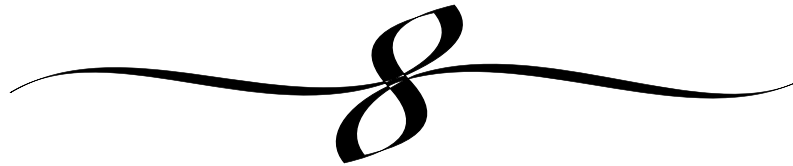
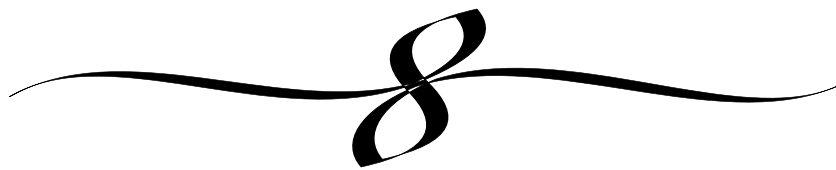


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
SEVENTY-EIGHTH  
STATED MEETING  
OCTOBER 24-25, 2008**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Seventy-Eighth Stated Meeting  
October 24-25, 2008  
at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008**

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, Elder William Kantonen, convened the Seventy-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:05 a.m., at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, and offered prayer to God.

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

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

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

Ace Tubbs	E	Thomas Tweedie	E	Rockwell Ward	E
Samuel Warner	P	Morris Warren	E	Joseph Washburn	P
William Waterstradt	E	Mark Watson	E	George Webb	E
Lynn Webber	P	Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A
Lamar Williamson	P	Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E
Otis Wilson	P	Claude Wilson-Stayton	E	William Wing	E
Eugene Witherspoon	E	Graham Wood	E	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.	A	Randy Patterson	A	Betty Shaw	A
Bert Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	P
John Stanley	E				

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

Mary V. Atkinson	E	Samuel Baraki	A	Beth Bolin	A
Frela Beck	A	Arthur Burgess, Jr.	P	Patricia Clark	A
Philip Dammann	P	Edna Goshorn	A	Richard Graham	A
Jane Holt	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	P	Judith West	P

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

Donna Ashley	P	Glenn Bannerman	A	Freida Caldwell	A
Dwight Christenbury	P	Robert Clemmer	A	Tina Cloer	A
Betty Davenport	P	Sara Dixon	A	Angela Drummond	A
Dianne Graeber	A	Chandler Guess	A	Susan Haney	A

Marylyn Huff	P	Sandy Jividen	P	Franklin Jones	A
Leslie McLeod	A	Kathy Parse	A	Mary Potter	A
Heath Rada	A	Peggy Rada	A	Bonnie Sanford	P
Ginny Soll	A	Patricia Tuttle	A	Robert Tuttle	P
Angela Washburn	A				

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (2)	Evelyn Jarrett	Paul Vliek
Banner Elk (1)	Ben Garris	
Belmont First (2)	David Cloninger	Jerry Ragan
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Bethel (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Mike Begley	Perrin Todd
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Larry Goodwin	Dan Bennett
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Robert Searcy	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	Karen Ledford	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Wanda Woodby	
Calvary (2)	Vivian Ridley	
Canton (1)	Sally Morgan	Ron Stockton
Cherryville First (1)	Will Upchurch	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	Fred Ashley	
Conley Memorial (1)	A	
Crossnore (1)	Rachel Deal	
Cullowhee (1)	Al McNeely	
Dallas First (1)	A	

Dixon (1)	T. P. Humphries	
Dorland Memorial (1)	A	
Dulatown (2)	Elmer Dula	Gary Norwood
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (2)	A	
Estatoa (2)	A	
Etowah (2)	Margarette Kennerly	
Fairview (2)	Ken Humphreys	
Fletcher (2)	LuAnn Guignard	
Forest City First (2)	Gene Stark	.
Franklin First (2)	Joyce Sammet	Nancy Parcels
Gastonia First (4)	Bill Keith	Jim Cookson
	Emily Craig	
Glen Alpine (2)	A	
Good Hope (3)	A	
Grace Covenant (3)	Susie Churchfield	Janet Hovis
	Charlie Clogston	
Grassy Creek (2)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (2)	A	
Green Street (3)	A	
Hayesville (2)	A	
Hendersonville First (3)	Gil Broyles	Mimi Jamieson
Hickory First (3)	Dave Rowe	
Highlands First (2)	Bob Tietze	Mike Demos
Ironton (2)	A	
Jack's Creek (2)	Grace Silvers	
John Knox (2)	A	
Kenilworth (2)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (2)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (3)	A	



Lenoir First (2)	A	
Lincolnton First (2)	A	
Long Creek (2)	Ken Unnash	Sue Unnash
Love's Chapel (3)	A	
Lowell (2)	Janet Mahannah	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Max Hughes	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Kay Layman	
Morganton First (2)	Lisa Roller	Sam Aycock
Morrison (1)	Charles Vinson	
Mount Holly First (1)	Jim Guin	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Bambi Teague	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	Becky Ayala	
Newland (1)	Tommy Williams	
Newton First (2)	A	
Northminster (1)	A	
Oak Forest (1)	Sylvia Stamm	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	George Torrence	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	A	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Pete Petersen	
Riceville (1)	Karl Stroupe	
Ridgeview (1)	A	

Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Janet Jolly	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Bill Chambless	Dot Roark
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	Jean Francis	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Margaret Mason	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Lynn Holman	
Sweetwater (1)	A	
Sylva First (1)	A	
Third Street (2)	Carolyn Carter	N. A. Smith
Trinity (1)	Barbara Garrison	
Tryon (1)	Larry Poe	
Union (1)	David Gilreath	
Union Mills (1)	E	
United (1)	Margaret Lillard	
Unity (1)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	John Heilman	
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	A	
Waynesville First (1)	Bob Lasater	John Dall
West Asheville (1)	Rick Huntsinger	
West Avenue (1)	Paula Wallace	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Ministers	93
Elders	78
Christian Educators	7
Council/Committee Chairs	7
Visitors	<u>54</u>
Total	239

It was later moved that three persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved. (See Stated Clerk's Report): Rev. Bryan McFarland, member of Salem Presbytery; Rev. Gary Van Brocklin, member of Pacific Presbytery, serving at Montreat College; and Rev. William Whiteside, AME Church - serving Green Mountain Presbyterian Church.

### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

**8:30 Registration (Lambuth Lobby)**

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

**Morning Refreshments (Lambuth Room 105)**

**Prayer before Presbytery (Prayer Chapel) Robert Garrison**

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

**Orientation for New Elders (Lambuth Room 103) Charles Davenport**

**9:00 Convene (International Room)**

**Prayer of Invocation and Constitution William Kantonen,  
Moderator**

**Appointment of Standing Committee  
Resolution of Thanks**

**Declaration of Quorum James Aydelotte,  
Stated Clerk**

**Approval of Docket**

**Omnibus Motion A**  
*(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 B**  
*(Introduction of any Corresponding Members)*

**9:30 Service of Worship Grace Boyer,  
Associate Presbyter  
Elders from Waynesville and  
Canton**

*Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

**11:00 Report of the General Presbyter Bobbi White GP**

**Christian Education**

*(Christian Educators Retreat - "Telling God's Story")*

**Dick Lonnee  
Barbara Phillips**

**Nominating**

*(Election of members for Presbytery committees)*

**Dick Graham** **I**

**Coordinating Council**

*(Report of the work of Council; selection of moderator-elect/vice-moderator.)*

**Maggie Lauterer** **C**

**11:55 Prayers of Intercession**

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

**Maggie Lauterer**

**12:00 Lunch**

**(Lambuth Dining Room)**

**1:15 Reconvene with Prayer**

*(Please sit with commissioners from a church other than yours.)*

**Moderator**

**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.)*

**1:25 Committee on Ministry**

*(Work of the committee, Introduction of new ministers,  
Approval of candidate for ordination/installation, Commissioning of Lay Pastors.)*

**James Bernhardt** **D**  
**Bill Sweetser**

**2:30 Introduction to the Proposed**

**Constitutional Amendments**

**James Aydelotte**

**2:45 Round Table Discussion of Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

*(Refer to "Guidelines for Discussion" included in Presbytery Packet.)*

**4:00 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.)*

**4:15 Prayers before Dinner**

**5:30 Dinner**

**(Lambuth Dining Room)**

*(Fellowship and dinner in Lambuth Dining Room; opportunity for those staying overnight to check-in at "Welcome Center" at main entrance.)*

**7:00 Reconvene with Prayer**

**Beth Gunn**

**Youth Ministries**

**Hunger Committee**

**Beth Gunn**  
**Deborah McEachran**

**"Singing for their Supper"**

*(Please bring one can of non-perishable food to be donated to the Haywood County Food Pantry.)*

**Bryan McFarland**

**Vespers**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 25, 2008**

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>(Lambuth - International Room)</b>		
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Reconvene with Prayer</b>		<b>Moderator</b>	
	<b>Opening Worship: Bible Study</b>			
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>		<b>Arthur Burgess</b>	<b>BB</b>
	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Jack Suddreth</b>	
	<b>Strategic Goals Committee</b>		<b>Bobbi White</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>Report from Synod Commissioners</b>		<b>Larry Poe</b>	<b>II</b>
			<b>Sue Burton</b>	
	<b>Greetings from General Assembly</b>		<b>Jon Brown</b>	
<b>10:35</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>Institutions and Agencies</b>			
	<b>Presbyterian Home for Children</b>		<b>Sarah Thomas</b>	
	<b>Grandfather Home for Children</b>		<b>Rainey Ratchford</b>	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Resolution of Thanks Committee</b>			
	<b>Closing Worship</b>		<b>Bobbi White</b>	
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Benediction and Adjournment</b>		<b>Moderator</b>	

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moderator Kantonen appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:** The Reverend Eddie Deas (Minister at Third Street Presbyterian Church) and Mrs. Paula Wallace (Elder, West Avenue Presbyterian Church).

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved that items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from the Stated Clerk's 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.

The following committee(s) submitted reports to the Presbytery for information only. Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Appendix B).

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>OM</b> | <b>1. THAT William Kantonen, James Aydelotte, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 31, 2009 Presbytery meeting.</b> |
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|----|----|---|
| OM | 2. | THAT the minutes of the July 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 C)<br>Elizabeth Michaels   |
| OM | 4. | THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix D, E, and F)<br>Michael A. Sears<br>Calvin Lewers<br>Tee S. Gatewood, III                 |
| OM | 5. | THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix G)<br>Randy Hardy  |
|    | 6. | THAT the summary report of the Administrative Commission for the Hephzibah Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix H) |
|    | 7. | THAT the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:<br>Rev. Bryan McFarland, Salem Presbytery<br>Rev. Gary Van Brocklin, Pacific Presbytery<br>Rev. William Whiteside, AME Church                      |

**FOR INFORMATION:**

8. THAT all those staying overnight at the seventy-eighth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at Lake Junaluska be reminded to check-in at the *Bethea Welcome Center*, at the main entrance, for your room key.
9. THAT the seventy-ninth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina.
10. THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a One-Day Retreat for Christian Educators, "*Telling God's Story*," on Saturday, January 17, 2009, in Convocation Hall at the Montreat Conference Center.
11. THAT a Training Event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Evangelism, Revitalization and Transformation.
12. THAT the Shelby Presbyterian Church celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September 2008.
13. THAT the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin celebrated its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September 2008.

14. **THAT the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Asheville will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2008.**
15. **THAT the following date has been established for Committee Chair Training for those serving as chair of a Presbytery Committee for 2009:**  
**Thursday, January 22, 2009 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Morganton**
16. **THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records:**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2009**  
**Saturday, April 25 2009**  
**Saturday, June 6, 2009**
17. **THAT copies of the *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements* approved by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) will be distributed at the registration table at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**  
**<http://www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend/proposed-amendments-2008.pdf>**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP, INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER  
AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Pastors Bobbi White, General Presbyter; James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk; Grace Boyer, Associate Presbyter; Charles Davenport, Interim Associate and West Avenue Presbyterian Church; Robert Garrison, Interim Associate and Elders Bill Kantonen, Moderator and Asheville First and Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth and Grace Covenant led the Presbytery in a service of worship.

Pastor Boyer’s sermon, “Face to Face,” came from the scripture Deuteronomy 34:1-12. Following her sermon, she was installed as the new Associate Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

The service of worship concluded with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper led by Pastors Grace Boyer and Bobbi White.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER**

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, reflected on our the numerous gifts for which we should be grateful for and our blessings. (Appendix I)

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, the Rev. Dick Lonnee and Elder Barbara Phillips entertained the Presbytery with a dramatic poem promoting the upcoming retreat to be sponsored by the Christian Education Committee, Music and Storytelling, “Telling God’s Story.” The retreat will be held in Convocation Hall in Montreat, NC.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Elder Richard Graham, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendations for committee vacancies and moved the approval of the Nominating Committee Report. (Appendix J). All were duly approved.

## COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Chair of the Coordinating Council, presented for the approval recommendations 1 through 3. The recommendations were approved.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT Elder J. D. Waldrop be elected as Vice-Moderator/Moderator-elect of the Presbytery, effective January, 2009.**
2. **THAT the following persons be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:**  
*(4 vacancies for the Class of 2011 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 minister, 3 male laypersons and racial/ethnic representation from clusters B, D, E & F.)*

<b>Dr. Richard Graham (Asheville, First)</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>
<b>Dr. W. Hamp Lefler (Hickory, First)</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>
<b>Ms. Ellie Ellenburg (Newland)</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>

*(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2011 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 minister from Cluster D.)*
3. **THAT the Presbytery grant permission to the Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville to purchase a three (3) acre tract of land, including a structure for church use and to borrow money for the purchase.**

Pastor Lauterer then presented items 4 through 11 of the Coordinating Council Report as information.

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

4. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
5. **THAT the Council approved a \$5000 expenditure from the Camp Woodson Operating Funds for a study of alternate and optimal uses of the property that would provide the optimum revenue for the Presbytery.**
6. **THAT the Council approved a letter to be sent to churches and clerks of sessions explaining the requirements put on a Presbytery by the General Assembly, to submit per capita contributions, and the affect on Presbytery mission work when churches withhold payments. (Appendix K)**
7. **THAT copies of the *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements*, approved by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008), will be distributed at the registration table at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:  
<http://www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend/proposed-amendments-2008.pdf>**
8. **THAT the Council expressed and extended thanks to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, for the exceptional contributions they make to the Presbytery by hosting Presbytery-wide gatherings at their facilities.**
9. **THAT the Peace and Justice Committee of the Presbytery was granted permission to distribute cloth bags (to reduce the use of plastic bags) at the October Presbytery Meeting at Lake Junaluska.**



10. **THAT the Hunger Committee of the Presbytery was granted permission to sell Fair Trade Coffee and receive a collection of non-perishable food during the evening services at the October Presbytery Meeting at Lake Junaluska. The collection of non-perishable food will be taken to the Haywood County Food Pantry.**
11. **THAT the Missions Committee of the Presbytery was granted permission to invite missionaries to share mission experiences at the October 23-24, 2009 meeting of Presbytery at Lake Junaluska.**

Following the approval of the Coordinating Council Report, the Rev. Maggie Lauterer requested “point of privilege” to thank Elder Bill Kantonen for time served as Moderator for the past year and a half. Also, to thank the Presbytery for her time served as Chair of the Coordinating Council, sharing that nine years ago she was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament at Lake Junaluska.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Rev. Maggie Lauterer offered intercessory prayers for those in the Presbytery and beyond. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

### **RECONVENE**

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with an opportunity for Presbyterians to address the Presbytery with announcements, concerns, and opinions.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY 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 L)

Dr. Bernhardt recommended the dissolution of the Bethel Presbyterian Church (at its request) and the appointment of an administrative commission. Members of the commission to include: Revs. Layton Mauze, Riley Covin, and John Lindsay and Elders Bert Sigmon, Sally Morgan, Pat Green and Jack Smathers. The Rev. Riley Covin spoke on behalf of the recommendation. He stated that the Bethel Church was the oldest church in our Presbytery and that its membership had declined to about six members who could no longer maintain the facility. He asked the Presbytery to support the remaining members in prayer during this time of transition. The motion passed.

Chairman Bernhardt recommended that the Olney Presbyterian Church be exempt from the requirements of *Book of Order G-12.0222* in the re-electing of a deacon who has already served six consecutive years, provided that this deacon may only serve another three years. The motion passed.

Dr. Bernhardt introduced Dwight Christenbury, Associate Pastor-elect of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, coming to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina from National Capital Presbytery. Mr. Christenbury’s sermon was based on scripture from Philippians 3:3-14. Following the preaching of his sermon and answering questions, Dr. Bernhardt moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that his sermon be approved and that he be ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed and Dr. Bernhardt offered prayer. General Presbyter Bobbi White presented Dwight Christenbury with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Presbytery and as a welcome to the Presbytery.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
VALIDATED MINISTRIES**

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

- Monty B. Burnham, Executive Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, through October 24, 2009.
- Margaret B. Peery, Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Counseling and Growth Center, through October 24, 2009.
- Edwin R. Brenegar, III, Facilitator/Consultant/Speaker, Community of Leadership, Inc., through October 24, 2009.
- Richard Morgan, Author and Speaker, through October 24, 2009.

The motion passed.

**COMMISSIONING OF LAY PASTORS**

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Cecil Jividen introduced Oscar Garcia and Pete Peterson as graduates of the School for the Laity and candidates to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors. The two candidates presented their responses to questions from their examinations. There being no questions from the floor of Presbytery, both were approved to be commissioned as lay pastors.

Moderator Kantonen propounded commissioning questions to each candidate, which were satisfactorily answered. The Rev. Cecil Jividen offered prayer for all, and commissioned Oscar Garcia to Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel and Pete Peterson to Jack's Creek/Micaville to lead worship and preach the Gospel, watch over the people, and provide for the nurture and service of the people in their congregations. Their commissioning included permission to moderate the Session, celebrate the Sacraments and perform weddings.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Cecil Jividen, member 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 L)

- Ashley J. "Jerry" Beavers
- James H. Kennedy
- Robert Singdahlsen

**INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Stated Clerk Aydelotte referred to the Proposed Constitutional Amendments and the Proposed Ecumenical Statements that the Presbytery will be voting on at its stated meeting on January 31, 2009. Time was set aside for commissioners to have open discussions on the proposed amendments. Groups were given guidelines for discussion. It was announced that there would be discussion groups in each of the clusters about these proposed amendments.

The Rev. Bill Hoyt made the following motion:

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that leaders of the planned cluster meetings provide enough time during the discussion of Amendment 08b to facilitate the "listening and discernment" strongly encouraged by the 2008 General Assembly.**

The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

## **PRAYERS BEFORE DINNER**

The Stated Clerk recessed the Presbytery for dinner with prayer at 4:25 p.m.

Following dinner, Blue Grass Music was provided by a group of musicians in the Presbytery prior to reconvening at 7:00 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Elder Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth, reconvened the Presbytery with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Beth Gunn, Associate Presbyter for Youth, reported on the Youth Events for 2008 and upcoming dates and events for the youth in 2009, encouraging all commissioners to refer to the Presbytery website for youth updates and events. Beth continued her report by recognizing the Revs. Aimee Buchanan, chair of the Youth Ministry Committee, and Bill Buchanan for their support with planning and organizing youth events, retreats and contributions to the youth as mentors through music and worship.

The Revs. Aimee and Bill Buchanan led the Presbytery in interactive energizers and discussion.

## **HUNGER COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Deborah McEachran, chair of the Hunger Committee, reported on the work of the committee. The Hunger Committee had invited the Rev. Bryan McFarland, Associate Presbyter from Salem Presbytery, to present the program "Singing for their Supper." Admission was non-perishable food to be donated to the Haywood County Food Pantry.

## **VESPERS**

The evening was closed at 9:30 p.m. with vespers led by Bryan McFarland.

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## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008**

### **WELCOME**

The seventy-eighth meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina was reconvened on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 9:02 a.m., with the reading of a poem and prayer by the Moderator.

### **INTRODUCTION OF MODERATOR ELECT**

Moderator Bill Kantonen introduced our Moderator-Elect, Elder J. D. Waldrop.

### **OPENING WORSHIP**

Dr. James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk, led the opening worship with a Bible study from Acts 2:36-42.

### **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 M)

Moderator Kantonen expressed to the churches that good stewardship means that if you have made an obligation that you should honor that pledge and not hold on to it.

## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

On behalf of the Strategic Goals Committee, the Rev. Bobbi White, reported on work of the committee stating that the committee had been analyzing the questionnaires that were completed last October. The committee has recognized several needs and are working on where we go from here. In conjunction with the Evangelism Committee, they are exploring the Acts Initiative.

## **REPORT FROM SYNOD COMMISSIONERS**

Elder Larry Poe, Synod Commissioner representing the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, reported from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Assembly. He noted that the Synod Assembly consists of 28 representatives and is the largest of all Presbyterian Synods. The function of the Synod is to assist all of its Presbyteries in their mission. He announced that Dr. David W. McKee has been elected, for a four year term, as the new Executive of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. He also noted that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina had submitted a request to the Synod for a grant to help defray its ongoing legal expenses that are being incurred with the Marion, First and Montreat legal cases.

## **GREETINGS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Rev. Jon Brown, General Assembly Council and Director for Mission Interpretation, brought greetings from the General Assembly. He emphasized the advantage of being a connectional church and how we can accomplish things better as an organization than as individual churches. The theme for 2009-2010, "Grow Christ's Church through Mission," helps build partnerships between churches, presbyteries and mission personnel.

## **PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN**

On behalf of the Presbyterian Home for Children, Sarah Thomas expressed sincere thanks to the Presbytery for their continued support, gifts and prayers and asked the Presbytery to continue to pray for the children and the home. She shared that the home was moving towards being an umbrella organization to assist foster homes where children could be placed on a more permanent basis. The Presbyterian Home for Children continues to care for children from birth to college graduation.

She reported on the completion of the Ray Campbell Independent Living Village. The facility will house up to 12 young adults who have complete high school and are working toward their trade, technical or college degree with ongoing staff support. The Presbytery was invited to attend the dedication of the Ray Campbell Independent Living Village on December 6, 2008.

## **GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN**

On behalf of the Grandfather Home for Children, Rainey Ratchford brought greetings from the home. She expressed sincere thanks for the Presbytery's support, gifts and prayers for the home and the 240 children they currently have in their care. Grandfather Home for Children is excited that they are able to assist and care for children being placed in foster care. The home is also serving group homes in Sylva and Raleigh.

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, the Rev. Eddie Deas shared the following Resolution of Thanks:

WHEREAS, commissioners, ministers, Christian Educators, staff, visitors and guests were blessed to hold its 78<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting at Lake Junaluska Conference Center in the beauty of God's fall glory.

WHEREAS, we were blessed by the competent and gracious leadership of our Moderator and Presbytery staff.

WHEREAS, we were inspired by our common worship together and the spoken word by Grace Boyer and Dwight Christenbury.

WHEREAS, we were appreciative of the Spirit in which the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution were discussed in groups.

WHEREAS, we were challenged through music and food which reminded us of the reality of the overwhelming need to minister to those in the world who are hungry.

THEREFORE,

WE give thanks to God for His Spirit at work among us and,

WE give thanks to our Presbytery Staff and Council for its wonderful planning and preparation for this meeting and,

WE gratefully acknowledge the hospitality extended to us by the Lake Junaluska Conference Center.

SO with grateful and thankful hearts we say, "TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY." Amen.

### **THANKS TO THE MODERATOR**

Stated Clerk Aydelotte offered thanks to Moderator Bill Kantonen for presiding over the last five meetings as Moderator of Presbytery. A gift was given in his honor to Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi.

### **CLOSING WORSHIP**

Pastors Bobbi White, General Presbyter; Grace Boyer, Associate Presbyter; Calvin Lewers, Pine Street Presbyterian Church; and Jon Brown, General Assembly, led the Presbytery in closing worship with the words of Paul to the Ephesians and Us.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the Seventy-Eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the Moderator asked Moderator-Elect, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey to conclude our meeting with prayer at 11:40 a.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Seventy-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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William Kantonen, Moderator

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James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

- These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on January 31, 2009 at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC.

## APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- C. Minutes of Ordination of Elizabeth Michaels
- D. Minutes of Ordination/Installation of Michael A. Sears
- E. Minutes of Ordination/Installation of Calvin Lewers
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- G. Minutes of Installation of Randy Hardy
- H. Report of the Administrative Commission for the Hephzibah Presbyterian Church
- I. Report of the General Presbyter
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- K. Letter from Council regarding Per Capita Contributions
- L. Report of the Committee on Ministry
- M. Report of the Budget & Finance Committee

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