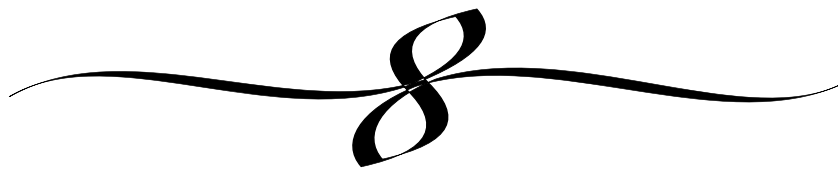


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES  
ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND  
STATED MEETING  
October 25, 2014**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
102nd Stated Meeting  
October 25, 2014  
at Unity Presbyterian Church  
Denver, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Elder Jim Henderson, Moderator, convened the 102nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Unity Presbyterian Church, in Denver, North Carolina.

**CONSTITUTION**

Moderator Jim Henderson opened the meeting with prayer and the singing of "*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*"

**WELCOME**

Rev. Carol Clark, pastor at Unity Presbyterian Church, brought greetings from the church. She welcomed those in attendance to Unity Presbyterian Church and shared interesting segments of the 220 year history of the church.

**ATTENDANCE**

The Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Bert Sigmon, declared that a quorum was present by reference to our registration data and by observation of those in attendance. He invited people to turn off all cell phones.

The following MINISTERS WERE ENROLLED (P = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent without excuse):

Robert Abel	E	Ann Aichinger	E	Frank Aichinger	E
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
Merriam Alexander	E	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	E	Susan Balfour	P
Michael Bailey	P	Tony Baker	E	Steven Barnes	E
Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Ashley J. Beavers	A
Harold Bennett, Jr.	P	Joseph Bennett	E	Anita Bernhardt	P
James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E	Randall Boggs	P
Katherine Blankenship	A	Lynn Bledsoe	E	Ronald Botsford	E
Adam Bowling	E	Lee Bowman	A	Richard Boyce	A
Margie Boyd	A	Grace Boyer	E	David Bradley	E
Ryan Brakemeyer	A	Ronald Brauer	E	Edwin Brenegard, III	P
Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	P	Sandra Brown	E

Jason Bryant	A	William Buchanan	A	Mark Burnham	A
Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E	Robert Busey	E
Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	A
William Campbell	P	Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	P
Calvin Chesnutt	E	Dwight Christenbury	E	William Christian	E
Carol Clark	P	Mark Clark	P	Sarah Coburn	A
James Cockerham	E	Jeffrey Coffey	P	James Cogswell	P
Evelyn Coleman	A	Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E
James M. Cook	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Donald Cooper	P
Riley Covin	E	John Craven	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Comming	E	Jamie Dale	P	Charles Davenport	E
Dent Davis	E	Heather Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	E
Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	E
Edward Donnell	E	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E
Stephen Elderborck	E	John Ellington	E	Raymond Fancher	A
Krist y Farber	P	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E
Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	Berry French, III	A	John Frye, Jr.	E
Curtis Fussell	A	James Gailey	E	A. W. Gaines	E
Tee Gatewood, III	A	Denise Geiger	E	Jean Goodwin	E
Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	E	Keith Grogg	E
Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	E	Samuel Hale	E
Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	E	Patrick Hardy	E
Randall Hardy	A	Martin (Luke) Harkey	P	Rebecca Harrison	E
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E
Fred Hill	E	Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	E
Samuel Hobson, Jr.	P	James Holeman	P	Richard Holshouser	E
Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	E
George Hutchins	E	Michael Isaacs	P	Donald Jafvert	E

William Janes	E	Esta Jarrett	P	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	E	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
Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	E	Albert Kissling	E
Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	John LaMotte	E
John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E	James Layman	E
Calvin Lewers	A	Thomas Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E
William Lindeman	E	John Lindsay	E	Eugene Linton, Jr.	A
Deneise Deter Liss	A	Brad Long	A	Laura Long	A
Billy T. Lowe	P	Robert Lowry	E	David Lytle	P
Whit Malone	P	Marjorie Marsh	E	Joan Martin	E
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	E
John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	E	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	David McKee	E
Michael McKee	A	Alexander McLean	A	James McPherson	E
Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	A	Robert Montgomery	E
Anne Morgan	P	David Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Cameron Murchison, Jr.	P
Carl Murray	E	David Nash	E	Elizabeth Newman	A
John Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E
Marshall Nord	A	Richard Nygren	E	Daniel Oedy	P
O'Hyun Park	P	Katherine Parker	E	Thomas Parker	E
David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E	Stratton Peacock	E
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	E	Margaret Peery	E	Harry Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E
James Poling	E	Luke Ponder	A	Michael Poulos	P
Donald Price	E	Gene Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	P
John Pruitt	E	Tamara Puffer	E	Jay Rabuck	E
Daria Ragan	E	Mark Ramsey	P	Joseph Rand	E

Kathleen Rankin	E	Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Don Robb, III	E	Steven Runholt	A
Feild Russell	E	Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	E
Henry Scoggins	E	Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	P
Kyle Segars	P	William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E
Elizabeth Sigmon	P	Robert Singdahlsen	E	Wirt Skinner	P
Allen Smith	E	Kent Smith	E	Paul Smith	A
John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P
Carol Steele	E	John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E
Cynthia Strickler	E	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	Joseph Taber	P
Catherine Taylor	A	Keith Thompson	E	Dan Thornton	E
Denise Thorpe	A	Yvonne Thurmond	P	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E
Margaret Torrence	A	Ace Tubbs	E	Robert Tuttle	E
Thomas Tweedie	E	Melissa Upchurch	P	Gary Van Brocklin	E
Lauren Vanacore	E	Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	E
Lynn Webber	P	Judith Weger	P	Barbara White	P
Lamar Williamson	E	Parker Williamson	E	Emily Wilmarth	E
John Wilson	E	Otis Wilson	E	Victor Wilson	E
Chris Wingard	A	Eugene Witherspoon	E	Graham Wood, Jr.	E
Donaldson Woods	E	Beth Yarborough	A	Rebecca Young	E

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

Linda Abel	A	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Joe Gernoske	A	Ken Humphreys	P	Bobby Justus	A
James Koone	P	Peggy Koone	P	Deborah Lesenger	P
David Moore	A	Marla Patchel	E	Randy Patterson	A
Pete Peterson	E	Tom Queen	A	Marcia Reighley	P
Russell Reighley	A	Barbara Ross	P	Betty Shaw	E
William Sigmon	P	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A
James Taylor	A	Will Upchurch	E	Frederick Van Itallie	P

Roger Wise	E	William Wuehrmann	A		
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The following MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD and COMMITTEE CHAIRS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

Lois Camp	A	Jay Crane	P	Helen Hall	A
Jane Hansel	E	Jim Henderson	P	Beth Johnson	P
William Kantonen	A	Bill Martin	A	Bob McFerren	P
Barbara McLean	E	Melvin Meares	E	Dick Peck	A
Bob Riddle	A	Jack Suddreth	P	Jane Vann	E
Mae Weed	P				

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

Mary V. Atkinson	E	Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A
Betty Davenport	A	Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	E
Margaret Kennerly	E	Leslie McLeod	P	Mary Lou Nash	A
Kathy Parse	E	Heath Rada	A	Lynn Thomas	A
Patricia Tuttle	A	Jane Vann	E		

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (2)	Eula Pence	
Banner Elk (1)	A	
Belmont First (2)	Margaret Packard	Carissa Burns
Bessemer City First (1)	Jane Dameron	
Black Mountain (2)	Kevin Brandon	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Frank Porter	
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	E	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	

Burnsville First (1)	Jon Ward	
Calvary (2)	E	
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (2)	Barbara Long	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	A	
Crossnore (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Don Dills	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	A	
Dulatown (2)	Charles Kincaid	
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	Bill Sullivan	
Fletcher (1)	Tommy Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	Mary Sandra Costner	
Franklin First (1)	A	
Gastonia First (3)	E	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	A	
Grassy Creek (1)	John Hall	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	A	
Hendersonville First (2)	Allison Cheadle	
Hickory First (3)	John Bates	Lynn-James-Smith
Highlands First (1)	A	



Ironton (1)	Pat Bradshaw	
Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (1)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	A	
Lincolnton First (1)	Jan Duncan	
Long Creek (1)	Sarah Tate	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Kathy Pilkington	
Marion First (1)	Pat Coffey	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Louise Tomberlin	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Anne Rogers	
Morganton First (2)	Sherry Wilson	
Morrison (1)	A	
Mount Holly First (1)	E	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Becca Weeks	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	Anita Fortner	
Newland (1)	A	
Newton First (2)	E	
Northminster (2)	A	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Phyllis Hallman	
Paint Gap (1)	A	

Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	Lelia Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	John Pea	
Rutherfordton (2)	A	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	E	
Saluda (2)	A	
Shelby (3)	Rich Coiner	John Auten
Sherrill's Ford (2)	Karen Phillips	
Shiloh, Grover (2)	A	
Siloam (2)	A	
Southminster (3)	Jackson Mott	Joanne Mitchell
Spindale (2)	A	
Spruce Pine First (2)	A	
Swannanoa First (2)	Nancy Ruppert	Steve Hansel
Sweetwater (2)	Frances Yoder	
Sylva First (2)	E	
Third Street (3)	E	
Trinity (3)	Bob Forsythe	Carole Ball
Tryon (3)	A	
Union (2)	Frank Suggs	
Union Mills (2)	Susan Ward	
United (2)	Robert Bennett	Linda Amos
Unity (3)	Barbara Winkles	Gail Satterthwaite
Vians Valley (2)	A	
Waldensian (3)	Sanford Wellborn	
Walnut (2)	A	
Walnut Grove (2)	A	

Warren Wilson (2)	A	
Waynesville First (2)	Sylvia Lonnee	
West Asheville (2)	A	
West Avenue (2)	Todd Hoyle	Roland Lanier
Westminster (2)	Dot Descieux	

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

Teaching Elders	60
Ruling Elders	54
Certified Educators	1
Admin Board/Committee Chairs	6
Visitors	31
Total	152

There was one corresponding member in attendance.

- *Luka Pilone from Italy*

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- *Rev. Steve Austin, United Presbyterian Church*

Bills and Overtures:

- *Rev. Becky Stanley, Forest City Presbyterian Church*
- *Mary Sandra Costner, Forest City Presbyterian Church*
- *Rev. Jim Holeman, Union Presbyterian Church*
- *Frank Suggs, Union Presbyterian Church*

Tellers:

- *Teaching and Ruling Elders from Unity Presbyterian Church*

#### **APPROVAL OF DOCKET**

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

**8:30 Registration**

**8:30 Prayers before Presbytery  
Orientation for New Elders**

**Barbara Ross**

**9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation and Hymn**

**Jim Henderson, Moderator**

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

**Words of Welcome**

**Carol Clark, Pastor  
Unity Presbyterian Church**

**Appointment of Standing Committees  
Resolution of Thanks**

**Jim Henderson, Moderator**

**Bills and Overtures**

*Rev. Becky Stanley*

**Tellers**

*Teaching and Ruling Elders from Unity Presbyterian Church*

**Certification of Quorum**

**Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk**

**Approval of Docket**

**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**

**B**

*(Reports of Administrative Commissions; Referral of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution )*

**Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Omnibus**

**Budget and Finance Committee**

**BB**

**Report from 234th Synod of Mid-Atlantic Meeting**

**II**

*(Warren LeSane)*

**Nominating Committee Report**

**I**

**Witness Division Report**

**P**

**Joint Outdoor Ministries Committee**

**EE**

**Peace and Justice Committee**

**T**

**9:25 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**Preacher:** *Rev. Carol Clark*

**Scripture:** *Psalm 130 and Mark 13:28-37*

**Sermon:** *Watch*

**Worship Planners:** *Carol Clark, Jeff Coffey and Joel Cherry*

**10:25 Youth (5minutes)**

**Heather Davis Y**

*(Report from Youth Mission Trip to Guatemala and Presbyterian Youth Council)***Beth Gunn**

**Mission - Guatemala Partnership(15 minutes)**

**Randall Boggs S**

*(20 Yr Celebration of Guatemala Partnership; Mission Team Commissioning)***Marie Connelly de Palacios**

**10:45 Administrative Board (5 minutes)**

**Anne Morgan C**

*(Reports from the Committee on Committees; Exploratory Task Force for Campaign; Swannanoa, First Church closing; work of the committee)*

**Committee on Committees (20 minutes)**

**Ed Brenegar**

*(Administrative Board Attachment 2)*

**Exploratory Task Force (20 minutes)**

**Mark Stanley**

*(Administrative Board Attachment 1)*

**First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa (10 minutes)**

*Liturgy for Closing of Church*

**11:40 Black Mountain Home for Children (5 minutes)**

**Sarah Thomas**

*(Annual Report and Thanksgiving Offering for the Home)*

**Hunger Committee (5minutes)**

**Jan Duncan R**

*(Promotion of the SNAP Challenge)*

**Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)** **Bobbi White** **GP**

**Men in the Mirror (3 minutes)** **Kevin Frederick**  
*(Promotion of new book - "Men In The Mirror" - Promoted by PCUSA  
Translations in English and Spanish)*

**12:00 Committee on Ministry (15 minutes)** **Mark Ramsey** **D**  
*(Commissioning of John Bates, CLP at Hickory First; Cam Murchison and Kevin Frederick  
new ministers to Presbytery; Board of Pensions; Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries; work of the committee)*

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry (20 minutes)** **Esta Jarrett** **K**  
*(Request of Candidacy for Leah Epps and Jason Myers)*

**12:35 Prayers of Intercession** **Whit Malone**  
*(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)*

**12:40 Benediction and Adjournment** **Moderator**

**12:45 Lunch**

**1:45 Workshops**

Worship that Helps Grow a Church **Carol Clark**  
(Location: Sanctuary)

Ministry At A Time **Mark Ramsey & Kristy Farber**  
When We Don't Know What We Don't Know (Location: Children/Youth Ctr)

The Mind of Christ: Christian Mindfulness Practice **Mark Clark**  
(Location: Meeting Room)

Men in the Mirror: Orienting Our Lives **Kevin Frederick**  
Towards a Christ centered Masculinity (Location: Choir Room)

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Stated Clerk Bert Sigmon explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. It was requested that consent agenda item B-2, number 9, be pulled. He then moved that the remainder of the Consent Agenda be approved. The Consent Agenda was approved as submitted. 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.

- Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix B)
- Report from 234th Synod of Mid-Atlantic Meeting (Appendix C)
- Nominating Committee Report (Appendix D)
- Witness Division Report (Appendix E)
- Joint Outdoor Ministries Committee (Appendix F)
- Peace and Justice Committee (Appendix G)

### STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 1 through 3, 5 through 8 and 10 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. Recommendations 4 and 9 were moved and approved. He then referred to items 11-22 as items for information.

- CA 1. **THAT Jim Henderson, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 31, 2015 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA 2. **THAT the minutes of the July 29, 2014 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. **THAT the minutes of the installation and/or ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**  
Joseph W. Taber (Appendix H)  
Robert Curtis Fussell (Appendix I)  
Emily L. Wilmarth (Appendix J)  
Keith Andrew Grogg (Appendix K)  
Daniel J. Oedy (Appendix L)  
Steven Barnes (Appendix M)
4. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the dissolution of the First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa (at its request) and the appointment of an administrative commission.**
- A. That the following Administrative Commission be appointed to work with the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church Session and its congregation to respond to their request that the church be closed and their membership be transferred:  
Rev. Steve Austin, United, (Chair)  
Anne Rogers, Montreat and COM Liaison  
Steve Hansel, Swannanoa  
Rev. Bob Tuttle, Black Mountain  
Ken Murchison, Warren Wilson  
Bob Riddle, First Asheville  
Rev. Rebecca Harrison
- B. That the Presbytery join the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church on October 26, 2014, at their closing service, celebrating their 220 years of ministry in the Swannanoa Valley.
- C. That the Administrative Commission work pastorally with the members of Swannanoa, supporting them in their closing worship, their transition to other congregations and giving thanks for the ministry of the Swannanoa Church.
- D. That the Administrative Commission will work with the members to hold and transfer membership to a congregation of their choosing.

- E. That the Administrative Commission be given original jurisdiction to include the authority to manage and administer funds in the church's accounts and to make payments on behalf of the Church and the Presbytery, and that the congregation finally be dissolved when the Administrative Commission deems it appropriate.
  - F. That the Administrative Commission determine the handling of all the property, with authority to sell the property, including the option to establish a 501c3 entity as a part of the plan for management of the cemetery.
  - G. That the Presbytery go on record commending the faith and faithfulness of the Session and congregation of the Swannanoa Presbyterian Church, thanking them for being the Mother congregation to other churches in the Swannanoa Valley and for the many years of ministry to the church and community.
- CA 5. **THAT the October 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. (Appendix N)**
- CA 6. **THAT the October 25, 2014 Report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix O)**
- CA 7. **THAT the October 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix O)**
- CA 8. **THAT the October 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix O)**
- CA 9. **THAT the October 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix P)**
- CA 10. **THAT the October 25, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church, Cullowhee be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix Q)**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

- 11. **The 103rd stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the Gaston Day School in Gastonia, North Carolina.**
- 12. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2015 and 2016 Presbytery Meetings:**
  - 2015**
  - January 31, 2015 ~ Gastonia Area Presbyterians, Gastonia
  - April 28, 2015 ~ Montreat Conference Center
  - July 28, 2015 ~ Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville
  - October 31, 2015 ~ TBA
  - 2016**
  - January 30, 2016 ~

April 26, 2016 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
July 26, 2016 ~ Grandfather Home for Children  
October 25, 2016 ~

13. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 221st General Assembly, will be distributed at the registration table at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga221-proposed-amendments-constitution/>

14. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 221st General Assembly, have been referred to the following committees for a recommendation at the Presbytery meeting in January and/or April.**

**LIST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

14-1. Confession of Belhar—Amending the Book of Confessions.....Admin Board  
14.A. Renunciation of Jurisdiction—On Amending G-2.0509 .....COM  
14-B. Special Committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process  
and Standard Ordination Exams  
    14-B.1. Final Assessment—On Amending G-2.0607..... CPM  
    14-B.2. Accommodations—On Amending G-2.0610 .....CPM  
14-C. Child Protection Policy—On Amending G-3.0106.....COM/SMTF  
14-D. Minimum Composition of a Presbytery—On Amending G-3.0301 Admin Board  
14-E. Interreligious Stance—On Amending G-5.0102 .....Peace & Justice  
14-F. Marriage—On Amending W-4.9000 .....COM

15. **THAT the following dates have been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2015:**

April 16, 2015	First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
November 21, 2015	First Presbyterian Church, Asheville

The new four-year cycle of training for clergy and volunteers will focus on child safety, theological issues of sexual misconduct prevention, and issues of social media.

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

March 7, 2015	First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
April 18, 2015	TBA
May 2, 2015	TBA
May 16, 2015	TBA
June 6, 2015	First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

17. **THAT the Administrative Board approved the 2015 Session Review Checklist for the review of church records. (Appendix R)**

18. **THAT the First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa will celebrate its 220th Anniversary on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. This will be the closing ceremony for the First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa.**

19. **THAT Unity Presbyterian Church in Denver, NC celebrates its 250th Anniversary in 2014.**



- 20. **THAT First Presbyterian Church in Mount Holly, NC celebrates its 250th Anniversary in 2014.**
- 21. **THAT Saluda Presbyterian Church in Saluda, NC celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2014.**
- 22. **THAT Ellenboro Presbyterian Church in Ellenboro, NC celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2014.**

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

Worship was led by Rev. Carol Clark, along with Rev. Joel Cherry, and Rev. Jeff Coffey. The worship service was supported by instrumentalists and the choir of Unity. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Carol Clark. Her sermon title was "Watch," with scripture taken from Psalm 130 and Mark 13:28-37.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Rev. Carol Clark, with communion being served by the ruling and teaching elders of Unity Presbyterian Church.

**YOUTH**

On behalf of the Youth Ministries Committee, Beth Gunn and Heather Davis reported on the work of the committee with emphasis placed on the upcoming Middle School Retreat that will be held at Camp Grier in November. Youth events for 2015 include a High School Retreat, Middle School Rally and a Mission Trip with Asheville Youth Mission. (Appendix S)

**MISSION-GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

On behalf of the Guatemala Partnership, Randall Boggs and Marie Connelly de Palacios, led us in continuing the 20 year celebration of our partnership with Sur Occidente and Suchitepéquez in Guatemala.

The Presbytery also heard from Patricia Clark, Judy Nebrig, Kevin Frederick, and Edyth Pruitt who reported on their partnership connections in Guatemala.

Ellen Dozier and Marie de Palacios led the commissioning of 21 people from our Presbytery who will be part of a mission team to Guatemala in November 2014.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

On behalf of the Administrative Board, Anne Morgan presented Recommendation 3 included in the Administrative Board report, stating that this recommendation had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. Items 6 through 16 of the report were referred to as items for information. Recommendations 1 and 2 were moved and approved.

Rev. Mark Stanley presented Recommendation 4 on behalf of the Administrative Board and the Ministry Campaign Exploratory Committee. The Ministries Campaign, to be held during 2015 and 2016, should raise \$2 million or more and would benefit Camp Grier, Malawi Mission, Guatemala Partnership, and New Worshiping Initiatives/Church Development. Recommendation was moved and approved. (Appendix T)

Rev. Ed Brenegar presented Recommendation 5 on behalf of the Administrative Board and the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees have designed a revised committee structure

for our Presbytery covenanting to Strengthen Congregations, Equip Disciples and Engage in Mission (SEE). The flexible structure of six committees, coordinated by the General Council will affirm that, "We are the Body of Christ." Recommendation was moved and approved. (Appendix U)

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1. **THAT the Presbytery elect Teaching Elder Michael Bailey as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2015.**
2. **THAT the Presbytery elect Ruling Elder Barbara McLean as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2016, serving as vice-moderator for 2015.**
3. **THAT the Presbytery approve the covenant with the Presbyterian Hunger Program, including the support for the Hunger Action Enabler position.**  
*(Background: This is an annual renewal with the General Assembly Hunger Program, which helps fund the work of the Hunger Action Enabler, which is part of the responsibility of the Interim Associate Presbyter.)*
4. **THAT the Administrative Board and the Exploratory Committee recommends that a Presbytery-wide Ministries Campaign be conducted during 2015 and 2016 to raise \$2 to \$2.5 million to support enhancements to four Presbytery-wide ministries: Camp Grier, Guatemala Partnership, New Worship Initiatives and Church Development, and Malawi Mission. (Appendix T)**

**Purpose**

A successful Presbytery-wide campaign should achieve two broad objectives:

- Raise funds in support of four presbytery-wide ministries that this presbytery has deep involvement with and that reflect and strengthen the message of Jesus Christ;
- Draw Presbyterians and churches in the PWNC into a tighter relationship that will improve our ability to speak and act together in ways that demonstrate Christ's love and build up the Kingdom of God.

The ministry campaign can be an exciting time for this presbytery, as we enable these four areas to grow in ministry and together work to bear witness to Jesus Christ. These four ministries are a strong expression of our collective outreach as a presbytery, allowing us to expand our Christian impact by doing together what we would be unable to do individually. A Ministry Campaign that strengthens these ministries should also strengthen and broaden our common witness, both inside our presbytery and well beyond its borders. Together we can bring more people into meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ through our common expression of faith in these important ministries.

5. **THAT the Administrative Board and the Committee on Committees recommends that the design for a revised committee structure be adopted for transition and implementation to begin January 2015. (Appendix U)**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

6. **THAT the Administrative Board approved the Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville, NC, to sell property located at 9 West Haven Lane, Arden, NC. The proceeds from the sale are to be set aside for a future project more compatible with their size and mission. (Appendix V)**

7. **THAT the Administrative Board approved that the Newland Presbyterian Church, Newland, NC, could sell its manse, with proceeds from sale to be set aside for future maintenance of the church and related expenses. (Appendix W)**
8. **THAT the Administrative Board approved the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville to purchase property located at 124 Church Street in Burnsville, NC, which lies just north of their church property and parking lot. (Appendix X)**
9. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
10. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2014 and 2015:**

November 7-9, 2014	Middle School Retreat, Camp Grier
March 13-14, 2015	High School Mission Retreat, Black Mountain Home
April 19, 2015	Middle School Rally, Montreat
Summer 2015	Local Mission Trip
11. **THAT the Administrative Board will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2015. The following dates have been set for Presbytery Meetings in 2015:**

January 31, 2015	~ Gaston Area Presbyterians, Gastonia, NC
April 28, 2015	~ Montreat Conference Center
July 28, 2015	~ Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC
October 31, 2015	~ TBA
12. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2016 Presbytery Meetings:**

<b><u>2016</u></b>	
January 30, 2016	~ TBA
April 26, 2016	~ Montreat Conference Center
July 26, 2016	~ Grandfather Home for Children
October 25, 2016	~ TBA
13. **THAT the Small Membership Church Committee reported on the meetings held with the Presbyterian Foundation for small membership churches. They encouraged all small membership churches to attend one of the next scheduled sessions that will be held on August 26 and August 28.**

Tuesday, November 18, 2014	- First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton
Thursday, November 20, 2014	- First Presbyterian Church, Marion
14. **THAT the Presbyterian Women will be holding their Spring Gathering on:**

Saturday, April 25, 2015	- Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
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15. **THAT the Hunger Committee challenges the Presbytery to join the Hunger Committee in a SNAP/FOOD STAMP CHALLENGE, November 16-22, 2014.**
16. **THAT Rev. Dr. Becca Young, a pastor in this Presbytery serving as a professor of theology at Jakarta Seminary in Indonesia, will be continuing her work at the Jakarata Seminary. Becca will no longer be a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker. (Appendix Y)**

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SWANNANOA**

At the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, the Presbytery celebrated 220 years of ministry and regretfully, but proudly, closed the doors of that congregation. The official service of closing will held on Sunday, October 26, 2014. An Administrative Commission was established to assist the congregation with the closing.

### **BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN**

On behalf of the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families, Sarah Thomas expressed sincere thanks to the Presbytery for their continued support, gifts and prayers and asked the Presbytery to continue to pray for the children and the home. The Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families is an opportunity to give children an experience to learn about Christ. The home is approaching 10,000 children's lives that have been touched by this ministry.

### **HUNGER COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Hunger Committee, Jan Duncan reported on the work of the committee and encouraged congregations to support the SNAP Challenge of living on \$4.06 per day the week of November 16-22, 2014. She thanked the congregations for their support of the Hunger Program in our Presbytery. Through their support, the committee awarded \$22,700 in grants during the Fall. (Appendix AA)

### **REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER**

General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, expressed her excitement about what is happening in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. She expounded on the SEE theme that was presented by the Committee on Committees, communicating examples of innovative mission endeavors by our congregations. She encouraged all to attend a presentation at the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat on November 10 where PCUSA Moderator, Heath Rada and wife, Peggy, will be speaking about their recent trip to the Middle East. (Appendix BB)

### **MEN IN THE MIRROR**

Dr. Kevin Frederick introduced a new curriculum that is available through Presbyterian Distribution Services, "*Men in the Mirror*." This thirteen session curriculum has been taught for the past ten years in Guatemala and in the church. The curriculum on domestic violence is constructed in a way to show how Christ is in relationships with people. The course of study is available at no charge through PDS.

### **CHURCHES AND PASTORS COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

#### **I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Mark Ramsey reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix Z)

One teaching elder was granted honorable retirement. Rev. Mark Ramsey recognized and offered prayer for Jerry Beavers on the occasion of his retirement.

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

- Sara Varnado to Central Florida Presbytery, as Member-at-Large, effective December 3, 2013.
- R. Carter Blaisdell to EPC, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, effective October 25, 2014.
- John E. Ellington to EPC, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, effective October 25, 2014.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. They spoke briefly and signed the Book of Obligations. Their Statements of Faith and biographical statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix Z)

- Susan Balfour as Member-At-Large from Peaks Presbytery, effective October 7, 2014, serving at Saluda Presbyterian Church.
- James W. Dale as Honorably Retired from Baltimore Presbytery, effective October 7, 2014.
- Noah T. McIntee (not present) as Member-At-Large from Western New York Presbytery, effective October 7, 2014.

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

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

- William Buchanan, as Executive Director of Asheville Youth Mission, through October 25, 2015.
- Joan Martin, as Chaplain, Covenant Village, Inc., through October 25, 2015.
- Lynn Michie, as Chaplain, Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women, through October 25, 2015.
- Cynthia Strickler, as Director of the Dunamis Fellowship, Int., Vice President and Dean of Faculty, Dunamis Institute, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Int., through October 25, 2015.

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

On behalf of the Examinations Committee, Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick moved that the Presbytery approve that John Bates be commissioned as a lay pastor. John Bates will be commissioned to the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, NC. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Moderator Henderson then offered prayer. The commissioning for John Bates included permission to perform Sacraments, visitation, teaching and worship leadership. (Appendix Z)

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Esta Jarrett made the following recommendation to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix CC)

- I. THAT** Leah Elizabeth Epps, a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.
- II. THAT** Jason W. Myers, a member of Fairview Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, and a student at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After Leah Elizabeth Epps shared her faith journey and call to the ministry, Moderator Jim Henderson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Leah Elizabeth Epps as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book*

*of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Mark Stanley delivered the charge to Ms. Epps and Rev. Becky Stanley offered the prayer. Those who came in support of Leah Elizabeth Epps were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix CC)

After Jason W. Myers shared his faith journey and call to the ministry, Moderator Jim Henderson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Jason W. Myers as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Edyth Pruitt delivered the charge to Mr. Myers and Ken Humphreys offered the prayer. Those who came in support of Jason W. Myers were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix CC)

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

Rev. Whit Malone led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Reverend Steve Austin, United Presbyterian Church, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks for the 102nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:

Whereas,

Teaching and ruling elders of the Presbyterian churches of Western North Carolina have met on this beautiful Saturday, the 25th of October, 2014,

Other representatives of these churches and our various ministries and organizations gathered to share information and enthusiasm,

Presentations and discussions allowed us to consider and often act upon the work of our Lord in ministry matters and decision making,

As we were both faithfully and richly led in Worship that lifted our spirits and elevated our Lord as well as binding us together in holy communion,

Workshop programs allowed timely and important sharing and learning experiences for those that participated,

And whereas, the Holy Spirit was made evident in the joy, passion, and devotion of all those who met in His name,

Be it therefore resolved that The Presbytery Of Western North Carolina gives thanks to the Lord God for all that has been done by which we live and move and have our being. And that it be further resolved that this Presbytery and it's member churches continue in the ministry to which we have been called so that the work of our hands and devotion of our hearts give witness to the love and saving grace of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the 102nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Henderson led the Presbytery in prayer prior to adjourning the meeting for the day at 12:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The 103rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the Gaston Day School in Gastonia, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Jim Henderson, Moderator

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William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

**These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on January 31, 2015 at its meeting at the Gaston Day School in Gastonia, North Carolina.**

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