

**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**



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MINUTES

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH
STATED MEETING**

July 28, 2020

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
124th Stated Meeting
July 28, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Ruling Elder Dr. Dick Larson, Moderator, convened the 124th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:00 a.m.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Dr. Dick Larson, opened the 124th Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina with the prayer of invocation.

ORIENTATION

A brief time of orientation to the ZOOM meeting process was led by Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison and Marie Palacios. For motions requiring a vote, the moderator will state the motion and the votes will be tallied by the co-hosts. Total votes for a motion will be reported back to the moderator. Following the orientation and identifying all in attendance, the orientation process was concluded.

GENERAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the General Council, the Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison, presented the following motion:

That the Presbytery approve conducting the 124th meeting of the Presbytery of WNC virtually utilizing the ZOOM platform, understanding that all actions taken in this meeting will be ratified on the next occasion of this body meeting face-to-face. The motion was adopted by common consent.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Presbytery of WNC conducted its 124th Stated Meeting via ZOOM, thereby eliminating the appointment of standing committees. Marie Palacios, Guatemala Partnership Coordinator served as host. Bob Forsythe, ruling elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church and John Pea, Commissioned Pastor at Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church, served as co-hosts. The Presbytery in Brief for the 124th Stated Meeting will be written by the Rev. John Hagmann, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present by observation of those in attendance.

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

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

Robert M. Abel	P	Kat Achtemeier	P	Mark Achtemeier	E
Jefferson Aiken, Jr.	P	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E
Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Aschmann	P
James Aydelotte	E	Patricia Bacon	A	Tony Baker	A
Edna Banes	E	Ashley Beavers	A	Harold Bennett, Jr.	P
Joseph Bennett	E	Cynthia M. Benz	P	Lynn Bledsoe	P

Randall Boggs	P	David Bonnema	P	Ronald Botsford	P
Lee Bowman	E	Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	P
David Bradley	E	Ryan Brakemeyer	A	Ronald Brauer	E
Hayden Britton	E	Sandra Brown	A	Thomas Brown	P
Jason Bryant	A	William Buchanan	P	Monty Burnham	E
Sue Burton	E	Robert Busey	E	Connie Button	P
Joey Byrd	A	David Cameron	A	Kathryn Cameron	P
John Campbell	A	Kathy Campbell	E	Amy Cantrell	A
Pride Carson	A	Katherine Cashwell	A	Calvin Chestnutt	E
Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	E	Richard Coble	P
Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	E	Jeffrey Coffey	E
James Cogswell	E	Evelyn Coleman	P	Hunter Coleman	E
Monty Cook	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Donald Cooper	E
Riley Covin	P	John Craven	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P
James Dale	E	Blake Daniel	P	Charles Davenport	P
Dent Davis	E	Heather Wood Davis	P	Holly Davis	A
Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	E
Janet DeWater	A	Edward Donnell	E	Jacob Douylliez	A
Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E	Priscilla Durkin	P
Steven P. Eason	A	Robert A. Edmunds	E	Stephen Elderbrock	P
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	Meagan Findeiss	E	David C. Florence	E
Edward Forsyth	E	Clay Fouse	P	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	Schaap Freeman	P	Berry French, III	A
John Frye, Jr.	E	Curtis Fussell, III	P	Tempe Fussell	P
A. Willis Gaines	P	Paul Galbreath	P	Lewis Galloway	P
David Garnett	P	Lisle Garrity	A	Tee Gatewood, III	P
Denise Geiger	E	Joanne Glaser	P	Samantha Gonzalez-Block	A
Jean Goodwin	P	Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	A
Keith Grogg	P	Robert Gruber	E	Decherd Guess	P
Rebecca Gurney	P	John Hagmann	P	Samuel Hale	E
Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	E	Patrick Hardy	P
Randall Hardy	E	Martin L. Harkey, III	P	Rebecca Harrison	A
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E	Julie Hester	P
J. Richard Hobson	E	J. Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E	James Holeman	A
James Hornsby	A	David Hosick	E	Carol Hovis	A
William Hoyt, III	P	George Hutchins	E	Jill Isola	P
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E	Esta Jarrett	A
Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	E	Katherine Blankenship- Johnson	P
Patrick Johnson	P	Franklin Jones	A	Rebecca Jones	E
Kimberly Justice	A	Dong Uk Kang	E	David Kaylor	E
David Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E
William Kirk	E	Albert Kissling	E	Janice Krouskop	E
Lee Kruse	A	Michael Lamm	E	John LaMotte	E
John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E	James Layman	E
Thomas Lewis	P	William Lindeman	E	John Lindsay	E
Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Deneise Deter Liss	A	Jamie Lloyd	P
Neal Lloyd	P	Laura Long	P	Billy T. Lowe	A

William Lowrey	E	Robert Lowry	E	Alexandra Lusak	P
David Lytle	P	Whit Malone	P	Marjorie Marsh	P
Joan Martin	P	Roberta Martin	E	Tyler Martin	E
John McCall	A	Sandra McClinton	A	Robert McCully, Jr.	E
Noah McIntee	P	David McKee	P	Michael McKee	P
Alex McNeill	P	Kenyon Meeks, Jr.	P	Lynn Michie	A
Beth Ann Miller	P	Sarah Grace Montgomery	P	Robert Montgomery	E
Anne Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E	Keith Morrison	E
David Mulford	E	Carl Murray	E	David Nash	P
Wanda Neely	P	William Neely	P	Thomas Nelson	E
Elizabeth Newman	P	John Niles	E	Richard Nygren	E
Daniel Oedy	A	O'Hyun Park	E	Stratton Peacock	E
Albert Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret Peery	P	Martha Jane Petersen	E
Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E	J. Thomas Phillips	E
James Poling	E	Michael Poulos	P	Caroline Proctor	P
Allen Proctor, Jr.	A	Edyth Pruitt	A	Tamara Puffer	P
Allan Purtill	P	Jay Rabuck	P	Daria Ragan	P
Joseph Rand	E	Earl Rash	E	Betsy Ray	P
Patricia Reid	P	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E
Don Robb	E	Billy Robinson	P	Mary Katherine Robinson	P
David Roquemore	P	Steven Runholt	P	Feild Russell	P
Richard Rustay	E	Don Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	E
Carol Seaman	E	William H. Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E
Marcia Mount Shoop	P	Mary Elizabeth Sigmon	P	Robert Singdahlsen	E
Wirt Skinner	E	Allen Smith	E	David B. Smith	A
Paul Smith	E	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Margie Stansell	P	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E	Cynthia Strickler	P
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	E	Christopher Taylor	A
Beverly Thompson	P	George Thompson	P	Keith Thompson	A
Denise Thorpe	P	Yvonne Thurmond	P	Daniel Tipton	P
Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E	Kathleen Rankin Tompkins	P	Margaret Torrence	P
Christina Tutterow	P	Robert Tuttle	P	Melissa Anne Upchurch	P
Gary Van Brocklin	A	Lauren Vanacore	P	Dana Vaughn Seiler	P
Christopher P. Vogado	P	Byron Wade	P	Rockwell Ward	E
Samuel Warner	A	Lynn Webber	A	Judith Weger	P
Kimberleigh Wells	P	Barbara White	P	Parker Williamson	E
Emily Wilmarth	A	Otis Wilson	P	Victor Wilson	E
Chris Wingard	A	Eugene Witherspoon	E	Graham Wood, Jr.	E
Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	A		

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

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Phillip Ashley	A
Robert Ayala	P	John Bates	P	Sally Beghtol	P
Kerry Border	P	Mildred Bruns	A	John Hall	A
Beth Hall	A	Kenneth Humphreys	P	James Koone	E
Peggy Koone	E	Deborah Lesenger	P	James Millsaps	A

Marla Patchel	P	Randy Patterson	A	John Pea	P
Marcia Reighley	A	Russell Reighley	P	Barbara Ross	P
Betty Shaw	A	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	P
James Taylor	P	Sheila Renee Warthen	A	Roger Wise	P
Wanda Woodby	P				

The following MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY and COMMITTEE CHAIRS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

John Auten	A	Virginia Bradford	A	Jamie Brady	P
Bill Carpenter	B	Betty Davenport	P	Jan Duncan	A
Jan Duncan	A	Dorothy Descieux	P	Bob Forsythe	P
Rob Groves	A	Charles Kincaid	P	Dick Larson	P
Tina Joyner	A	Sally McGinnis	P	Jerry Ragan	A
Roger Rizk	A	Laura Carringer Russell	P	Charles Sellers	P
Katrina Shambaugh	A	Becky Stevens	P	Sharon Stewart	A
Vance Stiles	A	Jack Suddreth	E		

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

Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A	Betty Davenport	P
Angela Drummond	A	Vivian Hare	A	Margarette Kennerly	P
Leslie McLeod	A	Heath Rada	A	Lynn Thomas	A
Patricia Tuttle	A	Jane Vann	A		

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A		
Asheville First (3)	Beth Fluharty		
Banner Elk (1)	Laura Russell		
Belmont First (3)	A		
Bessemer City First(1)	E		
Black Mountain (2)	David Johnson		
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Jack Britt	Gary Seacat	
Bridgewater (1)	A		
Brittain (1)	A		
Brittain's Cove (1)	A		
Bryson City (1)	Collin Caldwell		
Buladean (1)	A		
Burnsville, First (1)	Jonathan Ward		
Calvary (2)	A		
Canton (1)	A		
Cherryville, First (1)	A		
Clinchfield (1)	A		
Columbus (1)	A		
Conley Memorial (1)	A		
Crossnore (1)	A		
Dallas First (1)	Nina Greene		
Dixon (1)	A		
Dorland Memorial (1)	A		

Dulatown (2)	Helen Hall		
Duncan's Creek (1)	A		
Etowah (1)	Debby Vial		
Fairview (1)	Joel Reese		
Fletcher (1)	Mimi Gossett		
Forest City First (1)	Mary Costner Sparrow		
Franklin First (1)	Nancy Browder		
Gastonia, First (4)	Beth Bolin	Herbert Hickson	Karen Simmons
Good Hope (3)	James Tate		
Grace Covenant (3)	Mary Lou Nash		
Grassy Creek (2)	Whitney Hobart		
Green Mountain (2)	A		
Green Street (3)	A		
Hayesville (2)	E		
Hendersonville First (2)	Wendy Henderson		
Hickory First (4)	Evelyn King	Melvin Meares	
Highlands First (2)	Geraldine Tulley		
Ironton (2)	E		
Jack's Creek (2)	A		
John Knox (2)	A		
Kenilworth (2)	Loretta Petersen	Dot Descieux	
Korean Church of Asheville (3)	A		
Lenoir First (2)	Lucilla Turner	Susan Scroggs	
Lincolnton First (2)	A		
Long Creek (2)	Barbara Bridges	Elizabeth Cole	
Love's Chapel (3)	A		
Lowell (2)	Bobby Massey		
Marion First (2)	Tracey Adkins	William Spears	
Marshall (2)	Carol Brown		
Micaville (2)	A		
Mills River (2)	Edwin Holcombe		
Montreat (2)	Jane Alexander	Ann DuPre Rogers	
Morganton First (3)	Rick Leissner		
Morrison (2)	Theresa Stenersen		
Mount Holly First (2)	A		
New Hope (Asheville) (2)	Nancy Spann		
New Hope (Gastonia) (2)	A		
Newdale (2)	Becky Ayala		
Newland (2)	Lisa Isley		
Newton First (3)	A		
Northminster (2)	Julie Luppino	Larry Sigmon	
Oak Forest (1)	A		
Oakwood (1)	Linda Walker		
Old Fort (1)	A		
Olney (1)	A		

Pine Street (2)	A		
Pineola (1)	A		
Quaker Meadows (1)	A		
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A		
Ridgeview (1)	A		
Robinson Memorial (1)	Mildred Laughridge		
Rutherfordton (2)	Susan Alfred	John Martin	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A		
Saluda (1)	A		
Shelby (2)	A		
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A		
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A		
Siloam (1)	A		
Southminster (2)	A		
Spruce Pine First (1)	A		
Sweetwater (1)	Robin Honeycutt		
Sylva First (1)	A		
Third Street (2)	A		
Trinity (2)	Julie Carter	Ronald Howard	
Tryon (2)	Mary Ann Sloan		
Union (1)	Sally McGinnis		
Union Mills (1)	A		
United (1)	Susan Barnett		
Unity (2)	Ann Lampron		
Vians Valley (1)	A		
Waldensian (2)	Jan Garrou	Judy Waldrop	
Walnut (1)	A		
Warren Wilson (1)	Kenneth Murchison		
Waynesville First (1)	Ron Tingle		
West Asheville (1)	Barbara Clark		

Ministers	130
Elders	63
General Council/COM/Committees Chairs	11
DCE	2
Visitors	7
TOTAL	213

The following corresponding member were in attendance:

- Rev. Jason Davenport, member of Charlotte Presbytery, serving as transitional pastor at Long Creek Presbyterian Church.
- Rev. Warren LeSane, Stated Clerk, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.
- Rev. Jerrod Lowry, member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery.
- Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk, presented the docket and moved the approval of the docket as presented in the Presbytery Packet. The motion was approved by common consent.

- 9:00 Call to Order** **Dick Larson**
Moderator
- Convene with Prayer of Invocation** **Dick Larson**
Moderator
- Appointment of Host & Co-Host** **Dick Larson**
Orientation
Certification of Quorum **Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk**
Action to approve virtual meeting
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.)
- Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda**
- Stated Clerk's Report** **B**
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry** **K**
 - Division of Outreach** (Mission, Hunger, Peace & Justice, Evangelism, Smaller Membership Churches, Campus Ministry, Malawi, Guatemala, Self-Development of People) **P**
 - Guatemala Partnership Report** **Q**
 - Youth Committee** **Y**
 - Finance Committee** **BB**
 - Reports from 224th General Assembly Commissioners** **JJ**
- 9:30 Service of Worship and Prayer**
Diane Moffett, Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency
- 10:00 Breakout Rooms (Break)**
- 10:10 General Council** **Lauren Vanacore** **C**
(Work of the committee, Matthew 25, Administrative Commission-Lincolnton, First)
- 10:30 General Presbyter Search Committee Report** **Patrick Johnson** **PP**
- Presentation
 - Examination
 - Questions Members Submitted in Advance
 - Prayer and Vote
- 11:30 Committee on Ministry** **John Pea and** **D**
(Work of the committee) **Bob Forsythe**
- Presentation of new members
 - Presentation of ordination candidate
 - Questions from members; vote

- Charge and Prayer/Conclusion

11:50 Child and Youth Protection Policy

Sacred Trust Team

12:00 Remarks by General Presbyter

Prayers of Intercession

General Presbyter

12:15 Benediction and Adjournment

Dick Larson

CONSENT AGENDA

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison, explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the consent agenda as presented on pages 9-11 of the packet for the meeting with the following modification: *that the nomination of a person to be elected as vice-moderator, moderator elect 2021-2022 be removed from the CA and be presented at the October 2020 meeting.* The consent agenda, with the modifications and committee reports, were approved by common consent. (Appendix A)

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

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Appendix B)

Division of Outreach (Mission, Hunger, Peace & Justice, Evangelism, Smaller Membership Churches, Campus Ministry, Malawi, Guatemala, Self-Development of People) (Appendix C)

Guatemala Partnership Report (Appendix D)

Youth Committee (Appendix E)

Finance Committee (Appendix F)

Reports from 224th General Assembly Commissioners (Appendix G)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk, presented recommendations 1 thru 4 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

He then referred to items 5-10 as items for information.

- CA 1. THAT Dick Larson, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the October 24, 2020 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA 2. THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2020 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. THAT the July 28, 2020 report of the following Administrative Commissions be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix H)**
 Administrative Commission for Swannanoa, First
 Administrative Commission for West Avenue
 Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding Ministry
- CA 4. THAT any disparity in number between ruling elder and teaching elder commissioners be corrected in the following manner:**
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 2020 year, churches G through N are entitled to an additional elder. Please note that commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2018 Statistical Report as figures are not available for 2019.*):

- 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 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.

That the following churches (Churches G-N) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2020.

FOR INFORMATION:

5. THAT the PWNC Child & Youth Protection Policy (FINAL) is included as part of this report and will be dealt with separately on the docket. (Appendix I)

6. THAT the 125th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese, North Carolina. THAT the deadline for written reports for this meeting is Thursday, October 1, 2020, and Thursday, October 8, 2020 for power point presentations. THAT the deadline for an overture is Monday, September 28, 2020.

7. THAT the following dates have been set for 2020, 2021 and 2022 Presbytery Meetings:

2020

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – Virtual - ZOOM

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese

2021

Saturday, January 30, 2021 – Unity Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)

Saturday, July 31, 2021 – *Seeking Host Location*

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – *Seeking Host Location*

2022

Saturday, January 29, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)

Saturday, July 30, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*

8. **THAT COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the scheduled Clerk of Session Trainings and Reviewing of Church Records for 2020. Each clerk has been asked to follow the process as outlined in the correspondence from the Stated Clerk dated June 5, 2020. In order to certify 100% compliance with the review of Session Records at the October 2020 meeting of Presbytery of WNC, clerks are asked to complete the checklist and return to the Stated Clerk by September 15, 2020. (Appendix J)**
9. **THAT the 2019 minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina have been reviewed and found to be in order. (Appendix K)**
10. **THAT COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the scheduled training for Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training. The task force will be exploring virtual options to meet the required trainings for 2020.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Worship was led by Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA). Rev. Dr. Moffett delivered a resounding sermon entitled, Seeing Jesus, from Matthew 25:31-46. The often raised question was: “When did we see you, Jesus?” and the answer time and again was “just as you did for the least of these, you did for me.” Dr. Moffett reminded us of our assured salvation through Jesus Christ, but also of God’s call for us to serve.

The Service of Worship was concluded with prayer by Rev. Dr. Keith Grogg.

GENERAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the General Council, Teaching Elder Lauren Vanacore presented recommendations 1 thru 2 included in the General Council report, stating that these items had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. Item #3, motion that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina shall covenant to become a “Matthew 25 Presbytery,” was presented and approved.

Items 4 thru 24 of the General Council report were presented as items for information and required no action.

- CA 1. **THAT the Presbytery elect a Ruling Elder (TBA) as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2022, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2021.**
- CA 2. **THAT the Presbytery ratify that the General Council may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, and discern the will of God and vote on business items. That the quorum for such a meeting is eight (8) members, including the moderator.**
3. **THAT the General Council proposes that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina shall covenant to become a “Matthew 25 Presbytery.” (Appendix L)**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

4. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Ministry and acting pursuant to standing rules IV. C. that authorizes General Council to act on behalf of Presbytery concerning urgent matters between meetings of Presbytery, the General Council voted unanimously to enroll Lance Perry as a Temporary Member of Presbytery, under the provisions of the *Book of Order* (cf. G-2.0506). This enrollment has made it possible for him to serve as moderator of the Sessions of Fairview and United Presbyterian Churches where he serves as Transitional Pastor. (Appendix N).
5. THAT the General Council, acting pursuant to the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of WNC (Section IV. C.) that authorizes General Council to act on urgent matters of behalf of the Presbytery between meeting of Presbytery by a two-thirds vote, approved the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina to conclude its ministry and dissolve the congregation.

The following is a complete record of that action, including the appointment of members to an Administrative Commission to oversee all matters related to the conclusion of the ministry and dissolution of the congregation.

THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina,

- Approve the dissolution of the First Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton, NC at its request;
- Plan with and join the congregation on a date to be determined for its closing service, celebrating 205 years of faithful ministry in Lincolnton and throughout the Presbytery of Western North Carolina;
- And appoint these persons to an Administrative Commission (G-3.0109 b.) for First Presbyterian Church Lincolnton, NC:
 - Jim Ross, RE, Lincolnton, First
 - Kathy Robinson, RE/COS, Lincolnton, First
 - Kathryn Cameron, TE, Lincolnton, First
 - Jan Duncan, RE, Lincolnton, First
 - Russ Reighley, CRE/CP, Sherrill's Ford
 - Morris Sample, RE, Unity Presbyterian Church
 - Charles Davenport, TE, honorably retired
 - Nina Green, RE, Dallas, First
 - Cam Murchison, TE, Stated Clerk, ex-officio

*with the following responsibilities, power and authority:

- A. To work pastorally with the members of Lincolnton, First, supporting them in their closing worship, their transition to other congregations and giving thanks for the ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton. (G-3.0301 c.)
- B. To hold members on the roll of Presbytery and transfer their membership to congregations of their choosing. (G.3.0301 c.)
- C. To exercise original jurisdiction over the affairs of the church, administering the funds of the church's accounts and making payments on behalf of the church. (G-3.0303 e.)

- D. To determine or approve the disposition of all personal property.
- E. Real property in the name of First Presbyterian Church, whether the corporate entity or unincorporated entity, is property that is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church and/or the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, as such, the real estate is hereby transferred to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to be administered by the Administrative Commission with authority to either lease or sell the real estate (G-4.0203 & G-4.0205)
- F. To assist with any claim for insurance proceeds related to a sewage backup on or about June 10, 2019. Nothing in this action should establish any liability on behalf of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for any charges that First Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton incurred as a result of the sewage backup, but the Administrative Commission is authorized to assist with prosecuting any claim to attempt to recover money for the debts incurred by the First Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton and for the payment of the valid debts.
- G. To otherwise act in compliance with this action and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

6. THAT the General Council reports approval of the following Regional and International Nickel-A-Meal Grants:

REGIONAL GRANTS			
Agency	Location	Sponsor Church	Amount Granted
BeLoved COVID-19 Response	Asheville, NC	Black Mountain	\$5,000.00
Blessing Box	Sherrill's Ford	Sherrill's Ford	\$5,000.00
Pay It Forward Food Pantry	Lenoir	Fairview and United	\$7,000.00
Mountain Projects	Waynesville	Waynesville, First	\$5,000.00
		Regional Total	\$22,000.00
INTERNATIONAL GRANTS			
Nkhoma Hospital	Malawi	PWNC	\$12,000.00

- 7. THAT upon the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee, the General Council approved Vivian Hare being named as a POINT Representative for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.
- 8. THAT the following grants were awarded from the PC(USA) PDA in response to relief efforts in areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic:

BeLoved COVID-19 Response	\$7,500.00
Northminster in Partnership with Underground Table NC	\$7,500.00
- 9. THAT the Presbytery received funding from the PPP Cares Act from the Federal Government.

10. **THAT the General Council reviewed the “Passport to Partnership” document which included Sur Occidente and Suchitepéquez Presbyteries in Guatemala to be shared with the Presbytery.**
11. **THAT the General Council voted to acknowledge that the \$50,000 outstanding loan to Westminster Presbyterian Church has been satisfied.**
12. **THAT the General Council approved extending the lease agreement of Camp Woodson (Camp Little Pisgah) for another year, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.**
13. **THAT the General Council approved the following grants from the Special Fund for Unfunded Physical Plant Needs of Small Churches, with no expectation to receive any return to the Special Fund:**

Green Mountain Presbyterian Church (needed roof repairs)	\$ 3,550.00
Dulatown Presbyterian Church (gutter, mold, mildew and exterior Repairs)	\$10,000.00
14. **THAT the General Council granted permission to the Fletcher Presbyterian Church, Newland, NC, to sell Lot#D174 at 102 Greenbriar Road, Beech Mountain, NC.**
15. **THAT the General Council granted permission to the Tryon Presbyterian Church, Tryon, NC, to sell that real property identified as an 8 acre, more or less, lot located in and adjacent to Many Levels Subdivision and Hunting Country Road for the appraised value.**
16. **THAT the General Council approved the guarantee of a loan in the amount \$65,000 for Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver, NC, from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program.**
17. **THAT the General Council, acting pursuant to the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of WNC (Section IV. C.) that authorizes General Council to act on urgent matters on behalf of the Presbytery between meeting of Presbytery by a two-thirds vote, approved the request from the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina to refinance their HVAC loan, which would involve their building and property being used as collateral.**
18. **THAT the General Council approved the disbandment of the Building HOPE Finance Committee and that the responsibility of said committee will now be handled by the Building HOPE Leadership Committee.**
19. **THAT correspondence from the Task Force on Returning to Face-to-Face Gatherings in PWNC dated May 21, 2020 and July 6, 2020 be placed in the permanent record of the Presbytery of WNC. (Appendix M)**
20. **THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2021 and 2022.**

21. THAT the General Council granted permission to the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church to sell a tract of land consisting of approximately .13 acres adjacent to the manse previously approved for sale.

22. THAT the following dates have been set for 2020, 2021 and 2022 Presbytery meetings:

2020

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – Virtual - ZOOM

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Waldensian Presbyterian Church

2021

Saturday, January 30, 2021 – Unity Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Pres. Church)

Saturday, July 31, 2021 – *Seeking Host Location*

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – *Seeking Host Location*

2022

Saturday, January 29, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)

Saturday, July 30, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*

23. THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2020 and 2021:

September 27, 2020	Presbytery Wide Youth Event	Watch for Details
November 6-8, 2020	Middle School Retreat	Camp Grier
March 5-6, 2021	High School Mission Retreat	Brevard-Davidson River
April 24, 2021	Adventure Day	Camp Grier

24. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.

GENERAL PRESBYTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the General Presbyter Search Committee, Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson presented Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, Pastor of Davie Street Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, to be our next General Presbyter. After a time of questions, answers, and a prayer, Dr. Wade's nomination was unanimously approved by the body. Dr. Wade will begin his ministry with the Presbytery of Western North Carolina on October 1, 2020. (Appendix O)

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

Ruling Elder John Pea reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix N)

Ruling Elder John Pea reported that the following ministers requested honorable retirement:

- Terry Hanna, effective June 1, 2020
- Gary Van Brocklin, effective June 30, 2020

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

On behalf of the Examinations Sub-Committee and Committee on Ministry, Elder John Pea introduced the following as new ministers in the Presbytery.

- A. Julia Hester, from Charlotte Presbytery, as Interim Director of Christian Education at Asheville First Presbyterian Church, effective March 31, 2020.

- B. Steven P. Eason, from East Tennessee Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective March 31, 2020.
- C. Alexandra S. Lusak, from Albany Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective June 2, 2020.
- D. Bryon Wade, from Coastal Carolina Presbytery, as General Presbyter, effective October 1, 2020.
- E. Lance Perry, as Temporary Member of the Presbytery of WNC, from March 6, 2020 to September 6, 2020.

Each spoke briefly. Their Statements of Faith and Biographical Statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix N)

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Elder John Pea moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix N)

- A. Amy Cantrell, as Co-Director/Pastor of BeLoved Asheville, through July 28, 2021.
- B. Evelyn Coleman, as Director for Programs, Montreat Conference Center, through July 28, 2021.
- C. Allen Proctor, as Director of The Haden Institute, through July 28, 2021.
- D. Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain at Carolinas Healthcare System Blue Ridge, through July 28, 2021.
- E. Carol Steele, as Vice President for Programs, Montreat Conference Center, through July 28, 2021.
- F. David Lytle, as Chaplain at Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center, through July 28, 2021.
- G. Joe Bennett, as Chaplain of Hospice & Palliative Care of Yancey County through July 28, 2021.
- H. Katherine Johnson, as Program Manager of the Rapid Rehousing Team for Homeward Bound of WNC, through July 28, 2021.
- I. David Bradley, as Pastoral Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, through July 28, 2021.
- J. John Campbell, as a Pastoral Counselor with Eastatooe Trail Counseling and Consultation Center, through July 28, 2021.
- K. Daniel Tipton, as Chaplain at Four Seasons Hospice, Flat Rock, NC, through July 28, 2021.
- L. Ryan Brakemayer, as Pastor at United Church of Christ, Grace Reformed Church, Newton, NC, through July 28, 2021.
- M. Alex McNeill, as Executive Director of More Light Presbyterians, through July 28, 2021.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
IV. ORDINATION/INSTALLATION**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Elder John Pea introduced Katheryn McGinnis. As Katheryn McGinnis was a candidate of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, she delivered a sermon and was approved and recommended by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Elder Pea moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, that she be ordained by the Presbytery. The motion passed and Rev. Whit Malone, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Hickory offered prayer. (Appendix N)

SACRED TRUST RELATIONAL BOUNDARIES SUB-COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Sacred Boundaries team, Rev. Carol Steele presented the amended Child Safety and Protection Policy for approval by the Presbytery of WNC. Rev. Steele shared with the body the

recommendations and suggestions that were shared at the January 2020 meeting of Presbytery. The amended policy was moved and approved. (Appendix I)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop, pastor at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the 124th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Larson adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m. with a summary of the meeting and prayer.

NEXT MEETING

The 125th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 virtual ZOOM.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Dick Larson, Moderator

D. Cameron Murchison, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on October 27, 2020 at its 125th Stated Meeting.

APPENDICES

- A. Consent Agenda**
- B. Committee on Preparation for Ministry**
- C. Division of Outreach Report**
- D. Guatemala Partnership Report**
- E. Youth Committee Report**
- F. Finance Committee Report**
- G. Reports from 224th General Assembly Commissioners**
- H. Administrative Commission Report for First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa; West Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Churches Concluding Their Ministry**
- I. PWNC Child & Youth Protection Policy**
- J. Correspondence from Stated Clerk dated June 5, 2020 – Clerk of Session Training and Review for 2020**
- K. Letter of Review of PWNC Minutes for 2019**
- L. PWNC Covenant to be a Matthew 25 Presbytery**
- M. Correspondence from Task Force on Returning to Face-to-Face Gatherings in PWNC dated May 21, 2020 and July 6, 2020**
- N. Report of the Committee on Ministry**
- O. Report from the General Presbyter Search Committee**

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