THAT an Educational Event for Adults and Youth, Let's Celebrate . . . "God's Bail Out," will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
13. **THAT the Bethel Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 175th Anniversary on August 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. This will be the closing ceremony for the Bethel Presbyterian Church.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP INCLUDING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Worship was led by the Rev. Joseph Washburn, pastor at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Tee Gatewood, pastor at the Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church. The Rev. David McKee, Executive of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, preached on "Is the Lord With us, or Not?" with the scripture taken from Exodus 17:1-7 and Romans 8:31-39.

The service of worship concluded with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with the bread and wine distributed by the elders of the Banner Elk and Arbor Dale Churches.

REPORT OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A STATED CLERK

The Rev. Don Scofield reported on behalf of the Search Committee, which was composed of Elder Mary V. Atkinson, Elder Patricia Clark, Elder Pat Green, Rev. Calvin Lewers, Rev. Ike Kennerly, Rev. Dr. Don Scofield (chair), and Rev. Otis Wilson. He paid tribute to the retiring Stated Clerk, James Aydelotte, who received a standing ovation. Pastor Scofield reviewed the job description for Presbytery's Stated Clerk and the work of the committee in reaching its decision. He then recommended that Elder William A. (Bert) Sigmon be the new Stated Clerk for a three year renewable term from August 1, 2009. There were no

questions for Elder Bert Sigmon or other nominations from the floor. Instead, he was unanimously elected and installed in a service led by Moderator Luke Harkey, General Presbyter Bobbi White, Dr. Scofield and Dr. Aydelotte. (Appendix J)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. James Bernhardt, chair of the Committee on Ministry, reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix K)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
II. REVISION OF A PREVIOUS DECISION

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Pastor Bernhardt recommended a slight revision of an October 2006 Presbytery decision: “The Examination of Candidates and Transferring Ministers.” (Appendix L) This recommendation was approved.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
III. EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Dr. Bernhardt introduced Daria L. Ragan, Associate Pastor-elect for the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, a candidate of this Presbytery. After preaching a sermon, followed by some questions and answers, Dr. Bernhardt moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that she be ordained and installed by the Presbytery. The motion passed and Dr. Bernhardt offered prayer. Representatives from the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont were recognized. General Presbyter, Bobbi White, presented Ragan with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as a welcome to the Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Committee, the Rev. Bill Sweetser 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 K)

- Alexander McLean, Designated Pastor, Swannanoa First Presbyterian Church
- Michael “Chris” Wingard, Pastor, Riceville Presbyterian Church
- Dent Davis, Pastor, Tryon Presbyterian Church
- Carol N. Seaman, Interim Pastor, Hickory First Presbyterian Church
- David W. McKee, Executive, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

Representatives of these churches, who were present, were recognized.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
V. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Bernhardt moved that the Presbytery approve that William A. “Bert” Sigmon be commissioned as lay pastor to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina during the time he serves as its Stated Clerk. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. This commissioning included permission to lead worship and preach the Gospel; celebrate the Sacraments when authorized by a governing body; moderate a Session when invited by the Session's moderator or when appointed by Presbytery; and have voice and vote in the meetings of Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner).

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
VI. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Bernhardt moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: This motion was adopted.

- Mike Johnston, as Director of the Spiritual Care for Gaston Memorial Hospital, through July 28, 2010.
- John T. Campbell, as Director for Eastatoe Trail Counseling and Consultation, LLC, through July 28, 2010.
- Cynthia Strickler, as Director of Dunamis Fellowship, Intl. with Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Intl., July 28, 2010.
- Aimee W. Buchanan, as Director of Creative Crossroads through July 28, 2010.
- Joseph D. Bennett, as Chaplain for Hospice of Yancey County, Inc., through July 28, 2010.
- David Bradley, as Pastoral Counselor with Pastoral Counseling and Growth Center of Asheville, through July 28, 2010.
- Joey T. Byrd, as Chaplain, U.S. Army, through July 28, 2010.
- David R. Lytle, as Chaplain for Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, through July 28, 2010.
- Robert A. McCully, Jr., as Counselor/Literacy Coordinator for Charlotte Rescue Mission, through July 28, 2010.
- Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain with Blue Ridge Healthcare, through July 28, 2010.
- Carol Steele, Associate Director, Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat

VII. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
VISION OF NEW MINISTRY

The Rev. John McCall shared his vision of a new ministry for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina that would explore and develop initiatives for reaching young adult and multi-ethnic persons not currently part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Committee on Ministry then recommended the following actions, which were adopted:

1. The formation of a special task force appointed by the General Presbyter and the Chairs of Council and COM to explore potential leadership (individuals to serve as local missionaries), funding sources, and ongoing accountability and support;
2. For the special task force to make preliminary reports concerning their work at the August and September 2009 meetings of the COM; and
3. For the COM, in cooperation with Council, to report to Presbytery at its October 2009 meeting on this matter.

LEES-McRAE COLLEGE

President Colley spoke briefly about the life of the College and its ministry. Mae Weed, Director of Church Relations at the College, gave directions for lunch.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Cynthia Strickler led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession for the community and the world. The Moderator then recessed the meeting for lunch.

RECONVENE

The Moderator reconvened the meeting of the Presbytery with an opportunity for anyone to make announcements, express opinions, or offer thanks.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

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

- John Stanley, Robinson Memorial
- Alyce Kelly, Dulatown
- John Lindsay, Waynesville

LET'S CELEBRATE

On behalf of the Let's Celebrate Task Force, Beth Gunn, Adam Bowling, and Charles Davenport led in a humorous skit to the tune of "Jailhouse Rock," promoting the "Let's Celebrate" educational event for adults and youth that will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. Everyone was encouraged to register and attend.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Elder Bill Kantonen, chair of the Coordinating Council, presented recommendations 1 through 4 for approval. The recommendations were approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT the Presbytery endorse an exploration of a multi-cultural mission as envisioned by the Rev. John McCall. This mission could lead to the establishment of a multi-cultural faith community within our Presbytery. A formal proposal will be presented at the October 23-24, 2009 meeting of Presbytery.**
- 2. THAT the Presbytery designate its portion (25%) of the upcoming 2009 Peacemaking Offering to support the multi-cultural mission envisioned by the Rev. John McCall - on the understanding that if that mission is not created, this offering will be used for other multi-cultural work in Presbytery.**
- 3. THAT the Presbytery designate the month of October in the three years 2009, 2010, and 2011 as "College Student Awareness Month," - to help foster supportive relationships with students in congregations and on nearby campuses during this formative time in their lives.**
- 4. THAT the Presbytery elect the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte Moderator of the Presbytery for 2011, serving as Vice-Moderator/Moderator elect in 2010, and that the Presbytery adopt a job description for its Moderator. (Appendix M)**

The Coordinating Council also reports:

Elder Kantonen then presented items 5 through 8 of the Coordinating Council Report as information, which was received.

5. THAT the Coordinating Council approved the following Nickel A Meal Grants:

Pay it Forward	\$5,000
(sponsored by Fairview Presbyterian Church)	
Angel Food Y.U.M.M.	\$7,500
(sponsored by Waldensian Presbyterian Church)	

6. THAT the Council has established these dates for Presbytery meetings in 2011:

- **January 29, 2011**

- April 26, 2011 at the Montreat Conference Center
- July 26, 2011
- October 21-22, 2011 at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center

The Council will welcome invitations from churches willing to host Presbytery meetings in January and July 2011.

7. **THAT the Presbyterian Women will hold two Fall Gatherings, one at Sylva, First on September 19, 2009 and another at Union Presbyterian Church on September 26, 2009.**
8. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**

YOUTH

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth Ministry, reported on the work of that Committee, youth events for 2009 and upcoming dates and events for the youth in 2009 and 2010. The Youth Committee has reviewed the applications and selected the 2009-2010 Youth Council.

CAMPUS MISSION

Mae Weed, chair of Campus Mission Committee, reported on the work of that committee and distributed information regarding campus ministry at the various schools in our Presbytery. October has been designated as College Student Awareness Month in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix N)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. Bobbi White reported that in the midst of economically hard times within our Presbytery, there is still a sense of the Spirit moving among us. She shared numerous “good news” happenings within the Presbytery and reported that Barbara Nagy, Missionary in Malawi, would be home on leave for the coming year and thus be available to visit our churches. Rev. White encouraged everyone to look for ways to build up the Body of Christ, and work with God’s Spirit that is moving among us. (Appendix O)

BUDGET & FINANCE

On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chair Charles Sellers reported on the current state of Presbytery’s finances. He explained the six-month financial status of the Presbytery as of June 30, 2009, and a letter that was mailed out to the Presbytery in early July explaining the Presbytery budget. Elder Sellers also reminded the committee chairs of a letter that had been sent to all committee chairs encouraging committees to look at ways to cut their budgets for the remainder of 2009. There being no questions, the report was received as information. (Appendix P)

BOARD OF PENSIONS

The Rev. Helen Locklear, Regional Representative with the Board of Pensions, and Elder Kevin Garvey brought greetings from the Board of Pensions. They shared updates from the Board of Pensions and information regarding programs and assistance available to ministers. She encouraged members to visit the website for the Board of Pensions for additional information.

NOMINATING

The Rev. Don Cooper, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented recommendations for committee vacancies. Recommendations were approved. (Appendix Q)

CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS

The Rev. Edyth Pruitt, Co-Chair of the Care of Church Professional Committee, reported on the work of the committee and events that they had been a part of this year. Retired pastors were reminded of a reception to be held the following day in Black Mountain, sponsored by the Board of Pensions.

Pastor Pruitt then led a short service recognizing and honoring the ministries of Jim Cockerham, Jim Hornsby, Wallace Johnson, Flemon McIntosh, David Morgan and Bill Serjak on the occasion of their retirement.

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

<u>25 Years in Ministry</u>	<u>50 Years in Ministry</u>	
Kathryn Dudley	Blan C. Aldridge	James C. McPherson
John McCall	W. Riley Covin	Donald B. Patchel
Bob McCully	Arthur DeJong	J. Julius Scott
Stratton Peacock	David Fillpot	John David Stewart
Mark Ramsey	George Hutchins	
Eddie Deas		

SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY/COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Dean of the School for the Laity and the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program, Joe Gernoske, reported on the SL/CLP program and the enthusiastic endorsement of the program by all who have attended. He then recognized the 2009 graduates.

Fred Brown, Cherryville First	Janet Jolly, Rutherfordton
Ann Dietz, Quaker Meadows	Bobby Justus, Grassy Creek
Jane Hansel, Swannanoa First	Charlie Nelson, Union
Steve Hansel, Swannanoa First	Bill Wuehrmann, Tryon

STRATEGIC GOALS

On behalf of the Strategic Goals Committee, the Rev. Mark Stanley reported on the work of the committee and briefly shared an informational report that would be forth coming at the October Presbytery Meeting at Lake Junaluska.

HUNGER

Elder Jane Hansel, member of the Hunger Committee, reported on the work of the committee. Dressed as an elf and promoting the "Reclaiming Christmas Program," during the lunch break Jane reported having collected \$150 for Reclaiming Christmas. (Appendix R)

PEACE & JUSTICE

On behalf of the Peace and Justice Committee, the Rev. Terry Alexander reported on the work of the committee. Pastor Alexander reminded the churches that the Peacemaking Offering 2009 will be taken on October 4, World Communion Day. He encouraged the churches to become aware of the Peacemaking Offering for 2009, and asked the churches to continue to support it.

MISSIONS

The Rev. Allen Huff, Chair of the Missions Committee, reported on the work of the committee. He encouraged each congregation to continue to actively support the mission and missionaries of the Presbytery. Updates on missionaries supported by this Presbytery were shared and a presentation, prepared by Teresa Locke on the Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi, was presented. Various churches were recognized for their support of supplies and financial assistance for the Malawi Mission Team and trip. (Appendix R)

RESOURCE CENTER TASK FORCE

Mae Weed reported on behalf of the work of the Resource Center Task Force. During the past two and a half years, the task force has worked diligently sorting through the various resources and disposing of outdated material, and organizing the resource center. They are in the process of re-cataloging the resources and implementing a new system.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, CLP Pete Peterson, Jack's Creek and Micaville Presbyterian Churches, and Certified Christian Educator, Bonnie Sanford, Shelby Presbyterian Church, presented the following Resolution, which was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has called us into service and ministry in mutual respect, filled with the joy of Christ;

WHEREAS, the Presbytery has met in its 81st Stated Meeting, July 28, 2009, at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, sincere thanks must be given to those who led us in worship and a service of Holy Communion, with special thanks to the Rev. David McKee, from our Presbytery and the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, for his inspiring message of hope for these days;

WHEREAS, special thanks must also be given to:

- the music, which uplifted our hearts in one voice in the beauty of this part of God's Creation;
- the Banner Elk and Arbor Dale Presbyterian Churches for hosting the Presbytery and the members and staff for their gracious hospitality;
- to Lee McRae College, President Colley and his staff for welcoming us on campus and providing for our needs;
- for the special gifts of students sharing their care for some of God's creatures needing protection;
- the entire staff and leadership of the Presbytery office;
- our Moderator, Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey, who guided us carefully and prayerfully through our work and prays for our new moderator elect Waldrop;
- all those in attendance, especially those attending for the first time and those who are retiring after many years of dedicated service to GOD: Jim Cockerham, Wallace Johnson, Jim Hornsby, Flemon McIntosh, David Morgan, and Bill Serjak;
- to those completing 25 and 50 milestone years of ministry named in our agenda;
- all ministers of the Word & Sacrament, CLP's, Educators and elders, both currently serving and those called to serve in the future;
- and a very special thanks to our retiring Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, for his guidance and service through the years and to our newly elected Stated Clerk, CLP Bert Sigmon, as he begins his work;
- to all those graduating CLP's for their dedication and graduation and their new beginnings within the Presbytery.

THEREFORE, we resolve to thank and praise our almighty God for his love, acceptance, faithfulness, support, justice and grace. We thank him, for he fills us with joy to follow him and to share that joy throughout the whole world as we do here in Western North Carolina.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

At the request of the Moderator, retiring Stated Clerk James Aydelotte blessed the Presbytery, after which Moderator Luke Harkey declared the 81st Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The Eighty-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 23-24, 2009, at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Luke Harkey, Moderator

James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

- These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on October 23, 2009, at its meeting at Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- C. Report of Evangelism Committee
- D. Minutes of Ordination/Installation for Allen P. Smith
- E. Minutes of Installation for Lee W. Bowman
- F. Minutes of Installation for Margaret Wilson-Stayton
- G. Minutes of Installation for Kathy D. Campbell
- H. Report of the Administrative Commission for Marion, First
- I. Report of the Administrative Commission for Duncan's Creek
- J. Report of the Stated Clerk Search Committee
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- N. Report of the Campus Mission Committee
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