

**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



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**MINUTES**

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH**

**STATED MEETING**

**October 24, 2017**

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
114th Stated Meeting  
October 24, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church  
Asheville, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ruling Elder Melvin Meares, Vice-Moderator, convened the 114th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:01 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

**CONSTITUTION**

The Vice-Moderator, Ruling Elder Melvin Meares, opened the One-Hundred Fourteenth Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville with prayer.

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Patrick Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville brought greetings from their church.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moderator Denne announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- Rev. Kimberleigh Wells, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Elder Peg Lewis, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville
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Bills and Overtures:

- Elder Louis Vinay, First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, Chair
- Rev. Allen Smith, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Terry Hanna, Bryson City Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Keith Thompson, Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church
- Ms. Jessica Underwood, Lowell Presbyterian Church

Tellers:

- Elder Marge Marsh, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Elder Joan Murchison, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Elder Jane Vann, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Elder Joanne Bartsch, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Elder Cindy Nelson, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Elder Margaret Black, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Elder Mary Raine Moore, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville

**ATTENDANCE**

The Stated Clerk, Teaching Elder Cam Murchison, declared that a quorum was present by reference to our registration data and by observation of those in attendance.

Robert Abel	P	Jefferson Aiken, Jr.	P	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E
Blan Aldridge	E	Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	E
Steve Aschmann	P	James Aydelotte	E	Patricia Bacon	A
Tony Baker	E	Edna Banes	E	Douglas Bartlett	E
Ashley Beavers	E	Harold Bennett, Jr.	P	Joseph Bennett	P
Katherine Blankenship	A	Lynn Bledsoe	P	Samantha Gonzalez-Block	P
Randall Boggs	E	Ronald Botsford	E	Adam Bowling	E
Lee Bowman	E	Richard Boyce	E	Grace Boyer	P
David Bradley	E	Ryan Brakemeyer	A	Ronald Brauer	E
Hayden Britton	E	Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	A
William Buchanan	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Connie Button	P	Joey Byrd	A
Kathryn J. Cameron	P	John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	E
Amy Cantrell	P	Pride Carson	A	Katherine Cashwell	E
Calvin Chesnutt	E	Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	E
Richard Coble	P	Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	E
Jeffrey Coffey	E	James Cogswell	E	Evelyn Coleman	P
Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Monty Cook	E
Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P
John W. Craven	E	Curtis Crowther	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P
James Dale	E	Blake Daniel	P	Charles Davenport	P
Dent Davis	E	Heather Davis	A	Holly Davis	P
Eddie Deas, III	E	Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E
Susan Denne	E	Janet DeWater	P	Edward Donnell	E
Jacob Douylliez	A	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E
Priscilla Durkin	P	Steve Elderbrock	A	Lee Feero, Jr.	E
David Fillpot	P	Ragland Fletcher	E	Edward Forsyth	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	P

Keith Freeman	E	Berry French, III	A	John Frye, Jr.	E
Curtis Fussell, III	P	Tempe Fussell	P	A. W. Gaines	E
Paul Galbreath	P	David Garnett	A	Lisle Garrity	P
Tee Gatewood, III	A	Denise Geiger	E	Joanne Glaser	E
Jean Goodwin	P	Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	E
Keith Grogg	P	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	E
Rebecca Gurney	P	Samuel Hale	E	Michal Hall	E
Terry Hanna	P	Patrick Hardy	P	Randall Hardy	A
Luke Harkey	P	Rebecca Harrison	P	William Heck	P
Robert Henderson	E	J. Robert Hewett	E	J. Richard Hobson	E
J. Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E	James Holeman	P	J. Richard Holshouser	E
Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E	Bryan Hovey	E
Carol Hovis	P	William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	E
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E	Esta Jarrett	P
Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	E	Patrick Johnson	P
Franklin Jones	A	Rebecca Jones	A	Kimberly Justice	A
Dong Uk Kang	A	David Kaylor	E	David Kennedy	E
Ira Kennerly	E	Paul Kercher	E	William Kirk	E
Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A
Michael Lamm	P	John LaMotte	E	John Laughlin	E
Margaret Lauterer	P	James Layman	P	Thomas Lewis	E
William Lindeman	E	John Lindsay	E	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E
Deneise Deter Liss	A	Laura Long	E	Billy T. Lowe	A
Robert Lowry	E	David Lytle	P	Tricia Lytle	P
Whit Malone	P	Marjorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	E
Roberta Martin	E	W. Robert Martin, Jr.	E	W. Tyler Martin	E
John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Noah McIntee	A	David McKee	E
Michael McKee	P	James McPherson	E	Lynn Michie	A
Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	P

David Morgan	P	Richard Morgan	E	Sidney Keith Morrison	E
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Cameron Murchison	P
Carl Murray	E	David Nash	P	Wanda Neely	P
Thomas Nelson	P	Elizabeth Newman	E	John Newton, Jr.	E
John Niles	E	Richard Nygren	E	Daniel J. Oedy	P
O'Hyun Park	E	David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E
Stratton Peacock	E	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	E	Margaret Peery	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E
James Poling	E	John-Nelson Pope	E	Michael Poulos	P
Donald Price	E	Gene Price	E	Caroline Proctor	P
Allen Proctor, Jr.	P	Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	P
Jay Rabuck	P	Daria Ragan	P	Joseph Rand	E
Kathleen Rankin	E	Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Don Robb, III	E	Mary Katherine Robinson	P
Billy Robinson	P	Steven Runholt	P	Feild Russell	P
Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	E
Carol Seaman	E	Kyle Segars	A	William Serjak	E
Albert Shaw	E	Marcia Mount Shoop	P	Mary Elizabeth Sigmon	E
Robert Singdahlsen	E	Wirt Skinner	P	Allen Smith	P
Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E
Margie Stansell	P	Becky Stanley	A	Mark Stanley	P
Carol Steele	A	John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E
Cynthia Strickler	E	Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A
Joseph Taber	P	Christopher Taylor	A	Keith Thompson	P
Denise Thorpe	A	Yvonne Thurmond	P	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E
Daniel Trapp	P	Robert Tuttle	P	Thomas Tweedie	E
Melissa Anne Upchurch	P	Gary Van Brocklin	A	Lauren Vanacore	P
Dana Vaughn	P	Chris Vogado	P	Rockwell Ward	E
Samuel Warner	P	Lynn Webber	A	Judith Weger	E

Kimberleigh Wells	P	Barbara White	P	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E
Parker Williamson	E	Emily Wilmarth	P	Otis Wilson, Jr.	E
Victor Wilson	E	Chris Wingard	A	Eugene Witherspoon	E
Graham Wood, Jr.	E	Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	A

The following COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

Linda Abel	E	Philip Adams	A	Robert Ayala	P
John Bates	A	Elizabeth Hall	A	John Hall	A
Brenda Howard	A	Kenneth Humphreys	E	Bobby Justus	E
James Koone	E	Peggy Koone	P	Deborah Lesenger	E
James Millsaps	A	Linda Moore	A	Mark Osborne	A
Marla Patchel	A	Randy Patterson	A	John Pea	P
Marcia Reighley	A	Russell Reighley	A	Betty Shaw	A
Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A	James Taylor	A
William Upchurch	A	Roger Wise	P	Wanda Woodby	A

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

Katie Adams	A	John Auten	A	Mary Louise Bringle	A
Millie Bruns	P	Bill Carpenter	A	Betty Davenport	A
Dorothy Descieux	P	Lee Galloway	A	Jane Hansel	A
Anna Huntley	A	Tina Joyner	A	Rodney Lytle	P
Barbara McLean	P	Melvin Meares	P	Jerry Ragan	A
Charles Sellers	P	Jack Suddreth	P	Anne Wilson	A

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

Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A	Angela Drummond	P
Vivian Hare	A	Margaret Kennerly	E	Leslie McLeod	A
Mary Lou Nash	A	Heath Rada	A	Lynn Thomas	A
Patricia Tuttle	A	Jane Vann	P		

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Joan Murchison	Joanne Bartsch
Banner Elk (1)	Travis Henley	
Belmont First (3)	Kent Nixon	Mark Paschall
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Kitty Fouche	Andy Banzhoff
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Mary Johnson	Freddie Hart
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	A	
Brittain's Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	Collin Caldwell	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Jonathan Ward	
Calvary (2)	A	
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (2)	A	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	E	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	A	
Dulatown (2)	Charles Kincaid	
Duncan's Creek (1)	A	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Debby Vial	
Fairview (1)	A	
Fletcher (1)	A	
Forest City First (1)	A	



Franklin First (1)	A	
Gastonia First (3)	Sylvia Seawell	Roger Rizk
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Keaton Hill	Susan Meade
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	Russ Rankin	
Hendersonville First	Claudia Lampley	
Hickory First (3)	A	
Highlands First (1)	A	
Ironton (1)	A	
Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	Elizabeth Chater	
Kings Mountain First (1)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Beverly Beal	
Lincolnton First (1)	Jan Duncan	
Long Creek (1)	Brenda Wiggins	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Jessica Underwood	
Marion First (2)	Bill Spears	
Marshall (2)	Lynne Simpson	
Micaville (2)	A	
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Linda Hobson	
Morganton First (3)	Hugh Lowe	Rick Leissner
	Louis Vinay	

Morrison (2)	A	
Mount Holly First (2)	A	
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Peg Lewis	Susan Maveety
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	A	
Newdale (2)	Becky Ayala	
Newland (2)	A	
Newton First (3)	Candace Jongetjes	Debby Reynolds
Northminster (2)	Bonnie Shearer	
Oak Forest (2)	A	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	A	
Quaker Meadows (2)	Lelia Bruder	Judy Galey
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	Kerry Border	
Ridgeview (2)	A	
Robinson Memorial (2)	A	
Rutherfordton (3)	John Martin	Karen Andrews
Ryburn Memorial (3)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Kathleen Wilson	Joe Ogburn
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Jackson Mott	Jim Mason
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	Don Baucom	
Sweetwater (1)	A	
Sylva First (1)	A	

Third Street (2)	E	
Trinity (2)	Duane Johnson	Don Widemayer
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (1)	Rose Brook	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	A	
Unity (2)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Tammy Black	Tom Rice
Walnut (1)	Isaac Lassiter	
Warren Wilson (1)	Kathy Rouse	
Waynesville First (1)	Ron Tingle	
West Asheville (1)	Norma Spencer	
West Avenue (1)	Paula Wallace	

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

Teaching Elders	94
Ruling Elders	56
Certified Educators	2
General Council/Committee Chairs	7
Visitors	26
Total	185

There following corresponding member was in attendance:

- The Rev. Jim Kitchens, member of Sacramento Presbytery and founder of PneuMatrix, Adaptive Change Leadership
- The Rev. Deborah Wright, member San Francisco Presbytery and founder of PneuMatrix, Adaptive Change Leadership

### **APPROVAL OF DOCKET**

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

**8:30 Registration**

**Orientation for New Elders**

**Charles Davenport**

**9:00 Call to Order**

**Convene with Prayer of Invocation**

**Melvin Meares  
Vice-Moderator**

**Welcome**

**First Presbyterian Church, Asheville**

**Patrick Johnson**

**Appointment of Standing Committees**  
**Resolution of Thanks**  
**Bills and Overtures**  
**Tellers**

**Melvin Meares**

**Certification of Quorum**  
**Approval of Docket**

**Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk**

**Consent Agenda**

**A**

*(Consent Agenda is a consent motion. Any commissioner may pull any item from the Consent Agenda for any reason. Simply state the item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)*

**Stated Clerk's Report**

**Cam Murchison**

**B**

*(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports)*

**Report from the Administrative Commission for Kings Mountain**

**Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda**

**Finance Committee**

**BB**

**Highlights of the 240th Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic**

**II**

**Report from the Presbyterian Women**

**MM**

**9:30 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Preacher: Rev. Patrick Johnson**

*An offering will be taken during worship to support the  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program of the PC(USA)*

**10:30 Speak Out (5 minutes)**

*(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less, per speaker, on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)*

**10:35 General Council (15 minutes)**

**Barbara McLean**

**C**

*(Work of the committee.)*

**Committee on Ministry (25 minutes)**

**Whit Malone**

**D**

*(Work of the committee; welcome new ministers: William Lowrey, Priscilla Durkin, Jeff Aiken, and Margaret Torrence; commissioning of Millie Bruns – Commissioned Pastor.)*

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry (15 minutes)**

**Dana Vaughn**

**K**

*(Work of the committee; request to transfer Inquirer Loudon Young to Candidate)*

**Nominating Committee (10 minutes)**

**Jane Hansel**

**I**

*(Work of the Committee; election of 223<sup>rd</sup> Commissioners to General Assembly; election of Commissioners to Synod of the Mid-Atlantic)*

**PneuMatrix (20 minutes)**

**Jim Kitchens**

*(Overview of PneuMatrix, a vehicle to Build Adaptive Change Leadership)*

**Deborah Wright**

**Christian Education (5 minutes)**

**Rick Leissner**

**W**

*(Work of the committee, Spirituality Retreat, APCE, and Resource Center)*

**Youth Committee (5 minutes)**

**Joseph Taber**

**Y**

*(Work of the Committee, Upcoming Events)*

<b>Report of the General Presbyter</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i>	<b>Bobbi White</b>	<b>GP</b>
<b>Ministry Campaign</b> <i>(10 minutes)</i> <i>(Updates – Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone)</i>	<b>Roger Rizk</b>	<b>BH</b>
<b>Peace &amp; Justice</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Peacemaking Offering)</i>	<b>Anne Morgan</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>Hunger Committee</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i>	<b>Bill Heck</b>	
<b>Mission Committee</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mission Trip to Kinston, NC – October 8-13, 2017; Malawi Mission Team Report)</i>	<b>Bob Abel</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>Guatemala Partnership</b> <i>(5 minutes)</i> <i>(Partnership Updates)</i>	<b>Susan Maveety</b>	<b>S</b>

**12:45 Report from the Bills and Overtures Committee**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

**Benediction and Adjournment**

**1:00 LUNCH**

Stated Clerk Cam Murchison explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Items included in this motion are marked by "CA" in the margin. (Appendix A)

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

**Finance Committee (Appendix B)**

**Highlights of the 240th Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (Appendix C)**

**Report from the Presbyterian Women (Appendix D)**

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Dr. Murchison presented recommendations 1 thru 6 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

Stated Clerk Murchison moved recommendations 8 and 9, which were duly seconded and approved. Recommendation 10 was referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee for their recommendation.

The recommendation of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain stated that the church be dissolved as a congregation of the PCUSA under the terms specified in the property settlement agreement. That recommendation was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion to dismiss the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain was defeated.

He then referred to items 11-18 as items for information.



12. **THAT the 115<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Lowell Presbyterian Church, Lowell, North Carolina.**

13. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2017, 2018, and 2019 Presbytery Meetings:**

2017

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Asheville

2018

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Lowell Presbyterian Church (Co-Host Union Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 – Banner Elk Presbyterian Church (Lees-McRae College)

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

2019

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – TBA

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host Montreat Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – TBA

Saturday, October 26, 2019 - TBA

**The Presbytery will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2019.**

14. **THAT the following Session Records for 2016 were submitted and approved on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at a Session Records Review held at Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore.**

Arbor Dale	Conley Memorial	Fletcher
Lenoir, First	Marion, First	Micaville
Montreat	Newdale	Pineola
Reems Creek-Beech	Siloam	Spruce Pine, First
Vians Valley		

15. **THAT the following Session Records for 2016 were submitted and approved on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at a Session Records Review held at First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City.**

Belmont, First	Bessemer City, First	Bryson City
Canton	Cherryville, First	Dallas, First
Duncan's Creek	Dixon	Etowah
Gastonia, First	Good Hope	Highlands, First
Ironton	John Knox	Lincolnton, First
Long Creek	Love's Chapel	Lowell
Morrison	Mount Holly, First	Northminster
Olney	Sweetwater	Third Street
Union Mills	Unity	Waynesville, First

16. **THAT the following Session Records for 2016 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the 2015-2017 Book of Order. For churches desiring to meet the requirements of the Book of Order and be in compliance, please contact Stated Clerk, Cam Murchison for further instructions.**

Brittains Cove	Buladean	Calvary
Columbus	Crossnore	Ellenboro
Green Mountain	Green Street	Jack's Creek
Kings Mountain	Korean Presbyterian	New Hope, Asheville

New Hope, Gastonia  
Old Fort  
Ryburn Memorial  
West Avenue

Oak Forest  
Pine Street  
Shiloh, Grover

Oakwood  
Ridgeview  
Walnut

**17. THAT the following dates have been established for 2018 for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records for 2017:**

Saturday, April 28, 2018	First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
Saturday, June 9, 2018	First Presbyterian Church, Sylva
Saturday, August 18, 2018	
Saturday, September 29, 2018	First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City

**18. THAT the following date has been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2017:**

November 4, 2017      Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville

**For Pastors and Elders of the Presbytery:** According to our presbytery’s policy, clergy and elders involved in leadership are required to take sexual misconduct training once every four years.

**For leaders of local congregations:** The workshop is open for all local leaders who want to educate themselves about healthy boundaries.

**Who should attend:** All persons designated below are required to have an approved three-hour workshop of sexual misconduct sponsored by the WNC Presbytery or equivalent training approved by the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Team.

All Presbytery professionals and Presbytery volunteers are required to have the three-hour training every four years with the following exceptions:

1. Exempted from training are fully retired Presbytery professionals who have availed themselves of this option, with its associated limitations of not serving on Presbytery Committees, preaching in local churches, leading workshops or retreats, or exercising other pastoral functions such as celebrating the sacraments, or conducting weddings and/or funerals unless a “Single Event” exception has been made to Presbytery.
2. Members on the following committees, their sub-committees, and task forces are **ineligible for exemption** during the term of their membership:

General Council	Youth
Committee on Ministry	Christian Education
Examinations	Joint Outdoor Ministry
Small Membership Church	Campus Mission
Permanent Judicial Commission	
3. Members of all other existing committees are exempt, though changes to committee structures may require review of eligibility.
4. **Interims** who are working within the bounds of the Presbytery who receive comparable hours of training in their judicatory, at least as frequently as required in our Presbytery, may be exempt.



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

Worship was led by the Reverend Dr. Patrick Johnson, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville. The Rev. Johnson preached on “The Freedom to Become,” with the scripture taken from Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 8:31-36.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverends Michael Poulos (Asheville, First), Kimberleigh Wells (New Hope, Asheville), and Richard Coble (Grace Covenant), with communion being served by the ruling elders affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville. Musicians for the day were: Jeremy Roberts, Kim Thomas, Valerie Vliek, and John Anglin.

A special offering was received for PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund.

**GENERAL COUNCIL**

On behalf of the General Council, Barbara McLean presented recommendation 1 included in the General Council report, stating that this item had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. She then presented recommendation 2 included in the General Council report. The recommendation was moved and approved.

Items 3 thru 16 of the General Council report were presented as items for information and required no action.

A request was received that a full detailed report on Camp Woodson be given at a future meeting of Presbytery.

**CA 1. THAT the Presbytery elect the following person(s) to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committees:**

Nominating:

Mr. John Bates (Hickory, First)	(E)	Class of 2020
Ms. Barbara Ross (Crossnore)	(F)	Class of 2020
Ms. Alli Costner (Youth-Lowell)	(D)	Class of 2020

**2. THAT the General Council has reviewed the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and presents a copy of the revised Standing Rules for approval. (Appendix J)**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

- 3. THAT the General Council approved selecting and funding participation in the PneuMatrix Adaptive Change Program. The Presbytery’s portion of the funding fits under the goals of the Vital Churches ministry of the Building HOPE. (This program is in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation) (Appendix K)**
- 4. THAT the General Council approved the bid of \$196,102 from Asheville Contractors to repair the dam and standpipe at Camp Woodson.**
- 5. THAT the General Council approved authorizing the Administrative Commission for the Spindale Presbyterian Church to pursue selling the property for \$40,000.**

6. **THAT the General Council approved the Calvary Presbyterian Church to pursue a long term lease agreement with LEAF.**
7. **THAT the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic awarded the following grant at their 240<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting held September 11-12, 2017:**

Dulatown Presbyterian Church	\$3,800.
(for renovation of food pantry)	
8. **THAT the General Council approved Presbyterian Hunger Program US Grant Applications for:**

Camp Grier Farm Program
Community of the Beloved
9. **THAT the General Council approved Black Mountain to submit a restoring creation loan application to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program in the amount of \$60,000.**
10. **THAT the General Council approved taking an offering during worship at the October 24, 2017 Presbytery meeting. The offering will be designated for the PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund.**
11. **THAT the General Council reviewed and approved updated descriptions of the work of the committees of Presbytery.**
12. **THAT the General Council approved a Doctor of Ministry Survey to be distributed to Ministers of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.** *(This survey seeks to assess participant responses of the PWNC to PCUSA's efforts to helpfully address: (A) the public issue of race relations in society today; and (B) the potential of preaching during worship as a means to help our congregations better provide healing witness to the Gospel, concerning this difficult challenge of equality for all human beings, since we were all created in the image of God.)*
13. **THAT the General Council approved distribution of \$25,000 to the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir, in support of the congregation, from a portion of funds received from the settlement with Lenoir Presbyterian Church.**
14. **THAT the General Council approved distribution of up to \$12,000 from funds received from the settlement of Lenoir Presbyterian Church for the four churches in the Lenoir area to participate in the PneuMatrix Adaptive Change Program and for demographics of the Lenoir churches.**
15. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
16. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2018 and 2019 Presbytery Meetings:**

2018

- Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Lowell Presbyterian Church (Co-Host, Union Presbyterian Church)  
 Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)  
 Tuesday, July 31, 2018 – Banner Elk Presbyterian Church (Lees-McRae College)  
 Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

**2019**

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – *Need Host Location*

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host - Montreat Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – *Need Host Location*

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – *Need Host Location*

**CHURCHES AND PASTORS  
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Whit Malone reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)

Rev. Malone reported that the following minister requested that his membership be transferred:

- Rev. William P. Campbell, to Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, effective September 29, 2017
- Rev. Barrett Payne, to Coastal Carolina Presbytery, effective July 30, 2017
- Rev. Beverly Brock, to Minnesota Valley Presbytery, effective September 17, 2017
- Rev. Stephen M. Austin, to Providence Presbytery, effective October 16, 2017
- Rev. Karol Farris, to Whitewater Valley Presbytery, effective September 1, 2017

Rev. Malone thanked these ministers for their ministry in our Presbytery and prayed God's blessings on their future service in the Church.

Rev. Malone reported that the following ministers requested honorable retirement:

- Rev. Thomas G. Nelson, Honorably Retired, effective January 31, 2017.
- Rev. Dent C. Davis, Honorably Retired, effective December 31, 2017.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS**

On behalf of the Examinations Sub-Committee and Committee on Ministry Committee, the Rev. Lauren Vanacore introduced Priscilla B. Durkin and Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr. as 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 L)

- Jill V. Isola from New Harmony Presbytery, as pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Hickory, effective November 1, 2017. (Not Present at this meeting)
- Priscilla B. Durkin from Charlotte Presbytery, as member-at-large, effective September 12, 2017.
- William O. Lowery from National Capital Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective September 12, 2017. (Not Present at this meeting)
- Margaret Torrence from Peace River Presbytery, as active, effective July 11, 2017. (Not Present at this meeting)
- Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr. from Lehigh Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective October 3, 2017.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Whit Malone moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix L)

- Millie Bruns as Chaplain, The Lodge at Mills River Rehab Facility, through October 24, 2018.
- William Buchanan, as Executive Director of Asheville Youth Mission, through October 24, 2018.
- Lisle Garrity as Creative Director, A Sanctified Art, LLC, through October 24, 2018.

- Joan Martin, as Chaplain at Covenant Village, Inc., through October 24, 2018.
- Cynthia Strickler, as Director and Head of Staff, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Inc., through October 24, 2018.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
IV. DESIGNATED PASTOR**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Whit Malone moved that the Presbytery approve that Tricia Lytle be moved from Transitional Associate Pastor to Designated Associate Pastor of the Unity Presbyterian Church, with a limited term of two years, effective October 24, 2017. (At the end of two years, it would be possible for the church to call Tricia Lytle as an installed associate pastor for an indefinite period.) The motion was approved.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
V. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Committee, Rev. Lauren Vanacore recommended that the Presbytery approve that Millie Bruns be commissioned as a lay pastor. Millie Bruns will be commissioned as the Chaplain at the Lodge at Mills River Rehab Facility. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Vice-Moderator Meares then offered prayer. The commissioning for Millie Bruns is to include permission to celebrate the Sacraments. The vice-moderator thanked the congregation of Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville for sharing Millie with another organization within our Presbytery. (Appendix L)

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Dana Vaughn made the following recommendation to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina: (Appendix M)

THAT Louden A. Young, a member of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Asheville and a student at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After sharing his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Vice-Moderator Melvin Meares opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Louden A. Young as a Candidate. The Vice-Moderator then asked the questions in the Book of Order, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively.

The Rev. Kimberleigh Wells delivered the charge and the Rev. Michael Poulos offered the prayer for Louden A. Young. Those who came in support of Louden Young were asked to stand and be recognized.

**NOMINATING/REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Nominating/Representation Committee, Robbin Buchanan presented the work of the committee and their recommendations for commissioner representatives to the 223<sup>rd</sup> (2018) General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri. All were duly elected. Commissioners to the 223<sup>rd</sup> (2018) General Assembly will be the Reverends Harold (Hal) Bennett and Samantha Gonzalez-Block; and Ruling Elders Mimi Michaels and Roger Rizk. (Appendix N)

The Nominating Committee presented the following recommendations as alternate commissioners to the 223<sup>rd</sup> (2018) General Assembly: The Reverend Grace Boyer and Ruling Elder Beth Hall. All were duly approved. (Appendix N)

The Nominating Committee presented the following recommendations to serve as delegates for a three-year term beginning January 2017 for the Stated Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, the Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport and Ruling Elder Dorothy “Dot” Descieux. All were duly approved. (Appendix N)

The Presbytery approved the recommendation that the Nominating Committee, along with the Moderator of Presbytery and the General Council, be given the authority to approve the Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD) for the 223<sup>rd</sup> 2018 General Assembly and to report back at the January 2018 meeting of Presbytery.

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 be unable to attend. (Appendix N)

### **PneuMatrix**

The Reverends Jim Kitchens and Deborah Wright, gave a presentation on the PneuMatrix Program available as a pilot project being offered in our Presbytery for church renewal. The program will be funded through the Presbyterian Foundation, a Lily Grant and Building H.O.P.E. (Appendix K)

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, Rick Leissner reported on the work of the committee and shared information regarding future events to be sponsored by the committee. (Appendix O)

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Joseph Taber, co-chair of the Youth Committee reported on the work of the committee and reminded us of the upcoming Middle School Retreat in November and the Faith and Sexuality Retreat in February 2018. (Appendix P)

### **REPORT OF GENERAL PRESBYTER**

Bobbi White, General Presbyter, commended us to “ask new questions” and to “remember that we are loved.” (Appendix Q)

### **MINISTRY CAMPAIGN – BUILDING HOPE**

On behalf of the Building HOPE Ministry Campaign, Roger Rizk, a member of the Building HOPE Steering Committee gave an update how the funds are being distributed and the impact and differences that have been seen in the lives of people in Guatemala, Malawi, and here in our own presbytery. (Appendix R)

Vice-Moderator Melvin Meares received a framed window pane, on behalf of the Presbytery, depicting all the programs supported through the Building HOPE Ministry Campaign.

### **PEACE & JUSTICE**

On behalf of the Peace and Justice Committee, Rev. Anne Morgan reported on the work of the committee. The committee is looking forward to discerning the grants that will be distributed from the Peacemaking Offering. We were reminded that there continues to be work to be done in the South Sudan.

### **HUNGER**

The Rev. Bill Heck reported on the work of the Hunger Committee and introduced Rev. Amy Cantrell to share how the Presbytery of WNC and the Presbytery Hunger Committee have been supportive of the

“Beloved Community.” The “Beloved Community” is grateful for funds received through the Presbytery Nickel-A-Meal Grants and for the continued support of the Presbytery.

### **MISSION**

Rev. Bob Abel, co-chair of the Mission Committee, reported on the work of the committee and highlighted the recent mission trip to Kinston, North Carolina. The next mission trip being sponsored by the Mission Committee will be May 20-26, 2018 to Ronceverte, WV. (Appendix S)

### **GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

On behalf of the Guatemala Partnership, Susan Maveety reported on the work of the partnership. The Guatemala Partnership continues to work with both Presbyteries in Guatemala to build healthier and stronger communities. (Appendix S)

### **BILLS AND OVERTURES**

The Bills and Overtures Committee considered the motion by First Presbyterian Church, Marion on Mission Health’s status with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and presented an alternative statement recommending that no action be taken at this time. The Presbytery concurred. (Appendix I)

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. Blake Daniel, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Sylva led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, the Rev. Kimberleigh Wells and Elder Peg Lewis of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville, offer the following words of thanks for:

The 114<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina;  
The hospitality of First Presbyterian Church, Asheville;  
The careful organizational and administrative oversight of our Stated Clerk, Cam Murchison;  
The meaningful worship service with Communion, and the powerful sermon given by the Rev. Patrick Johnson;  
The many new minister members of our Presbytery and their future ministry with us, and the commissioning of a new commissioned pastor, Millie Bruns;  
The approval of Loudon Young as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament;  
The important work of PneuMatrix and their help in equipping churches to proclaim the gospel in a new cultural era;  
The many faithful educational and mission-oriented ministries of our Presbytery, including our Guatemala Partnership;  
The deliberation of the Bills and Overtures Committee, and the concern of First Presbyterian Church, Marion, for the impasse between Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Mission Health;  
The time of dedicated and thoughtful intercessory prayer;  
The delicious lunch and time of fellowship together as a Presbytery community;  
and the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, the abiding love of God, and the guidance and companionship of the Holy Spirit.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the 114<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Vice-Moderator Meares adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m. with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING**

The 115th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Lowell Presbyterian Church, Lowell, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Melvin Meares, Vice-Moderator

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D. Cameron Murchison, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on January 27, 2018 at its meeting at the Lowell Presbyterian Church, Lowell, North Carolina.

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