

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP AND WORK



**ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH
STATED MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2021**

VIRTUAL MEETING

**126th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
January 30, 2021
DOCKET**

Registration should happen no later than 24 hours prior to meeting, via response to Zoom invitation if possible, otherwise by telephone.

- 9:00 Call to Order** **Dick Larson**
Immediate Past Moderator
- Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator**
- Convene with Prayer of Invocation** **Hal Bennett**
Moderator
- Appointment of Host & Co-Host & Standing Committees** **Hal Bennett**
- Recognition of Elders Attending for First Time, Visitors and Corresponding Members**
- Orientation**
- Certification of Quorum** **Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk**
- Action to approve virtual meeting**
- Approval of Docket**
- Consent Agenda** **A**
(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.)
- Stated Clerk's Report** **Cam Murchison** **B**
(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports)
- Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda**
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| Nominating Committee | I |
| Committee on Preparation for Ministry | K |
| Guatemala Partnership & Micro Loan Project | Q |
| Peace Making – Earth Care | T |
| Youth Committee | Y |
| Building Hope | BH |
- 9:30 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Necrology**
(Worship leaders: Byron Wade, Leah Epps and John Hagman)
- Break Out Rooms (8 minutes)**
- 10:30 General Council (5 minutes)** **Dick Larson** **C**
(Work of the committee, Presbytery Treasurer)
- 10:35 Finance Committee (10 minutes)** **Charles Sellers** **BB**
(Work of the committee and Proposed Budget for 2021)

Personnel Committee (5 minutes) **Don Scofield** **FF**

Committee on Ministry (25 minutes) **Whit Malone** **D**

(Work of the committee, introduction of new ministers;

Commissioning of Ruling Elders; and recognition of ministers and service for 2020)

- Presentation of new members
- Presentation of CREs/CPs (2, shared)
- Questions from members to both; vote
- Charge and Prayer of Commissioning

25 Years Service

C. Lynn Michie
Margie B. Stansell
Keith B. Freeman

50 Years Service

Patrick Hardy
William J. Serjak
Neal Lloyd

75 Years Service

James A. Cogswell

Honorably Retired

Wanda Neely
Luke Harkey
Merri Alexander
Charles Davenport
Bobbi White
Randall Boggs
Terry Hanna
Gary Van Brocklin
Chris Taylor
Joanne Glaser

CLS Graduates (2020)

Richard Collier
Frank Denniston
Charlita Lytle
Nancy McFadden

Christian Education Committee (5 minutes) **Vivian Hare** **W**

(Work of the committee, information about the upcoming virtual spirituality retreat)

Congregational Formation and Transformation (10 minutes) **David Bonnema** **O**

(Work of the committee, new revitalization strategy for the Presbytery)

Matthew 25 (3 minute video)

Jill Isola

Board of Pensions (5 minutes)

Elizabeth Little

Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)

Byron Wade **GP**

Prayers of Intercession

Benediction and Adjournment

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 2021 year, churches O through Z are entitled to an additional elder. Please note that commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2019 Statistical Report as figures are not available for 2020.*):

- 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, Committee on Ministry, and Committee on Ministry Advocates 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.
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.

DATE	LOCATION	PACKET DEADLINE	POWERPOINT DEADLINE	OVERTURE DEADLINE
2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates and Deadlines				
Saturday, January 30	Virtual - ZOOM	Thursday, January 7	Thursday, January 14	Thursday, December 31
Tuesday, April 27	Virtual - ZOOM	Thursday, April 1	Thursday, April 8	Monday, March 29
Saturday, July 31	Unity Presbyterian Church	Thursday, July 8	Thursday, July 15	Thursday, July 1
Tuesday, October 26	<i>Seeking Host Location</i>	Thursday, October 7	Thursday, October 14	Thursday, September 30
2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates				
Saturday, January 29	<i>Seeking Host Location</i>			
Tuesday, April 26	Mont Conf. Center			
Saturday, July 30	<i>Seeking Host Location</i>			
Tuesday, October 25	<i>Seeking Host Location</i>			

Calendar of Events

**DUE TO COVID-19,
ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY ZOOM
FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.**

JANUARY

- 1 *New Year's Holiday – PWNC Office Closed*
- 6 General Council Leadership Team
- 7 **January 2021 Presbytery Packet Deadline**
- 11 Examinations
- 12 Committee on Ministry
- 14 General Council
- 14 **January 2021 Powerpoint Deadline**
- 18 *Presbytery Office Closed – Martin Luther King Observance*
- 20 Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- 21 Christian Education Committee
- 23 **Youth Leader's Forum**
- 28 Youth Committee
- 30 **126th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of WNC** **VIRTUAL – ZOOM**

FEBRUARY

- 1 Examinations
- 2 Committee on Ministry
- 10 General Council
- 12 *Church Statistics Deadline*
- 15 *Presbytery Office Closed – Presidents' Day Observance*
- 25 Youth Committee
- 27 Nominating/Representation Committee

MARCH

- 1 Examinations
- 2 Committee on Ministry
- 5-6 **High School Mission Retreat (BDRPC)**
- 10 General Council
- 12-13 **Celtic Spirituality Retreat (Virtual)**
- 29 **Deadline for submissions of Overtures for the April Presbytery Meeting**

APRIL

- 1 **Packet Deadline for April Presbytery Meeting**
- 2 *Presbytery Office Closed – Observance of Good Friday*
- 8 **Powerpoint Deadline for April Presbytery Meeting**
- 12 Examinations
- 13 Committee on Ministry
- 14 General Council
- 27 **127th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of WNC** **VIRTUAL - ZOOM**
- 29 Youth Committee