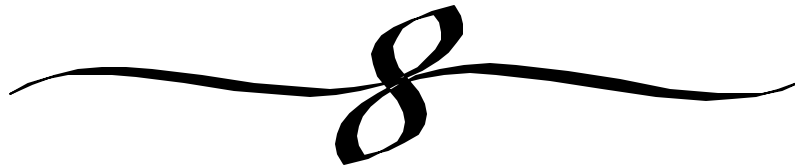
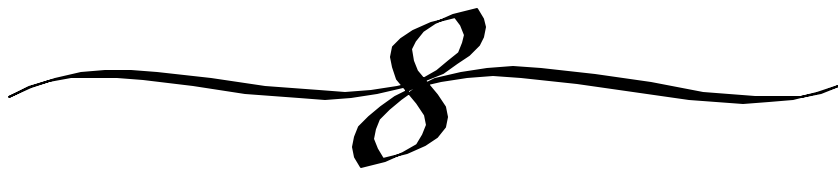


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
SEVENTIETH  
STATED MEETING  
October 20-21, 2006**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Seventieth Stated Meeting  
October 20-21, 2006  
at Park Inn-Gateway Conference Center, Hickory, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, the Rev. Margaret P. Lauterer, convened the Presbytery at 9:05 a.m. on October 20, 2006 with prayer and welcome to the Seventieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at Park Inn-Gateway Conference Center in Hickory, North Carolina.

**ATTENDANCE**

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, declared that a quorum was present. He moved that the Rev. Dr. Richard Dietrich from Shennadoah Presbytery be seated as a corresponding member. The motion was seconded and approved.

The following MINISTERS WERE ENROLLED (P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent without excuse):  
October 2006

Robert M. Abel	E	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan C. Aldridge	E
Charles C. Alexander	E	George W. Alexander	E	State Alexander, Jr.	E
Kirk Allen, Jr.	E	David Anderson	E	James G. Arnold	E
Wayne Aughinbaugh	E	Stephen M. Austin	P	James E. Aydelotte	P
Patricia Bacon	P	Michael Bailey	E	Douglas Bartlett	E
J. Edward Bates	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Joseph D. Bennett	P
Stanley L. Bennett	E	James F. Bernhardt	E	Carter Blaisdell	P
Buren Blankenship	P	Randall B. Boggs	A	Ronald A. Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	A	Richard N. Boyce	P	Troy S. Braswell	P
Ronald O. Brauer	E	Michael A. Brazelle	E	Edwin Brenegar, III	P
Hayden Britton	E	Beverly D. Brock	P	Jerry Bron	E
Thompson Brown	E	Jon Brown	P	Aimee Buchanan	P
Ralph L. Buchanan	E	William Buchanan	A	Monty B. Burnham	E
Sue Burton	E	Joey Byrd	E	John T. Campbell	E
Kathy D. Campbell	E	William P. Campbell	P	Day Carper	E
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	E	Kenneth Chivers	E

William E. Christian	P	Carol B. Clark	E	Mark P. Clark	P
James Cockerham	E	James A. Cogswell	E	Joshua M. Cole	E
J. Hunter Coleman	P	Robert R. Collins	E	Martin Concepcion	E
Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Drayton Cooper	E
Donald L. Cooper	E	W. Riley Covin	P	John W. Craven	E
James R. Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E	Charles Davenport	P
Arthur DeJong	E	Charles Donnell	E	Ellen Dozier	E
Kathryn Dudley	E	Philip W. Dunford	E	Hugh Eichelberger	E
John Ellington	E	Charles D. Elyea	E	Lee S. Feero, Jr.	E
David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth J. Foreman, Jr.	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	Kevin E. Frederick	P	A. Willis Gaines	P
B. Ronald Gilmer	E	Gregory M. Grana	E	Theodore Grant	P
Robert J. Gruber	E	Ford F. Segner	A	George W. Gunn	P
Samuel W. Hale	P	Michal H. Hall	E	Terry L. Hanna	E
Martin L. Harkey, III	P	Robert T. Henderson	E	J. Robert Hewett	E
Fred Hill	E	Robert F. Hinman	P	J. Richard Hobson	E
Timothy L. Holland	E	J. Richard Holshouser	E	James S. Hornsby	E
David R. Hosick	P	William R. Hoyt, III	P	T. Allen Huff, Jr.	P
James C. Huskins	P	George B. Hutchins	E	Donald R. Jafvert	P
William M. Janes	P	Robert L. Jansen	E	William H. Jennings	P
Cecil M. Jividen	E	G. Wallace Johnson	E	Rufus M. Johnston, IV	E
Dong Uk Kang	P	David Kennedy	E	R. Paul Kercher	E
Jeff Kesterson	E	William L. Kirk	P	Albert D. Kissling	E
Earl J. Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	Gale D. Lammey	E
John H. LaMotte	P	John C. Laughlin	E	Margaret P. Lauterer	P
Ernest J. Lewis	E	J. Wendell Ligon	E	John Lindsay	P
Eugene B. Linton, Jr.	E	Brad Long	E	Laura Long	E
Dick Lonnee	P	Edward A. Loper	P	E. Pressly Love	E
Billy T. Lowe	P	David R. Lytle	E	William H. Marquis	E

Sam P. Marshall, III	P	Joan C. Martin	E	Roberta P. Martin	E
W. Robert Martin, Jr.	E	W. Tyler Martin	E	J. Layton Mauze, III	P
John S. McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A	Robert A. McCully, Jr.	E
Deborah McEachran	P	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	James C. McPherson	E
Robert A. Meachem	E	C. Lynn Michie	P	Beth Ann Miller	A
Robert P. Mills	A	Paul H. Moehlman	E	Charles Moore	E
Anne C. Morgan	P	David L. Morgan	P	Richard L. Morgan	E
Nancy Mugford	E	David E. Mulford	E	Donald C. Mullen	E
Carl C. Murray	E	David Nash	P	Elizabeth D. Newman	E
Karen W. Newsome	A	John T. Newton, Jr.	E	Herman Nodine	E
Richard Nygren	E	Emily Enders Odom	E	O'Hyun Park	E
Yoon E. Park	E	Katherine E. Parker	P	Thomas D. Parker	P
Andrew B. Parkey	E	David L. Parks	E	Charles Parrish	E
Donald B. Patchel	E	Stratton L. Peacock	P	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P
Margaret B. Peery	P	Patrick H. Perryman	E	Harry F. Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle W. Peterson	E	Harry W. Philips	E
Michael Poulos	P	Donald G. Price	E	Edyth P. Pruitt	P
Jay K. Rabuck	P	Mark Ramsey	P	Kathleen V. Rankin	P
Earl M. Rash	E	Robert Ratchford	P	Wilson P. Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin S. Rice	E	Matthew A. Rich	P	Don C. Richter	E
Homer T. Rickabaugh	P	Don Robb, III	P	Jack C. Robinson	E
Steven Runholt	P	Richard M. Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P
J. Julius Scott	E	Leroy V. Secrest	E	William H. Serjak	P
Albert D. Shaw, Jr.	E	Richard G. Shelor	P	James R. Shroyer	P
Allan Sinclair	A	James H. Skelton, Jr.	E	Wirt Skinner	E
E. O'dell Smith	E	Paul S. Smith	A	John N. Somerville	E
Becky B. Stanley	P	J. Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	E	Daniel G. Stitt	P	David C. Stoker	E
Cynthia Strickler	E	Steven Strickler	E	James G. Stuart	E

Walter H. Styles	E	Charles E. Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	E
John E. Talmage	E	James W. Taylor, Jr.	P	A. Lee Thomas	E
Keith J. Thompson	E	Margaret L. Torrence	P	Emily Townes	A
Ace L. Tubbs	E	Leslie C. Tucker	E	Thomas Tweedie	E
Rockwell P. Ward	E	Samuel P. Warner	A	Morris D. Warren	E
Joseph Washburn	A	William Waterstradt	E	Mark A. Watson	P
George M. Webb	E	Lynn Webber	A	Barbara R. White	P
Richard L. White	P	Alan K. Wildsmith	P	James R. Wilken	P
Cynthia A. Williams	P	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E	Parker T. Williamson	E
John C. Wilson	E	V. Otis Wilson, Jr.	E	William T. Wing, Jr.	E
Eugene D. Witherspoon	E	W. Graham Wood, Jr.	P	Donaldson Woods	E
Rebecca Young	P				

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

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

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

Andy Andrews	A	John F. Black	A	Beth Bolin	A
Arthur Burgess, Jr.	P	Willard Cottrell	P	Thelma Cumbie	P
Sally Gunn	P	Lucy Keil	A	Charlita Lytle	A
David Moore	A	Don Paulk	A	Larry Poe	E
Connie Schimpf	P	Florence Shelor	P	Jack Suddreth	P
Sarah Thornburg	A	J. D. Waldrop	P	Carolyn White	E
Judith West	A				

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (1)	E	
Asheville First (2)	Bill Kantonen	
Banner Elk (1)	A	
Belmont First (2)	Porter Rhoton	Jerry Ragan
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Bethel (1)	Marion Phillips	
Black Mountain (2)	Addison Hill	Perrin Todd
Bostic (1)	A	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Fred Nebrig	Joyce Carney
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)	Vivian Ridley	Mamie White
Canton (1)	Barb Phillips	
Cherryville First (1)	Norman Ryan	

Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	E	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Rachel Deal	
Cullowhee (1)	Royce Woosley	
Dallas First (1)	John Finger	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Emma Kate Davis	
Dulatown (2)	Evelyn Bennett	Gary Norwood
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	A	
Fletcher (1)	Deni Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	Mary Sandra Costner	
Franklin First (1)	E	
Gastonia First (3)	Ruth Rice	David Ratchford
	Richard Rankin	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	Allene Sellars	James Tate
Grace Covenant (2)	Olson Huff	Charles Clogston
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	Cliff Schoen	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	A	
Hendersonville First (2)	Marguerite Martin	Mimi Jamieson
Hickory First (2)	Krista Burns	Patty Schenk
Highlands First (1)	Skip Taylor	



Ironton (1)	E	
Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	Evelyn Morehead	
Kenilworth (1)	Susie Rabuck	
Kings Mountain First (1)	E	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	Betty Brown	Sue McKee
Lincolnton First (1)	Edith Grimes	
Long Creek (1)	Dena Bridges	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Joey Mallock	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	Ellie Pinkham	
Micaville (1)	A	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	John McCaskill	
Morganton First (2)	John Branstrom	
Morrison (1)	E	
Mount Holly First (1)	Jim Guin	
Murphy (1)	Howard Wilson	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	A	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	A	
Newland (1)	Tommy Williams	
Newton First (2)	Ann Sperry	E
Northminster (1)	Peggy Prevatte	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	

Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	A	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	E	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	E	
Riceville (1)	A	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Sharon Decker	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (2)	A	
Shelby (3)	Joseph Miller	Jessi Ogburn
	Mike Alexander	
Sherrill's Ford (2)	J. W. Brotherton	Alana Dysart
Shiloh, Grover (2)	A	
Siloam (2)	E	
Southminster (2)	E	
Spindale (2)	Sarah Kirk	
Spruce Pine First (2)	A	
Swannanoa First (2)	Betty Maxwell	Lynn Holman
Sweetwater (2)	Jewell Honeycutt	Elsie Combs
Sylva First (2)	E	
Third Street (3)	Elizabeth Littlejohn	Dorothy Costner
	N. A. Smith	
Trinity (2)	Beverly Luzadder	Jean Reynolds
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (2)	Billy Jordan	

Union Mills (2)	A	
United (2)	Elaine Crisp	Linda Crump
Unity (2)	Stuart DeWitt	
Vians Valley (2)	A	
Waldensian (3)	Mildred Fletcher	Wesley Garrou
Walnut (2)	A	
Walnut Grove (2)	Fred Stout	James Taylor
Warren Wilson (2)	Sarah Anne Eller	Julia Richards
Waynesville First (2)	Phil Dammann	
West Asheville (2)	Norma Spencer	Scott Spencer
West Avenue (2)	Mollie Trosper	Charles Sellers
Westminster (2)	A	

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

Ministers	87
Elders	84
DCE's	2
Council/Committee Chairs	8
Visitors	<u>47</u>
TOTAL	228

### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator Lauterer appointed the following committees:

**Resolution of Thanks:** Commissioned Lay Pastor Bert Wiley, Hayesville Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Bill Kirk, Ellenboro/Spindale Presbyterian Churches.

**Tellers:** Elders Bill Fesperman, New Hope, Asheville; Willard Cottrell, Burnsville, First; Patty Schenk, Hickory, First; and Mike Alexander, Shelby Presbyterian.

### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the following docket with the provision that the Presentations by the guest speaker, Richard Dietrich, be Orders of the Day at the specified times. The docket was approved as amended.

**8:30 Registration**

*(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)*

**8:30 Prayer before Presbytery**

*(We invite you to come to pray for the Presbytery, its work, the churches and pastors.)*

**9:00 Convene**

**Prayer of Invocation and Constitution**

**Margaret P. Lauterer,  
Moderator**

**Appointment of Standing Committees**

**Bills, Overtures and Resolutions**

**Resolution of Thanks**

**Declaration of Quorum**

*(Corresponding Members)*

**Approval of Docket**

**Omnibus Motion**

*(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.)*

**James Aydelotte,  
Stated Clerk**

**9:15 Service of Worship**

*(Including the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper)*

**10:00 Stated Clerk's Report**

**James Aydelotte**

**10:15 Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

*(Presentation and examination of new candidates for ministry.)*

**Michael Poulos**

**10:45 Presentation I**

*Natural Grace - Creation:*

*"For the beauty of the earth."*

**Richard S. Dietrich  
Pastor, First Presbyterian  
Staunton, VA**

**11:30 Speak Out**

*(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less per speaker on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)*

**11:40 Division of Small Membership Churches**

**Thelma Cumbie**

**11:55 Prayers of Intercession**

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

**Moderator**

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:15 Reconvene with Prayer**

**Report of the Interim General Presbyter**

**Sam Marshall  
Sam Marshall**

<b>1:25</b>	<b>Committee on Ministry</b> <i>(Including Examinations Committee)</i> <i>(Recognition of new ministers, Report of the work of the committee, sermon from candidate, Carolyn Poteet, and Revised Procedures for Examinations.)</i>	<b>Don Scofield</b> <b>Luke Harkey</b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Presentation II</b> <i>Natural Grace - Fall:</i> <i>“His craft and power are great.”</i>	<b>Richard S. Dietrich</b>
<b>3:45</b>	<b>Coordinating Council</b>	<b>J. D. Waldrop</b>
<b>4:15</b>	<b>Mission Committee</b> <i>(Missionaries Frank and Nancy Dimmock, “ Do You Know Where Your Missionary Is”; and Becca Young, Cuba Trip)</i>	<b>Allen Huff</b>
<b>4:40</b>	<b>Peace and Justice Committee</b> <i>“Deja View”; Lees-McRae students report on Guatemala trip)</i>	<b>Lynn Michie</b>
<b>4:50</b>	<b>Critical Issues Forum</b>	<b>Margaret Peery</b>
<b>5:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	
<b>6:30</b>	<b>Reconvene with Prayer</b>	<b>Bobbi White,</b> <b>Associate Presbyter</b>
<b>6:35</b>	<b>Speak Out</b> <i>(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less per speaker on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)</i>	
<b>6:40</b>	<b>Warren Wilson Motion</b>	<b>Steve Runholt</b>
<b>6:55</b>	<b>Presentation III</b> <i>Natural Grace - Redemption:</i> <i>“Ruler of all nature.”</i>	<b>Richard S. Dietrich</b>
<b>7:40</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>October 21, 2006</b>		
<b>8:00</b>	<b>- Registration</b>	
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Reconvene with Prayer</b> <b>Youth Ministries</b>	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Beth Gunn</b>
<b>9:20</b>	<b>Institutions and Agencies</b> <b>Presbyterian Home for Children</b>	<b>Sarah Thomason</b>

**9:35 Speak Out**

*(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less per speaker on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)*

**9:45 Division of Evangelism and Church Development**

**Carolyn White**

**10:00 Nominating Committee**

**Florence Shelor**

**10:10 Presentation IV**

**Richard S. Dietrich**

*Natural Grace - New Life:*

*“Nearer and nearer draws the time.”*

**10:55 Christian Education**

**Kathy Parse**

**11:00 Bills, Overtures & Resolutions Committee**

**Sessional Records Committee**

**Michael Brazelle**

**Resolutions of Thanks Committee**

**Benediction and Adjournment**

**Moderator**

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved it. It was duly seconded.

~~(Appendix A) Nothing was extracted, and Presbytery approved all items. Items included in this motion are marked by “OM” in the margin.~~

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

Pastors Pat Bacon, Calvary Presbyterian Church; Maggie Lauterer, Moderator and First Burnsville; Sam Marshall, Interim General Presbyter; and Dong Uk Kang, Korean Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in a service of worship, which included a celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Elder Willard Cottrell, First Burnsville, led the Presbytery in song and served as cantor. Elder Marny Taber, Morganton, First and a band of Presbyterians provided inspiring music.

The Proclamation of the Word, “...what we have seen with our eyes,” was presented as moving accounts from Frank Dimmock, missionary to Africa and member of Montreat Presbyterian Church; Becca Young, missionary to Indonesia, and PSUSA Disaster Relief; and missionary trip participants Doug Michael, Guatemala; Michael Sears, Mexico; Tom St. Clair, Mississippi; and Kathy Parse, Malawi.

**STATED CLERK’S REPORT**

Dr. Aydelotte stated that recommendations 1, 2, and 5 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. He then presented recommendations 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 for approval by Presbytery. Each motion was seconded and approved in turn, with recommendation 8 being amended and approved. He referred to Item 9 from the Report to Presbytery as information.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

OM

- 1. THAT James Aydelotte and Margaret Lauterer be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 27, 2007 Presbytery meeting.**

- OM 2. THAT the minutes of the July 25, 2006 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. (Appendix B) *(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.)*
3. THAT the minutes of the October 20-21, 2006 and all future minutes of meetings of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be posted on the Presbytery website (www.presbyterywnc.org) for review and not be distributed but still be moved for approval at each Presbytery meeting.
4. THAT the "Rules for Debate" be adopted for this Presbytery meeting and for all future meetings of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix C)

- OM 5. THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery (Appendix D):
- Rachel Crumley
6. THAT the commissioners from Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church be permitted to submit a motion for Presbytery's consideration at this meeting. (Appendix E)
7. THAT the Presbytery concur with the request of the Session of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Gastonia to grant Relief of Conscience status to New Hope Presbyterian Church. (Appendix F)
8. 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 Sessional Records/Attendance Committee be dissolved and that the attached recommendation for reading and reviewing sessional records be approved." (1st of 2 decisions) (Appendix G)

Elder Mimi Jamieson, Hendersonville, First, moved to add, "or Assistant Clerks of Session" to items 2 and 3 of the proposed arrangement in Appendix G. This amendment was seconded and approved.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

9. The seventy-first stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

10. THAT the Presbytery agree that all its records (of whatever nature, including those of its predecessor Presbyteries, as well as those of dissolved congregations) that are currently housed at the Montreat Office of the Presbyterian Historical Society, be transferred to a suitable archival repository at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia - provided that the Stated Clerk may direct that some artifacts be retained for a suitable exhibition facility in Montreat, NC.
11. THAT an addition to the proposed "Rules for Debate" be added as follows:  
 "All proposed amendments (other than a few consecutive words) must be

**submitted in writing to the Stated Clerk, preferably in advance of making a motion."**

## **PRESENTATION I**

Natural Grace - Creation - "*For the beauty of the earth.*"

The Moderator introduced the Rev. Dr. Richard Dietrich. Pastor Dietrich is currently serving the First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia.

### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee, the Rev. Michael Poulos, co-chair, recommended the following:

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. THAT Michael A. Sears, a member of the Waldensian Presbyterian Church, and a student at Union-PSCE in Charlotte, be enrolled as a candidate following approval of the required examination by Presbytery.</b></li><li><b>2. THAT Allen M. Thompson, a member of the Lenoir First Presbyterian Church, and a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.</b></li></ol> |
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After each candidate shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Lauterer opened the floor for questions. There being no further questions for either candidate, 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, which were answered in the affirmative. The Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte charged Mr. Sears and the Rev. Michael Poulos offered prayer. The Rev. Rob Hinman charged Mr. Thompson and Elder Ellie Pinkham offered prayer. Those who had come in support of each candidate were invited to come forward and share in the prayers.

## **LUNCH**

The Moderator offered intercessory prayers for a number of persons in the Presbytery and beyond and thanksgiving for the meal. Presbytery reconvened at 1:25 p.m. with prayers 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.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

On behalf of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Chair, reported on actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of Presbytery. (Appendix H) Recommendations D-5, II.A.2, II.B.2 and D-6 II.C.2 were earlier approved in the Omnibus Motion. (Appendix A)



Chairman Scofield recommended that Presbytery validate, for one year, the ministries of (1) Edwin R. Brenegar, III, as Facilitator/Consultant/Speaker for Community of Leadership, Inc.; (2) Joe Morin as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Old Maggie Top Christian Ministries; (3) Margaret B. Peery, as Pastoral Counselor for Blue Ridge Counseling Center; and (4) Carol Steele, as Associate Director for Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Montreat Conference Center. The motion passed.

On behalf of the Committee, the Rev. Matt Rich, presented recommendation IX, “The Examination of Candidates and Transferring Ministers.” He outlined the revised process of examining candidates for ordination and ministers transferring into the Presbytery. Following comments and discussion, Chairman Scofield moved the approval of the document (Appendix H), which was adopted by Presbytery.

Pastor Scofield then recommended the dissolution of the Bostic Presbyterian Church (at its request) and the appointment of an administrative commission. Bert Sigmon, Commissioned Lay Pastor at Bostic Presbyterian Church, spoke on behalf of the recommendation. He asked the Presbytery to support the four remaining members in prayer during this time of transition. The motion passed.

Following approval of the dissolution of the Bostic Presbyterian Church, the Moderator asked for a moment of prayer and thanksgiving for the ministry of this congregation and its members over many years.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey introduced the following new ministers in Presbytery, each of whom answered a representative question and signed the Book of Obligation:

- Edward A. Loper, Marshall Presbyterian Church
- Mark Ramsey, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Carolyn Virginia Poteet, Hendersonville First Presbyterian Church
- Margaret Torrence, a minister member of this Presbytery but recently approved as Associate Pastor for Asheville, First

(Their biographies and statements of faith, along with the installation commissions for Edward A. Loper and Carolyn Poteet are in Appendix H)

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Continued)**

Chairman Scofield moved Recommendation D-5: XII, “Guidelines for Congregations Considering A Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed,” for Presbytery’s approval. Moderator Lauterer asked the Presbytery to allow the complete document to be read and heard by the body. Motion was made, seconded and approved. Stated Clerk Aydelotte proceeded to summarize the document. A period of discussion without any motion or vote was recommended by the Moderator and approved. Afterwards, several amendments were approved. The document was then approved as amended. (Appendix H)

### **DINNER**

The Moderator prayed for blessings and offered thanks for our break for nourishment. Presbytery was recessed for dinner at 5:35 p.m.

Following dinner, Presbytery reconvened at 6:40 p.m. with prayer offered by the Rev. Bobbi White, Associate Presbyterian..

### **PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Lynn Michie, representative for the Peace and Justice Committee, encouraged all churches to visit the display area and pick up their energy efficient light bulbs.

Brittany Sherrill and Katherine Smith, students from Lees-McRae College, shared moments from their trip to Guatemala during the summer of 2006. They reinforced the idea that those who have the least really have the most. They are looking forward to another trip in the summer of 2007 and returning to Guatemala to continue their experiences and participate in Bible Schools in the villages.

### **CRITICAL ISSUES FORUM**

The Rev. Margaret Peery, member of the Board of Directors for the William Black Lodge, shared information about a Critical Issues Forum that will be held at the Lodge in November. The Forum will present new issues and adventures and the Presbytery is encouraged to participate in events being offered.

### **WARREN WILSON MOTION**

As earlier permitted by Presbytery, Moderator Lauterer recognized Sarah Anne Eller, an elder from Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, to offer the following motion on behalf of the Session of the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel.

That the Presbytery appoint a committee consisting of the Moderator of Presbytery, the Chairs of the Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Coordinating Council, with the advice of Presbytery staff, to develop a specific plan for consideration at our January 27 meeting that would enable our members to find ways to be in conversation with one another and to build meaningful relationships across theological lines.

The motion was approved by Presbytery.

### **PRESENTATION II**

Moderator Lauterer welcomed Pastor Dietrich back to the floor of Presbytery and expressed our appreciation for his flexibility during Presbytery's time of discernment in the afternoon. Dr. Dietrich continued with his presentations on "Natural Grace."

### **VESPERS**

The day was closed with a Taize Prayer Service, led by Pastors Anne and David Morgan, with musical accompaniment by the Rev. Margaret Lauterer.

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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21**

Presbytery reconvened at 9:05 a.m. with the Moderator opening with prayer and announcements.

## YOUTH

Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth, shared information regarding upcoming youth events and encouraged the churches to have their youth attend the upcoming Middle School Retreat in November and the Youth Triennium, July 16 - 22, 2007. Ms. Gunn then introduced several members of the Youth Council, who led Presbytery in opening worship followed by an energizer and songs.

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Continued)

The Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey introduced Carolyn Virginia Poteet, Associate Pastor-elect at Hendersonville, First, who read Scripture from Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Ephesians 3:14-21 and preached on "Fill It To The Brim," as part of the morning worship service. After Ms. Poteet answered questions, Pastor Harkey moved on behalf of the Committee on Ministry that her sermon be approved and that she be ordained by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed. The Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell offered a prayer of thanksgiving and presented her with a Guatemalan stole.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Dr. Harkey, asked the Presbytery to approve the creation of the "Rutherford Larger Parish," Recommendation D-5: XIII. Presbytery approved. (Appendix H)

On behalf of Chairman Scofield, Stated Clerk Aydelotte and interim General Presbyter Marshall moved that the Presbytery approve the following recommendation D-5: XIV:

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**RESOLVED**, that if one of its congregations, after meeting with the leadership of Presbytery, still seeks to separate itself from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by any means other than following the "Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed," then the Presbytery of Western North Carolina authorizes the creation of an Administrative Commission for each such congregation under the following provisions:

1. The membership of each commission shall be in accord with the *Book of Order G-9.0503-0505* and shall be appointed by the chair of the Committee on Ministry and the General Presbyter, in consultation with the Stated Clerk, provided that all appointees are approved by the Coordinating Council.
2. Each commission shall, for the purpose of working for reconciliation with its congregation, have all the responsibilities and powers enumerated in the *Book of Order G-11.0103*.
3. Each commission shall, through the Committee on Ministry, make a report of its actions at each succeeding Presbytery meeting.

All concerned shall pray and work for the peace, unity and purity of Christ's Church.

The above recommendation was approved.

**COORDINATING COUNCIL**

On behalf of the Coordinating Council, Elder J. D. Waldrop, Chair, moved adoption of and made the following recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 7:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **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: (2nd 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.

2. **THAT the following change within the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the organizational manual of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made: “That the structure and membership composition of the Coordinating Council be revised as developed by the Strategic Planning Team to take effect in January 2008. (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 decisions) (Appendix I)**

3. **THAT the following names be placed in nomination to serve on the Nominating Committee:** *(Total of 7 vacancies. 4 vacancies for the class of 2009, 2 vacancies for the class of 2008 and 1 vacancy for the class of 2007 and a moderator. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 3 ministers, 2 female lay representatives and 2 male lay representatives.)*

<b>Mr. Dick Graham (Asheville, First) (B)</b>		<b>Chair</b>
<b>Rev. Sue Burton</b>	<b>(A)</b>	<b>Class of 2009</b>
<b>Ms. Betty Shaw (Rutherfordton)</b>	<b>(C)</b>	<b>Class of 2009</b>
<b>Rev. Don Cooper (Spruce Pine, First)</b>	<b>(F)</b>	<b>Class of 2009</b>

*(4 vacancies remaining, 1 for the class of 2009, 2 for the class of 2008 and 1 for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs, 1 minister, 1 female lay representative and 2 male lay representatives.)*

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

4. **THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the Personnel Manual that has been revised and approved by the Personnel Committee. (A copy of the Personnel Manual is available for review at the Stated Clerk’s table and on the Presbytery website: [www.presbyterywnc.org](http://www.presbyterywnc.org).)**

5. **THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval to support and send our blessing to the Joint Outdoors Committee to form “Friends,” to raise capital funds for Camp Grier.**

6. **THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the leasing on a Ricoh MP9000 copier from Ikon Office Solutions for 5 years.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

7. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be authorized to borrow \$425,000 for 20 years**

**at the competitive market rate from the Investment and Loan Program of the PC(USA) on behalf of the Conover Community Chapel NCD. The funds will be used to refinance the existing mortgage on the \$1.3 million dollar property.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

- 8. THAT the Coordinating Council endorses the "Guidelines for Congregations Considering A Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed."**
- 9. THAT the Coordinating Council endorses the document, "The Examination of Candidates and Transferring Ministers to The Presbytery of Western North Carolina."**

Each motion was approved in turn. Elder Waldrop referred to Items 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9 in the report to Presbytery as information.

**PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN**

Sarah Thomas, Director of Development and Public Relations for the Presbyterian Home for Children, reported on the many accomplishments of the Home and thanked the churches within the Presbytery who have shared their time, talents and skills to make updates and repairs at the Home. They are currently serving 36 kids, ages 5-18. Their plan is to begin an independent living system allowing those residents who wish to continue their education to remain on campus in an apartment. The Presbytery was asked to pray for the children, staff and volunteers at the Home and to pray that the Home will be able to continue its mission with the children.

**DIVISION OF SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES**

Thelma Cumbie, co-chair of Division of Small Churches, reported a few highlights in small membership churches. She emphasized that after years of planning, visioning, and sharing of ideas, many of our small churches are showing growth both spiritually and in numbers.

Bert Wiley, Commissioned Lay Pastor at Hayesville Presbyterian Church, spoke how God is at work in the Hayesville Church. Upon his arrival at the Hayesville Church in July 2002, the average Sunday service attendance was 15 - 17 people. Currently, the membership at Hayesville is 44 people.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Allen Huff, Chair of the Missions Committee, promoted the "Got Mission" theme. He encouraged every church in the Presbytery to have a personal relationship with a PC(USA) missionary by the end of 2007, stating that the denominational average of congregations directly supporting a missionary is 14%. The Presbytery of Western North Carolina has approximately 33% of our churches involved. Everyone was invited to visit the display room and see the display entitled "Do You Know Where Your Missionary Is?"

Pastor Huff introduced Frank Dimmock, missionary to Africa and member of the Montreat Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dimmock shared "How I See God at work in Malawi" through a power point presentation.

Following the presentation from Mr. Dimmock, the Rev. Jon Brown spoke about his work and ministry at the denominational headquarters in Louisville. He is working at PC(USA) in mission interpretation.

The Rev. Becca Young, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Representative in Indonesia, reported on tsunami recovery efforts in Indonesia and how she continues to see God at work.

### **COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

The Rev. Don Robb and the Rev. Don Jafvert, retired ministers, were commissioned for their upcoming mission trip to Cuba, November 9-21. They will be joining other retired ministers to learn about the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cuba with older adults.

### **PRESENTATION III**

The Rev. Rick Dietrich presented his third presentation on “Natural Grace.”

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Florence Shelor, added the name of Frela Beck to the Racial & Ethnic Committee for the Class of 2009. She also noted that for the Self-Development of People, Sylvia Peterson is not a member of the Fletcher Presbyterian Church. Elder Shelor then moved approval of the Nominating Committee Report. (Appendix J) All were duly elected.

### **SESSIONAL RECORDS**

Elder John Blynant, member of the Sessional Records Committee, reported that nine churches had submitted their minutes. Of those submitted, two were approved without exceptions; six were approved with exceptions and one was not approved. The following churches have failed to present their minutes for the year 2005.

Asheville, First; Bostic; Bridgewater; Calvary; Green Street; Hayesville; Korean-Asheville;  
Long Creek; Mills River; Oakwood; Old Fort; Shiloh, Grover; Union Mills; Vians Valley;  
Walnut; Walnut Grove; Warren Wilson; and Westminster.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Commissioned Lay Pastor Bert Wiley, chair of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, presented the following Resolution, which was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has called us into service and ministry, and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery has met in its 70<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, October 20-21, 2006, and

WHEREAS, we were in attendance to consider the many concerns of this Presbytery,

THEREFORE, sincere thanks must be given to the following for their service:

- to the entire staff and leadership of the Presbytery office;
- to our Moderator, who guided us carefully and with great wisdom and skill through a long and difficult day of prayer and decision making;
- to those who led us in worship and a service of Holy Communion;
- to our guest, the Rev. Richard Dietrich, who blessed us with inspired words related to the

- wonder and beauty of God's creation;
- to all committee chairs who shared with the members of Presbytery present, the words and achievements of their respective committees;
- to all members of the Presbytery present who demonstrated their love for each other and a determined effort to maintain the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA);
- to our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who was present to enable us to stand firm together and prove that in Christ, we are truly one.

May we all those called to ministry, clergy and laity alike be enabled to move forward in Christ's mission under the wise direction of God's Holy Spirit.

### **ADJOURNMENT & BENEDICTION**

With the business of the 70<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was concluded with the Benediction by the Moderator at 12:16 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Seventy-First Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Margaret P. Lauterer, Moderator

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James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Recording Clerk

### **APPENDICES**

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Minutes of the Sixty-Ninth Meeting, July 25, 2006
- C. Rules for Debate
- D. Minutes of the Commission to Ordain the Reverend Rachel Crumley

- E. Motion from Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel
- F. Request of the Session of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
- G. Proposal for the Review of Session Records
- H. Committee on Ministry Report
- I. Revision of Membership of the Coordinating Council
- J. Nominating Committee Report