

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
STATED CLERK'S REPORT
Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk
October 23-24, 2009**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. | THAT Luke Harkey, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 30, 2010 Presbytery meeting. |
| OM | 2. | THAT the minutes of the July 28, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. <i>(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table and has been posted on the website.)</i> |
| OM | 3. | THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:
Daria Leonard Ragan
Franklin Jones |
| OM | 4. | THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:
Alex McLean
Michael Christian Wingard |
| | 5. | THAT the October 23-24, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Marion Presbyterian Church be received at this meeting. (Stated Clerk Attachment 1) |
| | 6. | THAT the October 23-24, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church be received at this meeting. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2) |
| | 7. | That the following be recognized as Corresponding Members: |

FOR INFORMATION:

8. **The eighty-third stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina.**

9. **THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a one-day Retreat featuring Dr. Frances Taylor Gench for Christian Educators on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Presbyterian Heritage Building, Montreat Conference Center.**
10. **THAT the following date has been established for Committee Chair Training for those serving as chair of a Presbytery Committee for 2010.**
Friday, January 22, 2010 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
11. **THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records:**
Saturday, March 27, 2010
Saturday, April 17, 2010
Saturday, May 15, 2010
Saturday, June 12, 2010
12. **THAT the Worship Committee of Northminster Presbyterian Church is planning a visit from John Bell, Church Musician-in-Residence, on March 6-7, 2010.**
13. **THAT the 219th General Assembly (2010) will meet July 3 -10, 2010, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

REPORT OF THE MARION ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION October 23-24, 2009

The Administrative Commission met with Dan Thornton, Interim Pastor, and was brought up to date on the progress at Marion First. The Marion Church has been involved in a study of its past, present, and future, under the direction of Dan Thornton.

In our discussion with Dan, the session requested that a request for the election of a Pastoral Nominating Committee be granted by the Committee on Ministry. The administrative commission recommended such approval to the Committee on Ministry. At its recent meeting, the Committee on Ministry granted the request.

The Commission continues to be impressed by and expresses appreciation for the way in which the members of First Marion have been working for reconciliation within the congregation and with Presbytery. It has not been easy for them. A number of members who were good contributors and provided significant leadership have left the church. We assure First Marion of our continued concern and prayers and ask for your prayers for that church as well.

Gene Witherspoon, Moderator

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

DUNCAN'S CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION October 23-24, 2009

The Administrative Commission continues to work with the members and friends of Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bart Shaw and Betty Shaw, CLP are providing pastoral care, administration of the Word and Sacraments, and cultivating the soil for the church to work together in peace and harmony.

Two new member have been received on profession of faith and they received the Sacrament of Baptism. The Commission has re-established the monthly ham suppers through the end of the year. We thank God for his work in the church. We ask for your prayers as we face the "one step forward...two steps back" syndrome. We want to ask for patience but that comes through trials, tribulations, and hardships and we have enough of that. So please continue to pray that God will continue to work through Bart and Betty, the Administrative Commission, the members and friends of Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church.
Thank You.

Bart Shaw, Moderator