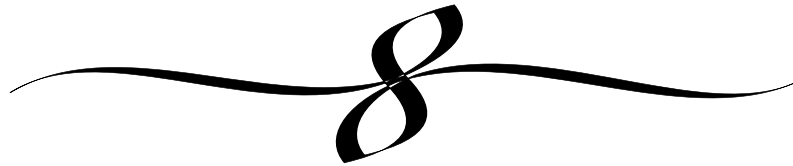


**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
EIGHTY-FOURTH
STATED MEETING
APRIL 27, 2010**

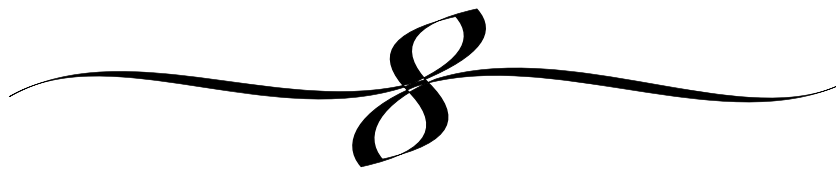


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Eighty-Fourth Stated Meeting
April 27, 2010
at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina**

CONSTITUTION

Elder J. D. Waldrop, Moderator, convened the Eighty-Fourth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:08 a.m., in the Anderson Auditorium of the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and introduced the Rev. Dr. Albert G. Peery, Jr., President of the Montreat Conference Center.

WELCOME

Dr. Peery welcomed the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Moderator Waldrop appointed the following committee:

Resolution of Thanks:

- The Rev. Eddie Deas, III; Pastor, Third Street Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC
- Elder Peggie Ferguson, Third Street Presbyterian Church

Bills and Overtures Committee

- The Rev. Deborah McEachran, Chair, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- The Rev. Bart Shaw, Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church
- Elder Phil Dammann, First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville
- Elder Judith West, Brevard-Davidson River

ATTENDANCE

The Stated Clerk, the Elder Bert Sigmon, declared that a quorum was present.

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

Robert Abel	P	Ann Aichinger	P	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	E	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
George W. Alexander	E	State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	P
Jorge Alvarado	P	Wayne Aughinbaugh	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	E	Patricia Bacon	E	Michael Bailey	P
Tony Baker	A	Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E
Ashley Beavers	P	Joseph Bennett	P	Stanley Bennett	E
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Randall Boggs	E	Ronald Botsford	E	Dewey Bowen	E
Adam Bowling	P	Lee W Bowman	P	Richard Boyce	P

Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	E	Troy Braswell	P
Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	P	Edwin Brenegar, III	E
Hayden Britton	E	Jerry Bron	E	G. Thompson Brown	E
Jon Brown	E	Sandra Brown	P	Jason Bryant	P
Aimee Buchanan	P	Ralph Buchanan	E	William Buchanan	P
Mark Burnham	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	P
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	P
Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	P	Mary Faith Carson	E
Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	E	Dwight Christenbury	P
William Christian	P	Carol B. Clark	P	Mark Clark	E
James M. Cockerham	P	William G. Cockrill	P	James A. Cogswell	P
Evelyn Coleman	P	J. Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E
Thomas C. Cook, Jr.	E	C. Drayton Cooper	E	Donald L. Cooper	P
W. Riley Covin	E	John W. Craven	P	James R. Crook	E
Curtis Crowther	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles W. Davenport	P
Jack Davidson	E	Dent C. Davis	E	Eddie Deas, III	P
Jey Deifell, Jr.	P	Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P
Charles Donnell	P	Ellen Dozier	P	Philip W. Dunford	E
John E. Elington	E	Charles D. Elyea	E	Lee S. Feero, Jr.	E
David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E
P. Edward Forsyth	P	Maynard Fountain, Jr.	P	M. McCoy Franklin	P
Kevin E. Frederick	E	Keith B. Freeman	P	John L. Frye, Jr.	P
A. W. Gaines	E	Tee S. Gatewood, III	P	Denise Geiger	P
Gregory M. Grana	E	Theodore Grant	P	Robert J. Gruber	E
George W. Gunn	P	Karen Haak	E	Samuel W. Hale	P
Michal H. Hall	E	Terry L. Hanna	P	Randall A. Hardy	P
Martin L. Harkey, III	P	William G. Heck	P	Robert T. Henderson	E
J. Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E	Robert F. Hinman	E
J. Richard Hobson	P	J. Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel R. Hope	E
James S. Hornsby	E	William R Hoyt, III	E	T. Allen Huff, Jr.	P

George B. Hutchins	E	Donald R. Jafvert	E	William M. Janes	E
William H. Jennings	E	Cecil M. Jividen	E	G. Wallace Johnson	P
R. Mike Johnston, IV	A	Franklin S. Jones	P	Dong Uk Kang	A
David Kaylor	E	Alyce M. Kelly	E	David Kennedy	E
James H. Kennedy	E	Ira K. Kennerly	P	R. Paul Kercher	E
Shannon J. Kershner	P	Jeff Kesterson	E	William L. Kirk	E
Albert D. Kissling	E	Earl J. Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A
Gale D. Lammey	E	John H. LaMotte	P	John C. Laughlin	E
Margaret P. Lauterer	P	Calvin Lewers	P	Ernest J. Lewis	E
J. Wendell Ligon	P	John Lindsay	P	Eugene B. Linton, Jr.	P
Brad Long	P	Laura Long	P	Dick Lonnee	E
Edward A. Loper	A	Billy T. Lowe	P	David R. Lytle	A
Margorie Marsh	P	Joan C. Martin	A	Roberta P. Martin	P
W. Robert Martin, Jr.	P	W. Tyler Martin	P	J. Layton Mauze, III	E
Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E	Robert A. McCully, Jr.	A
Deborah McEachran	P	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	David W. McKee	E
Alexander McLean	P	James C. McPherson	E	C. Lynn Michie	P
Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert P. Mills	A	Paul H. Moehlman	E
Robert L. Montgomery	P	Anne C. Morgan	P	David L. Morgan	P
Richard L. Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	E	David E. Mulford	E
Donald C. Mullen	P	Carl C. Murray	E	David Nash	P
Elizabeth D. Newman	P	John T. Newton, Jr.	E	John H. Niles	E
Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E	O'Hyun Park	E
Katherine Parker	E	Thomas D. Parker	E	Andrew Parkey	P
David L. Parks	E	Donald B. Patchel	P	Stratton L. Peacock	P
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret B. Peery	P	Patrick Perryman	A
Harry F. Petersen	P	Martha Jane Petersen	P	Lyle W. Peterson	E
Harry W. Philips	P	James N. Poling	P	Luke Ponder	P
Sam Pope	P	Carolyn V. Poteet	E	Michael J. Poulos	P
Donald G. Price	E	Gene T. Price	P	Edyth P. Pruitt	P

Tamara Puffer	P	Jay K. Rabuck	E	Daria Ragan	E
Mark Ramsey	P	Earl M. Rash	E	Wilson P. Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin S Rice	E	Homer T. Rickabaugh	E	Don Robb, III	E
Jack C. Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	P	Richard Rustay	E
Matthew Schlageter	A	Donald G. Scofield, Jr.	P	Henry D. Scoggins	P
J. Julius Scott	E	Carol N. Seaman	A	Michael Sears	P
William H. Serjak	E	Albert D. Shaw, Jr.	P	James R. Shroyer	P
Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	E	Wirt Skinner	E
Allen P. Smith	P	E. O'dell Smith	E	Paul S. Smith	P
John N. Somerville	E	Becky B. Stanley	E	J. Mark Stanley	P
Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	E	Daniel G. Stitt	P
David C. Stover	P	Cynthia R. P. Strickler	P	James G. Stuart	E
Walter H. Styles	E	Charles E. Swann	E	William B. Sweetser, Jr.	A
A. Lee Thomas	A	Keith J. Thompson	P	Dan M. Thornton	P
Russell D. Tillotson, Sr.	P	Margaret L. Torrence	P	Ace L. Tubbs	E
Thomas Tweedie	E	Gary Van Brocklin	P	Rockwell P. Ward	E
Samuel P. Warner	A	Joseph Washburn	P	Mark A. Watson	A
Lynn Webber	P	Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A
Lamar Williamson, Jr.	P	Parker T. Williamson	E	John C. Wilson	E
V. Otis Wilson, Jr.	E	Claude Wilson-Stayton	P	Margaret Wilson-Stayton	P
William T. Wing, Jr.	E	Chris Wingard	P	Eugene D. Witherspoon	E
Heather Wood	E	W. Graham Wood, Jr.	E	Donaldson Woods	E
Rebecca Young	E				

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

Linda Abel	P	Philip Adams	A	Dwayne Durham	A
Robert Garrison	P	Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood	P
David Moore, Sr.	A	Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	P
Betty Shaw	P	Bert Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	P
Dennis Stamper	A	John Stanley		Bill Wuehrmann	A

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

Samuel Baraki	A	Suzanne Barrett	P	Mike Begley	P
Arthur Burgess, Jr.	A	Philip Dammann	P	Chandler Guess	P
Cindy Moore	A	Judy Nebrig	A	Kathy Parse	P
Dick Peck	A	Larry Poe	A	Jackie Scott	A
Charles Sellers	P	Pat Skinner	A	Jack Suddreth	P
J. D. Waldrop	P	Paula Wallace	P		

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

Mary V. Atkinson	P	Glenn Bannerman	A	Betty Davenport	A
Angela Drummond	A	Sandy Jividen	P	Margaret Kennerly	A
Leslie McLeod	P	Heath Rada	P	Bonnie Sanford	A
Patricia Tuttle	A	Robert Tuttle	P	Angela Washburn	A

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (2)	Evelyn Jarrett	
Banner Elk (1)	William Dethlefs	
Belmont First (2)	Charlie Barron	Anne Hixson
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Stephen Roberts	Leslie Carreiro
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Virginia Bradford	Gail Blunt
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	E	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Jim Ludwig	
Calvary (2)	E	
Canton (1)	Edi Cole	
Cherryville First (1)	Harvey Sellers	

Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	Donna Ashley	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Barbara Ross	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Annette Carrigan	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Mary Gahagan	
Dulatown (2)	A	
Duncan's Creek (1)	Judy Brown	
Ellenboro (1)	E	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	E	
Fairview (1)	Vernon Yount	
Fletcher (1)	Tommy Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	A	
Franklin First (1)	Carolyn White	
Gastonia First (3)	Sarah Abernethy	Bo Abernethy
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	C. A. Allison	Allene Sellars
Grace Covenant (2)	Mary Lou Nash	
Grassy Creek (1)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	Marla Patchel	
Hayesville (1)	Bill Stephenson	
Hendersonville First (2)	Larry Jones	
Hickory First (2)	Judy Shepler	Gary Oakley
Highlands First (1)	Wayne Coleman	
Ironton (1)	Pat Bradshaw	

Jack's Creek (1)	Linda Anglin	
John Knox (1)	Barbara Ghigo	
Kenilworth (1)	Bob Craddock	
Kings Mountain First (1)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Betty Buss	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Frances Wilson	
Love's Chapel (2)	Thelma Isles	Cora Slade
Lowell (1)	Darinda Fredrickson	
Marion First (1)	Robert Ramsey	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Max Hughes	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Kay Layman	
Morganton First (2)	Lisa Roller	
Morrison (1)	Joyce Stamey	
Mount Holly First (1)	Robert Jessen	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Angela Lepro	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	A	
Newland (1)	A	
Newton First (2)	A	
Northminster (1)	Ginger Sermons	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	A	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	

Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	Lelia Bruder	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Catherine Roberts	
Riceville (1)	A	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Reid Lane	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (2)	A	
Shelby (3)	Richard Fletcher	Joy Cushman
Sherrill's Ford (2)	Ramona Edwards	Max Gilleland
Shiloh, Grover (1)	E	
Siloam (2)	A	
Southminster (3)	A	
Spindale (2)	E	
Spruce Pine First (2)	A	
Swannanoa First (2)	Lynn Holman	Jane Hansel
Sweetwater (2)	Gerald Finney	
Sylva First (2)	Joe Scott	
Third Street (3)	Sheila Williams	Peggy Ferguson
	Stephen Werts	
Trinity (2)	A	
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (2)	Bill Craig	
Union Mills (2)	A	
United (2)	Jacqueline Muldoon	Margaret Lillard
Unity (3)	Claire Wong	

Vians Valley (2)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Eric Parsons	
Walnut (2)	Mark Pearson	
Walnut Grove (2)	A	
Warren Wilson (2)	Julia Richards	
Waynesville First (2)	A	
West Asheville (2)	A	
West Avenue (2)	Guy Wallace	Dennis Godfrey
Westminster (2)	Dorothy Descieux	

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

Ministers	134
Elders	73
Certified Educators	5
Council/Committee Chairs	9
Visitors	<u>56</u>
Total	277

It was later moved that the following persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved.

Eade Anderson, New Hope Presbytery
James Gailey, South Alabama Presbytery
Sam Shumate, Providence Presbytery, SC

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the docket be approved as distributed with the New Hymnal Presentation and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report being switched, which motion was seconded and adopted.

8:30 Registration (Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)

8:30 Prayer before Presbytery (Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)

Orientation for New Elders (Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room1)

9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation (Anderson)

J. D. Waldrop, Moderator

Welcome

**Pete Peery, President
Montreat Conference Center**

Appointment of Standing Committees

Moderator

Resolution of Thanks

Bills and Overtures

(Overture on Divestment from Caterpillar, Inc.; Overture regarding Reestablishing an Office of Collegiate Ministries as a Vital Part of Ministry and Mission)

Certification of Quorum

Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Approval of Docket

Omnibus Motion

A

(Omnibus Motion 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 Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)

Stated Clerk’s Report

B

(Report of Administrative Commissions; Annual Report from Committee on Representation; Overtures to be submitted to Bills and Overtures Committee)

Report of the General Presbyter

GP

9:20 Service of Worship including Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Worship Leaders:

**Montreat Conference Ctr.
Elders from Montreat and Black
Mountain Presbyterian Churches**

Preacher

Sermon: *“More Joy in Heaven”*
Scripture: Luke 15:1-2; 7-10

**Steve Hayner, President of
Columbia Seminary**

10:25 Coordinating Council

Luke Harkey

C

(New Mission/Vision Statement)

Nominating Committee

Don Cooper

I

(Election of members for Presbytery committees; commissioner to General Assembly and candidate for moderator to General Assembly. Please fill out the recommendation sheet with suggested persons for the Nominating Committee to consider in the future.)

Youth Committee

Aimee Buchanan

(Youth Mission Event ~ May 21-22, 2010)

Let’s Celebrate ~ August 21, 2010

Beth Gunn

(Annual Event for Youth and Adults in the Presbytery; worship leader, Dr. Fernando Cascante.)

Missions Committee

Eugene Linton

(Commissioning of Malawi Mission Team ~ May 16 - June 2, 2010)

Peace and Justice

Lynn Michie

(SB309 Capital Prodecure/Severe Mental Disability; Israel/Palestine Mission Network; PCUSA Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee)

Hunger Committee

Marla Patchel

(Souper Bowl of Caring Report; International Hunger Grants)

Budget & Finance Committee

Charles Sellers

BB

(Report of Annual Audit and Financial Report)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Richard Boyce

K

(Candidate for ministry, Merri Bass)

11:45 Prayers of Intercession

Ted Grant

(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk’s table before 11:00 a.m.)

11:50 Lunch (Assembly Inn)

1:30 Reconvene (Anderson Auditorium)

Speak Out

(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less, per speaker, on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)

1:40 Bible Study

Steve Hayner

2:10 Report of the General Presbyter

Bobbi White

GP

Committee on Ministry

(Introduction of new members)

John Frye

D

Deborah McEachran

Good News from Churches

Campus Mission

Gary Van Brocklin

Report from Commissioners to Synod

(Highlights of the 225th Stated Meeting from Rev. David McKee)

Becky Stanley

II

Larry Poe

New Hymnal

(Chair of the PCUSA New Hymnal Committee and member at Trinity Presbyterian Church)

Mel Bringle

3:35 Bills and Overtures (or when ready)

3:45 Resolution of Thanks

Benediction and Adjournment

Moderator

OMNIBUS MOTION

Stated Clerk Sigmon explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved that it be approved. It was duly seconded. (Appendix A) The Presbytery approved all items. Items included in this motion are marked by “OM” in the margin.

The following committee submitted a report to the Presbytery for information only.

- Racial Ethnic Sub-Committee of the Committee on Representation (Appendix B)

STATED CLERK’S REPORT

Elder Sigmon presented recommendations 5 and 6 included in the Stated Clerk’s report, stating that recommendations 1-4,7, and 16-17 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. Stated Clerk Sigmon moved items 5 and 6 from the Stated Clerks’s report. All were duly seconded and adopted.

Elder Sigmon then reported items 8-15 as information to the Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. THAT J. D. Waldrop, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 27, 2010 Presbytery meeting. |
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| OM | 2. | THAT the minutes of the February 19, 2010 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. |
| OM | 3. | THAT the Presbytery accept the report of membership and worship statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report and that it be recorded that the following Sessions are not in compliance with the Book of Order G-10.102 p (7).
(Report will not be included due to material not being ready from OGA - to be included in July Presbytery Packet)
<i>Duncan's Creek Ellenboro Estatoa Korean of Asheville</i> |
| OM | 4. | THAT the Committee on Representation, having completed their annual report for the year ending December 31, 2009 and submitted it to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, requests that it become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix C) |
| | 5. | THAT the overture, submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Session of the Newland Presbyterian Church in Newland, NC, regarding an Overture on Divestment from Caterpillar, Inc. to the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Presbytery of Newark be referred to the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee for report at this meeting. (Appendix D) |
| | 6. | THAT the overture, submitted to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina by the Rev. Jerry Beavers, honorably retired and a member of the Campus Ministry Committee, regarding Reestablishing an Office of Collegiate Ministries as a Vital Part of Ministry and Mission - from the Presbytery of North Central Iowa to the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (USA), be referred to the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee for report at this meeting. (Appendix E) |
| OM | 7. | THAT the April 27, 2010 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix F) |

FOR INFORMATION:

8. **The eighty-fifth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cherryville, North Carolina.**
9. **THAT the following Session Records for 2009 were submitted and approved on March 27, 2010, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
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| Brevard-Davidson River | Fairview | Newton, First |
| Brittain Church | Fletcher | Northminster |
| Bryson City | Forest City, First | Quaker Meadows |
| Canton | Lenoir, First | Ryburn Memorial |
| Clinchfield | Lincolnton, First | Sylva, First |
| Columbus | Marion, First | United |
| Conley Memorial | Morganton, First | Waldensian |
| Crossnore | New Hope, Gastonia | Warren Wilson |
| | | Waynesville, First |

- 10. THAT the following Session Records for 2009 were submitted and approved on April 17, 2010, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Dallas.**
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| Belmont, First | Love's Chapel | Southminster |
| Bessemer City, First | Lowell | Third Street |
| Cherryville, First | Mount Holly, First | Union |
| Dallas, First | Olney | Unity |
| Dixon | Robinson Memorial | Walnut Grove |
| Gastonia, First | Rutherfordton | West Avenue |
| Long Creek | Sherrills Ford | |
- 11. THAT the third reading of Session Records will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine, NC. All the Clerks of Sessions of the congregations in Cluster F, as well as any other congregations which would like to submit their 2009 Session records for review should attend this meeting.**
- 12. THAT the fourth and final reading of Session Records will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Riceville Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC. All the Clerks of Sessions of the congregations in Clusters A, B, and C, as well as those congregations which have not previously submitted their 2009 Session Records for review, should attend this meeting.**
- 13. THAT the 219th General Assembly (2010) will meet July 3 -10, 2010, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**
- 14. THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, "*Strangers Becoming Neighbors...Becoming Friends...Let's Celebrate,*" will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Evangelism, Revitalization and Transformation.**
- 15. THAT Seminar 3 for the Acts 16:5 Initiative will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and the cost will be \$10 per person.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 16. THAT the April 27, 2010 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix G) |
| OM | 17. THAT the April 27, 2010 Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix H) |

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER - Part I

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, welcomed all to the 84th stated meeting of the PWNC and gave a joyous welcome to the Rev. Dr. Stephen Hayner, President of Columbia Seminary.

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Worship was led by the Rev. Pete Peery, President of the Montreat Conference Center; Dr. Stephen Hayner, President of Columbia Seminary; Rev. Susan Denne, Stated Supply Montreat Presbyterian Church; and Shannon Kershner, Pastor Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, with music led by Mike Barker of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery heard a sermon by Dr. Stephen Hayner, “More Joy in Heaven,” with the scripture taken from Luke 15:1-2; 7-10.

The service of worship concluded with the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper led by the Revs. Susan Denne, Shannon Kershner, Pete Peery and Stephen Hayner. Elders from the Black Mountain and Montreat Presbyterian Churches and Confirmands from the Montreat Presbyterian Church distributed the elements by intinction.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Rev. Luke Harkey, moderator of the Coordinating Council, presented for approval recommendations 1 and 4. The recommendations were approved. Item 5 was presented and approved in the Omnibus Motion. Items 2, 3, 6, and 7 were presented as information to the Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT the Presbytery adopt the attached Mission/Vision Statement, approved by the Coordinating Council, to replace the current Mission Statement/Vision Statement. (Appendix I)**

FOR INFORMATION:

2. **THAT the Coordinating Council approved the Procedure and an Application for non-certified Christian Educators to be considered for granting voice and (if elders) vote at Presbytery meetings. (Appendix J)**
3. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

4. **THAT the Coordinating Council recommends that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina endorse the Rev. Margaret “Maggie” Lauterer as a candidate to be Moderator of the 219th (2010) General Assembly and serving the PCUSA for the next two years.**
- OM 5. **THAT the Coordinating Council recommends that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina endorse the Birthday Offering Grant Proposal submitted by Grandfather home for Children and the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain to a committee of Churchwide Presbyterian Women.**

FOR INFORMATION:

6. **THAT the Coordinating Council endorsed the Covenant of Agreement between the Mountain Retreat Association and the Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).**

- 7. THAT property of the former Bostic Presbyterian Church has been sold to the New Beginnings Baptist Church.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Don Cooper, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendations for committee vacancies and moved the approval of the Nominating Committee Report. (Appendix K). All were duly approved.

Rev. Cooper then presented the recommendation of the Rev. Maggie Lauterer as a General Assembly Commissioner to the 219th (2010) General Assembly and that she be endorsed as a candidate for Moderator to the 219th General Assembly. The recommendation was approved.

The Nominating Committee presented the following recommendations as alternate commissioners to the 219th General Assembly, the Rev. Riley Covin, Elder Jay Crane and Elder Bill Kantonen. All were duly approved.

The Presbytery approved the recommendation that the Nominating Committee, along with the Moderator of Presbytery and the chair of the Committee on Ministry, be given the authority to replace a commissioner to the General Assembly in the event that the elected commissioner(s) and/or alternate commissioner(s) be unable to attend. The Rev. Luke Harkey offered prayers for the endorsement of the Rev. Maggie Lauterer to stand as candidate for the Moderator of the General Assembly.

YOUTH MISSION

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Chandler Guess and Adam Bowling presented a most interesting skit promoting the Senior High Youth Mission Retreat.

Beth Gunn promoted the PWNC Youth Council and encouraged the churches to pick up applications and have their youth complete and returns forms to her.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ LET'S CELEBRATE

Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth, and Rev. Adam Bowling, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, led the Presbytery in some energizing moves promoting, "Let's Celebrate," a leadership training event for adults and youth that will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The theme for 2010 will be "Strangers Becoming Neighbors...Neighbors Becoming Friends...Let's Celebrate!" Dr. Fernando Cascante, Professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary, will join us this year as the worship leader.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Barbara Nagy introduced the 2010 Malawi Mission Team for their trip scheduled for May 16 - June 2. The mission team is made up of nine members from the Presbytery of WNC consisting of: Tommy Burlison, Fletcher; Lynn Hovis, Southminster; Stanley Hovis, Southminster; Tom Kilgore, Morganton, First; David Layne, Southminster; Gail Lehman, Franklin, First; Doris Munday, Franklin, First; Teresa Locke, Southminster; Jo Ann Taylor, Walnut Grove. Dr. Nagy offered prayers for the team.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Rev. Lynn Michie, Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, presented items 2 through 4 for information only (Appendix L). Rev. Michie then presented a recommendation from the Peace and Justice Committee to endorse the SB309: Capital Procedure/Severe Mental Disability Resolution. The recommendation was approved.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Hunger Committee, Marla Patchel reported on the work of the Hunger Committee and the “Souper Bowl of Giving.” Funds raised for the Souper Bowl of Giving were matched. Special thanks were extended to all who participated in this years’ Souper Bowl of Giving. A special thanks to our Hunger Committee football player, Teebo, better known as Jane Hansel. (Appendix M)

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elder Charles Sellars, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, reported on the current state of the Presbytery’s finances and reported that a preliminary summary of the annual audit has been received with a copy of the final report to be included in the July Presbytery Packet. There being no questions, the report was received as information. (Appendix N)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Rev. Michael Poulos, Chair, made the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION:

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| <p>I. THAT Merriam Steinhoff Alexander, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, and a student at Union-PSCE in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.</p> |
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After Mrs. Alexander shared her faith journey and her call to the ministry, Moderator Waldrop opened the floor for questions. Following a period of time for questions of the candidate, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Merriam Steinhoff Alexander as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the *Book of Order*, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. The Rev. Roberta Martin charged Mrs. Alexander and the Rev. Margaret Torrence offered prayer. Those who came in support of Mrs. Alexander were asked to stand and be recognized. (Appendix O)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Reverend Ted Grant, Pastor at Sherrills Ford Presbyterian Church, offered prayers of intercession.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:36 p.m. with a congregational hymn sing.

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Stephen Hayner led the Presbytery through a Bible Study with Scripture taken from Mark 2:1-17.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER - Part II

The General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, gave thanks for all those in attendance today, for all who had taken part in preparation for the meeting, for those who had shared and for the Rev. Dr. Stephen Hayner for being with the presbytery. She shared that she felt the spirit was moving among our churches and that God was performing miracles within our Presbytery and within our churches.(Appendix P)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Rev. John Frye, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix Q)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Elder Jim Henderson introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. Each spoke briefly and signed the Book of Obligations. Their statements of faith and biographical statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix Q)

- Mark Burnham, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville
- Sandra Brown, Honorably Retired
- Evelyn Coleman, Associate Director for the Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center,
- Jay Diefell, Jr., Honorably Retired
- Bill Cockrill, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory
- Marjorie L. Marsh, Honorably Retired
- Samuel H. Pope, Honorably Retired-Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin
- Luke A. Ponder, Associate Pastor, Newton Presbyterian Church

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
III. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Frye moved that the Presbytery validate the ministries of the following:

- Carol Steele, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center, through April 27, 2011.
- Albert G. Peery, Jr., President, Montreat Conference Center, through April 27, 2011.
- Donaldson Woods, missionary to Mongolia, through April 27, 2011.
- Dennis Stamper, Chaplain with Blue Ridge Healthcare, through April 27, 2011.
- Aimee Buchanan, Director of Asheville Youth Mission, through April 27, 2011.
- Gary Van Brocklin, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, Montreat College, through April 27, 2011.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Reverend Deborah McEachran, chair of the Bills and Overtures Committee, reported on the work of the Bills and Overtures Committee and presented the following recommendations:

THAT the Presbytery CONCUR with Overture 102 from N. Central Iowa to reestablish the Office of Collegiate Ministry and prepare a current strategy for mission in higher education. The Presbytery concurred with the recommendation of the Bills and Overtures Committee.

THAT the Presbytery NOT CONCUR with the Overture on Divestment from Caterpillar, Inc. to the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Presbytery of Newark to divest funds from Caterpillar, Inc. because we see the MRTI Report to General Assembly as sufficient response to denounce the action of Caterpillar and with hope to continue the conversation by remaining as a stockholder and working with a new CEO arriving this summer. The Presbytery concurred with the recommendation of the Bills and Overture Committee by a vote of 68 to 57.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

The Presbytery heard, with appreciation, reports from the following:

- Highlands Presbyterian Church, Lee Bowman
- Asheville Youth Mission, Bill and Aimee Buchanan

CAMPUS MISSION

Rev. Gary Van Brocklin, Associate Professor at Montreat College, shared the opportunities of the college and the mission service that the campus is involved with.

REPORT FROM THE SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

The 225th Stated Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic was held March 8-9, 2010 in Richmond, Virginia. Reports were received from the Revs. David McKee and Becky Stanley. Their reports were accepted with appreciation. (Appendix R)

NEW HYMNAL

Mel Bringle, serving on the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, reported on the work of the committee and the process in which the committee had been working through to develop a new hymnal. They have been diligently working on a new hymnal for two years and shared that they would continue for another couple of years. The new hymnal is scheduled to be released in 2014. Several issues and concerns of the Presbyterians that the committee has had to consider are the color, the weight, the size, and the material to be included.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Reverend Eddie Deas and Elder Peggie Ferguson submitted the following Resolution of Thanks:

WHEREAS, we were welcomed warmly by the President of Montreat Conference Center, Dr. Pete Peery;

AND, we were blessed by the word from Dr. Steve Hayner and nurtured by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper;

AND, we were recipients of a wonderful noon day meal in beautiful surrounding;

AND, we were inspired by and challenged by Dr. Steve Hayner's Bible Study on Mark 2:1-17;

AND, we rejoiced at the candidacy of Merri Alexander and reception of eight ministers into the Presbytery;

AND, we were very respectful and tolerant of opinions and ideas that differ from one another;

THEREFORE, we wish to express gracious thanks to the Presbytery staff for its hard work in preparing for this meeting, to our Moderator for his calming and confident leadership and to the Montreat Conference Center for its gracious hospitality.

To God be the Glory. Amen, Amen, and Amen.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Eighty-Fourth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with a charge and prayer by the Moderator J. D. Waldrop, at 3:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Eighty-Fifth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cherryville, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

J. D. Waldrop, Moderator

William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on July 27, 2010 at its meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Cherryville, NC.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Report from the Racial Ethnic Sub-Committee
- C. Annual Report from the Committee on Representaion
- D. Overture on Divestment from Caterpillar, Inc.
- E. Overture Regarding Reestablishing an Office of Collegiate Ministry
- F. Report from the Administrative Commission of the Iglesia Presbiteriana Fellowship
- G. Report from the Administrative Commission of Duncan's Creek
- H. Report from the Administrative Commission of First Presbyterian Church, Marion
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