

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

**D. Cameron (Cam) Murchison, Jr., Stated Clerk
January 30, 2021**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

- CA 1. **THAT Hal Bennett, Cam Murchison and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 27, 2021 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA 2. **THAT the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. **THAT the past/present membership roster of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Permanent Judicial Commission as required in BO: D-5.0206b, be reported and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 1)**
- CA 4. **THAT the Stated Clerk be given permission to attach a current list of ministers of this Presbytery and that the list become a part of the permanent record.**
- CA 5. **THAT the January 2021 report of the following Administrative Commissions be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2)**
 - Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian, Lincolnton
 - Administrative Commission for West Avenue
 - Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding Ministry
- CA 6. **THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
 - Michael J. Poulos**
- CA 7. **THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
 - Katheryn McGinnis**
- CA 8. **THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following teaching elders/Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who died during the year 2020 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.**

Charles E Swann	2/17/2020
Curtis Fennell Crowther Jr	3/10/2020
Carl C Murray	4/1/2020
R. David Fillpot	4/10/2020
Robert Samuel Busey	5/14/2020
Donald Collins Mullen	5/17/2020
Lamar Williamson Jr	7/11/2020

Gene Price	8/30/2020
George Wilson Gunn, Sr.	10/5/2020
Harry Philips	10/5/2020
John Jey Deifell	11/6/2020
John David Stewart	12/12/2020
Stratton Peacock	12/27/2020

CA 9. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Certified Christian Educator, as reported by his local congregation, who died during the year of 2020, and that his name become a part of the permanent record:

Glenn Bannermann 10/30/2020

CA 10. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders, as reported by their local congregations, who died during the year of 2020, and that their names become a part of the permanent record:

Asheville, First

Harvey Lee Haynes
Gay Kriek
Edward Almy “Ned” Gibson
Leonard G “Len” Pardue
Paul Roberts

Banner Elk

William Cummings Tate, II, MD
Irving (Irv) Fryberger
William (Bill) Wilson

Black Mountain

Ruth Brandon
Patrick Miller
Sara LeVan
Glenn Bannerman
Evelyn Bannerman
Margie Tyas

Brevard-Davidson River

Marilyn Massey
Don Stinchcomb
Sara Winston

Canton

Jeanne Smathers
Emily Smathers
Doris Murphy

Cherryville, First

Troy Sellers
Lecy Quinn
Connie Wise

Dallas, First

Ray Clemmer

Fairview

H. Dale Atwood
Rosa P. Miller

Forest City, First

Neil Ray Anderson, II
Caroline Flack Baynard
Ron Lessard

Gastonia, First

Virginia Ann Patrick Avery
William (Bill) David Lawson, III
Vann Marshall Matthews
Dr. George R. Miller
Jane K. Molen
James (Jimmy) Cliff Thompson, Jr.

Hickory, First

Kenneth Farver
Doris Phillips Robinson
Richard Douglas Taylor

Highlands, First

Donald Fisher
Mary Jellison
Hillrie Quin
John Rymer
Mary Thompson

Kenilworth

Robert (Bob) Craddack

Lowell

Catherine B. (Kitty) Wilson
Donald (Don) Koran

Micaville

Billie Jean Tomberlin

Mills River

Joseph Gilreath
Maggie Thomas

Montreat

Betsy Neville
Gordon Neville

Morganton, First

Judge Samuel McDowell Tate
Wifred Mills Kenan
Elizabeth "Betty" McBrayer
Sasser Robert Thomas Clark

Mount Holly

Anita Jones
Phyllis Piper

New Hope, Asheville

Frank I. Reynolds

Newland

Ralph Baird

Newton

Edwin F. Nolley

Quaker Meadows

Linda Mong
Ruth Pershing
Harry "Riddle" Smith
Virginia E. Whisnant
Fred Kyle Williams

Reems Creek-Beech

Pat Bradley

Shelby

Bob Point

Sherrill's Ford

Sue Phillips
Willie Beatty

Waldensian

Edward Louis Bleynt
Betty Bumgarner Garrou
Louis William Garrou
Emile Martin Jacumin, Jr.
Freddy Gene Leger
Spottswood Pryor Neal

Walnut

Ernestine Plemmons

Union, Gastonia

Lewis Brooks
William Craig

United

Janet H. Wilson

Unity

Henry Fogle
Charlie Lampley
Hollis Cobb
Jane Wilson
George Midgett
Jackie Rozzelle

West Asheville

Betty Edwards Whiteside

CA 11. 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 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. That the following churches (Churches O-Z) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2021.

Oak Forest	Ryburn Memorial	Tryon
Oakwood	Saluda	Union
Old Fort	Shelby	Union Mills
Olney	Sherrill's Ford	United
Pine Street	Shiloh, Grover	Unity
Pineola	Southminster	Vians Valley
Quaker Meadows	Spruce Pine, First	Waldensian
Reems Creek-Beech	Sweetwater	Walnut
Ridgeview	Sylva, First	Warren Wilson
Robinson Memorial	Third Street	Waynesville, First
Rutherfordton	Trinity	West Asheville

FOR INFORMATION:

- 12. THAT the 127th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, virtually via ZOOM. THAT the deadline for**

written reports for this meeting is Thursday, April 1, 2021. THAT the deadline for an overture is Monday, March 29, 2021.

13. THAT due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following procedure for reviewing sessions records for 2021 will be as follows:

1. Each clerk will gather the 2020 Session minutes for her/his congregation.
2. No later than September 15, 2021, use the standard checklist to review your records as follows:
 - a. Write the name of your church at the top, indicating “2020” as the year
 - b. For each item on the list check “yes” or “no.”
 - c. If “yes,” in the column labelled “comment,” indicate one instance where the item can be found in your minutes.
 - i. If your minutes are numbered with consecutive pages, just indicate a page number.
 - ii. If your minutes are not numbered consecutively through the year, indicate the date of the meeting where an instance of the item is found.
 - d. If “no,” provide any explanation you may want to share in the column labelled “comment.”
 - e. In the same column labelled “comment” add any comments you would like to make regarding any item.
3. On the reverse side of the checklist—or on another sheet of paper if you prefer—make a note of any issues you have encountered with any items on the checklist. Especially if some are not clear and the parenthetical references to the Book of Order do not clarify them, please let us know what may need more explanation.
4. If specific questions arise as you work on the checklist, feel free to call me on my cell number (404-556-8041). I’ll be happy to help, or to find the help needed.

So that we can certify 100% compliance with the review of Session Records at the October 2021 meeting of Presbytery of Western North Carolina, please complete the checklist and return it to the Stated Clerk **by September 15, 2021**, either by

1. Email to (cmurc1@gmail.com), or
2. Regular mail: 114 Silver Creek Road, Morganton, NC 28655

14. THAT the dates have not been established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2021. However, the trainings will be held virtually via ZOOM.

The criteria for those who should attend is listed below.

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	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. Transitional Pastors/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.

15. THAT the following dates have been set for 2021 and 2022 Presbytery Meetings:

2021

- Saturday, January 30, 2021 – Virtually – via ZOOM
- Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – Virtually – via ZOOM
- Saturday, July 31, 2021 – Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver
- Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – *Seeking Host Location*

2022

- Saturday, January 29, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*
- Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – Montreat Conference Center
- Saturday, July 30, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*
- Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – *Seeking Host Location*

16. THAT the following Session Records for 2019 have not been reviewed and are delinquent in meeting the requirements of the 2019-2021 Book of Order. For churches desiring to meet the requirements of the Book of Order and be in compliance, please contact Stated Clerk, Cam Murchison for further instructions.

Belmont, First	Bridgewater (2017-2018)	Brittain (2017-2018)
Brittains Cove (2017-2018)	Buladean (2010-2018)	Columbus (2017-2018)
Conley Memorial (2017-2018)	Crossnore (2017-2018)	Etowah
Green Mountain (2012-2018)	Jack’s Creek (2013-2018)	Korean Pres. (2017-2018)
New Hope, Asheville	Pine Street (2006-2018)	Ridgeview (2006-2018)
Ryburn Memorial (2015-2018)	Southminster	Tryon
Vians Valley (2017-2018)		

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION ROSTER

NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Ted Beasley, Jr. (Deceased)		1990	1991	1
Mr. Robert J. Robinson 41 Stratford Road, Asheville, NC 28804	(o) 828/255-7641 (h) 828/252-0878	1990	1998	8
Rev. William Serjak 149 Damascus Road, Sylva, NC 28779	(o) (h) 828/586-2181	1990	1994	4
Mr. Gwyn Harper, Jr.		1990	1992	2
Mr. David Moore 721 Boulware Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052	(h) 704/864-5850	1990	1996	7
Rev. Marcus Prince, III (Deceased)		1990	1996	7
Mr. Tom Arnold		1990	1993	3
Mr. Robert L. Thompson (Deceased)		1990	1993	3
Mr. Marvin Wooten 308 Kings Grant Rd. Lincolnton, NC 28092	(o)704/344-6169 (h)704/735-7020	1992	1996	4
Rev. William McLean (Deceased)		1992	1993	1
Mr. Robert Weaver (Deceased) 6 College Row, Brevard, NC 28712	(h) 828/884-3452	1992	1994	2
Ms. Judie Shapiro 117 Fairforest Dr., Rutherfordton, NC 28139	(o)828/286-5000 (h)828/287-5378	1992	2000	8
Mr. Lloyd Hice P.O. Box 273, Spruce Pine, NC 28777	(h)828/765-2056	1993	1998	5
Rev. Brian Weger (Deceased) 202 Amethyst St., Spruce Pine, NC 28777	(h) 828/4678332	1993	1998	5
Rev. Gerrit Dawson (MOVED)		1993	1994	1
Ms. Jane Holt P.O. Box 357, Montreat, NC 28757	(h)828/669-7544	1993	1996	3
Rev. J. Thomas Phillips (MOVED)		1997	2004	7
Rev. Dr. Ronald Botsford 106 Rainbow Ln, Blk Mountain, NC 28711	(h) 828/664-9484	1997	2000	3
Mr. Sam Ervin, III (Deceased)		1997	2002	5

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NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Mr. John Lafferty P. O. Box 1188, Lincolnton, NC 28092	(o) 704/735-2542 (h) 704/732-1253	1997	2002	5
Rev. Roger G. Miller (Deceased)		1998	2002	4
Ms. Carolyn Miller		1998	2002	5
Rev. Eugene Witherspoon 200 Tabernacle Rd,G-205, Black Mtn, NC 28773	(h) 828/669-0197	1999	2004	5
Rev. Robert E. Frost (MOVED -Deceased)		1999	2004	5
Rev. Robert Ratchford (Moved-Deceased) P. O. Box 39, Blk Mtn, NC 28711	(o) 828/669-2725 (h) 828/669-1270	1999	2004	5
Mr. Phil Cooper (Deceased) 447 Dogwood Trail, Tryon, NC 28782	(h) 828/859-9050	2000	2006	6
Rev. Alan Wildsmith (MOVED EPC) 252 Valley River Ave, Murphy, NC 28906	(o) 828/837-6153 (h) 828/837-9480	2000	2006	6
Mr. Tom Bowen		2000	2002	2
Rev. Hunter Coleman P. O. Box 548, Highlands, NC 28741	(o) 828/526-3175 (h) 828/526-3193	2000	2004	4
Ms. Linda Wortman Lowe 305 Inglewood Drive, Morganton, NC 28655	(o) 828/726-2457 (h) 828/433-9480	2001	2006	5
Ms. Johnnie Moore (Deceased)		2001	2002	1
Rev. Dr. Monty Burnham 1348 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657			Resigned Committee	
Ms. Sarah Thornburg 216 Robinhood Road, Asheville, NC 28804	(o) 828/254-8800 (h) 828/236-2683	2003	2008	6
Ms. Paula Wallace 2341 Jefferson Lane, Gastonia, NC 28054	(h) 704/865-3754	2003	2008	6
Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey P. O. Box 1444, Shelby, NC 28151	(o) 704/487-8503 (h) 704/480-7838	2005 2011	2010 2016	5 5
Rev. David Mulford 22 Timber Park Dr, Blk Mtn, NC 28711	(h) 828/669-2067		Moved 2006	

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NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Dr. Thomas Parker (DECEASED) P. O. Box 779, Etowah, NC 28729	(h) 828/891-8666	2005 2011	2010 2016	5 5
Rev. Riley Covin 29 Haywood Drive, Canton, NC 28716	(h) 828/648-3281	1993 2007	1998 2012	6 6
Rev. Dr. William Sweetser P. O. Box 764, Spruce Pine, NC 2877	(o) 828/765-4036 (h) 828/766-7694	2006	2014	8
Rev. Layton Mauze (DECEASED) 1532 Royalty Circle, Statesville, NC 28625	(h)	2006	2010	5
Mr. John Heilman 500 Campbell Ave, SE, Valdese, NC 28690	(h) 828/879-8430	2007	2012	6
Mr. Parks Wilson P. O. Box 901, Belmont, NC 28012	(o) 704/864-5728 (h) 704/825-7071	2007	2012	6
Mr. Jim Henderson P.O. Box 936, Montreat, NC 28757	(h) 828/669-1159	2009	2014	6
Mrs. Sandy Jividen (DECEASED) 82 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711	(h)828/669-4026	2009	2014	6
Rev. Margaret P. Lauterer 20 Orchard Street, Burnsville, NC 28714	(h) 828/682-1374	2011	2012 Resigned	2
Rev. Merriam Alexander (B) 94 Ledgestone Drive, Fairview, NC 28730	(H)828/338-5050	2014	2016	3
Mrs. Cindy Combs (E) 818 45th Ave Lane, NE, Hickory, NC 28601	(H)828/256-4545	2014	2016	3
Mr. Bob Forsythe 82 Wildwood Forest Lane, Mills River, NC 28759	(h) 828/684-0643	2013	2018	6
Mr. Lacy Thornburg P. O. Box 8, Webster, NC 28788	(h) 828/586-1166	2013	2018	6
Rev. Carol Steele 102 Fairway Dr, Black Mountain, NC 28711	(o) 828/669-2911 (h) 828/545-6715	2013	2018	6
Mr. John Lafferty (E) P.O. Box 1188, Lincolnton, NC 28092	(O)704/735-2542 (H)704/732-1253	2015	2019	4

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NAME AND ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	YR BEGAN SERVING	TERM EXPIRES	YRS SERVED
Rev. Samuel P. Warner (D) P.O. Box 1, Belmont, NC 28012	(O)704/825-3357 (H)704/825-5157	2015	2020	
Rev. Dr. Richard N. Boyce (D) 5141 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28210	(O)980/636-1669 (H)704/825-4568	2017	2022	
Mr. John Auten 140 Kester Drive, Cherryville, NC 28021	(H) 704/482-1511 (C) 704/473-7726	2019	2020	
Mrs. Jane Vann (B) 1 Clear Vista Drive, Asheville, NC 28805	(H)828/296-7419	2017	2022	
Rev. Kathy Campbell 121 Woodwinds Ln, Banner Elk, NC 28604	(O) 828/733-1933 (H) 828/963-5190	2018	2022	
Mr. Beverly Beal 230 Tremont Drive, SE, Lenoir, NC 28645	(H)828/758-8664 828/381-6520	2019	2024	
Rev. Dr. Whit Malone 237 Second St., NW Hickory, NC 28601	(O)828/322-6343 (H)828/455-0338	2019	2024	
Mrs. Sarah Thornburg 216 Robinhood Rd., Asheville, NC 28804	(O)828/254-8800 (H)828/236-2683	2018	2024	
Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte 48 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711	(H) 828/707-6363	2020	2026	
Rev. Janet DeWater 143 Woodhill Dr., Mount Holly, NC 28120	(O) 704/827-0521 (H) 425/864-3838	2020	2026	
Mr. John Auten 140 Kester Drive, Cherryville, NC 28021	(H) 704/482-1511 (C) 704/473-7726	2019	2026	

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT - 2

Administrative Commission for West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC

Under the provisions of the lease/purchase agreement between PWNC and Revolution Church, the church continues with its impressive renovations that include major changes to the gymnasium/fellowship hall, transforming the administrative area into a social gathering space, reworking the sanctuary for its new and exciting ministries. The AC continues to function as landlord for the property and continues to monitor roofing issues, anticipating that they will be satisfactorily resolved. A meeting with Revolution Church and the AC is planned for April.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Brittain, chair

Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton

The Administrative Commission schedules monthly meetings to deal with several important matters. First and foremost is the matter of congregational care for the membership. Plans are being pursued to develop a new worshipping community in Lincolnton with leadership from Unity Presbyterian Church. A second major focus is on plans for a concluding celebration of the 205-year history of ministry at FPC Lincolnton, though the membership has agreed that such an occasion be deferred until a time to be decided in the future. Third, oversight of the facilities is being managed by the AC, including continuing efforts to resolve the issues resulting from local flooding that occurred in June 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Reighley, chair

Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding their Ministries

There have been no new developments in the work of this Administrative Commission since the last full report to PWNC. A summary of the work it has overseen includes the transfer of the following properties to other parties: Ellenboro Presbyterian Church; Glen Alpine Presbyterian Church; Machpelah Presbyterian Church and Cemetery; Spindale Presbyterian Church; and Bethel Presbyterian Church. No other congregations are currently under its oversight.

Respectfully submitted,
Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk