

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Florence Shelor, Chair

October 21-22, 2011

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations to fill the year of 2014 and other class vacancies. The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, November 14, 2011.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for filling the slate for each committee throughout the year and for creating the new Class of 2014 to begin serving a three year term in January of 2012. To this end, we are asking you to discern your wishes in regard to a Presbytery committee on which you would like to serve or suggest someone for a committee of Presbytery. We have begun to fill the Class of 2014 and any other known vacancies.

It is important to note Presbytery by-laws which state, "Terms of committee members shall be for three (3) years in equal classes and no committee member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Ordinarily, a person may serve on only one Presbytery committee at any time."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If a committee still has a known vacancy, it will be indicated following the recommendation.

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| 1. | <u>Committee on Ministry</u> | | |
| | Rev. John Frye, Jr. (Gastonia, First) | D | Class of 2014 |
| | Rev. Kathy Campbell (Crossnore) | F | Class of 2014 |
| | Rev. Cameron Murchinson | B | Class of 2014 |
| | Rev. Pete Peery | B | Class of 2014 |
| | Rev. Mark Ramsey (Grace Covenant) | B | Class of 2014 |
| | Mrs. Marcia Reighley (Sweetwater) | E | Class of 2014 |
| | <i>(2 vacancies remain for the class of 2014. Need a committee chair for 2012.)</i> | | |

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| 2. | <u>Examinations</u> | | |
| | Rev. Margaret Torrence (Asheville, First) | B | Co-Chair |
| | Rev. Kevin Frederick (Waldensian) | E | Co-Chair |
| | Mr. Jerry Ragan (Belmont, First) | D | Class of 2014 |
| | Mr. Jim Henderson (Montreat) | B | Class of 2014 |
| | Rev. Tee Gatewood (Arbor Dale) | F | Class of 2014 |
| | Ms. Ginny Soll (Black Mountain) | B | Class of 2013 |
| | Rev. Richard Boyce (Belmont, First) | D | Class of 2013 |
| | Rev. Lamar Williamson (Black Mountain) | B | Class of 2012 |

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| 3. | <u>Care of Church Professionals</u> | | |
| | Rev. Dwight Christenbury (Trinity) | C | Chair |
| | Rev. Sam Pope (Franklin, First) | F | Class of 2014 |
| | Mrs. Sylvia Sellers (West Avenue) | D | Class of 2014 |
| | Ms. Jane Richardson (Banner Elk) | F | Class of 2014 |
| | Ms. Leslie McLeod (Belmont, First) | D | Class of 2012 |

OM	4.	<u>Preparation for Ministry</u>			
		Rev. Mark Burnham (Asheville, First)	B		Chair
		Rev. David Nash (Grace Covenant)	B	Class of 2014	
		Rev. Edyth Pruitt (Fairview)	E	Class of 2014	
		Rev. Esta Jarrett (Canton)	A	Class of 2014	
		<i>(2 vacancies remain, 1 for the class of 2014 and 1 for the class of 2013.)</i>			
OM	5.	<u>Committee on Representation</u>			
		Rev. Eddie Deas (Third Street)	D		Chair
		Mr. Joseph Vaughn (Gastonia, First)	D	Class of 2014 (Youth)	
		Ms. Abby Kuchta (Spruce Pine, First)	F	Class of 2014 (Youth)	
		<i>(3 vacancies remain, 2 for the class of 2014 and 1 for the class of 2013.)</i>			
OM	6.	<u>Peace and Justice Committee</u>			
		Mrs. Sarah (Sally) Jackson (Hickory, First)	E	Class of 2014	
		Rev. Lynn Michie	B	Class of 2014	
		Rev. Robert Montgomery	B	Class of 2014	
		Rev. Mike Johnston (Bessemer City)	D	Class of 2013	
		<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2014. Need a committee chair.)</i>			
OM	7.	<u>Hunger Committee</u>			
		Ms. Katie Adams (Kenilworth)	B	Class of 2014	
		Rev. William Heck (Swannanoa, First)	B	Class of 2014	
		Mr. David Tate (Morganton, First)	E	Class of 2014	
		<i>(Need a committee chair.)</i>			
OM	8.	<u>Missions Committee</u>			
		Dr. Bill Lowe (Cherryville, First)	D		Chair
		Ms. Carole Ball (Hendersonville, First)	C	Class of 2014	
		Ms. Sue Johnson (Lowell)	D	Class of 2014	
		Ms. DeAnna Booth (Bryson City)	A	Class of 2014	
		<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2014.)</i>			
OM	9.	<u>Campus Mission</u>			
		Rev. Richard Nygren	A	Class of 2014	
		Rev. Allen Smith (Kenilworth)	B	Class of 2014	
		Mr. David Smith (New Vision)	E	Class of 2014	
		<i>(Need a committee chair.)</i>			
OM	10.	<u>Self-Development of People</u>			
		Rev. Calvin Lewers (Love's Chapel)	D	Class of 2014	Chair
		Mr. Bob Porter (Sylva, First)	A	Class of 2014	
		Rev. Beverly Brock	A	Class of 2014	
		Ms. Mamie White (Calvary)	B	Class of 2013	

OM	11.	<u>Evangelism Committee</u> Rev. Michael Sears (Olney) D Ms. Lisa Canterbury (Rutherfordton) C Class of 2014 Rev. Jim Cockerham (Waldensian) E Class of 2014 <i>(3 vacancies remain, 1 for the class of 2014, 1 for the class of 2013 and 1 for the class of 2012.)</i>	Chair
OM	12.	<u>New Church Development Sub-Committee</u> <i>(2 vacancies remain for the class of 2014.)</i>	
OM	13.	<u>Church Transformation Committee</u> Rev. Ed Forsyth (New Hope, Gastonia) D Mr. Charles Hall (Dulatown) E Class of 2014 Mrs. Leila Bruder (Quaker Meadows) E Class of 2014 <i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2014.)</i>	Chair
OM	14.	<u>Small Membership Church Committee</u> Mr. Russell Reighley (Sweetwater) E Rev. Terry Hanna (Bryson City) A Class of 2014 Mr. Alonzo Sluder (Newland) F Class of 2014 Ms. Janice Sapp (Kenilworth) B Class of 2014 Rev. Melissa Upchurch (Marshall) B Class of 2014 Ms. Wanda Woodby (Burnsville, First) F Class of 2014 Mrs. Marla Patchel (Green Street) E Class of 2014	Chair
OM	15.	<u>Stewardship</u> Rev. Edwin Brenegar (Asheville, First) B Class of 2014 Mr. Bob Burgin (Asheville, First) B Class of 2014 Mr. Tim Clippard (Cherryville, First) D Class of 2014 Ms. Betty Jean Martin (Kenilworth) B Class of 2013 <i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012.)</i>	Chair
OM	16.	<u>Youth Ministries</u> Rev. Luke Ponder (Newton, First) E Class of 2014 Ms. Alisa Bivens (Southminster) D Class of 2014 Rev. Ryan Brakemyer (Northminster) E Class of 2014 Rev. Jeff Coffey (Marion, First) B Class of 2014 <i>(3 vacancies remain, 2 for the class of 2013 and 1 for the class of 2012. Need a committee chair.)</i>	
OM	17.	<u>Christian Education</u> Rev. Adam Bowling (Morganton, First) E Mrs. Linda Amos (United) E Class of 2014 Ms. Nancy McNeill (Asheville, First) B Class of 2014 Ms. Sarah Thomas B Class of 2014 Mrs. Mae Weed (Banner Elk) F Class of 2014 <i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2013.)</i>	Chair

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| OM | 18. | <u>Budget and Finance</u>
Mr. Jay Crane (Hickory, First) E
Mr. Ken Humphreys (Fairview) E
<i>(2 vacancies remain for the class of 2014.)</i> | Class of 2014 | Chair |
| OM | 19. | <u>Property and Equipment</u>
Mr. Dick Peck (Morganton, First) E
Mr. Irvin Barksdale (Spruce Pine) F
Mr. Doug Veazey (Morganton, First) E | Class of 2014
Class of 2014 | Chair |
| OM | 20. | <u>Personnel Committee</u>
Mr. Bill Martin (Hickory, First) E
<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2014.)</i> | Class of 2014 | Chair |
| OM | 21. | <u>Joint Outdoor Ministries</u>
Mr. Tony Sigmon (Gastonia, First) D
Mr. A. T. Brown (Black Mountain) B
<i>(2 vacancies remain, 1 for the class of 2014 and 1 for the class of 2012.)</i> | Class of 2014 | Chair |

22. The Nominating Committee places the following minister nomination recommendations to serve as minister commissioners for 2012 at the 220th General Assembly to be held June 30 - July 7, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

**A. Rev. Riley Covin (A) - First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville
29 Haywood Drive, Canton, NC 28716**

Riley Covin is a native of Belton, SC, where he and his family became heavily involved in the Presbyterian Church. In high school, he heard the call to ministry while attending a youth conference at Presbyterian College. He graduated from King College (B.A.), and Union Presbyterian Seminary (B.D.). After serving the Bethel Presbyterian Church near Waynesville for six years, he went to Union Theological Seminary in NY where he received an S.T.M. in Church and Community. After spending the following summer hitchhiking across Europe, he accepted a call to the Sylva church, where he was Pastor for nine years.

While in Sylva, he was married to the former Judy Campbell of Sylva, an RN. Their two sons were born there. Bill currently lives in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire, where his wife is a US Foreign Service Officer. Philip is a Commercial Realtor in Atlanta and an elder at Central Presbyterian Church.

He became Pastor at a new church development in Grand Bay Alabama in 1976. While there, he began and completed a Doctor of Ministry program at McCormick Seminary in Chicago. He then accepted a call to be pastor of the Blackshear (GA) Presbyterian Church, where he stayed for ten years. In 1992, he became Pastor at Canton, NC, from which he retired in 1998 and was named Pastor Emeritus.

He served as Moderator of Asheville and Mobile Presbyteries. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for Barium Springs Home for Children.

As a member of the Presbytery of WNC, he has been Chair of the Care of Church Professionals Committee, a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission, the Nominating Committee, the Committee on Representation, the Validated Ministry and Racial & Ethnic Sub-Committees and the Committee on Aging.

While at Canton, he has served as President of the Canton Lions Club, President of the Haywood Regional Chaplains Association, Chairman of the Board of the Good Samaritan Clinic, and Board Chair for the Haywood County Department of Social Services.

In retirement, he has served as Stated Supply at Bethel and Canton, and as a volunteer Hospice Chaplain for Midwest Haywood for twelve years. As a hobby, he has backpacked over 1000 miles on the Appalachian Trail.

He attended the 1975 General Assembly of the PCUS as a Commissioner.

**B. Rev. Margaret Torrence (B) - First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
141 Woodburn Drive, Swannanoa, NC 28778**

I was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where my parents were serving as missionaries, but I spent most of my childhood in Sarasota, Florida, living across the street from the church my father served as pastor. Our family's connections with the Presbyterian Church are deep and long, on both sides. The church always has felt like home to me.

My husband, Lee, and I met as students at Davidson College. We married in 1985, and were blessed by the birth of Nate in 1990 and Hanna in 1993. Since they now are students at UNC (Chapel Hill) and the University of Chicago, Lee and I are living into the challenges and joys of life in an empty nest!

I was ordained as an elder in 1990. By 1994, I was feeling an urgent pull to go to seminary. We moved from California to Princeton, NJ during the summer of 1995, so that I might begin my studies there. Seminary was a gift, a lesson in my limitations, and a sustained experience of God's provision.

I am grateful to be part of a connectional church, and value the offerings made by those who work unstintingly at every level of our denomination. As a youth, I was privileged to serve as a delegate to our synod. As a seminary student, I was invited to serve as a student assistant at the 210th General Assembly in Charlotte, NC. As an adult, I have worshiped and served in churches in California and New Jersey, as well as North Carolina.

I currently serve on the staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. I moderate our Presbytery's Examinations Committee, and occasionally teach in the School for the Laity. I frequently assist with conferences at Montreat and wrote the liturgy for the 2010 Summer Worship series. I am one of many writers contributing to the first volume of Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, to be published by John Knox Press.

I continue to be blessed by my membership in this Presbytery, and I am honored by this invitation to serve.

**C. Rev. Bill Campbell (C) - First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville
699 North Grove Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792**

Bill is grateful to be a candidate for commissioner to the 2012 General Assembly, which he believes will be a watershed gathering for our denomination. A graduate of Westmont College (BS), Princeton Seminary (MDiv), and Fuller Theological Seminary (DMin), Bill is in his 10th year as pastor at Hendersonville First. He was pastor for seven years at Grace Presbyterian Church in Lanham, MD, a one-year interim pastor for Arlington Presbyterian in Arlington, VA, and a parish associate for seven years with Vienna Presbyterian, in Vienna VA. Under the umbrella of Vienna Presbyterian, Bill spent seven years traveling and directing an international mission movement for seminary students.

Bill served on the Presbytery of WNC's Committee on Preparation for Ministry for several years and on the Division of Evangelism and Church Development for one year. Prior to serving on committees, Bill helped guide pre-presbytery prayer gatherings. A strong believer in the power of prayer, Bill is leading an interchurch prayer ministry in Henderson County. He has been the president of the Henderson County Ministerial Association for the past seven years.

Bill attended the 2010 GA as an observer and served as a witness on two committees. He recently published the book, *Turning Controversy into Church Ministry: A Christlike Response to Homosexuality*, and believes that open conversation about the concerns that divide our denomination can bring clarity and healing to the church.

A year from now, Bill and Lin will celebrate (and cry?) over their "empty nest" as their youngest of three children heads off to college. Their oldest child, Gabriel, was born deaf and is engaged with Wycliffe Bible Translators, translating the Bible into video-based sign for the deaf around the world. Gabe's deafness has also opened a door of ministry and fellowship for Bill and Lin in the Deaf Community for about twenty years. All of the Campbell children are bilingual, meaning they can ignore their parents in two languages.

Bill loves tennis, biking and swimming, and eating the various flavors of gelato.

23. The Nominating Committee places the following elder nomination recommendations to serve as elder commissioners for 2012 at the 220th General Assembly to be held June 30 - July 7, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

**A. Mr. Jay Crane (E) - First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
894 North Shore Drive, Hickory NC 28601**

Jay Crane was a member at First Presbyterian Church in Hickory, NC from 1972 to 1979, and was active as a Sunday school teacher, a retreat leader, usher and Deacon. He moved out of state in 1979 and returned to Hickory and First Presbyterian Church upon retirement during 1999. He has been Treasurer of the church for 9 years, and as such, has served as an ex-officio member of the Finance, Stewardship and Scholarship Committees. He is an Elder in the church, having served two 3-year terms as an active Elder, and has been a member of the Outreach Committee. He has traveled on three mission trips to Guatemala and one to the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina, and has supported church missions as a member of the mission trip planning committee. He was also a 3-year member of the Presbytery's committee for National and Global Missions and Ecumenical Relations, was selected as an alternate Commissioner for the 2010 General Assembly, and is currently on the Presbytery's Coordinating Council and Budget and Finance Committee.

Jay spent three years on active duty with the US Navy following graduation from Dartmouth College. He worked for General Electric Company for 30 years in financial management positions of businesses in Schenectady, NY; Hickory, NC; Lynn MA; Valley Forge, PA (twice); and Indianapolis, IN. He retired from Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, MD in 1999. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. He is a member of Kiwanis; served 6 years on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of Centro Latino, an area Hispanic-help center; and supports his wife's role as President of the Friends of Hickory Public Library. He is a Master Gardener and enjoys landscaping/gardening.

**B. Ms. Barbara Ross (F) - Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore
220 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657**

I am honored to be asked if I could be nominated to represent our Presbytery as Commissioner to the 2012 General Assembly. Thank you.

I am a born & bred Tar Heel, having been born into a loving family and raised as a Methodist. I have an AB Degree from Lenoir Rhyne University and a M.Ed. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

My first career was as a teacher, first at the high school level and then at one of our state's Technical Institutes (Forsyth Tech). There, I served as an instructor in the business department and was head of the Associate's Degree program for Executive Secretaries. This block of my career spanned 11 years.

I had a short stint as a lobbyist in the North Carolina General Assembly working for funding for vocational education programs at both the secondary and post-secondary levels.

My second career was as a human resources manager for the DuPont Company. My first assignment with DuPont was in Moncks Corner, SC where a synthetic fibers plant was being built. I was transferred to Delaware and continued in human resources management at three different locations. That career lasted 18 years.

My third and current career is that of retiree and volunteer. When DuPont offered an early retirement opportunity I took it, sold everything I owned, moved back to North Carolina, bought a motor home and started traveling. The traveling part of this career lasted 12 years and while “on the road” I was blessed to have the opportunity to spend some time in 49 of our 50 states and most of the Canadian provinces, and log 130,000 miles on my motor home. The second phase of this career (volunteer) started when I settled down in the mountains, started attending Crossnore Presbyterian Church in 2004, and immediately got swept up in the life of the church.

I am currently serving as Clerk of Session, a member of the Committee on Ministry, the Sub-Committee for Non-Installed Pastors, and one of the trainers helping train sessions and PNC members for those churches in transition. I graduated from the School for the Laity in May 2011.

I am a genealogist (non-professional), organist (non-professional), vocalist (non-professional choir member, alto) and teacher (through and through).

**C. Mrs. Gayle Deas (D) - Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
605 North Highlands Street, Gastonia, NC 28052**

Gayle Carolina Deas, III, is a member and an Elder at Third Street Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC, since April 16th of 2007. She was educated through the public school system of Winston Salem, NC and Sumter, SC. She attended Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Orangeburg, SC and the University of S.C. in Columbia, SC. She has been a Registered Nurse for twenty years. Presently she is the Systems Informaticist for the Birthplace at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia, NC.

Gayle's career has been one of nurture and care. She has worked as a Labor and Delivery Nurse, Senior Public Health Nurse, Community Health Nurse in the school system, and Manager of the Birth Department and Women's Health at Maryville Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. In 2005, she was the only registered Labor and Delivery nurse selected to journey with Physicians for Peace to the Dominican Republic. Gayle is presently an active member of the session of Third Street Presbyterian Church and Moderator of the Presbyterian Women of Third Street.

She is married to Eddie Deas III, the pastor of Third Street Presbyterian Church. They have three children: William Bernard, 34, in Army stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Aaron Jawari, 29, at Microsoft in Redmond, Washington; and Rachel Imani, 25, a Senior Student at UNC-Charlotte.

24. The Nominating Committee places the following minister nomination recommendation to serve as *alternate minister commissioner* for 2012 at the 220th General Assembly to be held June 30 - July 7, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

**A. Rev. Shannon Kershner (B) - Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 39, Black Mountain, NC 28711**

I am the pastor of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. I came to serve this wonderful congregation two years ago, in October 2009. I grew up in the Presbyterian denomination and am the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and a retired schoolteacher. My father, Jimmie, will retire in 2012, after serving as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Waco, Texas for thirty years. I grew up in Grace Presbytery and served as a Youth Advisory Delegate from Grace Presbytery at the General Assembly meeting in 1992. It was at General Assembly when I decided to finally say "yes" to a sense of call into ordained ministry. My sense of call began to make itself known in 1990 when I served in leadership at a high school youth conference at Mo-Ranch. But it took me a while to say "Here I am." I was a preacher's kid. I knew what that meant!

I graduated in 1994 from Trinity University in San Antonio. In 1996, I began my theological training at Columbia Theological Seminary. I received my M.Div. degree in 1999 and returned to Texas where I was in ministry for ten years. I spent the first three years in New Covenant Presbytery as an Associate Pastor at The Woodlands Presbyterian Church in The Woodlands, Texas (north of Houston). In 2002, I transferred back into the Presbytery of my childhood, Grace Presbytery, as I served Woodhaven Presbyterian Church in Irving, Texas. While I was in Grace Presbytery, I served on the Committee on Ministry and chaired the committee in charge of interim ministry. Now in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, I just began to serve on the campaign cabinet for the North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education Ministries. I am also engaged in leadership in other areas in our denominational life.

I am married to Greg, who is a financial advisor with Joel Adams and Associates in Asheville. Greg and I met at Mo-Ranch when we were in high school and have been married for almost 17 years. We have a daughter, Hannah, who is in the fifth grade and a son, Ryan, who is in the first grade. We are glad to be here in Black Mountain and have been warmly welcomed into this community.

**B. Rev. David Morgan (B) - Oak Forest Presbyterian, Asheville
P. O. Box 846, Skyland, NC 28776**

Born in Swannanoa in 1944, I grew up in Waynesville and was baptized by Calvin Theilman at the Waynesville Presbyterian Church at age 12. I was active in Presbytery youth events and served as moderator of the Youth Council of Asheville Presbytery. I experienced the call to ministry while attending World Mission conferences at Montreat. While a senior at King College, I was taken under care of Asheville Presbytery.

In 1967, I married Anne Cartledge and entered Columbia Theological Seminary. After graduating in 1970, I completed a year of Clinical Pastoral Education at GA Regional Hospital. I served pastorates in Atlanta, Richmond, VA, and as co-pastor with Anne in York

County, SC. While in Richmond, I completed by D. Min at Union Theological Seminary. In 1996, Anne and I were called to the Presbytery of WNC to serve New Hope Presbyterian Church as co-pastors. I served as a Pastoral Counselor in agencies during these pastorates. In 2009, I retired and am currently the stated supply at Oak Forest PC, Asheville. I have been an avid hiker most of my life. We have two daughters and two grandsons.

At this point in my faith journey, I am seeking a transforming relationship with God as I strive to follow Jesus, while living in the creative tension between conserving the truth revealed in the past while being open to the truth being revealed in the present.

- 25. The Nominating Committee places the following elder nomination recommendation to serve as alternate elder commissioners for 2012 at the 220th General Assembly to be held June 30 - July 7, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:**

A. Mrs. Frela Beck (A) - Bryson City Presbyterian Church, Bryson City

- 26. The Nominating Committee places the following minister commissioner nomination to serve as a delegate for a one year term (2012) for the Stated Meetings of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic:**

Rev. Eddie Deas (D) - Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
605 North Highland Street
Gastonia, NC 28052

- 27. The Nominating Committee places the following elder commissioner nomination to serve as a delegate for a two year term (2012-2013) for the Stated Meetings of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic:**

Mrs. Martha Rockett (D) - First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
910 Weymouth Dr.
Gastonia, NC 28054

- 28. The Nominating Committee requests authority from the Presbytery, and with the approval of the Moderator of Presbytery and the chair of the Committee on Ministry, to replace a Commissioner to General Assembly should a commissioner(s) and/or alternate(s) be unable to attend.**