

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

**William A. (Bert) Sigmon, Stated Clerk  
April 30, 2013**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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| CA | 1. | <b>THAT Don Scofield, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 31, 2013 Presbytery meeting.</b>                                            |
| CA | 2. | <b>THAT the minutes of the February 9, 2013 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>  |
| CA | 3. | <b>THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:</b><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Merriam S. Alexander<br/>Marshall J. Nord</b></p>                                 |
| CA | 4. | <b>THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of the Presbytery:</b><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kyle Segars</b></p>                                                         |
| CA | 5. | <b>THAT the April 30, 2013 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 1)</b> |
| CA | 6. | <b>THAT the April 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for Korean Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2)</b>                     |
| CA | 7. | <b>THAT the April 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2)</b>      |
| CA | 8. | <b>THAT the April 30, 2013 report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton be received and entered into the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)</b>      |

**FOR INFORMATION:**

9. **The ninety-seventh stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2013 at the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk, North Carolina.**

10. **THAT the following dates have been established for Reviewing of Church Records and Form of Government Training:**

**Saturday, March 23, 2013 - First Presbyterian Church, Morganton**

**Saturday, April 13, 2013 - Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver**

**Saturday, May 4, 2013 - Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia**

**Saturday, May 18, 2013 - Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore**

**Saturday, June 8, 2013 - First Presbyterian Church, Franklin**

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.            New Form of Government Training

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.        Lunch

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.        Session Records Review

11. **THAT the following Session Records for 2012 were submitted and approved on March 23, 2013, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**

Asheville, First

Marion, First

Spruce Pine, First

Banner Elk

Montreat

Swannanoa, First

Black Mountain

Morganton, First

Tryon

Brevard-Davidson River

Newland

United

Bridgewater

Newton, First

Unity

Brittain Church

Quaker Meadows

Waldensian

Bryson City

Reems Creek-Beech

Warren Wilson

Fairview

Rutherfordton

West Avenue

Gastonia, First

Saluda

Hendersonville, First

Siloam

12. **THAT the following Session Records for 2012 were submitted and approved on April 13, 2013 at a Session Records Review, held at Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver.**

Canton

Glen Alpine

Kenilworth

Duncan's Creek

Hickory, First

13. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2013 and 2014 Presbytery Meetings:**

**2013**

April 30, 2013 ~ Montreat Conference Center

July 30, 2013 ~ Grandfather Home for Children

October 26, 2013 ~ Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

**2014**

January 25, 2014 ~ Columbus Presbyterian Church  
April 29, 2014 ~ Montreat Conference Center  
July 29, 2014 ~ TBA  
October 25, 2014 ~ TBA

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

June 1, 2013 @ Montreat Conference Center - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

October 5, 2013 @ TBA (Waynesville/Hendersonville Area - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

*(3/6 hour training; morning session meets the requirement for 3 hr. training; all day meets the requirement for 6 hr. training.)*

Since the first workshop in March 2011, the Sexual Misconduct Task Force has held at least 3 to 4 training each year in various locations of the of the Presbytery. During that time, a total of **297** people have attended a session. We are now in the third year and there are still a number of teaching elders, ruling elders and committee members who should attend by the end of 2013.

The last training was held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. There was a total of 38 in attendance.

Still needing to attend a Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training:

80	Teaching Elders (Retired Ministers)
20	Teaching Elders (Active Ministers)
4	Teaching Elders (Ministers Laboring in our Bounds)
5	Ruling Elders (Commissioned Lay Pastors)
<u>96</u>	Ruling Elders (Committee Members) (approximately)
205	Total remaining to attend

# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

Administrative Committee Report to PWNC

## New Vision Church



On Feb 19, 2012 we celebrated with 22 people of signed the covenant with New Vision. In 2012, we had 34 new covenant members.

The Steering Team has met three times since the last Presbytery Report.

In March we had our 100<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> person sign our covenant book. We have continued to grow in numbers. On Easter Sunday, we had a record attendance of 110, with 20 kids in Children's Church and over 30 people who came forward to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows.

We have been notified by the General Assembly that we were awarded the Walton Grant for \$30,000. It recognizes innovative new church developments. This grant goes towards the mortgage payments. We are thankful, as this is the last year that the Walton Grant will be given to non-1001 NCDs. This gives us a hopeful relief from the mortgage payments which have been a weight on both the New Vision and PWNC budgets.

It has been a year and a quarter since we combined with the Emanuel fellowship, and that continues to be a strong part of our mission as a bridge between the Anglo and Latino community. We have learned to worship together, having a English service with Spanish flavor. We work closely with Centro Latino, a local community agency, as immigration reform is being considered, to help our members prepare for the new opportunities.

The Latino Steering Team has been transitioned into a covenant between the Presbyterian Churches in Catawba County, called Presbyterians Together.

This seeks to build supportive relationships between the churches, sharing resources and celebrating our unity in Christ. We signed the covenant with a special evening worship and a fellowship meal.

We continue to provide weekend meals for the students in our local elementary school. This year we are packing around 90 bags of food each week.

This is supported by our monthly Feed the Hungry offering, and offerings from the congregation and community.



The pastors were a part of the NEXT Church Conference in Charlotte in March, and will be attending the Exponential Conference in Orlando (new church development) in April.

As this is being written, we have a Youth Day in progress with some of our Teens and Tweens working on cleaning their room and building community. We have two youth who will attend Triennium this summer.

In the last months, we have added additional classes for children and youth during the 9:00 hour, as well as our children's opportunities during "Second Half" that happens after worship.

April 30, 2013

# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

## **Report of Administrative Commission for Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville April 30, 2013**

The Session of the Korean Presbyterian Church is in the process of securing a "temporary pastoral relationship" (Book of Order 2.0504b) for a six month contract pending the approval of this minister by our presbytery. We will keep you posted on this new development.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev Bill Heck, chair  
Rev. Susan Denne  
Elder Dot Desieux  
Elder Olivia LaMotte  
Elder Paul Vliek  
Rev. John Moore, consultant

## **Report of Administrative Commission for FPC Hendersonville, April 4, 2013**

The AC conducted the First Hearing of the congregation on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Well more than 1/3 of the members were present for an hour and one-half session allowing members to express their opinions for and against the prospect of dismissal. The AC also requested a less formal meeting with session and members (which was granted) on January 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in which AC members expressed the view that the core theological concerns advanced in the Session's letter were commonly affirmed in the PCUSA.

More recently the AC has been in conversation with the Session about scheduling the Second Hearing. The AC has also had communication with a group of members who wish to remain as the FPC of Hendersonville, PCUSA. It appears likely that the Second Hearing will be scheduled in early June.

In the meantime, the members of the AC sat in on in a Men's Breakfast Meeting on March 21, 2013 in which a speaker from the EPC gave details about that denomination and answered questions. Members of the AC also participated in a Wednesday evening "town hall" meeting at FPC on April 3, 2013 where questions raised at the January 16 and 30 meetings were responded to by members of the Session. Members of the AC had opportunity again to express the view that core theological concerns frequently expressed in the conversations at FPC were normative for the PCUSA.

Additional "town hall" meetings are scheduled on Wednesday evenings for May 1 and 22. At the first of these the Session will recommend to the congregation its choice for a new denominational home to be voted on in the Second Hearing. The focus for the final "town hall" meeting has not been identified.

Respectfully submitted by the Administrative Commission  
Cam Murchison, Chair  
Allen Smith  
Anne Morgan  
Bob Forsythe  
Jane Vann  
Bert Sigmon, ex officio  
Bobbi White, ex officio

# **STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 3**

## **Report From the Lincolnton Administrative Commission April 30, 2013**

The Commission Members: Robert Ervin, Rev. Shannon Kershner, Rev. Kevin Frederick, Paula Wallace, and Jerry Ragan (chair).

First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton, through its Transition Team, has been actively engaged in the MissionInsite program (and the work of Thomas Bandy) in a concerted effort to discern God's will for its ministry and mission for the future. The leadership participated in a retreat on April 13-14 for the purpose of considering and discussing the information gathered in order to present a report and recommendations to the congregation for the future course of the church.

A Leadership Council, consisting of eight members, has been constituted in lieu of a Session at this time. The organizational structure of the church has been simplified in an effort to enhance its efficiency. The Leadership Council was formed in January and has already begun to perform its tasks and assignments.

Rev. Ray Fancher, our Transitional Interim Pastor, has resigned from his role with the Lincolnton church, effective today. Ray Fancher has been instrumental in assisting this church to recover from many of the problems which beset it in 2011. He will be deeply missed but carries with him our best wishes and love to his new posting in South Carolina. We have begun the process of searching for a new interim pastor.

Please keep this church in your prayers as it works to reform its ministry and mission for the future.

Jerry Ragan, Chair