

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP AND WORK



**ONE-HUNDRED NINETEENTH STATED MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2019**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GASTONIA, NC**

**119th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
January 26, 2019
DOCKET**

9:00	Registration <i>(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)</i> Orientation for New Elders	Charles Davenport
9:30	Call to Order	Melvin Meares Immediate Past Moderator
	Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator	
	Convene with Prayer of Invocation	Lauren Vanacore Moderator
	Welcome from First Presbyterian, Gastonia	Lauren Vanacore
	Appointment of Standing Committees Resolution of Thanks	Lauren Vanacore
	Bills and Overtures	
	Tellers <i>Ruling and Teaching Elders from Host Churches</i>	
	Recognition of Elders Attending for First Time, Visitors and Corresponding Members	
	Certification of Quorum Approval of Docket	Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk
	Consent Agenda <i>(Consent Agenda is a consent motion. Any commissioner may pull any item from the Consent Agenda for any reason. Simply state the item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)</i>	A
	Stated Clerk's Report <i>(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports)</i>	Cam Murchison B
	Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda	
	Nominating Committee	I
	Evangelism Committee	O
	Mission Committee	S
	Building HOPE	BH
	Presbyterian Women	LL
	Moderator's Report	MM

10:00 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Necrology
Pastor: Heather Wood Davis

11:00 Speak Out (5 minutes)

(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less, per speaker, on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)

11:05 General Council (25 minutes)

(Work of the committee, Presbytery Treasurer, Amendments to the Constitution)

Presentation of Amendments and Voting

Melvin Meares **C**

Personnel Committee (5 minutes)

(Work of the committee, recommendation(s) from the committee and an update from the Discernment Team.)

Luke Harkey **FF**

Finance Committee (10 minutes)

(Work of the committee and Proposed Budget for 2019)

Charles Sellers **BB**

11:45 Christian Education (5 minutes)

(2019 Spirituality Retreat, and Practical Resources for Churches)

Dwight Christenbury **W**

Youth Committee (10 minutes)

(Upcoming Events and 2019 Youth Triennium)

Carol Steele **Y**

Committee on Ministry (25 minutes)

(Work of the committee, introduction of new ministers)

**John Pea and
Bob Forsythe** **D**

Peace & Justice Committee (15 minutes)

(Report from Unity Presbyterian Church)

Jay Sloan **T**

Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)

Bobbi White **GP**

Guatemala Partnership (3 minutes)

(Work of the partnership and good news)

Billy Robinson **S**

12:50 Prayers of Intercession

(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)

Michael McKee

Benediction and Adjournment

1:00 Lunch and Fellowship

(We encourage everyone to stay, share a meal and fellowship with other members of the Presbytery.)

The Practical Resources for Churches Workshop will be held after the Presbytery meeting following lunch. Meet in the Session Room at 1:30 p.m.

Please note that Presbytery Standing Rules “do not” allow any distribution of materials at Presbytery meetings without prior approval from the General Council. Also, please turn off or

silence cell phones during Presbytery worship times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The General Council reaffirms its policy that there will be no photography, audio or video recording, including all electronic devices, during a Presbytery meeting without the prior approval of the Presbytery.

Attendance and Voting. Each teaching elder shall attend each meeting of Presbytery, and each congregation shall be represented by at least one ruling elder at each meeting. Congregations are entitled to ruling elder commissioners based on the following active membership (BO: G-1.0402), as shown on the most recent statistical report (*For the 2019 year, churches A through F are entitled to an additional elder. Please note that commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2017 Statistical Report as figures are not available for 2018.*):

- 0 - 250 members - 1
- 251 - 750 members - 2
- 751 - 1250 members - 3
- 1251 - 1750 members - 4

Honorably retired teaching elders shall be welcome at all meetings, but their necessary non-attendance shall be excused.

To ensure approximate parity in numbers between ruling elder and teaching elder commissioners:

1. All members of the General Council and Committee on Ministry shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).
2. All division, committee and sub-committee chairs shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).
3. All Commissioned Lay Pastors shall have voice and vote.
4. All Certified Christian Educators, Certified Associate Christian Educators, and, in addition, other Christian Educators who have
 - earned at least a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent)
 - served in one or more educational ministries under the jurisdiction of a Presbytery (or one of its Sessions) for a minimum of two (2) years, and
 - been examined and recommended to Presbytery by the Christian Education Committee shall have voice and (if ruling elders) vote, provided that these privileges shall end, pursuant to BO: G-2.1103, when such persons are no longer serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery (or one of its Sessions).
5. All ruling elder commissioners to the Synod Assembly and to the General Assembly shall have voice and vote as long as their terms last.
6. All exempt staff of Presbytery shall have voice.
7. All racial/ethnic congregations and other congregations designated by the General Council shall elect an additional ruling elder commissioner.
8. Only teaching elders who are active members (including honorably retired teaching elders) or members-at-large of Presbytery, as defined by the *Book of Order*, shall have voice and vote.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

10	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS	
17	Christian Education	ZOOM
19	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
21	Presbytery Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
26	119 th Stated Presbytery Meeting	Gastonia, First
	<i>Practical Resources for Church Workshop</i>	<i>Gastonia, First</i>

February

1	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
4	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
5	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
6	General Council Leadership Team	
8	Church Statistical Report Deadline	
13	General Council	Morganton, First
16	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
18	Presbytery Office Closed – President’s Day	
20	Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
23	Nominating Committee	ZOOM & Presbytery Office
	Youth Leader Forum	TBA

March

2	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
4	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
5	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
6	General Council Leadership Team	ZOOM
8-9	Christian Education Spirituality Retreat	Bonclarken
13	General Council	Presbytery Office
15-16	High School Mission Retreat	Newton, First
16	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
20	Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
23	Church Leadership School (SNOW DATE)	Morganton, First
25	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OVERTURES FOR APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING	
30	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First

April

1	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
2	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
3	General Council Leadership Team	
4	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS FOR APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING	
10	General Council	Morganton, First
11	POWER POINT DEADLINE FOR APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING	
13	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
	Triennium Orientation	Morganton, First
19	Presbytery Office Closed – Good Friday	
27	Youth Adventure Day	Camp Grier
21	Church Leadership School	Morganton, First
30	120th Stated Meeting of Presbytery	Montreat Conf. Center
	Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)	Montreat Conf. Center

2019 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
 Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – Montreat Conference Center
 (co-host Montreat Presbyterian Church)
 Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – Brevard-Davidson River
 Saturday, October 26, 2019 – Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church



MISSION TRIPS

Spring Mission Trips – PDA

Kinston/Wilmington, NC
Lumberton, NC

April 29-May 4, 2019
May 5-11, 2019

Malawi Mission Trip

May 17 – 31, 2019

Guatemala Mission Trips

January 26 – February 5, 2019
February 5 – 14, 2019 – Microloan Trip
May 16 -23, 2019 – PWNC Delegation
November 7-14, 2019 – PWNC Delegation



Mission
Opportunities

Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries Training

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Montreat Conference Ctr.

Saturday, November 2, 2019 (8:30AM - 12:30PM) 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.

Please contact the Presbytery Office to reserve a spot.



SESSION
RECORDS

SESSION RECORDS REVIEW DATES - 2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019 ~ First Presbyterian, Morganton

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review

Saturday, June 22, 2019 ~ First Presbyterian, Lincolnton

9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review

Saturday, August 24, 2019 ~ First Presbyterian, Waynesville

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review

Saturday, September 28, 2019 ~ First Presbyterian, Bessemer City

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ~ Session Records Review