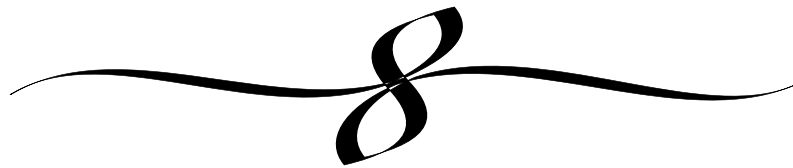
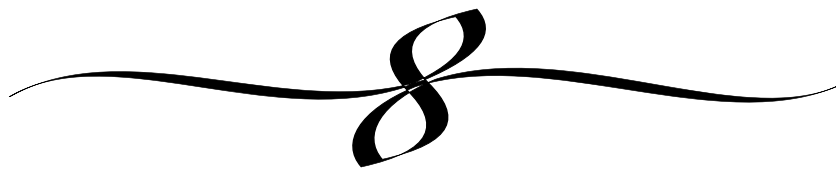


**PRESBYTERY OF  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES  
SEVENTY-SECOND  
STATED MEETING  
April 24, 2007**



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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Seventy-Second Stated Meeting  
April 24, 2007  
at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina**

**CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator, the Rev. Margaret P. Lauterer, convened the Seventy-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:07 a.m., at Montreat Conference Center, Anderson Auditorium, Montreat, North Carolina, with a song-prayer, “Lord, Draw Near.”

Mr. George Barber, President of the Montreat Conference Center, welcomed the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the Montreat Conference Center and Anderson Auditorium. Through Mr. Barber’s welcoming comments, he attempted to illustrate the 100 years of Presbyterian history involved in the 2400 acres that we know as “Montreat.”

**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):**

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

<b>Joel David Cherry</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Calvin Chesnutt</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Kenneth Chivers</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>William E. Christian</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Carol B. Clark</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Mark P. Clark</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>James Cockerham</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>James Cogswell</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joshua M. Cole</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>J. Hunter Coleman</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Robert Collins</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Priestley Conyers, III</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Thomas Cook, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Drayton Cooper</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Donald L. Cooper</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>W. Riley Covin</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>John W. Craven</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>James R. Crook</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Curtis Crowther</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Charles Davenport</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Eddie Deas, III</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Arthur DeJong</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Charles Donnell</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Ellen H. Dozier</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Philip W. Dunford</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Hugh Eichelberger</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>John E. Ellington</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Charles D. Elyea</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Lee S. Feero, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>R. David Fillpot</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Ragland Fletcher</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Kenneth J. Foreman, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Maynard Fountain, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Kevin E. Frederick</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>A. W. Gaines, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>B. Ronald Gilmer</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Gregory M. Grana</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Theodore Grant</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Robert Gruber</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>George Gunn</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Samuel W. Hale</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Michal H. Hall</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Terry L. Hanna</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Martin L. Harkey, III</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Robert T. Henderson</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>J. Robert Hewett</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Fred Hill</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Robert F. Hinman</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Richard Hobson</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Timothy Holland</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>J. Richard Holshouser</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Samuel R. Hope</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>James S. Hornsby</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>David Hosick</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>William Hoyt, III</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>T. Allen Huff, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>James C. Huskins</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>George Hutchins</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Donald Jafvert</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>William M. Janes</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>William Jennings</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Cecil Jividen</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Wallace Johnson</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Rufus M. Johnston, IV</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Dong Uk Kang</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>David Kennedy</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Ira Kennerly</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>R. Paul Kercher</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Jeff Kesterson</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>William Kirk</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Albert Kissling</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Earl J. Kreisa</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Lee Kruse</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Gale D. Lammey</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>John LaMotte</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>John Laughlin</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Margaret Lauterer</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Ernest Lewis</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Wendell Ligon</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>John Lindsay</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Eugene Linton, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Brad Long</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Laura Long</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Dick Lonnee</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Edward Loper</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Pressly Love</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Billy Lowe</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>David Lytle</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>William Marquis</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Sam P. Marshall, III</b>	<b>A</b>

<b>Joan C. Martin</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Roberta Martin</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W. Robert Martin, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>W. Tyler Martin</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Griffith Matthews</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>J. Layton Mauze, III</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>John McCall</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Sandra McClinton</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Robert McCully, Jr.</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Deborah McEachran</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Flemon McIntosh, Jr.</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>James McPherson</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Robert Meachem</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Lynn Michie</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Beth Ann Miller</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Robert Mills</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Paul Moehlman</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Charles Moore</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Anne C. Morgan</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>David Morgan</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Richard Morgan</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Nancy Mugford</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>David Mulford</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Donald Mullen</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Carl Murray</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>David Nash</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Elizabeth Newman</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Karen Newsome</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>John T. Newton, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Herman Nodine</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Richard Nygren</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>O'Hyun Park</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Yoon E. Park</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Katherine Parker</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Thomas D. Parker</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Andrew Parkey</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>David L. Parks</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Charles E. Parrish</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Donald Patchel</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Stratton Peacock</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Albert G. Peery, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Margaret Peery</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Patrick Perryman</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Harry Petersen</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Martha Jane Petersen</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Lyle Peterson</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Harry Philips</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Michael Poulos</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Carolyn Poteet</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Donald Price</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Edyth Pruitt</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Tamara Puffer</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Jay Rabuck</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Mark Ramsey</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Earl Rash</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Robert Ratchford</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Wilson P. Rhoton, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Calvin Rice</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Homer Rickabaugh</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Don Robb, III</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Jack Robinson</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Steven Runholt</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Richard Rustay</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Donald Scofield, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Julius Scott</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>William Serjak</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Albert D. Shaw, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Richard Shelor</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>James Shroyer</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Allan Sinclair</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>James Skelton, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Wirt Skinner</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>O'dell Smith</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Paul Smith</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>John Somerville</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Becky Stanley</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Mark Stanley</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Carole Steele</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>John David Stewart</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Daniel Stitt</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>David Stoker</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Cynthia Strickler</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Steven Strickler</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>James Stuart</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Walter Styles</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Charles Swann</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>William Sweetser, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>John Talmage</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>James W. Taylor, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A. Lee Thomas</b>	<b>P</b>

<b>Keith Thompson</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Margaret Torrence</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Emily Townes</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Ace Tubbs</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Thomas Tweedie</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Rockwell Ward</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Samuel Warner</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Morris Warren</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joseph Washburn</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>William Waterstradt</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Mark Watson</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>George Webb</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Lynn Webber</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Barbara White</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Richard White</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Alan Wildsmith</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>James Wilken</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Cynthia Williams</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Lamar Williamson, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Parker Williamson</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>John Wilson</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Otis Wilson, Jr.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Claude Wilson-Stayton</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>William T. Wing, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Eugene Witherspoon</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Graham Wood, Jr.</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Donaldson Woods</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Rebecca Young</b>	<b>P</b>				

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

<b>Philip Adams</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Sharon Decker</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Leila Evans</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Robert Garrison</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joe Gernoske</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Richard Hood</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>David Moore</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Joe Morin</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Randy Patterson</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Betty Shaw</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Bert Sigmon</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Robert Simes</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Dennis Stamper</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>John Stanley</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Bert Wiley</b>	<b>P</b>

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

<b>Mike Begley</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Beth Bolin</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Arthur Burgess</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Patricia Clark</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Willard Cottrell</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Philip Dammann</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Sharon Decker</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Richard Graham</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Sally Gunn</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Jane Holt</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>William Kantonen</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Charlita Lytle</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Lalla Overby</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Barbara Phillips</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Larry Poe</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>N. A. Smith</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Jack Suddreth</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Sarah Thornburg</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>J. D. Waldrop</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Judith West</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Carolyn White</b>	<b>P</b>

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

<b>Donna Ashley</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Mary V. Atkinson</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Glenn Bannerman</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Freida Caldwell</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Robert Clemmer</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Betty Davenport</b>	<b>P</b>

<b>Sara Dixon</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Angela Drummond</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Dianne Graeber</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Chandler Guess</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Susan Haney</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Marylyn Huff</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Sandy Jividen</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Margarette Kennerly</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Tai Magette</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Leslie McLeod</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Kathy Parse</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Mary Potter</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Heath Rada</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Peggy Rada</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Bonnie Sanford</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Ginny Soll</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Patricia Tuttle</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Robert Tuttle</b>	<b>p</b>

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

<b>Arbor Dale (2)</b>	<b>Mary Archer Vann</b>	
<b>Asheville First (3)</b>	<b>Jim Henderson</b>	<b>Henry Neale</b>
	<b>Marian Fincher</b>	
<b>Banner Elk (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Belmont First (3)</b>	<b>Walter Dixon</b>	<b>Paitra Modlin</b>
	<b>Bill Carstarphen</b>	
<b>Bessemer City First (2)</b>	<b>Steve Dameron</b>	
<b>Bethel (2)</b>	<b>Marion Phillips</b>	
<b>Black Mountain (3)</b>	<b>Charlotte Sprawls</b>	<b>David Duncan</b>
	<b>Jerome Herring</b>	
<b>Brevard-Davidson River (3)</b>	<b>Carolyn Winchester</b>	<b>Tom Taylor</b>
<b>Bridgewater (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Brittain (2)</b>	<b>B. M. Harrison</b>	<b>Edward Norris</b>
<b>Brittains Cove (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Bryson City (2)</b>	<b>Lois Groth</b>	<b>David Ennis</b>
<b>Buladean (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Burnsville First (2)</b>	<b>Robert McFerren</b>	<b>Jim Ludwig</b>
<b>Calvary (3)</b>	<b>Vivian Ridley</b>	
<b>Canton (2)</b>	<b>Phyllis Vance</b>	<b>Ronald Stockton</b>
<b>Cherryville First (2)</b>	<b>Jerry Helms</b>	<b>Fred Brown</b>

<b>Clinchfield (2)</b>	<b>Betty Hallman</b>	
<b>Columbus (2)</b>	<b>Samantha Morrison</b>	<b>Carl Rosenblad</b>
<b>Conley Memorial (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Crossnore (2)</b>	<b>Rachel Deal</b>	<b>Barbara Ross</b>
<b>Cullowhee (2)</b>	<b>John Beegle</b>	<b>Al McNeely</b>
<b>Dallas First (2)</b>	<b>Erma Clemmer</b>	<b>Ray Clemmer</b>
<b>Dixon (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Dorland Memorial (2)</b>	<b>Mary Gahagan</b>	
<b>Dulatown (3)</b>	<b>Gary Norwood</b>	<b>Elmer Dula</b>
<b>Duncan's Creek (2)</b>	<b>Sue Price</b>	<b>Robert Price</b>
<b>Ellenboro (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Estatoa (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Etowah (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Fairview (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Fletcher (1)</b>	<b>Tommy Burleson</b>	
<b>Forest City First (1)</b>	<b>Gene Stark</b>	
<b>Franklin First (1)</b>	<b>Del Likens</b>	
<b>Gastonia First (3)</b>	<b>Judy Planer</b>	<b>Ibby Page</b>
<b>Glen Alpine (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Good Hope (2)</b>	<b>Allene Sellars</b>	<b>C. A. Allison</b>
<b>Grace Covenant (2)</b>	<b>Anne Satterfield</b>	<b>Charlie Clogston</b>
<b>Grassy Creek (1)</b>	<b>Dennis Voelker</b>	
<b>Green Mountain (1)</b>	<b>Cliff Schoen</b>	
<b>Green Street (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Hayesville (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Hendersonville First (2)</b>	<b>Lloyd Candell</b>	<b>Mimi Jamieson</b>
<b>Hickory First (2)</b>	<b>Jim Benton</b>	<b>Krista Burns</b>
<b>Highlands First (1)</b>	<b>Ann Greenlee</b>	

<b>Ironton (1)</b>	<b>Peggy Bartholomew</b>	
<b>Jack's Creek (1)</b>	<b>Grace Silvers</b>	
<b>John Knox (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Kenilworth (1)</b>	<b>Jim Henderson</b>	
<b>Kings Mountain First (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Lenoir First (1)</b>	<b>June Dawkins</b>	
<b>Lincolnton First (1)</b>	<b>Jan Duncan</b>	
<b>Long Creek (1)</b>	<b>Ken Unnash</b>	
<b>Love's Chapel (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Lowell (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Marion First (1)</b>	<b>Marshall Dark</b>	
<b>Marshall (1)</b>	<b>Cathy Seiler</b>	
<b>Micaville (1)</b>	<b>Billie Tomberlin</b>	
<b>Mills River (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Montreat (1)</b>	<b>Joel Barker</b>	
<b>Morganton First (2)</b>	<b>Charles Powell</b>	<b>Susan McCann</b>
<b>Morrison (1)</b>	<b>Linda Ligon</b>	
<b>Mount Holly First (1)</b>	<b>Jim Guin</b>	
<b>Murphy (1)</b>	<b>Howard Wilson</b>	
<b>New Hope, Asheville (1)</b>	<b>Bill Fesperman</b>	
<b>New Hope, Gastonia (1)</b>	<b>Edwin Lewis</b>	
<b>Newdale (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Newland (1)</b>	<b>Edwina Sluder</b>	
<b>Newton First (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Northminster (1)</b>	<b>Kevin Mann</b>	
<b>Oak Forest (1)</b>	<b>Carolyn Shorter</b>	
<b>Oakwood (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Old Fort (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Olney (1)</b>	<b>George Torrence</b>	

<b>Paint Gap (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Pine Street (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Pineola (1)</b>	<b>Stan Ferguson</b>	
<b>Quaker Meadows (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Reems Creek-Beech (1)</b>	<b>Catherine Roberts</b>	
<b>Riceville (1)</b>	<b>James Bias</b>	
<b>Ridgeview (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Robinson Memorial (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Rutherfordton (1)</b>	<b>Judie Shapiro</b>	
<b>Ryburn Memorial (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Saluda (1)</b>	<b>Barbara Witherspoon</b>	
<b>Shelby (2)</b>	<b>Joseph Miller</b>	<b>Shawn McNeary</b>
<b>Sherrill's Ford (1)</b>	<b>Alana Dysart</b>	
<b>Shiloh, Grover (1)</b>	<b>Jean Francis</b>	
<b>Siloam (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Southminster (2)</b>	<b>Becky Hasty</b>	
<b>Spindale (1)</b>	<b>Sarah Kirk</b>	
<b>Spruce Pine First (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Swannanoa First (1)</b>	<b>Lynn Holman</b>	
<b>Sweetwater (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Sylva First (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Third Street (2)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Trinity (1)</b>	<b>Richard Bobb</b>	
<b>Tryon (1)</b>	<b>Robert Dick</b>	
<b>Union (1)</b>	<b>Faye Harrell</b>	
<b>Union Mills (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>United (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Unity (1)</b>	<b>Larry Huggins</b>	
<b>Vians Valley (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Waldensian (2)</b>	<b>Spottswood Neale</b>	<b>Jim Rostan</b>
<b>Walnut (1)</b>	<b>A</b>	

<b>Walnut Grove (1)</b>	<b>Fred Stout</b>	
<b>Warren Wilson (1)</b>	<b>Gay Currie Fox</b>	
<b>Waynesville First (1)</b>	<b>Ruth Gray</b>	
<b>West Asheville (1)</b>	<b>Scott Spencer</b>	
<b>West Avenue (1)</b>	<b>Dennis Godfrey</b>	
<b>Westminster (1)</b>	<b>Linda Sharpe</b>	

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

<b>Ministers</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Elders</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Christian Educators</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Council/Committee Chairs</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Visitors</b>	<b><u>205</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>496</b>

Corresponding member(s): Ministers: Connie Button (New Hope Presbytery), John Pharr (National Capital Presbytery), Robert Bruce Cummings (New Castle Presbytery). Also, AME Zion Minister Bill Whiteside (serving the Green Mountain Presbyterian Church).

It was moved that these persons be approved as corresponding members. Motion was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF DOCKET**

Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the docket with the following addition: the sermon, examination and approval of Tony Baker for ordination and installation after the first vote on the Montreat request. The docket was approved as amended.

<b>8:30 Registration</b>	<b>(Lower Anderson Lobby)</b>
<b>8:30 Prayer before Presbytery</b>	<b>(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room #2)</b>
<b>Orientation for New Elders</b>	<b>(Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room #1)</b>
<b>9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation</b>	<b>Margaret P. Lauterer, Moderator</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>George Barber, President</b>
	<b>Montreat Conference Center</b>
<b>Certification of Quorum</b>	<b>James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk</b>
<i>(Corresponding Members)</i>	
<b>Approval of Docket</b>	<b>James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk</b>
<b>Appointment of Standing Committee</b>	<b>Margaret P. Lauterer, Moderator</b>
<b>Resolution of Thanks</b>	
<b>Omnibus Motion</b>	<b>James Aydelotte                    A</b>
<i>(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. If a commissioner wishes to pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason, simply state the item you wish to remove from the Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)</i>	

	<b>Stated Clerk's Report</b>	<b>James Aydelotte</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>9:20</b>	<b>Service of Worship, including the Celebration of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>Preacher: David Hosick</b> <b>Worship Leader: Kathy Campbell</b> <b>Installation of General Presbyter: The Rev. Barbara "Bobbi" White</b>		
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Division of Outreach</b> <b>Missions Committee</b> <i>(Got Mission?, Commissioning of Becca Young to Indonesia, and of Mission Teams)</i> <b>Hunger Committee</b> <i>(Souper Bowl and Hunger Wear)</i>	<b>Kevin Frederick</b> <b>Dennis Stamper</b>	<b>P</b>
	<b>Christian Education</b> <i>(Let's Celebrate ~ All Together Now; Commissioning POINT Trainees, Betty Davenport and Ginny Soll)</i>	<b>Kathy Parse</b>	
	<b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</b> <i>(Recommendation of inquirer for candidacy to ministry; alternate examination for candidate.)</i>	<b>Michael Poulos</b>	<b>K</b>
	<b>Coordinating Council</b> <i>(Approval of Interim Associates; Rules for Debate.)</i>	<b>Jim Cockerham</b>	<b>C</b>
	<b>Report of the General Presbyter</b>	<b>Bobbi White</b>	
	<b>Committee on Ministry</b> <i>(Introduction of new members, report of the work of the committee including the Examinations Committee )</i>	<b>Don Scofield</b> <b>Luke Harkey</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Prayers of Intercession</b> <i>(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)</i>	<b>James Aydelotte</b>	
<b>12:05</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>(Assembly Inn)</b>	
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Reconvene</b> <b>Speak Out</b> <i>(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.)</i>	<b>(Lower Anderson Auditorium)</b>	
	<b>Nominating Committee</b> <i>(Election of members for Presbytery committees and Commissioners to General Assembly.)</i>	<b>Dick Graham</b>	<b>I</b>
<b>1:45</b>	<b>Committee on Ministry</b> <i>(Request from the Montreat Presbyterian Church)</i>	<b>Don Scofield</b>	<b>D</b>
	<b>Committee on Ministry</b> <i>(Sermon, Examination of Tony Baker)</i> <b>Resolution of Thanks</b> <b>Benediction and Adjournment</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	



**FOR INFORMATION:**

5. **THAT the seventy-third stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC.**

6. **THAT the following Session Records for 2006 were submitted and approved on March 24, 2007, at a Session Record Review, held at Canton Presbyterian Church:**

Asheville, First	Etowah	Riceville
Bethel	Franklin, First	Spruce Pine, First
Brevard-Davidson River	Hayesville	Trinity
Bryson City	Hendersonville, First	Walnut
Canton	Morrison	Warren Wilson
Cullowhee	Murphy	Waynesville, First
Dorland Memorial		Westminster

7. **THAT the following Session Records for 2006 were submitted and approved on April 14, 2007, at a Session Record Review, held at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**

Arbor Dale	Grace Covenant	Northminster
Burnsville, First	Hickory, First	Oak Forest
Calvary	Highlands, First	Quaker Meadows
Clinchfield	Lenoir, First	Reems Creek-Beech
Conley Memorial	Micaville	Spruce Pine, First
Crossnore	Morganton, First	Sylva, First
Dulatown	Mount Holly	United
Fairview	Newdale	Walnut Grove
Fletcher	Newland	West Asheville

8. **THAT the third reading of Session Records will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Shelby Presbyterian Church. All the Clerks of Sessions of the congregations in Cluster D and in Cleveland, Lincoln, Polk and Rutherford Counties, as well as, of all congregations which have not previously submitted their 2006 Session records for review should attend this meeting. The following churches should have representation:**

Banner Elk	Glen Alpine	Mills River
Belmont, First	Good Hope	Montreat
Bessemer City, First	Green Mountain	New Hope, Asheville
Bridgewater	Green Street	New Hope, Gastonia
Brittain	Ironton	Newton, First
Brittains Cove	Jack's Creek	Oakwood
Buladean	John Knox	Old Fort
Cherryville, First	Kenilworth	Olney
Columbus	Kings Mountain, First	Paint Gap
Dallas, First	Korean Presbyterian	Pine Street
Dixon	Lincolnton, First	Pineola
Duncan's Creek	Long Creek	Ridgeview
Ellenboro	Love's Chapel	Robinson Memorial
Estatoa	Lowell	Rutherfordton
Forest City, First	Marion, First	Ryburn Memorial
Gastonia, First	Marshall	Saluda

Shelby	Spindale	Unity
Sherrills Ford	Sweetwater	Vians Valley
Shiloh, Grover	Third Street	Waldensian
Siloam	Tryon	West Avenue
Southminster	Union	

**9. THAT the Stated Clerk, having received a request of vindication, reports that an Investigating Committee has been approved. (BO: D-9.0000)**

**10. THAT the Presbytery approve the following addition to the Rules for Debate: (Appendix D)**

7. The substitute motion is a form of amendment applied when the desire is to amend a motion in several different, nonconsecutive places. It also is used when the text to be amended is longer than a paragraph.

The following procedure is used after a substitute motion is made.

1. The Moderator calls for perfecting amendments to the main motion. The amendments may be debated. Nothing else is in order.

2. The Moderator calls for perfecting amendments to the substitute motion. The amendments may be debated. Nothing else is in order.

3. The Moderator puts the question: "Shall the substitute motion be substituted for the main motion?" At this time, the merits of the main motion and the substitute motion may be debated, but no further amendments are in order.

4. The Moderator takes vote on the question. (See #3.)

a. If the question is approved, the main motion disappears and the substitute motion is before the assembly for debate and vote. Substantive amendment is out of order. Editorial amendment is in order.

b. If the question is defeated, the substitute motion disappears and the main motion is before the assembly for debate and vote. The main motion may continue to be amended.

**11. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina give approval to the Union Presbyterian Church in Gastonia to borrow up to \$450,000 from the General Assembly on a 15-year mortgage. Currently, the Union Presbyterian Church does not have any outstanding liens or mortgages against the property. The approval of this recommendation would be contingent on the approval of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Coordinating Council of Presbytery.**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP, INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF GENERAL PRESBYTER  
AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Rev. Dr. David Hosick, Tryon Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kathy Campbell, Chaplain at Lees-McRae College and Mr. Jim Taylor, Lees-McRae College, led the service of worship, which included the installation of General Presbyter, the Rev. Barbara "Bobbi" White, and a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Taylor provided a collection of preservice music which included some of the following hymns: “*How Great Thou Art*,” “*He Knows My Name*,” and “*Come Thou Fount*.” For the call to worship, Mr. Taylor sang, “*Down to the Valley to Pray*.”

Dr. Hosick’s sermon, “*Keeping Our Covenant*,” came from the scripture Hosea 1:1-11. Dr. Hosick reminded the congregation that those who accept a call to ordination in the PC(USA) as a minister, elder or deacon take vows, and in doing so, they make a covenant with God and the church. The vows they take contain no contingencies, and honoring them, in season and out of season, is essential to fulfilling their call. Following Dr. Hosick’s sermon, the Rev. Bobbi White was installed as the new General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. She answered affirmatively the Constitutional Questions from the *Book of Order*, G-14.0405.

The Rev. Kathy Campbell led the congregation in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, which included a video entitled, “*Coming Home to Dinner*.”

### **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Kevin Frederick, Chair of Missions Committee, asked “*Got Mission?*” “*Got Mission*” is a campaign to have every congregation in Presbytery directly linked in support of at least one PC(USA) missionary by the end of the year 2007. He encouraged each congregation to actively support at least one PC(USA) missionary. Currently, there are 49 congregations within the Presbytery supporting, or having agreed to support, a PC(USA) missionary.

The Rev. Ellen Dozier, Missionary in Guatemala, commissioned the Rev. Dr. Rebecca (Becca) Young. She has been called as Professor of Systematic Theological Seminary in Jakarta, Indonesia. Members of the Arbor Dale and Reems Creek-Beech churches, as well as, others were asked to join Becca in her commissioning. Ellen Dozier charged Becca to remember to whom she belongs; to remember who she is; and to remember her task.

Mission teams going to Guatemala, Malawi and Mexico were introduced by the Rev. Ellen Dozier. She asked all members to go forward as ambassadors, to go with the love and the power of God, and that the blessings of God’s Holy Spirit will sustain them and give them guidance and hope.

#### **Rev. Dozier then charged all three mission teams:**

- to look behind and underneath the smiles of children;
- to look behind the scenery;
- to see the piles of garbage;
- to see, hear and listen to the violence in these countries;
- to be blessed by the families who invite you to their homes;
- to be blessed by the families and companions of those who travel with you;
- to be blessed by the faithfulness of those around you;
- to be blessed by your spirit that will move along you like the wind;

#### **Rev. Dozier then charged the Presbytery:**

- to enfold these brothers and sisters in your arms;
- to pray for their travel, their families, and their churches;
- to pray that they might have open minds and hearts;
- to pray that the families they visit will welcome them with open arms;
- to continue to pray for Becca after these teams have returned home;
- to listen to the stories of how God has been working in their lives when they return home.

The Rev. Kevin Frederick offered prayer following the commissioning of Becca and the three mission teams. The commissioning service was closed with everyone singing “Amazing Grace.”

### **HUNGER COMMITTEE**

Dennis Stamper, on behalf of the Hunger Committee, reported that Souper Bowl Sunday had been a great success, with youth from 62 of our churches participating. They collected a total of \$24,068.80 and 5,279 food items, plus \$13,363.40 in subsidy from the Nickel a Meal Program for a grand total of \$37,431.79. The Presbytery of Western North Carolina collected 13% of all money collected in North Carolina. The money collected on Souper Bowl Sunday goes to support local missions.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Kathy Parse, Chair of Christian Education Committee, recognized and commissioned Christian Educators Betty Davenport and Ginny Soll as POINT Trainees for the Presbytery. Kathy emphasized that Betty and Ginny had received extensive training in the new curriculum and encouraged the churches to utilize their training.

Betty Davenport, Chair of the Division of Educational Ministries and of the Let’s Celebrate Task Force, encouraged everyone to attend the leadership training event for adults and youth that is to be held on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton.

### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

The Rev. Michael Poulos, co-moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, recommended the following, after the required examinations of Presbytery.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

<b>OM</b>	<b>I.</b> THAT Donald Andrew Beers, an inquirer from Burnsville First Presbyterian Church, be removed from the preparation for ministry process, per his request.
	<b>II.</b> THAT Leila E. Evans, having completed alternate means of satisfying the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of her competence in Theology, be declared ready to be examined for ordination, pending a call. (3/4 vote of Presbytery is required.)
	<b>III.</b> THAT Erin Michelle Keys, a member of the Asheville First Presbyterian Church, and a student at Columbia Theological Seminary, be enrolled as a candidate following the required examination of Presbytery.

Recommendation I had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion. Recommendation II was approved by the required three-fourths majority.

After candidate Erin Michelle Keys shared her faith journey and her call to the ministry, Moderator Lauterer opened the floor for questions. There being no further questions for the candidate, the Presbytery approved, the enrollment of Erin Michelle Keys as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the Book of Order, G-14.0305f, which were answered in the affirmative. The Rev. Lynn Michie charged Ms. Keys and the Rev. Michael Poulos offered prayer. Those who had come in support of Ms. Keys were invited to come forward and share in the prayers.

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports the following to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for information:**

- Merriam A. Bass, a member of the Asheville First Presbyterian Church, was enrolled as an inquirer on March 21, 2007. Merri will be attending Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte.
- Leila E. Evans, a candidate from the West Avenue Presbyterian Church, was approved ready to receive a call on March 21, 2007.
- Nathan Wright, a candidate and member of the Montreat Presbyterian Church, was given permission to circulate his Personal Information Form.

**COORDINATING COUNCIL**

On behalf of the Rev. Jim Cockerham, Elder Bill Kantonen, Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, reported for the Coordinating Council and made the following recommendations. Bill Kantonen stated that recommendation #3 had previously been removed and that recommendation #6 had been previously approved. He then asked for a motion that the remaining recommendations be acted upon one at a time. Motion was made and approved.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina concur with the hiring of the Rev. Ira K. "Ike" Kennerly, as Interim Associate Presbyter (20 hours per week) and Elder Sandy Jividen, as Interim Associate Presbyter (10 hours per week). Both interim positions had an effective start date of March 15, 2007.**
- 2. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina recommend the name of Elder Larry Poe, member of the Tryon Presbyterian Church, to the Synod Nominating Committee to serve as the Synod Council Representative for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, effective May 1, 2007.**
- ~~OM 3. THAT the Presbytery concur with the resolution from the Presbytery of the James that the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic meetings be held every other year, in geographical locations in clusters of two or more presbyteries.~~
- 4. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina approve the following special arrangements at this meeting for the discussion and action on the request of the Montreat Presbyterian Church for dismissal:**
  - A. The entire process will not last more than three hours.**
  - B. Only commissioners may speak.**
  - C. There will be no photography, audio or video taping.**
  - D. The process will follow this format:**

<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>Committee on Ministry Presentation (Background, explanation, recommendation)</b>
<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>Montreat Presbyterian Church Response</b>
<b>30 Minutes</b>	<b>General Discussion (No motions)</b>
<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>Further Discussion (Motions allowed)</b>

**Prayer and First Vote**

**[Other business may be transacted at this time.]**

<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>Committee on Ministry Explanation</b>
<b>10 Minutes</b>	<b>Montreat Presbyterian Church Response</b>
<b>30 Minutes</b>	<b>General Discussion (No motions)</b>
<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>Further Discussion (Motions allowed)</b>

**Prayer and Second Vote**

- E. Commissioners may speak only once, for a maximum time of two minutes, during each general discussion, and only once for a maximum time of one minute during each further discussion.**
- F. There will be written ballots for each of the two main motions (dismissal & property). Other voting will, at the discretion of the Moderator, be either by voice or by standing (with counting as necessary).**

- 5. THAT the following names be placed in nomination to serve on the Nominating Committee:  
*(3 vacancies, 1 for the class of 2009, and 2 for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs 3 ministers, and representation from clusters A, B, & D.)***

**Mr. Bert Wiley (Hayesville)                      (A)                      Class of 2009**

*(2 vacancies remain for the class of 2007. In order to balance clergy and lay representation, the committee needs preferably 2 ministers from clusters B & D.)*

- OM 6. THAT the Presbytery of Western North Carolina confirm the election of Elizabeth Crawford Ervin to serve on the Board of Trustees of Davidson College. In doing so, we confirm that she is a member of a church within our Presbytery and possesses the moral character, personal integrity, and fidelity to Presbyterian beliefs to serve on the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

- 7. THAT an invitation from the Session of Third Street Presbyterian Church in Gastonia to host the July 29, 2008 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**
- 8. THAT Massanetta Springs was granted permission to ask churches in our Presbytery for contributions to their capital campaign.**
- 9. THAT a copy of the “Standards of Ethical Conduct of PCUSA,” along with a cover letter, be sent to all congregations recommending voluntary use.**
- 10. THAT the Hunger Committee was granted permission to sell and take orders for Nickel a Meal T-shirts at the April 24, 2007 meeting of Presbytery.**
- 11. THAT the Hunger Committee reported a total of 62 churches participated in the Nickel a Meal Souper Bowl Program. The churches reporting raised \$24,068.89 and collected 5,279 items of food. In addition, the Nickel a Meal Program supersized the total with another \$13,318.90. The Presbytery of WNC raised 13% of the total offerings in North Carolina and collected nearly 10% of the food items.**



## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER**

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, relinquished her time on the docket and referred those in attendance to her written report, "Reflections from your General Presbyter." (Appendix E)

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey, co-moderator of the Examinations Committee, introduced the following new ministers in Presbytery, each of whom will be re-introduced and answer questions and sign the Book of Obligations at the July 31, 2007 meeting of Presbytery at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Their statements of faith and biographical statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix F)

- Griffith C. Matthews, Honorably Retired
- Terry Alexander, Pastor, Newland Presbyterian Church
- Eddie Deas, Pastor, Third Street Presbyterian Church
- Ira K. Kennerly, Member-At-Large
- Calvin Chestnutt, Honorably Retired
- Sam Hope, Honorably Retired
- Claude Wilson-Stayton, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

The Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, reported on actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix F) Recommendations II.A.2, II.B.2, XV.A.2 and XV.A.3 were earlier approved in the Omnibus Motion. (Appendix A) He recognized Pastors Don C. Richter, Ford F. G'Segner, Martin Concepcion, and Kathryn Dudley, all of whom are moving to new presbyteries, thanking them for their ministries in our Presbytery and praying God's blessing on them in their future service in the church.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Elder Dick Graham, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendations for committee vacancies and then moved approval of the Nominating Committee Report. (Appendix G) All were duly elected.

Elder Graham then moved to delay the election of commissioner representatives to the 2008 General Assembly until the July 31, 2007 meeting of Presbytery, stating that the Nominating Committee would like to present recommendations for all commissioner vacancies at one time. Motion was approved. (Appendix G)

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY MONTREAT'S REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL - PART I**

The Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, in response to a request from the Montreat Presbyterian Church to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, presented the revised recommended decision of the Special Task Force appointed by the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix H) Both the Coordinating Council and the Committee on Ministry endorsed the recommendation which was presented in two parts. Rev. Scofield then introduced the Rev. Richard

White, Associate Pastor of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and Elders Adam Boyd and Linda McCartney to present their arguments on behalf of the Montreat Presbyterian Church.

Following a lengthy discussion, Part I of the revised recommended decision to divide the current Montreat Presbyterian Church into two congregations was voted on by ballot. (Appendix H) The recommendation was approved by the required two-thirds vote. (Approve - 185; Disapprove - 69; Total Ballots Counted - 254)

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Continued)**

The Rev. Dr. Don Scofield introduced Tony Baker, Pastor-elect at First Presbyterian Church Dallas, coming to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina as a candidate from the Presbytery of Charlotte. Mr. Baker then preached a sermon and answered questions from presbyters. The Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that his sermon be approved and that he be ordained by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed and Dr. Harkey offered prayer and presented him with a Guatemalan stole.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY MONTREAT'S REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL - PART II (Property)**

Moderator Lauterer asked the Presbytery to consider a motion to reduce the previously approved time allocated for Phase II of Montreat's Request for Dismissal, reducing the total time to 45 minutes instead of 75 minutes. A motion for the 45 minutes was made, giving five minutes to the Committee on Ministry, five minutes to the Montreat Presbyterian Church, ten minutes for general discussion and twenty minutes for further decision. The motion was approved.

Elder Adam Boyd, Montreat Presbyterian Church, asked that the minutes reflect that the Montreat Presbyterian Church was not in agreement with the approved motion.

Dr. Scofield spoke on behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Special Task Force regarding the church property, outlining the recommendation of the task force. (Appendix H)

After hearing from Pastor Richard White and other presbyters, Part II of the revised recommended decision regarding the property was voted on by written ballot. The recommendation was approved with 174 for approval, 35 for disapproval, for a total of 209 ballots. There was 1 faulty ballot and 1 abstaining ballot.

### **RECOGNITION OF DISSENT**

The Rev. Parker Williamson asked for recognition of those members of Presbytery who were in dissent of the decisions regarding the Montreat Presbyterian Church. The following members were in dissent of both Parts I and II of the recommended decision:

Parker Williamson	Steven G.P. Strickler	Lee Kruse
Brad Long	James R. Wilkens	R. Carter Blaisdell
Ruth Gray	W. T. Wing, Jr.	Rob Hinman
Josh Cole	Philip Adams	June R. Dawkins

## RESOLUTION

The Reverend George Gunn, moved that the Presbytery adopt the following resolution:

That the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, in creating two congregations in Montreat, recognizes that these congregations will continue to share a common mission in the world and in the Montreat community, Therefore, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina continues to pray for both congregations and for their faithful and fruitful service to the Lord; and we pray that this service may be a witness to the continuing work of the Holy Spirit to further the unity of the Body of Christ.

The Presbytery moved to approve the adoption of the resolution.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The following Resolution of Thanks was offered by the committee and adopted by the Presbytery:

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God has called us, the people of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, into his service as ambassadors for Christ in the ministry of reconciliation here and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, we have met together on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 2007, in this beautiful and sacred part of God's creation, Montreat; and

**WHEREAS**, President George Barber and the entire staff of the Montreat Conference Center have in a most gracious way expended much time, effort and hospitality on our behalf; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe a debt of deep gratitude for the inspired, devoted, visionary and efficient leadership of Moderator Maggie Lauterer for her guidance during this very difficult but important meeting of Presbytery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Presbytery staff and the committee leadership have sought to help us conduct our business in an effective way guided by the spirit of our Lord; and

**WHEREAS**, David Hosick and Kathy Campbell have led us in a meaningful worship and communion that have deepened our sense of our unity in Christ, no matter what our differences; and

**WHEREAS**, we have been deeply moved by the commissioning of Becca Young to service in Indonesia, and by the sending forth of mission teams to Malawi, Guatemala and Mexico to prayerfully consider the part to which Christ calls us in his mission to the world; and

**WHEREAS**, we have been called upon to make difficult decisions, yet in and through our high declarations and our petty bickering, our bitter words and our suppressed anger, we sense the leading of God's Spirit toward embodying the kind of church that Christ needs to accomplish his purposes in the world;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we express our heartfelt thanks to all those who have served and led us this day; and our undying praise to God, that in us, through us, and even at times in spite of us, God is working His purpose out until the time that His Kingdom shall come and His will be done on earth as in heaven.

## ADJOURNMENT & BENEDICTION

With the business of the 72nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the Moderator asked the Rev. Parker Williamson to conclude our meeting with prayer at 6:29 p.m.

## NEXT MEETING

The Seventy-Third Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at the Southminster Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

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Margaret P. Lauterer, Moderator

James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

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Robbin Buchanan, Recording Clerk

## APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Minutes of the Commissions to Install Rev. Bryce Ronald Gilmer, II; Rev. Mark Ramsey; Rev. Margaret Torrence; and Rev. Claude Wilson-Stayton
- C. 2006 Annual Statistical Report
- D. Rules for Debate
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- F. Committee on Ministry Report
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