

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Don Cooper, Chair

January 30, 2010

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations to fill the year of 2012 and other class vacancies. The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, February 4, 2010.

The Nominating Committee invites you to take a moment to fill out the attached form and return the form to the Stated Clerk's Table prior to leaving the meeting today. We hope that you will seriously consider serving on a committee in which you are interested or recommending others for committees. To all of you, we give praise to God and our heartfelt thanks for your faithful service.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If a committee still has a known vacancy, it will be indicated following the recommendation.

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| 1. | <u>Coordinating Council</u> | COMPLETE |
| 2. | <u>Ministry Division Representative</u> | COMPLETE |
| 3. | <u>Committee on Ministry</u>
Rev. Maggie Lauterer (Burnsville, 1 st) (F) Class of 2010
Ms Barbara McLean (Grace Covenant) (B) Class of 2012
<i>(2 vacancies remain, 1 for the class of 2012, and 1 for the class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and elder representation, the committee needs 2 elder representatives from clusters A, and C.)</i> | |
| 4. | <u>Examinations</u>
<i>(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and elder representation, the committee needs 1 female elder representative from cluster A or C.)</i> | |
| 5. | <u>Care of Church Professionals</u>
Rev. Margaret Wilson-Stayton (Lowell) (D) Class of 2010
<i>(1 vacancy remains 1 for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 minister and 1 lay person from clusters A, C, and/or F.)</i> | |
| 6. | <u>Preparation for Ministry</u>
Rev. Richard Boyce (Belmont, First) (D) Chair
<i>(2 vacancies remain, 1 for the class of 2010 and 1 for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and elder representation, the committee needs 2 male lay persons from clusters A or C.)</i> | |
| 7. | <u>Representation Division Representative</u> | COMPLETE |
| 8. | <u>Committee on Representation</u>
<i>(3 vacancies remain for the class of 2012 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 youth and 1 minister and 1 lay person from clusters B, C, D and/or E.)</i> | |

8. **Racial and Ethnic**
(3 vacancies remain, 2 for the class of 2012, 1 for the class of 2010 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 3 female representatives from B, D, E, and/or F.)
9. **Outreach Division Representative** COMPLETE
10. **Peace and Justice Committee**
 Ms. Lalla Overby (Waynesville, First) (A) Class of 2012
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 female minister from clusters A or C.)
11. **Hunger Committee**
 Ms. Cindy Moore (Rutherfordton) (C) Chair
12. **Missions Committee**
 Mr. Dave Rowe (Hickory, First) (E) Class of 2012
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 minister from clusters A, and/or D)
13. **Campus Mission**
 Ms. Lynda McNeely (Cullowhee) (A) Class of 2012
 Mr. Gill Campbell (Montreat) (B) Class of 2010
14. **Self-Development of People** COMPLETE
15. **Evangelism Division Representative** COMPLETE
16. **Evangelism Committee**
 Mrs. Sue Unnasch (Long Creek) (D) Class of 2012
(2 vacancies remain, one for the class of 2012 and one for the class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 2 ministers from clusters B, E, and/or F.)
17. **New Church Development Sub-committee**
 Mr. Doug Taylor (Hickory, First) (E) Class of 2012
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person and one minister from cluster A, B, D, E or F.)
18. **Church Transformation Committee**
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster A or F.)
19. **Support Division Representative** COMPLETE
20. **Small Membership Church Committee** COMPLETE

21. **Stewardship**
 Rev. Ed Brenegar (C) Class of 2011
(2 vacancies remains for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 2 ministers from clusters A, and/or F.)
22. **Discipleship Division Representative** COMPLETE
23. **Youth Ministries**
 Mr. David Cathcart (Sylva, First) (A) Class of 2011
 Mr. Douglas Clark-Brown (Gastonia, First) (D) Class of 2010
 Rev. Carol Steele Co-Chair
 Ms. Chandler Guess (Northminster) Co-Chair
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from clusters B, and/or F.)
24. **Christian Education**
 Ms. Tammy Biddix (Union) (D) Class of 2012
25. **Administrative Division Representative** COMPLETE
26. **Budget and Finance**
 Mr. Greg Sellers (Gastonia, First) (D) Class of 2012
27. **Property and Equipment**
 Mr. Bob Lasater (Waynesville, First) (A) Class of 2012
28. **Personnel Committee**
 Mr. William Kantonen (Asheville First) (B) Class of 2012
29. **Strategic Goals Committee**
(2 vacancies remain, 1 for the Class of 2012 and 1 for the Class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 2 lay persons from clusters A, B, D and/or F.)
30. **Communications**
(3 vacancies remain, 2 for the class of 2012, 1 for the class of 2011 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person and 2 ministers from clusters A, D, and/or F.)
31. **Permanent Judicial Commission** COMPLETE
32. **Joint Outdoor Ministries**
 Mr. Tony Sigmon (Gastonia, First) (D) Ex-Officio

33. **The Nominating Committee places the following minister nomination recommendations to serve as minister commissioners for 2010 at the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3-10, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota:**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

**A. The Rev. Riley Covin (A)
29 Haywood Drive
Canton, NC 28716**

Riley Covin is a native of Belton, SC. He is a graduate of King College (B.A.), UTSVA (B.D.), UTSNY, (S.T.M.), and McCormick Theological Seminary (D. Min.).

He is married to the former Judy Campbell of Sylva. They have two sons, Bill, employed by the City University of NY, and Philip, a Commercial Realtor in Atlanta.

Dr. Covin has had three pastorates in WNC Presbytery, at Bethel, Sylva, and Canton. In addition he has been a pastor in Grand Bay, Alabama, and Blackshear, Georgia. He was elected Moderator of Asheville and Mobile Presbyteries. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for Barium Springs Home for Children.

As a member of the Presbytery of WNC, he has served as Chair of the Care of Church Professionals Committee and as a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission, the Nominating Committee and the Validated Ministry and Racial & Ethnic Sub-Committees.

While at Canton, he has been President of the Canton Lions Club, President of the Haywood Regional Chaplains Association, Chairman of the Board of the Good Samaritan Clinic, and currently serves as Board Chair for the Haywood County Department of Social Services.

In retirement, he has served as a volunteer Hospice Chaplain for Haywood Regional Medical Center for eleven years, and has backpacked 1000 miles on the Appalachian Trail.

He attended the 1975 General Assembly of the PCUS as a Commissioner.

**B. The Rev. James Bernhardt (E)
Northminister Presbyterian Church
538 30th Avenue Circle, NE
Hickory, NC 28601**

I was born and raised in Lenoir, NC, the fourth child in a family in its fourth generation in that community and in the First Presbyterian Church. Our family was large and extended, so much that I was never sure where family ended and church began. Our family also was in the hardware business operating a store in the center of town. This was the nexus of my growing years – family, church, community, business. It was in this safe environment that I tested my gifts and abilities and pushed the limits in choices and actions.

Seated in the church pew Sunday mornings during my high school years I began to hear the words and stories that resonated with my heart and soul. Despite my youthful exuberance I detected in the Bible and the proclamation of the Word a steady homing beat in Jesus Christ. Those messages and the powerful and tenacious fellowship of my home congregation were formative in my response to the wide world as I entered my college years. At UNC-Wilmington, a fellowship through Presbyterian Campus Ministry became the place I began to pray and listen, to study scripture and follow Christ. In those college years I volunteered with the youth fellowships at St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church and served the Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen and discerned a growing call to serve the church.

I entered Union Theological Seminary where I met my dear wife Anita Grunwald, a student from the United Church of Christ. We married after the summer I interned at Camp Grier, and together we served in year long internships in central Missouri. These important experiences and the responses of mentors and presbyters confirmed to me a call to parish ministry. Upon completion of our M. Div degrees in 1988, Anita and I moved to Claremont, MN, where I was ordained by the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Anita was ordained in her home church in Navarre, Ohio and served the First Congregational Church of Dodge Center. There, I cut my teeth on the rural parish and served on committees of an urban presbytery, was a Synod Commissioner, and learned lessons I did not realize I needed to know! Our son, Samuel, was born while we were in Minnesota. In 1992, after four years in Claremont, I answered the call to Clinton Presbyterian Church in Clinton, IL. In seven years there I learned many things about church dynamics, helped move the congregation through some generational changes and grew the church a little bit, served two terms on the COM of Great Rivers Presbytery, was a commissioner to General Assembly, was board chairman for a woman's advocacy center, and helped form a Habitat for Humanity Affiliate. During this time Anita served as the protestant chaplain at a Roman Catholic hospital, and our daughter, Mary, was born.

In 1999 I answered the call to serve Northminster Presbyterian Church in Hickory. It has proven important to be close to Lenoir as changes unfolded in my family and hometown. Northminster has grown and changed in the years we have been there and I am blessed to serve a good congregation and with good staff people. In my years in this presbytery I have served on Strategic Goals and Staffing Design Committees, Joint Outdoor Ministries Committee, Coordinating Council and COM. Anita has served in interim ministries in churches and for the Western Association of the UCC, and now the presbytery.

Sam is on the threshold for college and Mary is making her way in high school. God continues to call me in ways that are challenging and satisfying, the Spirit supplies more than I ask, and Christ redeems my broken self for deeds that humble me to recognize the power that is at work in the church and its members.

I am grateful for the confidence shown in my nomination to serve the presbytery as commissioner to the General Assembly, and if elected I will do my best to heed Christ's call in my service.

C. The Rev. Carolyn V. Poteet (C)
Hendersonville First
699 North Grove Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Carolyn Poteet has traveled the world, but is glad now to be settled in a small town. She grew up in a Christian home where her family lived first in Virginia and then in Oklahoma. For her undergraduate studies, she came back east to Duke University and got a degree in Political Science with a focus on International Relations. In both high school and college, she attended Presbyterian churches and was thoroughly grounded in the Reformed faith.

After graduating college, she moved to Washington DC and began working for the Christian humanitarian organization, World Vision. World Vision's founder, Bob Pierce, frequently said, "May my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God." Carolyn quickly made this vision her own as she traveled to 38 different countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, serving the poorest of the poor through her work. She was often broken-hearted over the physical poverty she saw overseas, but each time she returned to the States, God also touched her heart with the spiritual poverty in this seemingly affluent country.

After several years, it became apparent that God was calling her to ministry within the church in the States. She moved back to North Carolina, and, after a couple of years on staff at a church in Chapel Hill, began attending seminary – back at her alma mater of Duke University. Ironically, though, the more she learned about Methodist theology, the more Reformed she realized she was. She quickly reconnected with a PCUSA church and began pursuing ordination under the supervision of New Hope Presbytery.

Carolyn spent a year interning with Outer Banks Presbyterian Church before receiving her first ordained call, to First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, in 2006. Since then, she has served First Hendersonville as their Associate Pastor, currently supervising the directors of children's and youth ministries, and assists with worship, pastoral care, outreach, the board of the church preschool, and the Acts 16:5 initiative aimed at drawing younger generations to the church.

On a local level, she has engaged with pastors from several other denominations through the Henderson County Ministerial Association, and she also serves as vice chair of the board for the Open Arms Pregnancy Support Center. Her own ordination path was convoluted enough that she now enjoys encouraging other inquirers and candidates through the WNC Committee for Preparation for Ministry, which she joined in 2008. In addition, she recently joined the board of the national theological journal, *Theology Matters*. Her hobbies include pottery, reading, classic movies, and spending time with friends and family—especially her seven wonderful and amazing nieces and nephews. Her greatest lesson in ecumenical ministry has come from serving brothers and sisters from both Chapel Hill and Duke in the name of Christ. With God, all things are possible.

34. **The Nominating Committee places the following elder nomination recommendations to serves as elder commissioners for 2010 at the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3-10, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota:**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

**A. Ms. Paula Wallace (D)
West Avenue Presbyterian Church
2341 Jefferson Avenue
Gastonia, NC 28056**

Paula H. Wallace is a native of Gaston County, NC and a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC. She is married to Guy A. Wallace and they have two children and four grandchildren—all of whom are in the Presbyterian Church.

Paula grew up in this Presbytery and has been in West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia for 44 years. She has spent years as Elder, Deacon and chair of various committees at West Avenue; as well as much time spent in youth work. She gave numerous years to the Outdoor Christian Education Committee of old Concord Presbytery and was a commissioner to Synod. In Western NC, she has served on the Permanent Judicial Commission and presently she is in her fourth year with the Committee on Ministry.

As a professional, she taught middle and high school business classes and ended her career as a Career Development Coordinator in the Gaston County Schools.

In retirement, much time has been devoted to civic and church work, travel, the family farm, and to grandchildren (especially with the recent birth of twins).

**B. Mr. Heath Rada (B)
Montreat Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 697
Montreat, NC 28757**

Dr. Heath Rada has been a full time resident of Montreat for the past 5 and a half years, and is an active elder at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville. In that role he chairs the Personnel Council, and also sings in the choir. He is also a certified Christian Educator. In addition he has served as an elder in four other churches, having clerked two of them.

For the Presbytery of Western NC, Dr. Rada has served on the Committee on Ministry, and also chaired the Administrative Commission for the ongoing Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).

In the denomination, Dr. Rada has served on numerous committees and boards, including the Theology and Worship Ministry Unit and the Committee on Theological Education.

His past professional experience includes working with the NC Community College

system, serving as a professor and administrator at Appalachian State University, serving as President at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education for 12 years, directing the American Red Cross in Richmond VA (where he coordinated the work of the Red Cross in DC and VA) and serving as interim CEO for the Red Cross in Ft. Worth, San Diego, and Minneapolis-St. Paul. He retired in 2004 from the Red Cross.

His current volunteer work includes membership on the boards of St. Andrews Presbyterian College and the Presbyterian Homes of NC. He is also active on several local boards in Asheville.

Dr. Rada has published a number of articles in both church related and professional publications, and is currently writing his second book, this one with his daughter, dealing with a father and daughter's journey with cancer.

Dr. Rada is married to the former Peggy Joyce Fish, and they have two married daughters, Margaret and Mary -Talmage and two grandchildren.

C. Ms. Jackie Scott (E)
Green Street Presbyterian Church
845 Vine Arden Road
Morganton, NC 28655

I am a native of Morganton, NC and a member of Green Street Presbyterian Church, where I serve as an elder. I am currently serving as moderator for Green Street Presbyterian Women.

I have been employed in banking and finance for nearly 40 years and attended community colleges and the American Institute of Banking. I serve as a board member to the local Burke United Christian Ministries (a non-profit group dedicated to serving the poor) and am a member and past president of Business Professional Women and a past board member of Western Piedmont Community College.

I have 2 adults sons and 2 grandchildren.

- 35. The Nominating Committee places the following youth nomination recommendation to serve as a Youth Advisory Delegate for 2010 at the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3-10, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

Recommendation from Youth Committee Pending

Recommendations for Presbytery Committees

Name of Person Making Recommendation _____

Date _____ Church _____ Cluster _____

In the box below are eight (8) general areas of expertise and related names of the committees required to carry out the work of the Presbytery. Below the box, please fill in the name, committee, and requested information about each elder (E) or minister (M) you think to be qualified to serve on one or more of the committees. Non-ordained lay persons (L) may also serve on many presbytery committees, but please indicate if they are not ordained by writing "L" by the person recommended, as we work hard to keep our committees properly balanced as to clusters, elders or lay persons to clergy, men to women and with racial/ethnic representation.

Table with 3 columns: Ministry Division, Support Division, Discipleship Division, Evangelism Division, Outreach Division, Representation Division, Administration Division, Special Division. Lists various committees like 'Committee on Ministry Examinations', 'Small Membership Churches Committee', etc.

Committee: _____ Name: _____ M/E/L _____

Sex _____ Race _____ Phone(w) _____ (h) _____ E-mail _____

Additional Information About Person _____

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