

**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



*( U S A )*

**MINUTES**

**ONE HUNDRED AND  
TWENTIETH STATED MEETING  
APRIL 30, 2019**

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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
120th Stated Meeting  
April 30, 2019  
Montreat Conference Center  
Montreat, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Teaching Elder Lauren Vanacore, Moderator, convened the 120th 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 Lauren Vanacore, opened the One-Hundred Twentieth Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center with the Presbytery Mission Statement and prayer.

**MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER**

Richard DuBose, President of the Montreat Conference Center, welcomed the body to the Conference Center and mentioned some of the events that were being offered next several months.

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Keith Grogg, pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), brought greetings from their church and shared about the partnership with the Montreat Conference Center.

Rev. Grogg introduced Dr. Lynn Morton from Warren Wilson College. She is the 8<sup>th</sup> President of the college.

Dr. Lynn Morton, President of the Warren Wilson College, explained the history of Warren Wilson College and the new scholarship offerings. She invited all presbyters to come and visit the college.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Standing Committees:

Resolution of Thanks:

Rev. Allen Smith, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville  
Elder Dot Descieux, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville

Bills and Overtures:

Rev. Keith Thompson, Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Brevard  
Rev. Holly Davis, First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville  
Elder Bill Black, Montreat Presbyterian Church, Montreat

Tellers:

Caroline Cole (Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church)  
Steve Hansel (Montreat Presbyterian Church)  
Deb Mullis (Black Mountain Presbyterian Church)  
Corise Gambrell (Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church)  
Mike Ballard (Black Mountain Presbyterian Church)  
Everett Culpepper (Montreat 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 Stated Clerk later reported that the attendance for this meeting was:

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.	P	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E
Merriam Alexander	A	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	A	Cynthia M. Benz	P	Katherine Blankenship	P
Lynn Bledsoe	P	Samantha Gonzalez-Block	P	Randall Boggs	E
David Bonnema	P	Ronald Botsford	E	Lee Bowman	E
Richard Boyce	P	Grace Boyer	E	David Bradley	E
Ryan Brakemeyer	A	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	P	Joey Byrd	A	David Cameron	E
Kathryn Cameron	P	John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	A
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	E	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	E	Dent Davis	E
Heather Wood Davis	P	Holly Davis	P	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	P	Stephen Elderbrock	A
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E	Edward Forsyth	E
Clay Fouse	P	Kevin Frederick	P	Keith Freeman	P
Berry French, III	A	John Frye, Jr.	P	Curtis Fussell, III	P
Tempe Fussell	P	A.Willis Gaines	P	Paul Galbreath	P
David Garnett	P	Lisle Garrity	P	Tee Gatewood, III	A
Denise Geiger	E	Joanne Glaser	E	Jean Goodwin	E
Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	E	Keith Grogg	P
Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P	Rebecca Gurney	P
John Hagmann	P	Samuel Hale	P	Michal Hall	E
Terry Hanna	P	Patrick Hardy	P	Randall Hardy	A
Martin L. Harkey, III	P	Rebecca Harrison	E	William Heck	P
Robert Henderson	E	J. Richard Hobson	E	J. Samuel Hobson, Jr.	E
James Holeman	A	James Hornsby	E	David Hosick	P
Carol Hovis	P	William Hoyt, III	E	George Hutchins	P
Jill Isola	P	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	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	P	John Lindsay	E
Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Deneise Deter Liss	A	Jamie Lloyd	E

Neal Lloyd	E	Laura Long	P	Billy T. Lowe	A
William Lowrey	E	Robert Lowry	E	David Lytle	A
Whit Malone	E	Marjorie Marsh	P	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	A	Tyler Martin	E	John McCall	A
Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	P
Noah McIntee	P	David McKee	E	Michael McKee	A
Kenyon Meeks, Jr.	P	Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	P
Sarah Grace Montgomery	E	Robert Montgomery	P	Anne Morgan	E
Richard Morgan	E	Keith Morrison	E	David Mulford	E
Donald Mullen	E	Cameron Murchison	P	Carl Murray	E
David Nash	E	Wanda Neely	P	William Neely	E
Thomas Nelson	E	Elizabeth Newman	P	John Niles	E
Richard Nygren	E	Daniel Oedy	P	O'Hyun Park	E
Stratton Peacock	E	Albert Peery, Jr.	E	Margaret Peery	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E
James Poling	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	E	Joseph Rand	E	Earl Rash	E
Betsy Ray	E	Patricia Reid	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Don Robb	E	Billy Robinson	P
Mary Katherine Robinson	P	David Roquemore	P	Steven Runholt	P
Feild Russell	P	Richard Rustay	E	Don Scofield, Jr.	P
Henry Scoggins	E	Carol Seaman	E	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
Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Margie Stansell	A	Carol Steele	P
John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	P	Cynthia Strickler	P
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	Joseph Taber	P
Christopher Taylor	A	Keith Thompson	P	Denise Thorpe	A
Yvonne Thurmond	P	Daniel Tipton	A	Russell Tillotson, Sr.	E
Kathleen Rankin Tompkins	P	Margaret Torrence	A	Daniel Trapp	P
Christina Tutterow	E	Robert Tuttle	E	Melissa Anne Upchurch	P
Gary Van Brocklin	A	Lauren Vanacore	P	Dana Vaughn	P
Christopher P. Vogado	P	Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	P
Lynn Webber	P	Judith Weger	E	Kimberleigh Wells	P
Barbara White	P	Lamar Williamson	E	Parker Williamson	E
Emily Wilmarth	P	Otis Wilson	E	Victor Wilson	E
Chris Wingard	P	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	A	Sally Beghtol	E	Kerry Border	P
Mildred Bruns	A	John Hall	A	Beth Hall	A
Kenneth Humphreys	P	Bobby Justus	A	James Koone	A
Peggy Koone	A	Deborah Lesenger	A	James Millsaps	A
Marla Patchel	A	Randy Patterson	A	John Pea	P
Marcia Reighley	A	Russell Reighley	P	Barbara Ross	P
Betty Shaw	E	Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley	P
James Taylor	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	Karyn Cherry	A
Betty Davenport	E	Dorothy Descieux	P	Bob Forsythe	P
Charles Kincaid	P	Dick Larson	P	Katheryn McGinnis	A
Melvin Meares	P	Sharon Meares	P	Mimi Michael	A

Jackson Mott	A	Jerry Ragan	A	Roger Rizk	P
Charles Sellers	P	Becky Stevens	A	Jack Suddreth	P
Anne Wilson	A				

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
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 (2)	A		
Asheville First (4)	Robert Brady		
Banner Elk (2)	Bill Ferguson	Laura Russell	
Belmont First (4)	Mike Adcock	Katie Paschall	Laura Fuller
Bessemer City First(2)	A		
Black Mountain (3)	Mike Ballard	Patti Pyle	
Brevard-Davidson River (3)	Ginny Bradford	Mary Johnson	Sandy Matheny
Bridgewater (2)	Roger Lowery	Judith Lowery	
Brittain (2)	A		
Brittain's Cove (2)	A		
Bryson City (2)	Colin Caldwell		
Buladean (2)	A		
Burnsville, First (2)	Jon Ward	Kirby Troutman	
Calvary (3)	A		
Canton (2)	A		
Cherryville, First (3)	A		
Clinchfield (2)	A		
Columbus (2)	A		
Conley Memorial (2)	E		
Crossnore (2)	A		
Dallas First (2)	E		
Dixon (2)	A		
Dorland Memorial (2)	Mary Gahagan		
Dulatown (3)	Charles Kincaid		
Duncan's Creek (2)	A		
Etowah (2)	Debby Vial	Don Wauchope	
Fairview (2)	Linda Everhardt		
Fletcher (2)	A		
Forest City First (2)	A		
Franklin First (2)	Brenda Kraft	Nancy Browder	
Gastonia, First (3)	Sylvia Seawell	Pat Shultz	
Good Hope (2)	A		
Grace Covenant (2)	John Clark	Margaret Tierney	
Grassy Creek (1)	A		
Green Mountain (1)	A		
Green Street (2)	A		
Hayesville (1)	E		
Hendersonville First (1)	A		
Hickory First (3)	Kartlean Menard	Shannon Pleasant	
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)	Ann Sime		

Lincolnton First (1)	Pam Sipe		
Long Creek (1)	Ken Unnasch		
Love's Chapel (2)	A		
Lowell (1)	Rob Groves		
Marion First (1)	Jr. Dixon		
Marshall (1)	A		
Micaville (1)	A		
Mills River (1)	A		
Montreat (1)	Everett Culpepper		
Morganton First (2)	Lisa Roller	Jean Harver	
Morrison (1)	A		
Mount Holly First (1)	Paul Bumgarner		
New Hope (Asheville) (1)	Susan Maveety		
New Hope (Gastonia) (1)	Edwin Lewis		
Newdale (1)	A		
Newland (1)	A		
Newton First (2)	Ron Valentine	Ray Walker	
Northminster (1)	Julie Lippman		
Oak Forest (1)	A		
Oakwood (1)	A		
Old Fort (1)	A		
Olney (1)	A		
Pine Street (2)	A		
Pineola (1)	A		
Quaker Meadows	Judy Galey		
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A		
Ridgeview (1)	A		
Robinson Memorial (1)	Alli Wigg		
Rutherfordton (2)	Lee Harvick		
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A		
Saluda (1)	A		
Shelby (2)	Paul Woodard	Margie McSutten	
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A		
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A		
Siloam (1)	Amelia Tipton		
Southminster (2)	Kelly Jones	Steve Kahn	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A		
Sweetwater (1)	A		
Sylva First (1)	A		
Third Street (2)	E		
Trinity (2)	Don Widmayer	Mark Slaughter	
Tryon (2)	A		
Union (1)	A		
Union Mills (1)	A		
United (1)	Teddie Bowen		
Unity (2)	Elaine Easterling		
Vians Valley (1)	A		
Waldensian (2)	Tamika Garrison	Jan Garrou	
Walnut (1)	A		
Warren Wilson (1)	Carolyn Cole		
Waynesville First (1)	Ron Tingle		
West Asheville (1)	Norma Spencer		

Ministers	115
Elders	60
Council/Committees	10
DCE	2
Visitors	37
Total	224

## APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

**8:30 Registration**

**9:00 Call to Order**

**Convene with Prayer of Invocation**

**Lauren Vanacore**

**Moderator**

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

***S**trengthen Congregations*

***E**quip Disciples*

***E**ngage in Mission*

**Welcome**

**President of Montreat Conference Center  
Montreat Presbyterian Church  
Warren Wilson College**

**Richard DuBose, President  
Keith Grogg, Pastor  
Lynn Morton, President**

**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**

**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, and Administrative Commission Reports.)*

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

**Nominating Committee**

**I**

**Evangelism – Report from AAA Forum**

**O**

**Mission Committee**

**S**

**Christian Education**

**W**

**Youth Committee**

**Y**

**Finance Committee**

**BB**

**Summary of Synod of Mid-Atlantic Stated Meeting**

**II**

**Presbyterian Women**

**LL**

**Building H.O.P.E.**

**BH**

**9:30 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Preacher: Ray Jones**

**10:30 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.)*



<b>10:35 General Council</b> (15 minutes) <i>(Work of the committee and Amendments)</i>	<b>Melvin Meares</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Discernment Team</b> (30 minutes)	<b>Luke Harkey</b>	
<b>Evangelism</b> (5 minutes) <i>Director of Evangelism at the Presbyterian Mission Agency</i>	<b>Ray Jones</b>	
<b>PCUSA Office of Social Witness Policy</b> (15 minutes) <i>The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins serves as Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness</i>	<b>Jimmie Hawkins</b>	
<b>Committee on Ministry</b> (10 minutes) <i>(Work of the committee, welcome new minister, Cynthia M. Benz.)</i>	<b>John Pea</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</b> (20 minutes) <i>(Inquirers Katheryn McGinnis and Will Upchurch requests to be enrolled as candidates.)</i>	<b>Dana Vaughn</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>Caring for Creation</b> (5 Minutes) <b>Presentation to Churches</b>	<b>Jane Laping</b>	
Brevard-Davidson River	Black Mountain	
Grace Covenant	First Presbyterian, Asheville	
Unity	Montreat	
Warren Wilson	New Hope, Asheville	
<b>Report of the General Presbyter</b> (5 minutes)	<b>Bobbi White</b>	<b>GP</b>

**\*12:20 Prayers of Intercession**

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

**Benediction and Adjournment**

**\*12:25 LUNCH**

**\*Denotes order of the day.**

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)
- Evangelism – Report from AAA Forum** (Appendix C)
- Mission Committee** (Appendix D)
- Christian Education** (Appendix E)
- Youth Committee** (Appendix F)
- Finance Committee** (Appendix G)
- Summary of Synod of Mid-Atlantic Stated Meeting** (Appendix H)
- Presbyterian Women** (Appendix I)
- Building H.O.P.E.** (Appendix J)

## STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Dr. Murchison presented recommendations 1 thru 4 included in the Stated Clerk's report, stating that these recommendations had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

Stated Clerk Murchison then presented recommendations 5 and 6 of the Stated Clerk's report regarding the dissolution of the Administration Commissions for the Westminster Presbyterian Church and New Vision, Conover. The motions were unanimously approved.

Recommendation 7 requested that the Presbytery waive Book of Order G-2.0404 for the Good Hope Presbyterian Church and Forest City Presbyterian Church, requiring the rotation of officers because of a limited pool of members able to serve. The motion was unanimously approved.

He then referred to items 8-12 as items for information.

- 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 30, 2019 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA. 2. **THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2019 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. **THAT the April 2019 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 K)**
- CA 4. **THAT the April 2019 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 L)**
5. **THAT the Administrative Commission for the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Asheville having completed its work, be dissolved, effective April 30, 2019, with the thanks of the Presbytery for its good work.**
6. **THAT the Administrative Commission for the New Vision Church, Conover (New Church Development), having completed its work, be dissolved, effective April 30, 2019, with the thanks of the Presbytery for its good work.**
7. **THAT in accord with *Book of Order* G-2.0404, Presbytery approve the written requests submitted by the Sessions of Good Hope Presbyterian Church and Forest City First Presbyterian Church for waivers of Book of Order G-2.0404, requiring the rotation of officers because of a limited pool of members able to serve.**

### *G-2.0404 Terms of Service*

*Ruling elders and deacons shall be elected to serve terms of no more than three years on the session or board of deacons, and may be eligible for reelection according to congregational rule. However, no ruling elder or deacon shall be eligible to serve more than six consecutive years, and a ruling elder or deacon who has served six consecutive years shall be ineligible for election to the same board for at least one year. Election shall be to classes as nearly equal in number as possible, with the term of only one class*

ending each year. The presbytery may, upon written request and by majority vote, grant a congregation a waiver of this limitation on terms.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

8. **THAT a report for the following commission/board was not submitted for this meeting of Presbytery:**

**UKirk Board**

9. **THAT the 121st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Brevard, North Carolina. THAT the deadline for written reports for this meeting is Friday, July 5, 2019 and Thursday, July 11, 2019 for power point presentations. THAT the deadline for an overture is Monday, June 24, 2019.**

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

2019

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – Brevard-Davison River Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC

2020

Saturday, January 25, 2020 – *Need Host Location*

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – *Need Host Location*

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

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

Saturday, May 4, 2019

First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

Saturday, June 22, 2019

First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton

Saturday, August 24, 2019

First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville

Saturday, September 28, 2019

First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer City

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

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conf. Ctr. (1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

*(Moore Center – below the Montreat Store)*

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:

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 Keith Grogg and Ray Jones. The Rev. Ray Jones, Director of Evangelism at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, preached a sermon entitled “Beautiful Feet,” with scripture taken from Romans 10:12-15.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by the Reverend Kim Wells and Reverend Dr. Allen Smith, 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, Melvin Mears presented recommendations 1 and 2, included in the General Council Report, and stated that these items would be voted on following the report of the PWNC Discernment Team. He then presented recommendations 3-4, included in the General Council report, stating that this item had previously been approved in the Consent Agenda.

Recommendation 1 of the General Council report was amended and defeated. For amended recommendation, refer to the PWNC Discernment Team portion of the minutes.

Recommendation 2 of the General Council report was amended and approved. For amended recommendation, refer to the PWNC Discernment Team portion of the minutes.

Items 5 thru 17 of the General Council report were presented as items for information and required no action.

1. **THAT the New Staffing Model, as being presented by the Discernment Team, be approved by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix M)**
2. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the recommended membership of the General Presbyter Search Committee:**

Rev. Dan Oedy	Southminster Presbyterian, Gastonia
Mrs. Debby Vial	Etowah Presbyterian, Etowah
Rev. Dr. Don Scofield	Rutherfordton Presbyterian, Rutherfordton

Rev. Esta Jarrett	Canton Presbyterian, Canton
Rev. Dr. Hal Bennett	Dulatown Presbyterian, Lenoir
Mr. John Pea	Robinson Memorial Presbyterian, Gastonia
Mrs. Laura Russell	Banner Elk Presbyterian, Banner Elk
Mr. Melvin Meares	Hickory First Presbyterian, Hickory
Rev. Patricia Reid	Third Street Presbyterian, Gastonia
Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson	Asheville First Presbyterian, Asheville
Rev. Dr. Wanda Neely	Marion First Presbyterian, Marion
Rev. Dr. Whit Malone	Hickory First Presbyterian, Hickory

**CA 3. THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committee:**

Ms. Peggy Ferguson (Pineola) (F) Class of 2021

**CA 4. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina follow the special arrangements at this meeting of Presbytery for the discussion and actions on the process for voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. (Appendix N)**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**5. THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2020 and 2021.**

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

**2019**

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host - Montreat Pres. Church)  
 Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Brevard  
 Saturday, October 26, 2019 – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville

**2020**

Saturday, January 25, 2020 – *Need Host Location*  
 Tuesday, April 28, 2020 – Montreat Conference Center  
 Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – *Need Host Location*  
 Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Waldensian Presbyterian Church

**7. THAT the following Synod Grant Applications were approved by the General Council and were forwarded to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic:**

**Small Church Grant:**

Calvary Presbyterian Church - \$5,000  
 Marshall Presbyterian Church - \$5,000

**Initiative Proposal:**

PWNC Youth - Triennium Scholarships - \$10,000  
*(Triennium scholarships for African American and youth of color from five NC Presbyteries)*

**8. THAT the following Synod Grant Applications were approved/awarded by the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic at the 243<sup>rd</sup> Meeting on March 11-12, 2019.**

**Small Church Grants:**

Calvary Presbyterian Church - \$4,000 (plumbing repairs)  
 Marshall Presbyterian Church – \$4,000 (manse repairs)

**Visionary Grant:**

PWNC/COM–Advocate Program - \$5,000

*(Volunteer Advocates Training)*

**Presbytery Initiatives:**

NC Youth - Triennium Scholarships - \$10,000

*(Triennium scholarships for African American and youth of color from five NC Presbyteries)*

**Jubilee Fund:**

Calvary Presbyterian Church - \$2,500

*(Grace Young Enrichment Camp)*

9. **THAT the following Presbyterian Investment and Loan Fund Applications were approved by the General Council and have been forwarded to Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program.**  
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church (for installation of Solar Panels)  
Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church (mortgage property)
10. **THAT the General Council approved, on behalf of the Presbytery, the request from the Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church to encumber property.**
11. **THAT the General Council approved, on behalf of the Presbytery, the request from the Newdale Presbyterian Church to encumber property.**
12. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
13. **THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2019:**  
April 27, 2019 – Adventure Day – Camp Grier, Old Fort, NC  
(Bring your youth for a day of fun outdoors!)  
  
July 15-20, 2019 – Presbyterian Youth Triennium
14. **THAT the Mission Committee will be offering two mission trips to the East Coast to help with PDA Relief:**  

April 28 – May 4, 2019	Wilmington, NC
May 5 – 11, 2019	Lumberton, NC
15. **THAT the following date have been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2019:**  
Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conf. Ctr. (1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.)  
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.



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Rev. Katherine Blankenship	Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Asheville

### **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

Ray Jones, Director of Evangelism at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, led a workshop for pastors and churches the evening prior to Presbytery where participants explored the nature of Biblical community and the ways discipleship leads to more authentic ways of sharing faith and being a part of God’s mission. He works with the Evangelism Office at PCUSA to produce curriculum to encourage and equip churches to help people live into their stories of faith, grow as followers of Christ, and see themselves as missionaries to their communities.

### **PCUSA OFFICE OF SOCIAL WITNESS**

Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness in Washington D.C., updated the Presbytery of the work of his office. He invited presbyters to join him during lunch for a time of questions and talking about specific issues of justice today.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. Keith Grogg led the Presbytery in prayers of intercession prior to lunch.

### **RECONVENED**

Following lunch, the Presbytery meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. and continued the business of the day.

### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARTION 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 R)

- I. THAT Katheryn Anne McGinnis, a member of Hickory First Presbyterian Church and a student at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.**
  
- II. THAT William M. Upchurch, a member of Cherryville First Presbyterian Church and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.**

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

Rev. Heather Davis delivered the charge and Elder Anne Evans offered the prayer for Katheryn Anne McGinnis. Those who came in support of this candidate were asked to stand and be recognized.



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

Rev. Emily Wilmarth delivered the charge and PWNC Staff Member, Marcia Puckett, offered the prayer for William M. Upchurch. Those who came in support of this candidate were asked to stand and be recognized.

**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 P)

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

- John L. Frye, Jr., effective January 31, 2019
- Pride Carson, effective May 1, 2019
- David M. Cameron, effective May 1, 2019

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

On behalf of the Examinations Sub-Committee and Committee on Ministry Committee, Ruling Elder John Pea introduced Rev. Cynthia M. Benz as a new minister in the Presbytery. She spoke briefly and signed the Book of Obligations. Her Statement of Faith and biographical statement was included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix P)

- Cynthia M. Benz, from Presbytery of Saint Augustine to serve as Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff at Gastonia First Presbyterian Church, effective April 15, 2019.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
III. 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 P)

- A. Evelyn Coleman, as Director for Programs at Montreat Conference Center, through April 30, 2020.
- B. Ryan Brakemeyer, as Pastor of Grace Reformed United Church of Christ in Newton, through April 30, 2020.
- C. Amy Cantrell, as Co-Director/Pastor of BeLoved in Asheville, through April 30, 2020.
- D. Katie Cashwell, as Director for Programs at Montreat Conference Center, through April 30, 2020.
- E. Allen Proctor, as Director of the Haden Institute, through April 30, 2020.
- F. Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain at Carolina Healthcare System Blue Ridge, through April 30, 2020.
- G. Carol Steele, as Vice President for Program at Montreat Conference Center, through April 30, 2020.
- H. David Lytle, as Chaplain at Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center, through April 30, 2020.
- I. Daniel Tipton, as Chaplain at Four Seasons Compassion for Life, through April 30, 2020.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**  
**IV. POLICY – TRANSITIONAL PASTOR**

Ruling Elder John Pea referred to the Revised Policy regarding Transitional Pastor (Minister of Word and Sacrament/Teaching Elder) to Installed Pastor, stating that the policy was approved through the consent agenda. (Appendix O)

**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, stated that she has the best job there is because she gets to travel and see how God is at work in the lives of churches, pastors and members. She shared that a goodly number of our churches are growing in ministry and mission and in numbers. Bobbi communicated ways in which churches in our Presbytery are reaching out to those in their communities and sharing their ministry.

Having recently returned from a trip to Rwanda with a PCUSA Peacemaking group, she shared that the team learned that 25 years ago the genocide began in Rwanda. The team went to Rwanda to look for ways the Presbyterian denomination and other churches are working with reconciliation and forgiveness. She stated that there is much more to tell about her trip and experiences in Rwanda and would like to share with congregations and others who are interested. (Appendix Q)

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Rev. Dr. Allen Smith and Elder Dot Descieux, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, submitted the following Resolution of Thanks for the 120th meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, held at the historic Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC:

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina met at Montreat, North Carolina on April 30, 2019.

**We give thanks** for the warm welcome and hospitality of the people at the Montreat Conference Center and Montreat Presbyterian Church.

**We are grateful** for the leadership of our Presbytery and the many hours of preparation it takes to organize a successful meeting.

**We rejoice** in the support we receive from the administrative staff of the Presbytery office—copies of agendas, name tags, smiles and information on all things Presbyterian.

**We give thanks** for the work of Ray Jones and Jimmie Hawkins and their call to serve our denomination and the church universal.

**We are grateful** for our committees and their work, prayers and reports.

**We rejoice** that we can debate and disagree in love and respect for one another and remember our common calling in Christ.

**We give thanks** for laughter and moments of levity in the midst of our work.

**We are grateful** for prayer as we remember others who are hurting.

**We are encouraged** by new ministers and those who feel called to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**We offer thanks** to those who played music, operated sound systems, turned the lights on, and cleaned the sacred space after we departed for home.

**We give thanks** for this day and for the hope we find in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the 120th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, Moderator Lauren Vanacore adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m. with prayer.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The 121st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Brevard, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Lauren Vanacore, 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 30, 2019 at its meeting at Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church, Brevard, North Carolina.

## **APPENDICES**

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