

**GENERAL COUNCIL
Dick Larson, Chair
January 30, 2021**

The General Council of the Presbytery makes the following recommendations:

- CA 1. THAT the Presbytery elect the following person to serve on the Nominating and Representation Committee:**
- Mr. Bill Kantonen (Asheville, First) (B) Class of 2023
- CA 2. THAT permission be granted for the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events, mission trips, UKirk Campus Ministry and Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church during 2021**
- CA 3. THAT permission be granted to the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at the Pilgrimage events during 2021. (This will be administered by Presbyterian ministers for the Presbytery of WNC and surrounding Presbyteries.)**
- CA 4. THAT Elder Melvin Meares be elected as Interim Treasurer of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for 2021.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- 5. THAT the Corporate Officers for 2021 will be:**
President (Moderator of General Council) – Dick Larson
Vice-President (Moderator of Presbytery) – Hal Bennett
Secretary (Stated Clerk) – D. Cameron Murchison, Jr.
Treasurer (Interim Treasurer of Presbytery) – Melvin Meares
- 6. THAT the Leadership Team of the General Council for 2021 consists of:**
Chair (Moderator of General Council) – Dick Larson
Vice-Chair (Moderator of Presbytery) – Hal Bennett
Vice-Moderator of Presbytery – Sarah Thornburg
Two At-Large Members – Dot Descieux and Whit Malone
General Presbyter – Byron Wade
Stated Clerk – Cam Murchison

7. THAT the General Council reports dismissal with deep gratitude of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa after more than six years of service, along with the approval of recommendations for using funds from the church to support Piney Grove Cemetery’s endowment and to support new worshipping communities and new church development in PWNC.

8. THAT the General Council reports approval of the following Regional and International Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Grants:

REGIONAL GRANTS			
Agency	Location	Sponsor Church	Amount Granted
Third Thursday Meal Program	Sherrill’s Ford	Sherrill’s Ford PC	5,000.00
Bounty & Soul	Black Mountain	Black Mountain PC	5,000.00
Dulatown Food Pantry	Lenoir	Dulatown PC	5,000.00
		Regional Total	\$15,000.00
INTERNATIONAL GRANTS			
Proyecto de Salud	Guatemala	PWNC	\$24,800.00
		International Total	\$24,800.00

9. THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.

10. THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a two-day virtual spirituality retreat, “Celtic Spirituality II,” for all people in the Presbytery, on March 12-13, 2021 via ZOOM. Retreat presenter will be Carl McColman. See flyer in CE section for more details.

11. THAT the following dates have been set for youth events in 2021:
 March 5-6, 2021 – High School Mission Retreat (Brevard-Davidson River PC)
 April 24, 2021 – Adventure Day – Camp Grier, Old Fort

12. THAT the Presbyterian Women will be holding their Spring Gathering via Zoom on: Saturday, April 10, 2021

13. THAT thanks were expressed to Lauren Vanacore for chairing the General Council during 2020, and for her years of service on the General Council and dedicated service to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

14. **THAT thanks were expressed to Keith Grogg and Holly Davis for their years on the General Council and their dedicated service to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
15. **THAT thanks were extended for the work of Lisa Pressley, Comptroller, and Jack Suddreth, Treasurer, for their work during 2020 and their longstanding service to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
16. **THAT the General Council will welcome invitations from churches or institutions willing to host Presbytery meetings in 2021 and 2022.**
17. **THAT the following dates have been set for 2021 and 2021 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*
18. **THAT the dates will be establish soon established for Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training for 2021: TBA by separate email to Presbytery**

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 availed themselves of this option, 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 made to Presbytery.

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. **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.