

**GENERAL COUNCIL
Susan Denne, Chair
January 27, 2018**

The General Council of the Presbytery makes the following recommendations:

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| | 1. | THAT the Presbytery elect the Rev. Lauren Vanacore as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2019, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2018. |
| CA | 2. | THAT permission be granted for the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events, mission trips, Cullowhee Campus Ministry and Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church during 2018. |
| CA | 3. | THAT permission be granted to the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at the Pilgrimage events during 2018. (This will be administered by Presbyterian ministers for the Presbytery of WNC and surrounding Presbyteries.) |
| CA | 4. | THAT Elder Jack Suddreth be re-elected as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for 2018. |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 5. THAT Katheryn Anne McGinnis was approved as the Young Adult Delegate to the 2018 General Assembly.**
- 6. THAT the General Council reports approval of the following Regional and International Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Grants:**

REGIONAL GRANTS			
Agency	Location	Sponsor Church	Amount Granted
Sharing House	Brevard	Brevard-Davidson River	\$10,000.00
Loving Food Resources	Asheville	Kenilworth	\$5,000.00
Clay County Pantry	Hayesville	Hayesville	\$5,000.00
Dulatown Pantry	Lenoir	Dulatown	\$10,232.00
Feed My Sheep	Burnsville	Micaville	\$3,000.00
12 Baskets	Montreat	Montreat	\$4,000.00
WNC Aids Project	Asheville	Kenilworth	\$5,000.00
		TOTAL	\$42,232.00

INTERNATIONAL GRANTS			
Agency	Location	Sponsor Church	Amount Granted
Guatemala Health Partnership	Guatemala	PWNC-Doug Michaels	\$18,400.00
		TOTAL	\$18,400.00

- 7. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina received a Hunger Action Enabler Grant for 2018 from the PCUSA.**
- 8. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
- 9. THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor an overnight spirituality retreat, to be held March 9-10, 2018 at the Bonclarken Conference Center outside of Flat Rock, NC. The cost of this two-day event is \$40 (includes 3 meals, “a double room”, program and material), an additional charge of \$20 for a private room. The retreat will be led by the Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity a Pastorist (pastor + artist), retreat leader, and creative entrepreneur seeking to fill the church with more color, paint, mystery, and creativity. She founded *A Sanctified Art* with the conviction that, in order to thrive, the church needs more creative expression and art-filled freedom.**
- 10. THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2018:**
 - February 17, 2018 – Faith and Sexuality Youth Retreat (Montreat)
 - March 16-17, 2018 – High School Service Retreat (BMHC)
 - April 28, 2018 – Adventure Day (Camp Grier)
 - July 15-20, 2018 – Mission Trip for Middle and High School Youth (RYM)
- 11. THAT the Presbyterian Women will be holding their Spring Gathering on:**
 - Spring Gathering – April 14, 2018 – Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church
- 12. THAT the Mission Committee will be offering a mission trip to West Virginia to help with PDA Flood Relief.**
 - May 20 – May 26, 2018
- 13. THAT thanks was expressed to Mrs. Barbara McLean for chairing the General Council during 2017, and for her years of service on the General Council and dedicated service to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
- 14. THAT thanks was expressed to Terry Hanna, Anne Morgan, and Otis Wilson for their years on the General Council and their dedicated service to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
- 15. THAT thanks was extended for the work of Lisa Pressley, Comptroller, and Jack Suddreth, Treasurer, for their work during 2017 and their continued service to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
- 16. THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2019 and 2020.**

17. **THAT an invitation from the Session of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church in Brevard to host the July 30, 2019 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**

18. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2018 and 2019 Presbytery Meetings:**

2018

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Lowell Presbyterian Church (Co-Host, Union Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host, Montreat Pres. Church)

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 – Banner Elk Presbyterian Church (Lees-McRae College)

Saturday, October 27, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Hickory

2019

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – *Need Host Location*

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conference Center (Co-Host - Montreat Pres. Church)

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – *Need Host Location*

19. **THAT the Leadership Team of the General Council for 2018 consists of:**

Chair (Moderator of General Council) – Susan Denne

Vice-Chair (Moderator of Presbytery) – Melvin Meares

Vice-Moderator of Presbytery – Lauren Vanacore

Two At-Large Members – Keith Grogg and Dot Descieux

20. **THAT the General Council approved the following to serve on the 2018 Building HOPE Finance Committee:**

Jim Henderson (Chair of the Committee, Building HOPE Representative)

Susan Denne (Chair, General Council)

Melvin Meares (Presbytery Moderator, Building HOPE Representative)

Lauren Vanacore (Presbytery Vice-Moderator)

Charles Sellers (Administrative Division Chair)

Hal Bennett (Member At-Large)

Jay Crane (Member At-Large)

21. **THAT the General Council has recommended that the Personnel Committee seek assistance in the evaluation of the staffing needs of the Presbytery.**

22. **THAT the General Council granted permission to the Camp Woodson Task Force to enter into negotiations with Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy. The Task Force may negotiate terms of an agreement but a binding contract will require the approval of the General Council.**

23. **THAT the General Council approved supporting the capital campaign at the Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church with a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Spindale Presbyterian Church.**

24. **THAT the General Council approved the descriptions for the work of the division chairs of Presbytery.**
25. **THAT the following date has been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2018:**
 Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conf. Ctr. (1p.m. – 4 p.m.)
 Saturday, November 3, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

For Pastors and Elders of the Presbytery: According to our presbytery’s policy, clergy and elders involved in leadership are required to take sexual misconduct training once every four years.

For leaders of local congregations: The workshop is open for all local leaders who want to educate themselves about healthy boundaries.

Who should attend: All persons designated below are required to have an approved three-hour workshop of sexual misconduct sponsored by the WNC Presbytery or equivalent training approved by the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Team.

All Presbytery professionals and Presbytery volunteers are required to have the three-hour training every four years with the following exceptions:

1. Exempted from training are fully retired Presbytery professionals who have availed themselves of this option, with its associated limitations of not serving on Presbytery Committees, preaching in local churches, leading workshops or retreats, or exercising other pastoral functions such as celebrating the sacraments, or conducting weddings and/or funerals unless a “Single Event” exception has been made to Presbytery.
2. Members on the following committees, their sub-committees, and task forces are **ineligible for exemption** during the term of their membership:

General Council	Youth
Committee on Ministry	Christian Education
Examinations	Joint Outdoor Ministry
Small Membership Church	Campus Mission
Permanent Judicial Commission	
3. Members of all other existing committees are exempt, though changes to committee structures may require review of eligibility.
4. **Interims** who are working within the bounds of the Presbytery who receive comparable hours of training in their judicatory, at least as frequently as required in our Presbytery, may be exempt.