

**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
SEVENTY-FIRST
STATED MEETING
January 27, 2007**

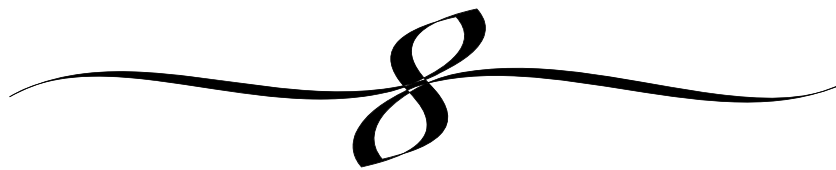


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Seventy-First Stated Meeting
January 27, 2007
West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, the Rev. Margaret P. Lauterer, convened the Presbytery at 9:03 a.m. with hymn and prayer for the Seventy-First Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

The Rev. Will Gaines, pastor of host church and on behalf of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville and Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, welcomed the Presbytery to West Asheville Presbyterian Church declaring this meeting a true celebration of his congregation's 90th anniversary.

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, declared that a quorum was present.

The following MINISTERS WERE ENROLLED (P = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent without excuse):

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| Robert M. Abel | E | Wyatt Aiken, Jr. | P | Blan C. Aldridge | E |
| Charles C. Alexander | E | George W. Alexander | E | State Alexander, Jr. | E |
| Kirk Allen, Jr. | E | David Anderson | E | James G. Arnold | E |
| Wayne Aughinbaugh | E | Stephen M. Austin | A | James E. Aydelotte | P |
| Patricia Bacon | P | Michael Bailey | E | Douglas Bartlett | E |
| J. Edward Bates | E | Teddis Beasley, Jr. | E | Joseph D. Bennett | P |
| Stanley L. Bennett | P | James F. Bernhardt | P | Carter Blaisdell | E |
| Buren Blankenship | E | Randall B. Boggs | E | Ronald A. Botsford | E |
| Dewey Bowen | P | Richard N. Boyce | E | Troy S. Braswell | P |
| Ronald O. Brauer | E | Michael A. Brazelle | P | Edwin Brenegar, III | E |
| Hayden Britton | E | Beverly D. Brock | P | Jerry Bron | P |
| Thompson Brown | E | Jon Brown | E | Aimee Buchanan | E |
| Ralph L. Buchanan | E | William Buchanan | P | Monty B. Burnham | E |
| Sue Burton | E | Robert Busey | P | Joey Byrd | E |
| John Campbell | P | Kathy Campbell | E | William Campbell | P |
| Day Carper | E | Mary Faith Carson | E | Joel David Cherry | P |
| Kenneth Chivers | P | William Christian | P | Carol Clark | P |

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| Mark Clark | P | James Cockerham | P | James Cogswell | P |
| Joshua Cole | P | Hunter Coleman | P | Robert Collins | E |
| Martin Concepcion | P | Priestley Conyers, III | E | Thomas Cook, Jr. | P |
| Drayton Cooper | E | Donald Cooper | P | Riley Covin | P |
| John Craven | E | James Crook | E | Curtis Crowther | E |
| Charles Davenport | P | Arthur DeJong | E | Charles Donnell | P |
| Ellen Dozier | E | Kathryn Dudley | E | Philip Dunford | E |
| Hugh Eichelberger | E | John Ellington | E | Charles Elyea | E |
| Lee Feero, Jr. | E | David Filpot | P | Ragland Fletcher | E |
| Kenneth Foreman, Jr. | E | Maynard Fountain, Jr. | P | Kevin Frederick | P |
| A. W. Gaines, Jr. | P | Ronald Gilmer | P | Gregory Grana | E |
| Theodore Grant | E | Robert Gruber | E | Ford G'Segner | A |
| George Gunn | P | Samuel Hale | P | Michal Hall | E |
| Terry Hanna | P | Martin L. Harkey, III | P | Robert Henderson | E |
| Robert Hewett | E | Fred Hill | E | Robert Hinman | E |
| Richard Hobson | E | Timothy Holland | E | Richard Holshouser | E |
| James Hornsby | E | David Hosick | P | William Hoyt, III | P |
| Allen Hugg, Jr. | P | James Huskins | E | George Hutchins | E |
| Donald Jafvert | E | William Janes | P | Robert Jansen | E |
| William Jennings | E | Cecil Jividen | E | Wallace Johnson | P |
| Rufus M. Johnston, IV | A | Dong Uk Kang | P | David Kennedy | P |
| Paul Kercher | E | Jeff Kesterson | P | William Kirk | P |
| Albert Kissling | E | Earl Kreisa | E | Lee Kruse | P |
| Gale Lammey | E | John LaMotte | E | John Laughlin | E |
| Margaret Lauterer | P | Ernest Lewis | E | Wendell Ligon | E |
| John Lindsay | P | Eugene Linton, Jr. | E | Brad Long | A |
| Laura Long | P | Dick Lonnee | E | Edward Loper | P |
| Pressly Love | E | Billy Lowe | P | David Lytle | E |
| William Marquis | E | Sam Marshall, III | P | Joan Martin | P |
| Roberta Martin | E | Robert Martin, Jr. | P | Tyler Martin | E |

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| Layton Mauze, III | E | John McCall | E | Sandra McClinton | A |
| Robert McCully, Jr. | E | Deborah McEachran | P | Flemon McIntosh, Jr. | A |
| James McPherson | E | Robert Meachem | E | Lynn Michie | P |
| Beth Ann Miller | E | Robert Mills | A | Paul Moehlman | E |
| Charles Moore | E | Anne Morgan | P | David Morgan | P |
| Richard Morgan | E | Nancy Mugford | P | David Mulford | E |
| Donald Mullen | P | Carl Murray | E | David Nash | P |
| Elizabeth Newman | P | Karen Newsom | A | John Newton, Jr. | P |
| Herman Nodine | E | Richard Nygren | E | Emily Odom | E |
| O'Hyun Park | P | Yoon E. Park | A | Katherine Parker | P |
| Thomas Parker | P | Andrew Parkey | P | David Parks | E |
| Charles Parrish | E | Donald Patchel | P | Stratton Peacock | P |
| Albert G. Peery, Jr. | P | Margaret Peery | E | Patrick Perryman | P |
| Harry Petersen | E | Martha Jane Petersen | E | Lyle Peterson | E |
| Harry Philips | E | Michael Poulos | A | Carolyn Poteet | P |
| Donald Price | E | Edyth Pruitt | P | Tamara Puffer | P |
| Jay Rabuck | P | Mark Ramsey | P | Earl Rash | E |
| Robert Ratchford | P | Wilson Rhoton, Jr. | E | Calvin Rice | E |
| Don Richter | A | Homer Rickabaugh | E | Don Robb, III | P |
| Jack Robinson | E | Steven Runholt | P | Richard Rustay | E |
| Donald Scofield, Jr. | P | Julius Scott | P | William H. Serjak | P |
| Albert D. Shaw, Jr. | P | Richard G. Shelor | P | James R. Shroyer | P |
| Allan Sinclair | A | James H. Skelton, Jr. | E | Wirt Skinner | P |
| E. O'dell Smith | E | Paul S. Smith | A | John N. Somerville | E |
| Becky B. Stanley | P | J. Mark Stanley | E | Carol Steele | A |
| John David Stewart | P | Daniel G. Stitt | P | David C. Stoker | E |
| Cynthia Strickler | P | Steven Strickler | P | James G. Stuart | E |
| Walter H. Styles | E | Charles E. Swann | E | William Sweetser, Jr. | A |
| John E. Talmage | E | James W. Taylor, Jr. | P | A. Lee Thomas | E |
| Keith J. Thompson | A | Margaret L. Torrence | P | Emily Townes | A |

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| Ace L. Tubbs | E | Thomas Tweedie | E | Rockwell Ward | E |
| Samuel Warner | P | Morris Warren | E | Joseph Washburn | A |
| William Waterstradt | E | Mark Watson | P | George Webb | E |
| Lynn Webber | A | Barbara White | P | Richard White | P |
| Alan Wildsmith | P | James Wilken | P | Cynthia Williams | A |
| Lamar Williamson | E | Parker Williamson | E | John Wilson | E |
| Otis Wilson, Jr. | E | Claude Wilson-Stayton | A | William T. Wing, Jr. | P |
| Eugene D. Witherspoon | P | W. Graham Wood, Jr. | E | Donaldson Woods | E |
| Rebecca Young | P | | | | |

The following COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

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| Philip Adams | A | Leila Evans | P | Robert Garrison | P |
| Joe Gernoske | P | Joe Morin | P | Randy Patterson | A |
| Bert Sigmon | P | Robert Simes | P | Dennis Stamper | A |
| John Stanley | E | Bert Wiley | P | | |

The following MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL and COMMITTEE CHAIRS WERE ENROLLED at this meeting of Presbytery:

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| Andy Andrews | A | Beth Bolin | A | Arthur Burgess | P |
| Willard Cottrell | A | Sharon Decker | P | Richard Graham | P |
| Sally Gunn | P | Jane Holt | A | Charlita Lytle | A |
| David Moore | P | Lalla Overby | A | Larry Poe | P |
| Connie Schimpf | P | Ginny Soll | A | Jack Suddreth | P |
| Sarah Thornburg | A | J. D. Waldrop | P | Judith West | A |
| Carolyn White | P | Barbara Phillips | P | Kathryn Brinkley | P |

The following CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS WERE ENROLLED for this meeting of Presbytery:

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| Donna Ashley | A | Mary V. Atkinson | A | Glenn Bannerman | A |
| Freida Caldwell | A | Robert Clemmer | A | Betty Davenport | P |
| Sara Dixon | A | Angela Drummond | A | Dianne Graeber | A |
| Chandler Guess | P | Susan Haney | A | Marylyn Huff | E |

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| Sandy Jividen | P | Margarette Kennerly | A | Tai Magette | A |
| Leslie McLeod | A | Kathy Parse | P | Mary Potter | A |
| Heath Rada | A | Peggy Rada | A | Bonnie Sanford | E |
| Ginny Soll | A | Helen Stewart | A | Patricia Tuttle | A |
| Robert Tuttle | A | | | | |

The following CHURCHES WERE ENROLLED by the attendance of their elder commissioners:

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| Arbor Dale (2) | Lisa Smith | |
| Asheville First (3) | Martha Jackson | Beth Cummings |
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| Banner Elk (2) | A | |
| Belmont First (3) | George Q. Hall, Jr. | Jerry Ragan |
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| Bessemer City First (2) | A | |
| Bethel (2) | Diane Lane | |
| Black Mountain (3) | Tony Caudle | Greg Gamble |
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| Brevard-Davidson River (3) | Jim Ansley | Paula Jackson |
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| Bridgewater (2) | A | |
| Brittain (2) | B. M. Harrison | Robert Searcy |
| Brittains Cove (2) | Doug Jackson | |
| Bryson City (2) | Lois Groth | Jane Greaves |
| Buladean (2) | Betty Harvell | |
| Burnsville First (2) | Robert McFerren | Pat Skinner |
| Calvary (3) | Vivian Ridley | |
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| Canton (2) | Phyllis Vance | Charles Stockton |
| Cherryville First (2) | Norman Ryan | Fred Brown |
| Clinchfield (2) | A | |

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| Columbus (2) | Don Weinberger | Carl Rosenblad |
| Conley Memorial (2) | E | |
| Crossnore (2) | Rachel Deal | Tommie Tennant |
| Cullowhee (2) | Cindy Noren | |
| Dallas First (2) | E | |
| Dixon (2) | A | |
| Dorland Memorial (2) | Emma Kate Davis | |
| Dulatown (3) | A | |
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| Duncan's Creek (2) | Rocksann Clare | Bette Gettys |
| Ellenboro (1) | A | |
| Estatoa (1) | A | |
| Etowah (1) | Fred Ormand | |
| Fairview (1) | Bill Sullivan | |
| Fletcher (1) | Vicki Wise | |
| Forest City First (1) | Gene Stark | |
| Franklin First (1) | Joyce Sammet | |
| Gastonia First (3) | Artie Newcombe | Bobby Sumner |
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| Glen Alpine (1) | A | |
| Good Hope (2) | Allene Sellars | James Tate |
| Grace Covenant (2) | Anne Satterfield | Charlie Clogston |
| Grassy Creek (1) | A | |
| Green Mountain (1) | Cliff Schoen | |
| Green Street (2) | A | |
| Hayesville (1) | A | |
| Hendersonville First (2) | Marguerite Martin | Mimi Jamieson |
| Hickory First (2) | Alistair Evans | W. R. Pleasant |
| Highlands First (1) | A | |
| Ironton (1) | E | |

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| Jack's Creek (1) | A | |
| John Knox (1) | Julia Price | |
| Kenilworth (1) | Susie Rabuck | |
| Kings Mountain First (1) | A | |
| Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2) | A | |
| Lenoir First (1) | Linda Morgan | |
| Lincolnton First (1) | David Dellinger | |
| Long Creek (1) | Ken Unnash | |
| Love's Chapel (2) | A | |
| Lowell (1) | A | |
| Marion First (1) | A | |
| Marshall (1) | A | |
| Micaville (1) | Clyde Blalock | |
| Mills River (1) | A | |
| Montreat (1) | Alex Miller | |
| Morganton First (2) | Susan Franklin | Helen Sheppard |
| Morrison (1) | E | |
| Mount Holly First (1) | Kathryn Williamson | |
| Murphy (1) | Karen Morin | |
| New Hope, Asheville (1) | Ray Sheffield | |
| New Hope, Gastonia (1) | E | |
| Newdale (1) | Marcheta Blackburn? | |
| Newland (1) | Tommy Williams | |
| Newton First (2) | A | |
| Northminster (1) | Edward McFadden | |
| Oak Forest (1) | Brian Turner | |
| Oakwood (1) | A | |
| Old Fort (1) | A | |
| Olney (1) | Lamar Howe | |
| Paint Gap (1) | A | |

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| Pine Street (2) | A | |
| Pineola (1) | A | |
| Quaker Meadows (1) | Rich Bruder | |
| Reems Creek-Beech (1) | Dave Bradley | |
| Riceville (1) | Karl Stroupe | |
| Ridgeview (1) | Wayne Tipton | |
| Robinson Memorial (1) | A | |
| Rutherfordton (1) | Janet Jolly | |
| Ryburn Memorial (2) | A | |
| Saluda (1) | Betsy Burdett | |
| Shelby (2) | Debra Blanton | |
| Sherrill's Ford (1) | A | |
| Shiloh, Grover (1) | Joyce Houser | |
| Siloam (1) | A | |
| Southminster (2) | A | |
| Spindale (1) | E | |
| Spruce Pine First (1) | A | |
| Swannanoa First (1) | Jane Hansel | |
| Sweetwater (1) | Doug Salmons | |
| Sylva First (1) | A | |
| Third Street (2) | Elizabeth Littlejohn | N. A. Smith |
| Trinity (1) | Glen Walker | |
| Tryon (1) | Donald Lyons | |
| Union (1) | Charles Nelson | |
| Union Mills (1) | Elizabeth Hendrix | |
| United (1) | A | |
| Unity (1) | Larry Huggins | |
| Vians Valley (1) | Wayne Berryhill | |
| Waldensian (2) | Tammy Black | John Lafferty |
| Walnut (1) | A | |
| Walnut Grove (1) | Fred Stout | |

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| Warren Wilson (1) | John Laney | |
| Waynesville First (1) | Bill Allsbrook | |
| West Asheville (1) | Scott Spencer | |
| West Avenue (1) | Bill Hildebrand | |
| Westminster (1) | Dot Descieux | |

The Stated Clerk later reported that the attendance for this meeting was:

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| Ministers | 112 |
| Elders | 90 |
| Christian Educators | 4 |
| Council/Committee Chairs | 12 |
| Visitors | <u>62</u> |
| Total | 280 |

Corresponding member(s): Ministers: John Pharr (National Capital Presbytery), Ike Kennerly (Salem), Susan Loper (Utica), Russell Tillotson (Winnebago). Also, AME Zion Minister Bill Whiteside (serving the Green Mountain Presbyterian Church) and Elder Bob Baskin (First Presbyterian Church, Richmond - The James Presbytery). It was moved that these persons be approved as corresponding members. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the proposed docket with these changes: moving the elections of the vice-moderator/moderator-elect and treasurer to the report of the Coordinating Council, and the report of the Committee on Ministry to after the Report of the Interim General Presbyter. The docket was approved as amended.

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| 8:30 | Registration | (Parlor) | |
| 8:30 | Prayer before Presbytery | (Chapel) | |
| | Orientation for New Elders | (Youth Room – Upstairs) | |
| 9:00 | Convene with Prayer of Invocation | | Margaret P. Lauterer, Moderator |
| | Welcome | | Rev. Will Gaines, Host Pastor |
| | Certification of Quorum | | James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk |
| | <i>(Corresponding Members)</i> | | |
| | Approval of Docket | | James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk |
| | Appointment of Standing Committees | | Moderator |
| | Bills and Overtures | | |
| | Resolution of Thanks | | |
| | Omnibus Motion | James Aydelotte | A |
| | <i>(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. If a commissioner wishes to pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason, simply state the item you wish to remove from the Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)</i> | | |

3:30 Bills and Overtures
Sessional Records and Attendance
Resolution of Thanks
Benediction and Adjournment

Michael Brazelle

Moderator

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Moderator Lauterer appointed the following committees:

Resolution of Thanks: The Rev. Beverly Brock, Canton Presbyterian Church and Elder Robert McFerren, Burnsville, First.

Tellers: The Rev. Will Gaines, the Rev. Anne Morgan, Elders Karen Hawkins, Barbara Clark, Guy Hawkins, and Elizabeth Hawkins.

OMNIBUS MOTION

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved it and its addendum. It was duly seconded. (Appendix A) Nothing was extracted, and Presbytery approved all items. Items included in this motion are marked by “OM” in the margin.

STATED CLERK’S REPORT

Dr. Aydelotte stated that recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. He then presented recommendations 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Each motion was seconded and approved in turn. He referred to items 13 and 14 from the report to Presbytery as information. (Appendix B)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| 1. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders who died during the year of 2006 and that their names become a part of the permanent record. | | |
| <u>Asheville, First</u> Ruth C. Gibson Josephine H. Harris William C. Moore Nelle H. P. Muse | <u>Brevard-Davidson River</u> Carl Atkins David Ladd | <u>Cullowhee</u> Roy Shuler |
| <u>Belmont, First</u> Harold Armstrong Lewis | <u>Brittain</u> Frieda Weeks | <u>Fletcher</u> Ben O. Wise |
| <u>Black Mountain</u> Nina Bryan Ash Stephen Lee Barden, Jr. Isabel McCain Brown Carl Dean Dusthimer Mary Stuart Goodman Lane Peggy Thompson Hester Edith Elizabeth Lynn | <u>Burnsville, First</u> James Martin | <u>Franklin, First</u> Rex Crisp Charles McLaughlin John Wallace |
| | <u>Canton</u> Betty Wall | <u>Gastonia, First</u> Banks E. Bolin Joseph Chalmer Gettys Helen Rhyne Marvin Mary Ann Patrick |
| | <u>Conley Memorial</u> Richard Dwyer | |

Grace Covenant

Katherine Torrence
V. Brown Wright

Hendersonville, First

Robert Moorehead
Fewwick Small

Highlands, First

Ruth Parrish

Long Creek

Tommy Robinson

Lowell

Charles Kenneth Grissom

Marshall

Steve Criss
Mary Wallen Linville Rice

Mt. Holly

Calvin Knox Williams, Jr.

Newton, First

Virginia B. Deal
William T. MacLauchlin
Robert J. Olenyik

Pineola

Lindy Ann Lever Hutto

Spruce Pine, First

Lee Clifton Burnett
John D. "Pete" Lawson

Sylva, First

Nell Dunn

Trinity

Margery Shearer

Tryon

Marilynn King

United

Ruth Greene
William Danny Smith

Unity

Paul Nixon

Waldensian

Jack Burns
Joseph Albright Hern
Emily Evelyn Senter Stiff

Westminster

Connie Henderson

- OM 2. **THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament who died during the year of 2006 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.**

Rev. Dr. John Henry Galbreath (01/23/06)
Rev. Harold V. Wright (04/06)
Rev. Lewis Brown (06/06)
Rev. Dr. William Kennedy (10/12/06)
Rev. Leroy Secrest (10/19/06)
Reverend Charles Parrish (11/6/06)
Rev. Leslie Tucker (12/17/06)
Reverend Robert L. Jansen (12/29/06)

- OM 3. **THAT the disparity in numbers between elder and minister commissioners be corrected in the following manner:**

- A. Each racial ethnic congregation is asked to elect two (2) commissioners.**
- B. All elders who were elected by the Presbytery to serve as committee or division chairs or be on Council have voice and vote.**
- C. All Christian Educators who are elders have voice and vote.**
- D. All Commissioned Lay Pastors have voice and vote.**
- E. That elder commissioners to General Assembly have voice and vote for a period of two years beginning with the date of the Assembly they attended.**
- F. That the following churches (Churches A-D) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2007. (In 2004, Churches E-L were given this responsibility, in 2005, Churches M-R and in 2006, Churches S-Z.)**

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| Arbor Dale | Bridgewater | Columbus |
| Armstrong Memorial | Brittain | Conley Memorial |
| Asheville, First | Bryson City | Crossnore |
| Banner Elk | Buladean | Culowhee |
| Belmont, First | Burnsville, First | Dallas, First |
| Bessemer City, First | Calvary | Dixon |
| Bethel | Canton | Dorland Memorial |
| Black Mountain | Cherryville, First | Dulatown |
| Brevard-Davidson River | Clinchfield | Duncan's Creek |

- OM 4. THAT the Stated Clerk and Moderator be given permission to attach a current list of ministers of this Presbytery and that the list become a part of the permanent record. (Appendix C)
- OM 5. THAT James Aydelotte, Margaret Lauterer and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 25, 2007 Presbytery meeting.
- OM 6. THAT the minutes of the October 20-21, 2006 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. (*The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.*) (Appendix D)
7. THAT the minutes of October 20-21, 2006 and all future minutes of meetings of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be posted on the Presbytery website (www.presbyterywnc.org) for review and not be distributed but still be moved for approval at each Presbytery meeting.
8. THAT the minutes of the ordination and installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix E)
Carolyn Poteet
9. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix F)
Edward A. Loper
10. THAT the following change within the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the manual of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made: "That the Sessional Records/Attendance Committee be dissolved and that the attached recommendation for reading and reviewing sessional records be approved." (2nd of 2 decisions) (Appendix G)
11. THAT the Administrative Commission for the Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church and Southminster Presbyterian Church having completed their work, be dissolved. THAT the minutes of their final meeting be placed into the record of Presbytery. (Appendix H)
12. THAT the Session of Spindale Presbyterian Church (USA) be exempt for one year from *Book of Order G-14.0202 (b)*.

There may be exemptions for certain congregations as follows:

G-14.0202 (b) If in any church it is impossible because of limited membership to provide for the rotation of terms, the congregation may request a waiver of the requirements of G-14.0201a. The presbytery may grant the exemption by majority vote. Such exemption shall be granted for not more than three years at a time but shall be Subject to renewal or to revocation at any time by a majority vote.

FOR INFORMATION:

13. The seventy-second stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at the Montreat Conference Center in Anderson Auditorium in Montreat, North Carolina.

14. **Please put these dates on your calendar now. Your Session's minutes for all of 2006 will be due at this time. All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.** Snacks and a lite lunch will be provided. After a period of training, Clerks will review each other's Session minutes. It is hoped that the meeting will end soon after lunch.

Review Meeting I

Date and Time: Saturday, March 24, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: Canton Presbyterian Church, Canton, NC
Who Should Attend: All the congregations in Cluster A and in Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties

Review Meeting II

Date and Time: Saturday, April 14, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC
Who Should Attend: All the congregations in Cluster E (except in Lincoln county), Cluster F and congregations in McDowell County

Review Meeting III

Date and Time: Saturday, May 5, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: Shelby Presbyterian Church, Shelby, NC
Who Should Attend: All the congregations in Cluster D and in Cleveland, Lincoln, Polk and Rutherford Counties

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Pastors Will Gaines, Anne and David Morgan, and Maggie Lauterer led the Presbytery in a service of worship. The Rev. Will Gaines delivered a sermon based on 1 Corinthians 13:11, "When I was a child, I spake like a child, I thought as a child..." Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The lives of 53 elders and 8 ministers of Presbytery who had passed on to the Church Triumphant during the year of 2006 were celebrated.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the General Presbyter Search Committee, the Rev. Dr. David Hosick, Chair, described the process that the Search Committee worked through in their selection of a nominee for General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Following his report, and opening the floor of Presbytery to questions, the Rev. Barbara "Bobbi" White was nominated to be elected as General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. (Appendix I).

After Pastor White shared her vision for the Presbytery and answered several questions from commissioners, final comments were given by Dr. Hosick. The Rev. Bobbi White was unanimously elected as General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Dr. Hosick offered prayer for the Presbytery and for our newly elected General Presbyter.

Members of the Search Committee included the Rev. Dr. David Hosick, Tryon Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport, West Avenue Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. Katherine Parker, Etowah Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Pat Bacon, Calvary Presbyterian Church; Ms. Dorothy Thornburg, Sylva Presbyterian Church; Mr. Arthur Burgess, Hickory, First; and Mrs. Helen Harris, Gastonia, First.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

On behalf of the Coordinating Council, Elder J. D. Waldrop, Chair, presented for approval the following recommendations. Each was approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT the following change within the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the organizational manual of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made: “That the structure and membership composition of the Coordinating Council be revised as developed by the Strategic Planning Team to take effect in January 2008. (2nd of 2 decisions) (Appendix J)**
2. **THAT the following names be placed in nomination to serve on the Nominating Committee:**
(4 vacancies, 1 for the class of 2009, 2 for the class of 2008 and 1 for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs, 1 minister, 1 female lay representative and 2 male lay representatives.)

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| Nancy Gettys (B) - Grace Covenant | Class of 2009 |
| W. Hamp Lefler (E) - Hickory, First | Class of 2008 |
| Martha Rockett (D) - Gastonia, First | Class of 2007 |

(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 1 minister or elder from cluster D.)
3. **THAT Elder William “Bill” Kantonen be elected as Vice-Moderator, effective immediately, and as Moderator, to take office at the conclusion of the July 31, 2007 Presbytery Meeting.**
4. **THAT Elder Jack Suddreth be re-elected as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
5. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina adopt the goal of every church being directly connected to at least one PC(USA) missionary/missionary family by the end of 2007.**
6. **THAT permission be granted for the Lord’s Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events and mission trips during 2007.**
7. **THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve an offer made by Associated Land Surveyors of Etowah to purchase a tract of land west of the Etowah Presbyterian Church for \$285,000.**

On behalf of the Council, Elder Waldrop also reported:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- 8. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following Nickel A Meal Grants:**
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| Old Fort Area Crisis Ministry - McDowell County | \$4,000 |
| Use of funds: Food and administrative costs | |
| Endorsing Church: Old Fort | |
| Children First: Emma Family Resource Center - Buncombe County | \$5,000 |
| Use of funds: Food Pantry, Kids Café, & Community Garden | |
| Endorsing Church: Grace Covenant | |
| Neighbors in Need Madison County | \$3,000 |
| Use of funds: Purchase supplemental food | |
| Endorsing Church: Marshall | |
| Interfaith Assistance Ministries – Henderson Co. | \$4,000 |
| Use of funds: Purchase supplemental food | |
| Endorsing Church: FPC, Hendersonville | |
| LINC Home Meals - Lincoln County | \$4,500 |
| Use of funds: Home delivered meals | |
| Endorsing Church: FPC, Lincolnton | |
- 9. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following international programs:**
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| Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi | |
| Food for indigent adult patients | \$ 8,400* |
| Food for malnourished children patients | \$15,000* |
| Estimated to be enough to feed patients for 10 weeks | |
| 120 adults per week at \$7/person/week | |
| 300 children per week at \$5/child/week | |
| Ministry of Hope, Malawi – Food for orphans | \$ 2,000 |
| Health Program in Partner Presbyteries in Guatemala | \$ 6,000 |
- Other disbursements to be made once all the offerings are in for 2006 should include agricultural programs in Malawi and Sudan.**
- 10. THAT the Presbytery has completed payment of the six year pledge of \$150,000 to Union PCSE Seminary in Charlotte.**
- 11. THAT the Fairview Presbyterian Church has purchased an adjoining tract of property for cash.**

The Rev. Carol Clark, on behalf of Unity Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery, expressed appreciation and thanks to Elder Waldrop for his many years of excellent service as Council Chair and his ministry to the Presbytery.

YOUTH

Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth, communicated many opportunities available to our youth both at the Youth Triennium and in local events within our Presbytery. After a slide presentation of our youth in action and ministry, Beth expressed appreciation to the Presbytery for allowing the youth an opportunity to spread their wings.

LUNCH

The Rev. Bobbi White offered intercessory prayers, giving thanks to the Lord for the blessings and lives of those within our denomination, Presbytery, mission and churches.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:05 p.m. continuing with docket items that were unable to be presented prior to lunch.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kathy Parse, Chair of the Christian Education Committee, recognized Christian Educators Christiana Decker and Carolyn Sly from the Belmont Presbyterian Church and Tai Magette from the Lowell Presbyterian Church, as co-recipients of the 2006 ICE Award. The Innovative Christian Education Award is given in recognition of excellent "out-of-the-box" programming.

INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

Warren Wilson College:

Julie Lehmann, Director of Public Relations at Warren Wilson College, provided a brief history and overview of the Warren Wilson College stating that Warren Wilson is 1 of 61 Presbyterian Colleges in the country and that they have grown to more than 800 students.

Grandfather Home for Children:

Jim Swinkola, President of Grandfather Home, reported on how the home continues to meet the ever-changing needs of nearly 250 children in the Banner Elk facility and extensions in Asheville and Sylva. Grandfather Home for Children was the Recipient of the 2006 Codman Award for its Continuum of Care.

Presbyterian Outlook:

Elder Bob Baskin, Publisher for The Presbyterian Outlook and member of First Presbyterian in Richmond of the Presbytery of James, shared a brief history of The Presbyterian Outlook and stated that publication was independent of the Presbyterian Church and beholding to the truth and to Jesus Christ. He invited those in attendance to visit the display room for more information about the Outlook.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. Sam Marshall, Interim General Presbyter, reported on good things ahead for the Presbytery. He encouraged the Presbytery to keep the mission and witness of this Presbytery moving toward growth, compassion and joy. (Appendix K)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Part I: Report

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Chair, reported on actions taken by the Committee on behalf of Presbytery. (Appendix L) Recommendation D-5 II.A.2 was earlier approved in the Omnibus Motion. (Appendix A) He recognized Pastors Matthew Rich and Kathleen "Kitty" Rankin and Christian Educator, Laura Parsons, all of whom are moving to new presbyteries, thanking them for their ministries in our Presbytery and praying God's blessing on them in their future service in the church.

Part II: Review of Guidelines

Chairman Scofield, on behalf of the Committee, recommended amendments to the "Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed," for Presbytery's approval. (Appendix L) In addition to the recommended amendments, Elder Mimi Jamieson, Hendersonville, First made a motion to amend 4.e.4 to read:

“provided that if the Congregation is not still a member of the specified or another Reformed body at any time within ten years, the dismissed property shall revert back to Presbytery.”

These amendments were adopted, and the whole document was approved as amended.

Part III: Commissioning of Lay Pastors

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey introduced Betty Shaw, Sharon Decker, William Richard Hood and David Moore as graduates of the CLP program and candidates to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors. All four candidates presented their responses to questions from their examinations. There being no questions from the floor of Presbytery, all four were approved to be commissioned as lay pastors.

Moderator Lauterer propounded commissioning questions to each candidate, which were satisfactorily answered. Pastors and elders from the Rutherford, Brittain, Union Mills and Good Hope congregations came forward to share in the laying of hands and prayer. The Moderator offered prayer for all, and commissioned Betty Shaw, Sharon Decker, Dick Hood and David Moore to lead worship and preach the Gospel, watch over the people, and provide for the nurture and service of the people in their congregations. David Moore was commissioned to serve Good Hope Presbyterian Church. Betty Shaw, Sharon Decker and Dick Hood were commissioned to served the Rutherford Larger Parish (Rutherfordton, Brittain, and Union Mills). Their commissioning included permission to moderate the Session, celebrate the Sacraments and perform weddings.

Part IV: Validated Ministries

Chairman Scofield recommended that Presbytery validate, for one year, the ministries of James Hornsby, Young Life International, Nicaragua; Dennis Stamper, Chaplain for Blue Ridge Health Care; and Cynthia Strickler, Pastor for Dunamis Fellowship, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, International. Presbytery validated these ministries.

Part V: Introduction of New Members

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey introduced the following new ministers in Presbytery, each of whom answered a representative question and signed the Book of Obligations:

- Tamara Puffer, Member-at-Large
- Robert S. Busey, Honorably Retired

Claude Wilson-Stayton, Pastor at Lincolnton, First, could not be present but will be presented in April. (Their biographies and statements of faith, along with terms of call and installation commission for Claude Wilson-Stayton are in Appendix L)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Stated Clerk recommended that the Presbytery accept the recommendations of various committees regarding the General Assembly's Amendments to the Constitution. Amendment A was removed from the recommendations to be discussed further. The remaining Amendments were voted on, sustaining the recommendations of the committees. Thus, Amendments B.1, B.2, C, D, and E were approved and Amendments B.2 and F were disapproved. Amendment A was then debated and approved.

Amendment A The motion was approved.
(Revised Chapter XIV Form of Government & Advisory Handbooks)

Amendment B.1 The motion was approved,
(Moving Ordination Vows to Directory for Worship)

Amendment B.2. The motion was disapproved.
(Licensure of Candidates)

Amendment B.2 The motion was approved.
(Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process)

Amendment C The motion was approved.
(Enabling New General Assembly Council Structure)

Amendment D The motion was approved.
(Opening Committee on Ministry to Access by Commissioned Lay Pastors)

Amendment E The motion was approved.
(Extra Members of Synod)

Amendment F The motion was disapproved.
(Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters)

BUDGET & FINANCE

Elder Arthur Burgess, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the 2007 Budget of the Presbytery. The budget was approved as presented, with the recommendation that the Coordinating Council consider arranging additional funding for the Care of Church Professionals Committee. (especially the Journey to Bethlehem). (Appendix M)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, the Rev. Dr. Katherine Parker, outgoing Chair, presented the terms of calls of the staff for the Presbytery and moved acceptance of Salary Packages for 2007. The motion was approved.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following Salary Packages for 2007 be accepted.

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| <i>Rev. Sam P. Marshall</i> | | <i>Rev. Barbara (Bobbi) White</i> | |
| <i>Interim General Presbyter</i> | | <i>Associate Presbyter</i> | |
| Salary | \$33,010 | Salary | \$21,900 |
| Housing | 33,010 | Housing | 16,000 |
| Living Expenses (per diem) | 10,000 | Deferred Compensation | 6,500 |
| FICA | 5,048 | FICA | 3,394 |
| Medical & Pension | 21,158 | Medical & Pension | 13,986 |
| Medical Reimbursement | 2,400 | Auto Allowance | 6,500 |
| Continuing Education | 2,000 | Medical Reimbursement | 1,500 |
| TOTAL | \$106,626 | Continuing Education | 4,500 |
| - Plus Business & Personal Use of Company Car - | | TOTAL | \$74,280 |
| <i>Rev. James Aydelotte - Contract Position</i> | | <i>Virginia Stevens</i> | |
| <i>Stated Clerk -</i> | | <i>Associate for Mission</i> | |
| Salary | \$16,876 | Salary | \$33,300 |
| Housing | 16,876 | FICA | 3,695 |
| FICA | 5,166 | Medical Dues | 5,208 |
| Medical Reimbursement | 4,325 | Auto Allowance | 2,000 |
| TOTAL | \$43,243 | Deferred Compensation | 15,000 |
| <i>Beth Gunn</i> | | Medical Reimbursement | 1,808 |
| <i>Associate for Youth</i> | | TOTAL | \$61,011 |
| Salary | \$11,200 | | |
| FICA | 857 | | |
| TOTAL | \$12,057 | | |

For your information, the Associate Presbyters received a 2% increase for 2007.

Following approval of the 2007 Salary Packages for Presbytery Staff, Dr. Parker expressed sincere appreciation for the Administrative Staff of the Presbytery, namely, Robbin Buchanan, Marcia Puckett, Tonya Williams and Sheila Young.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder H. Richard Graham, Chair of the Nominating Committee, removed the names of Jack Suddreth from Strategic Goals and Dottie Whiteside from Preparation for Ministry. He also noted that on the Racial Ethnic Committee, the church representation for Lalla Overby should be changed from Waynesville, First to Asheville, First. Elder Graham then moved approval of the Nominating Committee Report. (Appendix N) All were duly elected.

Elder Graham then presented nominations to serve as delegates to the 219th Stated Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic on July 24-25, 2007 at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. (Appendix N) There being no additional nominations from the floor, all were elected.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Rev. Deborah McEachran spoke on behalf of the Division of Outreach for the Peace and Justice Committee and Hunger Committee. The Peace and Justice Committee has chosen to focus on three program areas for 2007: Middle East; Enough for Everyone (a denominational program which includes Fair Trade Coffee, Responsible Investing, Sweat Free Tee's and Energy Stewardship), and Restorative Justice.

On behalf of the Hunger Committee, the Rev. McEachran reported that the committee had made a big effort to launch the Nickel a Meal (Five Cents a Meal) program during 2006. During 2006, there were 77 churches that participated in the Nickel a Meal program.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, Chair of the Missions Committee, extended thanks to all the churches that are currently supporting missionaries and encouraged all churches in our presbytery to support missions and missionaries in PC(USA). The Missions Committee has set a goal that every church in the Presbytery become directly involved with a PC(USA) missionary by the end of 2007. There were 43 churches within our Presbytery supporting PC(USA) missionaries at the end of 2006.

Chairman Frederick announced that the Rev. Dr. Rebecca "Becca" Young as been approved to serve as a Missionary in Indonesia to teach Systematic Theology at Jakarta Theological Seminary. He encouraged the churches within our Presbytery to be supportive of Becca through prayers and pledges.

SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Rev. Michael Brazelle, Chair of the Sessional Records Committee, reported that the committee read 5 records and they were approved with exceptions, but that 19 churches have not submitted their records for 2005. The Presbytery recorded a vote of thanks for the Rev. Michael Brazelle and his dedication to the Sessional Records Committee for the past six years and to the Committee for their work.

WARREN WILSON

The Stated Clerk referred to a proposal from the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church that was approved at the October 2006 Presbytery meeting, and recommended that said motion be carried forward to the April 24, 2007 Presbytery meeting. The motion referred to a committee being appointed to develop a plan to enable our members to find ways to be in conversation with one another and to build meaningful relationships across theological lines. It was so moved, seconded and approved.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Elder Bob McFerren, of the Burnsville Presbyterian Church offered the following Resolution of Thanks.

On behalf of the Committee of Resolution and Thanks:

- WE would like to praise God for this beautiful January day, not only for fine weather, but safe travel and warm Christian fellowship;
- WE give thanks for our leaders – Maggie, James and for the committee leaders, all of whom have taken on the additional work of the Presbytery as part of their ministry;
- WE give thanks to West Asheville, New Hope and Oak Forest Presbyterian Churches for hosting this event;

- WE give thanks for the Rev. Will Gaines for bringing the Word this day, and we celebrate the 90th anniversary with the congregation of West Asheville Presbyterian Church;
- WE give praise for the Rev. Sam Marshall and for the leadership he has provided our Presbytery, and we pray for the Rev. Bobbi White for this new phase in her walk with God in ministry;
- WE give thanks for all elders and ministers here today and especially for those who had the courage to speak up in love, openness and compassion so that the Holy Spirit may work among us;
- And WE give thanks to all those who serve the Presbyterian Church (USA) on our behalf throughout the world.

This Resolution of Thanks was approved.

ADJOURNMENT & BENEDICTION

With the business of the 71st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was concluded with the Benediction by the Moderator at 4:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Seventy-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Margaret P. Lauterer, Moderator

James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Recording Clerk

APPENDICES

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