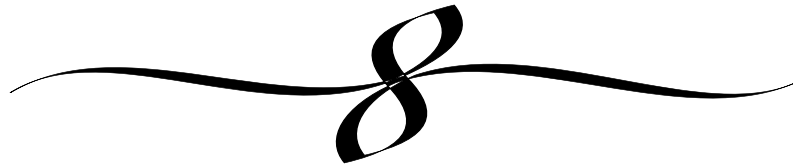
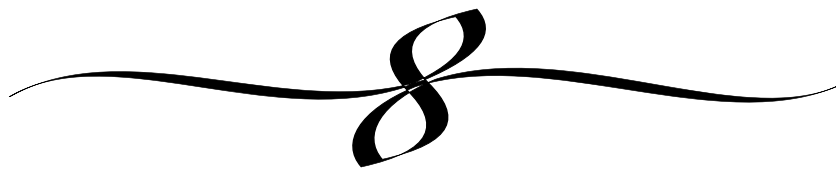


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
EIGHTY-THIRD  
STATED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2010**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Eighty-Third Stated Meeting  
February 19, 2010  
(postponed from January 30, 2010)  
at Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

The Stated Clerk, Bert Sigmon, convened the Eighty-Third Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:02 a.m., at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina. The Stated Clerk opened the meeting with prayer and introduced the Moderator for 2010, Elder J. D. Waldrop.

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Kevin Frederick welcomed the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Moderator Harkey appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:**  
The Rev. Steve Austin, Pastor, United Presbyterian Church  
Elder Dwayne Calloway, United Presbyterian Church

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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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	E
Jorge Alvarado	P	Wayne Aughinbaugh	E	Stephen Austin	P
James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	E	Michael Bailey	E
Tony Baker	A	Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E
Ashley Beavers	E	Joseph Bennett	E	Stanley Bennett	E
Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Randall Boggs	P	Ronald Botsford	E	Dewey Bowen	E
Adam Bowling	E	Lee W Bowman	A	Richard Boyce	A
Grace Boyer	E	David Bradley	E	Troy Braswell	P
Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	P	Edwin Brenegar, III	P
Hayden Britton	E	Jerry Bron	E	G. Thompson Brown	E

Jon Brown	E	Sandra Brown	E	Jason Bryant	P
Aimee Buchanan	E	Ralph Buchanan	E	William Buchanan	A
Mark Burnham	E	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	E	William Campbell	E	Mary Faith Carson	E
Joel David Cherry	A	Calvin Chesnutt	E	Dwight Christenbury	P
William Christian	A	Carol B. Clark	P	Mark Clark	P
James Cockerham	P	James Cogswell	P	Evelyn Coleman	A
Hunter Coleman	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E
Drayton Cooper	E	Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P
John W. Craven	E	James Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	E	Jack Davidson	P
Dent Davis	E	Eddie Deas, III	P	Jey Deifell, Jr.	E
Arthur DeJong	E	Susan Denne	P	Charles Donnell	E
Ellen Dozier	E	Philip Dunford	E	John Ellington	E
Charles Elyea	E	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E
Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman	E	Edward Forsyth	P
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	E	Kevin Frederick	P
Keith Freeman	P	John Frye, Jr.	P	A. W. Gaines	E
Tee Gatewood, III	A	Denise Geiger	E	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	E	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	E
Karen Haak	E	Samuel Hale	E	Michal Hall	E
Terry Hanna	P	Randall Hardy	P	Martin L. Harkey, III	P
William Heck	P	Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E
Fred Hill	E	Robert Hinman	E	Richard Hobson	E
Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	E	James Hornsby	E
William Hoyt, III	P	Allen Huff	P	George Hutchins	E
Donald Jafvert	E	William Janes	P	William Jennings	E
Cecil Jividen	E	Wallace Johnson	P	Mike Johnston, IV	A
Franklin Jones	P	Dong Uk Kang	A	David Kaylor	P

Alyce Kelly	P	David Kennedy	E	James Kennedy	E
Ira Kennerly	E	Paul Kercher	E	Shannon Kershner	A
Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	A	Albert Kissling	E
Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	E
John LaMotte	P	John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E
Calvin Lewers	P	Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E
John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Brad Long	A
Laura Long	E	Dick Lonnee	E	Edward Loper	A
Billy T. Lowe	P	David Lytle	A	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	E
Layton Mauze, III	E	Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E
Robert McCully, Jr.	E	Deborah McEachran	P	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E
David McKee	E	Alexander McLean	P	James McPherson	E
Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	E	Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	E
David Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	E
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Carl Murray	E
David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	A	Karen Newsome	E
John T. Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E
Richard Nygren	E	O'Hyun Park	P	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	E	Andrew Parkey	A	David Parks	E
Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	E	Albert Peery, Jr.	E
Margaret Peery	E	Patrick Perryman	E	Harry Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Phillips	E
James Poling	P	Carolyn Poteet	P	Michael Poulos	P
Donald Price	E	Gene Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	E
Tamara Puffer	E	Jay Rabuck	E	Daria Ragan	P
Mark Ramsey	E	Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E
Calvin Rice	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E	Don Robb, III	E
Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	A	Richard Rustay	E

Matthew Schlageter	P	Donald Scofield, Jr.	E	Henry Scoggins	E
Julius Scott	E	Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	P
William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	P	Richard Shelor	E
James Shroyer	E	Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	E
Wirt Skinner	P	Allen Smith	P	O'dell Smith	E
Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	E	John David Stewart	E
Daniel Stitt	E	David Stover	P	Cynthia Strickler	E
James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E	Charles Swann	E
William Sweetser, Jr.	A	Lee Thomas	E	Keith Thompson	E
Dan Thornton	P	Russell Tillotson, Jr.	E	Margaret Torrence	E
Ace Tubbs	E	Thomas Tweedie	E	Gary Van Brocklin	A
Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	E	Joseph Washburn	A
William Waterstradt	E	Mark Watson	P	Lynn Webber	P
Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E
Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E	Otis Wilson	P
Claude Wilson-Stayton	E	Margaret Wilson-Stayton	E	William Wing	E
Chris Wingard	E	Eugene Witherspoon	E	Heather Wood	P
Graham Wood, Jr.	P	Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	E

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (2)	Evelyn Jarrett	Keith Love
Banner Elk (1)	A	
Belmont First (2)	Bill Blalock	Lucille Rinehart
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	A	
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	E	
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Edward Taylor	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Pat Skinner	
Calvary (2)	E	
Canton (1)	A	

Cherryville First (1)	Harvey Sellers	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	Phil Ashley	
Conley Memorial (1)	A	
Crossnore (1)	Lynn Andrews	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Don Dills	
Dixon (1)	Philip Humphries	
Dorland Memorial (1)	A	
Dulatown (2)	Gary Norwood	
Duncan's Creek (1)	Bette Gettys	
Ellenboro (1)	E	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	E	
Fairview (1)	Ken Humphreys	
Fletcher (1)	E	
Forest City First (1)	E	
Franklin First (1)	Carolyn White	
Gastonia First (3)	Martha Rockett	Frank Sell
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Mary Lou Nash	
Grassy Creek (1)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Betty Yoder	Kathy Gagnon
Hickory First (2)	Sarah Shumate	Melvin Meares
Highlands First (1)	A	

Ironton (1)	Pat Bradshaw	
Jack's Creek (1)	E	
John Knox (1)	Marilyn Odom	
Kenilworth (1)	A	
Kings Mountain First (1)	E	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	A	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Clay Ramsey	
Love's Chapel (2)	Thelma Isles	Cora Slade
Lowell (1)	E	
Marion First (1)	Robert Ayers	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	E	
Mills River (1)	Wally Litchfield	
Montreat (1)	Martha Campbell	
Morganton First (2)	Linda McCrary	
Morrison (1)	A	
Mount Holly First (1)	Robert Jessen	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	E	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Frank Maske	
Newdale (1)	A	
Newland (1)	E	
Newton First (2)	E	
Northminster (1)	A	
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)	A	
Riceville (1)	Mike Wilson	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	A	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	
Saluda (2)	A	
Shelby (3)	Richard Fletcher	
Sherrill's Ford (2)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	E	
Siloam (2)	A	
Southminster (3)	E	
Spindale (2)	E	
Spruce Pine First (2)	A	
Swannanoa First (2)	Claudia Ellithorpe	
Sweetwater (2)	Tom Flowers	
Sylva First (2)	E	
Third Street (3)	Gayle Deas	
Trinity (2)	A	
Tryon (2)	A	
Union (2)	Bill Craig	
Union Mills (2)	A	
United (2)	Elaine Bush	Dwayne Calloway
Unity (3)	A	

Vians Valley (2)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Ken Bumgarner	
Walnut (2)	A	
Walnut Grove (2)	A	
Warren Wilson (2)	Julia Richards	Sarah Anne Eller
Waynesville First (2)	A	
West Asheville (2)	A	
West Avenue (2)	Guy Wallace	
Westminster (2)	Dorothy Descieuxb	

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

Ministers	73
Elders	48
Certified Educators	1
Council/Committee Chairs	7
Visitors	<u>17</u>
Total	146

#### **APPROVAL OF DOCKET**

Stated Clerk Sigmon moved the docket as distributed, which was approved.

#### **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(s) submitted reports to the Presbytery for information only.

- Campus Mission Report (Appendix B)
- Outreach Division Report (Appendix C)
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Appendix D)

#### **STATED CLERK’S REPORT**

Items 1-7 having been approved in the Omnibus Motion, Elder Sigmon moved items 8-11 and 19-21 which were seconded and adopted. These included reports from the Administrative Commissions for the Marion and Duncan’s Creek Churches. This was seconded and passed. Items 12-18 were also received as information.

The Stated Clerk presented the following:

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- OM 1. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders who died during the year of 2009 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.**

	<u>Arbor Dale</u> Darrell Preswood	<u>Hickory, First</u> Doris Gallamore Sides Oliver W. McClintock, Jr. Dan Espey	<u>New Hope, Gastonia</u> Robert Jackson Charles Brandon
	<u>Asheville, First</u> Robert F. Campbell, Jr. Ruth Margaret K. Cooper	<u>Highlands, First</u> Neil T. Shipman	<u>Newton, First</u> Ken Yaussy Anne McLeod Lilian "Sue" Sewell Jones
	<u>Black Mountain</u> David Louis Bornman, III Mary Doom	<u>Lenoir, First</u> Polly Nelson Hunter Pitts	<u>Rutherfordton</u> Ben E. Wall, Jr.
	<u>Brevard-Davidson River</u> Frederick Z. Mills, Jr.	<u>Long Creek</u> Lida Whitehurst	<u>Shelby</u> Lloyd C. Williams, Sr.
	<u>Bryson City</u> Donna Ennis	<u>Lincolnton, First</u> Betty McCorkle Marvin Wooten Sue Ramseur David Keever	<u>Southminster</u> Blanche B. Wetzell Greg Lingle
	<u>Cherryville, First</u> Roy Daggerhart		<u>Sylva, First</u> Tom Mason Robert Root
	<u>Columbus</u> William (Bill) A. McFarland	<u>Lowell</u> Lois Benoy	<u>Third Street</u> James "Fuzzy" Ferguson Allen Littlejohn, Sr.
	<u>Forest City, First</u> Frances Keller Horace "Sam" Watson	<u>Marion, First</u> J. C. Bowman, Jr.	
	<u>Gastonia, First</u> John Calvin Peden John Cunningham Seawell Katherine M. Mackie Robert Lee Adams, Jr.	<u>Morganton, First</u> John Phillip Kellar Nelda Wilson Maxwell	<u>Trinity</u> Russ Johnson
	<u>Grace Covenant</u> Foster Aldridge	<u>Mount Holly, First</u> Willie D. Springs	<u>Waldensian</u> Granville Wilburn Morrow
OM	2.	<p><b>THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who died during the year of 2009 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"> <b>Rev. Robert "Bob" R. Collins (1/12/2009)</b>  <b>Rev. Morris Warren (2/22/2009)</b>  <b>Rev. Robert A. Meachem (5/14/2009)</b>  <b>Rev. Charlie Moore (5/21/2009)</b>  <b>Rev. Day Carper (10/7/2009)</b>  <b>Rev. Yoon E. Park (12/05/2009)</b> </p>	
OM	3.	<p><b>THAT any disparity in numbers between elder and minister commissioners be corrected in the following manner:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"> <b>A. Each racial ethnic congregation be asked to elect two (2) commissioners.</b>  <b>B. All elders who were elected by the Presbytery to serve as committee or division chairs or be on Council have voice and vote.</b>  <b>C. All Certified Christian Educators who are elders have voice and vote.</b>  <b>D. All Commissioned Lay Pastors have voice and vote.</b>  <b>E. That elder commissioners to General Assembly and Synod have voice and vote for a period of two years, beginning with the date of the Assembly they</b> </p>	

attended.

F. That the following churches (Churches S-Z) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2010. (In 2007, Churches A-D were given this responsibility, in 2008, Churches E-L, and in 2009, Churches M-R.)

Saluda	Sweetwater	Vians Valley
Shelby	Sylva, First	Waldensian
Sherrills Ford	Third Street	Walnut
Shiloh, Grover	Trinity	Walnut Grove
Siloam	Tryon	Warren Wilson
Southminster	Union	Waynesville, First
Spindale	Union Mills	West Asheville
Spruce Pine, First	United	West Avenue
Swannanoa, First	Unity	Westminster

- OM 4. THAT the Stated Clerk 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 E)
- OM 5. THAT J. D. Waldrop, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 27, 2010 Presbytery meeting.
- OM 6. THAT the minutes of the October 23-24, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.
- OM 7. THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix F & G)  
Dent C. Davis, III  
Shannon Johnson Kershner
8. THAT the past membership roster of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Permanent Judicial Commission, as required in *BO: D-5.0206.b*, be reported and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix H)
9. THAT the January 30, 2010 Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix I)
10. THAT the January 30, 2010 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church be received at this meeting. (Appendix J)
11. THAT the following be recognized that there were no Corresponding Members present at this meeting.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

12. The eighty-fourth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at the Montreat Conference Center, Upper Anderson Auditorium, in Montreat, North Carolina.
13. THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a one-day retreat, featuring Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, for anyone interested, on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

14. **THAT the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records:**
  - Saturday, March 27, 2010**
  - Saturday, April 17, 2010**
  - Saturday, May 15, 2010**
  - Saturday, June 12, 2010**
15. **THAT the Worship Committee of Northminster Presbyterian Church is planning a visit from John Bell, Church Musician-in-Residence, on March 6-7, 2010.**
16. **THAT the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) will meet July 3-10, 2010, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**
17. **THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, "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.**
18. **THAT the deadline for the Annual Statistical Report is February 23, 2010.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

19. **THAT the Presbytery, pursuant to BO: G-9.0503, G-9.0504 and G-9.0505, approve the appointment of an Administrative Commission for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship in Hickory, North Carolina.**
  - A. The membership of the commission shall be as follows:**
    - Rev. Frank Aichinger, New Vision
    - Rev. Deborah McEachran, Hickory, First
    - Rev. Randy Hardy, Sweetwater
    - Mr. Joe Carroll, Northminster
    - Dr. Doug Michael, Newton, First
    - Ms. Virginia Grant, Sherrills Ford
    - Ms. Carole Ball, Trinity
  - B. The responsibilities of the commission shall be as follows:**
    - Encourage the Iglesia congregation and pastor in developing a vital ministry within their church and in the surrounding community.
    - Provide direction and advice to the pastor and the local congregational committees, including the "directiva," their leadership committee.
    - Serve as the Session of the church in relationship to major financial, structural, and ministry decisions and oversight in the planning and progress of the NCD.
    - Provide the Presbytery, working with the Evangelism New Church Development Committee and Coordinating Council, with updates and any recommendations needed.
    - Provide a written report to each Presbytery meeting and, when appropriate, to submit a detailed final report.
    - Serve as interface with the General Assembly concerning the NCD grant.
    - Provide communication links between Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel Fellowship, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, the Rowan County Hispanic Ministry (Ministerio Hispano de Rowan) and Salem Presbytery.

**C. An Administrative Commission previously appointed (April 2003) is herewith officially discharged.**

**20. THAT the Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. Don Scofield to the Marion First Administrative Commission as a member and as the chair.**

Background: Gene Witherspoon resigned as chair of the Marion First Commission. Don Scofield has agreed to serve. He had been involved in that church as chair of COM and has ties with the church. A commission must be seven people, but can be more.

**21. THAT the Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. Jack Davidson to the Duncan's Creek Administrative Commission as a member and as the chair.**

Background: Bart Shaw resigned as chair of the Duncan's Creek Administrative Commission because he and Betty are serving as pastors for that church, as well as for Ryburn Memorial.

### **SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Worship was led by the Rev. Kevin Frederick pastor at Waldensian Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jim Cockerham, Christian Educator Kathy Parse, and Elders Linda Rostan and Ken Bumgarner assisting with the service. Pastor Frederick preached a most thought-provoking sermon on "In Sharper Focus," with the scripture taken from Luke 3.

The service of worship concluded with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with the bread and wine distributed by the elders of the Waldensian Presbyterian Church.

### **COORDINATING COUNCIL**

The Rev. Luke Harkey, moderator of the Coordinating Council, presented for approval recommendations 1, 2, and 4. The recommendations were approved. Items 3 and 5-11 were presented and approved in the Omnibus Motion.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**1. THAT the Presbytery receive for study and use the attached Mission Statement, approved by the Coordinating Council, for possible adoption by Presbytery at its April 27, 2010 meeting, to replace the current Mission Statement (and possibly the Vision Statement). (Appendix K)**

**2. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina call the Rev. Jorge Alvarado as evangelist/new church development pastor, to serve half-time at Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship in Hickory, N.C., contingent upon the receipt of his Religious 1 (R1) Visa.**

(Jorge will work ½ time at Emanuel and ½ time in Salem Presbytery. The cost will be shared by both PWNC and Salem Presbytery. The Religious Workers Visa is being applied for by the Salem Presbytery on behalf of both of us. We are hoping this will be completed by the end of February. Jorge previously had an R1 Visa with the Presbytery of Sierra Blanco. Since he has changed positions, he needs a new R1 Visa. Until Rev. Alvarado has an R1 Visa, he will be a member-at-large in our

presbytery {as approved by Committee on Ministry}, where he will reside.)

- OM 3. **THAT Elder Jack Suddreth be re-elected as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for 2010.**
4. **THAT the following change within the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made to item VI. A. Representation Division.** (A copy of the current responsibilities of the Committee on Representation and Racial/Ethnic Sub-Committee, along with the *Book of Order* reference, are included with this recommendation.) (Appendix L)
- OM 5. **THAT the following person be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:**  
**Rev. J. Richard Hobson (B) Class of 2012**
- OM 6. **THAT permission be granted for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events and mission trips during 2010.**
- OM 7. **THAT permission be granted to the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Pilgrimage at Camp Harrison, NC the weekend of April 8-11, 2010. (This will be administered by Presbyterian ministers for the Presbytery of WNC and surrounding Presbyteries.)**
- OM 8. **THAT the following person has been selected to serve as a representative on the Board at the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain for the year 2010.**  
**Ms. Mary V. Atkinson (B)**
- OM 9. **THAT Larry Poe be elected to serve as a commissioner to Synod, for a three year term, beginning in January of 2010.**

**The Council also reports:**

Elder Kantonen then presented items 10 through 19 of the Coordinating Council Report as information, which was received.

10. **THAT the Coordinating Council approved sending a letter of thanks to all churches which have submitted their financial support to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for 2009.**
11. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
12. **THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following Nickel A Meal Grants:**
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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Jericho Road Soup Kitchen</b>  | <b>\$6,000</b> |
| <b>Thermal Belt Outreach- for</b> |                |
| <b>    Feed-A-Kid Backpack</b>    | <b>4,000</b>   |
| <b>Feeding Avery Families</b>     | <b>4,000</b>   |
| <b>Neighbors in Need</b>          | <b>5,000</b>   |
| <b>Macon County Care Network</b>  | <b>5,000</b>   |
13. **THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following International**

**Grants:**

**Malawi:**

Soy Porridge **\$20,000**  
(food for Children's Ward - Nkhoma Hospital)

**Cameroon, Africa:**

Relufa - Community Grain Bank **15,000**

**Guatemala:**

PDA Guatemala Food Crisis **10,000**

**Haiti**

Road to Life Yard Project **2,000**

**Guatemalan Children's Nutrition Program\*** **3,000**

(\*Funds will be released pending restart of the program.)

14. **THAT William Kantonen was nominated to Synod to be elected as its future Moderator. He will be an additional representative from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Dr. James Aydelotte will also serve as Presbytery's member of the Synod's Permanent Judicial Commission.**
15. **THAT the Peace and Justice Committee's endorsement of Rev. James Aydelotte, as the educational representative of the Israel/Palestine Mission Network, was received, giving Dr. Aydelotte permission to communicate educational material to congregations.**
16. **THAT people connected with Presbytery's youth work have background checks performed, specifically the Youth Committee, adults connected with the Youth Council, adults going to the Triennium as chaperones and others as designated by the Youth Committee or Council. (The background checks will include sexual misconduct and driving record.)**
17. **THAT the Council voted to send letters to all PWNC churches, with a separate letter going to those who have a Guatemalan partner church, concerning the misconduct of the Guatemalan Partnership Health Program's Treasurer in Guatemala, along with plans to address the financial issues and restore the future ministry of this program.**
18. **THAT the information submitted from New Vision in Conover and Presbytery's Youth Ministry be received as information. (Appendix M and N)**
19. **THAT Seminar 2 of the Acts Initiative will now only be one day, Saturday, March 13, 2010, and the cost will be \$10 per person.**

**STRATEGIC GOALS**

On behalf of the Strategic Goals Committee, the Revs. Otis Wilson, Mark Stanley and Bobbi White presented the uniqueness of the proposed Mission Statement of the PWNC and highlighted the mission of strengthening congregations to be faithful and vital witnesses to Jesus Christ. The proposed Mission Statement will come before the Presbytery for action at its April 27, 2010 meeting in Montreat.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Elder Judy Nebrig, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported on the work of the committee and presented their recommendations for the salaries for the staff. The recommendations were approved as presented. (Appendix O)

## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Elder Arthur Burgess, presented the proposed 2010 Presbytery Budget for approval. The 2010 Budget of the Presbytery was approved as presented. (Appendix P)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Reverend Mark Stanley, Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville offered prayers of intercession.

## **RECONVENE**

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with a time of singing hymns.

## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER**

The General Presbyter, Rev. Bobbi White, shared that the President of Columbia Seminary, Dr. Steve Hayner will be our keynote speaker at our Presbytery meeting in April. She shared that he has a passion for evangelism and the missional church. She reminded us that Presbyterians can fish with nets and that we don't have to use a single line and pole. She encouraged churches to have several events a year that would interest those who may not otherwise be attending a church service. (Appendix Q)

## **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 R) The following were recognized for Honorable Retirement: Archie Willis Gaines, effective January 1, 2010; and Dewey Bowen, effective February 1, 2010. They were commended for their many years of faithful ministry.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Examinations Sub-Committee, Rev. Deborah McEachran 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 R)

- Susan Denne, Stated Supply, Montreat Presbyterian Church
- Matthew Schlageter, Chaplain, Mission Hospital
- David Kaylor, Honorably Retired
- Jorge Alvarado, Member-at-Large, New Church Development Pastor (Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship)
- Keith Freeman, Stated Supply, Pineola 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:

- Matthew Schlageter, as Pediatric Chaplain for Mission/St. Joseph Hospital, through January 30, 2011.
- Brad Long, as Executive Director, Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Int'l, through January 30, 2011.
- Evelyn Coleman, Montreat Conference Center as Associate Director for the Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, through January 30, 2011.

## **GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

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

- Billy T. Lowe, First Presbyterian Church, Cherryville
- Richard Fletcher, Shelby Presbyterian Church
- Randall Boggs, Mills River Presbyterian 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 S). All were duly approved.

Rev. Cooper then presented the recommendations for commissioner representatives to the 219<sup>th</sup> (2010) General Assembly in Minneapolis, MN. All were duly elected. Commissioners to the 219<sup>th</sup> (2010) General Assembly will be the Revs. Riley Covin, James Bernhardt, and Carolyn Poteet, Elders Paula Wallace, Heath Rada and Jackie Scott, and YAD Annie Franklin.

Following the approval of Nominating Committee recommendations, Rev. Cooper made a plea from all commissioners in attendance to take the time to complete a form from the committee requesting names of volunteers to serve on Presbytery committees.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

The Rev. Lynn Webber led the Presbytery through a Bible Study with Scripture taken from Mark 1:9-15. Following a time of listening, sharing and community building, Rev. Webber shared prayer with the Presbytery.

## **MISSIONS**

On behalf of the Missions Committee, the Rev. Jim Cockerham and Elder Kathy Parse reported on the work of the Mission Team to Kopperston, West Virginia for a Flood Relief Trip. The goal of the group was to provide labor and support for the work of the West Virginia Authority for Ministry and Work Camps, a non-profit organization working in the depressed region of southwestern West Virginia. The group of sixteen women and men labored in flood damage relief at two homes and one church.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, Mae Weed and Sarah Thomas reported on the work of the committee and invited and encouraged everyone to attend the one-day retreat, "Practical Bible Study for Tough Times," being presented by Frances Taylor Gench on March 4, 2010 in Black Mountain.

## **YOUTH MISSION**

On behalf of the Youth Committee, the Rev. Heather Wood reported on the work of the committee and Youth Triennium. The delegation going from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will consist of a total of 66 youth and adults. That includes two females from the Igelsia New Church Development and two youth from Guatemala as Global Partners. The Revs. Bill and Aimee Buchanan will be the coordinators of worship for Triennium.

On May 20-21, 2010 there will be a senior high retreat offered in partnership with the Asheville Area Youth Mission. The cost per person will be \$35.

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Steven Austin and Dwayne Calloway, of United Presbyterian Church, presented the following Resolution of Thanks:

Mr. Moderator and fellow commissioners of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina,  
Be it known that:

WHEREAS, we have gathered together on this beautiful day in February,  
WE therefore give thanks to God for the warmth of the sun on our faces and the warmth of God's Son in our hearts;

WHEREAS, we have met in the wonderful facility which is the home of a long history of service to God and this Presbytery,  
WE therefore, give thanks to the Waldensian Presbyterian Church for its gracious love and care in hosting this assembly.

WHEREAS, we have heard and received several reports of committees, commissions and individuals brought in faithful commitment,  
WE therefore give thanks for the ongoing work of those groups of dedicated servants.

WHEREAS, we have elected commissioner delegates to the 2010 General Assembly,  
WE therefore, commend them to God's care and guidance in representing this Presbytery and our Lord.

WHEREAS, we have recognized, honored, remembered and received members to and from this Presbytery,  
WE therefore, celebrate the call of God to their Christian ministry both newly begun and long lived.

WHEREAS this Presbytery is but one part of the body of Christ at work in this world  
WE therefore rejoice in being a connectional church working side by side with diverse people and ideas and we ask the Lord for providence and grace in being worthy of this work he has called us to carry out in his name.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that on this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 2010, we lift our hearts to God as sincerely as we lift our voices in offering him praise and thanks.

To God Be the Glory, Now and Forever.

## **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the Eighty-Third Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator, J. D. Waldrop at 2:40 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Eighty-Fourth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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J. D. Waldrop, Moderator

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William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on April 27, 2010 at its meeting at the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC.

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