

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

**William A. (Bert) Sigmon, Stated Clerk
January 25, 2014**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CA 1. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders, as reported by the local congregations, who died during the year of 2013, and that their names become a part of the permanent record:

Asheville, First

Burney Hay Gardner
Mary Trebilcock March
David L. Middleton
Dr. William A. Mynatt
Juanita M. Sommerville
Robert Stanford Webb, Jr.

Black Mountain

O'Dell Highfill
Bill McMurray

Brevard-Davidson River

Robert "Bob" Weaver
Ruth Harry Hathaway
Muriel Higgins

Brittain

George Watson
Patrick Still

Canton

Armelda Barlow

Crossnore

Cordelia Kidder
Robert Martin

Dallas

Lucille "Lucy" Tyler

Dixon

Gene Coxen

Dulatown

Alfred Windred Dula
Hannibal Maynard Dula

Franklin, First

Mary Trafford

Gastonia, First

Rebecca Blankenship Carter
Charles Edward Zeigler
Boyce Pressley Hunt

Grace Covenant

Bill Carlisle
Tom Bass

Hendersonville, First

William H. Waggoner

Hickory, First

Carl Storm
Emma Gene Boland
Thomas Lavender

Highlands, First

Travis Goodloe
William (Bill) Watkins

Micaville

Max Hughes
Reba Roberts

Montreat

C. C. Caldwell

Morganton, First

Otto Henry Woerner
L. S. (Inky) Inscoe, Jr.
Hugh Tate Ervin, Jr.
Morganton, First
Lottie Huffman Swink
Dr. Lois White Lowry

Mount Holly

Hilda P. Williamson
Julia Pancake Rankin
Frankie Holley Stowe

New Hope, Asheville

Joseph Murry Clark
William Boyden Fesperman

Newdale

Clyde D. Young, Jr.

Newton, First

John Ervin
Robert Gaither

Oakwood

Barbara Bowman

Olney

Edward Forbes

Rutherfordton

Madeline Mitchell
Robert (Bob) Balfour
Col. Roy Routh

Spindale

Elizabeth H. Stallings

Swannanoa, First

Elizabeth Houston Maxwell

Sweetwater

Elsie Combs

Trinity

Lois Ann Keegan Hess
Betty Jones

Tryon

Nancy McPherson
Henry Welch
Charles Cairns

Union

Lucy Ratchford Robinson

Waldensian

Benjamin Wesley Garrou, Sr.

Westminster

Daniel Briggs

- CA 2. **THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who died during the year of 2013 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.**

Rev. Aimee Wallis Buchanan (2/4/2013)
Rev. E. O'Dell Smith (3/24/2013)
Rev. Brian D. Weger (4/01/2013)
Rev. Richard "Dick" Lonnee (8/19/2013)
Rev. William T. Wing, Jr. (8/26/2013)
Rev. Allan Sinclair (10/15/2013)
Rev. Dr. John V. Moore (10/9/2013) (Labored within the Bounds)

- CA 3. **THAT any disparity in numbers between elder and minister commissioners be corrected in the following manner:**
- a. **All members of the Administrative Board shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).**
 - b. **All division, committee and sub-committee chairs shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).**
 - c. **All Commissioned Lay Pastors shall have voice and vote.**
 - d. **All Certified Christian Educators, Certified Associate Christian Educators, and, in addition, other Christian Educators who have**
 - **earned at least a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent)**
 - **served in one or more educational ministries under the jurisdiction of a Presbytery (or one of its Sessions) for a minimum of two (2) years, and**
 - **been examined and recommended to Presbytery by the Christian Education Committee shall have voice and (if ruling elders) vote, provided that these privileges shall end, pursuant to BO: G-2.1103, when such persons are no longer serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery (or one of its Sessions).**
 - e. **All ruling elder commissioners to the Synod Assembly and to the General Assembly shall have voice and vote as long as their terms last.**
 - f. **All exempt staff of Presbytery shall have voice.**
 - g. **All racial/ethnic congregations and other congregations designated by the Administrative Board shall elect an additional ruling elder commissioner. That the following churches (Churches S-Z) be requested to send one additional elder**

commissioner for the year 2014. (In 2010, Churches S-Z were given this responsibility, in 2011, Churches A-D, and in 2012, Churches E - L and in 2013 Churches M-R.)

Saluda	Sweetwater	Vians Valley
Shelby	Sylva, First	Waldensian
Sherrill's Ford	Third Street	Walnut
Shiloh, Grover	Trinity	Walnut Grove
Siloam	Tryon	Warren Wilson
Southminster	Union	Waynesville, First
Spindale	Union Mills	West Asheville
Spruce Pine, First	United	West Avenue
Swannanoa, First	Unity	Westminster

h. Only teaching elders who are active members (including honorably retired teaching elders) or members-at-large of Presbytery, as defined by the *Book of Order*, shall have voice and vote.

- CA 4. THAT the Stated Clerk be given permission to attach a current list of ministers of this Presbytery and that the list become a part of the permanent record.**
- CA 5. THAT Jim Henderson, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 29, 2014 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA 6. THAT the minutes of the October 26, 2013 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. (*The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.*)**
- CA 7. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
 - Stephen Elderbrock
 - James Holeman
 - T. Feild Russell
 - Deneise Deter-Liss
- CA 8. THAT the past membership roster of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Permanent Judicial Commission, as required in *BO: D-5.0206.b*, be reported and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 1)**
- CA 9. THAT the January 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2)**
- CA 10. THAT the January 25, 2014 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 2)**
- CA 11. THAT the January 25, 2014 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 12. THAT the January 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)**
- CA 13. THAT the January 25, 2014 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church and Campus Ministry be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)**
- CA 14. THAT the January 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 4)**
- CA 15. THAT an Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin has been appointed consisting of the following members:**
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| Rev. John Lindsay, Chair | Rev. Riley Covin |
| Mr. Ron Tingle | Mrs. Barbara McLean |
| Mrs. Judy McManus | |
- THAT the commission has been assigned the following tasks and powers:**
- a. To walk alongside of the Session and congregation;
 - b. To help them work with the challenges that they face
 - c. To help them make any changes needed for a faithful and vital ministry.
- CA 16. THAT the January 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)**

FOR INFORMATION:

- 17. The 100th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the Montreat Conference Center, at Anderson Auditorium, in Montreat, North Carolina.**
- 18. THAT the following dates have been established for Reviewing of Church Records and Form of Government Training:**
- Saturday, March 29, 2014 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
 - Saturday, April 12, 2014 - TBA
 - Saturday, May 3, 2014 - TBA
 - Saturday, June 7, 2014 - TBA
 - Saturday, July 12, 2014 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
- 19. THAT the deadline for the Annual Statistical Report is February 20, 2014.**

20. THAT the following dates have been set for 2014 and 2015 Presbytery Meetings:

2014

January 25, 2014 (Snow Date - February 1) ~ Polk County High School

Hosted by Columbus Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center

July 29, 2014 ~ Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2014 ~ Unity Presbyterian Church

2015

January 31, 2015 ~ In Discussion "TBA"

April 28, 2015 ~ Montreat Conference Center

July 28, 2015 ~ TBA

October 31, 2015 ~ TBA

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION ROSTER

NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Ted Beasley, Jr.		1990	1991	1
Mr. Robert J. Robinson 41 Stratford Road, Asheville, NC 28804	(o) 828/255-7641 (h) 828/252-0878	1990	1998	8
Rev. William Serjak 149 Damascus Road, Sylva, NC 28779	(o) (h) 828/586-2181	1990	1994	4
Mr. Gwyn Harper, Jr.		1990	1992	2
Mr. David Moore 721 Boulware Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052	(h) 704/864-5850	1990	1996	7
Rev. Marcus Prince, III (DECEASED)		1990	1996	7
Mr. Tom Arnold		1990	1993	3
Mr. Robert L. Thompson (DECEASED)		1990	1993	3
Mr. Marvin Wooten 308 Kings Grant Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092	(o)704/344-6169 (h)704/735-7020	1992	1996	4
Rev. William McLean (DECEASED)		1992	1993	1
Mr. Robert Weaver 6 College Row, Brevard, NC 28712	(h) 828/884-3452	1992	1994	2
Ms. Judie Shapiro 117 Fairforest Dr., Rutherfordton, NC 28139	(o)828/286-5000 (h)828/287-5378	1992	2000	8
Mr. Lloyd Hice P.O. Box 273, Spruce Pine, NC 28777	(h)828/765-2056	1993	1998	5
Rev. Brian Weger 202 Amethyst St., Spruce Pine, NC 28777	(h) 828/4678332	1993	1998	5
Rev. Gerrit Dawson (MOVED)		1993	1994	1
Ms. Jane Holt P.O. Box 357, Montreat, NC 28757	(h)828/669-7544	1993	1996	3
Rev. J. Thomas Phillips (MOVED)		1997	2004	7
Rev. Dr. Ronald Botsford 106 Rainbow Lane, Blk Mountain, NC 28711	(h) 828/664-9484	1997	2000	3
Mr. Sam Ervin, III (DECEASED)		1997	2002	5
Mr. John Lafferty P. O. Box 1188, Lincolnton, NC 28092	(o) 704/735-2542 (h) 704/732-1253	1997	2002	5

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NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Roger G. Miller (DECEASED)		1998	2002	4
Ms. Carolyn Miller		1998	2002	5
Rev. Eugene Witherspoon 200 Tabernacle Road,G-205, Black Mtn, NC 28773	(h) 828/669-0197	1999	2004	5
Rev. Robert E. Frost (MOVED - DECEASED)		1999	2004	5
Rev. Robert Ratchford P. O. Box 39, Blk Mtn, NC 28711 (MOVED)	(o) 828/669-2725 (h) 828/669-1270	1999	2004	5
Mr. Phil Cooper (DECEASED) 447 Dogwood Trail, Tryon, NC 28782	(h) 828/859-9050	2000	2006	6
Rev. Alan Wildsmith (MOVED PCA) 252 Valley River Avenue, Murphy, NC 28906	(o) 828/837-6153 (h) 828/837-9480	2000	2006	6
Mr. Tom Bowen		2000	2002	2
Rev. Hunter Coleman P. O. Box 548, Highlands, NC 28741	(o) 828/526-3175 (h) 828/526-3193	2000	2004	4
Ms. Linda Wortman Lowe 305 Inglewood Drive, Morganton, NC 28655	(o) 828/726-2457 (h) 828/433-9480	2001	2006	5
Ms. Johnnie Moore (DECEASED)		2001	2002	1
Rev. Dr. Monty Burnham 1348 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657			Resigned Committee	
Ms. Sarah Thornburg 216 Robinhood Road, Asheville, NC 28804	(o) 828/254-8800 (h) 828/236-2683	2003	2008	6
Ms. Paula Wallace 2341 Jefferson Lane, Gastonia, NC 28054	(h) 704/865-3754	2003	2008	6
Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey P. O. Box 1444, Shelby, NC 28151	(o) 704/487-8503 (h) 704/480-7838	2005 2011	2010 2016	

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NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. David Mulford 22 Timber Park Drive, Blk Mountain, NC 28711	(h) 828/669-2067		Moved 2006	
Rev. Dr. Thomas Parker P. O. Box 779, Etowah, NC 28729	(h) 828/891-8666	2005 2011	2010 2016	
Rev. Riley Covin 29 Haywood Drive, Canton, NC 28716	(h) 828/648-3281	1993 2007	1998 2012	6 6
Rev. Dr. William Sweetser P. O. Box 764, Spruce Pine, NC 2877	(o) 828/765-4036 (h) 828/766-7694	2006	2014	
Rev. Layton Mauze (DECEASED) 1532 Royalty Circle, Statesville, NC 28625	(h)	2006	2010	5
Mr. John Heilman 500 Campbell Ave, SE, Valdese, NC 28690	(h) 828/879-8430	2007	2012	6
Mr. Parks Wilson P. O. Box 901, Belmont, NC 28012	(o) 704/864-5728 (h) 704/825-7071	2007	2012	6
Mr. Jim Henderson P.O. Box 936, Montreat, NC 28757	(h) 828/669-1159	2009	2014	
Mrs. Sandy Jividen 82 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711	(h)828/669-4026	2009	2013 Resigned	5
Rev. Margaret P. Lauterer 20 Orchard Street, Burnsville, NC 28714	(h) 828/682-1374	2011	2012 Resigned	2
Mr. Bob Forsythe 82 Wildwood Forest Lane, Mills River, NC 28759	(h) 828/684-0643	2013	2018	
Mr. Lacy Thornburg P. O. Box 8, Webster, NC 28788	(h) 828/586-1166	2013	2018	
Rev. Carol Steele 102 Fairway Dr, Black Mountain, NC 28711	(o) 828/669-2911 (h) 828/545-6715	2013	2018	
Mrs. Marcia Reighley 3806 Sarazen Court, NE, Conover, NC 28613	(h) 838/615-7035	2013	2014	

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Rev. Lauren Vanacore 1621 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054	(o) 704/864-2651	2014	2014	
Mrs. Cindy Combs 818 45 th Ave. Lane, NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(h) 828/256-4545	2014	2016	

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

Administrative Commission Report

New Vision Church

January 2014

We come into a new year with the expectation that the ministry will continue to grow and reach out into the community. The pumpkin patch in October raised not only about \$1000 for our children and youth scholarships, but was an outreach to new people who joined us in worship. We also had a group of eight friends who came into New Vision from invitation from one to another. We continue to seek ways to bring in people to our fellowship.

In October we had a successful stewardship program. Our challenge was “1/5th and Faithful” asking the congregation increase their commitment by one-fifth and to commit to giving every week – even when they are not in worship. We were able to estimate that our giving will increase by over ten percent.

Our theme for Advent/Christmas this year was “God with us.” On the fourth Sunday of Advent we had one of the favorite services –our living nativity for all ages (thanks to James Bernhardt for the idea.) We had two Christmas Eve services, with about 75 people. On Dec 29 we had Brunch and informal worship in the Fellowship Hall. The theme was the coming of the new.

As we look to 2014, we have plans to start a new ministry with our youth. We are seeking new members for the Administrative Commission.

Ann has finished her interim position as Back Pack Coordinator for Catawba County. She continues her training for a Spiritual Direction Certificate.

We want to give our appreciation to our covenant churches for their support. We also want to recognize Greg Smith from First, Hickory for his work as Chair of the Commission.

Frank Aichinger
Co-Organizing Pastor

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Report from the Lincolnton, First Administrative Commission

January 2014

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

We are most fortunate to have Rev. Veronica Cannon agree to serve as the interim minister for the Lincolnton for a one year period beginning in mid-November. Rev. Cannon has hit the ground running as she addresses both administrative matters of church operation but to help this congregation devise and implement outreach and mission programs.

Year 2013 proved to be a time of significant change and growth in this church as it began to organize itself and prepare to become an active ministry on behalf of Christ once again. We hope and pray that 2014 will be a year of continued progress and renewal.

Jerry Ragan, Chair

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 3

REPORT FROM THE West Asheville Administrative Commission January 25, 2014

The West Asheville Administrative Commission has met several times with the Session and pastor at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church to walk along side with them in the challenges they face. The commission will continue to work with the pastor and the Session over the next several months as they begin to refocus on a formal plan.

REPORT FROM THE Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville Administrative Commission January 25, 2014

Your Administrative Commission for the Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville is pleased to report that this church continues to move along at a steady pace. Finances are stable, worship is joyful, fellowship is abundant and visitors are welcomed at the 6:00 AM prayer service and the 2:00 worship service in First Presbyterian's chapel . Generous giving by the members in 2013 allowed them to hire a visiting pastor each Sunday as well as support the mission efforts of our presbytery. The Korean church nominating committee is in the process of selecting an elder nominee for the class of 2016.

REPORT FROM THE Cullowhee Administrative Commission January 2014

On November 24, 2013, Cullowhee Presbyterian Church celebrated its ministry and legacy with a final worship service. The service was well-attended by community members. A special collection was designated for the continuation of Wednesday night meals and table fellowship for the Presbyterian campus ministry at Western Carolina University.

With the recommendation of the former pastor, the Commission met with Kyle Rush, a campus ministry student who graduated this December. Mr. Rush is serving the campus ministry as an intern through May 2014. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church in High Point, NC. The Rev. Ed Brenegar, interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Sylva, has agreed to serve Kyle as a mentor and resource.

A building management plan was drafted by Mark J. Hannah, CSM, Commercial Real Estate Services. The Commission adopted the building plan. We anticipate that the building can be a valuable resource for continued ministry in Cullowhee.

The Rev. Kathy Campbell and the Rev. Bob Haywood have agreed to lead a needs survey and consultation for ministry at Western Carolina University this month. This will be vital information as we seek to make longer-range recommendations.

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Respectfully submitted,
Michael Isaacs, Chair

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 3

Report from the Franklin Administrative Commission January 24, 2014

The Franklin Administrative Commission has met several times with the Session and pastor at the Franklin Presbyterian Church to walk along side with them in the challenges they face. The Commission will continue to work with them over the next several months. The Commission is having mediated conversations with people, who are willing to meet with the Commission and pastor, to discuss concerns regarding the ministry at Franklin Presbyterian Church.

The Commission

John Lindsay, Chair. Ron Tingle, Judy McManus, Barbara McLean, and Riley Covin.

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 4

Report of Administrative Commission

The First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville

January 25, 2014

The First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville continues in the transitional phase. Those members desiring dismissal to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) continue to worship, witness and serve under the leadership of the current pastoral staff and session at their location in downtown Hendersonville (699 N Grove St).

Those members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville desiring to remain part of the PCUSA continue to worship, witness and serve with pastoral leadership assistance from the Administrative Commission at an alternate location, currently 121 West Barnwell St. also in downtown Hendersonville. Opportunities for Christian education include church school for both children and adults on Sunday and Bible study during the week. Their mission support, comprising 50% of cash received by the congregation as well as physical and spiritual support, includes Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM), Hendersonville Rescue Mission, Mainstay, Black Mountain Home for Children and support of Presbytery's Guatemala Partnership.

The report of the appraiser, selected by the Administrative Commission in consultation with the congregation in accordance with the Presbytery "Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed" has been received. The appraiser concluded that the value is \$2,260,000 which was thought, by some, to be significantly lower than expected considering the extent and location of the property and the size of the building. A review of the appraisal was authorized and conducted by another firm, which concluded that the appraised value is \$2,500,000.

A tabulation of all forms of property has been received from those wishing dismissal. Such a list is necessary to comply with the Presbytery Guidelines which require that "there shall be a legal agreement binding on all parties and addressing all forms of the property...." That tabulation has been reviewed by those desiring to remain part of the PCUSA for completeness.

Discussions aimed at a developing a legal agreement binding on all parties, contingent only on Presbytery's final approval, are expected to start before Feb 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Murchison, Chair
Robert Forsythe, Co-Chair
Allen Smith
Anne Morgan
Jane Vann
Don Scofield
Jim Henderson
Bert Sigmon, ex officio
Bobbi White, ex officio