

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

**William A. (Bert) Sigmon, Stated Clerk**

**April 26, 2011**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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| OM  | 1. | <b>THAT James Aydelotte, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 26, 2011 Presbytery meeting.</b>  |
| OM  | 2. | <b>THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2011 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.)</i></b>   |
| OM  | 3. | <b>THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:</b><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jeffrey Coffey</b></p>  |
| OM. | 4. | <b>THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:</b><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Heather Wood</b></p>   |
| OM  | 5. | <b>THAT the April 26, 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 1)</b>   |
| OM  | 6. | <b>THAT the April 26, 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 2)</b>  |
| OM  | 7. | <b>THAT the April 26, 2011 Report of the Administrative Commission for New Vision, the Conover New Church Development, be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)</b>   |
| OM  | 8. | <b>THAT the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church, having completed its work, be dissolved, effective April 26, 2011, with the thanks of Presbytery for its good work.</b>   |
|     | 9. | <b>THAT a Special Administrative Commission be appointed for the Cullowhee Presbyterian Church to work along side the session and congregation to develop a plan for revitalization of their campus ministry, and of their church, and to support them and their PNC in calling a pastor. The appointment of this special administrative commission was approved by the Committee on Ministry at their meeting of April 12, 2011, to begin their work immediately. Members of this special commission will be</b> |

selected by the chair of the Committee on Ministry, the General Presbyter, the chair of Coordinating Council and the Stated Clerk and will be included in the July 2011 Presbytery Packet.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**10. THAT the eighty-ninth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, North Carolina.**

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

**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

**12. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on March 12, 2011, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**

Brittain	Hayesville	Sylva, First
Burnsville, First	Morganton, First	Tryon
Canton	Newton, First	Waldensian
Fairview	Quaker Meadows	Walnut Grove
Fletcher	Reems Creek-Beech	Warren Wilson
Forest City, First	Swannonnoa, First	

**13. THAT the following Session Records for 2010 were submitted and approved on March 19, 2011, at a Session Records Review, held at the West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia.**

Dixon	New Hope, Gastonia	Southminster
Gastonia, First	Olney Presbyterian	Ryburn Memorial
Lenoir, First	Robinson Memorial	United
Mt. Holly, First	Shelby	West Avenue

**14. 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 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) were 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.**

# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

## **Report of the Administrative Commission First Presbyterian Church of Marion, NC April 26, 2011**

On January 2, 2010, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Marion voted to change their Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to bring them into compliance with the Constitution of the PCUSA. As of April 1, 2011, all necessary documents have been submitted to the North Carolina Secretary of State for approval. When approval is granted, the Administrative Commission will request to be dismissed at the earliest possible date by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

Again, 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. We are most encouraged by the ordination and installation of Marion's new pastor, the Rev. Mr. Jeff Coffey, and will continue to pray for God's blessing upon the congregation in the days ahead.

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  
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# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

## Report of the Administrative Commission

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### Iglesia Emanuel, Hickory, NC

April 4, 2011

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the seven covenant churches celebrated their relationship with Iglesia Emanuel with an evening service where we joined together in the Lord's Supper as well as signing the covenant for another year. There were about eighty people in attendance, from that congregation as well as the supporting congregations. Gary Van Brocklin preached in both English and Spanish, and Anita Bernhardt led the liturgy. We were accompanied by the Northminister choir and musicians.

At the conclusion of the service, the congregation sang one of their favorite hymns, *America Will Belong to Christ*, and there were fourteen different countries represented and waving their flag. This reminds us that we often forget how diverse the Hispanic cultures are, bound together only by the common language. The congregation at Iglesia Emanuel has seen that part of their ministry is bringing together the people of these different cultures into one faith community. On the top of their bulletin now, each week is the mission statement: *From many Cultures, United in Christ*.

We are very thankful for the leadership of Gary Van Brocklin as "stated supply." He is a professor at Montreat College, but he and his wife Marlene have experience as missionaries in Central and South America.

March was a very good month, with a high in worship attendance of 28, with 14 children and adolescences. Part of the good news is the return of former members and participants, some of whom have not been there for years and some others who left after Jorge resigned. We asked the leadership why they thought that happened, and they attributed it to "an American pastor." What they meant was someone who was not biased to one of the Hispanic countries and who was not facing immigration issues. This was an important insight as we continue to explore the future of this ministry.

They are continuing to explore some a partnership with the neighboring Presbyterian Churches for children's and youth ministry. Some of the children have attended the Wednesday program at First, Hickory; and some of the middle school the special activities at New Vision. They need someone to lead the education with the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

They have begun to contribute something each month towards the pastor's salary, as well as paying the insurance on the building. There is concern about a needed repair to the air conditioner, which had one estimate at \$800. We did point them to the small church grant from PWNC.

Gary Van Brockin's contract is up in June, but he has indicated that he is willing to sign another six month contract. We are using this time to explore the focus and needs in this ministry.

Dr. Frank Aichinger  
Chair of Administrative Commission

# Stated Clerk Attachment 3

## Administrative Commission Report

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### **New Vision Church Conover, North Carolina April 12, 2011**

The Administrative Commission/Steering Team for New Vision met on April 4, 2011.

We celebrate the ministry that continues to happen here:

- Two new families have covenanted with New Vision, and we will have a baptism on Easter Sunday.
- The Pack-a-Bag ministry continues to feed 80 students each weekend. We have applied for a Nickel a Meal grant to help some of the short fall this year.
- There is a new group for TWEENS (5-8 grades) that meets every week for study as well as for special events.
- There is work on a Wednesday night experience that would meet the needs of this congregation.
- Two members will be attending the Presbyterian Pilgrimage.
- We are partners with the Hickory Habitat Presbyterian House.
- We are planning a full Holy Week schedule, with a reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday, a Maundy Thursday Seder communion, involvement in the community Good Friday and Sunrise services, and a Easter Sunday Service, with brunch and Easter Egg Hunt.

We continue to seek ways to reach out to the de-churched and un-churched in our community. In May, the Pastors will go to training from LifeTree Café at the Group headquarters in Colorado. This is a creative way we see to reach out and involve people in the faith dialogue.

We continue to wrestle with the interconnected issues of growth and finances. We have sought all different ways to reach out to the community, some successful, some not so much. At this point, we find the most effective is personal invitation by those a part of the community, and God just sending people who “drive by.”

We feel that most of the people are giving faithfully. However the financial expectations from the mortgage on the building are beyond what we receive. We are grateful to the PWNC for continuing their support. We continue to seek creative ways to better use this facility.

Submitted by:

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Co-Organizing Pastor

Dr. Mark Watson  
Administrative Commission Chair