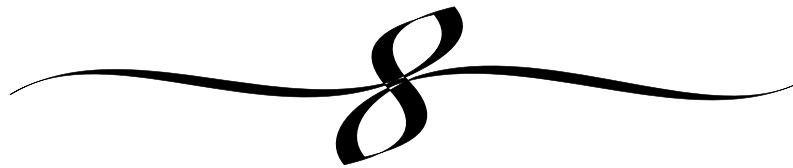


**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
SEVENTY-FIFTH
STATED MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2008**

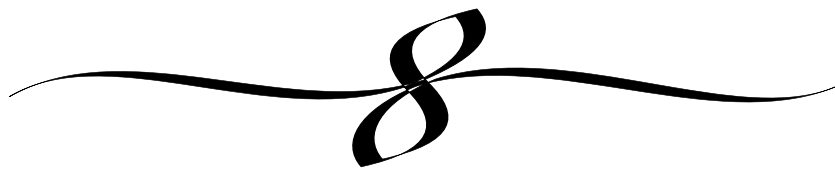


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Seventy-Fifth Stated Meeting
January 26, 2008
at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC**

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Elder William Kantonen, convened the Seventy-Fifth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:12 a.m. on January 26, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The Moderator opened the meeting with a Prayer of Invocation.

The Rev. Michael Bailey welcomed the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the First Presbyterian Church in 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 M. Abel	P	Wyatt Aiken, Jr.	P	Blan C. Aldridge	E
Charles C. Alexander	E	George W. Alexander	E	State W. Alexander, Jr.	E
Terry Alexander	E	David Anderson	E	James G. Arnold	E
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	E	Stephen M. Austin	P	James Aydelotte	P
Patricia Bacon	E	Michael Bailey	P	Tony Baker	P
Douglas Bartlett	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E	Joseph Bennett	P
Stanley L. Bennett	P	James Bernhardt	P	Carter Blaisdell	E
Buren Blankenship	P	Randall Boggs	P	Ronald A. Botsford	E
Dewey Bowen	A	Adam Bowling	P	Richard Boyce	E
David Bradley	E	Troy Braswell	P	Ronald Brauer	E
Michael Brazelle	P	Edwin Brengar, III	E	Hayden Britton	E
Beverly Brock	P	Jerry Bron	P	G. Thompson Brown	E
Jon Brown	A	Aimee Buchanan	E	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	A	Monty Burnham	P	Sue Burton	E
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	P
Kathy Campbell	E	William Campbell	P	Day Carper	E
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	P	Calvin Chesnutt	P
William Christian	P	Carol Clark	E	Mark Clark	E
James Cockerham	P	James Cogswell	P	Hunter Coleman	E
Robert Collins	E	Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas C. Cook, Jr.	E

Drayton Cooper	E	Donald Cooper	P	Riley Covin	P
John W. Craven	E	James R. Crook	E	Curtis Crowther	E
Robert Bruce Cumming	P	Charles Davenport	P	Eddie Deas, III	P
Arthur DeJong	E	Charles Donnell	E	Ellen Dozier	E
Philip Dunford	E	John Ellington	P	Charles Elyea	E
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	E	Ragland Fletcher	E
Kenneth J. Foreman, Jr.	P	Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	P
Kevin Frederick	P	John Frye, Jr.	P	A. W. Gaines, Jr.	P
Denise Geiger	E	Ronald Gilmer	E	Gregory Grana	E
Theodore Grant	A	Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	E
Samuel Hale	P	Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	A
Randall Hardy	P	Martin L. Harkey, III	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	David Hosick	P	William Hoyt, III	P
Allen Huff, Jr.	E	George Hutchins	E	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	E	William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	P	Rufus M. Johnston, IV	E	Dong Uk Kang	A
David Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E
Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	E	Albert Kissling	E
Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	E
John LaMotte	E	John Laughlin	E	Margaret Lauterer	E
Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E	John Lindsay	P
Eugene Linton, Jr.	E	Brad Long	P	Laura Long	P
Dick Lonnee	P	Edward Loper	A	Billy Lowe	E
David Lytle	E	Joan Martin	P	Robert Martin	E
W. Robert Martin, Jr.	E	W. Tyler Martin	E	Griffith Matthews	E
Layton Mauze, III	E	John McCall	E	Sandra McClinton	A
Patricia McClurg	E	Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Deborah McEachran	P
Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	P	James McPherson	E	Robert Meachem	E

Lynn Michie	A	Beth Ann Miller	P	Robert Mills	A
Paul Moehlman	E	Charles Moore	E	Anne Morgan	P
David Morgan	A	Richard Morgan	E	Nancy Mugford	P
David Mulford	E	Donald Mullen	E	Carl Murray	E
David Nash	P	Elizabeth Newman	E	Karen Newsome	A
John Newton, Jr.	E	Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	E
O'Hyun Park	P	Yoon E. Park	A	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	P	Andrew Parkey	E	David Parks	E
Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	E	Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P
Margaret B. Peery	P	Patrick Perryman	E	Harry F. Petersen	E
Martha Jane Petersen	E	Lyle Peterson	E	Harry Philips	E
Carolyn Poteet	P	Michael Poulos	P	Donald Price	E
Edyth Pruitt	P	Tamara Puffer	E	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	E	Richard Rustay	E
Donald Scofield, Jr.	E	Henry Scoggins	P	Julius Scott	P
William Serjak	P	Albert Shaw, Jr.	E	Richard Shelor	E
James Shroyer	P	Allan Sinclair	E	James Skelton, Jr.	E
Wirt Skinner	P	O'dell Smith	E	Paul Smith	P
John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P	Mark Stanley	A
Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	E	Daniel Stitt	E
Cynthia Strickler	E	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	James Taylor, Jr.	P
Lee Thomas	P	Keith Thompson	P	Dan Thornton	P
Margaret Torrence	E	Emily Townes	A	Ace Tubbs	E
Thomas Tweedie	E	Rockwell Ward	P	Samuel Warner	E
Morris Warren	E	Joseph Washburn	P	William Waterstradt	E
Mark Watson	E	George Webb	E	Lynn Webber	P
Barbara White	P	Cynthia Williams	P	Lamar Williamson, Jr.	E

Parker Williamson	P	John Wilson	E	Otis Wilson, Jr.	E
Claude Wilson-Stayton	P	William Wing, Jr.	E	Eugene Witherspoon	P
Graham Wood	E	Donaldson Woods	E	Rebecca Young	E

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

Philip Adams	A	Sharon Decker	A	Leila Evans	P
Robert Garrison	P	Joe Gernoske	P	Richard Hood	P
David Moore, Sr.	P	Randy Patterson	A	Betty Shaw	E
Bert Sigmon	E	Robert Simes	P	Dennis Stamper	P
John Stanley	A	Bert Wiley	E		

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

Mary V. Atkinson	P	Samuel Baraki	A	Beth Bolin	A
Frela Beck	A	Arthur Burgess, Jr.	P	Patricia Clark	P
Philip Dammann	P	Edna Goshorn	A	Richard Graham	P
William Kantonen	P	Gerry Levan	A	Len Pardue	P
Pat Queen	P	Jane Carswell Roberts	A	Jack Suddreth	P
Sarah Thornburg	A	Perrin Todd	A	J. D. Waldrop	P
Guy Wallace	P	Judith West	P	Barbara Phillips	P

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

Donna Ashley	A	Glenn Bannerman	A	Freida Caldwell	A
Dwight Christenbury	P	Robert Clemmer	A	Tina Cloer	A
Betty Davenport	A	Sara Dixon	A	Angela Drummond	A
Dianne Graeber	A	Chandler Guess	P	Susan Haney	A
Marylyn Huff	P	Emma Humrickhouse	A	Sandy Jividen	P
Franklin Jones	A	Margaret Kennerly	A	Leslie McLeod	A
Kathy Parse	P	Mary Potter	A	Heath Rada	A
Peggy Rada	A	Bonnie Sanford	A	Ginny Soll	A
Patricia Tuttle	A	Robert Tuttle	P	Angela Washburn	A

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

Arbor Dale (1)	Ashlyn Dewitt	
Asheville First (2)	Paul Vlick	Lucy Keil
Banner Elk (1)	Allen Clark	
Belmont First (2)	Jerry Ragan	David Cloninger
Bessemer City First (1)	A	
Bethel (1)	Diane Lane	
Black Mountain (2)	Mike Begley	Jane Holt
Brevard-Davidson River (2)	Joyce Carney	Dan Bennett
Bridgewater (1)	A	
Brittain (1)	Edward Norris	
Brittains Cove (1)	A	
Bryson City (1)	A	
Buladean (1)	A	
Burnsville First (1)	A	
Calvary (2)	A	
Canton (1)	Margaret Roberts	
Cherryville First (1)	Lynn Fox	
Clinchfield (1)	A	
Columbus (1)	A	
Conley Memorial (1)	E	
Crossnore (1)	Barbara Ross	
Cullowhee (1)	A	
Dallas First (1)	John Finger	
Dixon (1)	A	
Dorland Memorial (1)	Emma Kate Davis	
Dulatown (2)	Hazel Dula	Gary Norwood
Duncan's Creek (1)	A	
Ellenboro (2)	E	
Estatoa (2)	A	
Etowah (2)	Katherine Gainer	Tom Gainer

Fairview (2)	Kenneth Humphreys	
Fletcher (2)	Vicki Wise	
Forest City First (2)	Gene Stark	Sylvia Gardner
Franklin First (2)	Gail Lehman	Joyce Sammet
Gastonia First (4)	Geraldine Johnston	Spurgeon Mackie
	Laura Lineberger	
Glen Alpine (2)	A	
Good Hope (3)	A	
Grace Covenant (3)	Susie Churchfield	Charlie Clogston
	Janet Hovis	
Grassy Creek (2)	Bobby Justus	
Green Mountain (2)	A	
Green Street (3)	Jackie Thomas	Margaret Thomas
Hayesville (2)	A	
Hendersonville First (3)	Gilbert Broyles	Marguerite Martin
	Robert Briner	
Hickory First (3)	Jay Crane	
Highlands First (2)	A	
Ironton (2)	Peggy Bartholomew	
Jack's Creek (2)	Grace Silvers	
John Knox (2)	Florence Brooks	Lin Robinson
Kenilworth (2)	Bob Craddock	Susie Rabuck
Kings Mountain First (2)	Grace Costner	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (3)	A	
Lenoir First (2)	Ted Holcher	June Dawkins
Lincolnton First (2)	A	
Long Creek (2)	Clayton Ramsey	Crystal Burton
Love's Chapel (3)	A	

Lowell (2)	A	
Marion First (1)	Smith Gibbs	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	Max Hughes	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Kay Layman	
Morganton First (2)	David Tate	Dick Peck
Morrison (1)	E	
Mount Holly First (1)	Jim Guin	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Kim Presley	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	Edwin Lewis	
Newdale (1)	A	
Newland (1)	Tommy Williams	
Newton First (2)	Ann Sperry	Ann Gaither
Northminster (1)	Natalie Carroll	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Lamar Howe	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	David Rader	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	Pete Peterson	
Riceville (1)	Karl Stroupe	
Ridgeview (1)	Wayne Tipton	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Pearl Lieurance	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	E	

Saluda (1)	Jeannie Solomon	
Shelby (2)	Bill Chambless	Joel Spragins
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	Joe Rountree	
Siloam (1)	Kathy Kasek	
Southminster (2)	Debbie Kellar	
Spindale (1)	E	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Lynn Holman	
Sweetwater (1)	Cherl Honeycutt	
Sylva First (1)	Jeff Savage	
Third Street (2)	Stephen Werts	Carolyn Carter
Trinity (1)	Jim Morris	
Tryon (1)	Jan Impey	
Union (1)	Jenny Cabe	
Union Mills (1)	E	
United (1)	Ruth Kincaid	
Unity (1)	A	
Vians Valley (1)	Wayne Berryhill	
Waldensian (1)	Laura Lafferty	
Walnut (1)	E	
Walnut Grove (1)	A	
Warren Wilson (1)	Julia Richards	
Waynesville First (1)	Beth Galloway	
West Asheville (1)	A	
West Avenue (1)	Mollie Trosper	
Westminster (1)	Dot Descieux	

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

Ministers	91
Elders	90
Christian Educators	6

Council/Committee Chairs	13
Visitors	<u>68</u>
Total	268

It was later moved that three persons be recognized as corresponding members, which was approved. (See Stated Clerk's Report): Dr. Sandra Brown, member of Redwood Presbytery; Rev. Karen Haak, member of Lake Michigan Presbytery, serving as Interim at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church; Rev. David Stover, Presbytery of Charlotte, serving as Interim at the Olney Presbyterian Church.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the proposed docket with the addition of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry report. The docket was approved as amended.

8:30	Registration		
8:30	Prayer before Presbytery		
	Orientation for New Elders		
9:00	Convene with Prayer of Invocation (Sanctuary)	William Kantonen, Moderator	
	Welcome	Michael Bailey, Host Pastor	
	Certification of Quorum	James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk	
	Approval of Docket	James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk	
	Appointment of Standing Committees	Moderator	
	Bills and Overtures		
	Resolution of Thanks		
	Omnibus Motion	James Aydelotte	A
	Stated Clerk's Report	James Aydelotte	B
	Campus Mission		V
	Self-Development of People		M
9:15	Service of Worship		
	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	Michael Bailey	
	and Necrology	Adam Bowling	
10:05	Coordinating Council	James Cockerham	C
10:15	Committee on Ministry	James Bernhardt	D
		Bill Sweetser	
	Candidates for Ordination to Preach		
	Psalms 16	"The Gift of Joy"	Leila Evans
	Isaiah 9:104;	"I, Christ"	Carter Robinson
	1 Corinthians 1:10-19		

Validated Ministry: Example	Dennis Stamper	
11:30 Nominating Committee	Dick Graham	I
11:40 Division of Smaller Membership Churches	Joel Cherry	
11:55 Prayers of Intercession	Bill Campbell	
12:00 Lunch	(Fellowship Hall)	
1:15 Reconvene	(Sanctuary)	
Report of the General Presbyter	Bobbi White	
Budget & Finance Committee	Arthur Burgess	BB
Personnel Committee	Jane Holt	FF
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Michael Poulos	K
Division of Outreach		P
Missions Committee	Kevin Frederick	
Peace and Justice	Rocky Ward/Judith West	
Hunger Committee	Deborah McEachran	
Bills and Overtures Report		
Resolution of Thanks		
Benediction and Adjournment	Moderator	

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator Kantonen appointed the following committees:

- **Bills and Overtures:** Rev. Jim Cogswell, Retired; Elder Jerry Regan, Belmont, First; Elder Cardy White, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin.
- **Tellers:** Patricia Clark; Tom Kilgore; Dick Peck and David Tate, elders of First Presbyterian Church Morganton.
- **Resolution of Thanks:** Rev. Becky Stanley, Interim Pastor at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church and Elder Beth Galloway, First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville.

OMNIBUS MOTION

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and asked if anyone wanted to remove anything from the Omnibus Motion. No one did, and the motion was adopted. (Appendix A)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Dr. Aydelotte presented recommendations included in the Stated Clerk's report stating that recommendations 1 through 6 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

OM 1. THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Elders who died during the year of 2007 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.

Asheville, First

Sally Spencer Sword

Gastonia, First

Robert N. Jackson

Robinson Memorial

Elizabeth Culbreath Byrd

Belmont, First

William Alexander Dixon, Jr.

Grace Covenant

Charlotte V. Carlisle

Rutherfordton

Elizabeth "Betty" Hendrick

Bessemer City, First

Guy Adam Deck

Hendersonville, First

Alan McKean

Shelby

William Egbert Campbell
Randolph E. Carothers, Jr.
Beth McSwain Gilbert
Perry Thomas Macomson

Black Mountain

Mel Burns
Ruth Farrior
Herbert Mallard Higgins, Jr.
Stanley Schrecengost

Hickory, First

Sylvia Joyce Andrews
Mary Ayers Campbell
Samuel Guy Gregg

Shiloh

R. Fain Hambright

Brevard-Davidson River

James Wilson Brown IV

Highlands, First

Richard E. Strain

Southminster

Stan Cargo
Lawson Stowe Warren

Brittain

Morris Harrison

John Knox

Edwin Spangler

Sweetwater

William "Bill" Hans
Ronald David Honeycutt, Jr.

Bryson City, First

Phillip Brintnall
Charles O. Burton

Kings Mountain, First

Ginnie Arnette
William Richard Grissom
Jeanne Sommers Maner

Trinity

Hank Arkens
Donald Deich
Carol Goode
Maxine Kreeker
George Mack
Mary "Gussie" Morgan
Dr. Richard Porter
Lois Shimon

Buladean

Betty Harvell

Lenoir, First

Lamar Hodge

Burnsville, First

Joanna Wood Anthony

Love's Chapel

Carl Foxx

Canton

Howard "Buck" Smathers

Marion, First

Jacob Carson (J.C.) Raburn, Jr.

Cherryville, First

J. E. Costner

Morganton, First

Richard Hurst
Thomas Jay Lanners
John Van Vliet Seaver

Tryon

Martha Eidam

Dallas, First

Ruby Ratchford Robinson

Union

Rebecca R. Dameron

Etowah

Redvers "Red" DeLong

Morrison

Roy Runken

Waldensian

Patricia M. Mitchell

Fairview

Mary C. Story

Mt. Holly, First

Dr. Richard E. Rankin

West Asheville

Paul Edward Byas
Victoria Merva LeFevers
Jack David McFalls

Franklin, First

Margaret (Peg) Brown
Leroy Dollen
Thomas Holly
Frances McGlamery
Chuck Richardson
Leah Russler

New Hope, Asheville

Amber Lorraine Burnham

Riceville

Fred Shope

- OM 2. **THAT the Presbytery celebrate the lives and service of the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament who died during the year of 2007 and that their names become a part of the permanent record.**
 William Kirk Allen, Jr. (9/3/2007)
 John Edwards Bates (4/1/2007)
 Hugh Lee Eichelberger, Jr. (11/9/2007)
 Ebenezer Pressley Love (11/11/2007)
 Dr. William H. Marquis (7/26/2007)
 John E. Talmage (2/24/2007)
- OM 3. **THAT any disparity in numbers between elder and minister commissioners be corrected in the following manner:**
 A. Each racial ethnic congregation be asked to elect two (2) commissioners.
 B. All elders who were elected by the Presbytery to serve as committee or division chairs or be on Council have voice and vote.
 C. All Christian Educators who are elders have voice and vote.
 D. All Commissioned Lay Pastors have voice and vote.
 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.
 F. That the following churches (Churches E-L) be requested to send one additional elder commissioner for the year 2008. (In 2005, Churches M-R were given this responsibility, in 2006, Churches S-Z and in 2007, Churches A-D.)
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|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Ellenboro | Grace Covenant | John Knox |
| Estatoa | Grassy Creek | Kenilworth |
| Etowah | Green Mountain | Kings Mountain, First |
| Fairview | Green Street | Korean Church of Ashe. |
| Fletcher | Hayesville | Lenoir, First |
| Forest City, First | Hendersonville, First | Lincolnton, First |
| Franklin, First | Hickory, First | Long Creek |
| Gastonia, First | Highlands, First | Love's Chapel |
| Glen Alpine | Ironton | Lowell |
| Good Hope | Jack's Creek | |
- 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 B)**
- OM 5. **THAT James Aydelotte, William Kantonen and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the April 29, 2008 Presbytery meeting.**
- OM 6. **THAT the minutes of the October 26-27, 2007 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted.**
7. **THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendix C)**
 Rev. Dr. Kevin E. Frederick
8. **THAT the past membership roster of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Permanent Judicial Commission, as required in BO: D-5.0206, be reported and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix D)**

9. **THAT these two overtures from Hendersonville, First:**
- (1) **Two years' discernment before acting on the proposed *Book of Order* revision. (Appendix E) and**
 - (2) **Proposed Authoritative Interpretation of *BO*: G-6.0108. (Appendix F)**
- be referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee, that the Bills and Overtures Committee be available to any commissioners from now through the lunch period, and that the committee report back to Presbytery as soon as possible in the afternoon.**
10. **THAT the January 7, 2008 Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville be received and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix G)**
11. **THAT the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, having completed their work, be dissolved, effective Sunday, January 27, 2008, with the thanks of Presbytery for its good work.**
12. **THAT the Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, be received and become a part of the permanent record of Presbytery. (Appendix H)**
13. **That the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:**
The Rev. Karen Haak, Presbytery of Lake Michigan
The Rev. Dr. Sandra Brown, Presbytery of Redwood
The Rev. David Stover, Presbytery of Charlotte

FOR INFORMATION:

14. **The seventy-sixth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2007 at the Montreat Conference Center at Upper Anderson Auditorium in Montreat, North Carolina.**
15. **Please put these dates on your calendar now. Your Session's minutes for all of 2007 will be due at this time. All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.** Snacks and a lite lunch will be provided. After a period of training, Clerks will review each other's Session minutes. It is hoped that the meeting will end soon after lunch.

Review Meeting I

Date and Time: Saturday, March 8, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC
Who Should Attend: All the congregations in Cluster E (except in Lincoln county), Cluster F and congregations in McDowell County

Review Meeting II

Date and Time: Saturday, May 17, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: Canton Presbyterian Church, Canton, NC
Who Should Attend: All the congregations in Cluster A and in Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties

Review Meeting III

Date and Time: Saturday, June 7, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.

Location: Shelby Presbyterian Church, Shelby, NC
Who Should Attend: All the congregations in Cluster D and in Cleveland, Lincoln, Polk and Rutherford Counties

16. **The Coordinating Council would welcome an invitation from a congregation to host the meeting of Presbytery on Saturday, January 31, 2009.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

17. **That the Report of the Administrative Commission for the Bostic Presbyterian Church be received and entered into the permanent record of Presbytery. That the Administrative Commission for the Bostic Presbyterian Church, having completed its work, be dissolved, effective immediately, with gratitude for its work. (Appendix I)**

FOR INFORMATION:

18. **That background information regarding the Proposed Revision of the Form of Government be received as information. (Appendix J)**

Dr. Aydelotte moved recommendations 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 17 above, which were duly seconded and approved. He referred to items 14, 15, 16, & 18 from the report to Presbytery as information.

The Stated Clerk also referred the Presbytery to reports from the Campus Mission Committee (Appendix K), and Self-Development of People (Appendix L) as reports for information only and on which no action was required.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Rev. Michael Bailey and the Rev. Adam Bowling, Pastor and Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church Morganton led the Presbytery in a service of worship. Scripture for the service was read from Acts 16: 16-34. The Rev. Michael Bailey's sermon was entitled, "Finding Hope Behind Bars." Worship concluded with a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The lives of 70 elders and 6 ministers of Presbytery who had passed on to the Church Triumphant during the year 2007 were celebrated.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Rev. Jim Cockerham, Vice-Moderator of the Coordinating Council, presented for adoption recommendations 1 through 3, which were approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT Elder Jack Suddreth be re-elected as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.**
2. **THAT permission be granted for the Lord's Supper to be celebrated at Presbytery sponsored events and mission trips during 2008.**
3. **THAT permission be granted to the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Pilgrimage Weekend #84 at Camp Harrison, NC. This will be administered by Presbyterian ministers for the Presbytery of WNC and surrounding Presbyteries.**

Pastor Cockerham then presented items 4 through 6 of the Coordinating Council Report as information.

FOR INFORMATION:

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

Yokefellow of Rutherford County (endorsed by Forest City, First)	\$4,000
Thermal Belt Outreach (Polk County) (endorsed by Columbus)	\$5,700
Service Center for Latinos (Mitchell County) (endorsed by Spruce Pine, First)	\$3,000
Pay It Forward Food Bank (Caldwell County) (endorsed by Fairview)	\$4,000

Note: Any money remaining in the account designated for regional agencies or education and administration expense will be used to “supersize” Souper Bowl.

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

Farmer’s Movement of Papay, Haiti (Moringa Tree Project)	\$8,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) (Agricultural Project)	\$8,000
PDA for relief and recovery in Mexico (Flooding in Tabasco Region)	\$8,000

6. That the Coordinating Council received a report that the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, NC had agreed to sell its manse, putting the proceeds in an endowment fund for the maintenance of the church and related expenses. (Appendix M)

Additional information from Council:

The Rev. Cockerham reported that the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, NC had notified the Coordinating Council of their intent to sell two pieces of property.

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 N) Recommendation II A and B were approved earlier in the Omnibus Motion. (Appendix A) He recognized David C. Stoker and Timothy L. Holland as 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.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and the Committee on Ministry, Dr. Jane Carswell Roberts of the Examinations Committee, introduced the following new ministers in the Presbytery. Each answered questions and signed the Book of Obligation (i.e. their ordination vows). Their statements of faith and biographical statements were included in the report of the Committee on Ministry. (Appendix N)

- Randal Anthony Hardy, Member-at-Large
- Dan M. Thornton, Interim Pastor, Marion First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Patricia McClurg, Honorably Retired, and the Rev. Denise Geiger, Honorably Retired, were not present but will be presented at the April 29, 2008 meeting of Presbytery. (Their statements of faith and

biographical statements are in Appendix N.)

Dr. James Bernhardt introduced Leila Eden Evans, Pastor-elect of the Mt Gilead First and Pee Dee Presbyterian Churches in the Charlotte Presbytery, transferring from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the Presbytery of Charlotte. Ms. Evans' sermon entitled, "The Gift of Joy," was based on the scripture from Psalms 16. Following the preaching of her sermon and answering questions, Dr. Bernhardt moved, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, that her sermon be approved and that she be ordained by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. The motion passed and Dr. Bernhardt offered prayer. Representatives from the West Avenue Presbyterian Church, where Ms. Evans has worked for several years, were recognized.

Dr. James Bernhardt introduced R. Carter Robinson, Associate Pastor-elect of the First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, coming to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina from the Presbytery of Charlotte. Mr. Robinson's sermon entitled, "I, Christ," was based on the scripture Isaiah 9:1-4 and I Corinthians 1:10-18. Following the preaching of his sermon and answering questions, Dr. Bernhardt 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. Bernhardt offered prayer. Representatives from the Hendersonville Presbyterian Church were recognized.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

III. VALIDATED MINISTRY

Mr. Dennis Stamper, Commissioned Lay Pastor, serving as chaplain at Blue Ridge Health Care in Morganton, spoke on behalf of a validated ministry not in a local congregation. Through his ministry, he provides support to the nursing, medical and administrative staff of the hospital. In addition, support is also provided to the patients and family and friends of patients. He thanked God for his support and for allowing him to work in this area. He also thanked the Presbytery for the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program and for allowing him to serve the Presbytery in this capacity.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. William P. Campbell, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, offered intercessory prayers for those in the Presbytery and beyond who have lost loved ones, who are sick, recovering or just in need of God's love. He also prayed that all would come together as one people in Christ's Church. He further gave thanks for all those in attendance, and for our break for nourishment. The Presbytery was recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. H. Richard Graham, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendations for committee vacancies and moved approval of the Nominating Committee Report. (Appendix O) All were duly elected.

Dr. Graham then recommended Ms. Elizabeth Hill, youth from First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, as our Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly. The recommendation was approved.

Following the report, Dr. Graham recognized Ms. Pat Queen, Chair of the Committee on Representation, who explained the work of that committee and emphasized the need for fair representation of all those in the Presbytery. Together, Dr. Graham and Ms. Queen made a plea to all commissioners to review the committee vacancies and offer recommendations.

DIVISION OF SMALLER MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES

The Rev. James Cockerham, co-chair of the Division of Smaller Membership Churches, reported on the work of the committee for 2007 and recognized the Rev. Laura Long, Stated Supply at Clinchfield, Ms. Vickie Wise, elder at Fletcher Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport who each reported works of a smaller membership church.

The Rev. Laura Long, Stated Supply at Clinchfield, spoke about how a mission outreach program had changed a small church of 32 members. Clinchfield Presbyterian Church in Marion has been actively participating in "Angel Food Ministries," one of the largest food co-ops in the United States. Through their mission outreach that started with 17 food boxes, they have distributed over 800 boxes of food in the past year, made contact with dozens of people, and have had two families to join the church. This is a program where everyone in the church can participate.

Ms. Vickie Wise, elder at the Fletcher Presbyterian Church in Newland, spoke on behalf of her church and how they support the work of the Lord. The Fletcher Presbyterian Church started "Memorial On A Mission" to put a steeple on the church. Once the project was complete, the fund continued and has since been used to fund sending Tommy Burluson on a Mission Trip to Malawi; support of Dr. Barbara Nagy, Missionary in Malawi; support of the Dimmock Family Emergency Fund; and support of the Rev. Becca Young, Missionary in Indonesia.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport, Pastor at West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, reported on how 16 Presbyterian Churches in the Gaston County, known as GAP (Gaston Area Presbyterians), were working together. In cooperation, these churches have built two houses for Habitat, held a women's retreat, a mission rally, formed a Christian Rock Band, and raised \$50,000 for the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, spoke on the ways God is working through the Presbytery. She thanked the churches for supporting the Presbytery and the ministry that they are doing together. The Presbytery was praised for their support of the Mission Goal for 2007 and it was noted that during 2007, the number of churches supporting missionaries grew from 37 to 79. She gave thanks to all those who continue to support and participate in missions in the Presbytery.

The Presbytery will continue its focus on missions and, in addition, for the year 2008 focus on Evangelism. Through mutual work, she would like to see churches grow in faith and vitality, and actively reach out to bring others to Christ. She challenged all congregations to begin inviting unchurched people to church and continue those invitations throughout the year. She presented a narrative budget to the Presbytery illustrating some of our work together. (Appendix P)

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elder Arthur Burgess, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the 2008 Budget of the Presbytery. Following a discussion of the budget in general, and legal fees in particular, the budget was approved as presented. (Appendix Q)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Elder Jane Holt, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the salaries of the Program Staff for 2008 for approval, which were approved. (Appendix R)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Rev. Michael Poulos, chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, recommended the following.

RECOMMENDATION:

- I. THAT Robert J. Tuttle, a member of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, and a student at Union-PSCE in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination of Presbytery.

After candidate Robert J. Tuttle shared his faith and his call to the ministry, Moderator Kantonen opened the floor for questions. There being no further questions for the candidate, the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Robert J. Tuttle as a candidate. The Moderator then asked the questions in the Book of Order, G-14.0305f, which were answered affirmatively. The Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick charged Mr. Tuttle and the Rev. Lynn Webber offered prayer. Those who came in support of Mr. Tuttle were asked to come forward and share in the prayers.

At this time, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry has over 20 inquirers/candidates enrolled. Pastor Poulos encouraged all congregations to nurture all those currently enrolled as an inquirer or candidate.

DIVISION OF OUTREACH

A detailed report of the work of the committees within the Division of Outreach for 2007 was compiled and reported. (Appendix S)

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, Chair of the Missions Committee, reaffirmed the goal of outreach in mission. Currently within the Presbytery, there are 79 churches supporting missions/missionaries and 37 churches that are not supporting missions/missionaries. The Presbytery of WNC is at the top of the list of Presbyteries actively engaged in supporting missionaries.

The Missions Committee continues to work on plans for the mission event "Frozen Chosen." They are seeking locations in the Gastonia, Hickory and Asheville areas for the events to be held. All money raised will be used for the support of missions.

Mission teams going to Guatemala (March 24 - April 1) and D'Iberville, MS (February 22 - March 1) were introduced by Dr. Frederick. He asked all members were asked to come forward to be commissioned. He then asked all who have served as missionaries or been on mission trips to come and help commission those going on one of these mission trips. Dr. Frederick closed the service with prayer.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Peace and Justice Committee, the Rev. Rocky Ward, reported on the works of the committee for 2007 and the focus and goals of the committee for 2008. Several DVD's have been purchased related to current issues and are available through the Presbytery office for use by churches in Sunday School classes or special programs with their congregations.

Judith West, Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, continued the report of the work of the committee stating that the Presbytery's Peacemaking Offering totaled \$20,570.38. Presbytery's portion of the offering was designated equally to the start-up cost of developing a global village at Camp Grier and in support of a transitional aftercare program being developed by the Black Mountain Women's Correctional Center, In addition, \$250 was invested in Oikocredit (a ministry making low interest loans to poor entrepreneurs around the world, and one of the Enough for Everyone emphases.)

Dave Cohn, Director at Camp Grier, expressed a heart felt thanks for the support received for the start-up cost of developing a global village at the camp. Camp Grier received \$2,127.74.

Virginia Buchanan, extended a hardy thank you to the Peace and Justice Committee and the Presbytery, for their support of the transitional aftercare program for services for women re-entering the world who have been released from prison. The program received \$2,127.74.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

The Rev. Deborah McEachran, Chair of the Hunger Committee, reported that 76 churches within the Presbytery had adopted and participated in the Nickel a Meal program during 2007. The committee, after visiting, approved Nickel a Meal grants in ten regional agencies and several international programs.

Jane Hansel, elder at Swannanoa Presbyterian Church and member of the Hunger Committee, presented an entertaining skit encouraging all church to get involved with the Souper Bowl Offering. The response to last years supersizing Souper Bowl was amazing.

Cynthia Turnbuckle from Thermal Belt Outreach in Polk County, a grant recipient, talked about how Thermal Belt Outreach had benefitted from the assistance received. During the past year, they were able to provide assistance to 83 children in Polk County and Outreach Packages to families in need.

There were 80 churches within the Presbytery that participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during 2007. Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church gave the largest percentage per person to the offering, \$43.23 per person. A comforter was presented to the church to remain on display for one year as acknowledgment of their offering.

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cogswell, Chair of the Bills and Overtures, presented the two overtures from the First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville and the recommendations of the Bills and Overtures Committee.

In regard to the overture requesting a two years' discernment before acting on the proposed *Book of Order* revision, the recommendation of the Bills and Overtures Committee endorsing that overture was approved. (Appendix T)

In regard to the overture proposing an Authoritative Interpretation of BO: G-6.0108, the recommendation of the Bills and Overtures Committee not endorsing that overture was approved. (Appendix U)

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, Elder Beth Galloway, presented the following Resolution, which was adopted.

WHEREAS the 75th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, through the power and grace of God, met at First Presbyterian Church of Morganton to fulfill its mission.

WE give thanks for

the warm hospitality extended by the host church this cold day;

the challenges of the preaching;

the sustenance of the Lord's Supper;

our fellowship among old and new friends;

the participation of our fellow Presbyters for Hendersonville, First who brought us well-crafted overtures;

our new ministers who will enrich us and our former ministers and elders who did enrich us with lives and service;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we express our thanks to those who served and led this day and to God who leads us every day.

BENEDICTION & ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Seventy-Fifth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the Moderator asked Carter Robinson to conclude our meeting with prayer at 4:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Seventy-Sixth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Montreat Conference Center.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

William Kantonen, Moderator

James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk

These minutes to be approved by Presbytery on April 29, 2008 at its meeting at the Upper Anderson Auditorium, Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. List of Ministers on Roll of Presbytery of Western North Carolina
- C. Minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Dr. Kevin E. Frederick
- D. Membership Roster Past and Present of the Presbytery of WNC Permanent Judicial Commission
- E. Overture from Hendersonville, First, re: Two years' discernment before acting on the proposed *Book of Order* revision
- F. Overture from Hendersonville, First, re: Proposed Authoritative Interpretation of *BO*: G-6.0108
- G. Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville
- H. Report of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion
- I. Report of the Administrative Commission for Bostic Presbyterian Church
- J. Informational background re: Proposed revision of the *Book of Order* (Form of Government)
- K. Report from Campus Ministry Committee
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- U. Recommendation from Bills and Overture Committee re: Proposed Authoritative Interpretation of *BO*: G-6.0108

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