

**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**



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MINUTES

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH
STATED MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
125th Stated Meeting
October 27, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Ruling Elder Dr. Dick Larson, Moderator, convened the 125th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:00 a.m. with prayer.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Dr. Dick Larson, opened the 125th 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.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Presbytery of WNC conducted its 125th 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 125th Stated Meeting will be written by the Rev. Mark Stanley, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville.

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):

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Robert M. Abel	P	Kat Achtemeier	E	Mark Achtemeier	A
Jefferson Aiken, Jr.	E	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E
Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Aschmann	E
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	E	Tony Baker	E
Edna Banes	E	Ashley Beavers	E	Harold Bennett, Jr.	P
Joseph Bennett	A	Cynthia M. Benz	E	Lynn Bledsoe	P
Randall Boggs	P	David Bonnema	P	Ronald Botsford	E
Lee Bowman	E	Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	E
David Bradley	E	Ryan Brakemeyer	A	Ronald Brauer	E
Hayden Britton	E	Sandra Brown	E	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	E	Kathy Campbell	P	Amy Cantrell	A

Pride Carson	E	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	P
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	P
Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	E
Janet DeWater	P	Edward Donnell	E	Jacob Douylliez	A
Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E	Priscilla Durkin	E
Steven P. Eason	E	Robert A. Edmunds	E	Stephen Elderbrock	E
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	Meagan Findeiss	E	David C. Florence	A
Edward Forsyth	E	Clay Fouse	A	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	Schaap Freeman	A	Berry French, III	A
John Frye, Jr.	E	Curtis Fussell, III	A	Tempe Fussell	A
A. Willis Gaines	P	Paul Galbreath	P	Lewis Galloway	P
David Garnett	P	Lisle Garrity	P	Tee Gatewood, III	A
Denise Geiger	E	Joanne Glaser	P	Samantha Gonzalez-Block	P
Jean Goodwin	P	Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	E
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	E
Randall Hardy	A	Martin L. Harkey, III	E	Rebecca Harrison	E
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E	Julie Hester	P
J. Richard Hobson	E	J. Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E	James Holeman	P
James Hornsby	E	David Hosick	E	Carol Hovis	A
William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	E	Jill Isola	P
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E	Esta Jarrett	P
Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	E	Katherine Blankenship-Johnson	A
Patrick Johnson	P	Franklin Jones	A	Rebecca Jones	A
Kimberly Justice	A	Dong Uk Kang	A	David Kaylor	E
David Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	E	Paul Kercher	E
William Kirk	E	Albert Kissling	E	Janice Krouskop	A
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	E
Neal Lloyd	E	Laura Long	A	Billy T. Lowe	E
William Lowrey	E	Robert Lowry	E	Alexandra Lusak	P
Fred Lyon	P	David Lytle	A	Whit Malone	P
Marjorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	P	Roberta Martin	E
Tyler Martin	E	John McCall	A	Sandra McClinton	A
Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Noah McIntee	P	David McKee	E
Michael McKee	A	Alex McNeill	P	Kenyon Meeks, Jr.	E
Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	P	Sarah Grace Montgomery	E
Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E

Keith Morrison	E	David Mulford	E	Cameron Murchison	P
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	P
O'Hyun Park	E	Stratton Peacock	E	Albert Peery, Jr.	E
Margaret Peery	E	Lance Perry	P	Martha Jane Petersen	E
Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E	J. Thomas Phillips	E
James Poling	P	Michael Poulos	P	Caroline Proctor	A
Allen Proctor, Jr.	E	Edyth Pruitt	A	Tamara Puffer	P
Allan Purtill	P	Jay Rabuck	E	Daria Ragan	P
Joseph Rand	A	Earl Rash	E	Betsy Ray	E
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	P	Allen Smith	P	David B. Smith	A
Paul Smith	A	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	A
Christina Tutterow	P	Robert Tuttle	E	Melissa Anne Upchurch	E
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	P	Judith Weger	P
Kimberleigh Wells	A	Barbara White	P	Parker Williamson	E
Emily Wilmarth	P	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	A	Philip Adams	A	Philip Ashley	P
Robert Ayala	A	John Bates	P	Sally Beghtol	P
Kerry Border	P	Mildred Bruns	A	John Hall	A
Beth Hall	A	Kenneth Humphreys	P	James Koone	A
Peggy Koone	A	Deborah Lesenger	E	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	A				

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

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

Melinda Christian	A	Betty Davenport	-	Angela Drummond	P
Vivian Hare	A	Margarette Kennerly	P	Leslie McLeod	P
Heath Rada	P	Lynn Thomas	P	Patricia Tuttle	A
Jann Vann	A	Mary Lou Nash	P		

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A		
Asheville First (3)	A		
Banner Elk (1)	A		
Belmont First (3)	A		
Bessemer City First(1)	A		
Black Mountain (2)	Elizabeth Provost	Bill Straughn	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Sara Kellar	Judith Welch	
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		
Chinchfield (1)	A		
Columbus (1)	Donna Ashley		
Conley Memorial (1)	A		
Crossnore (1)	A		
Dallas First (1)	A		
Dixon (1)	A		
Dorland Memorial (1)	Mary Gahagan		
Dulatown (2)	A		
Duncan's Creek (1)	A		
Etowah (1)	Debby Vial		
Fairview (1)	Lois Clark		
Fletcher (1)	Mimi Gossett		
Forest City First (1)	A		

Franklin First (1)	A		
Gastonia, First (4)	Ellen Cinq-Mars	Herbert Hickson	Lewis Efird
Good Hope (3)	A		
Grace Covenant (3)	Janice Kominski	Christi Mobley	Amy Kyremes-Parks
Grassy Creek (2)	A		
Green Mountain (2)	A		
Green Street (3)	A		
Hayesville (2)	Vince Roebuck		
Hendersonville First (2)	Glenn Walker		
Hickory First (4)	Claude Davis		
Highlands First (2)	A		
Ironton (2)	Pat Bradshaw		
Jack's Creek (2)	A		
John Knox (2)	A		
Kenilworth (2)	A		
Korean Church of Asheville (3)	A		
Lenoir First (2)	Lynda Renegar	Ann Sime	
Long Creek (2)	Cheryl Berry	Ken Unnasch	
Love's Chapel (3)	A		
Lowell (2)	Bobby Massey		
Marion First (2)	Joseph Wanamaker		
Marshall (2)	Cathy Seiler		
Micaville (2)	A		
Mills River (2)	Edwin Holcombe		
Montreat (2)	R. Mason Blake	Ann Rogers	
Morganton First (3)	Samuel Ervin	Tommy McDaniel	Lisa Roller
Morrison (2)	A		
Mount Holly First (2)	A		
New Hope (Asheville) (2)	Bonnie Runkle	Nancy Spann	
New Hope (Gastonia) (2)	A		
Newdale (2)	Becky Ayala		
Newland (2)	A		
Newton First (3)	A		
Northminster (2)	Garland Hughes	Julie Luppino	
Oak Forest (1)	A		
Oakwood (1)	A		
Old Fort (1)	A		
Olney (1)	A		
Pine Street (2)	A		
Pineola (1)	A		
Quaker Meadows	A		
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A		
Ridgeview (1)	A		

Robinson Memorial (1)	Mildred Laughridge		
Rutherfordton (2)	Sally Leshar	Douglas Sheets	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A		
Saluda (1)	A		
Shelby (2)	Darlene Gravett		
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A		
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A		
Siloam (1)	A		
Southminster (2)	A		
Spruce Pine First (1)	Frankie Pryor		
Sweetwater (1)	Robin Honeycutt		
Sylva First (1)	A		
Third Street (2)	Jeffrey Adams	Allen Lowery	
Trinity (2)	Diane Bowers		
Tryon (2)	A		
Union (1)	Billy Jordon		
Union Mills (1)	A		
United (1)	Susan Barnett		
Unity (2)	Ann Lampron		
Vians Valley (1)	A		
Waldensian (2)	Tamika Garrison	Carolyn Williams	
Walnut (1)	Isaac Lassiter		
Warren Wilson (1)	Kenneth Murchison		
Waynesville First (1)	A		
West Asheville (1)	Barbara Clark		

Ministers	110
Elders	56
General Council/COM/Committees	12
Chairs	
DCE	6
Visitors	5
TOTAL	189

The following corresponding member was in attendance:

- Felecia Hardy, CRE, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Louisburg, NC; New Hope Presbytery.

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 125th 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.

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**
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| Stated Clerk's Report | B |
| Nominating/Representation Committee | I |
| Guatemala Partnership Report | Q |
| Mission Committee Report | S |
| Finance Committee | BB |
| Building Hope Financial Report | BH |
| General Presbyter Report | GP |
| 246th Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Commissioner Report | II |
- 9:30 Service of Worship with Lord's Supper included** **Kevin Frederick**
Installation of Byron Wade
- 10:15 Breakout Rooms (Break)**
- 10:30 General Council** **Lauren Vanacore** **C**
(Work of the committee, election of vice-moderator/moderator elect)
- 10:40 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (45 minutes)** **Dana Vaughn Seiler** **K**
(Recommends Maxwell Michaels, Jason Adams, Roger Rizk and Janice Kominski be enrolled as Candidates)
- Presentation of Candidates
 - Questions from Members for 1st candidate; vote
 - Charge and prayer for 1st candidate
 - Questions from Members for 2nd candidate; vote
 - Charge and prayer for 2nd candidate
 - Questions from Members for 3rd candidate; vote
 - Charge and prayer for 3rd candidate
 - Questions from Members for 4th candidate; vote
 - Charge and prayer for 4th candidate
 - Conclusion

11:25 Committee on Ministry (45 minutes)
*(Work of the committee, Presentation of candidate for ordination,
Commissioning of Ruling Elders)*

John Pea and Bob Forsythe **D**

- Presentation of new members
- Presentation of ordination candidate
(Leah Epps – Fairview & United)
- Questions from members; vote
- Charge and Prayer
- Presentation of CREs/CPs (2, shared)
- Questions from members to both; vote
- Charge and Prayer of Commissioning

12:10 Remarks by General Presbyter
Prayers of Intercession

Byron Wade
Byron Wade
Dick Larson

12:25 Benediction and Adjournment

CONSENT AGENDA

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison, explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved the consent agenda as presented on pages 9-14 of the packet for the meeting. The consent agenda and committee reports were approved by common consent. (Appendix A)

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

Stated Clerk's Report

Nominating/Representation Committee (Appendix B)

Guatemala Partnership Report (Appendix C)

Mission Committee Report (Appendix D)

Finance Committee (Appendix E)

Building Hope Financial Report (Appendix F)

General Presbyter Report (Appendix G)

246th Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Commissioner Report (Appendix H)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Rev. Dr. Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk, presented recommendations 1 thru 7 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

He then referred to items 8 -12 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 January 30, 2021 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA 2. THAT the minutes of the July 28, 2020 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. THAT the October 27, 2020 report of the following Administrative Commissions be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix I)**
Administrative Commission for Swannanoa, First
Administrative Commission for West Avenue

Administrative Commission for Lincolnton, First
Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding Ministry

- CA 4. **THAT the Presbytery accept the report of membership and worship statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report. (Appendix J – Membership Statistics and Appendix K – Worship Statistics)**
- CA 5. **THAT the Committee on Nominating/Representation, having completed their annual report for the year ending December 31, 2019 and submitted it to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, requests that it become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix L)**
- CA 6. **THAT the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa, nearing the completion of its work, be dissolved effective upon the date its final recommendations are received by General Council, with the thanks of the Presbytery for its good work.**
- CA 7. **THAT in accord with *Book of Order* G-2.0404, Presbytery approve the written requests submitted by the Sessions of First Presbyterian, Lenoir and First Presbyterian, Forest City for waivers of *Book of Order* G-2.0404, requiring the rotation of officers because of a limited pool of members able to serve.**

G-2.0404 Terms of Service

Ruling elders and deacons shall be elected to serve terms of no more than three years on the session or board of deacons, and may be eligible for reelection according to congregational rule. However, no ruling elder or deacon shall be eligible to serve more than six consecutive years, and a ruling elder or deacon who has served six consecutive years shall be ineligible for election to the same board for at least one year. Election shall be to classes as nearly equal in number as possible, with the term of only one class ending each year. The presbytery may, upon written request and by majority vote, grant a congregation a waiver of this limitation on terms.

FOR INFORMATION:

8. **THAT the 126th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 by “ZOOM.”**

THAT the deadline for written reports for this meeting is Thursday, January 7, 2021, THAT the deadline for an overture is Thursday, December 31, 2020.

9. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2021 and 2022 Presbytery Meetings:**

2021

- Saturday, January 30, 2021 – VIRTUAL - ZOOM
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*

10. THAT COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the scheduled Clerk of Session Trainings and Reviewing of Church Records during 2020. Each clerk was 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 were asked to complete a records review checklist and return to the Stated Clerk by September 15, 2020. The following records reviews were received and approved by the Stated Clerk.

Arbor Dale	Grassy Creek	Quaker Meadows
Asheville, First	Hayesville	Reems Creek-Beech
Belmont, First	Hendersonville, First	Robinson Memorial
Bessemer City, First	Hickory, First	Rutherfordton
Black Mountain	Highlands, First	Sherrill's Ford
Brevard-Davidson River	Ironton	Siloam
Brittains Cove	Kenilworth	Southminster
Canton	Lenoir, First	Spruce Pine, First
Cherryville, First	Love's Chapel	Sweetwater
Clinchfield	Lowell	Sylva, First
Crossnore	Marshall	Third Street
Dallas, First	Micaville	Trinity
Dixon	Mills River	Union
Dulatown	Montreat	Union Mills
Duncan's Creek	Mount Holly, First	United
Fairview	New Hope, Asheville	Unity
Fletcher	Newdale	Waldensian
Forest City, First	Newland	Warren Wilson
Franklin, First	Newton, First	West Asheville
Good Hope	Olney	
Grace Covenant	Pineola	

11. THAT the following Session Records for 2019 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the 2019-2021 Book of Order. For churches desiring to meet the requirements of the Book of Order and be in compliance, please contact Stated Clerk, Cam Murchison, for further instructions.

Banner Elk	Gastonia, First (2017-2019)	Oakwood
Bridgewater (2017-2019)	Green Mountain (2012-2019)	Old Fort
Brittain (2017-2019)	Green Street	Pine Street (2006-2019)
Bryson City	Jack's Creek (2013-2019)	Ridgeview (2006-2019)
Buladean (2010-2019)	Korean (2017-2019)	Ryburn Memorial (2015-2019)
Burnsville, First	Long Creek	Saluda
Calvary	Marion, First	Shelby
Columbus (2017-2019)	Morganton, First	Shiloh, Grover
Conley Memorial (2017-2019)	Morrison	Tryon (2018-2019)
Dorland Memorial	New Hope, Gastonia	Vians Valley (2017-2019)
Etowah (2018-2019)	Northminster	Walnut
	Oak Forest (2012-2019)	Waynesville, First

12. THAT COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the scheduled training for Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training. The Task Force has held two VIRTUAL Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Trainings and a third one will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2020.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Rev. Carol Steele, Co-Chair of the Youth Committee shared the work of the committee and reported on the Free Youth Programs available within the Presbytery. Youth were encouraged to attend the upcoming Middle School Retreat that would be transitioning to two single days on November 7 and 8, 2020.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND INSTALLATION OF GENERAL PRESBYTER

Worship was led by Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, pastor of Waldensian Presbyterian Church. He preached a sermon detailing the hardships, the journeys, and the constant faithfulness of the Waldensian Christians.

The Service of Worship was concluded with the Lord's Supper which was led by Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick and Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop.

Following the Lord's Supper, our General Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, was installed. The Rev. Dr. Hal Bennett offered a Charge to the Pastor and Elder Laura Russell offered the Charge to the Presbytery. Expressions of gratitude for the hard and successful work of the General Presbyter Nominating Committee were expressed.

GENERAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the General Council, Teaching Elder Lauren Vanacore presented recommendation 2 included in the General Council report, stating that this item had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. She then presented recommendation #1 from the General Council report: that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina elect Ruling Elder Sarah Thornburg as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2022, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2021. Motion was heard and approved.

Items 3 thru 11 of the General Council report were presented as items for information and required no action.

1. THAT the Presbytery elect Ruling Elder Sarah Thornburg as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2022, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2021.

CA 2. THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committee:

Nominating/Representation:

Ms. Evelyn Jarrett (Asheville, First)	(B)	Class of 2021
Mrs. Jill Kimbirl (Belmont, First)	(D)	Class of 2023

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

3. THAT the General Council approved the purchase of the two Ricoh copiers in the office while maintaining the service agreement. The lease on the copiers has expired and the average number of copies made on each machine was considered to be very low.

4. THAT the General Council approved to provide the Congregational

Formation/Transformation Committee (CFTC) with seed money in the amount of \$12,188.00 to enable the committee to develop specific objectives and long range plans for new church development.

- 5. THAT the General Council approved combining the Malawi Leadership Team and Malawi Education Committee into the Malawi Task Force.**
- 6. THAT the General Council approved changing the October Presbytery meeting date to Tuesday, October 27, 2020 due to a conflict with an anti-racism training being held at the Montreat Conference Center.**
- 7. THAT the General Council approved a request from the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South to advertise in the PWNC weekly update.**
- 8. THAT the General Council approved the following grant from the Special Fund for Unfunded Physical Plant Needs of Small Churches, with no expectation to receive any return to the Special Fund from other sources:**
 - Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church - \$4,000
- 9. THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2021 and 2022.**
- 10. THAT the following dates have been set for 2020, 2021 and 2022 Presbytery meetings:**
 - 2020**
 - Saturday, October 27, 2020 – ZOOM
 - 2021**
 - Saturday, January 30, 2021 – ZOOM
 - 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*
- 11. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

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

- I. THAT Maxwell Michaels, a member of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Gastonia and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.**
- II. THAT Jason Adams, a member of Waldensian Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.**

III. THAT Roger Rizk, a member of Gastonia First Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

IV. THAT Janice Kominski, a member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

Maxwell Michaels shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Dick Larson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Maxwell Michaels as a Candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order, G-14.0305F*, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Chris Vogado delivered the charge and offered prayer for Maxwell Michaels.

Jason Adams shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Dick Larson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Jason Adams as a Candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order, G-14.0305F*, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick delivered the charge and offered prayer for Jason Adams.

Roger Rizk shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry. Moderator Dick Larson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Roger Rizk as a Candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order, G-14.0305F*, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport delivered the charge and offered prayer for Roger Rizk.

Janice Kominski shared her faith journey and her call to the ministry. Moderator Dick Larson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Janice Kominski as a Candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order, G-14.0305F*, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop delivered the charge and offered prayer for Janice Kominski.

**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 minister requested honorable retirement:

- Joanne Glaser, effective December 1, 2020.

On behalf of the Committee of Ministry, Elder Pea moved that First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir and First Presbyterian Church, Forest City be granted a waiver of limitations on terms of Ruling Elders, *Book of Order (G-2.0404)*.

**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. Fred C. Lyon, II, from Charlotte Presbytery, as Bridge Interim at First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, effective September 1, 2020.
- B. Kathleen Madigan, from Genesee Valley Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective September 1, 2020.
- C. F. Harriss Ricks, from Providence Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective October 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. Tommy Brown, as Director of William Black Lodge in Montreat, through October 27, 2021.
- B. Joey Byrd, as Chaplain in the U.S. Army, through October 27, 2021.
- C. Bill Buchanan, as Executive Director of Asheville Youth Mission, through October 27, 2021.
- D. Lisle Garrity, as Creative Director of A Sanctified Art, through October 27, 2021.
- E. Joan Martin, as Chaplain at Covenant Village, Gastonia, NC, through October 27, 2021.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
IV. ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Elder John Pea introduced Leah Epps. As Leah Epps 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 to accept the call as pastor of Fairview Presbyterian Church and United Presbyterian Church in Lenoir. The motion passed and the Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley, pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, offered prayer. (Appendix N)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
V. COMMISSIONED PASTOR

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Committee, Ruling Elder John Pea recommended that the Presbytery approve Rick Leissner and Tamika Garrison to be commissioned as a commissioned pastor's to Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church in Morganton, NC. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Moderator Dick Larson then offered prayer. The commissioning for Rick Leissner and Tamika Garrison is to include permission to celebrate the Sacraments, moderate the Session and officiate at weddings. The moderator thanked the congregations of First Presbyterian Morganton and Waldensian Presbyterian, Valdese for sharing Rick Leissner and Tamika Garrison with the Presbytery. (Appendix N)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, General Presbyter of Presbytery of Western North Carolina, led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the 125th 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 126th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 by 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 January 30, 2021 at its 126th Stated Meeting.

APPENDICES

- A. Consent Agenda**
- B. Nominating/Representation Committee Report**
- C. Guatemala Partnership Report**
- D. Mission Committee Report**
- E. Finance Committee Report**
- F. Building Hope Financial Report**
- G. General Presbyter Report**
- H. 246th Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Commissioner Report**
- I. Administrative Commission Report for First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa; West Avenue Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian, Lincolnton, and Churches Concluding Their Ministry**
- J. PWNC Membership Statistics**
- K. PWNC Worship Statistics**
- L. Representation Annual Report to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic**
- M. Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**
- N. Report of the Committee on Ministry**

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