

**GENERAL COUNCIL
Susan Denne, Chair
April 24, 2018**

The General Council of the Presbytery presents the following for information:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 1. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
- 2. THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a Pastor's Retreat, September 17-19, 2018 at the William Black Lodge, Montreat.**
- 3. THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2018:**
April 28, 2018 – Adventure Day (Camp Grier, Old Fort)
July 15-20, 2018 – Mission Trip for Middle and High School Youth
(RYM – Raleigh Youth Mission)
- 4. THAT the Mission Committee will be offering a mission trip to West Virginia to help with PDA Flood Relief.**
May 20 – May 26, 2018
- 5. THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2019 and 2020.**
- 6. THAT the General Council and the Building HOPE Finance Committee granted a \$1,000 Water-To-Wine Grant to the Shelby Presbyterian Church.**
- 7. THAT the General Council concurred with the Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding Their Ministry to transfer the former Bethel Presbyterian Church to the Bethel Rural Community. The Bethel Rural Community has been leasing the property since the closing of the Bethel Presbyterian Church (October 24-25, 2008).**
- 8. THAT an invitation from the Session of Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese to host the October 2020 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**
- 9. THAT the General Council will be reading and discussing "Canoeing the Mountains," Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory by Tod Bolsinger. This is the book being used by churches participating in PneuMatrix.**

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

2018

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 – First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia

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*

11. THAT the following date has been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2018:

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Montreat Conf. Ctr. (12:30 p.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 "not opted in," 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 requested.
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.