

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

William A. (Bert) Sigmon, Stated Clerk

October 26-27, 2012

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| CA | 1. | THAT Patricia Clark, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 26, 2013 Presbytery meeting. |
| CA | 2. | THAT the minutes of the July 31, 2012 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. <i>(The full set of these minutes, including appendices, is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.)</i> |
| CA | 3. | THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:
John P. Lindsay
Robert A. McCully, Jr. |
| CA | 4. | THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of the Presbytery:
Sara Varnado |
| CA | 5. | THAT the minutes of the installation and ordination of the following be placed into the record of the Presbytery:
Yvonne Maurene Thurmond
Catherine Taylor |
| | 6. | THAT the Task Force currently working with Riceville Presbyterian Church be transitioned to an Administrative Commission. The Administrative Commission consists of the following members:
Susan Denne, chair, teaching elder
James Aydelotte, teaching elder
Mike Begley, ruling elder, Black Mountain
John Heilman, ruling elder, Waldensian
Mary Lou Nash, ruling elder, Grace Covenant
Ron Tingle, ruling elder, Waynesville, First

THAT the commission has been assigned the following tasks and powers:
A. THAT the tasks of the Administrative Commission shall be to shepherd the Riceville Session and Congregation through Presbytery's "Guidelines for Congregations considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed," with special responsibility for:
(a) negotiating the "legal agreement" detailed in section IV.D, and
(b) recommending "a decision to Presbytery" as detailed in section IV.E.3. |

B. THAT the Administrative Commission shall report to the Presbytery at each meeting, until it is discharged.

- CA 7. THAT the October 26-27, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 1)
- CA 8. THAT the October 26-27, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development and Iglesia Emanuel be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2)
- CA 9. THAT the October 26-27, 2012 Report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)
- CA 10. THAT the October 26-27, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)
- CA 11. THAT the October 26-27, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for the Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)
- CA 12. THAT the October 26-27, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for Dulatown Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 4)
- CA 13. THAT the October 26-27, 2012 report of the Administrative Commission for Southminster Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 5)

FOR INFORMATION:

14. THAT ninety-fifth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Hickory, North Carolina.
15. THAT the following dates have been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training:
November 1, 2012 @ Highland Farms Retirement Community - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
March 7, 2013 @ First Presbyterian Church, Morganton - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

(3/6 hour training; morning session meets the requirement for 3 hr. training; all day meets the requirement for 6 hr. training.)

- 16. THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 220th General Assembly, will be distributed at the registration table at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

Heidelberg Catechism - Part 1 of 2

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga220-proposed-amendments-constitution-part-1-2/>

Amendments to the *Book of Order* - Part 2 of 2

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga220-proposed-amendments-constitution-part-2-2/>

- 17. THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records:**

March 23, 2013	First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
April 13, 2013	Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver
May 4, 2013	Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
May 18, 2013	Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore
June 8 or 22, 2013	First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

- 18. THAT the 2011 Minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina were reviewed on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Mack Dagenhart (Salem Presbytery), Kevin Campbell (Abingdon Presbytery) and Bert Sigmon (Presbytery of Western North Carolina), exchanged and reviewed each other's minutes. The minutes were read to insure complete and accurate records of those meetings. The 2011 minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina were approved as submitted.**

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

Report From the Lincolnton, First Administrative Commission October, 2012

The Commission Members: Robert Ervin, Rev. Shannon Kershner, Rev. Kevin Frederick, Paula Wallace (COM liaison), and Jerry Ragan (chair).

The Lincolnton church has committed itself to the hard work necessary for reconciliation as well as the rejuvenation of its ministry. The congregation has worked in both small and large groups moderated by representatives of the Presbyterian Samaritan Counseling Center to great effect. In addition, the members have also worked collaboratively in the development and publication of "I Believe" statements which have been shared with the Lincolnton community.

The church has also begun to reorganize itself with the formation of a Transitional Task Force Committee and a Generous Living Committee (formerly known as the Stewardship Committee). It has become quite clear that the congregation has truly rededicated itself to a renewal of its ministry in Christ as evidenced in literally countless activities such as participation in Lincolnton's Apple Festival, Operation Sparkle, and a renewal of baptismal vows by the congregation.

This church has been truly blessed by the leadership, nurture, and encouragement provided by its transitional pastor, Ray Fancher.

While this church still faces many challenges in the near future, we are confident that the congregation will address them with dedication and vigor. Your thoughts and prayers are most appreciated.

Jerry Ragan, Chair

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

New Vision Church, Conover Iglesia Emanuel Hispanic Ministry October 26-27, 2012

The Steering Teams for New Vision and the Hispanic ministry have met several times since the July Presbytery meeting. They have been assisted in their work lately by a task force established by the Presbytery's Administrative Board to address financial concerns moving forward.

Meanwhile, the pastors continue their work to ensure that the ministries and structure of the church support its continued growth. A new "class" of deacons is currently being trained and Life Tree Café continues to facilitate meaningful theological dialogue in the community. New Vision is still growing at a steady rate and seeing new visitors frequently. A Covenant Discovery Class is scheduled for November for those looking to make a commitment. In addition, the integration of Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel into the congregation's life proceeds smoothly, creating a more multi-ethnic church, seeking to "change your idea of church." There has been a noticeable shift from a ministry TO the Latino community to a ministry WITH the Latino community.

During the month of October, they will host a number of special events at the church. The most evident is their fifth year of having a pumpkin patch on the front lawn. Pumpkins, both large and small, are on sale through October 31, with profits benefitting their children and youth ministries. In addition, a blood drive is planned for Sunday, October 14, a bounce house on weekends, and a fall festival on October 28 from 3-6 pm. They will be having a silent auction fundraiser running all month, featuring themed baskets for home, babies, "Made in NC," Christmas, and more. There's even a 2 ½ ton heat pump up for auction!

Outreach to the community continues as well. The Pack-a-Bag ministry is providing 92 bags every weekend filled with food to feed a child through the weekend. The program continues to be funded and managed through volunteers from the church and community working together. Working with the Eastern Catawba County Cooperative Christian Ministry has also helped reduce overall cost for funding this program.

The special task force is leading the Steering teams through brainstorming sessions in looking at ways to improve the long-term financial viability of the church through education, increased giving and other ideas. A sermon series on Stewardship along with a formal Stewardship campaign is planned for November. The involvement and interaction within the steering teams has been positive.

Overall, there is a sense of excitement as to what God has in store for New Vision. The church is alive with the various activities, small groups and outreach that is going on. Prayer continues to be an integral part of the congregation's journey in seeking God's plan. We are truly blessed.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Smith
Chair, New Vision Steering Team

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 3

West Asheville Presbyterian Church – Administrative Commission October 26-27, 2012

The West Asheville Administrative Commission continues to be in a supportive role for the Session at this point in time. The Session has set a series of metrics and goals which will assess their ongoing viability as a congregation over the next 24-30 months.

Mark Ramsey, Moderator for the Commission

Cullowhee Presbyterian Church-Administrative Commission

Report for Committee on Ministry and to Presbytery, October 2012

The Cullowhee session met along with one member of the Administrative Commission, Terry Hanna, on Tuesday, September 26, 2012. The church has taken in some new members and Rev. Margie Boyd's ministry to Western North Carolina Students is growing stronger. A nominating committee was formed and met and hopes to rotate leadership bringing two new members on to the session for the next term. The whole commission will meet with the new session when it is in place.

Terry L. Hanna

Korean Presbyterian Church – Administrative Commission

Report to Presbytery, October 26-27, 2012

The Korean Presbyterian Church has settled into a regular routine. The early Sunday morning prayer service has resumed along with the regular 2:00 PM worship. The temporary pastor, Rev. Kwang Ja Choi, who travels from Charlotte, has proved to be both a good preacher and pastor. We don't know what will happen when her term ends in January.

This church has a house in Arden which they utilize for their prayer service and special occasions.

Three new elders presented by a representative Nominating Committee have now been elected. Arrangements are being made by the Commission to conduct a combined officer and Presbyterian member training for the entire congregation in both English and Korean. An installation and ordination service will be held in November.

Your Administrative Commission will continue to handle the finances until this responsibility can be given to the new session. Presently monthly income is enough to meet monthly expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev Bill Heck, chair
Rev. Susan Denne
Elder Dot Desieux

Elder Olivia LaMotte
Elder Paul Vliek
Rev. John Moore, consultant

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 4

Presbytery of Western North Carolina
For October Presbytery Meeting

Report: Administrative Commission for Dulatown Presbyterian Church (USA)

Since the appointment of the Administrative Commission for Dulatown in October of 2011, the session with the guidance of appointed moderator, Rev. Steve Austin, has provided strong leadership. The following tasks assigned to the Administrative Commission have been accomplished:

- Negotiated a comprehensive and fair severance agreement with the former pastor. The agreement was approved by the congregation.
- Rev. Steve Austin, a member of the commission, has moderated all meetings of the session and congregation.
- The session, through the Worship Committee, has consistently provided worship services in harmony with the Directory of Worship.
- Session provided or arranged for pastoral needs of the congregation to be met.

During this time the Trustees have involved the Men of the Church in the hard physical work of making major improvements to a wing of the church building. This will provide additional space for classrooms and activities.

In addition, the Christian Education Committee has maintained a strong program. The Budget and Finance Committee and treasurer have participated in training on church financial record keeping, The congregation celebrated their 90th anniversary.

During this past year, worship attendance and pledges have increased.

Dulatown was accepted into the "Such A Time As This" GA program, elected a PNC which received PNC training lead by Presbytery staff member Barbara Ross, and have called a pastor. The congregation is looking forward to Rev. Hal Bennett arriving in October.

Respectively submitted,
Patricia Clark, chair
Rev. Steve Austin
Rev. Eddie Deas
Ken Humphreys
Rev. Wallace Johnson
Melvin Meares
Barbara Ross, Presbytery Associate
Rev. Anita Bernhardt, Presbytery Associate

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 5

Report of the Administrative Commission Southminster Presbyterian Church October 2012

Members: Richard Boyce (chair), Cindy Combs, Mike Johnston, Parks Wilson

Richard Boyce continues to moderate the session of Southminster Presbyterian Church during this time of transition. The congregation has now voted on the composition of its Pastor Nominating Committee and the Session has had its first meeting with Barbara Ross to discuss its role in getting itself and the congregation ready for the PNC's work. This Sunday the congregation will elect new officers and a congregational meeting has been called for November 4 to elect the PNC. In the meantime, the Personnel Committee and the Interim Ministry Committee have been searching for an Interim Minister. Unfortunately, after selecting a candidate, and receiving approval from the Session, negotiations with this candidate proved unsuccessful. This group will proceed apace to secure an interim as soon as possible. As stated earlier, the commission will remain in place during the remainder of this search and the formation of the PNC. When the PNC is in place, the commission's plan is to disband in order to turn its work over to the placement liaisons of the presbytery. Richard Boyce will continue to moderate the Session until an interim is in place.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Boyce, chair