

**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH
STATED MEETING
April 28, 2015**

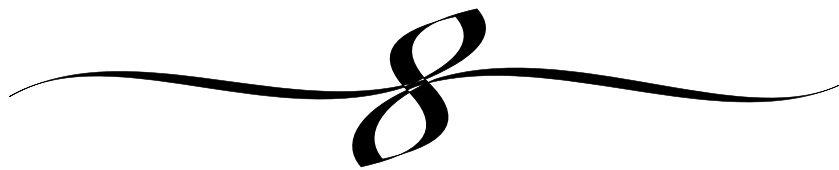


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
104th Stated Meeting
April 28, 2015
at Montreat Conference Center
Montreat, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Teaching Elder Michael Bailey, Moderator, convened the 104th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:05 a.m. in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, teaching elder Michael Bailey, opened the 104th Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at Montreat Conference Center with prayer.

MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

Mr. Richard DuBose, President of Montreat Conference Center, welcomed the body to the Conference Center, called attention to the upcoming events at the Conference Center, and invited commissioners to visit the shops.

WELCOME

Martha Campbell, Clerk of Session of the Montreat Presbyterian Church(PCUSA), Rev. Berry French, Associate Pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Beth Newman, Supporting Pastor of the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church brought greetings from churches in the Swannanoa Valley and shared good news from their congregations.

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):

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| Robert Abel | E | Ann Aichinger | E | Frank Aichinger | E |
| Wyatt Aiken, Jr. | E | Blan Aldridge | E | Charles Alexander | E |
| Merriam Alexander | P | Terry Alexander | P | Stephen Austin | P |
| James Aydelotte | P | Patricia Bacon | A | Michael Bailey | P |
| Tony Baker | E | Susan Balfour | P | Steven Barnes | P |
| Douglas Bartlett | E | Ashley J. Beavers | E | Harold Bennett, Jr. | P |
| Joseph Bennett | P | Anita Bernhardt | P | James Bernhardt | P |
| Katherine Blankenship | P | Lynn Bledsoe | P | Randall Boggs | P |
| Ronald Botsford | E | Adam Bowling | E | Lee Bowman | E |
| Richard Boyce | P | Grace Boyer | P | David Bradley | E |

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| Ryan Brakemeyer | P | Ronald Brauer | E | Edwin Brenegar, III | A |
| Hayden Britton | E | Beverly Brock | E | Sandra Brown | E |
| Jason Bryant | A | William Buchanan | P | Mark Burnham | A |
| Monty Burnham | E | Sue Burton | E | Robert Busey | E |
| Joey Byrd | A | John Campbell | E | Kathy Campbell | P |
| William Campbell | P | Helen Pride Carson | P | Mary Faith Carson | E |
| Katherine Cashwell | P | Joel David Cherry | E | Calvin Chesnutt | P |
| Dwight Christenbury | P | William Christian | E | Carol Clark | E |
| Mark Clark | E | Sarah Coburn | A | James Cockerham | P |
| Jeffrey Coffey | P | James Cogswell | P | Evelyn Coleman | P |
| Hunter Coleman | E | Priestley Conyers, III | E | Monty Cook | P |
| Thomas Cook, Jr. | E | Donald Cooper | P | Riley Covin | E |
| John W. Craven | E | Curtis Crowther | E | Robert Bruce Cumming | P |
| James Dale | P | Blake Daniel | P | Charles Davenport | P |
| Dent Davis | P | Heather Davis | P | Eddie Deas, III | E |
| Jey Deifell, Jr. | P | Arthur DeJong | E | Susan Denne | P |
| Edward Donnell | P | Ellen Dozier | P | Philip Dunford | E |
| Steven Eason | A | Stephen Elderbrock | E | Raymond Fancher | A |
| Kristy Farber | P | Lee Feero, Jr. | E | David Fillpot | E |
| Ragland Fletcher | E | Edward Forsyth | E | Maynard Fountain, Jr. | P |
| McCoy Franklin | P | Kevin Frederick | P | Keith Freeman | P |
| Berry French, III | P | John Frye, Jr. | P | Curtis Fussell, III | P |
| Tempe Fussell | P | James Gailey | E | A. W. Gaines | E |
| Tee Gatewood, III | P | Denise Geiger | E | Jean Goodwin | P |
| Gregory Grana | E | Theodore Grant | E | Keith Grogg | E |
| Robert Gruber | E | George Gunn | P | Samuel Hale | E |
| Michal Hall | E | Terry Hanna | P | Patrick Hardy | E |
| Randall Hardy | A | Luke Harkey, III | P | Rebecca Harrison | P |
| William Heck | P | Robert Henderson | E | Robert Hewett | E |
| Robert Hinman | P | Richard Hobson | E | Samuel Hobson, Jr. | E |

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| James Holeman | P | Richard Holshouser | E | Samuel Hope | E |
| James Hornsby | E | William Hoyt, III | P | George Hutchins | P |
| Michael Isaacs | P | Donald Jafvert | E | William Janes | P |
| Esta Jarrett | P | Cecil Jividen | E | Wallace Johnson | E |
| Franklin Jones | A | Rebecca Jones | P | Kimberly Justice | A |
| Dong Uk Kang | A | David Kaylor | E | David Kennedy | E |
| Ira Kennerly | P | Paul Kercher | E | William Kirk | E |
| Albert Kissling | P | Earl Kreisa | E | Lee Kruse | A |
| John LaMotte | P | John Laughlin | E | Margaret Lauterer | E |
| James Layman | P | Thomas Lewis | P | Wendell Ligon | E |
| William Lindeman | E | John Lindsay | E | Eugene Linton, Jr. | P |
| Deneise Deter Liss | A | Laura Long | P | Billy T. Lowe | A |
| Robert Lowry | E | David Lytle | P | Whit Malone | P |
| Marjorie Marsh | P | Joan Martin | P | Roberta Martin | E |
| Robert Martin, Jr. | E | Tyler Martin | E | John McCall | E |
| Sandra McClinton | A | Patricia McClurg | E | Robert McCully, Jr. | A |
| Noah McIntee | E | Flemon McIntosh, Jr. | E | David McKee | E |
| Michael McKee | P | James McPherson | E | Lynn Michie | A |
| Beth Ann Miller | P | Robert Montgomery | P | 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 | P | John Newton, Jr. | E |
| John Niles | E | Marshall Nord | E | Richard Nygren | E |
| Daniel Oedy | A | O'Hyun Park | E | Katherine Parker | P |
| Thomas Parker | P | David Parks | E | Donald Patchel | E |
| Stratton Peacock | E | Albert Peery, Jr. | P | Margaret Peery | E |
| Harry Petersen | E | Martha Jane Petersen | E | Lyle Peterson | E |
| Harry Philips | P | James Poling | P | Luke Ponder | A |
| Michael Poulos | P | Donald Price | E | Gene Price | E |
| Caroline Proctor | P | Allen Proctor, Jr. | E | Edyth Pruitt | P |

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| John Pruitt | P | Tamara Puffer | E | Jay Rabuck | P |
| Daria Ragan | E | Mark Ramsey | P | Joseph Rand | E |
| Kathleen Rankin | P | Earl Rash | E | Wilson Rhoton, Jr. | E |
| Calvin Rice | E | Don Robb, III | E | Mary Katherine Robinson | P |
| Steven Runholt | E | Feild Russell | P | Richard Rustay | E |
| Donald Scofield, Jr. | P | Henry Scoggins | E | Carol Seaman | E |
| Kyle Segars | P | William Serjak | E | Albert Shaw, Jr. | P |
| Elizabeth Sigmon | P | Robert Singdahlsen | P | Wirt Skinner | P |
| Allen Smith | P | Kent Smith | P | Paul Smith | A |
| John Somerville | E | Becky Stanley | P | Mark Stanley | P |
| Margie B. Stansell | A | Carol Steele | P | John David Stewart | E |
| Daniel Stitt | P | Cynthia Strickler | P | Walter Styles | E |
| Charles Swann | E | William Sweetser, Jr. | A | Joseph Taber | P |
| Catherine T aylor | A | Keith Thompson | P | Dan Thornton | E |
| Denise Thorpe | A | Yvonne Thurmond | P | Russell Tillotson, Sr. | E |
| Margaret Torrence | P | Robert Tuttle | E | Thomas Tweedie | E |
| Melissa Anne Upchurch | P | Gary Van Brocklin | A | Lauren Vanacore | P |
| Rockwell Ward | E | Samuel Warner | P | Lynn Webber | P |
| Judith Weger | P | Barbara White | P | Lamar Williamson, Jr. | P |
| 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 | P | Rebecca Young | E |

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

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| Linda Abel | P | Philip Adams | A | Linda Amos | A |
| Robert Ayala | P | John Bates | P | Dwayne Durham | A |
| Elizabeth Hall | P | John Hall | P | Kenneth Humphreys | P |
| Bobby Justus | A | James Koone | P | Peggy Koone | P |
| Deborah Lesenger | A | David Moore, Sr. | P | Marla Patchel | E |
| Randy Patterson | A | Pete Peterson | A | Tom Queen | A |

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| Marcia Reighley | P | Russell Reighley | A | Barbara Ross | P |
| Betty Shaw | P | William A. Sigmon | P | Dennis Stamper | A |
| John Stanley | A | James Taylor | P | William Upchurch, Jr. | P |
| Frederick Van Itallie | A | Roger Wise | P | William Wuehrmann | A |

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

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| Jay Crane | E | Dorothy Descieux | A | Jan Duncan | A |
| Helen Hall | A | Jane Hansel | P | Jim Henderson | P |
| Bob McFerren | E | Barbara McLean | P | Melvin Meares | P |
| Dick Peck | A | Heath Rada | A | Bob Riddle | P |
| David Smith | A | Jack Suddreth | P | Mae Weed | P |

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

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

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

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| Arbor Dale (2) | A | |
| Asheville First (4) | Rob McIver | Susie Jameson |
| Banner Elk (2) | Carolyn West | Donna Dicks |
| Belmont First (3) | Harold Fite | Ann Brittain Green |
| | Susan Bowen | |
| Bessemer City First (2) | Jane Dameron | |
| Black Mountain (3) | John Walker | Marilew Rudisill |
| | Melzer Morgan | |
| Brevard-Davidson River (3) | Marilyn Massey | Juanita Barton |

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| Bridgewater (2) | Judith Lowery | Roger Lowery |
| Brittain (2) | E | |
| Brittains Cove (2) | A | |
| Bryson City (2) | Liz Butler | Priscilla Burris |
| Buladean (2) | A | |
| Burnsville First (2) | Jon Ward | Rose Ray |
| Calvary (3) | A | |
| Canton (2) | A | |
| Cherryville First (3) | A | |
| Clinchfield (2) | A | |
| Columbus (2) | A | |
| Conley Memorial (2) | Pat Davis | |
| Crossnore (2) | Fred France | |
| Dallas First (2) | Margaret Farris | |
| Dixon (2) | A | |
| Dorland Memorial (2) | Mary Gahagan | June Gahagan |
| Dulatown (3) | Charles Kincaid | |
| Duncan's Creek (2) | Sue Price | Richard Price |
| Ellenboro (1) | A | |
| Etowah (1) | Don Wauchope | |
| Fairview (1) | Betty Nicon | |
| Fletcher (1) | A | |
| Forest City First (1) | A | |
| Franklin First (1) | A | |
| Gastonia First (3) | Grady Kennington | Tim Fuller |
| | Gloria Hickson | |
| Glen Alpine (1) | A | |
| Good Hope (2) | Kevin Moore | |
| Grace Covenant (2) | Anna Jarvis | Sandra Dykes |
| Grassy Creek (1) | A | |

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| Green Mountain (1) | A | |
| Green Street (2) | A | |
| Hayesville (1) | Cindy Mulkey | |
| Hendersonville First (1) | Charles Sneed | |
| Hickory First (3) | Sharon Meares | |
| Highlands First (1) | Bob Tietze | |
| Ironton (1) | E | |
| 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) | Greg McBrayer | |
| Long Creek (1) | Sue Unnasch | |
| Love's Chapel (2) | Thelma Isles | Valinda Reid |
| Lowell (1) | Ruth Everhart | |
| Marion First (1) | A | |
| Marshall (1) | Henry Shaner | |
| Micaville (1) | A | |
| Mills River (1) | A | |
| Montreat (1) | Mary Nell Todd | |
| Morganton First (2) | Lynn Garrett | Elsie Bartlett |
| Morrison (1) | A | |
| Mount Holly First (1) | Paul Bumgarner | |
| New Hope, Asheville (1) | Nan Riley | |
| New Hope, Gastonia (1) | Edwin Lewis | |
| Newdale (1) | Anita Fortner | |
| Newland (1) | Lisa Isley | |
| Newton First (2) | Elizabeth Philhower | Lynette Inscoe |

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| Northminster (2) | Bill Clay Poole | |
| Oak Forest (1) | A | |
| Oakwood (1) | A | |
| Old Fort (1) | A | |
| Olney (1) | Dan Grissom | |
| Paint Gap (1) | A | |
| Pine Street (2) | A | |
| Pineola (1) | A | |
| Quaker Meadows (1) | A | |
| Reems Creek-Beech (1) | Elizabeth Barbee | |
| Ridgeview (1) | A | |
| Robinson Memorial (1) | John Pea | |
| Rutherfordton (2) | Ann Deviney | John Latham |
| Ryburn Memorial (2) | E | |
| Saluda (1) | A | |
| Shelby (2) | Glenn Moore | Mary Conner |
| Sherrill's Ford (1) | Carol Sticco | |
| Shiloh, Grover (1) | A | |
| Siloam (1) | A | |
| Southminster (2) | Jackson Mott | Joanne Mitchell |
| Spindale (1) | A | |
| Spruce Pine First (1) | A | |
| Sweetwater (1) | Gerald Finney | |
| Sylva First (1) | Dorothy Thornburg | |
| Third Street (2) | E | |
| Trinity (2) | Lynn Moore | Bob Smith |
| Tryon (2) | A | |
| Union (1) | A | |
| Union Mills (1) | A | |
| United (1) | A | |

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| Unity (2) | Kathy Bumgardner | |
| Vians Valley (1) | A | |
| Waldensian (2) | Gretchen Lane-Costner | Linda Brackett |
| Walnut (1) | David Allen | |
| Walnut Grove (1) | A | |
| Warren Wilson (1) | Kay Stockdale | |
| Waynesville First (1) | Marti Peithman | |
| West Asheville (1) | Barbara Clark | |
| West Avenue (1) | Paula Wallace | |
| Westminster (1) | Loretta Petersen | |

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

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| Teaching Elders | 137 |
| Ruling Elders | 80 |
| Certified Educators | 3 |
| Admin Board/Committee Chairs | 7 |
| Visitors | 63 |
| Total | 290 |

There were three corresponding members in attendance.

- *Jim Walker, member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery*

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- *Rev. Yvonne Thurmond, Quaker Meadows*
- *Elder Anne Dietz, Quaker Meadows*

Bills and Overtures:

- *Rev. Melissa Upchurch, Marshall Presbyterian Church*
- *Rev. Jeff Coffey, First Presbyterian Church, Marion*

Tellers:

- *Elders of Montreat Presbyterian Church*
- *Elders of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church*
- *Elders of Warren Wilson 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 (Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)

8:30 Prayers before Presbytery Charles Davenport

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| | <i>(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)</i> | | |
| | Orientation for New Elders | Barbara Ross | |
| | <i>(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 1)</i> | | |
| 9:00 | Convene with Prayer of Invocation and Hymn (Anderson Auditorium) | Michael Bailey, Moderator | |
| | Welcome | Richard DuBose, President Montreat Conf. Center | |
| | Words of Welcome and Good News | | |
| | Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) | Martha Campbell | |
| | Black Mountain Presbyterian Church | Berry French | |
| | Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church | Beth Newman | |
| | Appointment of Standing Committees | Moderator | |
| | Tellers | | |
| | <i>Montreat Presbyterian Church</i> | | |
| | <i>Black Mountain Presbyterian Church</i> | | |
| | <i>Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church</i> | | |
| | Bills and Overtures | | |
| | <i>Melissa Upchurch, Chair</i> | | |
| | <i>Jeff Coffey</i> | | |
| | Resolution of Thanks | | |
| | <i>Yvonne Thurmond</i> | | |
| | Declaration of Quorum | Bert Sigmon | |
| | Approval of Docket | Stated Clerk | |
| | Consent Agenda [CA] | | A |
| | <i>(Consent Agenda is a consent motion. If a commissioner wishes to pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason, simply state the item you wish to remove from the Consent Agenda and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)</i> | | |
| | Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda | | |
| | Nominating Committee | | I |
| | Witness Division Report | | P |
| | Hunger Committee Report | | R |
| | Christian Education Committee Report | | W |
| | Budget and Finance Committee | | BB |
| | Reports from Commissioners to Synod | | II |
| | <i>(Eddie Deas and Sylvia Sellers)</i> | | |
| | Church Leadership School | | OO |
| | Stated Clerk's Report | Bert Sigmon | B |
| | <i>(Introduction of any Corresponding Members; and, Reports from Administrative Commissions)</i> | | |
| 9:30 | Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper | | |
| | Preacher: <i>Richard Boyce</i> | Scripture: <i>John 20:24-29</i> | |
| | Sermon: <i>"Show and Tell"</i> | | |
| 10:30 | Ministry Campaign <i>(15 minutes)</i> | Feild Russell Linda Rostan | NN |

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| 10:45 | Report from the Stated Clerk Search Committee | Paula Wallace | PP |
| | General Presbyter's Report (10 minutes) | Bobbi White | |
| | Committee on Ministry (20 minutes) <i>(Work of the Committee, Introduction of new members - Mary Katherine Robinson, Tempe Fussell, Blake Daniel, H. Pride Carson, and Transfer of Amy Cantrell to PCUSA; Commission Linda Moore and James Millsaps as CLPs)</i> | Cam Murchison Tee Gatewood | D |
| | Committee on Preparation for Ministry (20 minutes) <i>(Work of the Committee; Inquirer Patrick McElwaine requesting candidacy.)</i> | Bob Tuttle | K |
| | Youth Committee (5 minutes) <i>(Work of the committee; youth event and PYC Applications)</i> | Heather Davis Evelyn Coleman | Y |
| | Presbyterian Women (5 minutes) <i>(Annual report of Presbyterian Women; Introduction of Sandi & Brian Thompson-Royer)</i> | Barbara McLean | MM |
| | Guatemala Partnership (5 minutes) <i>(Ambassador Program; Year of Prayer and Discernment)</i> | Marie Connelly de Palacios | |
| ** | 12:10 Prayers of Intercession <i>(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)</i> | Michael Poulos | |
| ** | 12:15 Lunch <i>(Visit the Jo Bales Gallagher Resource Center or Ten Thousand Villages during lunch)</i> | | |
| ** | 1:30 Reconvene with Prayer | Barbara McLean Vice-Moderator | |
| | 1:35 Speak Out(5 minutes) <i>(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.)</i> | | |
| | 1:40 Motivational Moment | Beth Gunn | |
| | Cullowhee Campus Ministry (5 minutes) | Mark Hanna | V |
| | General Council (30 minutes) <i>(Voting Process, Belhar Confession, Report of the New Organization/Committee Structure)</i> | Jim Henderson | C |
| | Benediction and Adjournment | Moderator | |
| ** | Order of the Day | | |

CONSENT AGENDA

Stated Clerk Bert Sigmon explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. A request was made to have item 7 from the Stated Clerk's Report and item 2 from the General Council Report pulled from the Consent Agenda. These items were removed and the remaining items on the Consent Agenda were 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.

- Nominating Committee Report (Appendix B)
- Witness Division Year-End Report (Appendix C)
- Hunger Committee Report (Appendix D)
- Christian Education Committee Report (Appendix E)
- Budget and Finance Committee Report (Appendix F)
- Report from Commissioner to Synod (Appendix G)
- Church Leadership School (Appendix H)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 1 thru 6 and 8 thru 9 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. He then referred to items 10-18 as items for information.

The Stated Clerk presented item 7 from the Stated Clerk's Report. The Presbytery then heard from Teaching Elder Bill Campbell, who indicated that the members seeking dismissal were waiting for a response to their request that the Administrative Commission seek clarification from the Office of the General Assembly. The clarification sought was whether the members who had been declared the "true church" of the First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville (PCUSA) would vote on any property settlement reached.

In response to Teaching Elder Bill Campbell's comments, Teaching Elder Cam Murchison, co-chair of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, responded that on April 27, 2015, a letter had been received from the Office of the General Assembly and conveyed to the mediator on the same date. The letter indicated that a congregational vote by the "true church" would be required with regard to any property agreement.

Recommendation 7 from the Stated Clerk's Report was approved.

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| CA | 1. | THAT Michael Bailey, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 28, 2015 Presbytery meeting. |
| CA | 2. | THAT the minutes of the January 31, 2015 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. |
| CA | 3. | THAT the April 28, 2015 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 I) |
| CA | 4. | THAT the April 28, 2015 Report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J) |
| CA | 5. | THAT the April 28, 2015 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K) |
| CA | 6. | THAT the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, having completed their work, be dissolved effective Tuesday, April 28, 2015, with the thanks of the Presbytery for its good work. |

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| | 7. | THAT the April 28, 2015 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K) |
| CA | 8. | THAT the April 28, 2015 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K) |
| CA | 9. | THAT the April 28, 2015 report of the Cullowhee Campus Ministry Board be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L) |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

10. **The 105th Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, North Carolina.**
11. **THAT the 2015 Presbytery of Western North Carolina Directory will be available in the lobby of the Anderson Auditorium for Ministers, Christian Educators, Clerks with Temporary or Stated Supply Pastors, and Committee Moderators. (Appendix Y)**
12. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 221st General Assembly, were distributed at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website: <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga221-proposed-amendments-constitution/>.**
13. **THAT the following date has been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2015:**
 November 21, 2015 Grace Covenant 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.
14. **THAT the first training of the new four-year cycle of training for clergy and volunteers for Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015. There were 68 in attendance.**
15. **THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records:**
 May 16, 2015 Reems Creek-Beech
 May 30, 2015 First Presbyterian Church, Cherryville
 June 6, 2015 First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
16. **THAT the following Session Records for 2014 were submitted and approved on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at a Session Records Review held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**

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| Banner Elk | Hickory, First | Newdale |
| Brevard-Davidson River | Marshall | Quaker Meadows |
| Brittain | Montreat | Rutherfordton |
| Bryson City | Morganton, First | Saluda |

Tryon
Waldensian
Warren Wilson

17. **THAT the following Session Records for 2014 were submitted and approved on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at a Session Records Review held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton.**

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| Belmont, First | Long Creek | Southminster |
| Dallas, First | Lowell | Sweetwater |
| Duncan's Creek | Mt. Holly, First | United |
| Lincolnton, First | Newton, First | Unity |
| Olney | | |

18. **THAT the Sessions of the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir and the Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church have asked to enter into the church dismissal process.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Worship was led by the Rev. Mary Katherine Robinson and Elder Linda Hobson. The Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce preached a sermon entitled "Show and Tell," with scripture from John 20:24-29. Music was provided by Jeff Jones of Grace Covenant.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Rev. Beth Newman and Rev. Berry French, with communion being served by the ruling and teaching elders affiliated with the churches in the Swannanoa Valley (Montreat, Black Mountain, and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Churches).

MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

Rev. Feild Russell and Elder Linda Rostan gave a brief introduction of the Presbytery's Building H.O.P.E. Campaign and invited everyone to watch an informative video of the campaign and the Four Ministries: Camp Grier, Malawi, Vital Churches, and Guatemala. (Appendix M)

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK SEARCH COMMITTEE

Paula Wallace, Chair of the Stated Clerk Search Committee, reported that the committee, along with the Personnel Committee and the General Council wished to nominate Teaching Elder D. Cameron Murchison for the position of part-time Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, with a renewable three-year term of office, beginning August 1, 2015. The Presbytery elected their third Stated Clerk as an independent position, separate from the General Presbyter. The Search Committee was commended for their work. (Appendix N)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

General Presbyter Rev. Bobbi White shared that she was looking forward to working with Cam Murchison, newly elected Stated Clerk, and to continue working with current Stated Clerk Bert Sigmon for the next three months. She shared that she feels that the Presbytery of WNC is a part of the Body of Christ, working to strengthen congregations, equip disciples and engage in mission. She encouraged the Presbytery to continue to work together and walk together in carrying out the mission of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix O)

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix P)

Three teaching elders were granted honorable retirement. Rev. Cam Murchison recognized and offered prayer for Raymond J. Fancher, John P. Lindsay, and Eugene B. Linton, Jr.

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

- Alexander McLean to the Maumee Valley Presbytery as Member-at-Large.
- Z. Brad Long to EPC, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, effective April 25, 2015.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. Tee Gatewood 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 P)

- Mary Katherine Robinson, from Providence Presbytery to the Presbytery of WNC as pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, effective April 20, 2015.
- Blake Jordan Daniel, from New Hope Presbytery to the Presbytery of WNC as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sylva, effective July 15, 2015.
- Tempe Fussell, from Salem Presbytery to the Presbytery of WNC as a transitional pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, effective June 1, 2015.
- H. Pride Carson, from Salem Presbytery to the Presbytery of WNC as a Coordinator for Transfer and Admissions, and Adjunct Instructor at Blue Ridge Community College, effective April 14, 2015.
- Amy Cantrell, from International Christian Community Church to the Presbytery of WNC as Co-Director at BeLoved Community, effective January 31, 2015.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix P)

- Amy Cantrell, as Co-Director of the BeLoved Community, through January 31, 2016.
- Merriam Alexander, as Senior Director for Strategic Partnership Development, Montreat Conference Center, through April 28, 2016.
- Katherine Blankenship, as Director of Mission Immersion, Raleigh Youth Mission, through April 28, 2016.
- Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain, Carolinas Healthcare System (Blue Ridge), through April 28, 2016.
- Carol Steele, as Vice-President for Program, Montreat Conference Center, through April 28, 2016.
- H. Pride Carson, as Coordinator for Transfer and Admissions, and Adjunct Instructor, Blue Ridge Community College, through April 28, 2016.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
IV. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison recommended that the Presbytery approve that Linda W. Moore and James Millsaps be commissioned as lay pastors. Linda W. Moore will be commissioned to the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC and James Millsaps to the Loves Chapel Presbyterian Church, Belmont, NC. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Moderator Bailey then offered prayer. The commissioning for Linda W. Moore and James Millsaps is to include permission to celebrate the Sacraments, moderate the Session and officiate at weddings. The moderator thanked the congregation of Trinity for sharing Linda and the congregation of Dulatown for sharing James with another church within our Presbytery. (Appendix P)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Bob Tuttle made the following recommendation to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix Q)

- I. THAT** Patrick E. McElwaine, a member of Asheville First Presbyterian Church, and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After Patrick E. McElwaine shared his faith journey and call to the ministry, Moderator Michael Bailey opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Patrick E. McElwaine as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Laura Long delivered the charge to Mr McElwaine and Rev. Michael Poulos offered the prayer. Those who came in support of Patrick E. McElwaine were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix Q)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Michael Poulos, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

RECONVENE

Vice-Moderator Barbara McLean reconvened the meeting with prayer at 1:30 p.m.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Rev. Heather Davis reported on the work of the committee, upcoming youth events, and encouraged commissioners to speak with their youth and encourage them to complete an application for the Presbytery Youth Council. (Appendix R)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Barbara McLean, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, shared the mission of the Presbyterian Women and of their microloan program in Guatemala. The annual report of the Presbyterian Women was also shared with the Presbytery. (Appendix S)

GUATEMALAN PARTNERSHIP

On behalf of the Guatemalan Partnership, Marie de Palacios, reported on the work of the committee and ask for nominations for a person(s) to serve on the Guatemalan Partnership Team. Churches were encourage to participate an Ambassador Gatherings that are beginning to be held throughout the Presbytery and to start an active prayer chain in their church. (Appendix T)

CULLOWHEE CAMPUS MINISTRY

On behalf of the Cullowhee Campus Ministry Commission-Board, Mark Hanna, reported that plans were underway to re-start the campus ministry at Western Carolina University. The board has formally decided to name the ministry "UKirk at WCU." Rev. Carol Farris has been called to be the official campus minister for the program and work has begun on the lower level of the campus for a non-profit based coffeehouse to open in the fall. The coffeehouse will be for students and have a Christian atmosphere. (Appendix L)

GENERAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the General Council, Jim Henderson presented recommendation 3 included in the General Council report, stating that this recommendation had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. Items 4 through 14 of the report were referred to as items for information.

Through the guidance and leadership of Elder Jim Henderson and Rev. Don Scofield, recommendation 1 was presented to the commissioners. The commissioners carefully and prayerfully considered the Belhar Confession, and voted by 88% to include the statement among our confessional documents.

Elder Jim Henderson then presented recommendation 2 on behalf of the General Council, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Smaller Church Committee. Recommendation was moved and approved.

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| CA | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina follow the special arrangements at this meeting of Presbytery for the discussion and action on the process for voting on 14-1 Confession of Belhar, amending the <i>Book of Confessions</i> (Item 13-01) Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. (Appendix U)2. THAT Presbytery, upon the recommendation of the General Council, in partnership with the Budget & Finance and Smaller Church Committee approve the Presbytery to be a co-signer to re-finance the loan Oakwood Presbyterian Church, Lenoir has applied for through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan.3. THAT Presbytery, upon the recommendation of the General Council, make an interest free loan of \$50,000 to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Asheville pending the sale of their church building. The loan will be repaid at that time. Should said loan not be repaid by January 1, 2016, the loan will begin accruing interest at a rate of 4.25%. |
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FOR INFORMATION:

4. **THAT the General Council approved taking an offering at the April 28th meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for churches affected by extreme weather conditions in the Presbyteries of Boston and New England. (Appendix V)**
5. **THAT the General Council approved endorsing the following recommendations presented by the Ministry Campaign Committee:**
 - A) Gifts to the campaign may be made through a local church or directly to the PWNC.
 - B) Gifts may be designated for one or more of the ministries, or left undesignated to support any or all of the four ministries.
 - C) Funds generated by the campaign shall be managed and housed by the PWNC in a manner consistent with all funds of the presbytery, adhering to approved policies and guidelines, and utilizing the presbytery's elected Finance Committee

as an oversight body. For instance, endowments are likely to be held by the Presbyterian Foundation, as the Foundation is where other endowments of the PWNC are currently housed.

- D) Should there be destabilization within one of the four ministries or seismic shifts in the ministry's ability to function effectively (for instance, civil war within a country or the breakdown of leadership accountability), gifts to that ministry may be held in trust temporarily by PWNC or may be shifted to a ministry similar in nature and purpose.
- E) The Ministry Campaign Planning Committee shall be granted the authority to compose and distribute (within PWNC guidelines) informational and promotional material for the Campaign including, but not limited to, brochures, videos, FAQ sheets, ministry information and updates, financial planning materials, and pledge guidelines.

6. THAT the General Council reviewed and approved the following Synod Grant Applications.

New and Small Church Grant Fund

Dulatown (Western North Carolina) for heating system - \$2,500

First Lincolnton (Western North Carolina) for roof replacement - \$5,000

Marshall (Western North Carolina) for heating system - \$5,000

Visionary Fund

Northminster (Western North Carolina) for pre-school ministry - \$3,800

Presbytery of Western North Carolina (COM Mediation) - \$2,500

Shared Ministry Grant Fund

Global Village - Camp Grier - \$10,000

(Supported by PWNC, Charlotte Presbytery & Salem Presbytery)

Catawba Synod Celebration - \$5,000

(Supported by PWNC & Charlotte Presbytery)

- 7. **THAT the General Council approved that the three partner presbyteries of the Guatemala Partnership and its partner churches participate in a Year of Prayer, Reflection and Discernment of the Will of God in our partnership and share some plans for the year. (Appendix W)**
- 8. **THAT the General Council approved the Guatemala Partnership expand the card offerings beyond Christmas to include offerings for other occasions throughout the year, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc.**
- 9. **THAT the Cullowhee Campus Ministry Board has prepared and submitted a job description for a new campus minister. (Appendix X)**
- 10. **THAT the General Council extends a thank you to the Cullowhee Campus Ministry Board and Mark Hanna, Chair for their work to create this ministry.**
- 11. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
- 12. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2015 and 2016:**
 - July 12-17, 2015 Summer Mission Trip-Asheville Youth Mission
 - September 20, 2015 Middle and High School Youth Rally

November 6-8, 2015 Middle School Retreat
February 27, 2016 Healthy Relationships & Sexuality Retreat
March 11-12, 2016 High School Mission Retreat
July 19-23, 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

13. THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings. The following dates have been set for Presbytery Meetings in 2015 and 2016:

April 28, 2015 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 28, 2015 ~ Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC
October 31, 2015 ~ Shelby Presbyterian Church, Shelby

2016

January 30, 2016 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Newton
April 26, 2016 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 26, 2016 ~ Grandfather Home for Children
October 25, 2016 ~ Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

14. THAT the Presbyterian Women will be holding their Fall Gatherings on:

September 26, 2015 (Eastern) - First Presbyterian Church, Belmont
October 3, 2015 (Western) - First Presbyterian Church, Sylva

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Reverend Yvonne Thurmond, Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church and Elder Anne Dietz, Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks for the 104th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:

Whereas the Presbytery of Western North Carolina gathered on a sunny spring day in the beautiful mountain setting of Montreat for its 104th stated meeting; and

Whereas we gathered for worship as the Body of Christ,

- With joyful and melodious singing,
- Hearing the sermon "Show and Tell" a call to live out the unity we already have in Christ with intentionality, determination and love, and
- Celebrating that unity in Christ through the sharing of bread and up; and

Whereas we welcomed and celebrated the various personalities, gifts and ministry opportunities God has called us to support and participate in through this presbytery, giving us hope for the future; and

Whereas we enjoyed the bounty of food and fellowship during the lunch hour; and

Whereas we demonstrated our unity in Christ with our brothers and sisters across the world, in a visible way, by approving the adoption of the Belhar Confession into our Book of Confessions;

Be it resolved, therefore, that we, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, offer our heartfelt thanks to all who made the meeting possible and we thank God for giving us life and calling us to be a part of his people in this place. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the 104th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Bailey adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. with prayer, remembering

the Prophet Malachi: "*From the rising of the sun to its setting, my name is great among the nations, says the Lord.*"

NEXT MEETING

The 105th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Michael Bailey, Moderator

William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 28, 2015 at its meeting at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

APPENDICES

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