

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP AND WORK



**ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH
STATED MEETING
APRIL 25, 2023**

**MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER
MONTREAT, NC**

**135th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
April 25, 2023
DOCKET**

- 9:00 Call to Order** **Mark Stanley**
Moderator
- Convene with Prayer of Invocation** **Mark Stanley**
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- Land Acknowledgement** **Mark Stanley**
- Appointment of Standing Committees** **Mark Stanley**
Resolution of Thanks
Bills and Overtures
Tellers
- Recognition of Elders Attending for First Time, Visitors, and Corresponding Members**
- Certification of Quorum** **Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk**
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**
- Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda**
- Nominating Committee** **I**
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry** **K**
 - Finance Committee** **BB**
 - Personnel Committee** **FF**
 - 251st Synod of Mid-Atlantic Stated Meeting** **II**
 - Presbyterian Women** **LL**
- 9:30 Service of Worship, including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
(Worship leaders: Blake Daniel, Michael McKee, special guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Richard Ray)
- 10:15 Greetings from G.A. (3 minutes)** **Sy Hughes, Ministry Engagement & Support**
- General Council (20 minutes)** **Sarah Thornburg** **C**
(Work of the committee 5 minutes)
Proposed Amendments to Constitution (15 minutes)
22-O (adds language regarding boundary training);
22-T (adds to list of appropriate actions);
22-U (adds language regarding invitation to baptism for those who come to table);

Committee on Ministry (30 minutes) **Jim Taylor** **D**

(Introduce new ministers (10 minutes), and recommendations for Presbytery approval (5 minutes))

- Presentation of Dana Sutton, Member at Large
- Presentation of Michael Sheperd, Honorably Retired

Proposed Amendments to Constitution (15 minutes)

22-E (remove “honorably” before “retired.”);

22-I (12 weeks paid family leave in TOC);

22-Q (authorizes minimum requirements for severance in TOC);

Report from our Mission Co-worker in Taiwan (10 minutes) **John McCall**

PJC -Proposed Amendments to Constitution (20 Minutes) **James Aydelotte** **J**

22-CC (disciplinary process continues when accused renounces jurisdiction); (5 minutes)

22-GG (complete revision of Rules of Discipline) (15 minutes)

Final Proposed Amendments to Constitution (10 minutes) **James Holeman** **L**

22-P (requires antiracism policy);

Youth Committee (5 minutes) **Sarah Grace Montgomery** **Y**

Guatemala Partnership (10 minutes) **Marie Palacios/Linda Abel**

Mission Committee (5 minutes) **Stephen Aschmann** **S**

Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes) **Byron Wade** **GP**

Prayers of Intercession **Keith Grogg**

Benediction and Adjournment **Mark Stanley**

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 2023 year, churches G through N are entitled to an additional elder. Please note that commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2021 Statistical Report as figures are not available for 2022.*):

- 0 - 250 members - 1
- 251 - 750 members - 2
- 751 - 1250 members - 3
- 1251 - 1750 members - 4

Gastonia, First	Ironton	Mills River
Good Hope	Jack's Creek	Montreat
Grace Covenant	Kenilworth	Morganton, First
Grassy Creek	Korean Presbyterian	Morrison
Green Mountain	Lenoir, First	Mount Holly, First
Green Street	Long Creek	New Hope, Asheville
Greenway	Love's Chapel	New Hope, Gastonia
Hayesville	Lowell	Newdale
Hendersonville, First	Marion, First	Newland
Hickory, First	Marshall	Newton, First
Highlands, First	Micaville	Northminster

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
2023 Presbytery Meeting Dates				
Tuesday, April 25	Montreat Conf. Center	April 6, 2023	April 13, 2023	March 27, 2023
Saturday, July 29	Virtual - ZOOM	July 6, 2023	July 13, 2023	June 26, 2023
Tuesday, October 24	Southminster Presbyterian	October 5, 2023	October 12, 2023	September 25, 2023
2024 Presbytery Meeting Dates				
Saturday, January 27	Virtual - ZOOM	January 4, 2024	January 11, 2024	December 29, 2023
Tuesday, April 30	Montreat Conf. Center	April 4, 2024	April 11, 2024	March 29, 2024
Saturday, July 27	Virtual - ZOOM	July 3, 2024	July 11, 2024	June 27, 2024
Tuesday, October 29	Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian	October 3, 2024	October 10, 2024	September 26, 2024

Calendar of Events

MEETINGS HELD BY ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

APRIL

20	Earth Care Task Force Personnel Committee	
25	135th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of WNC	Montreat Conf. Center
26	Committee on Ministry Leadership Team	
29	Adventure Day (Camp Grier)	

MAY

1	Examinations Committee	
2	Committee on Ministry Finance Committee	
3	General Council Leadership Team	
9	Peace and Justice Committee	
10	General Council	
11	Christian Education	
13	Clerk of Session – Review of Records	Reems Creek-Beech
15	Mission Committee	
17	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	
18	Earth Care Task Force	
20	Clerk of Session – Review of Records Nominating/Representation Committee	Presbytery Office
22	Guatemala Microloan Task Force	
29	Presbytery Office Closed – Memorial Day	
30	Committee on Ministry Leadership Team	

JUNE

5	Examinations Committee	
6	Committee on Ministry Validated Ministries Sub-Committee	
7	General Council Leadership Team	
14	General Council	
15	Personnel Committee Earth Care Task Force	
19	Presbytery Office Closed - Juneteenth	
28	Committee on Ministry Leadership Team	

JULY

4	Presbytery Office Closed – July 4th	
5	General Council Leadership Team	
6	Presbytery Packet Deadline for 136th Stated Meeting	
10	Examinations Committee	
11	Committee on Ministry Peace and Justice Committee	
12	General Council	
17	Mission Committee	
20	Earth Care Task Force	
24	Guatemala Microloan Task Force	
25	Committee on Ministry Leadership Team	
29	136th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of WNC	Virtual
31	Examinations Committee	