

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

**D. Cameron (Cam) Murchison, Jr., Stated Clerk  
October 26, 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 January 29, 2022 Presbytery meeting.**
- CA 2. THAT the minutes of the July 31, 2021 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
- CA 3. THAT the October 2021 reports of the following Administrative Commissions be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 1)**
- Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian, Lincolnton  
Administrative Commission for West Avenue  
Administrative Commission for West Asheville  
Administrative Commission for Duncan's Creek  
Administrative Commission for Churches Concluding Ministry
- CA 4. THAT the Administrative Commission for the West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia having completed its work, be dissolved effective October 26, 2021 with the thanks of the Presbytery for its good work.**
- CA 5. THAT the minutes of the ordination and/or installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:**
- Dana Seiler
- CA 6. THAT the Committee on Nominating/Representation, having completed their annual report for the year ending December 31, 2020 and submitted it to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, requests that it become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2)**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

- 6. THAT the 130th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 virtually via ZOOM. THAT the deadline for written reports for this meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2022. THAT the deadline for an overture is Thursday, December 30, 2021.**
- 7. THAT COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the scheduled Clerk of Session Trainings and Reviewing of Church Record during 2021. Each clerk was asked to follow the process as outlined in the correspondence from the Stated Clerk dated March 12, 2021. In order**

**to certify 100% compliance with the review of Session Records at the October 2021 meeting of the Presbytery of WNC, clerks were asked to complete a records review checklist with documentation and return to the Stated Clerk by September 15, 2021. The following records have been received and approved by the Stated Clerk since the July 26, 2021 meeting of Presbytery:**

Asheville First	Good Hope	New Hope, Asheville
Belmont First	Grace Covenant	Olney
Black Mountain	Hendersonville First	Pineola
Brevard-Davidson Riv.rr	Highlands First	Siloam
Bridgewater	Ironton	Southminster
Brittain	Kenilworth	Spruce Pine First
Buladean	Lenoir First	Sylva First
Calvary	Long Creek	Third Street
Cherryville First	Love's Chapel	Trinity
Clinchfield	Lowell	Union
Dallas First	Marshall	Union Mills
Fletcher	Mills River	Unity
Franklin First	Montreat	Warren Wilson
	Mount Holly	

- 8. THAT the following Session Records for 2020 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.**

Brittain's Cove (2017-2020)	Morrison
Bryson City	New Hope, Gastonia
Burnsville, First	Newdale
Canton	Northminster
Columbus (2017-2020)	Oak Forest (2012-2020)
Conley Memorial (2017-2020)	Oakwood
Dixon	Old Fort
Dorland Memorial	Pine Street (2006-2020)
Dulatown	Reems Creek-Beech
Duncan's Creek	Ridgeview (2006-2020)
Etowah (2018-2020)	Robinson Memorial
Forest City, First	Ryburn Memorial (2015-2020)
Gastonia, First	Saluda
Green Mountain (2012-2020)	Shelby
Green Street	Sherrill's Ford
Hayesville	Shiloh, Grover
Hickory, First	Sweetwater
Jack's Creek (2013-2020)	United
John Knox	Vians Valley (2017-2020)
Korean Church Asheville (2017-2020)	Walnut
Micaville	Waynesville, First

- 9. THAT the 2020 minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina have been reviewed and found to be in order. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3)**

# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

## **Administrative Commission for West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC**

At the end of September 2021, the lease/purchase agreement between PWNC and Revolution Church resulted in the sale and transfer of ownership of the property to Revolution Church. For four years the AC has worked with Revolution toward this goal and is delighted that Christian ministry will continue in this place. All members of the AC have worked diligently over these years, but special thanks are due to Charles Sellers and Steve Brittain for doing the heavy lifting. Having completed its work, the AC respectfully asked that it be dismissed with thanks.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cam Murchison, on behalf of Steve Brittain, chair

## **Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton**

The Administrative Commission is happy to report that legal issues related to the flooding that occurred in June 2019 have been resolved. This has allowed the AC to enter into an agreement with Preservation North Carolina for marketing the property in a manner that protects its historical significance in the downtown area of Lincolnton. In the meantime, the property is being maintained and plans are incubating for an eventual service celebrating the 205-year history of ministry at FPC Lincolnton—likely in partnership with Lincolnton's New Worshipping Community, Artisan Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russ Reighley, chair

## **Administrative Commission for West Asheville Presbyterian Church**

Work of this Administrative Commission has commenced with primary attention to managing the property appropriately and asking two AC members to take primary responsibility for pastoral care needs of WAPC members. The AC has also decided to transfer the sanctuary piano to Oak Forest Presbyterian Church at the request of WAPC members, exact timing yet to be determined as plans for a closing worship celebration are developed. The AC's long-range task is to develop and implement a plan for the use of the property on behalf of the presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Mount Shoop and Patrick Johnson, co-chairs

## **Administrative Commission for Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church**

No meetings of the Commission have yet been held because of delays in creating the legal documents required to execute the decision of Presbytery to transfer the property of the dissolved congregation to a newly formed Christian body in the Duncan's Creek community. Ongoing conversations between the Stated Clerk and Clerk of Session suggest that the documents will soon be ready for execution, allowing the AC to develop plans for a closing worship service with members of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk

# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

## **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 disposition of the following properties: 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

# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

## PRESBYTERY REPORT TO SYNOD ON REPRESENTATION 2021 Form for Year 2020

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Presbytery \_\_\_\_ Western North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_

I a If you have a COR:

how often does it meet? \_\_\_\_ 5 times per year \_\_\_\_\_

does it meet with the Presbytery Nominating Committee? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_

how does it report to Presbytery? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_

b If you do not have a COR, please state how you handle oversight of appropriate representation?

N/A

II What is the size of your presbytery? Churches \_\_\_\_ 98 \_\_\_\_ Members \_\_\_\_ 13,533 \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of members are minorities? \_\_\_\_ 3.5 \_\_\_\_\_

III. Of the leadership positions with in your presbytery (Leadership includes all Presbytery level committee members) :

How many are filled by women? \_\_\_\_ 46 \_\_\_\_ How many are filled by men? \_\_\_\_ 57 \_\_\_\_

IV. In the past 5 years, have you had a non-majority Moderator?

Yes \_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

V. What actions or initiatives has your COR taken to try and improve your record of representation on committees?

- Correspondences has been sent to Clerks of Session, Ministers and Churches seeking recommendation for committees.
- Through the Presbytery packets, we ask for volunteers to serve on committees of Presbytery and also have an announce on our display board at Presbytery meetings.

VI. What might the Synod COR do to assist your efforts to be more effective in your work?

- Sharing best practices and success stores from around the Synod
- Provide publications or aids to assist Presbyteries with the struggle of seeking volunteers to serve on committees.


# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

Report submitted by Charles Kincaid \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Charles Kincaid \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # 828/729-2845 \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail sball1948@att.net \_\_\_\_\_

This document was/will be part of COR's report to Presbytery on October 26, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

Stated Clerk D. Cameron Murchison

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_

Date 8/10/2021 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form on or before **(In office Deadline Date of August 6, 2020)**: via email to [tscott@synatlantic.org](mailto:tscott@synatlantic.org) or to Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, 3601 Seminary Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227.

# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

VI.		2021 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION REPORT										PRESBYTERY NAME: Western North Carolina								
Committee	Total	Male Clergy	Male Laity	Female Clergy	Female Laity	Asian Amer.	African	African Amer.	Hispanic Latino	Native American	Multi-Cultural	Middle Eastern	White	Other Self Ident	Person With Disability	Youth 25/ Under	Young Adult 26-35	Adult 36-64	Senior Adult 65+	
1 Finance Committee	9	1	5	1	2			1					8					3	6	
2 Church Development	10	5	2	2	1			1					9					6	4	
3 Committee on Ministry	27	5	9	6	7			1		1			25				1	17	9	
4 Presbytery Officers	4	2	1	1									4					3	1	
5 Presbytery Council	16	4	5	2	5			1					15					10	6	
6 Nominating/Representation Committee	12	1	4	0	7			1					11			1		4	7	
7 Commissioner to 224 GA/239-243 SOMA Assembly	5	1	2	1	1					1			4			1	1	3	0	
8 Committee on Preparation	12	4	2	5	1								12					7	5	
9 Permanent Judicial Commission	8	3	1	2	2								8					5	3	
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11																				
	TOTAL	103	26	31	20	26		5		2			96			2	2	58	41	

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# STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 3

## *Abingdon Presbytery*

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To: Warren Lesane, Stated Clerk, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Tami Scott, Office Administrator, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

From: Bill Parish, Stated Clerk, Abingdon Presbytery

Subject: Review of 2020 Minutes of Western North Carolina Presbytery

Date: July 25, 2021

I have reviewed the minutes of Western North Carolina Presbytery and have attached the results. The minutes are well organized, easy to read, and complete. Their attention to detail is noted and appreciated. It was noteworthy that in the midst of this year that presented many challenges, the minutes reflect that the leaders of Western North Carolina Presbytery led the Presbytery expertly with attention to detail.

I congratulate Cam Murchison and his staff for their careful adherence to the requirements of our denomination.

I enjoyed reviewing these minutes. They are approved without exception.

Blessings,

Bill Parish, Stated Clerk  
Abingdon Presbytery