

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP AND WORK



**ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH
STATED MEETING
July 31, 2021**

VIRTUAL MEETING

**128th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
July 31, 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 Hal Bennett, 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 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

Guatemala Partnership Q

Finance BB

Building Hope BH

Church Leadership School OO

9:15 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Worship leaders: Rev. Jill Isola, Alex McNeil, Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks

Preparations: In preparation for the Sacrament, we invite you to look through your own kitchen to find "bread and beverage." While there is rich symbolism in the elements we traditionally use to celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Church also has a long history of using the most fitting materials that are readily available in any given time and setting. Feel free to be creative and use what you have on hand.

10:05 Breakout Rooms (10 minutes)

10:15 General Council (15 minutes) Sarah Thornburg C

(Work of the committee)

Christian Education Committee (5 minutes) Jill Kimbirl W

(Work of the committee; Lunch and Learn Event; and 2022 Spirituality Retreat)

Youth Ministry (5 minutes)
(Work of the committee)

Sarah Grace Montgomery Y

Preparation for Ministry (10 minutes)

Dwight Christenbury K

- Recommendation regarding Brandon Davis – Inquirer from Arbor Dale
- Presentation of Emily Beaver – Candidate from Black Mountain

Committee on Ministry (45 minutes)

John Pea D

(Work of the committee, Commissioning of Ruling Elder)

- Presentation of Linda Johnson, CP, Saluda
 - Questions from members; vote
 - Charge and Prayer of Commissioning
- Presentation of Daniel Commerford - Gastonia, First
- Presentation of Drew Mangione - Shelby Presbyterian Church
- Presentation of Caitlin Johnson – Examination and Ordination – Oak Forest
- Presentation of Rachael McConnell – Sermon/Examination and Ordination – Banner Elk
- Presentation of Reed Conley – Lincolnton New Worshipping Community

25 Years Service

William Buchanan
Contance Button
Elizabeth D. Newman
Caroline Proctor
Denise Thorpe
Judith Weger
Barbara White

50 Years Service

Ronald A. Botsford
G. Wallace Johnson
David W. McKee
D. Cameron Murchison, Jr.
Earl M. Rash
Albert D. Shaw, Jr.
Rockwell P. Ward
V. Otis Wilson, Jr.

60 Years Service

Wyatt Aiken, Jr.
J. Monty Cook
Thomas C. Cook, Jr.
Robert J. Gruber
Albert D. Kissling
Richard M. Rustay

Honorably Retired

Kevin Frederick

CLS Graduates (2021)

Elizabeth Barbee
Janeen Duncan

Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)

Byron Wade GP

Prayers of the People

Benediction and Adjournment

Hal Bennett

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, July 31	Virtual - ZOOM	Thursday, July 8	Thursday, July 15	Thursday, July 1
Tuesday, October 26	Unity Presbyterian Church	Thursday, October 7	Thursday, October 14	Thursday, September 30
2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates				
Saturday, January 29	Virtual - ZOOM	Thursday, January 6	Thursday, January 13	
Tuesday, April 26	Mont Conf. Center	Thursday, April 7	Thursday, April 14	
Saturday, July 30	Virtual - ZOOM	Thursday, July 7	Thursday, July 14	
Tuesday, October 25	Waldensian Presbyterian	Thursday, October 6	Thursday, October 13	

Calendar of Events

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

JULY

- 19 Mission Committee
- 22 Youth Committee
- 24 CLS Continuing Education via ZOOM
- 28 Women's Luncheon via ZOOM
- 29 Guatemala Education
- 31 **128th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of WNC – Virtual**

AUGUST

- 2 Examinations Committee
- 3 Committee on Ministry
- 4 General Council Leadership Team
- 11 General Council
- 12 Youth Check-In
- 13-14 PYC Orientation
- 18 Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- 19 Earth Care
Evangelism
Smaller Membership Church Committee
- 21 Nominating Committee
- 24 Women's Luncheon via ZOOM
- 26 Youth Committee
- 30 Examinations Committee

SEPTEMBER

- 1 General Council Leadership Team
- 6 **Presbytery Office Closed – Labor Day**
- 7 Committee on Ministry
- 8 General Council
- 9 Validated Ministries
Christian Education
Youth Check-In
- 14 Peace and Justice Committee
- 15 Malawi Leadership Team
- 16 Earth Care
- 20 Mission Committee
- 23 Youth Committee
Hunger Committee
Sacred Trust Debriefing
- 25 Nominating Committee
- 27 Guatemala Microloan

OCTOBER

- 4 Examinations Committee
- 5 Committee on Ministry
- 6 General Council Leadership Team
- 7 **Presbytery Packet Deadline**
- 13 General Council
- 14 Youth Check-In
Christian Education Committee – Lunch and Learn Event
- 20 Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- 21 Earth Care
Evangelism Committee
Smaller Membership Church Committee
- 26 **129th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina**
- 28 Youth Committee
Sacred Trust Debriefing
BOP Retirees Luncheon (Montreat)