

**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Sixty-Ninth Stated Meeting
July 25, 2006
Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver, NC**

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Elder Parks H. Wilson, Jr., convened Presbytery at 9:05 a.m. with prayer.

The Rev. Carol Clark welcomed Presbytery on behalf of Unity Presbyterian Church.

ATTENDANCE

The Interim Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, declared that a quorum was present. He moved that the Revs. Jon Pharr from National Capitol Presbytery and Russell Tillotson from Winnebago Presbytery be seated as corresponding members. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Robert Abel	P	Joseph Bennett	P	Lewis Brown	E
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Stanley Bennett	E	Aimee Buchanan	P
Blan Aldridge	E	James Bernhardt	E	Ralph Buchanan	E
Charles Alexander	E	Carter Blaisdell	P	William Buchanan	P
George W. Alexander	P	Buren Blankenship	P	Monty Burnham	P
Jacqueline Alexander	P	Randall Boggs	P	Sue Burton	E
State Alexander, Jr.	P	Ronald Botsford	E	Joey Byrd	E
Kirk Allen, Jr.	E	Dewey Bowen	P	John Campbell	P
David Anderson	E	Richard Boyce	P	Kathy Campbell	P
James Arnold	E	Troy Braswell	P	William Campbell	P
Wayne Aughinbaugh	E	Ronald Brauer	E	Day Carper	E
Stephen Austin	A	Michael Brazelle	P	Mary Faith Carson	E
James Aydelotte	P	Edwin Brenegar, III	P	Joel David Cherry	P
Patricia Bacon	E	Hayden Britton	E	Kenneth Chivers	P
Michael Bailey	P	Beverly Brock	A	William Christian	A
Douglas Bartlett	E	Jerry Bron	A	Carol Clark	P
Edward Bates	E	Thompson Brown	E	Mark Clark	P
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Jon Brown	A	James Cockerham	P
James Cogswell	E	A. W. Gaines, Jr.	P	Dong Uk Kang	E
Joshua Cole	P	Gregory Grana	E	David Kennedy	E

Hunter Coleman	E	Theodore Grant	P	William Kennedy	E
Robert Collins	E	Robert Gruber	E	Paul Kercher	E
Martin Concepcion	A	Ford G' Segner	A	Jeff Kesterson	E
Priestley Conyers, III	E	George Gunn	P	William Kirk	P
Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Samuel Hale	P	Albert Kissling	E
Drayton Cooper	E	Michal Hall	E	Earl Kreisa	E
Donald Cooper	P	Terry Hanna	P	Lee Kruse	P
Riley Covin	E	Luke Harkey	P	Gale Lammey	E
John Craven	E	Robert Henderson	E	John LaMotte	P
James Crook	E	Robert Hewett	E	John Laughlin	E
Curtis Crowther	E	Fred Hill	E	Margaret Lauterer	P
Pamela Daniel	A	Robert Hinman	A	Ernest Lewis	E
Charles Davenport	P	Richard Hobson	E	Wendell Ligon	P
Arthur DeJong	E	Timothy Holland	E	John Lindsay	P
Charles Donnell	P	Richard Holshouser	E	Eugene Linton, Jr.	P
Ellen Dozier	E	James Hornsby	E	Brad Long	A
David Dudley	P	David Hosick	P	Laura Long	A
Kathryn Dudley	A	William Hoyt, III	E	Dick Lonnee	E
Philip Dunford	E	Allen Huff, Jr.	P	Pressly Love	E
Hugh Eichelberger	E	James Huskins	P	Billy Lowe	P
John Ellington	E	George Hutchins	E	David Lytle	A
Charles Elyea	E	Donald Jafvert	P	William Marquis	E
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	William Janes	E	Sam Marshall, III	P
David Fillpot	E	Robert Jansen	E	Joan Martin	P
Ragland Fletcher	E	William Jennings	E	Roberta Martin	E
Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Cecil Jividen	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	Wallace Johnson	P	Tyler Martin	P
Kevin Frederick	P	Rufus M. Johnston, IV	E	Layton Mauze, III	E
John McCall	E	Andrew Parkey	P	Julius Scott	P
Sandra McClinton	A	David Parks	E	Leroy Secrest	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	P	Charles Parrish	E	William Serjak	P
Deborah McEachran	P	Donald Patchel	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	P
Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	A	Stratton Peacock	E	Richard Shelor	P
James McPherson	E	Albert Peery, Jr.	P	James Shroyer	P

Robert Meachem	E	Margaret Peery	P	Allan Sinclair	P
Lynn Michie	P	Patrick Perryman	P	James Skelton, Jr.	E
Beth Ann Miller	A	Harry Petersen	E	Wirt Skinner	E
Robert Mills	A	Martha Jane Petersen	E	O'dell Smith	E
Paul Moehlman	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Paul Smith	A
Charles Moore	E	Harry Philips	E	John Somerville	E
Anne Morgan	P	Michael Poulos	P	Becky Stanley	E
David Morgan	P	Donald Price	E	Mark Stanley	P
Richard Morgan	E	Edyth Pruitt	A	Carol Steele	P
Nancy Mugford	A	Jay Rabuck	P	John David Stewart	E
David Mulford	E	Mark Ramsey	E	Daniel Stitt	E
Donald Mullen	E	Kathleen Rankin	E	David Stoker	E
Carl Murray	E	Earl Rash	E	Cynthia Strickler	P
David Nash	E	Robert Ratchford	E	Steven Strickler	E
Elizabeth Newman	P	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	P	James Stuart	E
Karen Newsome	A	Calvin Rice	E	Walter Styles	E
John Newton, Jr.	E	Matthew Rich	E	Charles Swann	E
Herman Nodine	E	Don Richter	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	P
Richard Nygren	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E	John Talmage	E
Emily Odom	E	Don Robb, III	P	James Taylor, Jr.	P
O'Hyun Park	P	Jack Robinson	E	Lee Thomas	P
Yoon E. Park	E	Steven Runholt	P	Keith Thompson	P
Katherine Parker	E	Richard Rustay	E	Margaret Torrence	P
Thomas Parker	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Emily Townes	A
Ace Tubbs	E	George Webb	E	John Wilson	E
Leslie Tucker	E	Lynn Webber	E	Otis Wilson, Jr.	P
Thomas Tweedie	E	Barbara White	P	William Wing, Jr.	E
Rockwell Ward	E	Richard White	E	Eugene Witherspoon	P
Samuel Warner	E	Alan Wildsmith	P	Graham Wood, Jr.	P
Morris Warren	E	James Wilken	P	Donaldson Woods	E
Joseph Washburn	E	Cynthia Williams	P	Harold Wright	E
Bill Waterstradt	P	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	P	Rebecca Young	E
Mark Watson	E	Parker Williamson	E		

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

Philip Adams	P	Joe Gernoske	P	Robert Simes	A
Dwayne Durham	A	Joe Morin	P	Dennis Stamper	A
Leila Evans	P	Randy Patterson	A	John Stanley	P
Robert Garrison	P	Bert Sigmon	P	Bert Wiley	E

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

Andy Andrews	A	Sally Gunn	P	Florence Shelor	P
John Black	A	Lucy Keil	A	N. A. Smith	A
Beth Bolin	A	Charlita Lytle	A	Jack Suddreth	P
Kathryn Brinkley	P	David Moore	A	Sarah Thornburg	A
Arthur Burgess, Jr.	P	Don Paulk	A	J. D. Waldrop	P
Willard Cottrell	A	Larry Poe	P	Judith West	A
Thelma Cumbie	P	Barbara Phillips	P	Carolyn White	P
Sharon Decker	A	Connie Schimpf	A	Parks Wilson	P

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

Donna Ashley	A	Freida Caldwell	A	Sara Dixon	A
Mary V. Atkinson	A	Robert Clemmer	A	Angela Drummond	A
Glenn Bannerman	A	Betty Davenport	A	Dianne Graeber	A
Susan Haney	A	Leslie McLeod	A	Ginny Soll	A
Susan Hicks	A	Kathy Parse	P	Helen Stewart	A
Marylyn Huff	P	Laura Parsons	A	Patricia Tuttle	A
Sandy Jividen	E	Mary Potter	A	Robert Tuttle	P
Tai Magette	A	Bonnie Sanford	P		

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

Arbor Dale (1)	Ashlyn Dewitt	
Asheville First (2)	Len Pardue	Esther Pardue
Banner Elk (1)	A	
Belmont First (2)	Walter Dixon	Phyllis Nixon
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Bethel (1)	Marion Phillips	
Black Mountain (2)	Mary V. Atkinson	Excused
Bostic (1)	A	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Bob Rebscher	Tom Crawford

Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Edward Norris	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	Betty Harvell	
Burnsville First (1)	A	
Calvary (2)	E	
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (1)	John Powell	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	Edna Lay	
Conley Memorial (1)	John Childers	
Crossnore (1)	Gene McGarr	
Cullowhee (1)	Clarissa Fisher	
Dallas First (1)	Ned Denton	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	A	
Dulatown (2)	A	
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	A	
Fletcher (1)	Roger Wise	
Forest City First (1)	Tom Lamb	
Franklin First (1)	Linda Abel	
Gastonia First (3)	Cookie Brenner	Mary Ann Aycock
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	Allene Sellars	C. A. Allison
Grace Covenant (2)	Lloyd Horton	Debbie Welch
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	Cliff Schoen	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	A	
Hendersonville First (2)	Pat Green	Mimi Jamieson
Hickory First (2)	Linda Ellis	Hamp Lefler
Highlands First (1)	A	
Ironton (1)	Peggy Bartholomew	

Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	Julia Price	
Kenilworth (1)	Shirley Mathis	
Kings Mountain First (1)	Marilyn Neisler	
Korean Presbyterian Church of	A	
Lenoir First (2)	Linda Morgan	Sue McKee
Lincolnton First (1)	David Clarke	
Long Creek (1)	Nancy England	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Jan Mahannah	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	Cathy Seiler	
Micaville (1)	E	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Lloyd Davis	
Morganton First (2)	Elsie Bartlett	George Bailey
Morrison (1)	Linda Ligon	
Mount Holly First (1)	Jim Guin	
Murphy (1)	Karen Morin	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	A	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	A	
Newland (1)	A	
Newton First (2)	Tom McNair	Karen McDougal
Northminster (1)	Laura Sigmon	
Oak Forest (1)	Alma Fisher	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Sarah Howe	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	Edith Greene	Aaron Franks
Pineola (1)	Bob Hutto	
Quaker Meadows (1)	David Rader	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Elizabeth Barbee	
Riceville (1)	A	
Ridgeview (1)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Janet Jolly	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	Bossie Jackson, Jr.	

Saluda (2)	Barbara Witherspoon	Duane Bateman
Shelby (3)	Donna Simmons	Joe Miller
Sherrill's Ford (2)	Max Gilliland	Alana Dysart
Shiloh, Grover (2)	A	
Siloam (2)	A	
Southminster (2)	Teresa Locke	
Spindale (2)	Sarah Kirk	
Spruce Pine First (2)	John Pitman	
Swannanoa First (2)	Jane Hansel	Lynn Holman
Sweetwater (2)	Elsie Combs	
Sylva First (2)	A	
Third Street (3)	Elizabeth Littlejohn	Carolyn Carter
Trinity (2)	Midge Mack	Van Crawford
Tryon (2)	Jan Impey	
Union (2)	Floyd Hamrick	Ronald Gilreath
Union Mills (2)	Jerome Holler	
United (2)	A	
Unity (2)	Pat Coffey	Lynne Gronning
Vians Valley (2)	A	
Waldensian (3)	Wes Garrou	Jim Rostan
	David Fletcher	
Walnut (2)	A	
Walnut Grove (2)	Fred Stout	
Warren Wilson (2)	Sarah Anne Eller	
Waynesville First (2)	Beth Galloway	Tim Phelan
West Asheville (2)	Karen Hawkins	
West Avenue (2)	Guy Wallace	Kristy Cloninger
Westminster (2)	A	

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

Ministers	101
Elders	94
DCE's	4
Council/Committee Chairs	10
Visitors	<u>55</u>
Total	264

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Interim Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the following docket. The Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport moved that the reports from Commissioners to General Assembly and those from the Peace and Justice Committee be Orders of the Day at the specified times. The docket was approved as amended.

- 8:30 Registration**
- 8:30 Prayer before Presbytery**
Orientation for New Elders
- 8:45 Hymn Sing**
- 9:00 Convene**
Prayer of Invocation and Constitution *Parks H. Wilson, Jr., Moderator*
- Welcome** *Carol Boggs Clark*
Pastor, Unity Presbyterian Church
- Declaration of Quorum** *James Aydelotte,*
Interim Stated Clerk
(Corresponding Members)
- Approval of Docket** *James Aydelotte*
- Appointment of Standing Committees** *Parks H. Wilson, Jr., Moderator*
Bills, Overtures and Resolutions
Resolution of Thanks
- Omnibus Motion** *James Aydelotte*
(Omnibus Motion 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 Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)
- Stated Clerk's Report** *James Aydelotte*
(Minutes of the April 2006 meeting, Resolutions)
- Coordinating Council** *J. D. Waldrop*
(Hunger Covenant and Committee changes)
Report of the Search Committee for a Stated Clerk *David Hosick*
- 10:00 Service of Worship** *Carol Clark and*
(including Celebration of the Lord's Supper) *Members of the Unity Church*
- 11:00 Committee on Preparation for Ministry** *Michael Poulos*
(Presentation and examination of new candidates for ministry.)
- 11:50 Prayers of Intercession** *Margaret Lauterer,*
Moderator-Elect
(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 12:45 Hymn Sing**
- 1:00 Reconvene with Prayer** *Moderator*

	<i>Report of the Interim General Presbyter</i>	<i>Sam Marshall</i>
1:15	<i>Report of the Commissioners to the 217th General Assembly</i>	<i>Charles Davenport, Sam Hale, Barbara Phillips, Billy Wilson, and Amy Smith</i>
1:45	<i>Committee on Ministry</i> <i>(Recognition of new ministers, Report of the work of committee)</i>	<i>Luke Harkey</i> <i>Don Scofield</i>
2:15	<i>Care of Church Professionals Committee</i> <i>(Recognition of graduates of the Pastor's Institute; Recently Retired Ministers; Recognition of 25 years of service.)</i>	<i>Buren Blankenship</i>
	<i>Pastor's Institute V Graduates</i>	
	<i>Kathy Campbell</i>	<i>William Campbell</i>
	<i>Will Gaines</i>	<i>John Lindsay</i>
	<i>Joan Martin</i>	<i>Andrew Parkey</i>
	<i>Michael Poulos</i>	<i>Kathleen Rankin</i>
	<i>Margaret Torrence</i>	<i>Richard White</i>
		<i>James Cockerham</i>
		<i>Sam Marshall</i>
		<i>Mary Potter</i>
		<i>John Skelly</i>
3:00	<i>Nominating Committee</i>	<i>Florence Shelor</i>
3:05	<i>Peace and Justice Committee</i>	<i>Deborah McEachran</i>
3:25	<i>National Global Missions and Ecumenical Relations</i>	<i>Allen Huff</i>
3:45	<i>Hunger Committee</i>	<i>Beverly Brock</i>
3:50	<i>School for the Laity and Commissioned Lay Pastors</i> <i>(Recognition of God's gifts of training and leadership. Celebrating the completion of the SL/CLP program.)</i>	<i>Joe Gernoske</i>
	<i>Harriet Conard</i>	<i>Clarrisa Fisher</i>
	<i>Judy Covin</i>	<i>Lynn Holman</i>
	<i>Sharon Decker</i>	<i>Dick Hood</i>
		<i>Nick Kerley</i>
		<i>Lynn Moore</i>
4:05	<i>Division of Small Membership Committee</i>	<i>Thelma Cumbie</i>
4:15	<i>Division of Evangelism & Church Development</i>	<i>Carolyn White</i>
4:20	<i>Bills, Overtures & Resolutions Committee</i>	
4:40	<i>Sessional Records and Attendance Committee</i>	<i>Michael Brazelle</i>
4:45	<i>Resolutions of Thanks Committee</i>	
4:50	<i>Benediction and Adjournment</i>	<i>Moderator</i>

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator Wilson appointed the following committees:

Bills and Overtures: The Revs. Bob Abel and Terry Hanna, and Elders Larry Poe and Linda Rostan. The Moderator encouraged people to express their opinions on the overtures being considered. (Appendices E and F)

Resolution and Thanks: The Rev. Andy Parkey and Elder Mary V. Atkinson.

OMINBUS MOTION

Interim Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved it. (Appendix A) Nothing was extracted, and Presbytery approved all items. Items included in this motion are marked by "OM" in the margin.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Dr. Aydelotte moved the adoption of the Rules of Debate. (Appendix B) His motion was seconded, then approved. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. He referred Items 6 & 7 from the Report to Presbytery as information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. THAT James Aydelotte, Parks H. Wilson, Jr., and Ginnie Stevens be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the October 20-21, 2006 Presbytery meeting. |
| OM | 2. THAT the minutes of the April 25, 2006 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. (Appendix C) <i>(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.)</i> |
| OM | 3. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery (Appendix D):
<p style="text-align: center;">Eugene B. Linton, Jr.</p> |
| OM | 4. THAT the resolution submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Waynesville, North Carolina be referred to the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee for report at this meeting. (Appendix E) |
| OM | 5. THAT the resolution submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Marion, North Carolina be referred to the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee for report at this meeting. (Appendix F) |

FOR INFORMATION:

- 6. **The seventieth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, 2006 at the Gateway Conference Center in Hickory, North Carolina.**
- 7. **That correspondence has been received from the Friends of the Historical Foundation at Montreat, Inc. thanking the Presbytery for its overture and indicating it will work with the Montreat Conference Center and Columbia Seminary to ensure the best arrangements for items in the Historical Foundation.**

COORDINATING COUNCIL

On behalf of the Coordinating Council, Elder J.D. Waldrop, Chair, made the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT the following change in the manual of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made: “National Global Missions and Ecumenical Relations Committee” be changed to the “Missions Committee.” (2nd of 2 decisions)**
- 2. THAT the Presbytery approve the Hunger Action Enabler position and covenant on behalf of the hungry, as well as, the education of congregations about the causes of hunger and ways to respond. In addition, the Presbytery requests \$4,000 from the Presbyterian Hunger Program. (Background: This is the annual renewal with the General Assembly Hunger Program which helps fund the work of Ginnie Stevens.)**
- 3. THAT the Presbytery commit to support the Barbara Nagy family for the year of 2007.**
- 4. THAT the following change within the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the manual of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made: “That the Strategic Planning Team be merged with the Goals and Evaluations Committee under a new name - Strategic Goals Committee” with twelve members (in three classes of four each) with these responsibilities: (1st of 2 decisions)**
 - Assist congregations to fulfill the Mission and Vision Statements of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina;**
 - Develop long-range plans and priorities for Presbytery’s consideration;**
 - Assess annually the effectiveness of Presbytery’s administrative organization, and if needed, recommend corrective measures to Presbytery.**
- 5. THAT the Presbytery grant permission to the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville to purchase additional property for church use.**

Each motion was approved in turn.

Chairman Waldrop moved Recommendation 6.

- 6. THAT the Presbytery permit the Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville to borrow money (the amount not to exceed \$166,000) to purchase a church - - contingent on approvals from the Budget & Finance Committee and from the Division of Evangelism.**

The Rev. Pete Peery moved to add “building” after “church” in the motion, which was seconded. The amended motion carried.

Elder Waldrop referred Items 7-9 in the report to Presbytery as information.

- 7. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following Nickel A Meal Grants:**

McDowell Mission Ministry	\$5,000
Ridgeview Breakfast Program	\$3,000
Cherokee County Sharing Center	\$5,400

8. **THAT the Coordinating Council has received a letter from the Fletcher Presbyterian Church indicating that its Elders (active and inactive) have reaffirmed their vows to “further the peace, unity and purity of the church,” and requesting the “Presbytery’s leadership to address this crisis with a call to renewal of our covenant with God and with each other, and by pastoral and prophetic words and action, using every available resource.”**
9. **THAT the Coordinating Council is pleased to inform you that we have adopted the Partnership Dividend Program that has been arranged with Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana. This is a program to provide high quality property, liability, church vehicle and workers compensation insurance protection for our Group churches.**

You are not obligated to participate in this program, but there is significant benefit potential for the Group if you do. If our churches collectively enjoy a good claim record, Brotherhood Mutual may be able to pay the Group a dividend as high as several thousand dollars annually, once we have enough churches supporting the program.

GENERAL PRESBYTER/STATED CLERK SEARCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee, the Rev. David Hosick, Chair, nominated the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte to be elected as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for a renewable three year term. (Appendix G) The motion passed. Moderator Wilson asked suitable questions of Dr. Aydelotte, declared him installed, and then offered prayer.

Pastor Hosick explained the process for the search for a General Presbyter, informing Presbytery that the Committee expects to present a recommendation at the January 2007 meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. Pete Peery recommended that the Committee also consider others who may not have applied, but have the gifts for the position. The Rev. Lee Kruse suggested that the nominee for General Presbyter state his/her positions on theological issues.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP, INCLUDING CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Revs. Carol Clark, Mark Clark, and Joel Cherry, and members of the Unity Church led the service of worship, which included a celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Carol Clark preached from Mark 6 on “Adventure in the Kingdom.”

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

On behalf of the Committee, the Rev. Michael Poulos, co-moderator, recommended the following, after the required examinations by Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- I. THAT Elizabeth Miriam Michael, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, and a student at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.**
- II. THAT Mary Anne Welch, a member of the Lowell Presbyterian Church, and a student at Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.**

- III. **THAT** Jeffrey Ronald Coffey, a member of the Unity Presbyterian Church in Denver, and a student at Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.
- IV. **THAT** Laura Kristine Becker, a member of the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel in Swannanoa, and a student at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.
- OM V. **THAT** Samantha J. Wesley, a candidate from Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church in Brevard, be removed from the preparation for ministry process, per her request on April 14, 2006.
- OM VI. **THAT** the Committee on Preparation for Ministry be given authority to find and approve persons to read ordination examinations. (Background: This presbytery is requested to provide pastors and/or elders to grade ordination exams. They meet in Raleigh and grade papers for two days, from early morning until late at night. Content guidelines are provided.)
- VII. **THAT** Nathaniel M. Wright, a member of the Montreat Presbyterian Church, and a student at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce charged Ms. Michael and Elder Elsie Combs offered prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce charged Ms. Welch and Elder Jan Mahanah prayed.

The Rev. Mark Clark charged Mr. Coffey, and the Rev. Carol Clark prayed.

The Rev. Steve Runholt charged Ms. Becker; Elder Bob Tuttle and the Rev. Carol Steele prayed.

The Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell charged Mr. Wright, and the Rev. Dr. Lamar Williamson offered prayer.

After each candidate shared her/his call, Moderator Wilson opened the floor for questions. There was none for any candidate. The Moderator moved and the Presbytery approved, in turn, each inquirer's enrollment as a candidate, after which the Moderator asked the questions in the *Book of Order*: G-14.0305f. Each candidate was charged and a prayer offered, as noted above. Those who had come in support of each candidate were asked to stand. In gratitude, the Presbytery stood and sang the Doxology.

Chairman Poulos moved that Allen Smith be granted an exception in accordance with G-14.0313, Extraordinary Circumstances.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- VIII. **THAT** ALLEN SMITH, a candidate from the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, who holds an M. Div. degree from Yale University and a Ph. D. from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, be granted an exception to the part of the requirement in G 14.0310b that says, "in addition to completion of a theological degree, the candidate will have completed courses in Hebrew and Greek and exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek texts."

BACKGROUND:

This exception is allowed by the Book of Order (G 14-0313a) upon a three-fourth's vote of the presbytery. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry submits this request because Allen has documented, severe dyslexia.

SECTION ALLOWING EXCEPTIONS:G 14-0313 Extraordinary Circumstances

“All requirements shall be met except in the following circumstances:

“a. If the inquirer's or candidate's presbytery judges that there are good and sufficient reasons why certain of the educational requirements of G 14-0310b (2) or b(3) should not be met by an inquirer or candidate, it shall make an exception only by THREE-FOURTHS vote of the members of presbytery present. A full account of the reasons for such an exception shall be included in the minutes of presbytery and shall be communicated to the presbytery to which the inquirer or candidate may be transferred (G-14.0311 and G 14-0314). . . .”

OM

IX. THAT Toney Ann Johnson, an inquirer from Montreat Presbyterian Church, be removed from the preparation for ministry process, per her request on July 18, 2006.

The motion was approved with the required three-fourths majority.

Recommendations V, VI and IX had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair Florence Shelor reminded Presbytery of the need for recommendations for membership on Committees. She moved acceptance of the Committee's report. (Appendix H) All were duly elected.

LUNCH

After Moderator-elect Maggie Lauterer led prayers of intercession in its behalf, Presbytery enjoyed lunch and fellowship. They reconvened at 1:08 pm with prayer by Interim General Presbyter Sam Marshall.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. Sam Marshall gave his report on the state of the Presbytery.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE 217th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Elder Barbara Phillips, the Rev. Sam Hale and the Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport reported on their experiences and insights as commissioners. The written reports from all commissioners and the Youth Advisory Delegate were received with appreciation. (Appendix I)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Chair of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, reported on COM actions on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix J) He recommended that Presbytery validate, for one year, the ministries of Brad Long, as Executive Director, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, International; Lee Kruse, as Chaplain for the Asheville Police Department; Monty Burnham, Executive Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, International; and Joe Bennett, as Chaplain for Hospice of Yancey County, Inc. Presbytery validated these ministries.

Recommendation XVI had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. Presbytery also, following the favorable action of the Brevard-Davidson River congregation, granted the Committee on Ministry authority to extend a call to Ronald Gilmer and to approve the terms of that call. It also authorized the Committee on Ministry to approve the installation commission for Mr. Gilmer, as well as for the Rev. Mark Ramsey.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey introduced a future new member of Presbytery, B. Ronald Gilmer. He answered a representative question and signed the *Book of Obligations*. He will be ordained at by the Presbytery of Florida. The Rev. Mark Ramsey will be introduced later.

CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Chair of the Committee, the Rev. Buren Blankenship, introduced the Director of The Pastors' Institute, Marylyn Huff, who awarded certificates to the newest graduates of the fifth class of TPI.

Kathy Campbell	William Campbell	James Cockerham	Will Gaines	John Lindsay
Sam Marshall	Joan Martin	Andrew Parkey	Mary Potter	Michael Poulos
Kathleen Rankin	John Skelly	Margaret Torrence	Richard White	

Elder Jim Wallis and the Rev. Dr. Sam Hobson were recognized as instructors/facilitators for future TPI classes.

Pastor Blankenship encouraged church professionals to be spiritually refreshed and prepare for Advent by attending **Journey to Bethlehem** on October 2-4, 2006.

The Revs. David Dudley and Bill Taber, and the Rev. Drs. Ed Brenegar and Don Richter were recognized for their service as ministers for 25 years.

Chairman Blankenship led Presbytery in a short service honoring the ministry of the Rev. Parker Williamson on the occasion of his retirement.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Revs. Deborah McEachran and Joe Bennett, CLP Leila Evans and Scottie Hogg reported on their trip to Israel/Palestine.

Elder Judith West, Chair of the Committee, explained the Peacemaking Offering, and urged churches to do it. She recognized the following three small churches that had done energy audits and received Energy Stewardship grants: Kenilworth, Murphy and Newdale. She reminded other small churches that they can also apply for grants.

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

Elder Linda Rostan, on behalf of the Bills, Overtures and Resolutions Committee, reported as follows:

“We appreciate the diligent work of the Sessions which submitted the Resolutions (Appendices E and F) for consideration.

We are assured that the mandated committees of Committee on Ministry (COM) and Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) will prayerfully and thoroughly study how to best carry out their constitutional responsibilities in light of the most recent actions of the General Assembly. They are relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and will be reporting to the Presbytery during future meetings.

We unanimously recommend to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina that

1. The Resolutions from the sessions of First Presbyterian Church of Marion and the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville not be adopted;
2. The Presbytery reaffirm its support of the constitutional standards as found in the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions* and all the requirements for ordaining and installing officers (deacons, elders and ministers) therein.”

Upon further consideration, the following amendments (the first by the Rev. Ken Chivers, and the second by the Rev. Dr. Pete Peery, both duly seconded) were added to the above recommendations.

3. The Presbytery not grant any exceptions to the mandatory standards for ordination and installation in the *Book of Order* until it studies further the effects of the General Assembly's actions on the Peace, Unity and Purity report and the COM and CPM report back to Presbytery (adopted 87-68); and
4. Before any further studies by COM and CPM of the effects of the General Assembly's actions on the Peace, Unity and Purity report and any change in the procedures of Presbytery are adopted, no exceptions to any ordination or installation standards be granted except by vote of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adopted the amended report.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Allen Huff, Chair of the Committee, and Elder Kathy Parse reported on their mission trip to Malawi. The Rev. Troy Braswell reported for the Guatemala mission team that visited partner churches. The Rev. Randall Boggs reported on the current problems in the Iglesia Evangelica Nacional Presbiteriana de Guatemala (IENPG) and offered a prayer on their behalf, specifically the upcoming meeting of the national assembly (Synod) on August 3-4. The Rev. Kevin Frederick reported on his trip to Guatemala doing workshops for pastors and elders in PWNC partner presbyteries on biblical studies related to domestic violence.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

The Rev. Carol Clark urged Presbytery to support Nickel a Meal and then invited the Presbytery to listen to The Prayer of the Children.

SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY AND COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Dean of the SL/CLP, Joe Gernoske, reported on the results in the lives of the 60 graduates thus far, and then recognized the 2006 graduates. (Appendix K)

Harriett Conard
Lynn Holman

Clarissa Fisher
Lynn Moore

Nick Kerley
Sharon Decker

Judy Covin
Dick Hood

DIVISION OF SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES

Co-chair Thelma Cumbie referred Presbytery to the written report (Appendix L) and encouraged small churches to share their visions with the committee. Lynn Holman told the story of the rebirthing of First Presbyterian Church in Swannanoa. The Rev. Maggie Lauterer reported about how God is blessing First Presbyterian Church in Burnsville. The Presbytery praised the work of the Swannanoa Valley Presbyterian Fellowship, which comprises the congregations of Black Mountain, Montreat, Riceville, Swannanoa and Warren Wilson.

DIVISION OF EVANGELISM & CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Chair Cardy White referred the Presbytery to their report (Appendix M). As a sign of churches supporting one another, the Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport presented the Rev. Bill Waterstradt, interim organizing pastor of Conover Presbyterian NCD, with 10 Presbyterian Hymnals from Gastonia Area Presbyterians (GAP). He reported on other ways GAP churches are working together. Rev. Waterstradt thanked GAP on behalf of Conover NCD, as well as the earlier gift of hymnals from Unity Presbyterian Church. Elder White also informed Presbytery of several conferences on November 3-6 featuring Dr. Roy Oswald of the Alban Institute.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. Michael Brazelle, Chair of the Sessional Records Committee, reported that 28 sessional records were received. 11 were approved without exception; 16 were approved with exception and one was not approved. The following churches failed to present their minutes: Pine Street; Reems Creek-Beech; Rutherfordton; Shelby; Shiloh; Grover; Siloam; Spindale; Union Mills; United; Vians Valley; Walnut; Walnut Grove; West Avenue; Westminster.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS COMMITTEE

Elder Mary V Atkinson presented a Resolution of Thanks, which was adopted. (Appendix N)

Moderator Wilson was thanked specifically for his faithful and careful service to the Presbytery for the past year, during which he has presided with dignity, skill, fairness, humor and Christian love. He received a standing ovation.

ADJOURNMENT & BENEDICTION

With the business of the meeting completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was concluded with the Benediction by the Moderator.

NEXT MEETING

The Seventieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, 2006, at Park Inn – Gateway Center, Hickory, NC.

These minutes were prepared by the following committee appointed to do so:

James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Parks H. Wilson, Jr., Moderator

Virginia E. Stevens, Recording Clerk

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Rules for Debate
- C. Minutes of the Sixty Eighth Stated Meeting, April 25, 2006
- D. Minutes of the Commissions to Ordain Eugene B. Linton
- E. Resolution from the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville
- F. Overture from the First Presbyterian Church of Marion
- G. Report of the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee
- H. Nominating Committee Report
- I. Reports from the 217th General Assembly Commissioners
- J. Committee on Ministry Report
- K. School for the Laity Report
- L. Division of Small Membership Churches Report
- M. Division of Evangelism and Church Development Report
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OMNIBUS MOTION

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- A. Any member of the governing body requests removal of an item included in the OM whereupon that item shall be removed and presented to the governing body as part of the report from which it originated.*

- B. When the Omnibus Motion is presented on the floor, opportunity shall be given for members of the governing body to request, without comment or debate, for removal of specific items from the OM.*

A FAVORABLE VOTE ON THE OM SHALL BE RECORDED AS A FAVORABLE VOTE ON ALL MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE MOTION. THEREFORE, PLEASE READ AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER ALL MOTIONS BEFORE PRESBYTERY.

THAT THE OMNIBUS MOTION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS, BE ADOPTED:

RECOMMENDATIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 FROM THE STATED CLERK'S REPORT.

(See Stated Clerk's Report (B) for contents of recommendations)

RECOMMENDATION XVI.

FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT.

(See Committee on Ministry Report (D) for contents of recommendation)

RECOMMENDATIONS V. and VI.

(See Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report (K) for contents of recommendations

ADDENDUM A-2

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**THAT THE OMNIBUS MOTION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING
RECOMMENDATION, BE ADOPTED:**

RECOMMENDATION IX. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT.

(See Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report (Addendum K) for contents of recommendation.)

Not submitted electronically, refer to hard copy.

Appendix C

April 25, 2006 Minutes. Electronic posting of minutes begins with this set: 07/25/06.
Contact Presbytery office for a hard copy: 828/438-4217.

Appendix D

File not submitted electronically, contact the Presbytery office for a hard copy. 828-438-4217.

Appendix E

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Appendix F

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**Report of the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee
to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina
July 25, 2006**

The Search Committee nominates the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte for the office of Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina with a renewable three-year term of office at the terms listed below. (G-9.0202b)

Shortly after we were elected to the committee by the presbytery at its meeting on January 28, 2006 at First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville we met with Dr. Roger Harp, Executive of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. Dr. Harp instructed us on our task and gave us copies of the Middle Governing Body Search Guidelines. Since the office of Stated Clerk is a part-time position, the committee decided to limit that search to our presbytery and begin with it. A job description was developed by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Coordinating Council. The council set minimum and maximum financial terms of call for us to use in our search.

We began advertising the position on March 1 by mailing an "Employment Opportunity" notice to all churches in the PWNC, by including the notice in the next presbytery information packet, and by posting a notice on the PWNC website. The deadline to apply was April 7, 2006 with interviews to begin shortly thereafter.

The committee received seven applications, including two from beyond the bounds of the presbytery. We met and together reviewed each application. We narrowed those to two individuals. We developed a list of questions to use in interviews and a plan to present them uniformly to each candidate. We were very impressed with the quality of commitment, faith, and expertise of each applicant and the depth of insight in their answers. After the first interviews the committee could not come to a conclusion. So, we scheduled second interviews to be held after the recent General Assembly meeting. We developed a new group of questions based in part on the actions of GA. After these second interviews James Aydelotte became our unanimous choice and we are pleased to recommend him to the presbytery for an affirmative vote.

The committee believes that James will serve the PWNC well at this critical point in the history of our denomination and presbytery. He is highly knowledgeable of the Book of Order, detail-oriented, fair to all concerned, thorough, pastoral, and completely committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He presents a thoughtful, non-anxious presence that these troubled times in the PCUSA require.

Listed below is a short curriculum vitae and a brief statement of James' theological beliefs.

BASICS

- Born in New Orleans LA; grew up in Memphis TN and Chincoteague Island V A
- Father was a very active Presbyterian Elder
- Married Margaret B Walker (Ph.D.) from Yorkshire, England, UK
- We have been blessed with three children and two grandchildren

EDUCATION

- B.A. Rhodes College, TN
- B.D. * Princeton Seminary, NJ (*same as M.Div.)

- M.Litt. Cambridge University, UK
- Ph.D. University of Iowa, IA

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EMPLOYMENT

- Tarkio College, MO: Chaplain & Assistant Professor
- Franklin College, IN: Associate Professor & Dean
- Rotary International, IL: Senior Manager

SOME HONORS

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Rotary Fellowship at Heidelberg University, Germany
- Princeton Senior Fellowship at Cambridge University, UK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

- Licensed by the Presbytery of Memphis; ordained by the Presbytery of St Joseph
- Campus Christian Life Intern, TX
- Commissioner, Synod and General Assembly
- Associate Pastor (part-time) First Presbyterian Church, Wilmette, IL (11 years)
- Interim Pastor of seven Presbyterian churches in IA, IN, and NC (Canton, Oak Forest, Waldensian, Hickory First, Morganton First)
- Pastoral Associate in two Evangelical Lutheran Churches (ELCA) in MO and IL
- Very active on these committees in several Presbyteries: Committee on Ministry (sometime chair), and Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Interim Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Western North Carolina

BELIEFS

There is no phrase in the Nicene Creed which I, James Aydelotte, cannot wholeheartedly affirm. Rejoicing that we are a confessional church, I enjoy studying (and especially teaching upon occasion) our Book of Confessions, which I gratefully accept it as a faithful and rewarding exposition of God's revelation to us. I am also both familiar and comfortable with the Book of Order, especially with the initial chapters added at the 1983 reunion.

Superior in every way to these, of course, are the Bible and God's Holy Spirit. Though I cannot claim to be a real student of the Scriptures, I do try to study them regularly and intelligently and to follow them as faithfully as I can. But it is the Spirit of God who can truly interpret the Bible and rightly guide us in this life.

Still useful is the reformers' test of the presence of that Church, namely, where the gospel is rightly preached, the sacraments truly celebrated and Christ's discipline well administered. Worship and service remain, as always, the hallmarks of the Christian. To God alone be the glory!

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Terms of Call for the Stated Clerk of the PWNC as determined by the Coordinating Council in consultation with Dr. Aydelotte:

Base Salary	\$ 16,876.00
Housing Allowance	16,876.00
Social Security Allowance (.0765)	2,583.00
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Medical Expense Reimbursement	4,325.00
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	\$ 43,243.00

Average 19 hours per week
No Formal Benefits
No Vacation
No Study Leave

Respectfully submitted by the GP/SC Search Committee:

Pat Bacon
Helen Harris
Katherine Parker
Dottie Thornburg
Arthur Burgess
Charles Davenport
David Hosick, Moderator

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FLORENCE SHELOR, CHAIR
July 25, 2006

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations to fill class vacancies. These recommendations come before the Presbytery following the Nominating Committee's meeting of May 8, 2006. If you have suggestions for the remaining vacancies, please complete the enclosed form from the Nominating Committee. Suggestions will be considered at their meeting on August 14, 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Items in parenthesis () and italicized were the known vacancies when the Nominating Committee met in May 2006. If a committee still has a known vacancy, it will be indicated following the recommendation.

1.	<u>Coordinating Council</u>	FULL
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2.	<u>Committee on Ministry</u> <i>(1 vacancy for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and elder representation, the committee needs 1 minister from cluster E.)</i>	
	Rev. Ted Grant (Sherrill's Ford)	(E) Class of 2007

3.	<u>Care of Church Professionals</u> <i>(1 vacancy for the class of 2008. In order to balance clergy and elder representation, the committee needs 1 minister from cluster E.)</i>	
	Rev. Beth Ann Miller (Morganton, First)	(E) Class of 2008

4.	<u>Committee on Representation</u>	FULL
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5.	<u>Examinations</u>	FULL
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6.	<u>Goals and Evaluations</u> <i>(4 vacancies, 1 for the class of 2006, 1 for the class of 2007 and 2 for the class of 2008. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 minister and 3 lay persons from clusters A, C and F.)</i>	
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7.	<u>Permanent Judicial Commission</u>	FULL
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8. **Preparation for Ministry** FULL

9. **Racial and Ethnic**

(1 vacancy for the class of 2008. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster C, D, and/or F.)

Mr. James Hooper (Ryburn) (C) Class of 2008

10. **Self-Development of People** FULL

11. **Sessional Records and Attendance** FULL

12. **Division of Evangelism and Church Development**

(2 vacancies, 1 for the class of 2007 and 1 for the class of 2008. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 2 lay persons from clusters E and F.)

Rev. Joan Martin (Union) (D) Class of 2008

(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster E or F.)

13. **Division of Outreach** FULL

14. **Hunger Committee**

(1 vacancy for the class of 2008. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster C or F.)

Ms. Teresa Locke (Southminster) (D) Class of 2008

15. **National Global Missions & Ecumenical Relations**

(1 vacancy for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 member from either cluster D or F.)

Rev. Don Robb (E) Class of 2007

16. **Peace and Justice**

(1 vacancy for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 minister from cluster D.)

Rev. Richard Nygren (A) Class of 2007

17. **Division of Educational Ministries** FULL

18. **Campus Mission** FULL

19. **Christian Education** FULL

20. **Stewardship**

(3 vacancies, 1 for the class of 2006 and 2 for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 2 ministers and 1 lay person from clusters C, D and E. Also needs a committee chair.)

21. **Youth Ministries**

(1 vacancy for the class of 2008. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 minister from cluster A or D.)

Rev. Troy Braswell (Long Creek) (D) Class of 2008

22. **Division of Administration** FULL

23. **Budget and Finance** FULL

24. **Communications**

(1 vacancy for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster A, D, or F.)

Mr. Perrin Todd (Black Mountain) (B) Class of 2007

25. **Joint Outdoor Ministries** FULL

26. **Personnel Committee**

(1 vacancy for the class of 2008. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs a minister from cluster A, D or F.)

Mr. Dick Cameron (Morganton, First) (E) Class of 2008

27. **Property and Equipment** FULL

28. **Division of Small Membership Churches**

(Committee needs a co-chair.)

Rev. Jim Cockerham (Waldensian) Co-Chair

Nominating Committee
Presbytery of Western North Carolina
JULY 2006

NAME: _____

Recommendations for Presbytery Committees

Church _____

Cluster _____

Below are some of the categories of gifts, skills, knowledge or interests required in the work of the various committees. Please fill in the name and requested information about each person recommended, as we work hard to keep our committees properly balanced as to clusters, elders to clergy, mento women and with racial/ethnic representation. You may recommend laypersons, elders or clergy in this area. Non-ordained laypersons are able to serve on many presbytery committees, but please indicate non-ordained persons.

(M/E/L - Minister/Elder/Layperson)

Business/Finance (Possible Committees: Coordinating Council, Budget & Finance, Property & Equipment)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

Theology/Education (Possible Committees: Division of Education, Christian Education, Joint Outdoor Ministries, Stewardship, Examinations)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

Mission/Outreach (Possible Committee: National Global Missions and Ecumenical Relations, Hunger, Peace & Justice, Racial Ethnic, Self-Development of People)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

Planning/Administration (Possible Committees: Division of Administration, Personnel, Property & Equipment, Communications, Joint Outdoor Ministries, Goals & Evaluations, Sessional Records, Nominating, Representation)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

Youth/Campus (Possible Committees: Youth, Campus Mission)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

Min./Evangelism (Possible Committees: Committee on Ministry, Preparation for Ministry, Division of Evangelism, Care of Church Professionals)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

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Legal/Polity (Possible Committees: Permanent Judicial)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

Small Church (Possible Committees: Division of Small Membership Churches)

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

_____ Sex ____ Race ____ M/E/L ____ Phone _____

Use this area to recommend people for a particular committee:

Committee Person's Name Sex Race M/E/L Phone

**Report from the
217th General Assembly of the PC(USA)
Birmingham, Alabama
June 17-22, 2006
Rev. Samuel W. Hale, Commissioner**

First, I thank the presbytery for being willing to send me to the General Assembly as representative during these tumultuous times in our culture and in our denomination. I enjoyed the experience, and I greatly enjoyed being with the rest of the delegation from our presbytery.

First I want to include the sad decision of the Assembly to turn down the Montreat Historical Association request for continuing the facility in Montreat. As I flew from Birmingham after the Assembly, I sat with another commissioner from Washington state who had been on the committee struggling with it. As we talked, I realized that I, too, was emotionally involved with this situation. According to this person, the committee spent ten hours on the issue, and while they were looking for a win-win resolution, they could not find one. It's a sad moment for the southeast, the old PCUS, and it's a breach of promise. The whole denomination lost on that one.

What I want to describe about the meeting is more from my own theological take on it. This assembly sort of made official with the PUP TF report and the Trinity paper what has been in fact happening throughout the church. When we think of the various denominations in our country, we can think of what each of these brings to the table. For example, the United Methodists bring passion for Christ and Spiritual development, the Baptists remind us of evangelism, the Episcopalians offer liturgy and healing. The franchise of the Presbyterians has always been that of teaching solid, biblical theology that we call, "Reformed." For many years I have been proud of that legacy. At the Small Church Breakfast during the assembly, we even heard a Baptist Association director from the Birmingham area talk about how rural areas need Presbyterian Churches because of this very factor—emphasis upon education and teaching good theology.

While in many ways this assembly was moderate and pastoral compared to others especially the 216th in Richmond, it nevertheless did two things that witness to the losing of our identity as a church with solid theology. Again, that is adopting the PUP Task Force Report even with the modifications on Recommendation 5 and receiving the Trinity paper. While "Reformed Theology" used to refer to good biblical theology, it now swishes around in the slogan that was not even a centerpiece of the theology—"Reformed Always Reforming." (Most of the time leaving off the other part of the slogan—according to Scripture). While in our true Reformed Theology, the "Reformed Always Reforming" should mean for us learning to communicate theological truth of Scripture to a post-modern culture, instead we are twisting it to mean conform to the post-modern culture even at times rejecting biblical truth. In doing so, we are in danger of losing our identity and perhaps our soul. [We sang a song called, "The Doxology," but it was so politically correct that all I could recognize was the "Old One Hundredth" tune. In this "political correctness," the theology of the church is being changed!]

While choosing relativism and an inclusivism that sounds much like universalism, we are distorting and losing the great ends of the church especially that of evangelism. Instead of celebrating and proclaiming the profound, incredible good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as God's own answer and action to bring salvation and hope into the world, we weakly wallow around trying to say our faith is like that of all religions. We are saying what is true for them is their truth and what is truth for us is our truth. What happened to "THE Truth," Jesus?

Fortunately, not all is lost. A strong part of the denomination yet teaches and upholds faithful biblical teaching and theology while proclaiming the Gospel. And here is our hope. It is as we insist upon our officers being devout and committed believers (instead of warm bodies or influential persons), and it is as we insist upon our church schools not just teaching information but also relationship and encounter with God in Jesus, and it is as we encourage our families to teach and share the faith with their children, that the church can come alive again in its legacy and grow again as a living, witnessing body.

The General Assembly meeting in Birmingham did some good things—such as refuse to recommend change in the Book of Order Ordination requirements, begin to oppose abortion in the late term, choose a more balanced position on the Israeli-Palestinian situation. The Assembly always acted with concern for others even as it chose to accept or reject certain resolutions. The Moderator, Rev. Joan Gray, is a good selection. She is moderate and unpretentious while admitting her own struggles with various issues. The preaching at various official worship services was usually powerful and biblical! Our legacy however will be the two items of concern I've been describing and what this might do to the church. My hope is that the presbytery will talk and do theology and not just run through business items. It will be interesting to see how it plays out.

Thanks again for sending me!

Sam Hale
Minister Commissioner

Commentary on the 217th General Assembly
June 15 - 22, 2006
for the
Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Mr. Billy Wilson, Commissioner

Let me begin by sharing my thanks to the Presbytery for the unique opportunity afforded me as a commissioner to the GA. The other PWNC commissioners and I were part of a diverse group of Presbyterians from across our denomination of 2.5 million, elected to discern God's will for selected issues facing our church. I take this opportunity to impart some of what I came away with from the assembly after meeting together for a week.

Over committee deliberations and plenary sessions I realized we could not let issues of our denomination that cause differences negatively effect the work of our church, which is, following God's call to do His work. We heard testimonies of God's people hurting in our country and across the world. Poverty, war conflicts, disease, homelessness, and disaster are some of our mission areas. The General Assembly made decisions that I may or may not have agreed with, but Jesus Christ is the head of our church and calls us into servant-hood, no matter what we might face here or abroad. He calls us into communion and fellowship in our differences and we can rejoice in that relationship.

Our church faces declining membership. I heard voices of hope in those of volunteers from the Birmingham area Presbyterian churches who helped us have a pleasant stay. We recognize the concerns as a denomination and we, local churches need to get to work. There is need of new ideas and there is work to do.

What I came away with was that differences in our denomination do not give me any excuse to not do God's work as he leads me. God does run a "no excuse campaign". We cannot hide behind our personal wishes making God's will the victim.

To quote a dear and dedicated pastor, "We have got to go on anyhow."
I look forward to our Presbytery moving forward in God's work.

In Christ's service,

Billy Wilson, PWNC Commissioner to the 217th General Assembly

**Report from the
217th General Assembly of the PC(USA)
Birmingham, Alabama
June 17-22, 2006
Barbara Phillips, Commissioner**

This has been a difficult report to write because of my mixed feelings about the GA meeting. On one hand it was marvelous to be with that many Presbyterians who are really excited about their church and want to see it move ahead. People were friendly and helpful and easy to talk to. It was wonderful to hear about all the positive things that the PCUSA is doing around the country and the world. It was uplifting to realize what talent for the Lord we have in our congregations, from the Youth Advisors on up. Everything done was under girded with prayer. If things got tense there would be a break for a prayer or a hymn to be sung.

The committee on which I was placed was a real challenge. Peacemaking and International Issues covered most of the global trouble spots but the really tough issue was the Israel /Palestine conflict. Most of the pre-assembly mail I had received (aside from the PUP Report item 5) was on that issue and there were strong feelings on both sides. We worked until nearly 10:00 P.M each night and came back on Sunday for a work session. Finally, with a great deal of prayer and a willingness to listen to each other, a well balanced recommendation was crafted. During plenary (business) sessions later the recommendation passed 483-28 with one abstention. What had been expected to be a battle went very smoothly. The Lord gets full credit for that success!! Some of the other problems we covered included Sudan, Congo, Haiti, Sub-Saharan Africa (malaria), and international trafficking of women and children for prostitution.

I had attended the GA two years ago as an alternate and one of the high points had been the morning worship services with wonderful preaching and music to start the days. This year, since we were meeting to worship with two Cumberland Presbyterian denominations, the worship services were moved to after the evening meal. (Each committee held its own worship before starting the business of the day). For those of us who had worked since morning and then needed to return to committee after the evening service it made for a very long day.

I think the hardest thing about the meeting, however, was knowing that there were several problems coming up that were so controversial that many churches had threatened to leave the PCUSA if voting went against them. It is frustrating to be told that you are to go and vote for what you believe is God's will but if your interpretation differs from theirs they will leave! The majority of commissioners there, though, were tired of the squabbling and wanted to move ahead in a positive way, wanting to get back to doing the work of the church, joyfully. It was felt that the PUP Report gave us a way to start that process but it will take all of us being willing to reach out to one another to make that happen.

It will take a while to know the effects of the 217th. We pray that God will bless our efforts and the church we love will grow ever closer to Him.

**Report from the
217th General Assembly of the PC(USA)
Birmingham, Alabama
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Amy Smith, Youth Advisory Delegate**

This June I had the privilege to serve as Western North Carolina's Youth Advisory Delegate, AKA, YAD, to the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham, Alabama. Each YAD and commissioner was assigned to a particular committee and I was assigned to the Committee on Theological Issues and Institutions. The most debatable issue assigned to our committee was the Trinity Papers. The committee passed the papers as study materials and it then went to the whole General Assembly to be voted on. After committee the next step was plenary where issues were brought to the floor to be discussed and voted on.

When we were not busy I had fun hanging out with the other YADs and attending special events such as the YAD party. Our only day off was Sunday and I, along with others, visited the Civil Rights Institute. I also really enjoyed the various worship services that included the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Serving as Youth Advisory Delegate has been a very rewarding experience. I learned a lot about the church and the process of making decisions on issues that the church faces. I also got to meet a lot of great people from across the US with different views and ideas.

I'd like to thank the Presbytery for giving me this opportunity and also to my home church, West Asheville Presbyterian, for supporting me all along. Again, this was a very rewarding experience that I will never forget.

Rev. Charles Davenport reported but did not submit electronically.
See actual minutes for his report.

Appendix J

To protect the privacy of our ministers beyond our bounds, the Appendix J ~ Committee on Ministry Report ~ is available directly from the Presbytery office electronically or snail mail.
Contact the office at 828/438-4217.

School for Laity
Joe Gernoske, Dean
July 25, 2006

The Presbytery is pleased to recognize the students who have completed the two-year School for the Laity Program. The program is designed for lay persons desiring to increase their faith and knowledge, to strengthen their church, and expand their ministry and for elders desiring to serve as committed lay pastors. Churches in our Presbytery are always looking for qualified men and women to serve in positions of pastoral leadership. Unfortunately, many otherwise qualified people are reluctant to pursue these positions because they do not feel adequately prepared Biblically and theologically. Others are already involved in ministry positions but feel limited by their lack of training and ongoing opportunities for development and support. Our School for the Laity is designed to help train, equip, and support lay people to serve more effectively...a few as commissioned lay pastors or in many other lay leadership positions. The course work included Bible, theology, church history, worship and sacraments, Christian education, preaching, pastoral care, polity and church leadership.

Eight people completed the current entire two-year program, about 57 other people have completed this program, and others have completed one quarter or more. When asked why they continued to drive long distances, study between classes and sit from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. 15 Saturdays for each of two years, participants said they felt called by God to be there, were challenged by excellent teachers, and encouraged by each other. Members said they grew in faith and knowledge, and desired to share that with their church. The success of this class will be measured in how the members continue to grow in their personal faith and how they show God's love to others. It will also be measured in how the people in the church they serve will grow and change in their faithfulness and vitality, and how the gospel is proclaimed to those who do not know of its good news. The program has received enthusiastic endorsement of those who have attended. They feel it is one of the Presbytery's best kept secrets. We ask that each church identify people in their church who would enjoy and benefit from the program. We need your help to get the word out. A schedule for the coming year is printed on the reverse side.

The following people will receive certificates for having completed the program:

Harriet Conard, Judy Covin, Sharon Decker, Clarissa Fisher, Lynn Holman, Dick Hood, Nick Kerley and Lynn Moore

The School for the Laity/CLP Program is a program of the Small Church Division. It is managed by the School for the Laity/CLP Program Task Force.

Joe Gernoske, Chair and Dean
Bobbi White, Director of CLP Program
Ed Mc Fadden, Associate Dean

Task Force Members: Dick Lonnee, Billy Wilson, Linda Gensheimer, Betty Grier, Phyllis Mohr

School for the Laity

Commissioned Lay Pastor

2006-2007 Class Schedule

2006 Fall (Morganton..except for Retreat in Montreat)

September	22	Overnight Kick-Off Retreat - William Black Lodge
	23	Retreat continues (Mel Bringle will be Leader in AM)
October	7	Introduction to Old Testament Or *Preaching & Pastoral Care (PM) All Students
	28	Introduction to Old Testament Or Preaching & Pastoral Care
November	4	Introduction to Old Testament Or Preaching & Pastoral Care
	18	Introduction to Old Testament Or Preaching & Pastoral Care
December	2	Introduction to Old Testament Or Preaching & Pastoral Care
		(Snow Date: December 9) (*Preaching for 2 nd year Students)

2007 Winter (Black Mountain)

January	6	Panel of Pastors and Polity
	20	Church Year Themes and Polity
February	3	Memorial and Healing Services and Polity
	17	Baptism and Polity
March	3	Lord's Supper and Polity
		(Snow Dates: January 13, February 10, March 10)

2007 Spring (Black Mountain)

March	17	Cultivation of Christian Character and Myers Briggs (Mohr & McFadden)
April	7	Ministry & Healthy Congregations and Appreciative Inquiry
	21	Mission and Evangelism
May	5	Christian Education and Handling Conflict
	19	AM ? Graduation Celebration PM

Classes for 2007-2008

Old Testament, New Testament, Bible, Theology I,
Theology II & Church History

DIVISION OF SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES

July 25, 2006

Rev. David Dudley and Thelma Cumbie, Co-Chairs

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina has 78 small churches with membership less than 150. These small membership churches dot the country sides blooming with love and care. Many of these churches have touched the lives of many generations. Members of the division are trying to be in contact with these churches and become familiar with their hopes, dreams and needs. The division wants to find ways to help support these churches.

The Ddvision has an objective that all small churches will be served by a consistent pastor, who preaches, visits, leads Bible study, and along with the Session, plans for the future. This is happening in all but a very few cases.

The division wants all churches to grow in faith and vitality, and therefore, tries to share the good things happening in small churches so others may be encouraged and use ideas that have been tried. "In Touch," the small church newsletter, is produced quarterly and is sent to all the elders of small churches for which the Presbytery office has an address. It tries to include news and ideas that can be shared with other churches. If you do not get the "In Touch," send us your address. (See a copy at the Small Church Exhibit.)

The division also encourages churches to work and worship together. They celebrate the Swannanoa Valley Presbyterian Fellowship: Swannanoa, First, Riceville, Montreat, and Black Mountain, which recently had a pulpit exchange and has a hymn-sing/ice cream evening planned. They celebrate the Mitchell-Yancey Fellowship that recently restarted for summer worship and the old Mayland Fellowship, which meets quarterly and during Holy Week and gives scholarships to local college students, along with supporting the various mission needs in our Presbytery.

Each year, the division has workshops around the Presbytery, including officer and elder training. The division would like to work with churches who need specialized training in their area.

The division has limited financial support to help churches who demonstrate a commitment to transformation and growing in numbers, faith and vitality, to support churches in transition, to help short term emergency and crisis needs, and to help churches experiencing significant growth that need staff support to continue to grow, and provide help for getting church signs. Below are examples:

The Dorland Memorial Church, a church striving for transformation, came to the division several years ago with a dream to have a full-time pastor living in their community to serve them and Walnut. They pledged to raise \$50,000 and reach out to the community and ask the division to match their money over a five-year period. This spring, Dorland Memorial and Walnut installed a full-time pastor, Gene Linton, who will be living in the manse at Hot Springs, beside the church at Dorland. The church is committed to reach out and grow. They currently have the only once a week after-school program for children in the area. They are reaching out to children who would otherwise not have an opportunity for Bible study, fun and learning.

Swannanoa Church has recently installed a part-time pastor and is trying to grow in many ways. The division helped them get a Synod grant and are helping to fund this new arrangement. The division is also helping Kenilworth and John Knox be able to afford a full-time pastor.

Good Hope is an example of a very small church in transition. They lost a long-term pastor and are now trying to discern their future direction. David Moore, a recent CLP graduate, who is now serving at Good Hope Presbyterian, reported to the division about wonderful happenings at this church. He discovered that a handicapped walkway and bathroom facilities were needed for their older members. The Presbytery found a grant for this and the facilities have been provided. Then, a visitor provided a new sound system, cushions for the pews, and new windows and air conditioning for the church. A new lighting system has also been installed. They had a worship service to celebrate the long ministry of State Alexander, former minister/stated supply.

Another big plus for this church is their ministry to children in the community. Their after-school program provides for 23 children. A donation of two new computers has been given to the after-school program. Good things are happening during this transition.

Several churches with unexpected travel expenses due to the rise in gas prices are being helped by the division:

The Burnsville First Presbyterian Church has been growing at a rapid rate and needed staffing help to support the growth they are experiencing. In support of this growth, the division is helping to fund the hiring of a part-time person to assist with their ministry.

Signs are important to let visitors know where to find your church. They are also publicity vehicles. The division will help churches afford church signs by paying \$50 towards the purchase of two signs.

The Small Church Division also supports the School for the Laity and the Commission Lay Pastor Program as a way of providing church leadership. The School for the Laity is a two-year program that has provided some of the smaller churches with trained leadership. In addition, there are ten small churches currently served by Commissioned Lay Pastors.

Division of Evangelism and Church Development**July 25, 2006****Carolyn “Cardy” White, Chair**

The Evangelism and Church Development Division has four major responsibilities: New Church Development, Church Redevelopment, Evangelism and Spiritual Formation.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT:

Conover's New Church Development grant was approved by the General Assembly for \$100,000.00 with funding spread over the next seven years. The last presbytery meeting approved an Administrative Commission of seven people with the power of a Session and the responsibility for being a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Conover Church has completed a Church Information Form. They are seeking a permanent pastor and reviewing Personal Information Forms of pastors. If you know of someone who would be an excellent New Church Development pastor, please contact Jerry Bron, chair of the Commission. Reverend Bill Waterstradt of Montreat is serving as interim pastor.

At Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel, the New Church Development in Hickory, exciting things are happening. A newsletter in Spanish is being prepared which describes the events at the church. Of course, not all Hispanics speak Spanish! Some speak only English, others speak only Portuguese and there are different Spanish dialects! This is not a problem they think about often. Martín Concepción, their pastor, did share that there is great concern regarding the recent immigration issues that have arisen. Martín continues to seek to lead these people to be the church and is thankful for the support of the Presbytery, General Assembly and local Catawba county churches.

The Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville is looking for a church building where they will be able to hold worship services at 11:00 a.m. They have made an offer on a church. They are trying to secure a loan and sell some property in order to make this happen.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT:

A two-day conference for churches of membership near or more than 500, is planned for November 3 & 4, 2006, to be led by Roy Oswald of Alban Institute. The conference is designed for pastors and six to twelve elders and/or lay leaders from each church. This conference will include exploring the challenges of larger churches, ways of growing in faith, numbers and vitality, the Session as spiritual leaders, and challenges unique to the individual churches attending.

On Sunday, November 5, 2006, Roy Oswald will consult with larger churches that have recently reduced the size of their Sessions.

On Monday, November 6, *a workshop for pastors, who are Heads of Staff*, will be offered.

The Division continues to encourage churches to work together as a way of increasing their witness

and being able to grow in new ways together.

The *Gastonia Area Presbyterians (GAP)*, a recently organized group through the efforts of Betty Redman, former chair of the Division, are continuing to work together. Members of West Avenue, Olney, First Gastonia, and Southminster are involved in the planning. Other local churches are invited to join them. The activities so far focus in two areas: (1) social issues and (2) spiritual formation.

West Avenue has agreed to "provide the leadership and energy" for the social issues part, with Southminster taking the lead similarly for spiritual formation. The social issues plans include (1) construction of a Habitat House and (2) a fund-raising project to assist foster families in the Gaston county area. A fall retreat for Presbyterian women has been planned to focus on spiritual development and will involve all of the GAP churches.

In addition, the division actively supports redevelopment/transformation/growth of several churches through staff support dollars. The Division is open to the needs of other churches and is willing to consider organizing other workshops or conferences of need.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

The Spiritual Formation Retreat on March 25, 2006 was attended by about fifty people. The all-day retreat at Black Mountain was led by Dr. Julie Johnson, former Director of Columbia Seminary's Certificate in Spirituality. The feedback on the retreat was excellent. One person commented that she was the most skilled leader at getting individual involvement that she had experienced. The Division is exploring asking her to lead another retreat in 2007.

This group is also working on supporting groups doing "Companions in Christ." For more information, contact David Nash, chair of the Spiritual Formations Task Force.

EVANGELISM:

Evangelism Sparklers are designed to share ideas from one church to another and are included in the monthly mailing. Get the good ideas that your church is doing to Robert Garrison, so he can share those with everyone.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

By the love of God, grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the uplifting presence of the Holy Spirit, we resolve to express our gratitude to the Rev. Carol Clarke and the community of Unity Presbyterian Church for their Christian hospitality, and for uplifting our hearts and faith through worship and beautiful music. We give thanks for the power and unity poured out upon us as we shared the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

With admiration we recognize God's blessing upon our Presbytery through the gifts of our leaders, celebrating the faithful service and gentle, yet firm, hand of leadership of Moderator Parks Wilson throughout this last year, and the continued service of Stated Clerk James Aydelotte. We celebrate those who have faithfully served Jesus Christ throughout their lives, especially at this meeting, Parker Williamson, as well as those who seek out new skills and knowledge in their determination to be faithful to their calling, such as the graduates of TPI, the candidates for ministry and those ministers entering ministry within our midst.

We resolve to go forth re-energized by what we have heard from the commissioners to General Assembly, the good news of God's working through our mission ministries, our large and small churches, our specialized ministries, and ministries of the laity.

Finally, we resolve, with hearts full of the love of God, to go forth honoring Jesus Christ in each other and bringing his reconciling grace to a world so in need of it, as we continue on the Adventures to which God calls us.

Andrew Parkey, Minister
Mary V. Atkinson, Elder