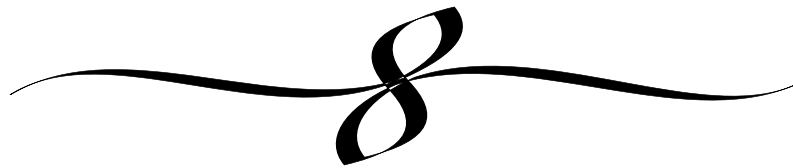


**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
SEVENTY-SEVENTH
STATED MEETING
JULY 29, 2008**

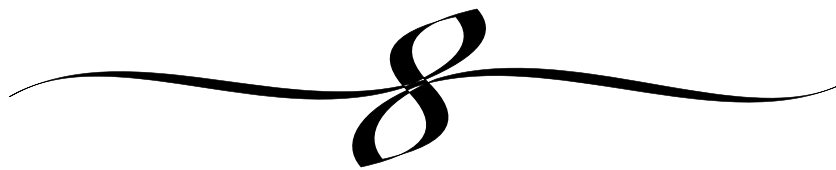


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Seventy-Seventh Stated Meeting
July 29, 2008
at Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Elder William Kantonen, convened the Seventy-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:04 a.m., at Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, and offered prayer to God.

Pastor Eddie Deas, III, welcomed the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the Third Street Presbyterian Church.

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, declared that a quorum was present.

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

Robert M. Abel	P	Ann Aighinger	P	Frank Aichanger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan C. Aldridge	E	Charles C. Alexander	E
George W. Alexander	E	State W. Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	P
David Anderson	E	James G. Arnold	E	Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	E
Stephen M. Austin	P	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P
Michael Bailey	P	Tony Baker	P	Douglas Bartlett	E
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Joseph Bennett	P	Stanley L. Bennett	E
James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E	Randall Boggs	P
Ronald A. Botsford	E	Dewey Bowen	A	Adam Bowling	E
Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	E
Troy Braswell	P	Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	P
Edwin Brenegar, III	E	Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	A
Jerry Bron	P	G. Thompson Brown	E	Jon Brown	E
Jason Bryant	P	Aimee Buchanan	E	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	E	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	A
Kathy Campbell	E	William Campbell	E	Day Carper	E
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	E
William Christian	E	Carol Clark	P	Mark Clark	P

James Cockerham	P	James Cogswell	E	Hunter Coleman	E
Robert Collins	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas C. Cook, Jr.	P
Drayton Cooper	E	Donald Cooper	E	Riley Covin	P
John W. Craven	E	James R. Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	P
Eddie Deas, III	P	Arthur DeJong	E	Charles Donnell	E
Ellen Dozier	P	Kathryn Dudley	P	Philip W. Dunford	E
John Ellington	E	Charles Elyea	E	Lee S. Feero, Jr.	E
David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	P
John L. Frye	E	A. W. Gaines, Jr.	P	Tee Gatewood	P
Denise Geiger	E	Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	P
Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P	Karen Haak	P
Samuel Hale	E	Michal H. Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P
Randall Hardy	P	Luke Harkey	P	Bill Heck	E
Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E
Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	E	Richard Holshouser	E
Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	E
Allen Huff, Jr.	P	George Hutchins	E	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	E	William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	P	Mike Johnston, IV.	E	Dong Uk Kang	A
David Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E
Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	E	Albert Kissling	E
Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	E
John LaMotte	P	John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	P
Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E	John Lindsay	P
Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Brad Long	A	Laura Long	P
Dick Lonnee	E	Edward Loper	P	Billy T. Lowe	A
David Lytle	P	Joan Martin	P	Roberta Martin	E
Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	E	Griffith Matthews	E

Layton Mauzé, III	E	John McCall	P	Sandra McClinton	A
Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Deborah McEachran	P
Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	James McPherson	E	Robert Meachem	E
Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	E	Robert Montgomery	P	Charles Moore	E
Anne Morgan	E	David Morgan		Richard Morgan	E
Nancy Mugford	E	David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E
Carl Murray	E	David Nash	E	Elizabeth Newman	E
Karen Newsome	A	John Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	P
Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E	O'Hyun Park	P
Yoon E. Park	A	Katherine Parker	P	Thomas Parker	P
Andrew Parkey	P	David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	P
Stratton Peacock	P	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret B. Peery	E
Patrick Perryman	A	Harry F. Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E
Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E	Carolyn Poteet	P
Michael Poulos	E	Donald Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	P
Tamara Puffer	E	Jay Rabuck	E	Mark Ramsey	E
Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E
Homer Rickabaugh	E	Don Robb, III	P	Jack Robinson	E
Steven Runholt	P	Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P
Henry Scoggins	P	Julius Scott	E	Michael Sears	P
William Serjak	P	Albert Shaw, Jr.	P	Richard Shelor	E
James Shroyer	P	Allan Sinclair	A	Wirt Skinner	E
O'dell Smith	E	Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E
Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	A
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	P	Cynthia Strickler	P
James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E	Charles Swann	E
William Sweetser, Jr.	P	Lee Thomas	P	Keith Thompson	A
Dan Thornton	P	Margaret Torrence	P	Ace Tubbs	E
Thomas Tweedie	E	Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P

Morris Warren	E	Joseph Washburn	E	William Waterstradt	E
Mark Watson	P	George Webb	E	Lynn Webber	P
Bobbi White	P	Cynthia Williams	P	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E
Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E	Otis Wilson, Jr.	P
Claude Wilson-Stayton	P	William Wing, Jr.	E	Eugene Witherspoon	E
Graham Wood, Jr.	P	Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	E

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

Philip Adams	A	Sharon Decker	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Robert Garrison	P	Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood	A
David Moore, Sr.	P	Randy Patterson	E	Betty Shaw	P
Bert Sigmon	E	Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	P
John Stanley	P	Bert Wiley	E		

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

Mary V. Atkinson	A	Samuel Baraki	A	Beth Bolin	A
Frela Beck	A	Arthur Burgess, Jr.	P	Patricia Clark	P
Philip Dammann	P	Edna Goshorn	A	Richard Graham	A
William Kantonen	P	Gerry Levan	A	Len Pardue	A
Pat Queen	A	Jane Carswell Roberts	A	Jack Suddreth	P
Sarah Thornburg	A	Perrin Todd	A	J. D. Waldrop	P
Guy Wallace	A	Judith West	P		

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

Donna Ashley	A	Glenn Bannerman	A	Freida Caldwell	A
Dwight Christenbury	A	Robert Clemmer	A	Tina Cloer	A
Betty Davenport	E	Sara Dixon	A	Angela Drummond	A
Dianne Graeber	A	Chandler Guess	A	Susan Haney	A
Marylyn Huff	P	Sandy Jividen	E	Franklin Jones	A
Margaret Kennerly	A	Leslie McLeod	P	Kathy Parse	P

Mary Potter	A	Heath Rada	A	Peggy Rada	A
Bonnie Sanford	P	Ginny Soll	A	Patricia Tuttle	A
Robert Tuttle	A	Angela Washburn	A		

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

Arbor Dale (1)	John Phillips	
Asheville First (2)	Wayne Drummond	Dick Graham
Banner Elk (1)	E	
Belmont First (2)	Jane Stallings	Jerry Ragan
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Bethel (1)	Marion Phillips	
Black Mountain (2)	Mike Begley	Jane Holt
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Judy Caldwell	
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Edward Norris	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Willard Cottrell	
Calvary (2)	Vivian Ridley	
Canton (1)	Edi Cole	
Cherryville First (1)	Martha Sellers	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Barbara Ross	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Annette Carrigan	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	E	

Dulatown (2)	Elmer Dula	Gary Norwood
Duncan's Creek (1)	E	
Ellenboro (2)	E	
Estatoa (2)	A	
Etowah (2)	Wanda Cook	Harry Higel
Fairview (2)	Gary Amos	Ken Humphreys
Fletcher (2)	Roger Wise	Sabo Franklin
Forest City First (2)	Gene Stark	Grady Franklin, Jr.
Franklin First (2)	Carolyn White	
Gastonia First (4)	Sarah Abernethy	
Glen Alpine (2)	A	
Good Hope (3)	C. A. Allison	Allene Sellars
Grace Covenant (3)	Susie Churchfield	Charlie Clogston
	E	
Grassy Creek (2)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (2)	A	
Green Street (3)	A	A
Hayesville (2)	Cindy Mulkey	
Hendersonville First (3)	Pat Green	Doug Davidson
Hickory First (3)	Judy Shepler	Nancy Toy
Highlands First (2)	Russell Harris	
Ironton (2)	Peggy Bartholomew	
Jack's Creek (2)	A	
John Knox (2)	A	
Kenilworth (2)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (2)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (3)	A	

Lenoir First (2)	Linda Morgan	
Lincolnton First (2)	A	
Long Creek (2)	Nancy England	
Love's Chapel (3)	Thelma Isles	Sherry Isles Lovell
	Cora Slade	
Lowell (2)	Janice Bradshaw	Kathy Pilkington
Marion First (1)	Keith Leazer	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Billie Tomberlin	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Kay Layman	
Morganton First (2)	Anita Hodges	Hugh Lowe
Morrison (1)	A	
Mount Holly First (1)	Jim Guin	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Bambi Teague	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Beverly Lineberger	
Newdale (1)	Becky Ayala	
Newland (1)	F. C. Ellenburg	
Newton First (2)	Lori Greveling	
Northminster (1)	Dan McEachran	
Oak Forest (1)	E	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Jackie Hinkle	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	Richard Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Pete Petersen	

Riceville (1)	Joan Wilson	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	Peggy Hutchins	
Rutherfordton (1)	Karl Trumpler	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Rich Coiner	Sid Dixon
Sherrill's Ford (1)	Alana Dysart	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	E	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Keith Berry	
Spindale (1)	E	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Jane Hansel	
Sweetwater (1)	Jewell Honeycutt	
Sylva First (1)	Bob Porter	
Third Street (2)	Lois Camp	N. A. Smith
Trinity (1)	Don Boelke	
Tryon (1)	Larry Poe	
Union (1)	Ron Marr	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	Linda Crump	
Unity (1)	Joe Lampron	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	Wesley Garrou	
Walnut (1)	E	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	Fran Roberts	
Waynesville First (1)	Bob Lasater	
West Asheville (1)	Alan Cohlmeier	

West Avenue (1)	Bill Hildebrand	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Ministers	94
Elders	84
Christian Educators	4
Council/Committee Chairs	8
Visitors _____	66
Total	256

It was later moved that three persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved. (See Stated Clerk's Report): The Rev. John Pharr, National Capital Presbytery; the Rev. Debbie Braaksma, Reformed Church of America, one of our PCUSA Missionaries; and the Rev. Helen Locklear, BOP, Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the docket as distributed, which was approved.

8:30 Registration

**Prayers before Presbytery
Orientation for New Elders**

9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation

William Kantonen, Moderator

Welcome

**Eddie Deas, III, Pastor
Third Street Presbyterian Church**

**Appointment of Standing Committee
Resolution of Thanks**

William Kantonen, Moderator

Certification of Quorum

James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Approval of Docket

Omnibus Motion

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(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

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9:20 Service of Worship, including the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Worship Leader: Eddie Deas

Sermon: "Waiting On God"

Calvin Lewers

Scripture: Isaiah 30:18 Romans 8:23

10:15 Reports from Commissioners to General Assembly

PWNC Commissioners

JJ

*(Lois Camp, Luke Harkey, Kathy Parse, Margaret Lauterer,
Laura Long, J. D. Waldrop and Elizabeth Hill)*

Committee on Preparation for Ministry **Richard Boyce** **K**
(Recommendation of inquirer for candidacy to ministry and work of the committee)

Christian Education **Betty Davenport**
(Let's Celebrate ~ Side by Side) **Joan Martin**

Youth Committee **Beth Gunn**

11:25 Report of the Associate Presbyter Search Committee **Deborah McEachran** **PP**

11:55 Prayers of Intercession **Ellen Dozier**
(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Reconvene

1:15 Speak Out (5 minutes)
(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less per speaker on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)

Greetings from the Board of Pensions **Helen Locklear,**
Regional Representative

1:25 Report of the General Presbyter **Bobbi White** **GP**

Nominating Committee **Dick Graham** **I**
(Election of members for Presbytery committees and work of the committee.)

Report of the Treasurer and **Jack Suddreth**
Budget & Finance Committee **Arthur Burgess** **BB**

1:45 Mission Committee **Kevin Frederick**
• **Commissioning Service for Young Adult Volunteer, Rachel Brown**
• **Greetings from Our Missionaries:**
Debbie and Del Braaksma
Barbara Nagy
John McCall

Care of Church Professionals **Edyth Pruitt**
(Recognition of ministers with 25 and 50 years in ministry, ministers retiring)

Honorably Retired
Hunter Coleman
Ellen Dozier
Ike Kennerly
Dan Stitt

50 Years in Ministry
Hayden Britton
Robert Meachem
Harry Phillips
Allan Sinclair
O'dell Smith
Graham Wood

25 Years in Ministry
Ellen Dozier
Beth Ann Miller

	Campus Missions	George Gunn	V
2:35	School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastors <i>(Recognition of SL/CLP Graduates)</i> Sandra Balfour Ruth Gordon Mike Stephanides	Gene Carmen Pete Peterson	Ed McFadden OO
		Edi Cole George Ratchford	
2:45	Peace and Justice <i>(Recognition of church which recommitted to Peacemaking; information about mediation services; Peacemaking Offering)</i>		Jan Mahannah Terry Alexander T
	Disaster Assistance <i>(Dedication and commissioning of disaster relief trailer)</i>		Billy Wilson
	Hunger Committee <i>(Hunger Awareness)</i>		Deborah McEachran R
	Evangelism Committee		Joan Martin
	Coordinating Council <i>(Work of the Council and New Standing Rules of Presbytery)</i>		Margaret Lauterer C
3:25	Committee on Ministry <i>(Introduction of new members, report of the work of the committee including the Examinations Committee)</i>		James Bernhardt Bill Sweetser D
3:45	Resolution of Thanks Benediction and Adjournment		Moderator

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Moderator Kantonen appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:** The Rev. Michael Sears (Olney Presbyterian Church) and Elder Annette Carrigan (First Presbyterian Church, Dallas).

OMNIBUS MOTION

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved that items 1, 2, and 3 from the Stated Clerk's Report and items 2 and 3 from the Committee on Preparation Report be approved. It was duly seconded. (Appendix A) The Presbytery approved all items. Items included in this motion are marked by "OM" in the margin.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Dr. Aydelotte presented recommendations included in the Stated Clerk's report, noting that items 1, 2, and 3 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. Items 4 and 5 were moved, seconded and passed. After which, he made the announcements in items 6-12.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. THAT James Aydelotte, William Kantonen and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the October 24-25, 2008 Presbytery meeting. |
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- OM 2. **THAT the minutes of the April 29, 2008 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- OM 3. **THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix B)**
Jason Douglas Bryant
4. **THAT the Administrative Commission for the Hephzibah Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City, having completed its work, be dissolved, effective Tuesday, July 29, 2008, with the thanks of the Presbytery for its good work.**
5. **That the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:**
Rev. John Pharr, National Capital Presbytery
Rev. Debbie Braaksma, Reformed Church of America
Rev. Helen Locklear, BOP, Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

FOR INFORMATION:

6. **The seventy-eighth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 2008 at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.**
7. **THAT the following Session Records for 2007 were submitted and approved on May 17, 2008, at a Session Records Review held at the Canton Presbyterian Church.**

Asheville, First	Franklin, First	Paint Gap
Bethel	Grace Covenant	Riceville
Black Mountain	Hayesville	Rutherfordton
Bryson City	Hendersonville, First	Swannanoa, First
Canton	Highlands, First	Warren Wilson
Clinchfield	Marshall	Waynesville, First
Cullowhee	Newdale	West Asheville
Dorland Memorial	Oak Forest	Westminster

8. **THAT the following Session Records for 2007 were submitted and approved on June 7, 2008, at a Session Records Review held at the Shelby Presbyterian Church.**

Belmont, First	Hickory, First	Saluda
Bessemer City, First	Ironton	Shelby
Brevard-Davidson River	John Knox	Sherrill's Ford
Brittain	Kings Mountain, First	Spindale
Calvary	Lincolnton, First	Sweetwater
Cherryville, First	Long Creek	Sylva, First
Columbus	Love's Chapel	Third Street
Crossnore	Lowell	Trinity
Dallas, First	Montreat	Union
Dixon	Mount Holly, First	Union Mills
Duncan's Creek	New Hope, Gastonia	Unity
Forest City, First	Olney	Walnut
Glen Alpine	Ryburn Memorial	West Avenue
Good Hope		

9. **THAT the following Session Records for 2007 were submitted and approved on July 19, 2008, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton.**

Etowah	Kenilworth	Southminster
Grassy Creek	Oakwood	Tryon
Green Mountain	Reems-Creek Beech	Vians Valley
Jack's Creek		

10. **THAT the following Session Records for 2007 have not been reviewed and that the Sessions are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the *Book of Order* (G-9.0407.d).**

Bridgewater	Korean Pres. Church	Pine Street
Brittains Cove	Mills River	Ridgeview
Ellenboro	New Hope, Asheville	Robinson Memorial
Estatoa	Old Fort	Shiloh, Grover

11. **THAT a Leadership Training Event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate ~ Side by Side," will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**

12. **THAT the Shelby Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in September 2008.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Worship was led by the Rev. Eddie Deas, III. Calvin Lewers, Designated Pastor-elect for Love's Chapel, preached on "Waiting On God" with Scripture taken from Isaiah 30:18-26 and Romans 8:18-24. Wonderful music was provided by Roland Render and Kyeria Stover.

The service of worship concluded with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with communion served by the elders of the Third Street Presbyterian Church.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk, referred the Presbytery to the written reports in their packets from the Commissioners to the 218th General Assembly in San Jose, CA. (Appendix C) Each commissioner gave a brief statement regarding the committee(s) on which they served during the Assembly. Following their narratives, a period of time was offered for questions and answers.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce, made the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION:

<p>I. THAT Marshall J. Nord, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, and a student at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.</p>
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After candidate Marshall J. Nord shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Kantonen opened the floor for questions. Following additional sharings, and there being no further questions for the

candidate, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Marshal J. Nord as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. The Rev. Rob Hinman charged Mr. Nord and offered prayer. Those who came in support of Mr. Nord were asked to come forward and share in the prayers.

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Dr. Boyce expressed appreciation for this Presbytery and their support of those currently enrolled as an inquirer or candidate. He shared that as of June, there are a total of 17 inquirers/candidates enrolled. Pastor Boyce encouraged all congregations to nurture all those currently enrolled. (Appendix D)

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Associate Presbyter Search Committee, the Rev. Deborah McEachran, Chair, described the process that the Search Committee worked through in their selection of a nominee for the position of Associate Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Following her report, and after a time for questions from the floor, the Rev. Grace Boyer was formally nominated to be the Associate Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix E).

After Pastor Boyer shared her statement and vision with the Presbytery, the Rev. Grace Boyer was unanimously elected as Associate Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Pastor McEachran offered prayer for the Presbytery and for the newly elected Associate Presbyter.

The Rev. Deborah McEachran presented Rev. Boyer with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Presbytery as a welcome.

Members of the Search Committee included the Rev. Deborah McEachran, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory; the Rev. Allen Huff, Shelby Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Randall Boggs, Mills River Presbyterian Church; Mr. Stephen Werts, Third Street Presbyterian Church; Ms. Judith West, Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church; Mr. Tom Kilgore, First Presbyterian Church, Morganton; and Mr. Tommy Williams, Newland Presbyterian Church.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth Ministry, reported on the work of the Youth Committee, youth events for 2008 and upcoming dates and events for the youth in 2009. The Youth Committee has reviewed the applications and selected the 2008-2009 Youth Council. The council will consist of 11 youth returning from 2007-2008 and 9 youth from applications received. The Youth Council is made up of youth from 11 churches within our Presbytery.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee and the Let's Celebrate Task Force, Pastors Charles Davenport and Joan Martin promoted the "Let's Celebrate" educational leadership training event for adults and youth that will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. They encouraged everyone to register and attend.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Ellen Dozier, a missionary from this Presbytery, offered intercessory prayers for those in the Presbytery and beyond. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with an opportunity for commissioners to address the Presbytery with announcements, concerns, and opinions.

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

Rev. Helen Locklear, Regional Representative with the Board of Pensions, brought greetings. She shared updates from the Board of Pensions and information regarding programs and assistance available to ministers. She encouraged members to visit the website for the Board of Pensions for additional information.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, spoke of the ways God is working through our Presbytery. She encouraged the Presbytery to keep their eyes on Jesus and on our calling from God to be a mission Presbytery. She reminded the Presbytery that it should continue to focus on missions and evangelism, so that through mutual work our churches will grow in faith and vitality. (Appendix F)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Richard Graham, Chair of the Nominating Committee, removed the name Sandra Balfour from the Strategic Goals Committee. He then presented the recommendations for committee vacancies and moved the approval of the Nominating Committee Report. (Appendix G) All were duly elected.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elder Arthur Burgess, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and Elder Jack Suddreth, Treasurer, presented a summary of the Operating Budget as of June 30, 2008. (Appendix H)

Moderator Kantonen reminded the churches that good stewardship means that if a congregation has made a commitment, it should honor that pledge and not hold on to it.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, Chair of the Missions Committee, reported on the work of the committee. He encouraged each congregation to continue to actively support the mission and missionaries of the Presbytery. Missionaries supported by and in attendance at this Presbytery meeting were recognized and given an opportunity to share experiences related to their work in the mission field.

Dr. Frederick introduced Rachel Brown to the Presbytery and announced that she had been approved by PC(USA) to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer in Mission in Kenya. Rachel is an active member of the Mills River Presbyterian Church and a 2008 Graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she graduated with full university honors and a double major in Dance and French. The Reverends Allen Huff, Randall Boggs, Steve Runholt and Kevin Frederick led the commissioning service for Rachel. The Presbytery was charged to keep Rachel in prayer. Members of the Mills River Presbyterian Church, as well as others, were asked to join Rachel in her commissioning.

Billy Wilson, chair of the Mission Team Working Group, shared with the Presbytery that, through working together with the mission teams and groups, the need for a traveling shower trailer to be used within our Presbytery, and with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, was identified. The Mission Team Group took on the project of designing and building a "shower trailer." It is equipped with five private showers, hot and cold water, and a washer and dryer to be used when teams are answering calls for help in disaster assistance. The shower trailer and its ministry were commissioned into God's service and for his people. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frederick.

GREETINGS FROM MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Debbie Braaksma and Elder Del Braaksma, of the Reformed Church of America and PC(USA) Missionaries working in Southern Sudan, reflected on their work in Sudan. Through a short visual program,

the Presbytery heard of the work and progress of the program “RECONCILE” and the “GOAT” project. They thanked the Presbytery for their support and prayers, and funding for the GOAT project through the Nickel a Meal program.

Dr. Barbara Nagy, member of the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and Missionary in Malawi, brought greetings from Malawi and the Nkhoma Hospital. Barbara thanked the Presbytery for its support to her and her family and for those in Malawi. She gratefully acknowledged the accomplishments of the various mission groups and of the programs that the Presbytery has participated in. She expressed sincere thanks and appreciation for the food programs, the staff house, health centers in Malawi, children’s exam room, assistance in the building of a toilet and washing facility, and the many other programs that the Presbytery has carried out.

The Rev. John McCall, Missionary in Taiwan, brought greetings from Taiwan. He stated that he feels that this Presbytery is truly a mission Presbytery. John shared of some of his experiences in Taiwan during the past 13 years and asked the Presbytery to continue to keep him and the Seminary in Taiwan in prayer

The Rev. Ellen Dozier, former Missionary in Guatemala, having completed her assignment and returning to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, shared her work experiences for the past 12 years in Guatemala. Ellen will be a missionary in residency, working with the General Assembly for the next year and assisting with the organization and planning for the Mission 2009 Conference scheduled for October 2009. On behalf of Presbytery, Dr. Frederick commissioned the Rev. Ellen Dozier to her work and call in Louisville.

CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS

The Rev. Edyth Pruitt, Co-Chair of the Care of Church Professional Committee, encouraged pastors and educators to attend “Our Journey of Faith” (formerly Journey to Bethlehem) on September 29-30, 2009. This is an annual event designed to give pastors and educators an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed.

Pastor Pruitt then led a short service recognizing and honoring the ministries of Hunter Coleman, Ellen Dozier, Ike Kennerly, and Dan Stitt on the occasion of their retirement.

The following ministers were also recognized for their service as ministers for 25 and 50 years.

<u>25 Years in Ministry</u>	<u>50 Years in Ministry</u>	
Ellen Dozier	Hayden Britton	Allan Sinclair
Beth Ann Miller	Robert Meachem	O’dell Smith
	Harry Phillips	Graham Wood

CAMPUS MISSION

On behalf of the Campus Mission Committee, the Rev. George Gunn requested ministers and session members to nominate individuals in the Presbytery to participate in the North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education Ministries, Inc. on-line survey. (Appendix I)

SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY/COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Dean of the School for the Laity and Commission Lay Pastor Program, Dr. Ed McFadden, reported on the SL/CLP program and the enthusiastic endorsement of the program by all who have attended. He then recognized the 2008 graduates. (Appendix J)

Sandra Balfour, Rutherfordton	Pete Peterson, Reems Creek-Beech
Gene Carmen, Trinity	George Ratchford, West Avenue
Edi Cole, Canton	Mike Stephanides, Asheville
Ruth Gordon, Mills River	

PEACE AND JUSTICE

Elder Judith West, Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, reported on the work of the committee and recognized the United Presbyterian Church in Lenoir for being the first church in our Presbytery to reaffirm its commitment to Peacemaking. The First Presbyterian Church in Newton was also recognized for reaffirming its commitment to Peacemaking.

Jan Mahannah, a member of Peace and Justice Committee and with the Mediation Center of Southern Piedmont, shared with the Presbytery the various mediation services that are available to those in need. She encouraged the churches to become more aware of all the options available and to utilize the programs.

Peacemaking Offering 2008 will be taken on October 5, World Communion Day. On behalf of the committee, the Rev. Terry Alexander encouraged the churches to become aware of the Peacemaking Offering for 2008, "Breaking the Bread of New Creation," and asked the churches to continue to support the offering. After investing \$250 in Oikocredit to fund loans for small businesses in developing countries, the balance of the Presbytery portion of the offering will be designated for Global Village at Camp Grier and Border Links.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

The Rev. Deborah McEachran, Chair of the Hunger Committee, reported on the work of the committee. The Hunger Committee will be presenting Hunger Awareness Training Events on October 4 and October 11 throughout the Presbytery. Each church was encouraged to send at least one person to learn ways to make others aware of hunger issues.

In preparation for the two-day Presbytery Meeting in October, the Hunger Committee encouraged everyone to attend and to bring a can of food to be donated to a local area food pantry during the evening program when Brian McFarland will be presenting a program entitled, "Singing for their Supper."

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. Joan Martin, Chair of the Evangelism Committee, reported on the work of the committee. The Evangelism Committee, in conjunction with the Strategic Goals Committee, will assist our churches to partner together to deepen spiritual growth and discipleship and undertake evangelism and revitalization.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Chair of the Coordinating Council, presented recommendations 1 through 6 for approval. The recommendations were approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT the proposed "Standing Rules," which will be effective January 1, 2009, be approved. (2nd of 2 decisions) (Appendix K)**
(Background: These "Standing Rules," will replace the old "Organization Manual," which is out-of-date. This change must be approved at two Presbytery meetings. This is the second reading for approval.)
2. **THAT the Presbytery approve the Covenant with the Presbyterian Hunger Program, including the support for the Hunger Action Enabler position.** *(Background: This is the annual renewal with the General Assembly Hunger Program which helps fund the work of the Hunger Action Enabler, which is part of the Associate for Missions' responsibility.)*
3. **THAT the Presbytery grant permission to the Hunger Committee to use up to the full 5% of the Nickel a Meal Funds designated for administrative use in 2008 for regional grants.**

4. **THAT the terms of Moderator William Kantonen and Vice-Moderator/Moderator-elect Martin L. Harkey be extended to December 31, 2008, in order to fit into the new terms in the Standing Rules.**
5. **THAT the proposed job description for “Moderator of Presbytery” be approved. (Appendix L)**
6. **THAT the Presbytery approve for Camp Grier to grant an easement, with specific restrictions, across a portion of the camp property in exchange for \$80,000. (This requires the approval of the Presbytery of WNC, Salem Presbytery and Charlotte Presbytery.)**

Pastor Lauterer then presented items 7 through 13 of the Coordinating Council Report as information.

FOR INFORMATION:

7. THAT the Council reports approval of a flyer to be distributed by the Hunger Committee through Presbytery email and at the display of the Hunger Committee, inviting attendees to the “Sing Out” for the Friday night services at the October 24-25, 2008 Presbytery Meeting at Lake Junaluska.
8. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.
9. THAT Council approve applying for a grant to have a program on immigration.
10. THAT a mid-term Presbytery Financial statement be sent to the churches.
11. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following Nickel a Meal Grants:

ECCCM	\$2,000.00
Cherokee County Sharing House	\$4,000.00
CRO (Mt. Holly)	\$2,000.00
Dulatown Pres. Church Food Pantry - Lenoir, NC	\$3,000.00
Ridgeview Breakfast Program	\$2,000.00
S.O.C.K.S. Inc - (Mt. Holly)	\$1,000.00
Homeward Bound of Asheville	\$2,000.00
City of Refuge Community Development Ctr.	\$900.00
Rutherford LIFEServices, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Swannanoa Valley “Welcome Table”	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$22,400.00

12. THAT the Council had a positive review of a draft Covenant Agreement between Lees McRae College and the Presbytery. Several suggestions were made for further discussion.
13. THAT Council approved distribution, at the Presbytery meeting of material from the General Assembly reporting on its recent meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. James Bernhardt, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix M) Dr. Bernhardt recognized Pastor James W. Taylor, Jr., moving to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, thanking him for his ministry in our Presbytery and praying God's blessing on him in his future service in the Church.

Dr. Bernhardt, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, referred to item XIV of the report and stated that for clarification, item XIV should read as:

XIV. Approved eliminating the Associate Pastor position at the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, pending approval by the congregation, and requesting that the Board of Pensions waive further vacancy dues for that position.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
II. VALIDATED MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Bernhardt moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following:

- Joseph D. Bennett, as Chaplain for Hospice of Yancey County, Inc., through July 29, 2009.
- R. Mike Johnston, as Chaplain for Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia, through July 29, 2009.
- David R. Lytle, as Chaplain for Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, through July 29, 2009.
- Robert A. McCully, Jr., as Counselor for Charlotte Rescue Mission, through July 29, 2009.

The Presbytery approved these validations.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
**III. EXAMINATION FOR ORDINATION & INSTALLATION,
AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dr. Bernhardt introduced Calvin Lewers, Designated Pastor-elect of the Love's Chapel Presbyterian Church, Belmont, coming to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina from the Charlotte Presbytery. Following questions and answers, Dr. Bernhardt moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that he be ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed and Dr. Bernhardt offered prayer. Representatives from the Love's Chapel Presbyterian Church, Belmont were recognized.

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, presented Mr. Lewers with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Presbytery as a welcome.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Bill Sweetser, Jr., co-moderator of the Examinations Committee, introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. Each spoke briefly and signed the Book of Obligations. Their statements of faith and biographical statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix M)

- Karen Haak, Interim Pastor at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
- Robert L. Montgomery, Honorably Retired

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, the Rev. Michael Sears presented the following Resolution, which was adopted.

WHEREAS, the 77th Meeting of the Presbytery of WNC, through the power and grace of God, met at Third Street Presbyterian Church in Gastonia to fulfill its mission.

WE give thanks that there have always been dreamers patiently waiting for God while keeping their eyes on the prize, and that God patiently waits for us, even in our ignorance.

WE give thanks that we tasted kingdom joys in the body and blood of Christ, and that we experienced Christ in our brothers and sisters in this holy place, prepared for us by the Holy Spirit at Third Street Presbyterian Church.

WE give thanks for the music that rose from within our souls, black and white piano keys that made us sway, and a drum beat that helped our heart beat to the song of redemption.

WE give thanks for church order, complex but comforting, and for faithful commissioners carrying out their tasks.

WE give thanks for our central task of nurturing those who will share the gospel, and that God continually produces pastors and educators in this Presbytery.

WE give thanks for the innovation and motivation God instilled into our Associate Presbyter Search Committee, and for God's work in Grace Boyer and the way God will bless us through his servant.

WE give thanks that God has made us mindful of youth, and that we are open and aware enough to learn from them.

WE give thanks for our commitment in Christ to train and equip all our members through wonderful events.

WE give thanks for wonderful prayer and for the great cloud of witnesses of past, present, and future who cradle God's people in compassion.

WE give thanks for a refreshing excitement for mission and evangelism.

WE give thanks for a mindfulness in stewardship and a true vigor in discerning God's will.

WE give thanks for our heart to comfort, and for our comforting those who comfort.

WE give thanks for God's work in Kenya, and that we go there with our sister, Rachel Brown.

WE give thanks for hope in South Sudan, for wounded healings and hearts for peace, and for goats.

WE give thanks for soul constellations that show us that we, like our brothers and sisters in Malawi, are so much more than our problems.

WE give thanks that God has given an openness to aborigines in Taiwan, and that they can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

WE give thanks that mission work continues to rise to the fore.

WE give thanks for those who've devoted their lives to ordained ministry.

WE give thanks for a Presbytery willing to teach and officers willing to learn, so that there is an adequate supply of pastors.

WE give thanks for the peacemakers and for the assurance that they shall see God.

WE give thanks for the ambition of the Hunger Committee, and that they work hard to feed Christ's sheep.

WE give thanks for new churches in our Presbytery.

WE give thanks for the work of those who help focus our meetings, our motions, and our rulings.

WE give thanks for the future ministry of our brother, Calvin Lewers, and others brought before us today.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we express our thanks to those who served and led this day and to God who leads us everyday.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Seventy-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the Moderator asked Marshall Nord to conclude our meeting with prayer at 4:06 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Seventy-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 2008 at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

William Kantonen, Moderator

James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

The minutes of the July 29, 2008 Seventy-Seventh Stated Meeting of Presbytery were approved by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina on:

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Minutes of the Ordination of Jason Douglas Bryant
- C. Reports from Commissioners to the General Assembly
- D. Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
- E. Associate Presbyter Search Committee Report
- F. Report of the General Presbyter
- G. Nominating Committee Report
- H. Report of the Treasurer and Budget & Finance Committee
- I. Campus Mission Report and Survey
- J. School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastors Report
- K. Standing Rules for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina
- L. Job Description for the Moderator of Presbytery
- M. Committee on Ministry Report