

**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
EIGHTY-SECOND
STATED MEETING
OCTOBER 23-24, 2009**

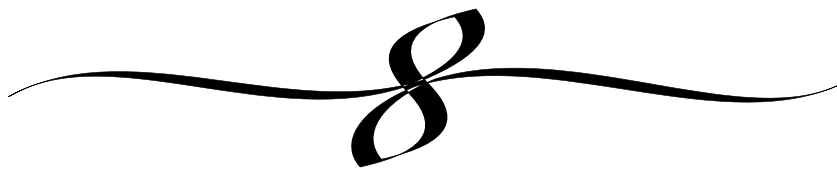


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Eighty-Second Stated Meeting
October 23-24, 2009
at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Rev. Luke Harkey, convened the Eighty-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:05 a.m., at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, and offered prayer to God.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Robert Abel	E	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	A
David Anderson	E	James Arnold	E	Wayne Aughinbaugh	E
Stephen Austin	E	James Aydelotte	P	Patricia Bacon	E
Michael Bailey	E	Tony Baker	E	Douglas Bartlett	E
Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Ashley J. Beavers	P	Joseph Bennett	E
Stanley Bennett	E	Anita Bernhardt	P	James Bernhardt	P
Carter Blaisdell	E	Randall Boggs	P	Ronald Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	A	Adam Bowling	P	Lee W. Bowman	E
Richard Boyce	A	Grace Boyer	P	David Bradley	E
Troy Braswell	P	Ronald Brauer	E	Michael Brazelle	P
Edwin Brenegar, III	E	Hayden Britton	E	Beverly Brock	A
Jerry Bron	P	G. Thompson Brown	E	Jon Brown	P
Jason Bryant	P	Aimee Buchanan	E	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	P	William P. Campbell	P	Day Carper	E
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	E

Dwight Christenbury	P	William Christian	P	Carol Boggs Clark	A
Mark P. Clark	A	James Cockerham,	P	James Cogswell	P
Hunter Coleman	E	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	E
Dent Davis	E	Eddie Deas	P	Arthur DeJong	E
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, Jr.	E
Edward Forsyth	P	Maynard Fountain	P	McCoy Franklin	E
Kevin Frederick	E	John Frye, Jr.	E	A. W. Gaines	A
Tee Gatewood, III	A	Denise Geiger	E	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	A	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P
Karen Haak	P	Samuel Hale	E	Michael 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, Jr.	P	George Hutchins	E	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	E	William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	E	Mike Johnston, IV	A	Franklin Jones	P
Dong Uk Kang	P	Alyce Kelly	E	David Kennedy	E
James Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E
Shannon Kershner	P	Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	A
Albert Kissling	E	Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A
Gale Lammey	E	John LaMotte	E	John Laughlin	E
Margaret Lauterer	P	Calvin Lewers	E	Ernest Lewis	E
Wendell Ligon	E	John Lindsay	P	Eugene Linton, Jr.	E

Brad Long	A	Laura Long	P	Dick Lonnee	E
Edward Loper	A	Billy T. Lowe	P	David Lytle	E
Joan Martin	P	Roberta Martin	E	Robert Martin, Jr.	E
Tyler Martin	P	Griffith Matthews	E	Layton Mauze, III	P
Sandra McClinton	A	Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	A
Deborah McEachran	P	Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	E	David McKee	P
Alex McLean	P	James McPherson	E	Robert Meachem	E
Lynn Michie	P	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	E	Robert Montgomery	E	Anne Morgan	P
David Morgan	E	Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	E
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Carl Murray	E
David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	P	Karen Newsome	A
John T. Newton, Jr.	E	John Niles	E	Herman Nodine	E
Richard Nygren	P	O'Hyun Park	E	Yoon E. Park	A
Katherine Parker	E	Thomas Parker	E	Andrew Parkey	A
David Parks	E	Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	P
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret Peery	P	Patrick Perryman	P
Harry Petersen	E	Martha Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E
Harry Phillips	E	James Poling	E	Carolyn Poteet	P
Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E	Gene Price	P
Edyth Pruitt	E	Tamara Puffer	P	Jay Rabuck	E
Daria Ragan	P	Mark Ramsey	P	Earl Rash	E
Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E
Don Robb, III	E	Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	P
Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	E	Henry Scoggins	P
Julius Scott	E	Carol Seaman	E	Michael Sears	P
William Serjak	E	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E	Richard Shelor	E
James Shroyer	E	Allan Sinclair	A	Robert Singdahlsen	P
Wirt Skinner	P	Allen Smith	P	O'dell Smith	E
Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	A

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

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

Linda Abel	E	Philip Adams	E	Dwayne Durham	A
Robert Garrison	P	Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood	A
David Moore, Sr.	A	Randy Patterson	A	Pete Peterson	P
Betty Shaw	A	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	Frela Beck	A
Arthur Burgess, Jr.	E	Lois Camp	A	Patricia Clark	A
Philip Dammann	P	Edna Goshorn	A	Elizabeth Hill	A
William Kantonen	P	Judy Nebrig	A	Kathy Parse	P
Dick Peck	A	Larry Poe	A	Pat Queen	A
Charles Sellers	P	Jack Suddreth	P	Perrin Todd	A
J. D. Waldrop	P	Guy Wallace	A	Mae Weed	P

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

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

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

Arbor Dale (1)	A	
Asheville First (2)	Jennifer Kantonen	
Banner Elk (1)	Sara Brewer	
Belmont First (2)	Charles Barron	
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Black Mountain (2)	Gene Schimpf	Florence Shelor
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	A	
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	A	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	Louise Hembree	
Calvary (2)	Vivian Ridley	Mamie White
Canton (1)	A	
Cherryville First (1)	Norman Ryan	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	E	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Barbara Ross	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	A	
Dixon (1)	Philip Humphries	
Dorland Memorial (1)	E	

Dulatown (2)	A	
Duncan's Creek (1)	Rebecca Brackett	
Ellenboro (1)	E	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	Ken Humphreys	
Fletcher (1)	Roger Wise	
Forest City First (1)	A	
Franklin First (1)	Nancy Parcels	
Gastonia First (3)	Dorothy McKenzie	Martha Rockett
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Susie Churchfield	Janet Hovis
Grassy Creek (1)	Rebecca Teague	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	E	
Hayesville (1)	E	
Hendersonville First (2)	Pat Green	Carl Green
Hickory First (2)	Marcia Reighley	
Highlands First (1)	Bob Tietze	
Ironton (1)	E	
Jack's Creek (1)	Grace Silvers	
John Knox (1)	A	
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)	Sue Unnasch	

Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	A	
Marion First (2)	Bob Brendle	Robert Gourley
Marshall (2)	A	
Micaville (2)	Billie Tomberlin	
Mills River (2)	A	
Montreat (2)	Kay Layman	
Morganton First (3)	Sally DeAugustinis	Mary Aiken
Morrison (2)	Shirley Reed	
Mount Holly First (2)	Bob Jessen	
New Hope, Asheville (2)	Annette Sheffield	Ray Sheffield
New Hope, Gastonia (2)	Carol Clanton	Terry Clark
Newdale (2)	Becky Ayala	
Newland (2)	Tommy Williams	Cindy Williams
Newton First (3)	A	
Northminster (2)	A	
Oak Forest (2)	A	
Oakwood (2)	A	
Old Fort (2)	A	
Olney (2)	Lamar Howe	
Paint Gap (2)	A	
Pine Street (3)	A	
Pineola (2)	A	
Quaker Meadows (2)	A	
Reems Creek-Beech (2)	Pat Bradley	
Riceville (2)	Karl Stroupe	Rodney Ogle
Ridgeview (2)	A	
Robinson Memorial (2)	A	
Rutherfordton (2)	Janet Jolly	

Ryburn Memorial (3)	A	
Saluda (1)	A	
Shelby (2)	A	
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	E	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Gayla Woody	
Spindale (1)	E	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Lynn Holman	
Sweetwater (1)	A	
Sylva First (1)	Erik Enberg	
Third Street (2)	A	
Trinity (1)	A	
Tryon (1)	A	
Union (1)	E	
Union Mills (1)	A	
United (1)	A	
Unity (2)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (1)	Jan Garrou	
Walnut (1)	E	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	A	
Waynesville First (1)	Ron Tingle	
West Asheville (1)	Alan Cohlmeier	
West Avenue (1)	Sylvia Sellers	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Ministers	91
Elders	56
Certified Educators	5
Council/Committee Chairs	8
Visitors	<u>45</u>
Total	205

It was later moved that four persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved: the Rev. William Whiteside, AME Church - serving Green Mountain Presbyterian Church; Edwin Gelista, Presbytery of Suchitepequez; Cesar Taracena, Presbytery of Sur Occidente; Mr. Tim Exley, Synod of the Living Waters.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

Friday, October 23, 2009

8:30 Registration (Lambuth Lobby)

(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)

Morning Refreshments (Lambuth Room 105)

Prayer before Presbytery (Prayer Chapel) Robert Garrison

(We invite you to come to pray for the Presbytery, its work, its churches and pastors.)

Orientation for New Elders (Lambuth Room 103) Charles Davenport

**** 9:00 Convene (International Room)**

**Prayer of Invocation and Constitution Luke Harkey,
Moderator**

A Prayer from John Calvin (1509-2009)

“Grant, almighty God, whenever you show us such a bright mirror of your wonderful providence and your judgments among your people of old, that we may have assurance that we too are under your hand and protection. With this support, may we hope, whatever befalls us, that your will be our guardian and never abandon our safety; so that we can quietly and confidently call upon you and boldly await any danger amid the changes of this world. May we stand first in your unfailing Word and rest upon your promises, not doubting that the Christ to whom you have committed us and who by your will is the shepherd of all our flock, will so care for us . . . until we arrive at that heavenly rest which he has won for us by his blood. Amen.”

**Appointment of Standing Committee
Resolution of Thanks**

Declaration of Quorum

**Bert Sigmon,
Stated Clerk**

Approval of Docket

Omnibus Motion **A**
(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. If a commissioner wishes to pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason, simply state the item you wish to remove from the Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)

Stated Clerk's Report **B**
(Introduction of any Corresponding Members)

**** 9:30 Service of Worship** **Barbara Nagy**
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Missions Committee (30 minutes) **Allen Huff**
(Health update on Nkhoma Hospital) **Barbara Nagy**

Coordinating Council (10 minutes) **Bill Kantonen** **C**

General Presbyter Report(10 minutes) **Bobbi White** **GP**

Youth Committee (20 minutes) **Aimee Buchanan**
Beth Gunn

Nominating(10 minutes) **Don Cooper** **I**
(Election of members for Presbytery committees)

11:55 Prayers of Intercession
(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)

**** 12:00 Lunch** **(Lambuth Dining Room)**

**** 1:30 Reconvene with Prayer** **Moderator**
(Please sit with commissioners from a church other than yours.)

1:35 Speak Out (5 minutes)
(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 Committee on Ministry (30 minutes) **James Bernhardt** **D**
(Work of the committee, Introduction of new ministers.) **Bill Sweetser**

Budget & Finance(10 minutes) **Charles Sellers** **BB**
Treasurer's Report **Jack Suddreth**

Stewardship (20 minutes) **Arthur Burgess**

Institutions and Agencies
Presbyterian Home for Children (5 minutes) **Sarah Thomas**
Grandfather Home for Children (5 minutes) **Tricia Wilson & Mae Weed**

Campus Mission (3 minutes) **Mae Weed** **V**
NCPHEM (NC Presbyterian Higher Education
Ministries Board)(7 minutes) **George Gunn**

Report from Synod Commissioners(10 minutes)

Becky Stanley

Larry Poe

Good News from Churches (15 minutes)

3:25 Listening to God - Biblical Reflection "Lectio Divina" (60 min) **Lynn Michie**

4:25 Prayers before Dinner

4:30 Walk around the lake, check-in, or other options

**** 5:30 Dinner (Lambuth Dining Room)**

(Fellowship and dinner in Lambuth Dining Room; opportunity for those staying overnight to check-in at "Welcome Center" at main entrance)

6:30 Spontaneous Hoe Down - Music

**** 7:00 Reconvene with Prayer and Song**

7:10 Hunger Committee (10 minutes)

Cindy Moore

P

Guatemala Partnership (60 minutes)

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(15 Year Celebration, New Covenant Signing; visits from Edwin Gelista and Cesar Taracena; Commissioning of three teams to Guatemala)

Good News from General Assembly (15 minutes)

Jon Brown

8:35 Vespers

9:00 Closing Music

SATURDAY

October 24, 2009

7:00 Breakfast

(Lambuth Dining Room)

8:30 Registration

(Lambuth - International Room)

**** 9:00 Welcome & Reconvene with Prayer and Song Moderator**

"Grant, O almighty God – for although so many testimonies of your glory are daily before our eyes, we are blind and bury the light under our ingratitude – grant, I say, that we may now at last learn to open our eyes – no, open them for us by your Spirit – that, reckoning the many and great and remarkable benefits in which you show yourself to us and assert the testimony of your eternal divinity – that, reckoning, I say, all this, we may progress in the school of godliness and so learn to ascribe to you all praise for all our faculties, that no praise may remain for ourselves but that we may exalt you alone. And the more you condescend to declare yourself liberal to us, so much the more may we apply ourselves to worship you fervently and devote ourselves entirely to you, leaving no remnant of praise in ourselves but caring only that all the glory may rest with you alone and that it may shine in all the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

9:05 Speak Out (5 minutes)

(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.)

9:10 Mission Update (5 minutes)
("Partner with Presbyterian World Mission")

Allen Huff

Living Waters for the World (10 minutes)
(This is a project of the Synod of Living Waters)

Tim Exley

Good News from Churches (5 minutes)

Listening to God - Health Care - "Unto the Least of Us" Olson Huff
What Christians need to know about health care.
(Not a political position, but a listening exercise)

11:00 Service for Wholeness and Healing

11:40 Resolution of Thanks Committee

11:45 Benediction and Adjournment

Moderator

**** Order of the Day**

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator Harkey appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:** The Rev. Dr. Billy T. Lowe (Minister at Cherryville First Presbyterian Church) and Norman Ryan (Elder, Cherryville First Presbyterian Church).

OMNIBUS MOTION

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

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Items 1-4 having been approved in the Omnibus Motion, Elder Sigmon moved items 5, 6, and 7, which were seconded and adopted. These included reports from the Administrative Commissions for the Marion and Duncan's Creek Churches. He also moved that the Report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Appendix B) and the Report from the Evangelism Committee (Appendix C) be received as information. This was seconded and passed.

Items 8-14 were also received as information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

OM	1. THAT Luke Harkey, Bert Sigmon, and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 30, 2010 Presbytery meeting.
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OM	2. THAT the minutes of the July 28, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.
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| OM | 3. | THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix D & E)
Daria Leonard Ragan
Franklin Jones |
| OM | 4. | THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix F & G)
Alex McLean
Michael Christian Wingard |
| | 5. | THAT the October 23-24, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Marion Presbyterian Church be received at this meeting. (Appendix H) |
| | 6. | THAT the October 23-24, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church be received at this meeting. (Appendix I) |
| | 7. | That the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:
Rev. William Whiteside (AME Church serving Green Mountain Pres. Church)
Elder Edwin Gelista (Presbytery of Suchitepequez)
Elder Cesar Taracena (Presbytery of Sur Occidente)
Elder Tim Exley (Synod of the Living Waters) |

FOR INFORMATION:

8. **The eighty-third stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina.**
9. **THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a one-day retreat featuring Dr. Frances Taylor Gench for Christian Educators on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.**
10. **THAT the following date has been established for Committee Chair Training for those serving as chair of a Presbytery Committee for 2010.**
Friday, January 22, 2010 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
11. **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
12. **THAT the Worship Committee of Northminster Presbyterian Church is planning a visit from John Bell, Church Musician-in-Residence, on March 6-7, 2010.**
13. **THAT the 219th General Assembly (2010) will meet July 3 -10, 2010, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

14. **THAT the 2008 Minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina were reviewed by Stated Clerks of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic in Richmond, VA on August 26, 2009. The minutes were read to insure complete and accurate records of those meetings. The 2008 minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina were read and approved without exception.**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP, INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Dr. Barbara Nagy, PCUSA Mission Co-Worker in Malawi; Pastor Tyler Martin, Sylva First Presbyterian; Pastor John Lindsay, Waynesville First Presbyterian; Pastor Terry Hanna, Bryson City Presbyterian; and Pastor Bill Buchanan, Grace Covenant led the Presbytery in a service of worship.

Dr. Nagy’s sermon came from the scripture 1 Peter 1:1-2. Following her sermon, she presented a program regarding her work and achievements in Malawi.

The service of worship concluded with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper led by Pastors Terry Hanna and John Lindsay.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Elder Bill Kantonen, chair of the Coordinating Council, presented recommendations 1 through 3, 6 and 7 for approval. Recommendations 1 through 3 and 7 were approved. Recommendation 6 was referred back to the Coordinating Council for presentation at the January 30, 2010 meeting of Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT the following persons be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:**
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|---|------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Rev. Don Cooper (Retired) | (F) | Class of 2012 | Chair |
| Mrs. Nancy Gettys (Grace Covenant) | (B) | Class of 2012 | |
| Rev. Riley Covin (Retired) | (A) | Class of 2012 | |
- (1 vacancy remains for the Class of 2012. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation the committee needs, 1 female minister, from cluster B or D.)*
2. **THAT the Presbytery approve the Covenant with the Presbyterian Hunger Program, including the support for the Hunger Action Enabler Position.** *(Background: This is an annual renewal with the General Assembly Hunger Program which helps fund the work of the Hunger Action Enabler, which is part of the responsibility of the Associate Presbyter.)*
3. **THAT the following change within the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made to item III.G.4 (“Attendance and Voting” at Presbytery Meetings) of the Standing Rules of the Presbytery:**
- All Certified Christian Educators, Certified Associate Christian Educators, and, in addition, other Christian Educators who have
- earned at least a bachelor’s degree (or its equivalent),
 - is serving in one or more educational ministries under the jurisdiction of a Presbytery (or one of its Sessions) for a minimum of two (2) years, and
 - been examined and recommended to Presbytery by the Christian Education Committee,

shall have voice and (if elders) vote, provided that these privileges shall end, pursuant to BO: G-14.730.b. when such persons are no longer serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery (or one of its Sessions).

The Coordinating Council also reports:

4. **THAT a list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**
5. **THAT the Council expressed and extended thanks to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, for the exceptional contributions they make to the Presbytery by hosting Presbytery-wide gatherings at their facilities.**

The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

6. **THAT the following change within the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina be made to item VI. A. Representation Division (Committee on Representation and Racial/Ethnic Sub-Committee) of the Standing Rules of the Presbytery:**(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 J)

Committee on Representation

As described in the *Book of Order* (G-9.0105.b), the principal function of the Committee on Representation shall be to advise Presbytery with respect to its membership and that of its committees and other units in implementing the principles of participation and inclusiveness, ensuring fair and effective representation in their decision making. In carrying out this charge, the Committee on Representation shall serve as a resource for the Nominating Committee.

Specifically, the committee shall have the following duties:

1. To advocate representation of racial/ethnic members, women, varied age groups including youth, persons with disabilities, as well as persons from small **membership** churches and all geographical areas for Presbytery.
2. To review the performance of Presbytery in these matters, and report to Presbytery annually on results of the previous year and make recommendations for any needed corrective action.
3. To determine achievable representation and discover potential racial/ethnic nominees for committees and other units in consultation with racial/ethnic constituencies, sessions and the Nominating Committee.
4. To advise the Presbytery on the employment of personnel in accordance with the principles of participation and representation in conformity with a church-wide plan for equal employment opportunity (G-13.0201.b and G-4.0403).
5. To assist and monitor the related working groups (or task forces), e.g. Presbytery-level Women of Color and the African-American Advisory Group.
6. To encourage racial/ethnic congregations in their mission, heritage preservation and **ministry.**
7. To promote appreciation and understanding of the uniqueness of individuals and groups with different gifts and cultural backgrounds.

The membership of this committee is specified in the *Book of Order* (G-9.0105.a). Exceptions to these requirements shall be allowed by the Presbytery only if it is unable to secure the participation or representation of the necessary persons. This fact shall be made a part of the official record of the Presbytery. **The committee's membership shall, whenever possible, consist of twelve persons, including African-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and European Americans.**

The item "Racial/Ethnic Sub-Committee" shall be deleted in its entirety.

- 7. THAT Partnership Agreements between Presbytery of Suchitepequez and Presbytery of Sur Occidente in Guatemala be extended through 2014.**

Following the Coordinating Council's report, Elder Bill Kantonen requested time to speak to the Presbytery, being this as his last meeting as chair of Council. He stated that during the past six years, he has spent valuable time within and with the Presbytery and that he is very appreciative of the time. During this time, he shared that the Presbytery staff has been of great value to him and that he has been very appreciative of their assistance. He encouraged all commissioners that if approached to serve on a committee of Presbytery, to serve, that they will find it to be a rewarding experience.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, expressed that one of the joys of her job is being able to travel throughout the Presbytery and being able to be in the various churches. She is excited about being able to participate in the installation of new pastors, the activities of the Mayland Fellowship, and participate in worship services. These are some of the items that she is able to experience through various traveling throughout the Presbytery. (Appendix K) She encouraged everyone to stay alert and watch for information coming regarding Marvelous March in the Presbytery. The month will be filled with various events beginning March 6 when John Bell will be in Hickory. She invited musicians from the Presbytery to attend. Then, on March 13, the second session of the Acts Initiative will be held at Mt. Home Baptist Church. Following the Acts Initiative, the Christian Education Committee will hold their annual one-day retreat on March 20 with Frances Taylor Gench being the retreat leader.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Beth Gunn, Associate Presbyter for Youth, reported on the Youth Events for 2009, and upcoming dates and events for the youth in 2010, encouraging all commissioners to refer to the Presbytery website for youth updates and events. Beth continued her report by recognizing the 18 youth that will make up the Presbyterian Youth Council for 2010.

Ginny Soll, Educator at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, spoke to the commissioners about the Triennium 2010. (July 19-24) Encourage everyone to pick up information and encourage youth to attend this event. The youth will be greatly enriched from the experience.

Troy Braswell, Pastor at Long Creek Presbyterian Church, emphasized the need for youth to attend Triennium and the experiences that a person will come away with. He encouraged the churches to budget for the Triennium and stressed that our youth are the future of our Presbytery.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Elder Marcia Reighley, (Hickory First) offered intercessory prayers for those in the Presbytery and beyond. The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. Music was provided during the lunch break by Elder Luke Robinson, Jack's Creek.

RECONVENE

Vice-Moderator, Elder J. D. Waldrop reconvened the Presbytery at 1:30 p.m. with an opportunity for Presbyterians to address the Presbytery with announcements, concerns, and opinions.

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 L). All were duly approved.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. James Bernhardt, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix M)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY VALIDATED MINISTRIES

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

- Monty B. Burnham, Executive Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, through October 23, 2010.
- Margaret B. Peery, Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Counseling and Growth Center, through October 23, 2010.
- Edwin R. Brenegar, III, Facilitator/Consultant/Speaker, Community of Leadership, Inc., through October 23, 2010.

The motion passed.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Deborah McEachran, member of the Examinations 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 M)

- Shannon J. Kershner (Black Mountain Presbyterian Church)
- Gene T. Price (Honorably Retired)
- Russell D. Tillotson, Sr. (Honorably Retired)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elder Charles Sellers, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and Elder Jack Suddreth, Treasurer, presented a summary of the Operating Budget as of September 30, 2009. (Appendix N)

The Budget & Finance Committee has reviewed the committee expenditures and has been in contact with the various committee chairs and encouraged the committees to curtail their budgets. First Presbyterian Church in Waynesville and First Presbyterian Church in Highlands were commended for their additional giving with the budget constraints.

Jack Suddreth and Charles Sellers commended the Presbytery Staff for their support of the Presbytery and their work.

STEWARDSHIP

General Presbyter, Bobbi White, gave a presentation on the work of the Presbytery and how the Presbytery is supporting the churches within the Presbytery. She shared the many ways in which your money is at work through Jesus and that the Presbytery is giving 50% to benevolence.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

On behalf of the Presbyterian Home for Children, Sarah Thomas expressed sincere thanks to the Presbytery for their continued support, gifts and prayers and asked the Presbytery to continue to pray for the children and the home. The Presbyterian Home for Children is now participating in the foster care program, enabling them to provide support and transitional living from ages birth through college graduation.

GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN

On behalf of Grandfather Home for Children, Mae Weed brought greetings from the home and gave a brief history of the home and their needs. Grandfather Home for Children is currently serving approximately 250 children throughout their facilities in North Carolina.

CAMPUS MISSION

Mae Weed, chair of Campus Mission Committee, reported on the work of that committee and distributed information regarding campus ministry at the various schools in our Presbytery. (Appendix O)

REPORT FROM SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

Dr. James Aydelotte, representing the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, reported from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Assembly. The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic is composed of 14 Presbyteries. The Synod invited Dr. Aydelotte to report on the work of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Dr. Aydelotte extended a thanks of appreciation to the Synod, on behalf of the Presbytery, for grant funds received. Elder Larry Poe and the Rev. Becky Stanley are our Synod Commissioners. The next moderator of the Synod is recommended to come from our Presbytery.

GOOD NEWS FROM CHURCHES

With appreciation the Presbytery heard reports from the following:

- Eddie Deas, Third Street Presbyterian Church
- Patrick Perryman, First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
- Joseph Washburn, Banner Elk Presbyterian Church

LECTIO DEVINA

Rev. Lynn Michie, chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, led the Presbytery through a period of spiritual reading. Lectio Devina is a method of prayer and scriptural reading to promote communion with God and spiritual insights.

PRAYERS BEFORE DINNER

The General Presbyter recessed the Presbytery for dinner with prayer at 4:20 p.m.

Following dinner, Blue Grass Music was provided by a group of musicians in the Presbytery, prior to reconvening at 7:00 p.m. with song and prayer.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

Elder Cindy Moore, member of the Hunger Committee, and the Rev. Franklin Jones, pastor at Brittain/Union Mills began their presentation with a skit promoting “Whose Birthday is it Anyway?” Cindy then reported on the work of the committee for the year and the Reclaiming Christmas opportunities, and how each congregation can actively participate.

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

The Rev. Randall Boggs, chair of the Guatemala Partnership Task Force, shared that it was 17 years ago that the Presbytery of Western North decided to share lives with companion brothers and sisters in Guatemala. He briefed the Presbytery of the work and priorities of the Partnership.

Elder Edwin Gelista, Presbytery of Suchitepequez, and Elder Cesar Taracena, Presbytery of Sur Occidente, addressed the Presbytery and communicated thanks to each one for the Partnership between our Presbytery and their Presbyteries, and of the benefits of the scholarship programs. Elder Barbara Hosbein, Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, served as translator.

Doug Michael, chair of the Health Ministries Task Force with the Guatemala Partnership, shared that their work had been largely through promoting the educational health needs and health concerns. The greatest priority is to integrate our health ministry to have more opportunities to improve the health of the people.

Surrounded by pastors and members of Presbytery's churches with sister churches in Guatemala, General Presbyter, Bobbi White, Chair of the Guatemala Partnership Committee, Randall Boggs, Elder Cesar Taracena of Presbytery of Sur Occidente and Elder Edwin Gelista of Presbytery of Suchitepequez signed a new, five-year covenant with the Presbyteries of Suchitepequez and Sur Occidente.

Members of the delegation of church partners going to Guatemala in November 2009 were commissioned.

GREETINGS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Jon Brown, General Assembly Council and Director for Mission Interpretation, brought greetings from the General Assembly. He has been at the Office of the General Assembly for six years and extended thanks every day for our Presbytery being so faithful and generous.

VESPERS

Evening vespers were led by the Rev. Troy Braswell, Long Creek Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Jim Cockerham.

Presbytery adjourned for the evening at 8:50 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

WELCOME

The eighty-second meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina was reconvened on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 9:01 a.m. with song and prayer by the Moderator.

MISSION

Allen Huff, chair of the Mission Committee, reported on the work of the committee and presented the mission update by showing “Partner with Presbyterian World Mission.”

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD

Tim Exley shared the mission of Living Waters for the World with the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and how various groups and congregations could participate. Living Waters for the World is a

mission resource that trains and equips mission teams to share the gift of clean water with communities in need. Their water treatment systems and related educational programs fill a critical need in the world water crisis and communities with available, but contaminated water.

HEALTH CARE

Dr. Olson Huff, a nationally known pediatric doctor and elder at the Montreat Presbyterian Church who has worked with congressional leaders in both the Senate and House to effect the Health Reform legislation, spoke to the Presbytery to help everyone have a better understanding of the issues surrounding health care.

CLOSING WORSHIP

Pastors Bobbi White, General Presbyter; Grace Boyer, Associate Presbyter; Dr. Billy T. Lowe, Cherryville First; Maggie Lauterer, Burnsville, First; Jerry Bron, Southminster; and Daria Ragan, Belmont First, led the Presbytery in a Wholeness and Healing closing worship, with scripture taken from Mark 10:46-52.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, the Rev. Dr. Billy T. Lowe shared the following Resolution of Thanks.

WHEREAS, the 82nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, through the Providence of Almighty God, met October 23-24, 2009 at Lake Junaluska Conference Center at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

WE give thanks for the beauty of this earth, as evidenced once again through the Autumn days of color and crispness;

WE give thanks for the able leadership by our Moderator, Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey;

WE give thanks for the true Spirit of the Church as experienced by:

- the dedication of Presbytery Committees and their leaders whose work it is to Glorify God in both mundane and mighty services;
- the Church Companionship of Sur Occidente and Suchitepequez and Western North Carolina;
- the uplifting Bible Study and soul-feeding music and blessed worship experiences;
- the renewal of old friendships and the beginnings of new ones;
- the witness, co-operation and unity of the members;
- the many opportunities taken to share the Love of Christ;
- the commitment of our General Presbyter, the Reverend Bobbi White and the Presbytery Staff, to assist us on this journey;

THEREFORE, we resolve to “Love the Lord our God with mind, heart, soul and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.” To the Glory of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Eighty-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the Moderator concluded our meeting with prayer at 11:15 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Eighty-Third Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

Luke Harkey, Moderator

William A. "Bert" Sigmon, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

- These minutes are to be approved by Presbytery on January 30, 2010, at its meeting at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- C. Report of the Division of Evangelism Committee
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- F. Minutes of Installation of Alex McLean
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