THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
THE REVEREND MARK R. BURNHAM, CHAIR
JULY 30, 2013

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends the following to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:

RECOMMENDATION:

CA **I.** **THAT** David J. Strickler, a member of Lenoir First Presbyterian Church and a student at Duke Divinity School, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- Patrick McElwaine was enrolled as an inquirer on January 16, 2013. Patrick is a member of the Asheville First Presbyterian Church and will attend Union Presbyterian Seminary.
- Michael McKee, a candidate from the First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, was certified ready to receive a call on February 20, 2013.
- Shelby Ethridge, a candidate from First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville, was certified ready to receive a call on February 20, 2013. Shelby has accepted a call as Associate for Christian Formation and Family Ministry at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in North Bethesda, Maryland.
- Leah Epps was enrolled as an inquirer on May 15, 2013. Leah is a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville and is enrolled at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Of our Inquirers/Candidates:

- As of July, there are a total of 10 inquirers and 7 candidates.
- 1 is from a small church: Fairview
- 3 are from medium (under 200) churches: Banner Elk, Burnsville First and Union.
- The other 10 are from larger churches: Asheville First (2), Cherryville First (1), Grace Covenant (2), Hickory First (1), Lenoir First (2), Black Mountain (2), Morganton First (1), Southminster (1) and Trinity (1).
- Of the 7 candidates, 4 are authorized to circulate their Personal Information Form.
- The following seminaries have recently graduated students or have students currently attending: Columbia, Duke Divinity School, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond.