

**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES
ONE HUNDREDTH
STATED MEETING
April 29, 2014**

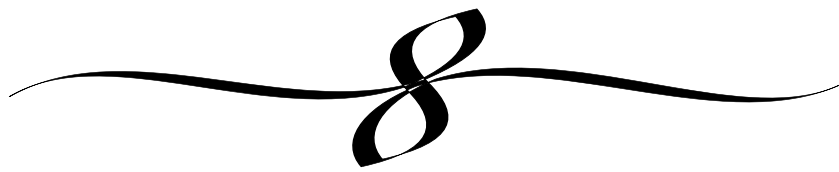


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
One-Hundredth Stated Meeting
April 29, 2014
at Montreat Conference Center
Montreat, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Elder Jim Henderson, Moderator, convened the 100th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m., in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center, in Montreat, North Carolina.

CONSTITUTION

Moderator, Jim Henderson opened the meeting with prayer and the singing of *"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Pete Peery, President of the Montreat Conference Center, brought greetings from the Montreat Conference Center. He welcomed those in attendance to take a look around and recognize the improvements and renovations that are being made and that have been made, to Assembly Inn and Anderson Auditorium. He further announced that the Conference Center is welcoming the Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) to the Conference Center with a permanent home. The Allen House is currently being renovated for Montreat Presbyterian Church's administrative offices and meeting spaces. Upper Anderson Auditorium is being renovated for weekly worship services. In conclusion, Dr. Peery announced that he was completing his 40th year in the ministry and would be retiring at the end of 2014.

The Rev. Keith Grogg, pastor from Montreat Presbyterian Church, also welcomed the Presbytery and brought greetings from the Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Bert Sigmon, declared that a quorum was present by reference to our registration data and by observation of those in attendance. He invited people to turn off all cell phones.

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

Robert Abel	E	Ann Aichinger	E	Frank Aichinger	E
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	E	Patricia Bacon	P	Michael Bailey	P
Tony Baker	E	Steven Barnes	P	Douglas Bartlett	E
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Ashley Beavers	E	Harold Bennett, Jr.	P
Joseph Bennett	E	Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P
Carter Blaisdell	E	Lynn Bledsoe	P	Randall Boggs	P
Ronald Botsford	E	Adam Bowling	P	Lee Bowman	E

Richard Boyce	P	Margie Boyd	A	Grace Boyer	P
David Bradley	A	Ryan Brakemeyer	P	Ronald Brauer	E
Ed Brenegar	E	Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	A
Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	A	William Buchanan	P
Mark Burnham	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	A	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	A	Mary Faith Carson	E
Joel David Cherry	P	Calvin Chesnutt	P	Dwight Christenbury	E
William Christian	E	Carol Clark	P	Mark Clark	P
Sarah Coburn	A	James Cockerham	P	Jeffrey Coffey	P
James Cogswell	P	Evelyn Coleman	P	Hunter Coleman	E
Priestley Conyers, III	E	James M. Cook	P	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E
Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P	John Craven	P
Curtis Crowther	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P
Dent Davis	P	Heather Davis	P	Eddie Deas, III	E
Jey Deifell, Jr.	P	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	E
Edward Donnell	P	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E
Stephen Elderbrock	E	John Ellington	E	Raymond Fancher	A
Kristy Farber	E	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E
Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	E
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	Berry French, III	P	John Frye, Jr.	P
James Gailey	P	A. W. Gaines	E	Tee Gatewood, III	P
Denise Geiger	E	Jean Goodwin	P	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	P	Keith Grogg	P	Robert Gruber	E
George Gunn	P	Samuel Hale	E	Michal Hall	E
Terry Hanna	P	Patrick Hardy	E	Randall Hardy	A
Luke Harkey	P	Rebecca Harrison	E	William Heck	P
Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E
Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	E	Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E

James Holeman	P	Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E
James Hornsby	P	William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	E
Michael Isaacs	P	Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	P
Esta Jarrett	P	Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	P
Mike Johnston, IV	A	Franklin Jones	A	Rebecca Jones	P
Kimberly Justice	P	Dong Uk Kang	A	David Kaylor	P
David Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E
Shannon Kershner	A	Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	E
Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A
John LaMotte	P	John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	P
James Layman	P	Calvin Lewers	E	Thomas Lewis	E
Wendell Ligon	P	William Lindeman	E	John Lindsay	P
Eugene Linton, Jr.	P	Deneise Deter Liss	A	Brad Long	P
Laura Long	P	Billy T. Lowe	P	Robert Lowry	E
David Lytle	P	Whit Malone	P	Marjorie Marsh	P
Joan Martin	P	Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E
Tyler Martin	E	John McCall	P	Sandra McClinton	P
Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E
David McKee	E	Michael McKee	P	Alexander McLean	A
James McPherson	E	Lynn Michie	P	Beth Ann Miller	P
Robert Montgomery	P	Anne Morgan	P	David Morgan	P
Richard Morgan	E	David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E
Cameron Murchison, Jr.	P	Carl Murray	E	David Nash	P
Elizabeth Newman	A	John Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	E
Herman Nodine	E	Marshall Nord	A	Richard Nygren	E
Daniel Oedy	A	O'Hyun Park	P	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	E	David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E
Stratton Peacock	P	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret Peery	E
Harry Petersen	P	Martha Jane Petersen	P	Lyle Peterson	E
Harry Philips	P	James Poling	P	Luke Ponder	A

Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E	Gene Price	P
Edyth Pruitt	P	John Pruitt	E	Tamara Puffer	P
Tom Queen	P	Jay Rabuck	P	Daria Ragan	P
Mark Ramsey	E	Joseph Rand	E	Kitty Rankin	P
Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E
Don Rob, III	E	Steven Runholt	P	Feild Russell	P
Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	E
Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	P	Kyle Segars	A
William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E	Elizabeth Sigmon	P
Robert Singdahlsen	P	Wirt Skinner	P	Allen Smith	P
Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E
Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	P	David Stover	P
Cynthia Strickler	A	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	Catherine Taylor	P
Keith Thompson	P	Dan Thornton	E	Yvonne Thurmond	P
Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E	Margaret Torrence	P	Ace Tubbs	E
Robert Tuttle	P	Thomas Tweedie	E	Melissa Upchurch	P
Gary Van Brocklin	A	Lauren Vanacore	P	Sara Varnado	A
Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	E	Lynn Webber	P
Judith Weger	P	Barbara White	P	Lamar Williamson	P
Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E	Otis Wilson	P
Victor Wilson	E	Chris Wingard	A	Eugene Witherspoon	E
Graham Wood	E	Donaldson Woods	P	Beth Yarborough	A
Rebecca Young	A				

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

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Joe Gernoske	P	Ken Humphreys	P	Bobby Justus	P
Deborah Lesenger	A	David Moore, Sr.	A	Randy Patterson	A
Pete Peterson	E	Marcia Reighley	P	Russell Reighley	A

Barbara Ross	P	Betty Shaw	E	William Sigmon	P
Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A
James Taylor	A	Frederick Van Itallie	E	Roger Wise	P
William Wuehrmann	A				

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

Lois Camp	A	Jay Crane	P	Dorothy Descieux	P
Jim Henderson	P	Beth Johnson	P	Bill Martin	A
Bob McFerren	P	Barbara McLean	P	Melvin Meares	A
Dick Peck	A	Ron Tingle	A	Bob Riddle	A
Jack Suddreth	P			Jane Vann	A
Mae Weed	P				

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

Mary V. Atkinson	A	Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A
Betty Davenport	A	Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	E
Margaret Kennerly	E	Leslie McLeod	P	Mary Lou Nash	A
Heath Rada	P	Bonnie Sanford	A	Lynn Thomas	A
Patricia Tuttle	A				

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (2)	John Meadows	Susie Jameson
Banner Elk (1)	Dick Larson	
Belmont First (2)	A	
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Ginny Soll	Anne Straughan
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Ginny Bradford	Cathy Gary
Bridgewater (1)	Roger Lowery	
Brittain (1)	E	

Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Jon Ward	
Calvary (2)	A	
Canton (1)	Bill Rolland	
Cherryville First (2)	John Powell	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Angie Jones	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Mary Gahagan	
Dulatown (2)	Helen Hall	Charles Kincaid
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Don Wauchope	
Fairview (1)	E	
Fletcher (1)	A	
Forest City First (1)	A	
Franklin First (1)	A	
Gastonia First (3)	Sarah Wertz	Page Carver
	Gloria Hickson	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Mary Lou Nash	Elizabeth Rupp
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	

Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Larry Mobley	Robert Briner
Hickory First (3)	A	
Highlands First (1)	E	
Ironton (1)	Pat Bradshaw	
Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	A	
Kings Mountain First (1)	E	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	Jeff Crisp	Tate McKee
Lincolnton First (1)	Peggy Lafferty	
Long Creek (1)	Sandy Jones	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Rob Groves	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	A	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Marylyn Huff	
Morganton First (2)	Elsie Bartlett	
Morrison (1)	Robert Price	
Mount Holly First (1)	Brenda McKinney	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Nan Riley	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	A	
Newdale (1)	Anita Fortner	
Newland (1)	Sam Ray	
Newton First (2)	Deb Wakefield	Bob Neill
Northminster (2)	Rebecca Inglefield	
Oak Forest (1)	A	

Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Shirley Stevenson	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	Richard Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Ryan Baldwin	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	John Pea	
Rutherfordton (2)	Judie Shapiro	Ann Deviney
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (2)	A	
Shelby (3)	Glenn Moore	Mary Conner
	Richard Fletcher	
Sherrill's Ford (2)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (2)	A	
Siloam (2)	Amelia Tipton	
Southminster (3)	Jackson Mott	
Spindale (2)	A	
Spruce Pine First (2)	A	
Swannanoa First (2)	Jane Hansel	Betsy Kirschner
Sweetwater (2)	Frances Yoder	
Sylva First (2)	Doug Reed	Judy McManus
Third Street (3)	A	
Trinity (3)	Bob Forsythe	Duane Johnson
Tryon (3)	A	
Union (2)	Mary Lou Helms	Larry Meek
Union Mills (2)	A	
United (2)	Robert Bennett	

Unity (3)	Nancy Bost	
Vians Valley (2)	A	
Waldensian (3)	Roger Heavner	Kathy Parse
Walnut (2)	E	
Walnut Grove (2)	A	
Warren Wilson (2)	Sally Broughton	Kathy Rouse
Waynesville First (2)	Harry Boyd	
West Asheville (2)	Barbara Clark	
West Avenue (2)	Dennis Godfrey	Bob Blum
Westminster (2)	Loretta Petersen	

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

Ministers	134
Elders	71
Certified Educators	2
Admin Board/Committee Chairs	8
Visitors	67
Total	282

There were four corresponding members in attendance.

- *Bryan Hovey, Pastor, UCC serving as Transitional Pastor at Lowell Presbyterian Church*
- *Edna Banes, Presbytery of the James*
- *Eade Anderson, Retired Pastor, Presbytery of New Hope*
- *Elizabeth Little, Presbyterian Mission Agency*

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- *Rev. Jim Cockerham*

Bills and Overtures:

- *Rev. Dr. James Bernhardt, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Hickory*
- *Rev. Ryan Brakemayer, UCC, Grace Reformed*
- *Elder Ginny Bradford, Brevard-Davidson River*
- *Elder John Pea, Robinson Memorial*
- *Elder John Powers*

Tellers:

- *Rev. Anne Morgan, New Hope, Asheville*
- *Elder Buck Spann, New Hope, Asheville*
- *Elder Mary Lou Nash, Grace Covenant*
- *Elder Elizabeth Rupp, Grace Covenant*
- *Elder Jane Hansel, Swannanoa, First*
- *Elder Steve Hansel, Swannanoa, First*

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

- 8:30 Registration (Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)**
- 8:30 Prayers before Presbytery**
(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)
Orientation for New Elders **Barbara Ross**
(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 1)
- 9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation and Hymn** **Jim Henderson, Moderator**
(Anderson Auditorium)
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- Welcome** **Pete Peery, President**
Montreat Conference Center
- Words of Welcome and Good News** **Keith Grogg**
Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) **Montreat Presbyterian Church**
- Appointment of Standing Committees** **Jim Henderson, Moderator**
Resolution of Thanks
Bills and Overtures
Tellers
- Certification of Quorum** **Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk**
Approval of Docket
Consent Agenda **A**
(Consent Agenda 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 Consent Agenda and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)
- Stated Clerk's Report** **B**
(Report of Administrative Commissions; Annual Report from Committee on Representation)
- Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Omnibus**
- Budget and Finance Committee** **BB**
Nominating Committee **I**
Reports from Commissioners to Synod **II**
(Eddie Deas and Martha Rockett)
Personnel Committee **FF**
- 9:25 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Preacher: *Rev. John McCall*
Scripture: *Luke 10:38-42*
Sermon: *"The Life of the Party"*
Worship Planners: *Rev. Kathy Campbell and Mrs. Jane Vann*
- 10:25 Union Presbyterian Seminary News (5 minutes)** **Richard Boyce**
(Thomas Currie - Retirement effective June 30, 2014; Introduction of Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce as New Dean)

Youth (5minutes)	Heather Davis	Y
Report of the General Presbyter (10 minutes)	Bobbi White	GP
Administrative Board (15 minutes) <i>(Mission/Capital Campaign Feasibility Study; Part-time Guatemala Partnership Coordinator)</i>	Don Scofield	C
Committee on Ministry (30 minutes) <i>(Work of the committee, introduction of new ministers, Commissioning of Lay Pastors - Tom Queen, James Koone, and Peggy Koone)</i>	Cam Murchison	D
Committee on Preparation for Ministry(30 minutes) <i>(Candidates for ministry - Ben Garris from Banner Elk Presbyterian Church and Alex McNeill from First Presbyterian Church, Asheville)</i>	Bob Tuttle	K
Jo Bales Gallagher Resource Center (10 minutes)	Carol Thomas	
Green Congregation Award (5minutes) <i>(Earth Care Presentations)</i>	Jane Laping	
*12:20 Prayers of Intercession <i>(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)</i>	Terry Hanna	
*12:30 Lunch (Assembly Inn)		
*1:30 Reconvene with Hymn & Prayer (Anderson Auditorium)	Moderator	
Presbyterian Heritage Center (5 minutes)	Jim Cogswell	
Report from the Bills and Overture Committee (30 minutes)	James Bernhardt	
Benediction and Adjournment		

CONSENT AGENDA

Stated Clerk Bert Sigmon explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The Consent Agenda was approved as submitted. (Appendix A)

The following committees submitted reports to the Presbytery for information and approval. All were received and approved.

- Nominating Committee (Appendix B)
- Witness Division (Appendix C)
- Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix D)
- Personnel Committee (Appendix E)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 1 through 10 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. Recommendations 11 and 12 were moved and approved. He then referred to items 13-18 as items for information.

CA	<p>1. THAT Jim Henderson, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 29, 2014 Presbytery meeting.</p>
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- CA 2. **THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2014 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. *(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.)***
- CA 3. **THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
Steven Barnes (Appendix F)
Daniel J. Oedy (Appendix G)
- CA 4. **THAT the April 29, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix H)**
- CA 5. **THAT the April 29, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix H)**
- CA 6. **THAT the April 29, 2014 Report of the Administrative Commission for the West Asheville Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix I)**
- CA 7. **THAT the April 29, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)**
- CA 8. **THAT the April 29, 2014 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church and Campus Ministry be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix J)**
- CA 9. **THAT the April 29, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix K)**
- CA 10. **THAT the April 29, 2014 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)**
11. **THAT the overture, submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Peace and Justice Committee and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, regarding an Overture on Sustainable Development: Precautionary Principle to the 221st General**

Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Heartland Presbytery, be referred to the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee, without the endorsement of the Administrative Board of the Presbytery, for reporting at this meeting. (Appendix M)

- 12. THAT the overture, submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, regarding IMCK in Congo and Endowment to the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Presbytery of New Castle be referred to the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee for reporting at this meeting. (Appendix N)**

FOR INFORMATION:

- 13. The 101st stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel in Swannanoa, North Carolina.**
- 14. THAT the following dates have been established for Reviewing of Church Records and Form of Government Training:**
- Saturday, March 29, 2014 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton**
 - Saturday, April 12, 2014 - Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville**
 - Saturday, May 3, 2014 - New Hope Presbyterian Church, Gastonia**
 - Saturday, June 7, 2014 - Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore**
 - Saturday, July 12, 2014 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton**
- 15. THAT the following Session Records for 2013 were submitted and approved on March 29, 2014, at a Session Records Review held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Banner Elk | Green Street | Rutherfordton |
| Bridgewater | Montreat | Spruce Pine, First |
| Brittain | Morganton, First | Swannanoa, First |
| Burnsville, First | Mount Holly, First | Sweetwater |
| Clinchfield | Newdale | Tryon |
| Dallas, First | Newton, First | Unity |
| Duncan's Creek | Quaker Meadows | Waldensian |
- 16. THAT the following Session Records for 2013 were submitted and approved on April 12, 2014, at a Session Records Review held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville.**

Asheville, First	Marshall	Trinity
Calvary	Shelby	Warren Wilson
Dorland	Southminster	Waynesville, First
Hayesville	Sylva, First	West Asheville
Hendersonville, First		

17. THAT the following dates have been set for 2014 and 2015 Presbytery Meetings:

2014

April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center
 July 29, 2014 ~ Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
 October 25, 2014 ~ Unity Presbyterian Church

2015

January 31, 2015 ~ TBA
 April 28, 2015 ~ Montreat Conference Center
 July 28, 2015 ~ TBA
 October 31, 2015 ~ TBA

18. THAT the 2014 Presbytery of Western North Carolina Directory will be available in the lobby of the Anderson Auditorium for Ministers, Christian Educators, Clerks with Temporary or Stated Supply Pastors, and Committee Moderators. (Appendix O)

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Worship was led by the Revs. Lauren Vanacore, Keith Grogg and John McCall. Rev. John McCall delivered a sermon entitled, "The Life of the Party" with scripture taken from Luke 10:38-42. The worship service was planned by Rev. Dr. Pete Peery and Rev. Keith Grogg, with support from Jane Vann and Rev. Kathy Campbell.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverends Lauren Vanacore, John McCall and Keith Grogg, and elders from the Montreat Presbyterian Church. Music was provided by Mr. Eric Wall.

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY NEWS

Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce brought greetings on behalf of Dr. Tom Currie, outgoing dean of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte and reported his appointment as the new dean. Dr. Boyce asked for prayers and support for the seminary as Dr. Currie will be retiring in June 2014. He encouraged members of the Presbytery to visit the seminary and to begin to prepare young men and women to enter into the ministry. We need to be moving forward and be "the life of the party." As we move forward, we need to remember that Jesus Christ is still "the life of the party."

YOUTH

On behalf of the Youth Ministries Committee, Rev. Heather Davis reported on the work of the committee. The committee is interested in ways to encourage youth to be more active in the Presbytery and she shared that the committee is seeking applications for members to join the 2014-2015 Youth Council of the Presbytery. She asked the Presbytery to be in prayer for the youth mission trip to Guatemala in July. (Appendix P)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, shared that it is our relationships with each other as followers of Christ that determines our life and ministry together, that we are a part of the "Body of Christ." As the meeting began today, she heard God saying to her, "Christ has Risen," look around and see what I am doing. Rev. White asked that we look at the new ministers going into our churches and to look at what we are doing by sending Commissioned Lay Pastors into our churches to grow them. Again, God spoke to her and said, "look around and see what I am doing." She concluded with Christ Has Risen, He has Risen Indeed." (Appendix Q)

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Don Scofield presented the report of the Administrative Board. Recommendations 1 and 2 were moved, seconded and approved. Items 3 through 19 were presented for information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the Administrative Board that the charge of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin be expanded to include the following tasks and powers:**
 - A. The authority to engage with the session in management of finances of the church as requested by the session at its February Stated Meeting;
 - B. That the membership of the commission be revised and constituted as follows: John Lindsay, Chair, Barbara McLean, Judith McManus, Lucy Keil, and Esta Jarrett serving as voting members, and Riley Covin and Ron Tingle serving as ex-officio members, and;
 - C. That the Administrative Commission be granted original jurisdiction at any time the Session is unable or unwilling to wisely manage its affairs, subject to the requirements of a thorough investigation and a full opportunity for the session to be heard, as required by section G-3.0303(e) of the *Book of Order*.
2. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the Administrative Board, that following a review of reports from the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, that the Board found that a thorough investigation had been completed and that the Administrative Commission for First**

Presbyterian Church, Franklin is within its rights to call for a meeting of the session to allow the hearing they are entitled to according to G-3.0303 (e).

FOR INFORMATION:

- 3. **THAT the Administrative Board of the Presbytery secured the services of Mr. Sam Avery, of OS Associates, LLC, to conduct a Feasibility Study for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concerning the possibility of having a Mission/Capital Campaign to support the Mission Outreach done through the Presbytery. (Appendix R)**

- 4. **THAT the Administrative Board approved the recommendation to employ Marie Connelly de Pealike, as Guatemala Partnership Coordinator, with an effective date of April 1, 2014, for one-year with a renewable contract. (Appendix S)**

- 5. **THAT the Administrative Board asked that the Committee on Preparation for Ministry request a written statement of each candidate regarding his or her faith journey for distribution to the Presbytery before they are presented for examination as a candidate by this Presbytery.**

- 6. **THAT the Administrative Board reaffirmed its policy that there will be no photography, audio or video recording, including all electronic devices, during a Presbytery meeting without the prior approval of the Presbytery.**

- 7. **THAT the Administrative Board agreed that the name of the School for the Laity be changed to "Church Leadership School."**

- 8. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**

- 9. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2014 and 2015:**

July 16-23, 2014	Youth Mission Trip to Guatemala
September 13, 2014	Let's Celebrate...A Taste of Community
September 28, 2014	High School Rally - Montreat, NC
November 7-9, 2014	Middle School Retreat, Camp Grier
March 13-14, 2015	High School Mission Retreat, Black Mountain Home
April 19, 2015	Middle School Rally, Montreat
Summer 2015	Local Mission Trip

- 10. **THAT the Administrative Board will welcome invitations from churches or**

institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2015. The following dates have been set for Presbytery Meetings in 2015:

January 31, 2015 ~ TBA
April 28, 2015 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 28, 2015 ~ TBA
October 31, 2015 ~ TBA

11. THAT the following dates have been set for 2014 Presbytery Meetings:

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April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 29, 2014 ~ Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
October 25, 2014 ~ Unity Presbyterian Church

12. THAT the Small Membership Church Committee reported on the meetings held with the Presbyterian Foundation for small membership churches. They encouraged all small membership churches to attend one of the next scheduled sessions that will be held on May 27 and May 29.

May 27, 2014 - New Vision, Conover (9:00 a.m.)
May 27, 2014 - West Avenue, Gastonia (12:30 p.m.)
May 29, 2014 - Spruce Pine, First (9:00 a.m.)
May 29, 2014 - Westminster, Asheville (12:30 p.m.)

13. THAT the Presbyterian Women will be holding their Fall Gatherings on:

Saturday, September 6, 2014 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
Saturday, September 13, 2014 - Canton Presbyterian Church, Canton

14. THAT the Administrative Board reports approval of the following Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Grant:

Malawi Pediatric Ward Children's Feeding	\$16,764.00
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15. THAT the Administrative Board reports approval of the following Peace and Justice Grants:

Centro Latino of Hickory - Welcoming Communities	\$ 500.00
NC Interfaith Power and Light	\$1,674.32

16. THAT the Administrative Board reports that the following will be attending the 221st General Assembly in Detroit, Michigan, June 14-21, 2014 as Commissioners for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Please pray for our commissioners.

Rev. Terry Hanna	Elder Heath Rada
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Rev. Bobbi White
Rev. Sam Warner
YAD, David Smith

Elder Jay Crane
Elder Helen Hall

17. **THAT the Administrative Board reports that the following churches will be participating in "New Beginnings," a program that helps churches examine their current ministry, church community, strengths and neighborhood as they discern where God is leading them in the future.**

Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
New Hope Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
First Presbyterian Church, Forest City
Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville

18. **THAT the Administrative Board reviewed and approved the following grant applications.**

Grants (Synod - New and Small Church)

Dulatown Presbyterian Church

Restricted Funds Grants (PCUSA)

Quaker Meadows - Fund 58691

Quaker Meadows - Fund 70725

19. **THAT Let's Celebrate a training event for adults and youth, will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. Keynote presenter will be Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education. Dr. Nishioka focuses on equipping pastors to be teachers and leaders in the church's educational ministry. He is particularly interested in building a congregation's youth and young adult ministries.**

Let's Celebrate...Taste of Community

Saturday, September 13, 2014

First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Covered Dish

**CHURCHES AND PASTORS
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery.

Rev. Calvin Lewers was recognized for honorable retirement, effective March 4, 2014. (Appendix T)

On behalf of the committee, Rev. Murchison reported that the following ministers requested that their membership be transferred:

- Michael Brazelle, to the Presbytery of Blackhawk, as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Gibson City, IL effective December 8, 2013.
- Beth Yarborough, to Trinity Presbytery, as Member-at-Large, effective June 8, 2013.
- Shannon Kershner, to the Presbytery of Chicago, as Pastor to the Fourth Presbyterian Church, effective May 1, 2014.
- R. Mike Johnston, IV, to Foothills Presbytery, as Chaplain at AnMed Health, effective November 12, 2013.
- Carolyn V. Poteet, to the EPC Presbytery of the Alleghenies, effective April 29, 2014.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. They 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 T)

- Keith Andrew Grogg, from Coastal Carolina Presbytery, as Pastor at Montreat Presbyterian Church, Montreat, NC, effective April 1, 2014.
- Clara Lynn Bledsoe, from Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery, as Member-at-Large, effective March 25, 2014.
- James M. Cook, from Presbytery of Northeast Georgia, as Honorably Retired, effective March 25, 2014
- Denise Thorpe, from New Hope Presbytery, as Member-at-Large, effective March 25, 2014. Denise Thorpe was not in attendance at this meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

III. ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison and Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick introduced Katherine Debruhl Blankenship to a validated ministry as Mission Immersion Director, Asheville Youth Mission, at Raleigh Youth Mission. As Katherine was a candidate of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, she delivered a sermon and was examined by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Rev. Murchison moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, that she be ordained by the Presbytery. The motion passed. (Appendix T)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
IV. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Cam Murchison moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix T)

- Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain with Blue Ridge Healthcare, through April 29, 2015.
- David Lytle, as Chaplain with Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center, through April 29, 2015.
- Albert G. Peery, Jr, President, Mountain Retreat Association (Montreat Conference Center), through April 29, 2015.
- Katherine Blankenship, as Mission Immersion Director, Asheville Youth Mission, of Raleigh Youth Mission, through April 29, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
V. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

On behalf of the Examinations Committee, Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick moved that the Presbytery approve that James Koone and Peggy Koone be commissioned as a lay pastors. James and Peggy Koone will be commissioned to the Union Mills Presbyterian Church in Union Mills, NC. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Moderator Henderson then offered prayer. The commissioning for James and Peggy Koone included permission to perform Sacraments, moderate the Session and officiate at weddings.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Bob Tuttle made the following recommendation to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

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| <p>I.</p> <p>II.</p> | <p>THAT Benjamin Rhyne Garris, a member of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.</p> <p>THAT Alex Patchin McNeill, a member of Asheville First Presbyterian Church and a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.</p> |
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After Benjamin Rhyne Garris shared his faith journey and call to the ministry, Moderator Jim Henderson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Benjamin Rhyne Garris as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Elder Dick Larson delivered the charge to Mr. Garris and Elder Rob Clemmer offered the prayer. Those who came in support of Benjamin Rhyne Garris were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix U)

After Alex Patchin McNeill shared his faith journey and call to the ministry, Moderator Jim Henderson opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Alex Patchin McNeill as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. Rev. Lynn Michie delivered the charge to Mr. McNeill and Paul and Nancy McNeill, Alex's parents, offered the prayer. Those who came in support of Alex Patchin McNeill were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix U)

Bob Tuttle closed the CPM report with prayer, praying for Ben Garris and Alex McNeill, with the body in unison saying "The Lord's Prayer."

JO BALES GALLAGHER RESOURCE CENTER

Carol Thomas, Director of the Jo Bales Gallagher Resource Center, reported that during the past year the resource center had served more than 26 churches, and has added an additional 500 resources. The resource center has begun a campaign to build resources and Ms. Thomas encouraged everyone to consider taking part in the campaign. Everyone was invited to visit the resource center during lunch and at the conclusion of the meeting today.

Rev. Allen Smith, a member of the Resource Center Task Force, asked for additional assistance from the pastors as a means of contributing to the Resource Center Campaign for additional resources. He asked pastors to consider donating a portion of their yearly study allowance to the resource center for assistance in purchasing resources.

EARTH CARE PRESENTATIONS

Jane Laping, Stewardship for Creation Enabler, presented awards to churches within the Presbytery who have committed to the Earth Care Pledge and who have accomplished a specific number of actions toward caring for God's earth in the following four categories: worship, education, facilities and outreach.

The Rev. Michael Poulos, Associate Pastor at Asheville First, accepted the Earth Care Award for the fourth year on behalf of the church. The Rev. Keith Grogg, Pastor at Montreat Presbyterian Church, accepted the Earth Care Award for the third year on behalf the church.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Rev. Terry Hanna led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE CENTER

On behalf of the Presbyterian Heritage Center, Rev. Jim Cogswell invited Presbyterians to visit the center and to take part in the offerings of the center. He then introduced Ms. Elizabeth Little to speak about an upcoming event to be held at the Heritage Center, on Saturday, May 17th.

The Presbyterian Heritage Center will be hosting a presentation on the Middle East Crisis by Amgad Beblawi, PCUSA Mission Coordinator for the Middle East, Europe and Central Asia. He will make a presentation about the church today and how the churches can work together for God's mission.

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

Rev. James Bernhardt, chair of the Bills and Overtures Committee presented the following recommendations for the overtures submitted to their committee:

- Proposed concurrence with Overture on Sustainable Development: Precautionary Principle to the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Heartland Presbytery (recommended by the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Session and the Peace and Justice Committee of PWNC) (Appendix M)
- Proposed concurrence with IMCK in Congo and Endowment to the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Presbytery of New Castle (recommended by the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Session) (Appendix N)

Each recommendation was presented to the body of Presbytery and both were approved for concurrence by vote of the body.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Reverend Jim Cockerham, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

In the welcoming love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has gathered, responding to its call to worship God and to serve the cause of the gospel. We give all thanks and praise to God.

And whereas,

We have again experienced the richness of the body of Christ in Word and Sacrament,

And whereas,

We have received inspiration and hope in welcoming women and men to this ministry, both as candidates and newly arrived pastors;

And whereas,

We have again found refreshment and renewal in food, facilities and beautiful setting of Montreat Conference Center, and have been graciously ministered to by the members of Montreat Presbyterian Church,

Be it resolved,

this 29th day of April 2014, that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina give thanks to God for the gifts we share in the body of Christ, and that we pray God's continuing shepherding care.

BENEDICTION, AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the 100th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Henderson led the Presbytery in prayer prior to adjourning the meeting for the day at 2:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The 101st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel in Swannanoa, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Jim Henderson, Moderator

William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 29, 2014 at its meeting at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and College Chapel in Swannanoa, North Carolina.

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