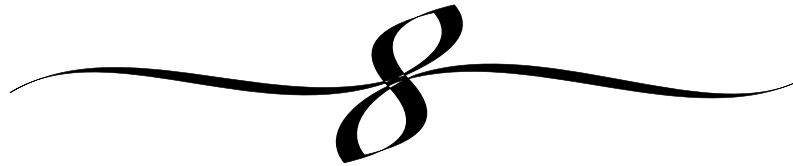


**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
NINETY-EIGHTH
STATED MEETING
October 26, 2013**

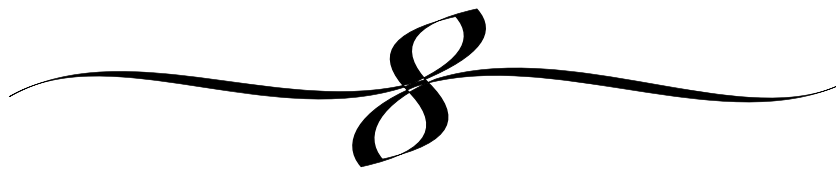


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Ninety-Eighth Stated Meeting
October 26, 2013
at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Asheville, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

CONVENE WITH PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Don Scofield, Moderator, convened the Ninety-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m., in the Sanctuary of the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Asheville, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with a prayer.

WELCOME

Teaching Elders Mark Ramsey and Kristy Farber, pastors at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, welcomed all presbyters to Asheville on a crisp fall morning.

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, Ruling 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
Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P	Michael Bailey	E
Tony Baker	E	Steven Barnes	P	Douglas Bartlett	E
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Ashley Beavers	P	Harold Bennett, Jr.	P
Joseph Bennett	E	Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	E
Carter Blaisdell	E	Randall Boggs	E	Ronald Botsford	E
Adam Bowling	A	Lee Bowman	E	Richard Boyce	A
Margie Boyd	P	Grace Boyer	E	David Bradley	P
Ryan Brakemeyer	E	Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	A
Edwin Brenegar, III	P	Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	P
G. Thompson Brown	E	Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	A
William Buchanan	P	Mark Burnham	P	Monty Burnham	E
Sue Burton	E	Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	A
John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	E	William Campbell	A

Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	E
Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	A	Carol Clark	A
Mark Clark	A	Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	P
Jeffrey Coffey	A	James Cogswell	P	Evelyn Coleman	A
Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E
Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P	John W. Craven	E
Curtis Crowther	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	E
Dent Davis	P	Heather Wood Davis	E	Eddie Deas, III	E
Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	E
Edward Donnell	E	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	P
Stephen Elderbrock	P	John Ellington	E	Raymond Fancher	A
Kristy Farber	P	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E
Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	Berry French, III	P	John Frye, Jr.	E
James Gailey	E	A. W. Gaines	E	Tee Gatewood, III	A
Denise Geiger	E	Jean Goodwin	P	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	E	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	E
Samuel Hale	P	Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	A
Randall Hardy	A	Martin L. Harkey	P	William Heck	P
Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E
Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	E	Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E
James Holeman	P	Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E
James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	P	George Hutchins	P
Michael Isaacs	P	Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	P
Esta Jarrett	P	Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	P
Mike Johnston	A	Franklin Jones	A	Kimberly Justice	A
Dong Uk Kang	E	David Kaylor	E	David 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	John LaMotte	E
John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	P	James Layman	E
Calvin Lewers	E	Thomas Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E
William Lindeman	A	John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E
Deneise Deter Liss	P	Brad Long	E	Laura Long	E
Billy T. Lowe	E	Robert Lowry	P	David Lytle	A
James W. Malone	E	Marjorie Marsh	E	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	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	A
Beth Ann Miller	E	Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	P
David Morgan	P	Richard Morgan	E	David Mulford	E
Donald Mullen	E	Cameron Murchison, Jr.	E	Carl Murray	P
David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	E	John Newton	E
John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E
Dan Oedy	P	O'Hyun Park	E	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	E	David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E
Stratton Peacock	P	Albert Peery, Jr.	E	Margaret Peery	E
Harry Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E
Harry Philips	E	James Poling	E	Luke Ponder	A
Carolyn Poteet	E	Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E
Gene Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	A	John Pruitt	E
Tamara Puffer	P	Jay Rabuck	P	Daria Ragan	E
Mark Ramsey	P	Joseph Rand	P	Kitty Rankin	E
Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E
Don Robb, III	E	Steven Runholt	P	Feild Russell	E
Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	E
Julius Scott	E	Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	E
Kyle Segars	P	William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E

Robert Singdahlsen	E	Wirt Skinner	E	Allen Smith	P
Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E
Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E	David Stover	E
Cynthia Strickler	A	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	Catherine Taylor	P
Keith Thompson	P	Dan Thornton	E	Yvonne Thurmond	P
Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E	Margaret Torrence	A	Ace Tubbs	E
Robert Tuttle	A	Thomas Tweedie	E	Melissa Anne Upchurch	P
Gary Van Brocklin	E	Lauren Vanacore	P	Sara Varnado	A
Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P	Lynn Webber	P
Judith Weger	E	Barbara White	P	Lamar Williamson	E
Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E	Margaret Wilson- Stayton	E
Otis Wilson	P	Victor Wilson	E	William Wing, Jr.	E
Chris Wingard	A	Eugene Witherspoon	E	Graham Wood, Jr.	E
Donaldson Woods	E	Beth Yarborough	A	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	Ken Humphreys	P	Bobby Justus	P
Deborah Lesenger	P	David Moore, Sr.	A	Randy Patterson	A
Pete Peterson	A	Marcia Reighley	A	Russell Reighley	P
Barbara Ross	P	Betty Shaw	A	William Sigmon	P
Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A
Jim Taylor	P	Roger Wise	P	William Wuehrmann	A

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

Lois Camp	A	Patricia Clark	P	Jay Crane	P
Gail Deas	A	Dot Descieux	P	Jim Henderson	P
Sue Johnson	P	Bill Martin	A	Barbara McLean	P

Melvin Meares	E	Dick Peck	A	Bob Riddle	A
Martha Rockett	A	Florence Shelor	P	Tony Sigmon	A
Pat Skinner	A	Jack Suddreth	E	Ron Tingle	A
Jane Vann	P	Mae Weed	P		

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (3)	A	
Banner Elk (1)	Dick Larson	
Belmont First (2)	Margaret Packard	Mike Pate
Bessemer City First (1)	E	
Black Mountain (2)	Andy Gwynn	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Roger Shiley	Jack Baldrige
Bridgewater (1)	Bonnie Perkins	
Brittain (1)	A	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	A	
Calvary (2)	Vivian Ridley	
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (2)	E	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	

Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Mary Ann Abrusci	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Phil Carrigan	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Mary Gahagan	
Dulatown (2)	Helen Hall	Charles Kincaid
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	A	
Fletcher (1)	Denise Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	Caroline Baynard	
Franklin First (1)	Gail Lehman	
Gastonia First (3)	Jim Brown	Lewis Efirid
	Barbara Yarbrough	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Jim Wallis	Mary Lou Nash
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	Kay McLeod	
Hendersonville First (2)	Mimi Jamieson	Marjorie Hever
Hickory First (3)	Nancy Toy	
Highlands First (1)	E	
Ironton (1)	E	
Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	Shellie Rich	

Kenilworth (1)	Marvin Chambers	
Kings Mountain First (2)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	Tate McKee	Jill Norment
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Sarah Tate	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Bobby Massey	
Marion First (2)	A	
Marshall (2)	Nan Wise	
Micaville (2)	A	
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Gordon Neville	Fred Connelly
Morganton First (3)	A	
Morrison (2)	E	
Mount Holly First (2)	A	
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Peg Lewis	
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	Terry Clark	Carol Clanton
Newdale (2)	Anita Fortner	Becky Ayala
Newland (2)	Gene Brewer	Marie Gwyn
Newton First (3)	Leo Yenderusiak	
Northminster (3)	A	
Oak Forest (2)	A	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	Al Forbes	Gene Grissom
Paint Gap (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	A	
Quaker Meadows (2)	Leila Bruder	Sandra Bartlett

Reems Creek-Beech (2)	Ryan Baldwin	Julian Rice
Ridgeview (2)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (2)	John Pea	
Rutherfordton (3)	John Lathan	Don Leshner
	Scott Denning	
Ryburn Memorial (3)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Bert Cushman	Robin Fichter
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Jackson Mott	Gayla Woody
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	George Plemmons	
Sweetwater (1)	Karen Spencer	
Sylva First (1)	Doug Reed	
Third Street (2)	E	
Trinity (2)	Duane Johnson	
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (1)	Mary Lou Helms	
Union Mills (1)	Susan Ward	
United (1)	Bill Wilson	
Unity (2)	John Birthisel	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Meredith Bleynat	Kathy Parse
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	Kathy Rouse	
Waynesville First (1)	Judy Covin	

West Asheville (1)	James Lewis	
West Avenue (1)	Rosanna Swindler	
Westminster (1)	Nancy Wait	

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

Teaching Elders (formerly Ministers)	86
Ruling Elders (formerly Elders)	73
Certified Educators	1
Administrative Board/Committee Chairs	9
Visitors	61
Total	230

There were five corresponding members in attendance.

- *Vera White, Associate for 1001 Worshipping Communities, PCUSA*
- *Patrick Hardy, Honorable Retired, Nevada Presbytery*
- *Bryan Hovey, Pastor, UCC*
- *Chris Taylor, Member-at-Large, Elizabeth Presbytery*
- *Rebecca Harrison, Interim Pastor, Nevada Presbytery*

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- *Rev. Steve Austin, United Presbyterian Church, Lenoir*

Bills and Overtures:

- *Rev. Mark Stanley, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville*

Tellers:

- *Barbara McLean, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville*
- *Jim McLean, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville*
- *Mary Lou Nash, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville*
- *David Nash, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville*

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

8:30 Registration

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

Prayers throughout Presbytery

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

Orientation for New Elders

9:00 Convene

Prayer of Invocation and Constitution

Don Scofield, Moderator

Appointment of Standing Committees

Tellers

- Barbara McLean, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church*
- Jim McLean, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church*
- Mary Lou Nash, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church*
- David Nash, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church*

Bills and Overtures

- Rev. Mark Stanley, Trinity Presbyterian Church*

Resolution of Thanks

(Rev. Steve Austin - United Presbyterian Church)

Declaration of Quorum Approval of Docket

Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Consent Agenda [CA] (formerly Omnibus Motion)

A

(Consent Agenda 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 Consent Agenda 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 Consent Agenda

Budget & Finance - Treasurer's Report

BB

Report from Synod Commissioners

II

Nominating Committee

I

Christian Education Committee

W

Youth Committee

Y

Witness Division Report

P

Stated Clerk's Report (5 minutes)

Bert Sigmon

B

(Introduction of any Corresponding Members)

Administrative Board (5 minutes)

Patricia Clark

C

9:30 Service of Worship

Worship Planners: Rev. Mark Ramsey, Rev. Kristy Farber and Rev. Kathy Campbell

Sermon: Authentic

Scripture: Psalms 8 and Psalms 38

10:30 Campus Mission (10 Minutes)

Steve Runholt

(Greetings from President at Warren Wilson College;

Steve Solnick

Covenant between Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College)

10:40 Evangelism Committee (5 minutes)

Ann & Frank Aichinger **O**

(Introduction of Vera White from OGA and 1001 Worshipping Communities)

10:45 Keynote Presentation (30-45 minutes)

Vera White

11:30 General Presbyter's Report (10 minutes)

Bobbi White

GP

11:40 Personnel Committee (5 minutes)

Becky Stanley

FF

(Recommendation for a position for Guatemala Partnership Coordinator - 12 hours a week)

11:45 Committee on Ministry (35 Minutes)

Mark Ramsey

D

(Work of the Committee, Introduction of new members - Dan Oedy,

Kevin Frederick

Steven Barnes; Michael McKee and Elizabeth Sigmon for ordination;

Commissioning of Lay Pastor, Dr. Fred Van Itallie; recommendation of changes to the Sexual Misconduct Policy)

12:20 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (15 Minutes)

Mark Burnham

K

(Candidate for ministry - Lisle Gwynn from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church)

2:35 Nominating Committee (15 Minutes)
(Election of Commissioners to 221st General Assembly)

Florence Shelor

I

12:50 Review of Opportunity of Becoming a Learning Community (5 minutes)
(To Be From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

12:55 Benedictions and Adjournment for Lunch *(Lunch provided by Atlanta Bread Company)*
(Conclude with the Doxology)

1:00 Lunch and Fellowship

1:45 Conversation with Vera White
1001 Worshipping Communities and Ways Congregations Can Reach Others

CONSENT AGENDA

Stated Clerk Sigmon explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. It was requested that consent agenda item C-1 number 6 be pulled for discussion. The remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved as submitted. (Appendix A)

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

- Budget & Finance - Treasurer's Report (Appendix B)
- Report from Synod Commissioners (Appendix C)
- Nominating Committee (Appendix D)
- Christian Education Committee (Appendix E)
- Youth Committee (Appendix F)
- Witness Division Report (Appendix G)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 1, 2 and 5 through 12 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. He then referred to items 13-14 as items for information. Recommendations 3 and 4 from the Stated Clerk's Report were moved, seconded, and approved by the Presbytery.

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| CA | 1. THAT Don Scofield, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 25, 2014 Presbytery meeting. |
| CA | 2. THAT the minutes of the July 30, 2013 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. |
| | 3. THAT the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission places the following recommendations before the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Additional information related to the recommendations from the Commission can be found in their in the written report from the Administrative Commission. (Appendix H)
A. The Church
1. That the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective November 24, 2013. |

2. That the Administrative Commission work with the Session for a worship service to honor the long and distinguished ministry of the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church.
3. That the Stated Clerk arrange to transfer the remaining members to a church of their choice, or that a letter of membership be filed in the Presbytery office.
4. That the Session be thanked for their service.
5. That the Rev. Margie Boyd be thanked for her service.

B. Campus Ministry

1. That the Cullowhee Administrative Commission be authorized to continue its work to support and promote campus ministry while discerning the future of ministry in Cullowhee. Recommendations will be made to Presbytery.
2. That the administrative commission be authorized to utilize church property to continue the current campus ministry.

4. **THAT the Administrative Board of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the authorization of the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville Administrative Commission to have the authority to exercise any and all functions entrusted to Administrative Commissions pursuant to G-3.-0109b of the *Book of Order*, except the imposition of original jurisdiction without further authorization of the Administrative Board.**

CA 5. **THAT the following persons be appointed to serve as additional members on the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville's Administrative Commission:**
 Mr. Jim Henderson
 Rev. Dr. Don Scofield

THAT Mr. Bob Forsythe and Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison be appointed to serve as co-chairs of the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville Administrative Commission and that Mr. Bob Forsythe serve as the acting chair during the absence of Rev. Cam Murchison due to illness.

THAT the commission will now be composed of the following members:

Mr. Bob Forsythe, Co-Chair (Acting Chair), Rev. Cam Murchison, Co-Chair, Rev. Anne Morgan, Rev. Dr. Allen Smith, Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Ms. Jane Vann, Mr. Jim Henderson.

The responsibilities of the commission will continue as:

1. Shepherding the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville Session and Congregation considering a request to Presbytery to be dismissed.
2. Negotiating the "legal agreement" detailed in section IV.D.
3. Recommending "a decision to Presbytery" as detailed in section IV.E.3.

CA 6. **THAT the Administrative Board of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approved the authorization of the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville Administrative Commission to serve communion to the members of the continuing First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville in the context of worship services for this congregation.**

- CA 7. **THAT the following person be appointed to serve as replacement on the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church:**
 Rev. David Stover
- The Commission will now be composed of the following members:**
 Ms. Dot Descieux, Mr. Bill Kantonen, Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley, Rev. David Stover, and Rev. Mark Ramsey.
- The responsibilities of the commission will continue as approved at the January 29, 2011 Presbytery meeting.**
- “To inquire into and settle the difficulties” (BO:G-9.0503 a(4))
 - “To assume original jurisdiction” (BO: G-11.0103s), and to exercise the “responsibility and power” of the Session (BO: G-10.0102), if needed, and as needed, in the discretion of the Commission. The Commission may, from time to time, delegate any of those responsibilities and powers to the existing Session, and may likewise deny those to the Session from time to time, as it deems necessary.
 - To make a report, through the Committee on Ministry, to each meeting of the Presbytery.
- CA 8. **THAT the October 26, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix I)**
- CA 9. **THAT the October 26, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)**
- CA 10. **THAT the October 26, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K)**
- CA 11. **THAT the October 26, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)**
- CA 12. **THAT the October 26, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)**

FOR INFORMATION:

13. **The ninety-ninth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 hosted by the Columbus Presbyterian Church, Columbus, North Carolina.**
14. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2014 Presbytery Meetings:**
2014
 January 25, 2014 ~ Hosted by the Columbus Presbyterian Church
 April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Patricia Clark presented the report of the Administrative Board. On behalf of the Administrative Board, recommendations 1 and 2 were presented for approval. Items 3 through 9 were presented in the Consent Agenda report. The recommendations were approved. Items 10 through 25 were presented for information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT the Presbytery elect Teaching Elder Susan Denne as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2015, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2014.**

2. **THAT the Evangelism Committee of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Presbytery believes that the Presbyterian Church USA has a message and ministry that is needed in this area of North Carolina. They realize that some congregations are choosing to leave the PCUSA. They encourage the Presbytery to see this as a stimulus to start new mission that will meet the needs of culture and context today. Therefore, the Evangelism Committee and the Administrative Board recommend the following to the Presbytery:**
 - First, that for any congregation that chooses to leave the PCUSA, we attempt to start a new worshipping community within the bounds of the PWNC. This could be in the community where the congregation departed, if this is a feasible mission field. In the case of a continuing congregation, that we support that church to grow in health and ministry.
 - Second, that the Administrative Board prioritize funding for new worshipping communities, NCDs, and strengthen existing congregations (church transformation).
 - Third, that the Evangelism Committee be charged with identifying areas and missions that would be open to new worshipping communities, as well as those churches open and willing to be a part of church transformation. The Evangelism Committee would bring a recommendation to PWNC about the way to go forward with helping with new worshipping communities, NCD and church transformation.
 - Fourth, that we develop a grant program for 1001 New Worshipping Communities and for Church Transformation.

- CA 3. **THAT the Presbytery concur with the Administrative Board and the Committee on Ministry for the Commissioned Lay Pastor Sub-Committee to assume the past responsibilities of the School for the Laity Sub-Committee and that the School for the Laity Sub-Committee cease to exist.**

The Commissioned Lay Pastor Sub-Committee will consist of the following members:

Allen Smith, Chair	Richard Hood	Linda Moore
James Aydelotte	Eloise Kaeck	Tom Parker
Robert Garrison	Marjorie Marsh	Bob Porter
Joe Gernoske	Bob McFerren	Fred Van Itallie
Barbara Ross, Ex-Officio		

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| CA | 4. | THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee:
Mrs. Jane Hansel (Swannanoa, First) (B) 2014 Chair
Mr. Irvin Barksdale (Spruce Pine, First) (F) Class of 2016
Mrs. Betty Davenport (Gastonia, First) (D) Class of 2016
Ms. Susan Maveety (New Hope, Asheville) (B) Class of 2016
Mr. Charles Kincaid (Dulatown) (E) Class of 2016 |
| CA | 5. | THAT the Presbytery grant permission to Jack's Creek Presbyterian Church, Burnsville, to borrow up to \$25,000 for the purpose of renovations and repairs to their parking lots and building. |
| CA | 6. | THAT the Presbytery approve media guidelines for Presbytery meetings, with said guidelines effective January 1, 2014. (Appendix M) |
| CA | 7. | THAT the Presbytery accept general guidelines for nominating commissioners from the Presbytery to the General Assembly. (Appendix N) |
| CA | 8. | THAT the Presbytery approve the covenant with the Presbyterian Hunger Program, including the support for the Hunger Action Enabler position.
<i>(Background: This is an annual renewal with the General Assembly Hunger Program, which helps fund the work of the Hunger Action Enabler, which is part of the responsibility of the Interim Associate Presbyter.)</i> |
| CA | 9. | THAT the Presbytery approve the joining of the Committee on Representation and Nominating Committee for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2014. |

FOR INFORMATION:

10. **THAT the Administrative Board approved taking up to \$5,000 from the Presbytery reserves and moving to the Committee on Ministry budget.**
11. **THAT the Administrative Board approved the responsibilities and remuneration for a part-time Guatemala Partnership Coordinator.**
12. **THAT the Administrative Board approved the following recommendation from the Committee on Ministry with respect to monetary settlements with congregations leaving the denomination. The criteria are:**
 1. The needs of the Presbytery.
 2. The needs of the continuing congregation.
 3. The needs of the congregation requesting dismissal.
13. **THAT the Administrative Board received a report from General Presbyter, Bobbi White, of her visit with representatives of the Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church in Linville, North Carolina.**
14. **THAT the Administrative Board approved granting permission to the Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during 2013.**
(This congregation acts as a chapel without an installed pastor or a session and serves the community with their contributions.)

15. **THAT the Administrative Board reviewed and approved the following grant applications.**

Grants (Synod - New and Small Church)

Jack's Creek Presbyterian Church, Burnsville
Glen Alpine Presbyterian Church, Glen Alpine
Sweetwater Presbyterian Church, Hickory
West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville
Cullowhee Presbyterian Church, Cullowhee
Reems Creek-Beech, Weaverville

Grants (Synod)

Resource Center

General Assembly - 1001 Worshipping Communities

West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville

16. **THAT the Administrative Board approved appointment of the following members to study the current Presbytery committee structure and outline a proposal for the restructuring of Presbytery committees:**

Mrs. Paula Wallace	Rev. Esta Jarrett
Rev. Carol Steele	Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey
Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley	Rev. Dr. Edwin Brenegar
Mr. Russ Reighley, CLP	Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte
Patricia Clark, Ex-Officio	Rev. Bobbi White, Ex-Officio

17. **THAT the Administrative Board and Personnel Committee reviewed and accepted the 2013-2014 Goals of General Presbyter, Bobbi White.**

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

19. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2013 and 2014:**

Middle School Retreat - November 8-10, 2013 - Camp Grier

Middle School Youth Event - "We Didn't Start the Fire" - Sexuality
Retreat for Middle School - February 22, 2014 - Montreat
Conference Center

High School Overnight Mission Retreat - High School Youth - March
14-15, 2014 - Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Adults

20. **THAT the Administrative Board will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2015.**

21. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2014 Presbytery Meetings:**

2014

January 25, 2014 ~ Hosted by Columbus Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center

July 29, 2014 ~ Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2014 ~ Unity Presbyterian Church

22. **THAT the Small Membership Church Committee reported on the meetings held with the Presbyterian Foundation for small membership churches. They encouraged all small membership churches to attend one of the next scheduled**

sessions that will be held on November 19 and November 21.

November 19, 2013 - New Vision, Conover (9:00 a.m.)
November 19, 2013 - West Avenue, Gastonia (12:30 p.m.)
November 21, 2013 - Spruce Pine, First (9:00 a.m.)
November 21, 2013 - Westminster, Asheville (12:30 p.m.)

23. **THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor an over-night spirituality retreat, to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 28 - March 1, 2014 at the Montreat Conference Center.**
24. **THAT the Presbyterian Women will be holding their spring Gathering on:**
Saturday, April 5, 2014 - First Presbyterian Church, Cherryville
25. **THAT the Administrative Board encourage the Presbytery to read the Presbyterian Women's *Horizon* magazine which focuses on this area and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**

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

Worship was led by the Revs. Mark Ramsey and Kristy Farber who offered a sermon on authenticity as exemplified by King David with scripture taken from Psalm 8 and Psalm 38.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper led by the Revs. Patricia Bacon, Esta Jarrett and elders from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

CAMPUS MISSION

Steve Runholt, pastor at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, brought greetings from the Warren Wilson College and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. The history of both the college and the church were shared with the Presbytery. Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church began a capital campaign in 2007, with a goal of renovating the church and chapel. The renovations have now been completed. The college and the church have been working toward a signed covenant and that too has been completed. Rev. Runholt stated that they are looking forward to hosting the 101st Presbytery meeting in July 2014.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Rev. Ann Aichinger, chair of the Evangelism Committee, reported on the work of the committee and plans for future worshipping opportunities through PCUSA and 1001 New Worshipping Communities. 1001 New Worshipping Communities is a new way that PCUSA is doing new church development and helping congregations and groups who want to start something new or bring something new to their worshipping community. West Asheville Presbyterian Church and Kent Smith, Pastor, have received the first seed grant in our Presbytery for their program "Community of Haywood." (Appendix O)

1001 Worshipping Communities

Vera White, the Associate for Mission for 1001 New Worshipping Communities at the General Assembly Offices, presented an informational program on 1001 New Worshipping Communities. She is currently working to ignite a movement that will result in the creation of 1001 New Worshipping Communities over the next 10 years. This was an action of the 220th General Assembly. They are well on their way with 143 new worshipping communities in process. Following the conclusion of the Presbytery meeting, she invited all interested to stay for a question and answer time and for additional information.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, sees the Holy Spirit growing vitally throughout the Presbytery. She asked that the Presbytery be in prayer that God will open our eyes to the new harvest, to continue to build relationships, to join together for fellowship and to expect great things to happen. (Appendix P)

CHURCHES AND PASTORS COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Mark Ramsey reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. The following was recognized for Honorable Retirement: Rev. David W. McKee, effective January 1, 2014. (Appendix Q)

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

- Rev. Alyce Kelly, to Charlotte Presbytery as Temporary Pastor at Covenant Kannapolis Presbyterian Church, effective February 16, 2013.
- Rev. Jack Davidson to Presbytery of San Gabriel as pastor at Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church in Alhambra, CA, effective September 11, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

II. ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Revs. Mark Ramsey and Kevin Frederick introduced Michael Tate McKee, to serve as the pastor at the Newland Presbyterian Church in Newland following ordination. As Michael was a candidate of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, he delivered a sermon and was examined by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Rev. Ramsey moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, that he be ordained by the Presbytery. The motion passed and Rev. Ramsey offered prayer. (Appendix Q)

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. Mark Ramsey introduced Elizabeth Sigmon, as candidate for ordination and installation. Having heard a sermon from Elizabeth Sigmon, Rev. Ramsey moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that she be ordained by the Presbytery of Charlotte and installed by the Presbytery of WNC. The motion passed and Rev. Ramsey offered prayer. (Appendix Q)

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, presented Michael McKee and Elizabeth Sigmon with Guatemalan stoles on behalf of and as a welcome to the Presbytery

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. Mark Ramsey introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. They 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)

- Daniel Joseph Oedy, from the Presbytery of Peace River to PWNC as pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC, effective November 17, 2013.
- Steven M. Barnes, from Charlotte Presbytery to PWNC as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Newton in Newton, NC, effective November 18, 2013.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
IV. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

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

- Cynthia Strickler, as Director and Dean of Faculty, Dunamis Fellowship Int., Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Int., through October 26, 2014.
- Joan Martin, as Chaplain, Covenant Village, Inc., through October 26, 2014.
- William Buchanan, as Executive Director, Asheville Youth Mission, through October 26, 2014.
- Lynn Michie, as Chaplain, Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women, through October 26, 2014.
- Merriam Alexander, as Vice President for the Center for Faith and Life, Mountain Retreat Association, through October 26, 2014.
- Evelyn Coleman, as Associate Director of the Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center, through October 26, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
V. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR

On behalf of the Examinations Committee, Rev. Kevin Frederick moved that the Presbytery approve Fred Van Itallie to be commissioned as a lay pastor. Fred Van Itallie will be commissioned to the School for the Laity of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. The commissioning for Fred Van Itallie included permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper. (Appendix Q)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Mark Burnham made the following recommendation to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

- I. THAT** Margaret Lisle Gwynn, a member of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and a student at Columbia Theological Seminary, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After Lisle Gwynn shared her faith journey and call to the ministry, Vice-Moderator Jim Henderson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Lisle Gwynn as a candidate. The Vice-Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Mark Burnham delivered the charge to Ms. Gwynn and Rev. Berry French offered the prayer. Those who came in support of Lisle Gwynn were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix R)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Florence Shelor, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the work of the committee and their recommendations for commissioner representatives to the 221st (2014) General Assembly in Detroit, Michigan. All were duly elected. Commissioners to the 221st (2014) General Assembly will be the Revs. Sam Warner, Terry Hanna, and Shannon Kershner; Elders Jay Crane, Heath Rada, and Helen Hall and YAD David Smith. (Appendix D)

The Nominating Committee presented the following recommendations as alternate commissioners to the 221st (2014) General Assembly, Revs. Mark Ramsey and Bobbi White and Elder John Pea. All were duly approved. (Appendix D)

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.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Having met here at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church on this beautiful autumn day of October 26th in the year of our Lord 2013; having sought to be faithful to the gospel, our Lord and ourselves.

Having seen God at work and at play in this Presbytery of Western North Carolina,

We give thanks to God for...

- the humility of our calls as ruling and teaching elders, educators, administrators, CLP's, seekers, inquirers, and candidates in ministry; but most importantly as followers of Christ.

We give thanks for...

- the power of various voices in worship as well as presentation.

We give thanks for...

- reverence uttered in hushed prayer and reverence uttered in heartfelt laughter.

We give thanks for...

- communion shared with each other and our Savior.

We give thanks for...

- mission, ministry, music and moments of grace.

We give thanks for...

- a divine mandate to love one another as well as 'the least of these our brothers and sisters' and for the challenge to create 1001 new worshipping communities to help this happen.

We give thanks for...

- reading the word of God written on paper and sensing the word of God written in our hearts.

We give thanks for...

- the hard work and preparation before our call to order, the reports and presentations delivered to this body, and for the ministry to be carried out after our benediction.

Having witnessed and received all these blessing and more,

Be it hereby resolved that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has concluded its work at this meeting, but not for this day.

Be it further resolved that our real work now begins as we leave this place and encounter the world around us, recognizing that our work is in vain if it is not God's work.

To God alone be glory now and forever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted by *Rev. Steve Austin, Pastor at United Presbyterian Church.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS, BENEDICTION, AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Ninety-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Scofield led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession prior to adjourning the meeting for lunch and the day at 12:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Ninety-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014, hosted by the Columbus Presbyterian Church in Columbus, NC. These minutes were prepared by the following:

Don Scofield, Moderator

William A. “Bert” Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on October 26, 2013 at its meeting at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

APPENDICES

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- L. Administrative Commission Reports for Korean Presbyterian Church and West Asheville Presbyterian Church**
- M. Media Guidelines for Presbytery of WNC**
- N. Guidelines for Nominating Commissioners from the Presbytery of WNC to General Assembly**
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