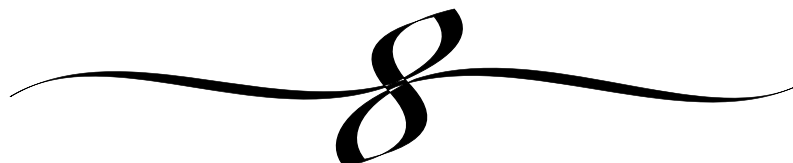
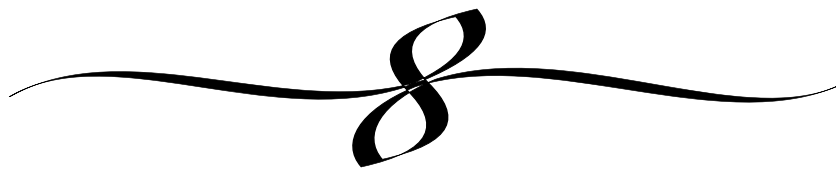


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
SEVENTY-NINTH  
STATED MEETING  
JANUARY 31, 2009**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Seventy-Ninth Stated Meeting  
January 31, 2009  
at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey, convened the Seventy-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:03 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina. Moderator Luke Harkey opened the meeting by leading a unison reading of a prayer written by John Calvin in the 1500s.

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Michael Poulos, Associate Pastor, welcomed the Presbytery into the beautiful, gothic sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Moderator Harkey appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:**

The Rev. Carolyn Poteat, Associate Pastor, Hendersonville, First  
Elder Patricia Clark, First Presbyterian Church, Morganton

**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):

Robert Abel	P	Ann Aichinger	P	Frank Aichinger	P
Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan Aldridge	E	Charles Alexander	E
George W. Alexander	E	State Alexander, Jr.	E	Terry Alexander	P
David Anderson	E	James Arnold	E	Wayne Aughinbaugh	E
Stephen Austin	E	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	P
Michael Bailey	P	Tony Baker	P	Douglas Bartlett	E
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Ashley J. Beavers	P	Joseph Bennett	P
Stanley Bennett	P	Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P
Carter Blaisdell	P	Randall Boggs	E	Ronald Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	A	Adam Bowling	E	Richard Boyce	E
Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	E	Troy Braswell	P
Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	P	Edwin Brenegar, III	P
Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	A	Jerry Bron	A
Thompson Brown	E	Jon Brown	E	Jason Bryant	P

Aimee Buchanan	P	Ralph Buchanan	E	William Buchanan	P
Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E	Robert Busey	P
Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E	Kathy Campbell	P
William Campbell	P	Day Carper	E	Mary Faith Carson	E
Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	P	Dwight Christenbury	P
William Christian	P	Carol Clark	E	Mark Clark	P
James Cockerham	P	James Cogswell	P	Hunter Coleman	P
Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Drayton Cooper	E
Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P	John Craven	E
James Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E	Robert Bruce Cumming	P
Charles Davenport	P	Jack Davidson	A	Eddie Deas	P
Arthur DeJong	E	Charles Donnell	E	Ellen Dozier	P
Kathryn Dudley	E	Philip Dunford	E	John Ellington	E
Charles Elyea	E	Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	P
Ragland Fletcher	E	Kenneth Foreman, Jr.	E	Edward Forsyth	P
Maynard Fountain, Jr.	P	McCoy Franklin	P	Kevin Frederick	P
John Frye, Jr.	P	Will Gaines	P	Tee Gatewood, III	P
Denise Geiger	P	Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	A
Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P	Karen Haak	P
Samuel Hale	P	Michael Hall	P	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	P	Richard Hobson	E	Richard Holshouser	E
Samuel Hope	P	James Hornsby	E	William Hoyt, III	P
Allen Huff, Jr.	P	George Hutchins	P	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	P	William Jennings	P	Cecil Jividen	P
Wallace Johnson	P	Mike Johnston, IV	A	Dong Uk Kang	P
Alyce Kelly	P	David Kennedy	P	James Kennedy	E
Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E	Jeff Kesterson	E
William Kirk	P	Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E

Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	E	John LaMotte	P
John Laughlin	P	Margaret Lauterer	P	Calvin Lewers	P
Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	P	John Lindsay	P
Eugene Linton, Jr.	P	Brad Long	A	Laura Long	P
Dick Lonnee	P	Edward Loper	P	Billy Lowe	E
David Lytle	E	Joan Martin	P	Roberta Martin	P
Robert Martin, Jr.	P	Tyler Martin	P	Griffith Matthews	E
Layton Mauzé, III	P	John McCall	A	Sandra McClinton	A
Patricia McClurg	P	Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Deborah McEachran	P
Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	James McPherson	E	Robert Meachem	E
Lynn Michie	P	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	E	Robert Montgomery	P	Charles Moore	E
Anne Morgan	P	David Morgan	P	Richard Morgan	E
Nancy Mugford	A	David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E
Carl Murray	E	David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	P
Karen Newsome	A	John Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	P
Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E	O'Hyun Park	E
Yoon E. Park	A	Katherine Parker	E	Thomas Parker	P
Andrew Parkey	E	David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	E
Stratton Peacock	P	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret Peery	P
Patrick Perryman	E	Harry Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	E
Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Phillips	E	Carolyn Poteet	P
Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	P
Tamara Puffer	P	Jay Rabuck	P	Mark Ramsey	P
Earl Rash	E	Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E
Homer Rickabaugh	P	Don Robb, III	E	Jack Robinson	E
Steven Runholt	P	Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P
Henry Scoggins	P	Julius Scott	E	Michael Sears	P
William Serjak	P	Albert Shaw, Jr.	P	Richard Shelor	E
James Shroyer	P	Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	P

Wirt Skinner	E	O'dell Smith	E	Paul Smith	A
John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	P
Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	P	Daniel Stitt	E
Cynthia Strickler	A	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	P
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	P	Lee Thomas	P
Keith Thompson	P	Dan Thornton	P	Margaret Torrence	P
Ace Tubbs	P	Thomas Tweedie	E	Gary Van Brocklin	P
Rockwell Ward	E	Samuel Warner	A	Morris Warren	E
Joseph Washburn	P	William Waterstradt	E	Mark Watson	P
Lynn Webber	P	Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	A
Lamar Williamson, Jr.	P	Parker Williamson	P	John Wilson	E
Otis Wlson, Jr.	P	Claude Wilson-Stayton	A	Margaret Wilson-Stayton	E
William Wing, Jr.	E	Eugene Witherspoon	P	Graham Wood, Jr.	P
Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	E		

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

Philip Adams	P	Sharon Decker	A	Dwayne Durham	P
Oscar Garica	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	P	John Stanley	P

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

Samuel Baraki	A	Mike Begley	P	Frela Beck	P
Arthur Burgess, Jr.	P	Patricia Clark	P	Philip Dammann	A
Edna Goshorn	P	William Kantonen	P	Gerry Levan	A
Kathy Parse	P	Dick Peck	A	Larry Poe	P
Pat Queen	A	Charles Sellers	P	Jack Suddreth	P
Perrin Todd	P	J. D. Waldrop	P	Guy Wallace	A

Mae Weed	A	Lois Camp	A	Elizabeth Hill	A
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The following CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS WERE ENROLLED for this meeting of Presbytery:

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

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

Donna Ashley	P	Freida Caldwell	P	Robert Clemmer	A
Tina Cloer	A	Sara Dixon	A	Jo Gallagher	A
Dianne Graeber	A	Chandler Guess	P	Marylyn Huff	P
Franklin Jones	A	Mary Potter	A	Ginny Soll	A

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

Arbor Dale (1)	Mary Archer Vann	
Asheville First (2)	Ellen McDougald	Bob Cerwin
Banner Elk (1)	E. C. Newman	
Belmont First (2)	Bill Blacock	Jean Wilson
Bessemer City First (1)	Steve Dameron	
Black Mountain (2)	Jane Holt	Gladys Brooks
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Virginia Bradford	Tom Taylor
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	A	
Brittains Cove (1)	Doug Jackson	
Bryson City (1)	Lois Groth	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Susan Martin	
Calvary (2)	Vivian Ridley	
Canton (1)	Sally Morgan	

Cherryville First (1)	Martha Sellers	
Clinchfield (1)	L. W. Parks	
Columbus (1)	Phillip Ashley	
Conley Memorial (1)	John Childers	
Crossnore (1)	Rachel Deal	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	Don Dills	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Lisa Snelson	
Dulatown (2)	Angela Battle	Hazel Dula
Duncan's Creek (1)	Sue Price	
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	Tom Gainer	
Fairview (1)	Ken Humphreys	
Fletcher (1)	Eric Hobbs	
Forest City First (1)	Gene Stark	.
Franklin First (1)	Russ Rankin	
Gastonia First (3)	Steve Brittain	Spurgeon Mackie
	Sarah Abernethy	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	Allene Sellars	C. A. Allison
Grace Covenant (2)	Susie Churchfield	Janet Hovis
Grassy Creek (1)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	Jackie Scott	Eugene Conley
Hayesville (1)	Cindy Mulkey	
Hendersonville First (2)	Lloyd Candell	Mimi Jamieson
Hickory First (2)	Christy Taylor	Ben Hill
Highlands First (1)	Elizabeth Bryant	

Ironton (1)	E	
Jack's Creek (1)	Grace Silvers	
John Knox (1)	Dale McMurray	
Kenilworth (1)	A	
Kings Mountain First (1)	Cindy Hovis	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Sue McKee	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Barbara Bridges	
Love's Chapel (2)	Cora Slade	
Lowell (1)	Bobbie Howe	
Marion First (2)	Jim Neal	Robert Ayers
Marshall (2)	A	
Micaville (2)	Max Hughes	Billie Tomberlin
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Kay Layman	Jim Henderson
Morganton First (3)	Linda Harris	Cameron Ervin
	Elizabeth Inscoe	
Morrison (2)	Cathy Shook	Dick Wallace
Mount Holly First (2)	Freda Good	Becky Farrar
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Kim Presley	Bill Fesperman
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	Edwin Lewis	Frank Maske
Newdale (2)	Becky Ayala	
Newland (2)	Marie Gwyn	Lou Cooper
Newton First (3)	A	
Northminster (2)	Jody Inglefield	Ginger Sermons
Oak Forest (2)	A	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	Gary Jones	Ed Hinkle

Paint Gap (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	Terri Smith	Stan Ferguson
Quaker Meadows (2)	Lelia Bruder	Sandra Bartlett
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	Catherine Roberts	Pat Bradley
Riceville (2)	Karl Stroupe	Rodney Ogle
Ridgeview (2)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (2)	Peggy Hutchins	Pat Hyder
Rutherfordton (2)	Judith Shapiro	Pat Hula Queen
Ryburn Memorial (3)	James Hooper	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	Bill Chambless	Bee Strain
Sherrill's Ford (1)	Shirley Whisnant	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	A	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	A	
Spindale (1)	Sarah Kirk	
Spruce Pine First (1)	Carolyn Burnette	
Swannanoa First (1)	Steve Hansel	
Sweetwater (1)	Brenda Hans	
Sylva First (1)	Tom Mason	
Third Street (2)	Allen Lowery	Carolyn Werts
Trinity (1)	Barbara Garrison	
Tryon (1)	Les Stobbe	
Union (1)	Claire Cabral	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	Jean McFarland	
Unity (2)	Larry Huggins	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	Thomas Rice	

Walnut (1)	E	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	Allyson Hettrick	
Waynesville First (1)	Beth Galloway	
West Asheville (1)	Rick Huntsinger	
West Avenue (1)	Connie Hildebrand	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Ministers	146
Elders	113
Certified Christian Educators	6
Church Educators	4
Council/Committee Chairs	12
Visitors	<u>91</u>
Total	372

It was later moved that five persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved. (See Stated Clerk's Report):

David McKee, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic; Susan Loper, Utica Presbytery; James Poling, Chicago Presbytery; Russell Tillotson, Winnebago Presbytery; and Bill Whiteside, AME Baptist.

### APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

**8:30 Registration**

**8:30 Prayer before Presbytery  
Orientation for New Elders**

**9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation (Sanctuary)**

**Luke Harkey, Moderator**

**Welcome**

**Michael Poulos, Host  
Associate Pastor**

**Appointment of Standing Committees  
Resolution of Thanks**

**Moderator**

**Certification of Quorum  
Approval of Docket  
Omnibus Motion**

**James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk**

**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**

*(Corresponding Members; Report of Administrative Commissions;  
Recognition of those serving on General Assembly Committees)*

**9:15 Service of Worship  
including Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
and Necrology**

**Michael Poulos  
Margaret Torrence &  
Elders from Calvary, Kenilworth  
& Westminster**

**Sermons by Candidates**

*Scripture: Acts 2:14-17*

*"The Expected Unexpected"*

*Scripture: Mark 1:21-28*

*"What have you to do with us Jesus of Nazareth?"*

**Allen Smith**

**Heather Wood**

**10:15 Committee on Ministry**

*(Introduction of new members, Commissioning of Lay Pastor,  
Examinations for ordination/installation)*

**James Bernhardt  
Bill Sweetser**

**D**

**11:15 Coordinating Council**

*(Election of Treasurer; Covenant with Lees-McRae College)*

**Bill Kantonen**

**C**

**11:20 Youth Committee**

*(Youth Mission Event)*

**Aimee Buchanan**

**11:25 Christian Education Committee**

*(Recognition of Angela Washburn, Certified Christian Educator)*

**Dick Lonnee**

**11:30 Personnel Committee**

*(Terms of Call for 2009 for Presbytery Staff)*

**Otis Wilson**

**FF**

**11:35 Budget & Finance Committee**

*(Approval of the 2009 Budget)*

**Charles Sellers**

**BB**

**11:55 Prayers of Intercession**

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

**Bill Christian**

**12:00 Lunch**

**(Fellowship Hall)**

**1:15 Reconvene**

**(Sanctuary)**

**Speak Out (5 min)**

*(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.)*

**Evangelism**

*(Acts Initiative)*

**Joan Martin**

**Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

**James Aydelotte**

**HH**

**Report of the General Presbyter**

**Bobbi White**

**GP**

**Care of Church Professionals**  
*(Recognition of Graduates of Pastor's Institute)*

**Edyth Pruitt**  
**Marylyn Huff**

**Nominating Committee**  
*(Election of members for Presbytery committees)*  
*(Please fill out the recommendation sheet with suggested persons for the Nominating Committee to consider in the future.)*

**Dick Graham/Don Cooper I**

**Communications Committee**

**Perrin Todd**

**Missions Committee**  
*(Mission Co-Worker to Malawi, Jim McGill)*

**Allen Huff** **P**

**Peace and Justice**  
*(Presentations to Camp Grier and Swannanoa)*

**P**

**Resolution of Thanks**  
**Benediction and Adjournment**

**Moderator**

**OMNIBUS MOTION**

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and then moved that items 1 through 8 from the Stated Clerk's Report 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.

- Racial Ethnic Sub-Committee (Appendix B)
- Self-Development of People (Appendix C)

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

<b>OM</b>	<p><b>1. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders who died during the year of 2008 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.</b></p>		
	<p><u>Asheville, First</u>          Alma Brown Bradley          Robert Calvin Weast</p>	<p><u>Cherryville, First</u>          Joe Brown          Jane Browne</p>	<p><u>Forest City, First</u>          Paul Thomas Baynard          John Carson Burns, Sr.          Richard James Luckenbach</p>
	<p><u>Belmont, First</u>          Jane Mikesell Modisette</p>	<p><u>Crossnore</u>          Donald F. Martin          Eustace H. Smith</p>	<p><u>Franklin, First</u>          James D. (Jim) Bridges          LeRoy (Kay) Dollen          Emma Erwin</p>
	<p><u>Bethel</u>          Geraldine Earley</p>	<p><u>Dallas, First</u>          Camille Kiser          Cora Rhyne</p>	<p>Renice (Renny) Lansing</p>
	<p><u>Black Mountain</u>          Henrietta "Chick" Dimmock</p>	<p><u>Etowah</u>          George Dean Van Horn</p>	<p><u>Gastonia, First</u>          Richard James (Dick) Bryant          John Craig Mason, III          C. Jefferson McArver</p>
	<p><u>Burnsville, First</u>          Paula Mae Higgins</p>		

	<p><u>Hickory, First</u> J. Victor Bowman Brian Emerick</p> <p><u>Highlands, First</u> Harry MacDougall</p> <p><u>Kings Mountain, First</u> Jean Thompson Barber</p> <p><u>Lenoir, First</u> George Bernhardt</p> <p><u>Lowell</u> Ruth Price Abell John Eddleman James Huffstetler</p> <p><u>Marion, First</u> Angus Stronach</p> <p><u>Morganton, First</u> Robert Miller McDaniel, Jr.</p> <p><u>New Hope, Gastonia</u> Allen L. Wilson</p> <p><u>Newland</u> Margaret Cartner</p>	<p><u>Old Fort</u> Jean Jones</p> <p><u>Pineola</u> Christine Hall Kelle</p> <p><u>Rutherfordton</u> Sadie Watson Bill Wilfong</p> <p><u>Shelby</u> A. W. "Buck" Archer Gretchen P. Campbell</p> <p><u>Siloam</u> Catherine Dover</p> <p><u>Swannanoa, First</u> Allen Franklin Cantrell</p> <p><u>Tryon</u> Audrey Andersen</p> <p><u>Union</u> Miles Floyd Hamrick</p>	<p><u>United</u> James Lewis Crump Eloise Presnell Laxton</p> <p><u>Unity</u> Myron Howard Tom McGuire Jack Morgan</p> <p><u>Waldensian</u> Philip H. Garrou Sarah Turner Little</p> <p><u>Warren Wilson</u> Catherine M. Clark Thomas H. Crumpler Margaret "Danny" Verner Alison May White Stanton</p> <p><u>West Asheville</u> Marie Harrison</p> <p><u>Westminster</u> Dorothy Buchanan Crews Stanley Burch Isley Wesley J. Potter</p>																		
OM	2.	<p><b>THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament who died during the year of 2008 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rev. James H. Skelton, Jr.(7/24/2008)</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><b>A. Each racial ethnic congregation be asked to elect two (2) commissioners.</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>C. All Certified Christian Educators who are elders have voice and vote.</b></p> <p><b>D. All Commissioned Lay Pastors have voice and vote.</b></p> <p><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 attended.</b></p> <p><b>F. That the following churches (Churches M-R) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2009. (In 2006, Churches S-Z were given this responsibility, 2007, Churches A-D, and in 2008, Churches E-L.)</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Marion, First</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Morrison</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Newton, First</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marshall</td> <td>Mount Holly, First</td> <td>Northminster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Micaville</td> <td>New Hope, Asheville</td> <td>Oak Forest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mills River</td> <td>New Hope, Gastonia</td> <td>Oakwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Montreat</td> <td>Newdale</td> <td>Old Fort</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morganton, First</td> <td>Newland</td> <td>Olney</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Marion, First	Morrison	Newton, First	Marshall	Mount Holly, First	Northminster	Micaville	New Hope, Asheville	Oak Forest	Mills River	New Hope, Gastonia	Oakwood	Montreat	Newdale	Old Fort	Morganton, First	Newland	Olney
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Pineola  
Quaker Meadows**

**Reems Creek-Beech  
Riceville  
Ridgeview  
Robinson Memorial**

**Rutherfordton  
Ryburn Memorial**

- 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 D)**
- OM 5. **THAT Luke Harkey, James Aydelotte, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 28, 2009 Presbytery meeting.**
- OM 6. **THAT the minutes of the October 24-25, 2008 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.)***
- OM 7. **THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix E)**  
**Dwight O. Christenbury**
- OM 8. **THAT the minutes of the ordination of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix F, G, & H)**  
**Laura K. Becker  
Tai Zimmerman Magette  
Allen McCall Thompson**
9. **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 I)**
10. **THAT the Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix J)**
11. **THAT the Report of the Administrative Commission for the former Bethel Presbyterian Church be received and its recommendations acted upon: (Appendix K)**  
The Rev. Layton Mauze, chair of the Bethel Administrative Commission, recommended that the Bethel Rural Community Organization, Inc., a local charitable organization, lease the Bethel property for five years, with an option to purchase, and that a celebration of Bethel's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary be celebrated on August 9, 2009. Both motions were seconded and approved by Presbytery.
12. **THAT the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:**  
David McKee, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Susan Loper, Utica Presbytery  
James Poling, Chicago Presbytery  
Russell Tillotson, Winnebago Presbytery  
Bill Whiteside, AME Baptist.

## **FOR INFORMATION:**

13. **THAT the eightieth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the Montreat Conference Center at Upper Anderson Auditorium in Montreat, North Carolina.**
14. **THAT a Training Event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Evangelism, Revitalization and Transformation.**
15. **THAT the following dates have been established for Clerks of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records:**
  - Saturday, March 21, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton**
  - Saturday, April 25 2009 at Shelby Presbyterian Church**
  - Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Canton Presbyterian Church**
16. **THAT copies of the *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements* approved by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) were distributed at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**  
**<http://www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend/proposed-amendments-2008.pdf>**

### **SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC**

The Rev. David McKee, Executive of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, brought greetings from the Synod Office. He shared information on his previous connection to Western North Carolina and his involvement in setting up the new presbyteries following the 1983 reunion of the northern and southern branches of what is now the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.). He ended his greeting with asking "how can the Synod help you in your presbytery with your ministry?"

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

Associate Pastors Michael Poulos and Margaret Torrence and Elders from Calvary, Kenilworth, and Westminster Presbyterian Churches led the Presbytery in a service of worship. The Presbytery heard from the following two candidates for ministry:

Allen P. Smith, Pastor-elect for the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, preached on "The Expected Unexpected" with Scripture taken from Acts 2:14-17. Heather Wood, Designated Associate Pastor-elect for the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, preached on "What have you to do with us Jesus of Nazareth?" with Scripture taken from Mark 1:21-28.

Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The lives of 60 elders and 1 minister of Presbytery who had passed on to the Church Triumphant during the year 2008 were celebrated.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY I. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Dr. James Bernhardt, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix L) He recognized the Rev. Dr. Wallace Johnson of First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, who retired effective this day and praised him for his pastoral work. The Rev. W. Flemon McIntosh, Jr. of Green Street Presbyterian Church was also recognized on his retirement and for his pastoral work.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, presented recommended revisions to the Presbytery's earlier decision: "Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed." (Appendix L) The motion was approved.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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

Dr. Bernhardt introduced Allen P. Smith, Pastor-elect of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville, a candidate of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Following questions and answers, Dr. Bernhardt moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that he be ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed and Dr. Bernhardt offered prayer. Representatives from the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, Asheville were recognized.

Chairman Bernhardt introduced Heather Wood, Designated Associate Pastor-elect of the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, coming to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina from the Presbytery of Charlotte. Following questions and answers, Dr. Bernhardt moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that she be ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed and Dr. Bernhardt offered prayer. Representative from the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory were recognized.

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, presented each of the approved candidates with a Guatemalan stole on behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as a welcome to the Presbytery.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Bill Sweetser, Jr., moderator of the Examinations Sub-Committee, 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 L)

- Gary Van Brocklin, Professor of Biblical and Cross-Cultural Studies
- Alyce M. Kelly, Pastor, Dulatown Presbyterian Church
- Edward Forsyth, Pastor, West Avenue Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Margaret Wilson-Stayton was not present but will be presented at the April 28, 2009 meeting of Presbytery. (Her statement of faith and biographical statement are in Appendix L.)

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **III. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Bernhardt moved that the Presbytery approve that Linda Abel be commissioned as lay pastor to the Hayesville Presbyterian Church. Following questions and answers, the motion passed. Luke Harkey, Moderator, led the commissioning service. The commissioning included permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper, baptisms and weddings and moderate the Session. Representatives from the Hayesville Presbyterian Church were recognized.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **IV. VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES**

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Chairman Bernhardt moved that the Presbytery validate the ministry of the following:

- Gary Van Brocklin, as Professor of Biblical and Cross-Cultural Studies at Montreat College, through January 31, 2010.

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Rev. Aimee Buchanan, chair of the Youth Committee, and Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth, reported on the work of the committee and spoke of exciting events planned for the youth of the Presbytery. Brochures and applications for the "Week of Work" (WOW), a mission opportunity for youth, were made available to be taken back to the churches.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

On behalf of the Christian Education committee, James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk, recognized Angela Washburn as a Certified Christian Educator, having completed many exacting requirements.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, the Rev. Otis Wilson, shared with the Presbytery that Bobbi White and James Aydelotte had voluntarily taken less compensation for 2009, while Beth Gunn would be give a modest increase. He also shared that all other staff would remain at 2008 levels. The staff was recognized as being an outstanding group. (Appendix M)

### **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Elder Charles Sellers, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the proposed 2009 Presbytery Budget for approval. The 2009 Budget of the Presbytery was approved as presented. (Appendix N)

### **GENERAL PRESBYTER REPORT**

General Presbyter, Bobbi White, spoke enthusiastically about the planned seminar scheduled for March 6 and 7 to introduce churches in the Presbytery to the concept of The Acts 16:5 Initiative. Church pastors were encouraged to come with three to six church leaders to this two-day seminar, which can be a stand alone event or the beginning of a commitment, if possible, to three-years of involvement. A DVD with Stanley Ott, the leader of this initiative from the Vital Churches Institute, was made available to all churches. Bobbi requested: "Invite me!" . . . to a Session meeting to speak with your elders about your congregations participation through Presbytery. (Appendix O)

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Reverend Bill Christian, Stated Supply at the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, offered prayers of intercession.

### **RECONVENE**

Reconvened at 1:05 by the Moderator.

### **EVANGELISM**

Rev. Dr. Joan Martin and Rev. Becky Stanley, from the Division of Evangelism, reported on the work of the Evangelism Division and the ACTS 16:5 Initiative seminar to be held on March 6-7, 2009. Pastors were encouraged to pick up an ACTS Initiative DVD and view it with their session and submit their registration for the seminar.

### **COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Elder Bill Kantonen, moderator of the Coordinating Council, presented for approval recommendations 1 through 8. The recommendations were approved.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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| <p><b>1. THAT Elder Jack Suddreth be re-elected as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for 2009.</b></p> |
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| 2. | <p><b>THAT the following persons be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Don Cooper (Spruce Pine) (F) Chair</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Mollie Trooper (West Avenue) (D) Class 2011</b></p>  |
| 3. | <p><b>THAT permission be granted for the Lord's Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events and mission trips during 2009.</b></p>  |
| 4. | <p><b>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 March 26-29, 2009. This will be administered by Presbyterian ministers for the Presbytery of AC and surrounding Presbyteries.</b></p>   |
| 5. | <p><b>THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the hiring of the Rev. Anita Bernhardt, as Interim Associate Presbyter (10 hours per week), with an effective date of February 1, 2009, and that pursuant to <i>BO: G-11.0405</i> she be granted temporary membership in this Presbytery during her term of service. <i>(The second part of this recommendation was approved by the Committee on Ministry after they examined her.) (Appendix P)</i></b></p> |
| 6. | <p><b>THAT the Presbytery approve the Covenant Agreement between the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Lees-McRae College. (Appendix Q)</b></p>   |
| 7. | <p><b>THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the following special arrangements at this meeting of Presbytery for the discussion and action on the process for voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. (See HH-2 - Appendix R)</b></p>   |
| 8. | <p><b>THAT the Presbytery endorse the action of the Coordinating Council in contracting with Stan Out, Vital Church Institute, to work with the Presbytery in a three-year process for church transformation and continuing growth for churches. The program is called the Acts 16:5 Initiative.</b></p>   |

Elder Kantonen then presented items 9 through 16 of the Coordinating Council Report as information.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

9. **THAT the Coordinating Council approved sending a letter of thanks to all churches which have submitted their pledge to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for 2009.**
10. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
11. **THAT the Coordinating Council approved the Property and Equipment Committee to apply for a \$25,000 Grant from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund to evaluate the property at Camp Woodson.**
12. **THAT the Coordinating Council approved to take an additional \$22,759 from Presbytery Reserves to cover the 2008 Budget Shortfall.**

**13. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following Nickel A Meal Grants:**

<b>Burke United Christian Ministries</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Interfaith Assistance Ministries</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Line Home Meals Program</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>Loving Food Resources</b>	<b><u>4,000.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>

**14. THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following International Grants:**

<b>Guatemala:</b>	
Support the partnership health program	<b>12,500.00</b>
Children’s Nutrition Program	
Bonus for Children’s Nutrition Program	
<b>Haiti:</b>	
La Geneva Children’s Feeding Program	<b>7,500.00</b>
Agricultural Program of Farmer’s Movement of Papa (Road to Life Yard)	<b>5,245.00</b>
Burke Sunrise, Inc. Haiti Project	<b>7,500.00</b>
<b>Malawi:</b>	
Nkhoma Synod: Seeds and fertilizer for care givers of AIDS orphans	<b>20,000.00</b>
Nkhoma Hospital & Agricultural Programs	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>52,745.00</u></b>

**15. THAT an invitation from the Session of Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdez to host the January 30, 2010 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**

**16. THAT an invitation from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church in Cherryville to host the July 27, 2010 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Following a procedure approved by Presbytery, Stated Clerk James Aydelotte called for approval of the proposed Constitutional Amendments. All were approved except 08-A, Vows for Membership (lost 133-92), 08-F and 08-I, Certified Christian Educators. On a written ballot, 08-B, Ordained Officers was approved 144-108 (a 57-43% margin), after substantial debate, with detailed presentations by the Revs. Bill Campbell and Kevin Frederick.

**CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS**

Rev. Edyth Pruitt, chair of the Care of Church Professionals Committee, reported on the work of the committee and asked how can the Care of Church Professionals Committee can help you.

Elder Marylyn Huff, instructor of The Pastor’s Institute, presented certificates to persons who had recently completed The Pastor’s Institute VI. Those receiving certificates were:

Rev. Terry L. Alexander	Rev. Terry Hanna	Ms. Ginny Soll
Rev. Michael Bailey	Rev. Mike Johnston	Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson
Rev. Tony F. Baker	Rev. Calvin Lewers	Rev. Dr. Dan M. Thornton
Rev. Eddie Deas, III	Mr. Robert Simes	

The following completed The Pastor's Institute VI and are now Certified Instructors:

Rev. Dr. Richard N. Boyce

Rev. Sam Marshall

Rev. Dr. Samuel Hobson

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Dendy

Rev. Dr. Joseph Welker, Jr.

Marylyn Huff who has served as The Pastor's Institute Instructor for six years was thanked for her wonderful leadership of that program and received a round of applause for appreciation.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Elder Richard Graham, 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.

Elder Graham expressed thanks to all those who have served on committees over the past few years and thanked those who have submitted suggestions of others to serve on committees. Pastors and elders were encouraged to suggest persons to be contacted by the committee for the remaining vacancies.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Elder Perrin Todd, chair of the Communications Committee, reported on the work of the committee and spoke of how much communications have changed over time. He encouraged churches to utilize websites as a for communications within the church stating that church newsletters, announcements and other information can be shared. In August 2009, the Communications Committee will offer a workshop on creating a webpage, e-newsletters and more.

### **MISSIONS**

Rev. Allen Huff, chair of the Missions Committee, spoke on the work of the committee and mission trips planned for May 12-24 and May 20-June 1 to Malawi. Rev. Huff shared that John McCall, missionary in Taiwan, had ended his term of service and is back in the USA. He also shared that Barbara Nagy, missionary in Malawi, can pursue the adoption of Happy, stating that she now has the necessary signed documents from Happy's father and her mother's tribe.

Jim McGill, a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker in the States for itineration, presented information about his work with clean water and sanitation projects in Mzuzu, Malawi. He also shared about his wife Jodi's work with the nursing school at Ekwendeni.

### **PEACE AND JUSTICE**

Rev. Terry Alexander, a member of the Peace and Justice Committee, reported on the work of the committee and the 2008 Peacemaking Offering. On behalf of the committee, he presented a check for \$1,575.90 to David Cohn, Director of Camp Grier, for the development of a Global Village at the camp. The check came from the Presbytery's portion of the 2008 Peacemaking Offering.

### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee,

**We rejoice** in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit which have been made manifest in our midst today as we gathered for the **79<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**

**We give thanks** for the faithful men and women who serve the body of Christ through the work of the presbytery, and we especially acknowledge the sacrifices they have made.

**We celebrate** the quality, strength, and vitality of the youth program of this presbytery along with the effective and dedicated work of the Committee on Ministry, Christian Education, Peace

& Justice, Missions, Evangelism, Care of Church Professionals, Budget & Finance, Personnel, and Nominating. We recognize that the work of each of these committees plays a major role in carrying out the mission in this Presbytery.

**We are grateful** for the chance to worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. We welcome the challenge from Heather Wood to ask "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" and continue to seek Christ's truth and mercy in all we do and say. We also welcome Allen Smith's challenge to listen for the work of the Holy Spirit in unexpected places, even (and especially) when those places look different from ourselves.

**We are encouraged** by the prospect of our growing in numbers and of the strengthening of many congregations through the upcoming Acts 16:5 Initiative.

**We give thanks** for the saints who have gone before us, especially those who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year.

**We celebrate** with the recent graduates from the Pastor's Institute and we offer our prayers for them as they continue to grow in their ministry.

**We are thankful** for God's work being done through our missionaries in Malawi and other areas of the world as well as within our bounds at Camp Greer. We remember that the Presbytery and congregations volunteer in and support a variety of crisis ministries for the hungry, the homeless, the abused, the sick in our communities.

**We thank God** for the moments of joy, the moments of tears, the moments when ironed sharpened iron, and the moments when brothers and sisters dwelled together in unity. We look forward to the chance to move forward together in ministry to God's people.

**We resolve** to be thankful for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the unconditional love of God the Father, and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit forever.

**We express our sincere gratitude** to those who served and led this day and to God who leads us everyday.

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

With the business of the Seventy-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 4:35 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Eightieth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Luke Harkey, Moderator

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James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

- These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on April 28, 2009 at its meeting at the Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC.

## APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
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- S. Report of the Nominating Committee

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