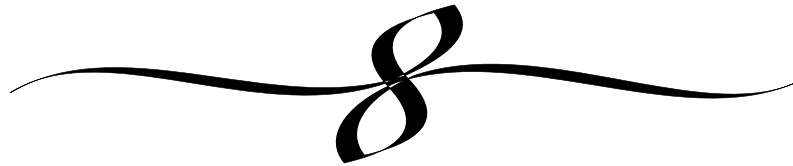
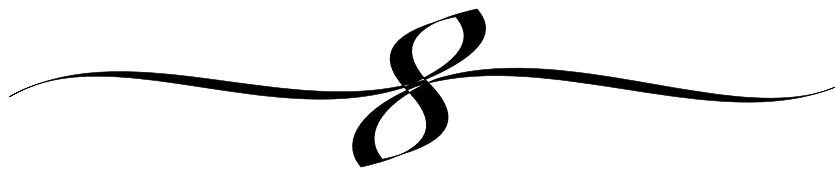


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
EIGHTIETH  
STATED MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2009**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Eightieth Stated Meeting  
April 28, 2009  
at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey, convened the Eightieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., at the Montreat Conference Center in the Upper Anderson Auditorium in Montreat, North Carolina, and offered an Easter prayer written by John Calvin in honor of his 500<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Moderator also noted that this Presbytery is now 20 years old.

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Pete Peery, President of the Montreat Conference Center, welcomed the Presbytery to the PCUSA's oldest and largest conference center.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Moderator Harkey appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:**  
The Rev. Calvin Chesnutt, Retired Pastor  
Elder Linda Ligon, Morrison Church, Franklin

**ATTENDANCE**

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, declared that a quorum was present and welcomed all ministers and elders attending a Presbytery meeting for the first time. He also called attention to two documents: "Newcomers Guide" and "Rules for Debate."

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

Robert Abel	P	Ann Aichinger	A	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
George W. Alexander	E	State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	P
David Anderson	E	James Arnold	E	Wayne Aughinbaugh	E
Stephen Austin	A	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P
Michael Bailey	P	Tony Baker	P	Douglas Bartlett	E
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Ashley J. Beavers	A	Joseph Bennett	P
Stanley Bennett	E	Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P
Carter Blaisdell	E	Randall Boggs	E	Ronald Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	A	Adam Bowling	P	Lee W. Bowman	P
Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	P
Troy Braswell	P	Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	A

Edwin Brenegar, III	P	Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	A
Jerry Bron	P	G. Thompson Brown	E	Jon Brown	E
Jason Bryant	P	Aimee Buchanan	P	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	P
Kathy Campbell	P	William P. Campbell	E	Day Carper	E
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	A	Calvin Chesnutt	P
Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	P	Carol Boggs Clark	P
Mary P. Clark	P	James Cockerham,	P	James Cogswell	P
Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E
Drayton Cooper	E	Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	E
John Craven	E	James Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	E
Eddie Deas, III	P	Arthur DeJong	E	Charles Donnell	P
Ellen Dozier	E	Kathryn Dudley	E	Philip Dunford	E
John Ellington	E	Charles Elyea	E	Lee Feero, Jr.	E
David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E
Edward Forsyth	P	Maynard Fountain, Jr.	P	McCoy Franklin	P
Kevin Frederick	P	John Frye, Jr.	E	A. W. Gaines	P
Tee Gatewood, III	P	Denise Geiger	P	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	E.	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	E
Karen Haak	P	Samuel Hale	E	Michael Hall	E
Terry Hanna	P	Randall Hardy	P	M. Luke Harkey, III	P
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E
Fred Hill	E	Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	P
Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	P	James Hornsby	P
William Hoyt, III	P	Allen Huff, Jr.	P	George Hutchins	P
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E	William Jennings	E
Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	P	Mike Johnston, IV	A
Dong Uk Kang	P	Alyce Kelly	P	David Kennedy	E

James Kennedy	E	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	P	John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E
Calvin Lewers	P	Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	P
John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Brad Long	P
Laura Long	P	Dick Lonnee	P	Edward Loper	P
Billy Lowe	P	David Lytle	E	Joan Martin	E
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	P
Griffith Matthews	E	Layton Mauze, III	P	John McCall	P
Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	E
Deborah McEachran	P	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	James McPherson	E
Robert Meachem	E	Lynn Michie	E	Beth Ann Miller	A
Robert Mills	A	Paul Moehlman	E	Robert Montgomery	P
Charles Moore	E	Anne Morgan	P	David Morgan	E
Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	P	David Mulford	E
Donald Mullen	P	Carl Murray	E	David Nash	P
Elizabeth Newman	E	Karen Newsome	A	John Newton, Jr.	E
John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	P
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 Peery, Jr.	P
Margaret Peery	E	Patrick Perryman	E	Harry Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	P	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Phillips	E
Carolyn Poteet	P	Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E
Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	P	Jay Rabuck	P
Mark Ramsey	P	Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E	Don Robb, III	P
Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	E	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
Robert Singdahlsen	P	Wirt Skinner	E	Allen Smith	P
O'dell Smith	E	Paul Smith	P	John Somerville	E
Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	E	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	P	Daniel Stitt	P	David Stover	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	Gary Van Brocklin	P
Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P	Morris Warren	E
Joseph Washburn	P	William Waterstradt	E	Mark Watson	P
Lynn Webber	P	Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	P
Lamar Williamson, Jr.	P	Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E
Otis Wilson, Jr.	P	Claude Wilson-Stayton	P	Margaret Wilson-Stayton	P
William Wing, Jr.	E	Eugene Witherspoon	E	Heather Wood	P
Graham Wood, Jr.	P	Donaldson Woods	P	Rebecca Young	E

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

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	E
Oscar Garcia	A	Robert Garrison	P	Joe Gernoske	P
Richard Hood	A	David Moore, Sr.	P	Randy Patterson	A
Pete Peterson	P	Betty Shaw	P	Robert Simes	E
Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A	William Wuehrmann	P

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

Samuel Baraki	A	Mike Begley	P	Frela Beck	A
Arthur Burgess, Jr.	P	Patricia Clark	P	Philip Dammann	P
Edna Goshorn	A	William Kantonen	P	Kathy Parse	A

Dick Peck	A	Pat Queen	A	Larry Poe	A
Charles Sellers	A	Jack Suddreth	P	Perrin Todd	A
J. D. Waldrop	E	Guy Wallace	A	Mae Weed	P
Lois Camp	A	Elizabeth Hill	A	Elizabeth Hill	A

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

Mary V. Atkinson	P	Glenn Bannerman	A	Betty Davenport	A
Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	P	Margaret Kennerly	A
Leslie McLeod	P	Heath Rada	P	Bonnie Sanford	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)	John Phillips	
Asheville First (2)	Evelyn Jarrett	Lucy Keil
Banner Elk (1)	Tony Fortune	
Belmont First (2)	Bob Decker	Dave Barnhardt
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Gladys Brooks	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Jim Ansley	Freddie Hart
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Edward Norris	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	Adele Burrows	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	A	
Calvary (2)	Vivian Ridley	
Canton (1)	Sally Morgan	
Cherryville First (1)	Janet Fisher	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	Ann Fisher	

Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Barbara Ross	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	James Bates	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	E	
Dulatown (2)	Helen Hall	Gary Norwood
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	E	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Argyle Gash	
Fairview (1)	Ken Humphreys	
Fletcher (1)	Tommy Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	Caroline Baynard	.
Franklin First (1)	Cardy White	
Gastonia First (3)	Bill Henry	Sally Kennington
	Henderson Wise	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	Allene Sellars	C. A. Allison
Grace Covenant (2)	Susie Churchfield	Liz Rupp
Grassy Creek (1)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Gil Broyles	Doug Davidson
Hickory First (2)	Jay Crane	Gary Oakley
Highlands First (1)	Bob Tietze	
Ironton (1)	E	
Jack's Creek (1)	Grace Silvers	
John Knox (1)	A	



Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (1)	Cindy Hovis	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Linda Morgan	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Bob Robinson	
Love's Chapel (2)	Cora Slade	Thelma Isles
Lowell (1)	Ruth Everhart	
Marion First (2)	Bob Brendle	Larry Hartman
Marshall (2)	Ellie Pinkham	
Micaville (2)	Ruth Peake	Billie Tomberlin
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Henry Neale	Jim Henderson
Morganton First (3)	Roben Plyler	Liz Inscoe
Morrison (2)	Shirley Reed	Linda Ligon
Mount Holly First (2)	A	
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Herschel Lewis	
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	Edwin Lewis	Mary Lou Armstrong
Newdale (2)	A	
Newland (2)	A	
Newton First (3)	Ron Roscoe	
Northminster (2)	Barbara Stark	
Oak Forest (2)	Candace Williams	Jackie Anderson
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	Sandy Green	Phyllis Hallman
Paint Gap (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	A	

Quaker Meadows (2)	Lelia Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	Catherine Roberts	Pat Bradley
Riceville (2)	Karl Stroupe	Judy Gentry
Ridgeview (2)	A	
Robinson Memorial (2)	A	
Rutherfordton (2)	Don Lesher	
Ryburn Memorial (3)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Richard Fletcher	
Sherrill's Ford (1)	Pat Brotherton	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	Susan Black	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Mike Lloyd	
Spindale (1)	E	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Lynn Holman	
Sweetwater (1)	A	
Sylva First (1)	Judith Henderson	
Third Street (2)	Sheila Williams	Carolyn Carter
Trinity (1)	Jay Barr	
Tryon (1)	Les Stobbe	
Union (1)	Johnny Painter	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	A	
Unity (2)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	A	
Walnut (1)	E	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	A	

Waynesville First (1)	Ron Tingle	
West Asheville (1)	A	
West Avenue (1)	Dennis Godfrey	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Ministers	131
Elders	86
Certified Christian Educators	6
Council/Committee Chairs	7
Visitors	<u>38</u>
Total	268

It was later moved that the following persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved. (See Stated Clerk's Report):

Rev. Susan Loper, Utica Presbytery  
 Rev. R. Jackson Sadler, Presbytery of the James  
 Rev. Carol N. Seaman, Newton Presbytery,  
 (serving as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Hickory)  
 Elder Gerrie Jones, Cherokee Presbytery  
 Elder Hervey Jones, Cherokee Presbytery

#### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the docket as distributed with the deletion of a report from the Peace and Justice Committee, which motion was seconded and adopted.

- 8:30 Registration (Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)**  
**8:30 Prayer before Presbytery (Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)**  
**Orientation for New Elders (Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room1)**
- 9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation (Upper Anderson) Luke Harkey, Moderator**

**Welcome** **Pete Peery, President**  
**Montreat Conference Center**

**Appointment of Standing Committee** **Moderator**  
**Resolution of Thanks**

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

**Approval of Docket**

**Omnibus Motion**

**A**

*(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. Any commissioner may pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason. Simply state the item to be removed from the Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)*

**Stated Clerk's Report**

**B**

*(Corresponding Members; Report of Administrative Commissions)*

<b>9:15</b>	<b>Service of Worship including Celebration of the Lord's Supper</b>		
	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Jack Sadler</b>	
	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>John McCall</b>	
	Sermon: The Christ the World Sees		
	Scripture: John 1:1-5 & 14		
	<b>Elders from the Black Mountain &amp; Montreat Churches</b>		
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Coordinating Council</b>	<b>Bill Kantonen</b>	<b>C</b>
	<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Don Cooper</b>	<b>I</b>
	<i>(Election of members for Presbytery committees; election of Search Committee for Stated Clerk )</i>		
	<i>(Please fill out the recommendation sheet with suggested persons for the Nominating Committee to consider in the future.)</i>		
	<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>Joan Martin</b>	
	<i>(Acts Initiative)</i>	<b>Becky Stanley</b>	
	<b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</b>	<b>Michael Poulos</b>	<b>K</b>
	<i>(Candidate for ministry, Tim Ware)</i>		
	<b>Guatemala Partnership</b>	<b>Doug Michael</b>	
	<b>Presbyterian Heritage Center</b>	<b>Ron Vincent</b>	
	<b>Missions Committee</b>	<b>Allen Huff</b>	
	<b>Hunger Committee</b>	<b>Dennis Stamper</b>	
	<b>Self-Development of People</b>	<b>Calvin Lewers</b>	<b>M</b>
	<b>Budget &amp; Finance Committee</b>	<b>Charles Sellers</b>	<b>BB</b>
	<i>(Report of Annual Audit and Financial Report)</i>		
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	<b>Steven Runholt</b>	
	<i>(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)</i>		
<b>11:50</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>(Assembly Inn)</b>	
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Reconvene</b>	<b>(Upper Anderson Auditorium)</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>1:40</b>	<b>Good News from the Churches</b>		
<b>1:50</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>Lamar Williamson</b>	
	After Easter, What?		
	Luke 24: 36b-48; John 10:11-18; John 15:1-8		
	<b>Report of the General Presbyter</b>	<b>Bobbi White</b>	<b>GP</b>

<b>Committee on Ministry</b> <i>(Introduction of new members, examination for ordination/installation of Franklin Jones; commissioning of lay pastor, Betty Shaw.)</i>	<b>James Bernhardt</b> <b>Bill Sweetser</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Youth Committee</b> <i>(Youth Mission Event)</i>	<b>Aimee Buchanan</b>	
<b>Let's Celebrate</b> <i>(Annual Event for everyone in the Presbytery)</i>	<b>Beth Gunn</b> <b>Adam Bowling</b>	
<b>Campus Mission</b> <b>Warren Wilson</b>	<b>Mae Weed</b>	<b>V</b>
<b>Resolution of Thanks</b> <b>Benediction and Adjournment</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved that items 1- 6 in the Stated Clerk's Report be approved together in an Omnibus Motion (marked OM). This was seconded and adopted. (Appendix A)

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Dr. Aydelotte moved items 7 through 9, which were all seconded and adopted. These included recommendations from the Administrative Commissions for the Bethel and Duncan's Creek congregations, namely

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| <b>OM</b> | <b>1. THAT James Aydelotte, Luke Harkey and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 28, 2009 Presbytery meeting.</b>   |
| <b>OM</b> | <b>2. THAT the minutes of the January 31, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. <i>(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table and has been posted on the website.)</i></b>  |
| <b>OM</b> | <b>3. THAT the Presbytery accept the report of membership and worship statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report and that it be recorded that the following Sessions are not in compliance with Book of Order G-10.0102 p (7). (Appendix B)</b><br>Duncan's Creek                      Estatoa                                      Korean of Asheville<br>Ellenboro                                      John Knox                                      Oakwood |
| <b>OM</b> | <b>4. THAT the Committee on Representation, having met and completed their annual report for the year ending December 31, 2008 and submitted it to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, requests that it become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix C)</b>   |

- OM 5. **THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix D)**  
**Heather Wood**
- OM 6. **THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix E & F)**  
**Ed Forsyth**  
**Alyce Kelly**
7. **THAT the April 28, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Bethel Presbyterian Church be received and its recommendation be acted upon at this meeting. (Appendix G) (see below)**
8. **THAT the April 28, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church be received and its recommendations be acted upon at this meeting. (Appendix H) (see below)**
9. **That the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:**  
 Rev. Jack Sadler, Presbytery of the James  
 Rev. Susan Loper, Utica Presbytery  
 Rev. Carol N. Seaman, Newton Presbytery,  
 Elder Gerrie Jones, Cherokee Presbytery  
 Elder Hervey Jones, Cherokee Presbytery

**FOR INFORMATION:**

10. **The eighty-first stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at the Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, hosted by the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church.**
11. **THAT a copy of the Summary Digest of the 223<sup>rd</sup> Stated Assembly Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic was received and will be made a part of the permanent records of the Presbytery. (Appendix I)**
12. **THAT the following Session Records for 2008 were submitted and approved on March 21, 2009, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
- |                       |                    |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Arbor Dale            | Lenoir, First      | Olney              |
| Burnsville, First     | Marion, First      | Quaker Meadows     |
| Conley Memorial       | Montreat           | Riceville          |
| Dallas, First         | Morganton, First   | Spruce Pine, First |
| Dulatown              | Mount Holly, First | United             |
| Fairview              | Newdale            | Waldensian         |
| Fletcher              | Newland            | Walnut Grove       |
| Green Street          | Newton, First      | West Avenue        |
| Kings Mountain, First | Northminster       |                    |
13. **THAT the second reading of Session Records was held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the Shelby Presbyterian Church in Shelby, NC. and the following Session Records for 2008 were submitted and approved.**

Banner Elk	Hickory, First	Shelby
Belmont, First	Highlands, First	Sherrills Ford
Bessemer City	Ironton	Siloam
Brittain	John Knox	Southminster
Clinchfield	Lincolnton, First	Spindale
Columbus	Lowell	Sweetwater
Crossnore	Love's Chapel	Third Street
Dixon	New Hope, Gastonia	Trinity
Duncan's Creek	Robinson Memorial	Tryon
Forest City, First	Rutherfordton	Union
Gastonia, First	Ryburn Memorial	Unity
Good Hope	Saluda	

14. **THAT the third reading of Session Records will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Canton Presbyterian Church in Canton, NC. All the Clerks of Sessions of the congregations in Cluster A and in Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties, as well as those congregations which have not previously submitted their 2008 Session Records for review, should attend this meeting.**
15. **THAT a Training Event for Adults and Youth, Let's Celebrate . . . "God's Bail Out," will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
16. **THAT the Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church in Rutherfordton celebrated its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2009.**
17. **THAT the Dixon Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May 2009.**
18. **THAT the Bethel Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 9, 2009.**
19. **THAT, his current term as Stated Clerk ending July 31, 2009, James Aydelotte decided not to seek a further term. The Coordinating Council thereupon requested the Nominating Committee to suggest a Search Committee for a new Stated Clerk, such committee to be elected at this April 2009 meeting. (Appendix J)**

#### **BETHEL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

On behalf of the Bethel Administrative Commission, the Stated Clerk moved that the Presbytery of Western NC discharge the Bethel Administrative Commission with the sincere thanks of all for a task well accomplished. This was approved.

#### **DUNCAN'S CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

On behalf of the Duncan's Creek Administrative Commission, the Stated Clerk moved the following recommendations:

The Presbytery:

1. Ratifies the creation of an Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church, with the terms stated in Appendix H;
  - Elsie Bartlett, Elder, Morganton First

- Jack Davidson, Pastor
  - Dick Hood, Elder - CLP, John Knox
  - Allen Huff, Associate Pastor, Shelby
  - Kathy Parse, Elder, Waldensian
  - Bart Shaw, Stated Supply, Ryburn Memorial, Chair
  - Jim Shroyer, Pastor, Forest City
2. Accepts reluctantly the resignation of Commissioned Lay Pastor Bert Sigmon, and commends him for his fine work at the Duncan's Creek Church over the past several years;
  3. Commissions Betty Shaw as the Lay Pastor for Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church, effective immediately; (see the later report of the Committee on Ministry) and
  4. Requests the Commission to report through the Committee on Ministry at the Presbytery's July 2009 meeting.

This was approved.

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Worship was led by the Rev. R. Jackson Sadler, liturgist, and the Rev. John McCall, preacher, with music provided by Margaret C. Neale. Pastor McCall shared in his sermon some of his experiences as a missionary in Taiwan regarding "The Christ the World Sees."

The service of worship continued with the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper led by Pastors Sadler and McCall. Elders from the Black Mountain and Montreat Presbyterian Churches distributed the elements by intinction.

**COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Elder Bill Kantonen, chair of the Coordinating Council, presented the following recommendation which was approved.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT the Presbytery elect the Rev. Becky Stanley as a commissioner to the Assembly of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and thank the Rev. Sue Burton for her previous service in that role.**

The Coordinating Council also reports that it:

2. **Submitted suggestions to the General Assembly for improvements of the proposed revision of the Form of Government.**
3. **Expressed sincere thanks to the Synod of Mid-Atlantic for its grant of \$45,000 to help defray Presbytery's legal expenses in defending the PCUSA Constitution.**
4. **Appointed Bill Kantonen, Otis Wilson and James Aydelotte to serve on a joint committee (with representatives of the other two Presbyteries that own Camp Grier) to craft a Proposal for the Future of the Camp.**
5. **Agreed that the 5% of the Nickel A Meal funds designated for publicity could be used to "super-size" our Presbytery's Souper Bowl collection; AND that \$7,500 from that fund be donated to the Stop Hunger Now event in Morganton on March 28, 2009 that packaged food for Haiti.**



6. **Granted the Conover Presbyterian New Church Development permission to use provisionally this full name -- "New Vision Church: A Witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA)" -- pending the time it will be officially organized and constituted a PCUSA congregation.**
7. **Agreed to nominate the Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze, III for consideration as a trustee of Lees-McRae College.**
8. **Received a letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly commending our Presbytery for sending the full per capita assessment to the General Assembly.**
9. **Requested the Nominating Committee to nominate a Search Committee for a new Stated Clerk, which committee would be elected at this April 2009 meeting. [See item 19 of the Report of the Stated Clerk.]**
10. **Gratefully noted that good preparations were being made for the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women on April 25, 2009 at the Marion church.**
11. **Noted that a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Don Cooper, chair of the Nominating Committee presented recommendations for committee vacancies. (Appendix J) All were duly elected.

Pastor Cooper then presented recommendations for the Search Committee for a Stated Clerk consisting of seven persons. (Appendix J) All were duly elected. This Search Committee for a new Stated Clerk has been requested by Council to nominate the best qualified applicant for election at the Presbytery's July 2009 meeting.

#### **EVANGELISM**

The Rev. Becky Stanley, chair of the Evangelism Committee, spoke regarding the need for evangelism and highlighted the Acts 16:5 Initiative event held on March 6 & 7, 2009, expressing thanks to all who attended. She invited presbyters to another one-day seminar with Stan Ott on May 8, 2009.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Rev. Michael Poulos, chair, made the following recommendation:

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- I. **THAT** Timothy David Ware, a member of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, and a student at Union-PSCE in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

After Mr. Ware shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Harkey opened the floor for questions. There being no questions for the candidate, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Timothy David Ware as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. The Rev. Dr. Billy Lowe charged Mr. Ware and the Rev. Nancy Mugford offered prayer. Those who came in support of Mr. Ware were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix K)

## **GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

Dr. Doug Michael reported on behalf of the Guatemala Partnership. This Presbytery and two Presbyteries in Guatemala have been working together since 1996. The Presbytery learned of the various work areas, especially in health care for children, in which our Presbytery participates through this partnership.

## **PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE CENTER**

Ron Vinson, leader of the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat, shared vital information about the center and the special services that are available. He encouraged everyone to visit the exhibits in the nearby Presbyterian Heritage Center during lunch or at some other time.

## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Missions Committee, the Rev. Allen Huff, reported on the work of committee and upcoming mission trips. Our missionaries to Mongolia, Don and Charlene Woods were recognized.

Chairman Huff recognized the Malawi Mission Team, after which a commissioning service was held with the Rev. Michael Bailey offering a prayer.

## **HUNGER COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Hunger Committee, the Rev. Bill Heck reported on the work of that committee and the "Souper Bowl of Giving." Funds raised for the Souper Bowl were matched. Special thanks were also given for all the contributions that have been given through One Great Hour of Sharing.

## **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

On behalf of the Self-Development of People Committee, the Rev. Calvin Lewers reported on the work of the committee. (Appendix L)

## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Elder Arthur Burgess reported on the current state of Presbytery's finances and the annual audit. There being no questions, the report was received as information. (Appendix M)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Rev. Grace Boyer, Associate Presbyter, led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession, as well as thanks for the lunch.

## **LUNCH**

Merri Bass, Vice-President/Director of Marketing at Montreat Conference Center, gave directions for lunch in Assembly Inn.

## **RECONVENE**

Following lunch, Immediate Past Moderator Bill Kantonen reconvened the 80<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Presbytery at the request of Moderator Luke Harkey, who had to attend a funeral in his parish.

## **GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

The Rev. Dr. Wendell Ligon, stated supply at the Morrison Church in Franklin, shared how alive and loving a small church of 73 members can be and reported that they just cannot wait to see what the Lord is going to do with them next.

The Rev. Carol Clark, pastor at Unity Church in Denver, shared the good news from a congregation which was established in 1764 and in which the Holy Spirit is still stirring up life in their community. The Unity

Church has a very active construction crew that has taken on many local projects as well as projects at the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain. Pastor Clark shared that they have welcomed numerous new members and extended a ministry to the hearing impaired. She reported that their worship services have become the center of the congregation.

The Rev. Tee Gatewood, pastor at Arbor Dale Church in Banner Elk, shared the good news from 150 people worshipping on the side of the mountain in a little white church. They are thankful for new youth leaders, a confirmation class of 14 middle school youth; a community garden and the ability to provide food once a month to 500 families.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The Rev. Professor Lamar Williamson led a Bible Study entitled “Experiencing Christ’s Living Presence,” with Scripture taken from Luke 24:13-35, John 10:11-18, and John 15:1-8, reminding the attendees that Easter continues until Pentecost! His study included consideration of art work by Rembrandt, sculpture by Walker, and drawings by other artists including church school students.

Ron Vinson, of the Presbyterian Heritage Center assisted Dr. Williamson with a power point presentation and Mike Barker, Music Director at the Black Mountain Church, provided music.

### **REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER**

General Presbyter Bobbi White spoke enthusiastically about the Acts 16:5 Initiative and emphasized the upcoming one-day event on that Initiative scheduled for May 8, 2009. Currently, there are 20 plus churches committed to continuing with the three year program. She encouraged churches to look at the present and value it, and then to move on and do more. (Appendix N)

### **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 O) The following were recognized for Honorable Retirement: William H. Serjak, effective June 30, 2009, who has been pastor of the Sylva congregation for 35 years; David L. Morgan, effective April 1, 2009, as co-pastor of the New Hope Church; and Jim Cockerham, effective January 1, 2009. All three were commended for their many years of faithful ministry.

Chairman Bernhardt presented a recommendation for Auxiliary Lay Pastors (Appendix P) which was approved.

Pastor Bernhardt recommended a slight revision of an October 2006 Presbytery decision: “The Examination of Candidates and Transferring Ministers.” (Appendix Q) Action on this recommendation was postponed until the July 28, 2009 Presbytery Meeting.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

#### **II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS**

Dr. Bernhardt introduced Franklin Jones, Designated Pastor-elect of the Brittain and Union Mills Churches in Rutherfordton, a candidate of this Presbytery. Following questions and answers, Dr. Bernhardt moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that he be ordained and installed by the Presbytery. The motion passed and Dr. Bernhardt offered prayer. Representatives from the Brittain and Union Mills Churches were recognized.

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, presented Franklin with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as a welcome to the Presbytery.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Chairman Bernhardt 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 O)

- Lee Bowman, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Highlands
- David Stover, Honorably Retired, Stated Supply, Canton Presbyterian Church

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

#### **III. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Bernhardt moved that the Presbytery approve that William P. Wuehrmann be commissioned as lay pastor (Chaplain) to the Hospice of the Carolina Foothills in Columbus, NC and that Betty Shaw be commissioned as lay pastor to the Duncan's Creek and Ryburn Memorial Churches. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Bill Kantonen, Past Moderator, led the commissioning service. The commissioning included permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper, baptisms and weddings and (at Duncan's Creek and Ryburn Memorial) moderate the Session. Representatives from the Duncan's Creek and Ryburn Memorial Churches were recognized.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

#### **IV. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES**

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

- Carol Steele, Associate Director, Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center, through April 28, 2010.
- Lynn Michie, Chaplain, Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women, through April 28, 2010.
- Donaldson Woods, missionary to Mongolia, through April 28, 2010.
- Albert G. Peery, Jr., President, Montreat Conference Center, through April 28, 2010.

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Aimee Buchanan, chair of the Youth Committee, shared current "in" phrases used by teens as well as programs planned for them in the coming summer months. She encouraged the churches to seek youth to attend the "Week of Work" (WOW) and to have their youth complete applications to be on the 2009-2010 Presbyterian Youth Council.

### **LET'S CELEBRATE**

On behalf of the Let's Celebrate Task Force, the Rev. Adam Bowling and Beth Gunn, shared a humorous announcement for the annual educational event, "Let's Celebrate" scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009 which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton.

### **CAMPUS MISSION**

Mae Weed, chair of Campus Mission Committee, reported on the work of that committee and distributed information regarding campus ministry at the various schools in our Presbytery, stressing that campus ministry is even more essential today. (Appendix R)

Julie Lehman, Director of Admissions at Warren Wilson College, and Rodney Lytle, Director of Multi-cultural Affairs at Warren Wilson College, shared information about activities at that college and what a beneficial relationship should be between the college and the church.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, the Rev. Calvin Chesnutt and Elder Linda Ligon expressed Presbytery's thanks to the Montreat Conference Center for its invitation to meet here, and for all the leaders who made this meeting possible. The Presbytery gratefully adopted this resolution.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the Eightieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Franklin Jones was requested to offer the closing prayer, after which the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Eighty-First Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at the Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Luke Harkery, 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 July 28, 2009 at its meeting at the Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

## APPENDICES

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