

CONSENT AGENDA

For the purpose of expediting some of Presbytery's decisions which are routine and non-controversial, a Consent Agenda will be used. These motions are included throughout the packet.

PLEASE READ THESE MOTIONS BEFORE PRESBYTERY!

Matters may be removed from the Consent Agenda when:

- A. *Any member of the governing body requests removal of an item included in the CA whereupon that item shall be removed and presented to the governing body as part of the report from which it originated.*
- B. *When the Consent Agenda is presented on the floor, opportunity shall be given for members of the governing body to request, without comment or debate, for removal of specific items from the CA.*

A FAVORABLE VOTE ON THE CA SHALL BE RECORDED AS A FAVORABLE VOTE ON ALL MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE MOTION. THEREFORE, PLEASE READ AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER ALL MOTIONS BEFORE PRESBYTERY.

THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS, BE ADOPTED:

RECOMMENDATIONS 1 thru 4 FROM THE STATED CLERK'S REPORT

(See Stated Clerk's Report (B) for contents of recommendations.)

- CA 1. **THAT Dick Larson, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the October 24, 2020 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA 2. **THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2020 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.** *(The full set of these minutes can be reviewed on the Presbytery website.)*
- CA 3. **THAT the July 28, 2020 report of the following Administrative Commissions be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 1)**
 - Administrative Commission for Swannanoa, First
 - Administrative Commission for West Avenue
 - Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding Ministry
- CA 4. **THAT any disparity in number between ruling elder and teaching elder commissioners be corrected in the following manner:**
 - 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 2020 year, churches G through N are entitled to an additional elder. Please note that commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2018 Statistical Report as figures are not available for 2019.*):

- 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 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.

That the following churches (Churches G-N) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2020.

RECOMMENDATION 1 – 4 FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

(See General Council Report (C) for contents of recommendations.)

- CA 1. **THAT the Presbytery elect Ruling Elder TBA as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2022, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2021.**
- CA 2. **THAT the Presbytery ratify that the General Council may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, and discern the will of God and vote on business items. That the quorum for such a meeting is eight (8) members including the moderator.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS II. A thru M
FROM THE FIRST SECTION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

(See Committee on Ministry Report (D) for contents of recommendations.)

- CA II. RECOMMEND TO PRESBYTERY THE VALIDATION OF MINISTRY FOR:**
- A. Amy Cantrell, as Co-Director/Pastor of BeLoved Asheville, through July 28, 2021.
 - B. Evelyn Coleman, as Director for Programs, Montreat Conference Center, through July 28, 2021.
 - C. Allen Proctor, as Director of The Haden Institute, through July 28, 2021.
 - D. Dennis Stamper, as Chaplain at Carolinas Healthcare System Blue Ridge, through July 28, 2021.
 - E. Carol Steele, as Vice President for Programs, Montreat Conference Center, through July 28, 2021.
 - F. David Lytle, as Chaplain at Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center, through July 28, 2021.
 - G. Joe Bennett, as Chaplain of Hospice & Palliative Care of Yancey County through July 28, 2021.
 - H. Katherine Johnson, as Program Manager of the Rapid Rehousing Team for Homeward Bound of WNC, through July 28, 2021.
 - I. David Bradley, as Pastoral Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, through July 28, 2021.
 - J. John Campbell, as a Pastoral Counselor with Eastatooe Trail Counseling and Consultation Center, through July 28, 2021.
 - K. Daniel Tipton, as Chaplain at Four Seasons Hospice, Flat Rock, NC, through July 28, 2021.
 - L. Ryan Brakemayer, as Pastor at United Church of Christ, Grace Reformed Church, Newton, NC, through July 28, 2021.
 - M. Alex McNeill, as Executive Director of More Light Presbyterians, through July 28, 2021.