

**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



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**MINUTES**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH  
STATED MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2017**

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
112th Stated Meeting  
April 25, 2017  
Montreat Conference Center  
Montreat, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Teaching Elder Susan Denne, Moderator, convened the 112th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m. in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina.

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, Teaching Elder Susan Denne, opened the One-Hundred Twelfth Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center with prayer.

**MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER**

Mr. Richard DuBose, President of Montreat Conference Center, welcomed the body to the Conference Center, called attention to the upcoming events at the Conference Center, and invited commissioners to visit the shops.

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Keith Grogg, pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), brought greetings from their church.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Standing Committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- Teaching Elder Joanne Glaser, Sweetwater Presbyterian Church
- Ruling Elder Brenda Hans

Bills and Overtures:

- Ike Kennerly, Teaching Elder, Chair
- Michael Poulos, Teaching Elder, FPC-A
- Betsy Chater, Ruling Elder, Kenilworth

Tellers:

- Olson Huff, Ruling Elder, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Steve Hansel, Ruling Elder, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Corise Gambrell, Ruling Elder, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
- Bob Gambrell, Ruling Elder, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
- Mistie Cogbill, Ruling Elder, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church
- Margo Smith, Ruling Elder, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church

**ATTENDANCE**

The Stated Clerk, Teaching Elder Cam Murchison, declared that a quorum was present by reference to our registration data and by observation of those in attendance.

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

Robert Abel	P	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E
Charles Alexander	E	Merriam Alexander	P	Terry Alexander	E
Stephen Austin	E	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P
Tony Baker	E	Edna Banes	E	Douglas Bartlett	E
Ashley J. Beavers	E	Harold Bennett	P	Joseph Bennett	P
Katherine Blankenship	A	Lynn Bledsoe	P	Samantha Gonzalez-Block	P
Randall Boggs	P	Ronald Botsford	E	Adam Bowling	P
Lee Bowman	E	Richard Boyce	E	Grace Boyer	P
David Bradley	A	Ryan Brakemeyer	P	Ronald Brauer	E
Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	A	Sandra Brown	E
Jason Bryant	A	William Buchanan	P	Monty Burnham	E
Sue Burton	E	Robert Busey	E	Connie Button	P
Joey Byrd	A	Kathryn J. Cameron	P	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	P	Amy Cantrell	P
Pride Carson	A	Katherine Cashwell	P	Joel David Cherry	E
Calvin Chesnutt	P	Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	E
Sara Coburn	A	James Cockerham	E	Jeffrey Coffey	E
James Cogswell	P	Evelyn Coleman	E	Hunter Coleman	E
Priestley Conyers, III	E	Monty Cook	P	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E
Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P	John Craven	E
Curtis Crowther	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P	James Dale	P
Blake Daniel	P	Charles Davenport	P	Dent Davis	P
Heather Davis	A	Holly Davis	A	Eddie Deas, III	E
Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P
Janet DeWater	E	Edward Donnell	P	Jacob Douylliez	P
Ellen Dozier	E	Philip Dunford	E	Stephen Elderbrock	P
Karol Farris	P	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E
Ragland Fletcher	E	Edward Forsyth	E	Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E
McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	E	Keith Freeman	P

Berry French, III	E	John Frye, Jr.	P	Curtis Fussell, III	P
Tempe Fussell	P	A.W. Gaines	E	Paul Galbreath	P
David Garnett	P	Tee Gatewood, III	P	Denise Geiger	E
Joanne Glaser	P	Jean Goodwin	P	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	E	Keith Grogg	P	Robert Gruber	E
George Gunn	E	Rebecca Gurney	E	Samuel Hale	E
Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	E	Patrick Hardy	E
Randall Hardy	A	Luke Harkey, III	P	Rebecca Harrison	E
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E
Richard Hobson	E	Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E	James Holeman	P
Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E
Carol Hovis	P	William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	E
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	P	Esta Jarrett	P
Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	E	Patrick Johnson	P
Franklin Jones	A	Rebecca Jones	A	Kimberly Justice	A
Dong Uk Kang	A	David Kaylor	E	David Kennedy	E
Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E	William Kirk	E
Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A
Michael Lamm	P	John LaMotte	P	John Laughlin	E
Margaret Lauterer	E	James Layman	P	Thomas Lewis	E
William Lindeman	E	John Lindsay	E	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E
Deneise Deter Liss	A	Laura Long	P	Billy T. Lowe	E
Robert Lowry	E	David Lytle	A	Tricia Lytle	A
Whit Malone	P	Marjorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	E
John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Noah McIntee	P	David McKee	E
Michael McKee	P	James McPherson	E	Lynn Michie	A
Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	P
David Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E	S. Keith Morrison	P
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Cameron Murchison	P

Carl Murray	E	David Nash	E	Wanda Neely	P
Thomas Nelson	E	Elizabeth Newman	E	John Newton, Jr.	E
John Niles	E	Richard Nygren	E	Daniel Oedy	P
O'Hyun Park	E	Katherine Parker	E	Thomas Parker	E
David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E	Stratton Peacock	E
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	E	Margaret Peery	E	Harry Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E
James Poling	E	Luke Ponder	A	John-Nelson Pope	E
Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E	Gene Price	E
Caroline Proctor	P	Allen Proctor, Jr.	E	Edyth Pruitt	P
Tamara Puffer	P	Jay Rabuck	P	Daria Ragan	P
Joseph Rand	E	Kathleen Rankin	E	Earl Rash	E
Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E	Don Robb, III	E
Mary Katherine Robinson	P	Billy Robinson	P	Steven Runholt	P
Feild Russell	P	Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	E
Henry Scoggine	E	Carol Seaman	E	Kyle Segars	E
William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E	Marcia Mount Shoop	P
Elizabeth Sigmon	P	Robert Singdahlsen	E	Wirt Skinner	P
Allen Smith	P	Kent Smith	P	Paul Smith	A
John Somerville	E	Margie Stansell	A	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	E
Daniel Stitt	P	Cynthia Strickler	E	Charles Swann	E
William Sweetser, Jr.	E	Joseph Taber	P	Christopher Taylor	A
Keith Thompson	P	Denise Thorpe	A	Yvonne Thurmond	P
Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E	Daniel Trapp	P	Robert Tuttle	E
Thomas Tweedie	E	Melissa Anne Upchurch	P	Gary Van Brocklin	P
Lauren Vanacore	P	Dana Vaughn	P	Rockwell Ward	E
Samuel Warner	A	Lynn Webber	P	Judith Weger	P
Kimberleigh Wells	E	Barbara White	P	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E
Parker Williamson	E	Emily Wilmarth	P	Otis Wilson, Jr.	P
Victory Wilson	E	Chris Wingard	A	Eugene Witherspoon	P

Graham Wood, Jr.	E	Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	A
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The following COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Robert Ayala	P
John Bates	P	Elizabeth Hall	A	John Hall	A
Brenda Howard	P	Kenneth Humphreys	E	Bobby Justus	A
James Koone	E	Peggy Koone	P	Deborah Lesenger	E
James Millsaps	A	Linda Moore	A	Mark Osborne	E
Marla Patchel	A	Randy Patterson	A	John Pea	P
Marcia Reighley	A	Russell Reighley	P	Barbara Ross	P
Betty Shaw	A	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	A
James Taylor	P	William Upchurch, Jr.	E	Roger Wise	P
Wanda Woodby	A				

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

Katie Adams	A	John Auten	A	Mary Louise Bringle	A
Millie Bruns	A	Bill Carpenter	A	Betty Davenport	A
Dorothy Descieux	P	Lee Galloway	A	Jane Hansel	A
Anna Huntley	A	Tina Joyner	A	Barbara McLean	P
Melvin Meares	P	Jackson Mott	P	Jerry Ragan	A
Roger Rizk	A	Charles Sellers	A	Jack Suddreth	E
Paula Wallace	A	Anne Wilson	A		

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

Glenn Bannerman	P	Melinda Christian	A	Angela Drummond	A
Vivian Hare	P	Margaret Kennerly	E	Leslie McLeod	P
Mary Lou Nash	A	Heath Rada	A	Lynn Thomas	A
Patricia Tuttle	A	Jane Vann	A		

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (3)	Joan Murchison	

Banner Elk (1)	Bill Ferguson	
Belmont First (3)	Margaret Wilkins	Beth Geddis
	Sue Johnson	
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Margo Smith	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Sandy Matheny	Marilyn Massey
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	A	
Brittain's Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	Collin Caldwell	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Elizabeth Ayers	
Calvary (2)	A	
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (2)	E	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	A	
Crossnore (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Philip Carrigan	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	June Gahagan	
Dulatown (2)	Charles Kincaid	Helen Hall
Duncan's Creek (1)	A	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Don Wauchope	
Fairview (1)	A	
Fletcher (1)	Ed Briggs	
Forest City First (1)	Ron Lessard	
Franklin First (1)	A	
Gastonia First (3)	B.F. Beasley	Pat Schultz



	Roger Rizk	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Peggy Rada	
Grassy Creek (1)	A	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	Mendy Roebuck	
Hendersonville First (1)	Charles Snead	
Hickory First (3)	A	
Highlands First (1)	A	
Ironton (1)	A	
Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	Elizabeth Chater	
Kings Mountain First (1)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Becky Stevens	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Brenda Wiggins	
Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	James Jones	
Marion First (2)	Joe Wanamaker	Frank Denniston
Marshall (2)	Carol Brown	
Micaville (2)	A	
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Linda Hobson	Olson Huff
Morganton First (3)	Krista Davis	Linda Harris
	Rick Leissner	
Morrison (2)	A	
Mount Holly First (2)	Brenda McKinney	Jayn Cox
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Susan Maveety	

New Hope, Gastonia (2)	Edwin Lewis	Gloria Alman
Newdale (2)	Anita Fortner	
Newland (2)	Edwina Sluder	Dotty Shoffner
Newton First (3)	Charles Moody	Candace Jongetjes
	Elizabeth Philhower	
Northminster (2)	Julie Luppino	
Oak Forest (2)	A	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	A	
Quaker Meadows (2)	Judy Galey	Kathy Staton
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	A	
Ridgeview (2)	A	
Robinson Memorial (2)	A	
Rutherfordton (3)	A	
Ryburn Memorial (3)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Doug Boyette	Joe Ogburn
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	E	
Southminster (2)	A	
Spindale (1)	A	
Spruce Pine First (1)	Don Baucom	
Sweetwater (1)	Brenda Hans	
Sylva First (1)	Heidi Buchanan	
Third Street (2)	A	
Trinity (2)	Bob Forsythe	Don Widemayer
Tryon (2)	Les Stobbe	

Union (1)	Rose Brooks	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	Ruth Kincaid	
Unity (2)	Audrey Turner	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Willie Pascal	Roger Heavner
Walnut (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	Robert Gambrell	
Waynesville First (1)	Ron Tingle	
West Asheville (1)	Norma Spencer	
West Avenue (1)	Dennis Godfrey	

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

Teaching Elders	111
Ruling Elders	67
Certified Educators	3
General Council/Committee Chairs	4
Visitors	33
Total	218

There following corresponding member(s) was/were in attendance:

- Bryan Hovey, member of the United Church of Christ, serving as Transitional Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Holly
- Margaret Torrence, member of the Peace River Presbytery.

### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Murchison moved the approval of the docket as distributed. The motion was made and approved.

**8:30 Registration**

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

**Orientation for New Elders**

**Charles Davenport**

**9:00 Call to Order**

**Convene with Prayer of Invocation**

**Susan Denne  
Moderator**

**Welcome**

**President of Montreat Conference Center  
Montreat Presbyterian Church**

**Richard DuBose  
Keith Grogg**

**Appointment of Standing Committees**

**Susan Denne**

**Resolution of Thanks**

**Bills and Overtures**

**Tellers**

**Certification of Quorum**  
**Approval of Docket**

**Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk**

**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**

**Cam Murchison B**

*(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports, Concurrence of Overture – Efforts to Dismantle Racism)*

**Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda**

**Nominating Committee**

**I**

**Finance Committee**

**BB**

**9:25 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**Installation of Billy Robinson – Associate Presbyter**  
**Preacher: Pat Bacon**  
**Scripture: John 2:1-11**

**10:25 Speak Out (5 minutes)**

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

**10:30 General Council (5 minutes)**  
*(Work of the committee,)*

**Barbara McLean C**

**10:35 Proposed Amendments to Directory of Worship (20 minutes)** **Cam Murchison**  
*16-G Access to the Lord's Table - On Amending W-2.4011a. and b.*  
*16-H Directory for Worship - On replacing the Current Directory for Worship*

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry (25 minutes)**  
*(2 inquirers ,Andrew Bowman and Rebecca Heilman, requesting to be enrolled as candidates)*

**Dana Vaughn**

**Hunger Committee (3 minutes)**

**Committee on Ministry (25 minutes)**

*(Work of the committee, welcome new ministers:*

*Janet Dewater, Keith Morrison, Carol Hovis, Kathryn Cameron; Transfer of Bryan Hovey from UCC to PCUSA )*

**Whit Malone and D**  
**Lauren Vanacore**

**Guatemala Partnership (10 minutes)**

*(Report from Men in the Mirror Workshops;*

*work of the Guatemala Education Committee; Mother's Day Cards)*

**Kevin Frederick**  
**Marie Connelly de Palacios**

**Mission (5 minutes)**

**Gary Van Brocklin**  
**Marlene Van Brocklin**  
**Adam Bowling**

**Christian Education (3 minutes)**

*(Pastor's Retreat and Resource Center Update)*

**Youth Committee (3 minutes)**

*(Work of the Committee, Upcoming Events)*

**Joseph Taber Y**

**\*12:15 Prayers of Intercession**

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

**\*12:20 LUNCH**

**1:45 Reconvene**

**Speak Out** *(10 minutes)*

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

**1:55 Campus Ministry**

**Karol Farris**

**2:00 Report from the Administrative Commission  
First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville**

**Bob Forsythe**

**Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PDC)** *(5 minutes)*  
*(A network of Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association)*

**Carol Brown**

**Report of the General Presbyter** *(5 minutes)*

**Bobbi White**      **GP**

**Camp Grier** *(5 minutes)*

**Jason McDougald**

**Ministry Campaign** *(5 minutes)*  
*(Updates)*

**Building HOPE**      **BH**  
**Team**

**2:50 Benediction and Adjournment**

Stated Clerk Cam Murchison explained the rules for the Consent Agenda. He then moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Items included in this motion are marked by "CA" in the margin. (Appendix A)

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

- Nominating Committee (Appendix B)
- Finance Committee (Appendix C)

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Dr. Murchison presented recommendations 1 thru 8 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

Stated Clerk Murchison moved recommendations 9 and 10, which were duly seconded and approved.

He then referred to items 11-15 as items for information.

**CA 1. THAT Susan Denne, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 29, 2017 Presbytery meeting.**

**CA. 2. THAT the minutes of the January 28, 2017 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**

- CA 3. THAT the Presbytery accept the report of worship and membership statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report. (Appendix D- Membership Statistics –and Appendix E - Worship Statistics)**
- CA 4. THAT the April 2017 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 F)**
- CA 5. THAT the April 2017 reports of the Administrative Commissions for the First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville; First Presbyterian Church of Swanannoa; Westminster Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain; and the First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix G)**
- CA 6. THAT the April 2017 report of the Board for the UKirk at WCU Cullowhee Campus Ministry be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix H)**
- CA 7. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
- Jacob L. Douylliez (Appendix I)**  
**Kimberleigh E. Wells (Appendix J)**
- CA 8. THAT the 2015 Minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina were received and approved by the 238<sup>th</sup> Synod Assembly. (Appendix K)**
- 9. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the dissolution of the Spindale Presbyterian Church (at its request) with an effective date of April 25, 2017.**
- 10. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina appoint the following Administrative Commission to work with Churches wishing to conclude their ministry, and that their membership be transferred according to their request and that the Commission be given the following responsibilities and authority:**
- Members of the Commission:
    - Rev. Don Scofield (Rutherfordton)
    - Rev. Bill Kirk (Retired)
    - Ms. Barbara Ross (Crossnore)
    - Mr. Ken Unnasch (Long Creek)
    - Mr. John Stanley, CLP (Gastonia, First)
    - Mrs. Peggy Lafferty (Lincolnton, First)
    - Mr. Steve Brittain (Gastonia, First)
  - To work pastorally with the members of churches wishing to conclude their ministry, supporting them in their closing worship, their transition to other congregations, and giving thanks for the ministry of the Church.
  - To hold members on the roll of Presbytery and transfer their membership to congregations of their choosing.
  - To dissolve the congregation, close the church (G-3.0301a), and take possession of their records (G-3.107).

- To administer the funds in the church’s accounts, pay any outstanding bills and debts, and to make payments on behalf of the Church and the Presbytery.
- To determine the disposition of all the property, including the authority to sell the property and dispose of any contents (G 4.0205).

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**11. THAT the 113<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, North Carolina.**

**12. THAT the following dates have been set for 2017 and 2018 Presbytery Meetings:**

2017

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 ~ Montreat Conference Center

Saturday, July 29, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Marion

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Asheville

2018

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Lowell Presbyterian Church (Co-Host Union Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 – Banner Elk Presbyterian Church (Lees-McRae College)

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

**13. THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records:**

April 29, 2017                      First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

June 10, 2017                      Trinity Presbyterian Church

August 19, 2017                      Crossnore Presbyterian Church

September 30, 2017                      First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City

**14. THAT the following date has been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2017:**

May 11, 2017                      Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese

November 4, 2017                      Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville

**15. THAT the 2017 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 L)**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Worship was led by the Reverends Patricia Bacon, Keith Grogg and Esta Jarrett. The Rev. Patricia Bacon preached a sermon reminding us that “Now is Always the Right Time to do the Right Thing,” with the scripture taken from John 2:1-11. The Rev. Mary Katherine Robinson led a prayer of commissioning for the Associate Presbyter, Rev. Billy Robinson.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverends Patricia Bacon, Keith Grogg and Esta Jarrett, with communion being served by the ruling and teaching elders affiliated with the Montreat Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Our musician for the day was Vivian Hare.

## GENERAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the General Council, Barbara McLean presented recommendation 2 included in the General Council report. The recommendation was moved and approved.

Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk, presented the Proposed Amendments for discussion and vote (recommendation 1 [I 16-G & II 16-H])

Items 3 thru 10 of the General Council report were presented as items for information and required no action.

1. **THAT the following process for consideration of Constitutional Amendments for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be followed for the discussion and actions for voting on the proposed amendments to the *Directory of Worship*. (Appendix M- Access to the Lord's Table, Appendix N- FAQ's about Revised *Directory of Worship* & Appendix N-Side-by-side comparison of Revisions *Directory of Worship*)**

- I. **16-G - Access to the Lord's Table - On Amending W-2.4011a. and b.**

- A. Cam Murchison introduces the 16-G. Access to the Lord's Table and the proposal on Amending the *Directory for Worship* and moves the recommendation of the General Council.
- B. Open Debate (up to 2 min. per commissioner)
- C. Silent Prayer
- D. Standing Vote, counted by Tellers & announced by Moderator

***THAT the General Council recommends to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina that proposed amendment 16-G be approved.***

- II. **16-H. *Directory for Worship* - On replacing the Current *Directory for Worship***

- A. Cam Murchison introduces the 16-H. *Directory for Worship* and the proposal of Amending the *Directory for Worship* and moves the recommendation of the General Council.
- B. Open Debate (up to 2 min. per commissioner)
- C. Silent Prayer
- D. Standing Vote, counted by Tellers, and announced by Moderator

***THAT the General Council recommends to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina that proposed amendment 16-H be approved.***

2. **THAT the Presbytery elect the following person(s) to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committees:**

Nominating:

John Bates (Hickory, First)

(E)

Class of 2017

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

3. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 222nd General Assembly, can be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

**<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga222-proposed-amendments-constitution/>**



**4. THAT the General Council reviewed and approved the following Synod Grant Applications:**

**New and Small Church Grant Fund**

Mills River Presbyterian Church (playground equip) – \$5,000; Awarded \$2,100  
Marshall Presbyterian Church (sound system) – \$5,000; Awarded \$2,100  
Oakwood Presbyterian Church (roof repairs) – \$5,000; Awarded \$2,100  
Love’s Chapel Presbyterian Church (termite damage) – \$5,000; Awarded \$2,100  
Newland Presbyterian Church (roof repairs) - \$5,000; Awarded \$2,100

**Visionary Grant Application**

UKirk at WNC Campus Ministry – \$5,000; Awarded \$1,286

**5. THAT the General Council approved the sale of Mother’s Day Cards, designed by the Presbyterian Women, to be sold at the Presbyterian Women’s Gathering and at the April 25, 2017 Presbytery meeting, with proceeds going to fund the third phase of the Micro Loan Project. (Appendix O)**

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

**7. THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2017:**

April 29, 2017	Youth Adventure Day	Camp Grier
July 11-19, 2017	International Mission Trip	Guatemala

**8. THAT the following dates have been set for 2017 and 2018 Presbytery Meetings:**

2017

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
Saturday, July 29, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Marion  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017 ~First Presbyterian Church, Asheville

2018

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Lowell Presbyterian Church (Co-Host, Union Presbyterian Church)  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center  
Tuesday, July 31, 2018 – Banner Elk Presbyterian Church (Lees-McRae College)  
Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

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

September 23, 2017 (Western) – Bryson City Presbyterian Church, Bryson City  
September 30, 2017 (Eastern) – Green Street Presbyterian Church, Morganton

**10. THAT the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a Pastor’s Retreat at the William Black Lodge on September 25-27, 2017. The retreat will be facilitated by the Reverend Bill Carter who blends his work as a jazz composer and his calling as a Presbyterian pastor. He preaches sermons each week at the First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.**

**Rev. Carter is a graduate of Binghamton University and Princeton Theological Seminary, and has taught jazz piano and composition at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania for the past eighteen years. He is a faculty member for the CREDO program of the Board of Pensions, and is the founder of the Presbybop**

**Quartet, a jazz ensemble that presents concerts and jazz worship services around the country.**

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP**

Following a procedure approved by Presbytery, the Stated Clerk presented an explanation

Following a procedure approved by Presbytery, the Stated Clerk recommended that the Presbytery accept the recommendations of the General Council regarding the General Assembly's Amendments to the Constitution. Amendments 16-G and 16-H were voted on, sustaining the recommendations of the General Council. The Presbytery voted on approval of 16-G and 16-H.

**I. 16-G - Access to the Lord's Table - On Amending W-2.4011a. and b.**  
***THAT the General Council recommends to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina that proposed amendment 16-G be approved.***

**II. 16-H. Directory for Worship - On replacing the Current Directory for Worship**  
***THAT the General Council recommends to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina that proposed amendment 16-H be approved.***

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

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Dana Vaughn made the following recommendations to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina: (Appendix P)

- I. THAT** Andrew J. Bowman, a member of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.
- II. THAT** Rebecca M. Heilman, a member of Waldensian Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

Andrew J. Bowman shared his faith journey and his call to the ministry, Moderator Susan Denne opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Andrew J. Bowman as a Candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively.

The Rev. Margaret Torrence delivered the charge and Ruling Elder Glenn Bannerman offered the prayer for Andrew J. Bowman. Those who came in support of this candidate were asked to stand and be recognized.

Rebecca M. Heilman shared her faith journey and her call to the ministry. Moderator Susan Denne opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Rebecca M. Heilman as a Candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively.

The Rev. Field Russell delivered the charge and Ruling Elder Willie Pascal offered the prayer for Rebecca M. Heilman. Those who came in support of this candidate were asked to stand and be recognized.

## **HUNGER COMMITTEE**

Billy Robinson reported on the work of the Hunger Committee and the need of gifts for the Nickel-A-Meal Program. Everyone was encouraged to read and share the information on the placemats that would be on the tables during lunch.

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

Teaching Elder Whit Malone reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix Q)

Teaching Elder Whit Malone reported that the following ministers requested that their membership be transferred:

- David Strickler to Holston Presbytery to serve as pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, TN, effective March 7, 2017.
- John Pruitt to Salem Presbytery to serve as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Kernersville, NC, effective April 3, 2017.

Rev. Malone thanked these ministers for their ministry in our Presbytery and prayed God's blessing on them in their future service in the Church.

Rev. Lauren Vanacore and Rev. Cam Murchison introduced the recommendation from the Committee on Ministry that the Rev. Bryan Hovey, from the United Church of Christ, be accepted as a member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the PC(USA), and (pursuant to *Book of Order*, G-20505) that the Presbytery exempt him from the requirement for ordination examinations. The motion was passed by the required two-thirds majority and Pastor Hovey was welcomed to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS**

On behalf of the Examinations Sub-Committee and Committee on Ministry Committee, Teaching Elder Lauren Vanacore introduced Carol Marie Hovis, Kathryn J. Cameron, and S. Keith Morrison, as 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 Q)

- Carol Marie Hovis from Redwoods Presbytery as a Member-at-Large, effective March 7, 2017.
- Kathryn J. Cameron from Santa Fe Presbytery, as pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, effective April 1, 2017.
- S. Keith Morrison from Providence Presbytery as Honorably Retired, effective April 4, 2017.
- Janet DeWater from Seattle Presbytery, as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Mount Holly, effective June 20, 2017. (Not Present at this Meeting).

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY IV. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Teaching Elder Whit Malone moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix Q)

- A. Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain, Carolinas Healthcare System Blue Ridge, through April 25, 2018.
- B. Jean Goodwin, as Assistant Pastor, Hendersonville First United Methodist Church, through April 25, 2018.

- C. Helen Pride Carson, as Coordinator for Transfer and Admissions and Adjunct Instructor, Blue Ridge Community College, through April 25, 2018.
- D. Carol Steele, as Vice-President for Program, Montreat Conference Center, through April 25, 2018.
- E. Ryan Brakemeyer, as Pastor of Grace Reformed United Church of Christ, Newton, NC, through April 25, 2018.

### **GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP**

On behalf of the Guatemala Partnership, Mimi Michael and Carole Ball reported on the work of the partnership. They shared that international travels play a large part in faith journeys of those who participate and join a mission team. Commissioners were encouraged to consider future opportunities to Guatemala. In the absence of Kevin Frederick, they reported on his travels to Guatemala in February 2017 where he did an educational workshop based on his book, *“Men in the Mirror.”* The workshop was attended by 66 pastors and elders who were trained on the curriculum regarding abuse. (Appendix R)

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

### **RECONVENE**

The 112<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina reconvened following lunch at 1:45 p.m.

### **MISSION**

Mission Co-workers Gary and Marlene Van Brocklin welcomed the commissioners back to the 112<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina following lunch. They shared stories and events of their work in South Asia and other areas of the PC(USA) mission field.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. Adam Bowling, chair of the Christian Education Committee reported on the work of the committee and the upcoming Pastor’s Retreat in September. The retreat will be led by the Reverend Bill Carter, who blends his work as a jazz composer and his calling as a Presbyterian pastor. The retreat is open to all pastors. (Appendix S)

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Joseph Taber, co-chair of the Youth Committee, reported on the work of the committee and called attention to several upcoming events. Commissioners were asked to pray for the events and their leadership. The Youth Committee has begun to accept applications for 2017-2018 Youth Council and will continue to receive applications until June 1. (Appendix T)

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Rev. Karol Farris of the UKirk Campus Ministry at Cullowhee, shared that over the past two years, although the ministry has not grown in numbers, they have had a positive impact on the campus community. The ministry is still facing the challenge of student involvement and ways to be creative to engage students in activities.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

#### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSONVILLE**

The AC recommends approval of the attached Property Settlement Agreement at its April 25, 2017 meeting, noting that Presbytery’s concurrence will be of no effect unless and until both congregations vote to concur by the following day. (Appendix U)

The AC recommends the following procedure for Presbytery at its April 25, 2017.

1. Receive an explanation of the legal agreement, which can be debated but not amended.
2. Hear from representatives of either congregation who wish to be heard concerning the agreement.
3. Hear from members of the AC, which shall recommend approval to Presbytery.
4. Be informed of provisions being made for those members who wish to transfer to an EPC (or other) congregation. (See final paragraph below.)

A majority of members present and voting is required for presbytery's approval of the agreement. Unless Presbytery decides otherwise, a voice vote will be taken.

Presuming an affirmative vote by the Presbytery and both congregations, as well as the completion of the conveyance of property described in the PSA, PWNC will coordinate with HPC-EPC and promptly send a communication with a return postcard to all members who were on the roll of FPC of Hendersonville as of June 13, 2013 and have not subsequently identified themselves as members of the continuing FPC of Hendersonville (PCUSA). The communication will allow each such person to indicate where they would like their membership (currently held on presbytery's rolls) transferred.

The Presbytery unanimously approved the property settlement agreement with the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, and those who want to join the Evangelical Presbyterian denomination. Sincere thanks were given to the Administrative Commission which was chaired by Bob Forsythe.

### **PRESBYTERIANS FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS**

Carol Brown, Moderator for Presbyterians for Disability Concerns challenged commissioners to survey their church to determine if those with disabilities can navigate the church with ease. She mentioned that Sunday, May 28, 2017 would be Disability Inclusion Sunday. It is the hope that every day will begin to be disability inclusion day. (Appendix V)

### **REPORT OF GENERAL PRESBYTER**

Bobbi White, General Presbyter, expressed how thankful she is for the Presbytery and the people in this Presbytery. Just to mention a few:

- Barbara Ross – for her help with PNCs, elder training, etc.
- Dick Larson – for serving as Manager of the Building HOPE Campaign
- The Building HOPE Team – Feild Russell and Linda Rostan for their leadership of the team
- Camp Grier – Because of Building HOPE, scholarships are available for anyone from PWNC that has a desire to attend Camp Grier.

And the list goes on. We are all encouraged to find ways to be with Jesus and to go out and tell others of Jesus. (Appendix W)

### **CAMP GRIER**

Jason McDougald extended thanks to the congregations of the Presbytery and to those who have supported the Building HOPE campaign. Camp Grier is growing, expanding their programs and able to make upgrades to the pool, kitchen and cabins. Funds from the Building HOPE campaign have made it possible to purchase new equipment for climbing, paddling, back packing and bikes for use on the mountain trails.

### **MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

On behalf of the Building HOPE Ministry Campaign, Dick Larson reported that \$1.8 million or 80% of the target goal for four essential ministries has been met. The ministries have begun to receive funding for their enhanced services. (Appendix X)

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Teaching Elder Joanne Glaser, pastor of Sweetwater Presbyterian Church, Hickory and Ruling Elder, Brenda Hans of Sweetwater Presbyterian Church, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks for the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina held at the historic Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC.

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, Rev. Joanne Glaser and Elder Brenda Hans of Sweetwater Presbyterian Church:

We rejoice in the foresight of our Presbyterian founders who provided us with this Presbyterian System that played out in our orderly meeting processes...

We give glory to God to the beautiful setting in which to conduct our meeting and the friendly helpful staff of Montreat...

We give thanks for the good news of our Congregations lifted up to us during the "Speak Out!" times...

We are uplifted by the passion and articulation of the young people pursuing their call to ministry...

We appreciate all the delicious food offered both during the gathering time and our lunch...

We are honored by the leadership in our Presbytery - too many to name but ever present to share with us their faithfulness to the work and worship of our God...

We are blessed by the Building HOPE Campaign that has rigorously worked to provide funding of so many worthy mission opportunities for this Presbytery...

We express our gratitude to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to His call on our lives to worship and serve through the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

## **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the 112th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Denne adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m. with prayer.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The 113th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Susan Denne, Moderator

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D. Cameron Murchison, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 29, 2017 at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, North Carolina.

## **APPENDICES**

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