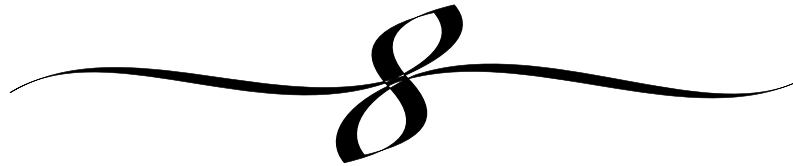


**PRESBYTERY OF
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NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
NINETIETH
STATED MEETING
October 21-22, 2011**

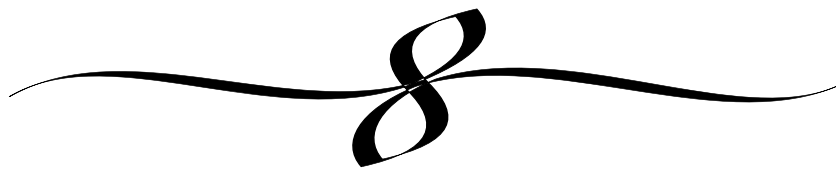


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Ninetieth Stated Meeting
October 21-22, 2011
at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

Dr. James Aydelotte, Moderator, convened the Ninetieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:00 a.m., in the International Room of the Lake Junaluska Conference Center at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

WELCOME

The Moderator welcomed all presbyters and others to the Lake Junaluska Conference Center 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 Stated Clerk later reported that the attendance for this meeting was:

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.	E	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	A	Michael Bailey	E
Tony F. Baker	P	Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E
Ashley J. Beavers	P	Joseph D. Bennett	P	Stanley Bennett	E
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Randall Boggs	P	Randall Boone	E	Ronald A. Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	E	Adam Bowling	E	Lee Bowman	P
Richard Boyce	E	Margie Boyd	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	G. Thompson Brown	E	Sandra Brown	E
Jason Bryant	E	Aimee Buchanan	E	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	E	Mark Burnham	P	Monty Burnham	E
Sue Burton	P	Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E
John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	E	William Campbell	E

Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	A	Calvin Chesnutt	E
Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	E	Carol Clark	E
Mark Clark	E	Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	E
William Cockrill	A	Jeffrey Coffey	E	James Cogswell	E
Evelyn Coleman	E	Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyer, III	E
Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	E
John Craven	E	James Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	A
Dent Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	P	Jay Deifell, Jr.	E
Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	E	Charles Donnell	E
Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E	John Ellington	E
Charles Elyea	E	Raymond Fancher	E	Kristy Farber	P
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E
Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	P	Maynard Fountain	E
McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	P	Keith B. Freeman	P
John Frye, Jr.	E	A. W. Gaines	E	Tee Gatewood, III	A
Denise Geiger	E	David Grachek	P	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	A	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P
Samuel Hale	E	Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P
Randall Hardy	A	Martin L. Harkey	P	William Heck	P
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	P	George Hutchins	P	Michael Isaacs	P
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E	Esta Jarrett	P
William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	E
Mike Johnston, IV	A	Franklin Jones	P	Dong Uk Kang	P
David Kaylor	E	Alyce Kelly	A	David Kennedy	E
James Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	E	Paul Kercher	E
Shannon Kershner	E	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	P	James Layman	P	Calvin Lewers	E
Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	P	Bill Lindeman	P
John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Dee Liss	P
Brad Long	A	Laura Long	E	Dick Lonnee	P
Billy Lowe	P	Bob Lowry	P	David Lytle	A
James W. Malone	E	Marjorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	P
Layton Mauze, III	E	John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A
Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E
David McKee	E	Alexander McLean	E	James McPherson	E
Lynn Michie	E	Beth Ann Miller	E	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	E	Robert Montgomery	P	Anne Morgan	P
David Morgan	P	Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	E
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Camerson Murchison	P
Carl Murray	E	David Nash	E	Elizabeth Newman	P
John Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E
Richard Nygren	P	O'Hyun Park	E	Katherine Parker	P
Thomas Parker	P	David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E
Stratton Peacock	P	Albert Peery, Jr.	E	Margaret Peery	P
Harry Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E
Harry Phillips	E	James Poling	E	Luke Ponder	E
Samuel Pope	P	Carolyn Poteet	E	Michael Poulos	P
Donald Price	P	Gene Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	E
Tamara Puffer	E	Jay Rabuck	E	Daria Ragan	E
Mark Ramsey	P	Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Homer Richabaugh	E	Don Robb, III	E
Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	A	Richard Rustay	E
Matthew Schlageter	A	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	P

Julius Scott	E	Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	P
William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E	Allan Sinclair	A
Robert Singdahlsen	P	Wirt Skinner	P	Allen Smith	P
O'dell Smith	E	Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	A
John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	E	Mark Stanley	P
Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E
David Stover	E	Cynthia Strickler	E	James Stuart	E
Walter Styles	E	Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A
Lee Thomas	P	Keith Thompson	P	Dan Thornton	E
Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E	Margaret Torrence	E	Ace Tubbs	E
Robert Tuttle	P	Thomas Tweedie	E	Melissa Upchurch	E
Gary Van Brocklin	A	Lauren Vanacore	E	Rockwell Ward	E
Samuel Warner	E	Joseph Washburn	P	Mark Watson	A
Lynn Webber	A	Brian Weger	P	Judy Weger	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	P
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	E	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood, Sr.	A	David Moore, Sr.	A
Linda Moore	A	Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	P
Betty Shaw	E	William Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	A
Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A	William Wuehrmann	A

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

Mary V. Atkinson	P	Samuel Baraki	A	Suzanne Barrett	P
Mike Begley	P	Patricia Clark	P	Jay Crane	P

Bill Kantonen	P	Janet Mahannah	A	Melvin Meares	P
Cindy Moore	P	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	E	Paula Wallace	P		

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

Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A	Betty Davenport	P
Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	E	Margaret Kennerly	A
Leslie McLeod	A	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)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Bob Riddle	
Banner Elk (2)	William Dethlefs	George Anderson
Belmont First (3)	A	
Bessemer City First (2)	A	
Black Mountain (3)	Andy Gwyn	Grace Stitt
	Steve Roberts	
Brevard-Davidson River (3)	Mary Johnson	
Bridgewater (2)	A	
Brittain (2)	A	
Brittains Cove (2)	A	
Bryson City (2)	A	
Buladean (2)	A	
Burnsville First (2)	Saskia Etheridge	
Calvary (3)	A	
Canton (2)	Sally Morgan	

Cherryville First (2)	Debbie Lesenger	Reba Craft
Clinchfield (2)	A	
Columbus (2)	Phil Ashley	Fred Ashley
Conley Memorial (2)	E	
Crossnore (2)	Barbara Ross	Jim Taylor
Cullowhee (2)	A	
Dallas First (2)	A	
Dixon (2)	Phil Humphries	
Dorland Memorial (2)	A	
Dulatown (3)	A	
Duncan's Creek (2)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	Ken Humphries	
Fletcher (1)	Tommy Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	A	
Franklin First (1)	Gail Lehman	
Gastonia First (3)	John Garrett	Martha Rockett
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Mary Lou Nash	
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	E	
Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Andrew Morris	
Hickory First (2)	Sarah Shumate	Marcia Reighley
Highlands First (1)	Ann Greenlee	
Ironton (1)	A	

Jack's Creek (1)	Grace Silvers	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (1)	Julia Hunt	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	A	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Sue Unnasch	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	A	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Billie Tomberlin	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Kay Layman	
Morganton First (2)	Lois Lowry	
Morrison (1)	Linda Ligon	
Mount Holly First (1)	E	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Johnnie Zorn	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Terry Clark	
Newdale (1)	Becky Ayala	
Newland (1)	Tommy Williams	
Newton First (1)	Lynn Sample	
Northminster (1)	Richard Greathouse	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	A	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	

Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	Lelia Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A	
Riceville (1)	Jim Turpin	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Pat Queen	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Richard Fletcher	Joseph Miller
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	A	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Jane Hansel	
Sweetwater (1)	Ray Combs	
Sylva First (1)	Roger Murajda	
Third Street (2)	Gayle Deas	
Trinity (1)	A	
Tryon (1)	A	
Union (1)	William Jordan	
Union Mills (1)	E	
United (1)	Mike Sturgill	
Unity (2)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	Bill Brinkley	
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	

Warren Wilson (1)	A	
Waynesville First (1)	Sylvia Lonnee	
West Asheville (1)	Cliff Schlegelmilch/Judith Goode	
West Avenue (1)	Guy Wallace	
Westminster (1)	Nancy Wait	

Ministers	89
Elders	57
Certified Educators	2
Council/Committee Chairs	13
Visitors	44
Institutions and Agencies & Corres	7
Total	212

There were four corresponding members in attendance.

- Rev. Feild Russell, member of Eastern Virginia Presbytery
- Rev. Jenny Russell, member of Eastern Virginia Presbytery
- Rev. Jack Haberer, member of New Covenant Presbytery
- Rev. Eade Anderson, member of New Hope Presbytery

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks: *Rev. Allen Smith, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church*
Elder Dot Descieux, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Tellers: *Rev. Billy Lowe, Cherryville, First* *Elder Linda Amos, United*
Rev. Lee Thomas, Kings Mtn. *Elder Steve Hansel, Swannanoa, First*
Rev. Anne Aichinger, New Vision *Elder Tommy Williams, Newland*

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the docket be approved as distributed. The motion was passed.

8:30 Registration (Lambuth Lobby)

(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)

Morning Refreshments (Lambuth Room 105)

Prayers before Presbytery (Prayer Chapel) Ellen Dozier

(We invite you to come to pray for the Presbytery, its work, its churches and pastors.)

Orientation for New Elders (Lambuth Room 103) John Lindsay

** 9:00 Convene (International Room)

**Prayer of Invocation and Constitution James Aydelotte
Moderator**

Appointment of Standing Committee

**Resolution of Thanks: Allen Smith, Kenilworth
Dot Descieux, Westminster**

Declaration of Quorum

**Bert Sigmon
Stated Clerk**

Approval of Docket

Omnibus Motion

A

(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. If a commissioner wishes to pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason, simply state the item you wish to remove 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

Bert Sigmon

B

(Introduction of any Corresponding Members)

Budget & Finance - Treasurer's Report *(For Your Information)*

BB

(Charles Sellers and Jack Suddreth)

Report from Synod Commissioners *(For Your Information)*

II

(Synod Meeting of September 26-27, 2011)

Report from the Outreach Division and

P

Guatemala Partnership *(For Your Information)*

**** 9:30 Service of Worship**

Jack Haberer

Worship Leaders: James Aydelotte, retiring moderator
Patricia Clark, incoming moderator

Music Leader: Mike Barker and others from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

Sermon: "The Wheat and the Shark"

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30

**Communion Distributed by Worship Leaders and
Elders from Waynesville, First and Canton Presbyterian Churches**

10:30 Coordinating Council *(30 minutes)*

J. D. Waldrop

C

(Revised Standing Rules for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina; Camp Grier)

Christian Education Committee *(10 minutes)*

Sarah Thomas

Eade Anderson

(Update on Resource Center; Christian Education Retreat 2012)

Nominating Committee *(5 minutes)*

Florence Shelor

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Hunger Committee *(5 minutes)*

Cindy Moore

P

(Reclaiming Christmas and Nickel-a-Meal)

Peace and Justice Committee *(10 minutes)*

Lynn Michie

P

(2011 Peacemaking Offering Grant Recipients)

Mission Committee *(5 minutes)*

Billy Lowe

P

(Malawi Mission Team and Disaster Team News)

Outreach to Orphans and

Vulnerable Children in Africa

Nancy Dimmock

(Overview of the work of Frank and Nancy Dimmock and an update on the entire family)

12:00 Prayers of Intercession

Nancy Dimmock

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

- ** 12:05 - 1:00 Lunch (Lambuth Dining Room)**
- ** 1:15 Reconvene with Prayer Moderator**
Hymn Sing
- 1:25 Speak Out (5 minutes)**
(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less, per speaker, on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)
- General Presbyter's Report (10 minutes) Bobbi White GP**
- Stewardship (20 minutes) Ed Brenegar**
- Care of Church Professionals (30 minutes) Dwight Christenbury**
(Upcoming Special Events, Good News, and Celebrations, etc.) Bert Sigmon
- 2:30 "What's Become of My Church?" (60 minutes) Jack Haberer**
"Yes, the passage of Amendment 10-A is about more than sex. It's about more than Biblical authority and interpretation, too. A sea of change is stirring in the church - not all good, not all bad - and we've largely been caught off guard. How do we lean into such changes? And, as teaching and ruling elders, how do we help our church members survive, maybe even thrive, through them?"
- 3:30 Group Discussions Beth Gunn**
- 5:30- 6:30 Dinner (Lambuth Dining Room)**
(Fellowship and dinner in Lambuth Dining Room; opportunity for those staying overnight to check-in)
- 6:30 Spontaneous Hoe Down - Music**
- ** 7:10 Reconvene with Prayer and Song Bert Sigmon**
- 7:20 Good News from Churches**
- Kenilworth (3 minutes) Allen Smith**
- Youth Committee (5 minutes) Michael Bailey**
(Senior High Retreat; Middle School Retreat) Beth Gunn
- Committee on Ministry (20 minutes) John Frye D**
(Work of the committee; Introduction of new ministers.) Margaret Torrence
- Campus Ministry (10 minutes) Joseph Washburn**
- 8:00 Evening Vespers**
- 8:15 Discussions with:**
- Jack Haberer (Lambuth International Room)**
Nancy Dimmock (Lambuth Room 103)

SATURDAY
October 22, 2011

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast	(Lambuth Dining Room)	
8:30	Registration	(Lambuth - International Room)	
**	9:00	Welcome & Reconvene with Prayer	Moderator
9:05	"What's to Become of Our Church?"		Jack Haberer
	<i>"Quoting French poet, Paul Valery, Yogi Berra famously and frequently said, 'The future isn't what it used to be.' That's all the more true today. Indeed, Presbyterians are bracing for a tsunami that's rolling toward our shores. What will come of it? How can we prepare? How shall we lead in such times? And what awaits us beyond that first rush of the waves?"</i>		
10:05	Institutions and Agencies		
	Presbyterian Home for Children (3 minutes)		Sarah Thomas
	Grandfather Home for Children (3 minutes)		Mae Weed
	"The Church's Response to the Issue of Vulnerable Children in Africa" (30 minutes)		Nancy Dimmock
	Committee on Ministry (cont.) (20 minutes) <i>(Commissioning of Lay Pastors)</i>		John Frye D Margaret Torrence
	Committee on Preparation for Ministry (15 minutes) <i>(Candidate for ministry Shelby Ethridge.)</i>		Richard Boyce K
	Reports for Synod Moderator and Commissioners (5 minutes) <i>(Bill Kantonen, Becky Stanley, and Larry Poe)</i>		II
	Resolution of Thanks Committee		Allen Smith
	Closing Worship Service		
	Benediction and Adjournment		Moderator
**	Order of the Day		

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)
- Report from the Outreach Division and Guatemala Partnership (Appendix D)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 1-7 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. | THAT James Aydelotte, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 28, 2012 Presbytery meeting. |
| OM | 2. | THAT the minutes of the July 26, 2011 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. |
| OM | 3. | THAT the October 21-22, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix E) |
| OM | 4. | THAT the October 21-22, 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 F) |
| OM | 5. | THAT the October 21-22, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix G) |
| OM | 6. | THAT the October 21-22, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix G) |
| OM | 7. | THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix H & I)
Esta Jarrett
Melissa Upchurch |

FOR INFORMATION:

8. **The ninety-first stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, North Carolina.**

9. **THAT the 2010 Minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina were reviewed by Stated Clerks of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic in Boone, NC on June 18, 2011. The minutes were read to insure complete and accurate records of those meetings. The 2010 minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina were approved as submitted.**

The Stated Clerk presented items 8-9 as items of information.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Service of Worship was led by retiring moderator Dr. James Aydelotte and incoming moderator Elder Patricia Clark. Keynoter, Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer, Editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, preached a sermon

entitled “The Wheat and the Shark,” with scripture from Matthew 13:24-30. He implored those present to “elevate their vision – see beyond the field, see beyond the sheep.” Music for the service of worship was led by Mike Barker and The Prophets of Praise from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

DISCIPLESHIP AND GROWTH

Following his morning sermon, Jack Haberer led subsequent presentations entitled, “*Prophet in Residence*” and “*What is to Become of Our Church?*” His presentations may be available as webinars in the near future. Small group discussions about the future vision of our churches followed his afternoon discussion.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Bert Sigmon presented the report of the Coordinating Council in J. D. Waldrop's absence. On behalf of the Coordinating Council, recommendations 1 and 2 were presented for approval. The recommendations were approved. Items 3 through 11 were presented for information. Item 12 was presented in the omnibus motion report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. The Presbytery adopts the revised Standing Rules, effective January 1, 2012, on the understanding that, between now and the Presbytery’s July 31, 2012 meeting, its Divisions and Committees may, as seems best for Presbytery, also follow some provisions in the 2009/2011 *Book of Order* and the old Standing Rules, with the assistance of the Transition Task Force created by Presbytery at its July 2011 meeting. (Appendix J {Revised Standing Rules} and Appendix K {Q & A regarding Revised Standing Rules})**

- 2. THAT the following persons be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Florence Shelor (Black Mountain)	B	Class of 2013	Chair
Mrs. Mollie Trosper (West Avenue)	D	Class of 2014	
Dr. Hamp Lefler (Hickory, First)	E	Class of 2014	
Mrs. Ginny Gernoske (Trinity)	C	Class of 2014	

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

FOR INFORMATION:

- 3. THAT the Council approved an Administrative Manual of Operations for Churches. The Coordinating Council recommends that congregations use the manual as a guide. Beginning with Session Records reviewed for the year of 2012, records will have to include a copy of their Manual of Administrative Operations. (Appendix L)**

- 4. THAT the Council approved the responsibilities of Representatives of the Coordinating Council. (Appendix M)**

- 5. THAT the Council approved, in principle, Camp Grier moving toward becoming an independent 501-C-3 non-profit organization, providing the Council reviews the actual organizational documents (including the articles of incorporation, by-laws, and financial arrangements).**

- 6. THAT the Council approved Grace Boyer to continue as the Hunger Action Enabler (HAE) for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**

7. **THAT the Council granted permission for the following items to be sold at the October 2011 Presbytery meeting: Presbytery Reclaiming Christmas Cards (to benefit missions of the Presbytery); Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, beans, etc. (to be sold by Unique World Gifts Ten Thousand Villages Store); Fair Trade Palestinian Olive Oil (sponsored by the Peace & Justice Committee).**
8. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
9. **THAT in January 2012, the Coordinating Council will begin meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, same time and location.**
10. **THAT Council approved the request of the Evangelism Committee that in 2012, the Presbytery focus will be on Evangelism.**
11. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2012 and 2013 Presbytery Meetings:**

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

2013

January 26, 2013 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
 April 30, 2013 ~ Montreat Conference Center
 July 30, 2013 ~ Grandfather Home for Children
 October 25-26, 2013 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

RECOMMENDATION:

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| OM | 12. THAT Presbytery, upon recommendation of Presbytery’s Coordinating Council, grant permission to Third Street Presbyterian Church to borrow up to \$147,000 from General Assembly, guaranteed by the Presbytery, to refinance their existing loan of \$146,056. |
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, Sarah Thomas reported on the work of the committee and of the plans for a one-day retreat scheduled for February 25, 2012. The retreat will be led by Mary Todd-Peters and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. Rev. Eade Anderson reported on behalf of the Resource Center Task Force and their hope for the creation of a resource center in Montreat and of moving the materials from Morganton to Montreat, if adequate funds can be raised.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Florence Shelor, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the work of the committee and their recommendations for commissioner representatives to the 220th (2012) General Assembly in Pittsburgh, PA. All were duly elected. Commissioners to the 220th (2012) General Assembly will be the Revs. Riley Covin, Bill Campbell, and Margaret Torrence; Elders Barbara Ross, Gayle Deas, and Jay Crane, and YAD Emma Frellick.

The Nominating Committee presented the following recommendations as alternate commissioners to the 220th (2012) General Assembly, Revs. David Morgan and Shannon Kerschner and Elder Frela Beck. All were duly approved. **(Appendix B)**

The Nominating Committee presented the following recommendations for commissioner representatives to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic for 2012, Rev. Eddie Deas and Elder Martha Rockett. Both were duly approved. **(Appendix B)**

The Presbytery approved the recommendation that the Nominating Committee, along with the Moderator of Presbytery and the chair of the Committee on Ministry, be given the authority to replace a commissioner to the General Assembly in the event that the elected commissioner(s) and/or alternate commissioner(s) be unable to attend.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

Cindy Moore, chair of the Hunger Committee, reported on the work of the committee and encouraged attendees to visit the display area where various displays were set-up for alternative Christmas giving suggestions. Ten Thousand Villages Store "A Unique World Gifts" was selling fair trade food items and Reclaiming Christmas Cards were available. **(Appendix D)**

PEACE AND JUSTICE

On behalf of Peace and Justice, Dave Cohn reported on the work of the committee. This past Spring, the Peace & Justice Committee allocated twelve Peacemaking Offering Grants to churches using funds from the 2010 Peacemaking Offering. The grants were for program/projects that encouraged peacemaking. This worked so well that the committee decided at its June 22 meeting to repeat the process this coming year. So, the Presbytery's portion of the 2011 Peacemaking Offering will be used to fund small grants of at least \$250 to churches that are working in concrete ways toward peacemaking in the community or the world. The grant form is in the attachment of this packet, but paper copies will be available in the display room at the October Presbytery meeting and will also be emailed in November. The deadline for requests is December 31, 2011, and the form simply asks for contact information, a paragraph description of the request, and that recipients provide a picture and update by September 2012.

Waldensian Presbyterian Church and Swannanoa Presbyterian Church both received grants in 2011 and reported on work as a result of the funds received. **(Appendix D)**

MISSION COMMITTEE

Billy Lowe spoke on behalf of the Mission Committee. He spoke of the mission teams to Malawi, members of teams and introduced Tommy Burluson as a key member of the teams. He also expressed the need for stethoscopes and knit baby caps (no red). Prayers are also needed. Rev. Lowe also expressed thanks to Grace Boyer for her work with the Mission Committee and the Outreach Division of the Presbytery of WNC. **(Appendix D)**

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Elder (Moderator of Synod) Bill Kantonen reported on the work of the 228th Stated Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic which was held at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia on September 26-27, 2011. He reported on the reorganization of the Synod and noted that Presbytery had received, with appreciation, various grants from the Synod. **(Appendix N)**

OUTREACH TO ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN AFRICA

Nancy Dimmock, a Missionary to Africa, spoke about the work she and her husband, Frank Dimmock, are doing in Africa with children orphaned by AIDS. She showed pictures of various children who have been

aided through their work and of the number of children that she and Frank have adopted.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Nancy Dimmock led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

RECONVENE

Vice-Moderator, Elder Patricia Clark reconvened the Presbytery at 1:05 p.m. with a congregational hymn and an opportunity for Presbyterians to address the Presbytery with announcements, concerns, and opinions.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, spoke of our being "the vine and the branches" of the church-connected by God's grace. Next year our focus will be on evangelism - reaching out. She proposed that we fish not just with poles, but with nets. **(Appendix O)**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. Ed Brenegar, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, pointed out that a perception of the church falling apart depends on your perspective. He has seen strength in his work with colleges and universities in this presbytery and as he has worked with other presbyteries in North Carolina. The PWNC provides help to 25% of our churches transitioning to new pastors and support is provided for small churches. New Church Development is alive and well in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The Church works for those who work in the church! **(Appendix P)**

CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS

Rev. Dwight Christenbury, chair of the Care of Church Professionals Committee reported on the work of the committee. Rev. Christenbury then introduced Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate Presbyter and David Cohn, Director of Camp Grier and congratulations were extended to both on their recent marriages. Grace was married on September 3, 2011 to Marc Mullinax and Dave was married on September 17, 2011 to Laura Shiver. A reception was held following the announcement in celebration of their marriages.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

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

- Elder Bob Craddock, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina

YOUTH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Beth Gunn reported on the work of the committee and opportunities that will be available to various youth leaders and groups. A Middle School Retreat is planned for November 11-13, 2011 at Camp Grier and a Senior High Mission Retreat is planned for February 24-25, 2012 in Asheville.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Elder Barbara Ross reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. **(Appendix Q)** The following were recognized for Honorable Retirement: Cameron Murchison, effective July 1, 2011 and Brian D. Weger, effective July 31, 2011.

On behalf of the Committee, she reported that the following ministers requested that their membership be transferred:

- Jerry Bron as Honorably Retired to Coastal Carolina

- William Cockrill as Interim Minister to Charlotte Presbytery

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Elder Barbara Ross 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 Q)**

- Deneise Deter Liss from Salem Presbytery as Interim Pastor at Long Creek Presbyterian Church, effective September 12, 2011. (was in attendance)
- Margaret (Margie) Boyd from Salem Presbytery as a Designated Pastor (two years) at Cullowhee Presbyterian Church, effective September 19, 2011. (was in attendance)
- J. Whittington (Whit) Malone, Jr. from Presbytery of North Central Iowa as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Hickory effective October 24, 2011. (was not in attendance)
- Robert L. Lowry, from Holston Presbytery as Honorably Retired, effective June 14, 2011 (was in attendance)
- Brian D. Weger from Presbytery of the Peaks as Member-at-Large, effective July 31, 2011.
- Judith H. Weger from Presbytery of the Peaks as Honorably Retired, effective October 11, 2011.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Elder Barbara Ross moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: **(Appendix Q)**

- A. David R. Lytle, Chaplain for Presbyterian Healthcare, Charlotte, through October 21, 2012.
- B. William Buchanan, Co-Director, Asheville Youth Mission, through October 21, 2012.
- C. Mike Johnston, Director of Spiritual Care for Gaston Memorial Hospital, through October 21, 2012.
- D. Robert A. McCully, Jr., Counselor/Literacy Coordinator/Resource Coordinator for Charlotte Rescue Mission, through October 21, 2012.
- E. Joan C. Martin, Chaplain for Covenant Village in Gastonia, through October 21, 2012.
- F. Lynn Michie, Chaplain for Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women, through October 21, 2012.
- G. Robert Tuttle, Vice-President of the Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center, through October 21, 2012.
- H. Monty B. Burnham, Field Staff for Priority Associates, Campus Crusade for Christ, through October 21, 2012.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Rev. Joseph Washburn, chair of the Campus Ministry Committee, reported on the work of the committee. He spoke particularly of the involvement of students at Lees McRae College in church work at the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church.

EVENING VESPERS

The Reverend Terry Hanna and Elders Russ Reighley and Barbara Ross led the Presbytery with evening vespers.

The days meeting was adjourned with some time for small group meetings with Jack Haberer and Nancy Dimmock.

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 22, 2011

RECONVENE

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina reconvened the 90th Stated Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 9:01 a.m. Moderator Aydelotte reconvened the meeting with prayer.

INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

On behalf of the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families, Sarah Thomas expressed sincere thanks to the Presbytery for their continued support, gifts and prayers and asked the Presbytery to continue to pray for the children and the home. The Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families would like to encourage all churches within our Presbytery to have a liaison for the home. The home currently serves 38 children and young adults from kindergarten through college students.

GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN

On behalf of Grandfather Home for Children, Mae Weed brought greetings from the home and gave a brief history of the home and their needs. Grandfather Home for Children is now receiving children with special needs and children from mental health facilities. They have an established facility for these children that is separate from the other buildings and foster care continues to be strictly monitored. A monthly newsletter is now being sent out electronically. Grandfather Home for Children is currently serving over 300 children.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO THE ISSUE OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN AFRICA

Nancy Dimmock

Nancy Dimmock, of Ministry of Hope Lesotho, spoke once again of the situations in Africa. She told of the various programs which she and Frank are working with and about the number of children who have lost parents to AIDS, the number of children who are orphans, and the number of families being destroyed by HIV. Nancy is excited about working with mothers, children and orphans in Lesotho and about those orphans who are being adopted. Following her presentation, Nancy was presented with a gift from the Presbytery by Grace Boyer.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

IV. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Elder Barbara Ross moved that the Presbytery approve that Tom Queen, Pat Queen, Russell Reighley, and Marcia Reighley be commissioned as lay pastors. Tom and Pat Queen to Union Mills Presbyterian Church and Russell and Marcia Reighley to Sweetwater Presbyterian Church in Hickory. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. This commissioning for Mr. and Mrs. Queen and Mr. and Mrs. Reighley included permission to lead worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper, Baptisms, weddings, and moderate the Session. **(Appendix Q)**

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

V. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Elder Barbara Ross moved that the Presbytery, pursuant to the 2009/2011 Book of Order G-9.0500 approve an Administrative Commission for the Dulatown Presbyterian Church and approve the following tasks and powers of the commission.

1. Appoint an Administrative Commission for the Dulatown Presbyterian Church, effective immediately;
2. Appoints the following members of this commission:
 - Wallace Johnson Minister

- Barbara Ross Elder
- Eddie Deas Minister
- Patricia Clark, Chair Elder
- Steve Austin Minister
- Melvin Meares Elder
- Ken Humphreys Elder

3. Grants the following tasks and powers to this commission:
 - a. authority to negotiate, working with the Session, a comprehensive and fair severance agreement with the pastor, subject to the approval of the congregation,
 - b. authority to moderate all meetings of the session and congregation
 - c. permission, pursuant to *BO: G-11.0103.s*, to assume original jurisdiction, if it judges such best for the welfare of the congregation;
4. Agrees that, if the commission thinks it advisable, it also be given these additional responsibilities:
 - a. ensuring that worship services are carried out in harmony with the Directory of Worship and that the pastoral needs of the congregation are adequately met; and
 - b. recommend to Presbytery, in consultation with the session, comprehensive resolutions of this church's current difficulties at the earliest possible time.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Bob Tuttle made the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

- I. **THAT** Shelby D. Ethridge, a member of Burnsville First Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After Shelby Ethridge shared her faith journey and her call to the ministry, Moderator Aydelotte opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Shelby Ethridge as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the 2009/2011 *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Those who came in support of Shelby Ethridge were asked to stand and be recognized. **(Appendix R)**

Rev. Tuttle reported the following from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as information:

- Jason Myers was enrolled as an inquirer on August 17, 2011. Jason is a member of Fairview Presbyterian Church in Lenoir and is a student at Montreat College.
- Everdith Landrau, a candidate and member of the Dulatown Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, was given permission to circulate her Personal Information Form.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Rev. Allen Smith, Pastor at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

WE are grateful to this 90th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina;
 For the beauty and hospitality of Lake Junaluska;
 For calling Jack Haberer to lead us in worship and proclaiming to us the promise and hope of our

church;
For our Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Stated Clerk and their Leadership;
For Nancy Dimmock and their Mission Among People in Africa;
For those faithful persons and institutions who work to meet the needs of others;
For the supreme joy of committees because we are able to do things together we could not do alone;
For what we have learned at this meeting to worship and serve you with all that we are;
For Christian Fellowship, friendship and ties that bind us together;
For Bobbi White and the staff of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina;
May all those gathered in this fellowship be granted the grace and joy to move forward in Christ to bring the hope and love of God to all the world.
Thanks be to God, AMEN!

CLOSING WORSHIP

Closing worship was led by the Revs. Charles Davenport, Ellen Dozier, and Anita Bernhardt, Presbytery Staff, accompanied by Elder Barbara Ross from Crossnore Presbyterian Church.

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

Moderator James Aydelotte took point of privilege and gave thanks to the Presbytery for their support and work through the Presbytery. He also expressed his thanks for the four ladies in the Presbytery office for their assistance and continued support.

Following comments from the moderator, Bobbi White gave thanks to James Aydelotte for his leadership, his vision for the Presbytery, for the Presbytery meetings, his witness for grace and God's love and for the broader world. James Aydelotte will continue his service to the Presbytery in 2012 as Chair of the Coordinating Council.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Ninetieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by James Aydelotte at 12:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Ninety-First Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

James Aydelotte, Moderator

William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on January 28, 2012 at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, NC.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Report from the Nominating Committee
- C. Report from the Budget and Finance Committee
- D. Report from the Outreach Division and Guatemala Partnership
- E. Report from the Administrative Commission of the Iglesia Presbiteriana Fellowship
- F. Report from the Administrative Commission for New Vision in Conover
- G. Report from the Administrative Commission for West Asheville and Cullowhee
- H. Minutes of Ordination/Installation of Esta Jarrett
- I. Minutes of Ordination/Installation of Melissa Upchurch
- J. Standing Rules for Presbytery of Western North Carolina
- K. Questions and Answers Regarding Standing Rules
- L. Administrative Manual of Operation for Churches
- M. Responsibilities of the Coordinating Council
- N. Reports from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Meeting
- O. Report from the Stewardship Committee
- P. Report from the General Presbyter
- Q. Report from the Committee on Ministry
- R. Report from the Preparation for Ministry Committee

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