

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

**William A. (Bert) Sigmon, Stated Clerk
January 29, 2011**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

OM 1. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders who died during the year of 2010 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.

Asheville, First

Elizabeth Murray Glenn
Owen Arden Neff
Williard "Bill" Mangus Sessler
Louise Hesson Shelburne

Banner Elk

Ward Breidenthal
Guion "Guy" Oakes Eells
James "Jim" Austin King
Charles "Harry" Harrison Newman

Belmont, First

William Gordon Forrest, Sr.
Charles David Frye
Joseph Eugene Maier
Ruth Blanton Wilkie

Bessemer City, First

Earnest Lee Dameron
Virginia Carson Lankford
Richard Saunders

Bryson City

Marge Drennan
Everett "Speck" Waters

Burnsville, First

Beverly Bell

Cherryville, First

Davis Browne
Roger Davis
Ava Ford
A. R. McNeely
W. J. Smith

Crossnore

Gene O. McGarr

Cullowhee

John Alan Beegle
Richard Wm. Iobst, II

Fairview

Richard Kirby

Forest City, First

Mary Moore

Franklin, First

Del Likens
Sarah Smart

Gastonia, First

Dr. William Danford Wilson

Grace Covenant

Theodore "Ted" Patton

Hendersonville, First

William E. Carpenter
Anne Cope
Abram P. Holcombe
Frank H. Lee
Nancy D. Pearson
William C. Ritzel
John Saby
Robert K. Tindall
Hickory, First
Arthur H. Burgess, Jr.

Highlands, First

Dr. C. Patrick Brogan

Lenoir, First

A. Dent Sullivan

Lincolnton, First

William Metts

Long Creek

Derriel Smith

Love's Chapel

Mildred Davis
Sudie Smith

Marion, First

Julius Alonzo Kanipe

Morganton, First

James William Billings
Dwight Brenneman
William Jenkins Gamble
Lillian Gaskill

Mt. Holly, First

Charles Earsen Loftin

New Hope, Asheville

Elwood "Woody" Coppess

New Hope, Gastonia

Lois Smith

Newton, First

Ginger Clark
David P. Day
James W. Fulton
Villard C. Blevins

Oak Forest

Claude Holcombe
Lewis Swann

Olney

Betty Grier

Quaker Meadow

Kenneth Brandon
Edith Hannah
James Nathaniel Thackston, Sr.

Ryburn Memorial

Ezra Bridges

Shelby

Clarence McCain McMurray
Harrison Morgan Parsons

Sylva, First

Martha Vodak

Swannanoa, First

Will Nell Davidson

Trinity

Russ Lewis
Midge Mack

Tryon

Charles Cecil
Robert L. Dick, III

Unity

John Smith

Waldensian

Louis Daniel Bounous
Carlton E. Caruso, Sr.
Victor H. Garrou

West Avenue

Alden Shannon

Westminster

Joseph Martin Bailey
Mae Thorn Tucker
Marianna Williams

- 2. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who died during the year of 2010 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.**

Rev. Richard G. Shelor (3/9/2010)

Rev. Wayne R. Auginbuagh (7/26/2010)

OM

- 3. THAT any disparity in numbers between elder and minister commissioners be corrected in the following manner:**
- A. Each racial ethnic congregation be asked to elect two (2) commissioners.**
 - B. All elders who were elected by the Presbytery to serve as committee or division chairs or be on Council have voice and vote.**
 - C. All Certified Christian Educators who are elders have voice and vote.**
 - D. All Commissioned Lay Pastors have voice and vote.**
 - E. That elder commissioners to General Assembly and Synod have voice and vote for a period of two years, beginning with the date of the Assembly they attended.**
 - F. That the following churches (Churches A-D) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2011. (In 2008, Churches E-L were given this responsibility, in 2009, Churches M-R, and in 2010, Churches S-Z were given this responsibility.)**

Arbor Dale

Asheville, First

Banner Elk

Belmont, First

Bessemer City, First

Black Mountain

Brevard-Davidson River

Bridgewater

Brittain

Brittains Cove

Bryson City

Buladean

Burnsville, First

Calvary

Canton

Cherryville, First

Clinchfield

Columbus

Conley Memorial

Crossnore

Cullowhee

Dallas, First

Dixon

Dorland Memorial

Dulatown

Duncan's Creek

- OM 4. THAT the Stated Clerk be given permission to attach a current list of ministers of this Presbytery and that the list become a part of the permanent record.
- OM 5. THAT James Aydelotte, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 26, 2011 Presbytery meeting.
- OM 6. THAT the minutes of the October 22-23, 2010 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. *(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.)*
- OM 7. THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:
Robert "Bob" J. Tuttle
- OM. 8. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:
David Grachek
- OM 9. THAT the report of the Investigating Committee called to respond to allegations against pastor Jorge Alvarado Reyes, which report was duly reviewed and approved by the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission on December 20, 2010, be included in and made a part of the permanent record of Presbytery, and a part of the pastor's permanent record.
- OM 10. THAT the past membership roster of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Permanent Judicial Commission, as required in *BO: D-5.0206.b*, be reported and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 1)
- OM 11. THAT the January 29, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2)
- OM 12. THAT the January 29, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)
- OM 13. THAT the January 29, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for the New Vision, Conover New Church Development be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 4)
14. THAT the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:

FOR INFORMATION:

15. **The eighty-eighth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at the Montreat Conference Center, Upper Anderson Auditorium, in Montreat, North Carolina.**
16. **THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records:**
Saturday, March 12 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Session Records Review
Saturday, March 19 ~ West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ~ New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review
Tuesday, April 12 ~ Fairview Presbyterian Church, Lenoir
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ NEW CLERK TRAINING ONLY
Thursday, May 5 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Dallas
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ SESSION RECORDS REVIEW ONLY
Saturday, May 21 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ~ New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review
Saturday, June 11 ~ Columbus Presbyterian Church, Columbus
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ~ New Clerk Training/Optional Clerk Update
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review
Tuesday, June 14 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Marion
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ SESSION RECORDS REVIEW ONLY
17. **THAT the deadline for the Annual Statistical Report is February 23, 2011.**
18. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2011 and 2012 Presbytery Meetings:**
2011
January 29, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
April 26, 2011 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 26, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
October 21-22, 2011 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center
2012
January 28, 2012 ~ TBA
April 24, 2012 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 31, 2012 ~ TBA
October 26-27, 2012 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center
19. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements (Part 3 of 3) approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and that will be voted on at the January 29, 2011 meeting were distributed at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments3.pdf

20. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) proposed new Form of Government (Part 1 of 3), and Belhar Confession (Part 2 of 3) approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) will be distributed at the January 29, 2011 Presbytery Meeting, to be voted on at the April 26, 2011 Presbytery Meeting. These documents can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments.pdf (proposed new Form of Government)

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments2.pdf (Belhar Confession)

21. **THAT the "General Assembly Talks" series continues. We will continue to provide forums for discussion and learning as we shift our focus to the proposed New Form of Government and the Belhar Confession. Be informed - plan to attend a General Assembly Talks session near you.**

February 6, 2011 ~ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ New Vision, Hickory

February 13, 2011 ~ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Sylva, First

February 27, 2011 ~ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Belmont, First

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION ROSTER

NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Ted Beasley, Jr.		1990	1991	1
Mr. Robert J. Robinson 41 Stratford Road, Asheville, NC 28804	(o) 828/255-7641 (h) 828/252-0878	1990	1998	8
Rev. William Serjak 46 Presbyterian Drive, Sylva, NC 28779-2503	(o) 828/586-4256 (h) 828/586-2181	1990	1994	4
Mr. Gwyn Harper, Jr.		1990	1992	2
Mr. David Moore 721 Boulware Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052	(h) 704/864-5850	1990	1996	7
Rev. Marcus Prince, III (DECEASED)		1990	1996	7
Mr. Tom Arnold		1990	1993	3
Mr. Robert L. Thompson (DECEASED)		1990	1993	3
Mr. Marvin Wooten 308 Kings Grant Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092	(o)704/344-6169 (h)704/735-7020	1992	1996	4
Rev. William McLean (DECEASED)		1992	1993	1
Mr. Robert Weaver 6 College Row, Brevard, NC 28712	(h) 828/884-3452	1992	1994	2
Ms. Judie Shapiro 117 Fairforest Dr., Rutherfordton, NC 28139	(o)828/286-5000 (h)828/287-5378	1992	2000	8
Mr. Lloyd Hice P.O. Box 273, Spruce Pine, NC 28777	(h)828/765-2056	1993	1998	5
Rev. Brian Weger (MOVED)		1993	1998	5
Rev. Gerrit Dawson (MOVED)		1993	1994	1
Ms. Jane Holt P.O. Box 357, Montreat, NC 28757	(h)828/669-7544	1993	1996	3
Rev. J. Thomas Phillips (MOVED)		1997	2004	7
Rev. Dr. Ronald Botsford 106 Rainbow Lane, Blk Mountain, NC 28711	(h) 828/664-9484	1997	2000	3
Mr. Sam Ervin, III (DECEASED)		1997	2002	5
Mr. John Lafferty P. O. Box 1188, Lincolnton, NC 28092	(o) 704/735-2542 (h) 704/732-1253	1997	2002	5

NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Roger G. Miller (DECEASED)		1998	2002	4
Ms. Carolyn Miller		1998	2002	5
Rev. Eugene Witherspoon 115 Glen Echo Circle, Saluda, NC 28773	(h) 828/749-1294	1999	2004	5
Rev. Robert E. Frost (MOVED - DECEASED)		1999	2004	5
Rev. Robert Ratchford P. O. Box 39, Blk Mtn, NC 28711 (MOVED)	(o) 828/669-2725 (h) 828/669-1270	1999	2004	5
Mr. Phil Cooper 447 Dogwood Trail, Tryon, NC 28782	(h) 828/859-9050	2000	2006	6
Rev. Alan Wildsmith (MOVED PCA) 252 Valley River Avenue, Murphy, NC 28906	(o) 828/837-6153 (h) 828/837-9480	2000	2006	6
Mr. Tom Bowen		2000	2002	2
Rev. Hunter Coleman P. O. Box 548, Highlands, NC 28741	(o) 828/526-3175 (h) 828/526-3193	2000	2004	4
Ms. Linda Wortman Lowe 305 Inglewood Drive, Morganton, NC 28655	(o) 828/726-2457 (h) 828/433-9480	2001	2006	5
Ms. Johnnie Moore (DECEASED)		2001	2002	1
Rev. Dr. Monty Burnham 1348 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657			Resigned Committee	
Ms. Sarah Thornburg 216 Robinhood Road, Asheville, NC 28804	(o) 828/254-8800 (h) 828/236-2683	2003	2008	6
Ms. Paula Wallace 2341 Jefferson Lane, Gastonia, NC 28054	(h) 704/865-3754	2003	2008	6
Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey P. O. Box 1444, Shelby, NC 28151	(o) 704/487-8503 (h) 704/480-7838	2005 2011	2010 2016	
Rev. David Mulford 22 Timber Park Drive, Blk Mountain, NC 28711	(h) 828/669-2067		Moved 2006	
Rev. Dr. Thomas Parker P. O. Box 779, Etowah, NC 28729	(h) 828/891-8666	2005 2011	2010 2016	
Rev. Riley Covin 29 Haywood Drive, Canton, NC 28716	(h) 828/648-3281	1993 2007	1998 2012	

NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Dr. William Sweetser P. O. Box 764, Spruce Pine, NC 28777	(o) 828/765-4036 (h) 828/766-7694	2006	2014	
Rev. Layton Mauze 88 Breezemont Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786	(h) 828/456-7551	2006	2010	5
Mr. John Heilman 500 Campbell Avenue, SE, Valdese, NC 28690	(h) 828/879-8430	2007	2012	
Mr. Parks Wilson P. O. Box 901, Belmont, NC 28012	(o) 704/864-5728 (h) 704/825-7071	2007	2012	
Mr. Jim Henderson P.O. Box 936, Montreat, NC 28757	(h) 828/669-1159	2009	2014	
Mrs. Sandy Jividen 82 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711	(h)828/669-4026	2009	2014	
Rev. Margaret P. Lauterer 20 Orchard Street, Burnsville, NC 28714	(h) 828/682-1374	2011	2016	

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Marion, NC January 29, 2011

The Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Marion was established by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in July of 2007. On March 14, 2010 the Administrative Commission signed an agreement with the Session of the Marion Church in which the session acknowledged that the congregation is part of the PCUSA and “is therefore bound by its constitution.” The session agreed to present a recommendation to the congregation in support of a congregational vote to bring their Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws into compliance with the Constitution of the PCUSA. The Administrative Commission also agreed to recommend that COM allow the Marion Church to begin circulating its CIF. We met with the session again on August 29, 2010 and, most recently, on December 5, 2010. In between meetings, we have maintained regular communication with the session and are very pleased that they have voted to call a new pastor.

At our meeting on December 5, 2010, I recommended (on behalf of the Administrative Commission) that the session call a congregational meeting and proceed to a vote on bringing their Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws into compliance with the Constitution of the PCUSA. The Session agreed with our recommendation and called a meeting of the congregation for January 2, 2011. At that meeting, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Marion voted in favor of the requested changes to their Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws thereby bringing them into compliance with the Constitution of the PCUSA. Once all the necessary documents are in place, the Administrative Commission will request to be dismissed at the earliest possible date by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Marion Session for all their hard work and to their interim pastor, the Rev. Dr. Dan Thornton, for his outstanding service to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald G. Scofield Jr.
Chair, Administrative Commission

Members of the Administrative Commission

Anne Morgan
Bart Shaw
Chuck Reiley
Dick Hobson
Don Scofield
Gene Witherspoon
Mary V. Atkinson
Wes Garrou

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 3

Report to PWNC Iglesia Emanuel, Hickory January 10, 2011

The Administration Commission / Steering Team met with the Directiva (local governing body) and members of Iglesia Emanuel on Sunday, January 9, 2011.

Pastor Jorge Alvarado has resigned and returned to Mexico, with a parting service on December 29, 2010. The resignation occurred because the pastor confessed to the members of an investigating committee of the presbytery that he had violated scripture and the *Book of Order*. The Steering Team talked with the congregation about the events leading up to this resignation. This is the third time this ministry has had leadership leave.

However, it was also a time to celebrate. Rev. Gary VanBrocklin has agreed to come as their “stated supply” for an initial six month period. Gary is a professor at Montreat College, and ordained PCUSA minister, and has had extensive experience as a missionary in Hispanic countries. He will be in Hickory on Sundays, leading worship and doing pastoral care and meeting with the Directiva.

This interim ministry allows us some time to consider the mission and ministry with the Hispanic community at Iglesia Emanuel. The Steering Team and the Directiva passed the following resolutions:

- We remain committed to a ministry with the Hispanic community in Catawba Country;
- We have a special commitment to those who have remained loyal to the congregation at Iglesia Emanuel.
- We need to find a different way to provide a sustainable and dynamic ministry with the Hispanic community, one that would provide a continuity of leadership.

The Steering Team will meet again with the Directiva on February 20. In the time, in between, Gary VanBrocklin will meet with the Directiva. At that meeting on February 20, we will seek how we will go forward in discovering the ministry God has for this congregation.

We want to give special recognition to the ministry and pastoral care provided by Anita Bernhardt, Presbytery Associate and Deborah McEachran during the traumatic transition.

Grace and peace,

Dr. Frank Aichinger
Chair, Administrative Commission

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 4

Report to PWNC New Vision Presbyterian Church January 11, 2011

The Steering Team met on December 6, 2010 for a special celebration. Dr. Jerry Bron, the chair, who has guided this NCD from the beginning, was retiring. The meeting that night sought to share some of the stories of the lives that have been affected by the ministry of this congregation. We also talked about the ministries that have grown up, especially the Pack a Bag program. The Steering Team and congregation at New Vision are thankful to Jerry for his leadership. The new chair of the Steering Team will be Dr. Mark Watson, pastor of First, Newton.

New Vision remains very thankful for the support of PWNC, especially for the extra support from the Camp Woodson option that helped to balance our budget. The congregation is giving right on the average Presbyterian per member giving. However, that does not cover all the expenses after the GA and Presbytery grants.

New Vision believes that we must be a giving congregation, just as we have been given to. In 2010 we gave 19% of the congregation's giving to some benevolence in our regular budget, including Presbytery Mission, Malawi, Habitat for Humanity, Igelsia Emanuel as well as local ministries. We also support the Pack a Bag ministry at Shuford Elementary School; about 30% comes from the regular budget giving and Feed the Hungry offering. The remainder comes from the individual gifts from the congregation and community.

New Vision is committed to outreach, especially to those who are unchurched or dechurched. We keep seeking to find new entry points for people into the faith community. We received a grant from Synod to investigate the LifeTree Café ministry (see www.lifetreecafe.com). At the end of December, the Congregational Ministry Team (the local governing body that will become the Session) decided to commit to open a LifeTree Café here in Conover. We have also received a \$3000 grant from Life Tree for operating expenses.

One of the Co-Pastors, Ann Aichinger, has led the work to bring the movie *Grace Card* to Hickory. That will be in the theater on February 25. New Vision will also have World Vision's *Journey to Jamaa* on February 20. This media worship experience helps the congregation to experience a "mission trip in one hour." For more information about either of these ministries, you are welcomed to contact one of the Pastors.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Frank Aichinger
Co-Organizing Pastor