

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP AND WORK



**ONE-HUNDRED FIFTHTEENTH STATED MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2018**

**LOWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOWELL, NC**

**Co-Host: Union Presbyterian Church
Gastonia, NC**

**115th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
January 27, 2018
DOCKET**

8:30	Registration <i>(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)</i> Orientation for New Elders	Charles Davenport
9:00	Call to Order Election of Vice-Moderator/Moderator (2018/2019) Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator Convene with Prayer of Invocation	Susan Denne Immediate Past Moderator Melvin Meares Moderator
	Welcome from Lowell and Union Presbyterian Churches	Joseph Taber James Holeman
	Appointment of Standing Committees Resolution of Thanks Bills and Overtures Tellers <i>Ruling and Teaching Elders from Host Churches</i>	Melvin Meares
	Recognition of Elders Attending for First Time, Visitors and Corresponding Members	
	Certification of Quorum Approval of Docket	Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk
	Consent Agenda <i>(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.)</i>	A
	Stated Clerk's Report <i>(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports)</i>	Cam Murchison B
	Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda	
	Nominating Committee	I
	Guatemala Partnership	Q
	Hunger Committee	R
	Missions Committee	S

**Presbyterian Women
Building HOPE**

**MM
BH**

9:25 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Necrology
Pastor: Joseph Taber

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 (5 minutes)

(Work of the committee, Presbytery Treasurer)

Susan Denne C

Personnel Committee (5 minutes)

(Work of the committee and recommendation(s) from the committee.)

Luke Harkey FF

Finance Committee (10 minutes)

(Work of the committee and Proposed Budget for 2018)

Charles Sellers BB

Christian Education and Resource Center (5 minutes)

(2018 Spirituality Retreat and Pastors Retreat)

Adam Bowling W

Mission Committee (10 minutes)

(Introduction of Malawi Mission Co-Worker Martha Sommers)

**Bob Abel
Billy Robinson**

Youth Committee (5 minutes)

(Upcoming Events – Faith and Sexuality Youth Retreat)

Joseph Taber Y

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (20 minutes)

(Work of the committee; Inquirer Allison Greene Simmons requests to be moved to candidate status)

Dana Vaughn K

Committee on Ministry (30 minutes)

(Work of the committee, introduction of new ministers – Jill Isola, David Hosick, Daniel Tipton, David Cameron)

**John Pea and
Bob Forsythe D**

Validated Ministry Special Presentation (15 minutes)

(US Army Chaplain Colonel Joey Byrd)

Joey Byrd

Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)

Bobbi White GP

Guatemala Partnership (3 minutes)

(Work of the partnership and good news)

Marie C. Palacios

Theological Education Fund (TEF) (5 minutes)

(Pastor, Shallowford Presbyterian Church and Regional Consultant with the Theological Education Fund (TEF))

Jeff Sockwell

Report from the Bills and Overture Committee (10 minutes)

12:35 Prayers of Intercession

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

12:40 Benediction and Adjournment

12:55 Lunch and Fellowship

(We encourage everyone to stay and share a meal and fellowship with other members of the Presbytery.)

Please note that Presbytery Standing Rules “do not” allow any distribution of materials at Presbytery meetings without prior approval from the General Council. Also, please turn off or silence cell phones during Presbytery worship times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The General Council reaffirms its policy that there will be no photography, audio or video recording, including all electronic devices, during a Presbytery meeting without the prior approval of the Presbytery.

Attendance and Voting. Each teaching elder shall attend each meeting of Presbytery, and each congregation shall be represented by at least one ruling elder at each meeting. Congregations are entitled to ruling elder commissioners based on the following active membership (BO: G-1.0402), as shown on the most recent statistical report (*For the 2018 year, churches S through Z are entitled to an additional elder. Please note that commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2016 Statistical Report as figures are not available for 2017.*):

- 0 - 250 members - 1
- 251 - 750 members - 2
- 751 - 1250 members - 3
- 1251 - 1750 members - 4

Honorably retired teaching elders shall be welcome at all meetings, but their necessary non-attendance shall be excused.

To ensure approximate parity in numbers between ruling elder and teaching elder commissioners:

1. All members of the General Council and Committee on Ministry shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).
2. All division, committee and sub-committee chairs shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).
3. All Commissioned Lay Pastors shall have voice and vote.
4. All Certified Christian Educators, Certified Associate Christian Educators, and, in addition, other Christian Educators who have
 - earned at least a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent)
 - served in one or more educational ministries under the jurisdiction of a Presbytery (or one of its Sessions) for a minimum of two (2) years, and
 - been examined and recommended to Presbytery by the Christian Education Committee shall have voice and (if ruling elders) vote, provided that these privileges shall end, pursuant to BO: G-2.1103, when such persons are no longer serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery (or one of its Sessions).
5. All ruling elder commissioners to the Synod Assembly and to the General Assembly shall have voice and vote as long as their terms last.
6. All exempt staff of Presbytery shall have voice.
7. All racial/ethnic congregations and other congregations designated by the General Council shall elect an additional ruling elder commissioner.
8. Only teaching elders who are active members (including honorably retired teaching elders) or members-at-large of Presbytery, as defined by the *Book of Order*, shall have voice and vote.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

11	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS	
15	Presbytery Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
17	Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
20	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
25	Youth Committee	Presbytery Office
27	115th Presbytery Meeting	Lowell Presbyterian

February

1	Personnel Committee	Presbytery Office
3	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
	PneuMatrix Launch	Morganton, First
5	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
6	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
7	General Council Leadership Team	
8	Christian Education	via ZOOM
12	Nominating Committee	Morganton, First
	G.A. Commissioner Training	Presbytery Office
13	Peace & Justice Committee	Black Mountain
14	General Council	Morganton, First
15	Church Statistical Report Deadline	
17	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
17	Faith & Sexuality Youth Retreat	Montreat
19	Presbytery Office Closed – President’s Day	
	Guatemala Leadership Team	Presbytery Office
21	Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
22	Youth Committee	Presbytery Office

March

3	Hunger Committee	Presbytery Office
	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
	Malawi Mission Team Orientation	
5	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
	Missions Committee	Black Mountain
6	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
7	General Council Leadership Team	
9-10	Spirituality Retreat	Bonclarken Conference Center
12	G. A. Commissioner Training	Presbytery Office
13	Peace & Justice Committee	Black Mountain
14	General Council	Morganton, First
15	Smaller Membership Church Committee	Black Mountain
16-17	High School Mission Retreat	Black Mountain Home
17	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
21	Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
24	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
26	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OVERTURES FOR APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING	
30	Presbytery Office Closed – Good Friday	

April

4	General Council Leadership Team	
5	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS FOR APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING	
7	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
9	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First

10	G. A. Commissioner Training	Presbytery Office
11	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
11	General Council	Morganton, First
12	POWER POINT DEADLINE FOR APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING	
13-14	Malawi Mission Trip Overnight Retreat	
21	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
24	116th Stated Meeting of Presbytery	Montreat Conf. Center
	Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)	Montreat Conf. Center
28	Session Records Review	Morganton, First
	Youth Adventure Day	Camp Grier
30	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First



**PRESBYTERY
MEETING**

2018 Presbytery Meetings

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

2019 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – TBA
Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conference Center
(co-host Montreat Presbyterian Church)
Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – Brevard-Davidson River
Saturday, October 26, 2019 - TBA

MISSION TRIPS

West Virginia - Disaster Assistance Mission Work Trip to Ronceverte, WV
May 20-26, 2018

Guatemala
May 24-30, 2018
November 8-15, 2018 – (Deadline for registration is April 30, 2018)

Malawi
May 12-28, 2018



Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training



Tuesday, April 24, 2018 (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Montreat Conference Ctr.
Saturday, November 3, 2018 (8:30AM - 12:30PM) First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

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.

Please contact the Presbytery Office to reserve a spot.