

**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**( U S A )**

**MINUTES**

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH  
STATED MEETING**

**October 27, 2018**

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
118th Stated Meeting  
October 27, 2018  
First Presbyterian Church  
Hickory, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ruling Elder Melvin Meares, Moderator, convened the 118th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:31 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, North Carolina. Everyone was asked to recite the Mission/Vision Statement of the Presbytery.

***SEE**, We Are The Body Of Christ*

*We Covenant to...*

***S**trengthen Congregations*

***E**quip Disciples*

***E**ngage in Mission*

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, Ruling Elder Melvin Meares, opened the One-Hundred Eighteenth Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory with scripture from Romans 12:3-5 and prayer.

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Dr. Whit Malone, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory brought greetings from their church. The church, inching toward its 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is currently undergoing some major renovations to make the facility more handicapped accessible.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moderator Meares announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Resolution and Thanks:

- Rev. Joseph Taber, Lowell Presbyterian Church
- Elder Amy Medlock, Lowell Presbyterian Church

Bills and Overtures:

- Rev. Joanne Glaser, Sweetwater Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, Waldensian Presbyterian Church
- Elder Sandy Eldridge, First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton

Tellers:

- Elder Bill Martin, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- Elder Anne Evans, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- Elder Ty Poston, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- Elder Chip Young, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- Elder Lisa Bost, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- Elder Carl Thomason, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

## ATTENDANCE

Elder Bob Forsythe, Parliamentarian acting on behalf of the Stated Clerk, declared that a quorum was present by reference to our registration data and by observation of those in attendance. A quorum was also declared by Moderator, Melvin Meares.

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

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

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

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

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Robert Ayala	A
John Bates	P	Kerry Border	P	Mildred Bruns	A
John Hall	A	Kenneth Humphreys	E	Bobby Justus	P
James Koone	E	Peggy Koone	E	Deborah Lesenger	A
James Millsaps	A	Marla Patchel	P	Randy Patterson	A
John Pea	P	Marcia Reighley	A	Russell Reighley	P
Betty Shaw	A	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	E
James Taylor	P	William Upchurch	A	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	Jay Crane	P
Karyn Cherry	A	Betty Davenport	A	Dorothy Descieux	P
Bob Forsythe	P	Katherine Jowers	A	Tina Joyner	P
Katheryn McGinnis	A	Melvin Meares	P	Mimi Michael	A
Jackson Mott	A	Jerry Ragan	P	Roger Rizk	E
Charles Sellers	E	Becky Stevens	A	Jack Suddreth	E
Anne Wilson	A	Fred Van Itallie	P		

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A		
Asheville First (3)	A		
Banner Elk (1)	Dick Larson		
Belmont First (3)	Bill Blalock	Emily Poag	Anne Bogen
Bessemer City First(1)	A		
Black Mountain (2)	Anne Drummond	Rachel Beaner	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Judy Welch	Don Gontle	
Bridgewater (1)	A		
Brittain (1)	A		
Brittain's Cove (1)	A		
Bryson City (1)	Colin Caldwell		
Buladean (1)	A		
Burnsville, First (1)	A		
Calvary (2)	A		
Canton (1)	A		

Cherryville, First (2)	A		
Clinchfield (1)	A		
Columbus (1)	A		
Conley Memorial (1)	E		
Crossnore (1)	Barbara Ross		
Dallas First (1)	A		
Dixon (1)	A		
Dorland Memorial (1)	A		
Dulatown (2)	Charles Kincaid		
Duncan's Creek (1)	A		
Etowah (1)	E		
Fairview (1)	A		
Fletcher (1)	Sabo Franklin		
Forest City First (1)	A		
Franklin First (1)	E		
Gastonia, First (3)	Lex Dix	Ellen Cina-Mars	David Ratchford
Good Hope (2)	A		
Grace Covenant (2)	Jay Hill		
Grassy Creek (1)	A		
Green Mountain (1)	A		
Green Street (2)	A		
Hayesville (1)	E		
Hendersonville First (1)	Claude Childress		
Hickory First (3)	Greg Brooks		
Highlands First (1)	A		
Ironton (1)	E		
Jack's Creek (1)	A		
John Knox (1)	A		
Kenilworth (1)	Whitney Williams		
Korean Church of Asheville (2)	A		
Lenoir First (1)	Lucy McCarl		
Lincolnton First (1)	Sandy Eldridge		
Long Creek (1)	A		
Love's Chapel (2)	A		
Lowell (1)	Amy Medlock		
Marion First (1)	A		
Marshall (1)	A		
Micaville (1)	A		
Mills River (1)	E		
Montreat (1)	Steve Hansel		
Morganton First (2)	John Gantt	Rick Leissner	
Morrison (1)	A		
Mount Holly First (1)	Brenda McKinney		
New Hope(Asheville) (1)	A		
New Hope (Gastonia) (1)	Edwin Lewis		
Newdale (1)	Becky Ayala		
Newland (1)	Jon Patterson		
Newton First (2)	Scott Cranford	Elizabeth Malan	

Northminster (1)	Susan Rudisill		
Oak Forest (1)	A		
Oakwood (1)	A		
Old Fort (1)	A		
Olney (1)	A		
Pine Street (2)	A		
Pineola (1)	A		
Quaker Meadows	Lelia Bruder		
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A		
Ridgeview (1)	E		
Robinson Memorial (1)	Allen Wiggins		
Rutherfordton (2)	A		
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A		
Saluda (2)	A		
Shelby (3)	Paul Woodard	Margie McSwain	
Sherrill's Ford (2)	A		
Shiloh, Grover (2)	A		
Siloam (2)	A		
Southminster (3)	A		
Spruce Pine First (2)	E		
Sweetwater (2)	Tim Glaser	Gerald Finney	
Sylva First (2)	E		
Third Street (3)	Carolyn Werts	Charles Whitesides	
Trinity (3)	Don Widmayer	Duane Johnson	
Tryon (3)	A		
Union (2)	Claire Cabral	Jr. Thompson	
Union Mills (2)	E		
United (2)	A		
Unity (3)	Elaine Easterling		
Vians Valley (2)	A		
Waldensian (3)	Jeanene Burris	W. T. Sorrell	
Walnut (2)	A		
Warren Wilson (2)	Ken Murchison	Robert P. Gambrell	
Waynesville First (2)	A		
West Asheville (2)	A		

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

Teaching Elders	62
Ruling Elders	49
Certified Educators	2
General Council/COM/Committee Chairs	8
Visitors	15
Total	136

There were no corresponding members in attendance.



## APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Elder Bob Forsythe, Parliamentarian acting on behalf of the Stated Clerk, moved the approval of the docket as distributed. The motion was made and approved.

### 9:00 Registration

Orientation for New Elders

Charles Davenport

### 9:30 Call to Order

Convene with Prayer of Invocation

Melvin Meares  
Moderator

*SEE, We Are The Body Of Christ  
We Covenant to...*

*Strengthen Congregations*

*Equip Disciples*

*Engage in Mission*

### Welcome

First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

Whit Malone

Good News from First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

### Appointment of Standing Committees

Melvin Meares

Resolution of Thanks

Bills and Overtures

Tellers

### Certification of Quorum

Cam Murchison, 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

Cam Murchison

B

*(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports)*

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

Nominating Committee

I

Evangelism Committee

O

Missions Committee

S

Guatemala Partnership

S

Peace and Justice Committee

T

UKirk Campus Ministry

V

Youth Committee

Y

Christian Education Committee

W

Finance Committee

BB

Building H.O.P.E.

BH

Presbyterian Women

LL

Moderator's Report

MM

**9:45 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Preacher:** Whit Malone

Sermon Title: "Canoeing the Mountains"

Sermon Text: Exodus 1:8-10; Philippians 1:3-11

*An offering will be taken during worship to support the  
NC Presbyteries affected by Hurricane Florence*

**Speak Out**

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

**Pinnacle Leadership Associates**

**Round Table Discussions**

**General Council** (5 minutes)

*(Work of the committee)*

**Susan Denne**

**C**

**Committee on Ministry** (30 minutes)

*(Work of the committee; welcome new ministers-Christina Tutterow, Mark Achtemeier and Kat Achtemeier; Candidate of PWNC Mary Elizabeth Ray for ordination; Sermon from Candidate, Patricia Reid, from Charlotte Presbytery for ordination.)*

**John Pea**

**D**

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

**Bobbi White**

**GP**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**1:00 Benediction and Adjournment**

**Lunch**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Elder Bob Forsythe, Parliamentarian acting on behalf of the Stated Clerk, 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)

**Evangelism Committee** (Appendix C)

**Missions Committee** (Appendix D)

**Guatemala Partnership** (Appendix E)

**Peace and Justice Committee** (Appendix F)

**UKirk Campus Ministry** (Appendix G)

**Youth Committee** (Appendix H)

**Christian Education Committee** (Appendix I)

**Finance Committee** (Appendix J)

**Building H.O.P.E.** (Appendix K)

**Presbyterian Women** (Appendix L)

**Moderator's Report** (Appendix M)

## **STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Elder Bob Forsythe, Parliamentarian acting on behalf of the Stated Clerk, presented recommendations 1 thru 7 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

He then referred to items 8 – 17 as items for information.

- CA 1. **THAT Melvin Meares, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 26, 2019 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA. 2. **THAT the minutes of the July 31, 2018 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. **THAT the October 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 N)**
- CA 4. **THAT the October 2018 report of the Administrative Commissions for the First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa; Westminster Presbyterian Church; West Avenue Presbyterian Church and Churches Concluding Their Ministry be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix O)**
- CA 5. **THAT the Committee on Nominating/Representation, having completed their annual report for the year ending December 31, 2017 and submitted it to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, requests that it become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix P)**
- CA 6. **THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**  
**William Wilson (Appendix Q)**  
**Rosy A. Robson (Appendix R)**
- CA 7. **THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**  
**David Bonnema (Appendix S)**  
**David A. Roquemore (Appendix T)**

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

8. **THAT the attached Draft of Child-Youth-Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy from the Sexual Misconduct Task Force be received again for review, with members of the Presbytery of WNC requested to provide any suggestions for modification of the policy no later than December 1, 2018. A proposed policy for adoption will be presented at the January 26, 2019 meeting of the Presbytery of WNC. (Appendix U)**
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 119<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina. THAT the deadline for written reports for this meeting is Thursday, January 3, 2019, and Thursday, January 10, 2019 for power point presentations. THAT the deadline for an overture is Friday, December 28, 2018.**

11. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 223rd General Assembly, will be distributed at the registration table at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

[http://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223\\_proposed\\_amendments\\_to\\_the\\_constitution2018.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223_proposed_amendments_to_the_constitution2018.pdf)

**THAT the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved by the 223rd General Assembly, will be brought before the Presbytery meeting in January and/or April for action.**

12. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2018, 2019 and 2020 Presbytery Meetings:**

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 – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville

2020

Saturday, January 25, 2020 – Need Host Location

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, July 29, 2020 – Need Host Location

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese

13. **THAT the following Session Records for 2017 were submitted and approved on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at a Session Records Review held at Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church.**

Banner Elk  
Forest City, First  
Micaville  
Reems Creek-Beech  
Sylva, First

Dorland Memorial  
Franklin, First  
New Hope, Gastonia  
Rutherfordton  
United

Etowah  
Grace Covenant  
Newton, First  
Tryon  
West Asheville

14. **THAT the following Session Records for 2017 were submitted and approved on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at a Session Records Review held at First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City.**

Belmont, First  
Dallas, First  
Ironton  
Lowell  
Mount Holly, First  
Southminster  
Union Mills  
West Avenue

Bessemer City, First  
Dixon  
Long Creek  
Marion, First  
Olney  
Sweetwater  
Unity

Cherryville, First  
Good Hope  
Love's Chapel  
Mills River  
Robinson Memorial  
Third Street  
Waynesville, First

15. **THAT the following Session Records for 2017 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the 2017-2019 Book of Order. For churches desiring to meet the requirements of the Book of Order and be in compliance, please contact Stated Clerk, Cam Murchison for further instructions.**

Bridgewater	Brittain	Brittains Cove
Bryson City	Buladean (2010-2017)	Burnsville, First
Calvary (2014-2017)	Columbus	Conley Memorial
Crossnore	Duncans Creek	Gastonia, First
Green Mountain (2012-2017)	Green Street	Jack's Creek (2013-2017)
Korean Presbyterian Church	Morrison	Northminster
Oak Forest (2012-2017)	Oakwood (2014-2017)	Old Fort (2006-2017)
Pine Street (2006-2017)	Ridgeview (2006-2017)	Ryburn Memorial (2015-2017)
Shiloh, Grover (2014-2017)	Vians Valley	Lenoir, First

16. **THAT the following dates have been established for 2019 for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing Church Records for 2018:**

Saturday, May 4, 2019	First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
Saturday, June 22, 2019	<i>Location Tentatively Secured - TBA</i>
Saturday, August 24, 2019	<i>Location Tentatively Secured - TBA</i>
Saturday, September 28, 2019	First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City

17. **THAT the following dates have been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training in 2018 and 2019:**

*Saturday, November 3, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Morganton*  
*Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conf Ctr – Following Presbytery Meeting*  
*Saturday, November 2, 2019 – 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:

- 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.
- 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

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 Reverend Dr. Whit Malone, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Hickory. Dr. Malone preached on “Canoeing the Mountains,” with the scripture taken from Exodus 1:8-10 and Philippians 1:3-11.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by Dr. Malone, Elder John Bates, Rev. Joanne Glaser and Rev. Jill Isola, with communion being served by the ruling elders affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory. Musicians for the day were: Steven Mowery, Martha Hill, Spence Robertson and the choir from First Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

A special offering was received for North Carolina Presbyteries affected by hurricanes in 2018.

**TABLE TALKS**

Presbytery’s Discernment Team, chaired by Luke Harkey and consultant Mark Tidsworth of Pinnacle Leadership Associates guided table talks around the following three questions that had been drafted by the team.

- *What might we, as the Presbytery, do to help your church share the love of Jesus Christ given our changing landscape?*
- *What are we, as the Presbytery, currently doing that must continue, and what is it you value about what the Presbytery currently does?*
- *What are we, as the Presbytery, currently not doing well that you believe is important?*

The individual answers were collected and will be collated and studied, with a report to be presented at the Presbytery’s meetings in January 2019 and April 2019. The purpose of this exercise is to discern how to staff the Presbytery in a way that is consistent with its mission and responsive to the needs and challenges before the congregations.

**GENERAL COUNCIL**

On behalf of the General Council, Rev. Susan Denne presented recommendation 1 included in the General Council report, stating that this item had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda. Items 2 thru 12 of the General Council report were presented as items for information and required no action.

**CA 1. THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committee:**

Nominating/Representation:

Mr. Charles Kincaid (Dulatown)	(E)	Chair for 2019
Mr. Marvin Chambers (Kenilworth)	(B)	Class of 2021
Mrs. Mary Raine Moore (Asheville, First)	(B)	Class of 2021
Ms. Sylvia Smythe (Sylva, First)	(A)	Class of 2021
Rev. David Nash (Grace Covenant) (R)	(B)	Class of 2021
Dr. Gloria Dupree (Asheville, First) (R)	(B)	Class of 2021
Rev. Donald Cooper (Retired) (R)	(E)	Class of 2019

## **FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION:**

- 2. At the July 2018 meeting our Presbytery appointed a team to work with the Rev. Mark Tidsworth of Pinnacle Leadership Associates. The purpose is to discern how to staff our presbytery in a way that is consistent with our mission and responsive to the needs and challenges before our congregations. The questions we will consider at our October 2018 presbytery meeting are an important step in gathering information that will help in the planning process. If you have additional responses to these questions, please send these to Luke Harkey, chair of the PWNC Discernment Team at [harkeyml@gmail.com](mailto:harkeyml@gmail.com). Thank you for your participation. We will be sharing our findings at the January and April 2019 meetings of presbytery.**

Questions (updated by General Council and Committee on Ministry):

- What might we, as the Presbytery, do to help your church share the love of Jesus Christ given our changing landscape?
- What are we, as the Presbytery, currently doing that must continue? What is it you value about what the Presbytery currently does? (Up to 3 answers)
- What are we, as the Presbytery, currently not doing well that you believe is important? (Up to 3 answers)

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

- 3. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
  - 4. THAT the General Council approve endorsing Taiwanese Pastors, including John McCall, up to 2 pastors from Malawi and pastors from Western North Carolina, to host a “Consultation of Ministry in a Global World – Sowing Seeds of Understanding,” at the Montreat Conference Center, September 2-12, 2019.**
  - 5. THAT the General Council received an Annual Report from the Wee-Kirk Linville Ministry, which is a summer church of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The General Presbyter thanked the congregation for their mission and met with the leadership.**
  - 6. THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church(USA), approved by the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, will be distributed at the registration table at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:  
[http://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223\\_proposed\\_amendments\\_to\\_the\\_constitution2018.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223_proposed_amendments_to_the_constitution2018.pdf)**
- THAT the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church(USA), approved by the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, will be brought before the Presbytery meeting in January and/or April, 2019 for action.**
- 7. THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2018-2019:**
    - November 9-11, 2018 - Middle School Retreat – Camp Grier
    - March 15-16, 2019 – High School Mission Retreat – First Presbyterian, Newton
    - April 13, 2019 - Triennium Orientation Day Retreat-First Presbyterian, Morganton
    - April 27, 2019 – Adventure Day – Camp Grier, Old Fort

July 15-20, 2019 – Presbyterian Youth Triennium – Purdue in West Lafayette, IN

8. **THAT the General Council approved, on behalf of the Presbytery, the request from the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church to sell their manse.**
9. **THAT the General Council approved, on behalf of the Presbytery, the request from the Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church to sell 4.39 acres of land.**
10. **THAT the Rev. Ray Jones, Associate Mission Director of Formation and Evangelism and the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the PCUSA Office of Social Witness, will be speakers at the April 30, 2019 Presbytery Meeting.**
11. **THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2020 on the following dates:**
  - Saturday, January 25, 2020
  - Tuesday, July 29, 2020
12. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2018, 2019, and 2020 Presbytery Meetings:**
  - 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 – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville
  - 2020
  - Saturday, January 25, 2020 – Need Host Location
  - Tuesday, April 28, 2020 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Presbyterian Church)
  - Tuesday, July 29, 2020 – Need Host Location
  - Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese

**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 V)

John Pea reported that the following ministers requested that their membership be transferred:

- Rev. Kyle Segars, to Presbytery of Mackinac, First Presbyterian Church, Ecanaba, MI, effective September 4, 2018.
- Rosy Robson, to Grace Presbytery, First Presbyterian Church, Richardson, TX, effective August 5, 2018.
- Rebecca Heilman, to Presbytery of New York City, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, effective August 20, 2018.

John Pea thanked these ministers for their ministry in our Presbytery and prayed God's blessings on their future service in the Church.

As October is Pastor Appreciation Month, the Committee on Ministry held random drawing during their report. Four pastors were recipients of the drawings.



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

On behalf of the Examinations Sub-Committee and Committee on Ministry Committee, Elder John Pea introduced Mark Achtemeier, Kat Achtemeier, and Christina Tutterow 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 V)

- Mark Achtemeier from John Knox Presbytery, as Member-at-Large, effective September 11, 2018. (Present)
- Kat Achtemeier from John Knox Presbytery, as Honorably Retired, effective September 11, 2018. (Present)
- Christina Tutterow from Shenandoah Presbytery, as Member-at-Large, effective October 2, 2018. (Present)

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

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Whit Malone moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following: (Appendix V)

- William Buchanan, as Executive Director of Asheville Youth Mission, through October 27, 2019.
- Lisle Garrity as Creative Director, A Sanctified Art, LLC, through October 27, 2019.
- Joan Martin, as Chaplain at Covenant Village, Inc., through October 27, 2019.
- Cynthia Strickler, as Director and Head of Staff, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Inc., through October 27, 2019.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**  
**IV. ORDINATION/INSTALLATION**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Elder John Pea introduced Patricia Reid (Candidate from the Presbytery of Charlotte), to serve as Stated Pastor at Third Street Presbyterian Church, as a candidate for ordination and installation. Following her sermon entitled “People Who Are Different,” and scripture taken from Mark 5:8-20, Elder John Pea moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that Patricia Reid be ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed. (Appendix V)

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Elder John Pea introduced Mary Elizabeth “Betsy” Ray. As Betsy was a candidate of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, she delivered a sermon and was approved and recommended by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Elder Pea moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, that she be ordained and installed as a Stated Pastor by the Presbytery. The motion passed. (Appendix V)

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, presented Patricia Reid and Betsy Ray with Guatemalan stoles on behalf of the Presbytery.

**REPORT OF GENERAL PRESBYTER**

Bobbi White, General Presbyter, took time to thank everyone for participating in the round table discussions and that as we are the Body of Christ, we are the core of discovery. As the Presbytery has been trying to do more discovery and experimenting through PneuMatrix, Christ Supporting Ministries and Water to Wine Grants, she encouraged us to reach out in other ways. We are to work together to strengthen our churches, equip disciples and engage in mission. (Appendix W)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. David Nash, Honorably Retired, led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession.

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, the Rev. Joseph Taber and Elder Amy Medlock of Lowell Presbyterian Church, Lowell, offered the following words of thanks for:

- Give Thanks to the LORD for he is good. We have seen God's goodness in our midst, and we witness to God's action in the life of our Presbytery, made known to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- God called this particular group of Commissioners to this place, so that the Holy Spirit might speak to, and through, each of us. We give thanks, therefore, for a quorum of the faithful who mind the business of the church.
- We experienced the real presence of Christ in our midst during worship, especially the beauty of the music. God gave us a glimpse of God's own greatness through the grandness of the instrumental and choral music. We give thanks to God for working through the talents and efforts of all the worship leaders.
- God spoke to our Presbytery as the Word was proclaimed in the music of the Anthem and through the words and voice of Dr. Whit Malone's sermon. We give thanks to God for open ears and hearts, so that we are able to hear and understand how our story of exploration is a part of God's ongoing story.
- The Holy Spirit spoke through the myriad of voices around our tables as we sought to instruct the staffing discernment team on the needs of the Presbytery. We give thanks to God for a variety of experiences of the Church in our many congregations.
- God spoke again to our Presbytery through the words and voice of Patricia Reid - Candidate for Ordination and future pastor of Third Street Presbyterian Church. We give thanks to God for all of those who have formed the future Rev. Reid along her journey, and for God's continuing guidance of her and of her congregation.
- Christ was present with us as we approved the ordination and recognized the ongoing ministry of Patricia Reid and Betsy Ray, and for the welcoming of new members to our Presbytery. The Presbytery is our extended family of faith, and we are always grateful for our family to expand. We give thanks to God for the ways God connects us to one another into one body.
- The fellowship of the Holy Spirit was most apparent in the hospitality of the people who are First Presbyterian Church of Hickory, NC. They arrived early to set up, they stayed late to clean up. They gathered far in advance to plan, they gathered on the day to serve and facilitate. They welcomed us into their church home, such love testifies to the action of the Holy Spirit among them. We give thanks to God for them.

## **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the 118th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Meares adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m. with a recap of the meeting, reciting of the Presbytery's Mission/Vision Statement and prayer.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The 119th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Melvin Meares, Vice-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 January 26, 2019 at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina.

## **APPENDICES**

- A. Consent Agenda**
- B. Nominating Committee Report**
- C. Evangelism Committee Report**
- D. Missions Committee Report**
- E. Guatemala Partnership Report**
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- G. UKirk Campus Ministry Report**
- H. Youth Committee Report**
- I. Christian Education Committee Report**
- J. Finance Committee Report**
- K. Building HOPE Report**
- L. Presbyterian Women Report**
- M. Moderator's Report**
- N. Administrative Commission Report for New Vision, Conover New Church Development**
- O. Administrative Commission Report for First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa;  
Westminster Presbyterian Church; West Avenue Presbyterian Church and Churches  
Concluding Their Ministry**
- P. Annual Report of the Committee on Representation**
- Q. Minutes of Ordination of William Wilson**
- R. Minutes of Ordination of Rosy A. Robson**
- S. Minutes of Installation of David Bonnema**
- T. Minutes of Installation of David A. Roquemore**
- U. Draft of Child-Youth-Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy**
- V. Committee on Ministry Report**
- W. General Presbyter Report**

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