

**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**



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MINUTES

**ONE HUNDRED AND
SIXTEENTH STATED MEETING
APRIL 24, 2018**

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The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
116th Stated Meeting
April 24, 2018
Montreat Conference Center
Montreat, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Teaching Elder Lauren Vanacore, Vice-Moderator, convened the 116th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:00 a.m. in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina.

CONSTITUTION

The Vice-Moderator, Teaching Elder Lauren Vanacore, opened the One-Hundred Sixteenth Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center with prayer.

MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

Rev. Carol Steele, Vice-President of Programs for 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.

GREETINGS FROM PRESBYTERY MODERATOR

Elder Melvin Meares, Presbytery Moderator, greeted the body of Presbytery with a video greeting from Israel, where he was leading a group of pilgrims. As moderator, he has been personally visiting many of our congregations and will continue his visits throughout his term this year.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees:

Resolution of Thanks:

Rev. Wanda Neely, First Presbyterian Church Morganton
Elder Rick Leissner, First Presbyterian Church Morganton

Bills and Overtures:

Rev. Terry Hanna, Bryson City Presbyterian Church
Elder Kenneth Murchison, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
Elder Pat Briggs, First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville

Tellers:

- Priscilla Durkin (PWNC Minister at large/Montreat Presbyterian Church)
- Olson Huff (Montreat Presbyterian Church)
- Summer Kirkpatrick (Black Mountain Presbyterian Church)
- Kyle Lael (First Presbyterian Church-Marion)
- Patti Pyle (Black Mountain Presbyterian Church)
- Bunk Spann (New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville)

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 M. Abel	E	Jefferson Aiken, Jr.	E	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E
Blan Aldridge	E	Merriam Alexander	E	Terry Alexander	E
Stephen Aschmann	P	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P
Tony Baker	E	Edna Banes	P	Ashley Beavers	E
Harold Bennett, Jr.	A	Joseph Bennett	P	Katherine Blankenship	A
Lynn Bledsoe	P	Samantha Gonzalez-Block	E	Randall Boggs	E
David Bonnema	P	Ronald Botsford	E	Adam Bowling	P
Lee Bowman	E	Richard Boyce	A	Grace Boyer	P
David Bradley	E	Ryan Brakemeyer	A	Ronald Brauer	E
Hayden Britton	E	Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	A
William Buchanan	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Connie Button	E	Joey Byrd	A
David Cameron	P	Kathryn Cameron	P	John Campbell	P
Kathy Campbell	P	Amy Cantrell	A	Pride Carson	A
Katherine Cashwell	P	Calvin Chestnutt	E	Dwight Christenbury	P
William Christian	E	Richard Coble	P	Sarah Coburn	A
James Cockerham	E	Jeffrey Coffey	E	James Cogswell	E
Evelyn Coleman	P	Hunter Coleman	P	Monty Cook	P
Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Donald Cooper	E	Riley Covin	P
John Craven	E	Curtis Crowther	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P
James Dale	P	Blake Daniel	P	Charles Davenport	P
Dent Davis	E	Heather Wood Davis	A	Holly Davis	P
Eddie Deas, III	E	Jey Deifell, Jr.	E	Arthur DeJong	E
Susan Denne	P	Janet DeWater	P	Edward Donnell	E
Jacob Douylliez	E	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip Dunford	E
Priscilla Durkin	P	Stephen Elderbrock	P	Lee Feero, Jr.	E
David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E	Edward Forsyth	E
Clay Fouse	P	McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	E	Berry French, III	A	John Frye, Jr.	P
Curtis Fussell, III	P	Tempe Fussell	P	A. Willis Gaines	E
Paul Galbreath	E	David Garnett	P	Lisle Garrity	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	A	Samuel Hale	E	Michal Hall	E
Terry Hanna	P	Patrick Hardy	P	Randall Hardy	A
Martin L. Harkey, III	P	Rebecca Harrison	P	William Heck	P
Robert Henderson	E	J. Robert Hewett	E	J. Richard Hobson	E
J. Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E	James Holeman	P	James Hornsby	E
David Hosick	P	Bryan Hovey	A	Carol Hovis	P
William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	P	Jill Isola	P
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	E	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	E	Paul Kercher	E	William Kirk	E
Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A
Michael Lamm	E	John LaMotte	P	John Laughlin	E
Margaret Lauterer	P	James Layman	P	Thomas Lewis	E
William Lindeman	E	John Lindsay	E	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E
Deneise Deter Liss	A	Jamie Lloyd	P	Neal Lloyd	P
Laura Long	P	Billy T. Lowe	E	William Lowrey	P
Robert Lowry	E	David Lytle	P	Tricia Lytle	P
Whit Malone	P	Marjorie Marsh	E	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	E	W. Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	E
John McCall	P	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Noah McIntee	P	David McKee	E
Michael McKee	P	Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	P
Sarah Grace Montgomery	P	Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	P
David Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E	Keith Morrison	E
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Cameron Murchison	P
Carl Murray	E	David Nash	P	Wanda Neely	P
William Neely	P	Thomas Nelson	E	Elizabeth Newman	A
John Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	P	Richard Nygren	E
Daniel Odey	P	O'Hyun Park	E	David Parks	E
Donald Patchel	E	Stratton Peacock	E	Albert Peery, Jr.	P
Margaret Peery	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E
Harry Philips	E	James Poling	P	John Nelson-Pope	A
Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E	Gene Price	E
Caroline Proctor	P	Allen Proctor, Jr.	E	Edyth Pruitt	A
Tamara Puffer	E	Jay Rabuck	E	Daria Ragan	P
Joseph Rand	E	Kathleen Rankin	P	Earl Rash	E
Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E	Don Robb	E
Billy Robinson	P	Mary Katherine Robinson	P	David Roquemooore	P
Steven Runholt	A	Feild Russell	P	Richard Rustay	E
Don Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry Scoggins	E	Carol Seaman	E
Kyle Segars	P	William H. Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E
Marcia Mount Shoop	P	Mary Elizabeth Sigmon	P	Robert Singdahlsen	E
Wirt Skinner	P	Allen Smith	P	Kent Smith	P
Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	A
Mark Stanley	P	Margie Stansell	A	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	P	Cynthia Strickley	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	Joseph Taber	P
Christopher Taylor	E	Keith Thompson	P	Daniel Tipton	P
Denise Thorpe	A	Yvonne Thurmond	E	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E
Margaret Torrence	E	Daniel Trapp	P	Robert Tuttle	P
Thomas Tweedie	E	Melissa Anne Upchurch	P	Gary Van Brocklin	A
Lauren Vanacore	P	Dana Vaughn	P	Christopher P. Vogado	
Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	A	Lynn Webber	A
Judith Weger	E	Kimberleigh Wells	P	Barbara White	P

Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E	Parker Williamson	E	Emily Wilmarth	P
Otis Wilson, Jr.	E	Victor Wilson	E	Chris Wingard	P
Eugene Witherspoon	E	Graham Wood, Jr.	E	Donaldson Woods	P
Rebecca Young	A				

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

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

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

John Auten	A	Bill Carpenter	P	Karyn Cherry	P
Jay Crane	E	Betty Davenport	A	Dorothy Descieux	P
Bob Forsythe	E	Katherine Jowers	A	Tina Joyner	E
Katheryn McGinnis	A	Melvin Meares	E	Mimi Michael	A
Jackson Mott	P	Jerry Ragan	A	Roger Rizk	P
Charles Sellers	P	Becky Stevens	A	Jack Suddreth	E
Anne Wilson	A	Fred Van Itallie	E		

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

Glenn Bannerman	A	Melinda Christian	A	Angela Drummond	A
Vivian Hare	P	Margaret Kennerly	E	Leslie McLeod	P
Mary Lou Nash	P	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)	Pat Harr	Paul Vlick	
Banner Elk (1)	Mae Weed		
Belmont First (3)	Laura Fuller	Steve Burleson	
Bessemer City First(1)	A		
Black Mountain (2)	Patti Pyle	Summer Kirkpatrick	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Sharon Nunnelee	Sandy Matheny	
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)	Nancy Smith-Hunnicutt		
Canton (1)			
Cherryville, First (2)	E		
Chinchfield (1)	A		
Columbus (1)	A		
Conley Memorial (1)	E		
Crossnore (1)	A		
Dallas First (1)	A		
Dixon (1)	A		
Dorland Memorial (1)	A		
Dulatown (2)	Charles Kincaid		
Duncan's Creek (1)	E		
Ellenboro (1)	A		
Etowah (1)	Debby Vial		
Fairview (1)	A		
Fletcher (1)	A		
Forest City First (1)	A		
Franklin First (1)	Kathy Maps		
Gastonia, First (3)	Hub Hickson	Pat Schultz	Jim Brown
Good Hope (2)	A		
Grace Covenant (2)	George DeWalden	Paul L. Roger	
Grassy Creek (1)	A		
Green Mountain (1)	A		
Green Street (2)	A		
Hayesville (1)	E		
Hendersonville First (1)	Lauren Stanfield		
Hickory First (3)	Anne Evans		
Highlands First (1)	A		
Ironton (1)	E		
Jack's Creek (1)	A		
John Knox (1)	A		
Kenilworth (1)	A		
Korean Church of Asheville (2)	A		
Lenoir First (1)	Beverly Beal		
Lincolnton First (1)	Sandy Eldridge		
Long Creek (1)	E		
Love's Chapel (2)	A		
Lowell (1)	A		
Marion First (1)	Kyle Lael		
Marshall (1)	Carol Brown		
Micaville (1)	A		
Mills River (1)	A		
Montreat (1)	Olson Huff		

Morganton First (2)	Anne Wilson	Rick Leissner	
Morrison (1)	A		
Mount Holly First (1)	Paul Bumgarner		
New Hope (Asheville) (1)	Bunk Spann		
New Hope (Gastonia) (1)	E		
Newdale (1)	Becky Ayala		
Newland (1)	A		
Newton First (2)	Ray Walker	Bob Neill	
Northminster (1)	Julie Luppins		
Oak Forest (1)	A		
Oakwood (1)	A		
Old Fort (1)	A		
Olney (1)	A		
Pine Street (2)	A		
Pineola (1)	E		
Quaker Meadows	A		
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A		
Ridgeview (1)	A		
Robinson Memorial (1)	A		
Rutherfordton (2)	Joyce Hood	Ann Devinney	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A		
Saluda (2)	A		
Shelby (3)	Paul Woodward	Doug Boyette	
Sherrill's Ford (2)	A		
Shiloh, Grover (2)	A		
Siloam (2)	Amelia Tipton		
Southminster (3)	Steve Kahn	Joanne Mitchell	
Spruce Pine First (2)	E		
Sweetwater (2)	Tim Glaser	Gerald Finney	
Sylva First (2)	James McMannes		
Third Street (3)	A		
Trinity (3)	Don Widmayer	James Smelker	
Tryon (3)	Rodger Walker		
Union (2)	A		
Union Mills (2)	A		
United (2)	Wanda Prince	Susan Barnett	
Unity (3)	A		
Vians Valley (2)	A		
Waldensian (3)	Frank Grill	Gunter Harbison	
Walnut (2)	A		
Warren Wilson (2)	Carolyn Cole	Ken Murchison	
Waynesville First (2)	Patricia Briggs		
West Asheville (2)	Karen Hawkins	Lynn Logan	
West Avenue (2)	Dennis Godfrey		

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

Ministers	119
Ruling Elders	58
Certified Educators	3
General Council/Committee Chairs	6
Visitors	22
Total	208

There following corresponding member was in attendance:

- Rev. Kathy Madigan, member of the Genesee Valley 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

**Lauren Vanacore
Vice-Moderator**

Welcome

**President of Montreat Conference Center
Montreat Presbyterian Church
Greetings from Israel**

**Carol Steele
Keith Grogg
Melvin Meares**

Appointment of Standing Committees

**Resolution of Thanks
Bills and Overtures
Tellers**

Lauren Vanacore

Certification of Quorum

Approval of Docket

Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk

Consent Agenda

(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.)

A

Stated Clerk's Report

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

Cam Murchison B

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

Nominating Committee

Finance Committee

**Summary of Synod of Mid-Atlantic Stated Meeting and
Commissioner Report**

I

BB

II

9:25 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Preacher: Esta Jarrett

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

10:20 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.)

10:25 General Council (5 minutes)

(Work of the committee)

Susan Denne C

Ministry Campaign (5 minutes)
Camp Grier

Building HOPE BH
Jason McDougald

Committee on Ministry (25 minutes)

(Work of the committee, welcome new ministers: David Bonnema; Clay Fouse; Jamie Lloyd; Neal Lloyd; William Neely; William "Bill" Lowrey; David Hosick; David Cameron; Daniel Tipton; and David Roquemore.)

John Pea D

Christian Education Committee (15 minutes)

(Work of the Committee, New On-Line Resources Presentation, Pastor's Retreat in the Fall)

Dwight Christenbury W
Jill Kimbirl

Youth Committee (5 minutes)

(Work of the Committee, Adventure Day, Summer Mission Trip and PYC Application)

Joseph Taber Y
Karyn Cherry

Hunger Committee (5 minutes)

Presentation from Bounty and Soul

Bill Heck
Bruce Ganger, Executive Director

Mission (5 minutes)

Ebenezer Institute of Learning Malawi, Africa (10 minutes)
Mission Co-Worker in Taiwan (15 Minutes)

Billy Robinson & Bob Abel

Chrissie Mbewe S
John McCall

Peace and Justice Committee (5 Minutes)

South Sudan Update

Anne Morgan T
Bill Lowrey

Caring for Creation (5 Minutes)

Presentation to Churches

Jane Laping

Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)

Bobbi White GP

***12:15 Prayers of Intercession**

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

Benediction and Adjournment

***12:20 LUNCH**

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)

- Summary of Synod of Mid-Atlantic Meeting & Commissioner Report (Appendix D)
- Building H.O.P.E. (Appendix P)

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.

- CA 1. THAT Lauren Vanacore, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 31, 2018 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA. 2. THAT the minutes of the January 27, 2018 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. THAT the April 2018 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 E)**
- CA 4. THAT the April 2018 report of the Administrative Commissions for the First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa; Westminster Presbyterian Church; and Churches Concluding Their Ministry be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix F)**
- CA 5. THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
David Smith (Appendix G)
- CA 6. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
Tricia G. Lytle (Appendix H)
Jill V. Isola (Appendix I)
- CA 7. THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
Sarah Grace Montgomery (Appendix J)
- CA 8. THAT the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, having completed its work, be dissolved effective Tuesday, April 24, 2018, with the thanks of the Presbytery for its good work.**

He then referred to items 9-14 as items for information.

FOR INFORMATION:

- 9. THAT a report for the following commission/board was not submitted for this meeting of Presbytery:**
Board of the UKirk at WCU Campus Ministry

10. **THAT the 117th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at the Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina.** *THAT the deadline for written reports for this meeting is Thursday, July 5, 2018 and Thursday, July 12, 2018 for power point presentations. THAT the deadline for an overture is Monday, June 25, 2018.*
11. **THAT the 2018 Presbytery of Western North Carolina Directory will be available in the lobby of the Anderson Auditorium for Ministers, Christian Educators, Clerks of churches with Temporary or Stated Supply Pastors, Committee on Ministry, General Council and Committee Moderators. (Appendix K)**
12. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2018 and 2019 Presbytery Meetings:**
 Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)
 Tuesday, July 31, 2018 – Banner Elk Presbyterian Church (Lees-McRae College)
 Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
2019
 Saturday, January 26, 2019 – First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
 Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host Montreat Presbyterian Church)
 Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – Brevard-Davison River Presbyterian Church
 Saturday, October 26, 2019 - TBA
13. **THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records:**
 Saturday, April 28, 2018 First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
 Saturday, June 9, 2018 First Presbyterian Church, Sylva
 Saturday, August 18, 2018 Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church
 Saturday, September 29, 2018 First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City
14. **THAT the following dates have been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training in 2018:**
 Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conf. Ctr. (12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.)
(The First Presbyterian Church Dallas Meeting Room - Assembly Inn #2)
 Saturday, November 3, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

For Pastors and Elders of the Presbytery: According to our presbytery’s policy, clergy and elders involved in leadership are required to take sexual misconduct training once every four years.

For leaders of local congregations: The workshop is open for all local leaders who want to educate themselves about healthy boundaries.

Who should attend: All persons designated below are required to have an approved three-hour workshop of sexual misconduct sponsored by the WNC Presbytery or equivalent training approved by the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Team.

All Presbytery professionals and Presbytery volunteers are required to have the three-hour training every four years with the following exceptions:

1. Exempted from training are fully retired Presbytery professionals who have “not opted in,” with its associated limitations of not serving on Presbytery Committees, preaching in local churches, leading workshops or retreats, or exercising other

- pastoral functions such as celebrating the sacraments, or conducting weddings and/or funerals unless a “Single Event” exception has been requested.
2. Members on the following committees, their sub-committees, and task forces are **ineligible for exemption** during the term of their membership:

General Council	Youth
Committee on Ministry	Christian Education
Examinations	Joint Outdoor Ministry
Small Membership Church	Campus Mission
Permanent Judicial Commission	
 3. Members of all other existing committees are exempt, though changes to committee structures may require review of eligibility.
 4. Interims who are working within the bounds of the Presbytery who receive comparable hours of training in their judicatory, at least as frequently as required in our Presbytery, may be exempt.

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

Worship was led by the Reverends Esta Jarrett, Keith Grogg and Patricia Bacon. The Rev. Esta Jarrett preached a sermon reflecting on the challenges and opportunities of small membership churches, with scripture taken from Acts 8:26-49.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverends Grace Boyer and Katie Cashwell, with communion being served by the ruling and teaching elders affiliated with the Montreat Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and Montreat Conference Center. Our musician for the day was Vivian Hare.

GENERAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the General Council, Susan Denne presented items 1 – 11 included in the General Council report for information and required no action.

1. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
2. **THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a Pastor’s Retreat, September 17-19, 2018 at the William Black Lodge, Montreat.**
3. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2018:**
 - April 28, 2018 – Adventure Day (Camp Grier, Old Fort)
 - July 15-20, 2018 – Mission Trip for Middle and High School Youth (RYM – Raleigh Youth Mission)
4. **THAT the Mission Committee will be offering a mission trip to West Virginia to help with PDA Flood Relief.**
 - May 20 – May 26, 2018
5. **THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2019 and 2020.**
6. **THAT the General Council and the Building HOPE Finance Committee granted a \$1,000 Water-To-Wine Grant to the Shelby Presbyterian Church.**

7. **THAT the General Council concurred with the Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding Their Ministry to transfer the former Bethel Presbyterian Church to the Bethel Rural Community. The Bethel Rural Community has been leasing the property since the closing of the Bethel Presbyterian Church (October 24-25, 2008).**
8. **THAT an invitation from the Session of Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese to host the October 2020 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**
9. **THAT the General Council will be reading and discussing “Canoeing the Mountains,” Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory by Tod Bolsinger. This is the book being used by churches participating in PneuMatrix.**

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1. Exempted from training are fully retired Presbytery professionals who have “not opted in,” with its associated limitations of not serving on Presbytery Committees, preaching in local churches, leading workshops or retreats, or exercising other pastoral functions such as celebrating the sacraments, or conducting weddings and/or funerals unless a “Single Event” exception has been requested.
2. Members on the following committees, their sub-committees, and task forces are **ineligible for exemption** during the term of their membership:

General Council	Youth
Committee on Ministry	Christian Education
Examinations	Joint Outdoor Ministry
Small Membership Church	Campus Mission
Permanent Judicial Commission	

3. Members of all other existing committees are exempt, though changes to committee structures may require review of eligibility.
4. Interims who are working within the bounds of the Presbytery who receive comparable hours of training in their judicatory, at least as frequently as required in our Presbytery, may be exempt.

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

Ruling Elder John Pea reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix L)

Elder John Pea reported that the following minister requested honorable retirement:

- Rev. Priscilla Durkin, Honorably Retired, effective April 1, 2018.

**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, 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 L)

- Clarence (Clay) D. Fouse, III from Holston Presbytery to serve as CPE Coordinator/Staff Chaplain at Charles George VA, Asheville, effective February 6, 2018.
- William K. Neely from New Hope Presbytery as Honorably Retired, effective February 6, 2018.
- David N. Bonnema from Tampa Bay Presbytery to serve as Pastor, Head of Staff at Unity Presbyterian Church, effective March 19, 2018.
- David A. Roquemore from Carlisle Presbytery to serve as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Newton, effective February 1, 2018.
- William O. Lowrey from National Capital Presbytery as Honorably Retired, effective September 12, 2017.
- Daniel Tipton from East Tennessee Presbytery to serve as Hospice Chaplain, Four Seasons Compassion for Life, effective January 9, 2018.
- David Hosick from Presbytery of Tampa Bay as Honorably Retired, effective January 9, 2018.
- David Cameron from Santa Fe Presbytery as Member-at-Large, effective January 9, 2018.
- Jamie Bibee Lloyd from Presbytery of the Peaks as Honorably Retired, effective April 10, 2018.
- Neal Lloyd from John Knox Presbytery as Honorably Retired, effective April 10, 2018.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Ruling Elder John Pea moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix L)

- A. Clarence (Clay) Fouse, III, as CPE Supervisor/Chaplain, Charles George VA Medical Center, through April 24 2019.
- B. Katie Cashwell, as Director of Programs, Montreat Conference Center, through April 24, 2019.
- C. Pride Carson, as Coordinator for Transfers and Admission, Blue Ridge Community College, through April 24, 2019.
- D. Jason Bryant, as Associate Pastor at River Hills Community Church, through April 24, 2019.

- E. Allen Proctor, as Director of the Haden Institute, through April 24, 2019.
- F. Katherine Blankenship, as Housing Case Manager for Homeward Bound, Inc. of Asheville, through April 24, 2019.
- G. Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain at Carolinas Healthcare System, Blue Ridge in Morganton, through April 24, 2019.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Dwight Christenbury 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 MaryAnn McKibben Dana. The retreat is open to all pastors. (Appendix M)

Jill Kimbirl of the Christian Education Committee introduced "Practical Resources for Churches," an on-line alternative resource center. The Christian Education Committee is committed to assisting churches by offering training seminars throughout the Presbytery during the year. In addition to the on-line resource center, there are also two POINT Representative available to assist churches.

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 2018-2019 Youth Council and will continue to receive applications until June 1. (Appendix N)

HUNGER COMMITTEE

Rev. Bill Heck, co-chair of the Hunger Committee, extended greetings from the committee and thanks for all of those who support the Nickel-A-Meal Program. The committee works with numerous organizations throughout the Presbytery and internationally. Rev. Heck introduced a recipient of a nickel-a-meal grant, Mr. Bruce Ganger, from Bounty and Soul.

Bruce Ganger, Executive Director of Bounty and Soul expressed his appreciation and thanks for their program being awarded a grant from the Presbytery's Nickel-a-Meal Program. Bounty and Soul is a non-profit organization located in Black Mountain that is creating a health and wellness movement in underserved communities in Buncombe and McDowell counties. It was stated that 1 out of 6 people in the Black Mountain area awake each morning not knowing where their next meal will come from. Services from the Bounty and Soul Program are offered weekly.

MISSION

On behalf of the Witness/Mission Division, Rev. Billy Robinson spoke for the Mission Committee and requested all churches to submit the name of a person within their congregation who is responsible for missions in their church. He then introduced and welcomed Chrissie Mbewe, the Principal of the Ebenezer School in Malawi, to the Presbytery.

Chrissie Mbewe, Principal of the Ebenezer Institute of Learning in Malawi, extended thanks to the Presbytery for their support and generous gifts to the school. She thanked those who have supported the Building HOPE campaign, making it possible for the education to continue in Malawi, and for the scholarships that they have been able to extend. She encouraged everyone to consider supporting a child and their education and following them through their studies. (Appendix Q)

Rev. John McCall, Mission Co-Worker in Taiwan, brought greetings from Taiwan and shared that during the past three months in the states that he had visited and shared his ministry within 15 states and 27 churches. John has been a member of the Presbytery of WNC for 30 years. He left 22 years ago for

Taiwan to share his ministry and to work to bring pastors together. He feels that God is still at work and that we still need to share his word and work toward finding a place of common ground.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Anne Morgan, chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, reported on the work of the committee and encouraged churches to submit applications for Peace and Justice Grants. She emphasized the need to take care of the things that we love and challenged congregations to consider becoming an Earth Care Congregation and to be better stewards of God's earth. (Appendix R)

Rev. Bill Lowrey, former director of peacebuilding at World Vision International, shared knowledge of his experiences in Sudan and requested prayers for the people of Sudan. He has helped build and facilitate regional networks of peace, and support and train peacebuilders in multiple countries. He shared that at the July meeting of presbytery, there will be a workshop conducted on South Sudan following the meeting.

CARING FOR CREATION

Jane Laping, Coordinator for Presbyterians for Earth Care, recognized the following churches for their efforts in helping to save God's creation.

First Presbyterian, Asheville (2011)	Black Mountain Presbyterian (2015)
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian (2014)	Grace Covenant Presbyterian (2011)
Montreat Presbyterian (2011)	New Hope, Asheville (2015)
Unity Presbyterian (2017)	Warren Wilson Presbyterian (2018)

REPORT OF GENERAL PRESBYTER

Bobbi White, General Presbyter, reported on the many examples of God at work in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and reminded all that "Our mission is to be the Body of Christ together." She shared that God is at work in our midst and that part of our challenges are to change our lenses and see how God is at work in our community and our churches. (Appendix O)

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Rev. Wanda Neely and Elder Rick Leissner, First Presbyterian Church Morganton, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks for the 116th meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, held at the historic Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC.

Sovereign Lord, thank you for the 116th stated meeting of our fine Presbytery. Thank you for:

- Bringing the world that you gave us new life with the beautiful Montreat rain and helping us save that life through "Caring for Creation;"
- Warming our hearts with Carol's, Keith's, Melvin's, Cam's, & Lauren's greetings and welcomes;
- Broadening our minds with "Speak Out", and with CE's new online Resource Center;
- Nourishing our souls with Esta's worship and sermon, the Word, and the Lord's Supper;
- Renewing our spirits with this year's CE Pastors' Retreat and Campaign Building HOPE;
- Nurturing our children with Joseph's exciting youth activities and opportunities, and with the programs of Camp Grier;
- Making our hearts soar like eagles with Billy's passion for Mission, Chrissie Mbewe and Malawi's Ebenezer Institute, Bill's work in South Sudan, and John's work in Taiwan;
- Raising our awareness to help our brothers and sisters in need with the Hunger Committee; Bounty & Soul; Peace & Justice Committee;
- Blessing our Presbytery with ten new ministers to maintain and grow your presence in WNC and the world, through your Word, your Sacraments, and by channeling your love, mercy, and grace;
- Touching our "frozen chosen" Presbyterian lives with the gift of John Pea's humor and wit.

- Sustaining our spiritual journeys and formation by letting us see your kingdom through Bobbi's lens of love, joy, and inclusion;
- And yet again increasing our assurance that you are God, we are your children, and you are among us and for us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Steve Elderbrock, led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the 116th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Vice-Moderator Lauren Vanacore adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. with prayer.

NEXT MEETING

The 117th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Lauren Vanacore, Vice-Moderator

D. Cameron Murchison, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 31, 2018 at its meeting at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina.

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