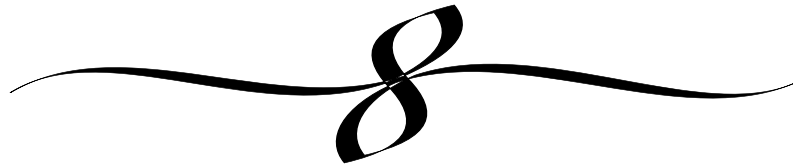


**PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**



**MINUTES
SEVENTY-FOURTH
STATED MEETING
OCTOBER 26-27, 2007**

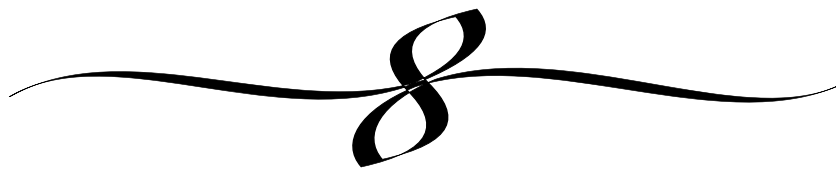


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**The Presbytery of Western North Carolina
Seventy-Fourth Stated Meeting
October 26-27, 2007
at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, NC**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Elder Bill Kantonen, convened the Seventy-Fourth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at 9:03 a.m. on October 26, 2007 in the International Room of the Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska Conference Center in Lake Junaluska, NC. The Rev. Margaret Torrence, one of the Moderator's pastors, opened the meeting with a prayer of invocation.

Moderator Kantonen welcomed the Presbytery to this meeting, and introduced the Rev. David Wiseman and wife, Jeannene, Missionaries in Guatemala and guest speakers for this meeting. He also introduced and welcomed Oscar Garcia, student intern for the Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship.

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.	E	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	P	Michael Bailey	P	Tony Baker	P
Douglas Bartlett	E	J. Edward Bates	E	Teddis Beasley, Jr.	E
Joseph Bennett	P	Stanley Bennett	A	James Bernhardt	P
Carter Blaisdell	E	Buren Blankenship	E	Randall Boggs	P
Ronald Botsford	E	Dewey Bowen	A	Adam Bowling	P
Richard Boyce	E	Troy Braswell	P	Ronald Brauer	E
Michael Brazelle	P	Edwin Brenegar, III	E	Hayden Britton	E
Beverly Brock	P	Jerry Bron	E	G. Thompson Brown	E
Jon Brown	A	Aimee Buchanan	P	Ralph Buchanan	E
William Buchanan	P	Monty Burnham	E	Sue Burton	P
Robert Busey	E	Joey Byrd	E	John Campbell	E
Kathy Campbell	P	William Campbell	P	Day Carper	E
Mary Faith Carson	E	Joel David Cherry	E	Calvin Chesnutt	P
Kenneth Chivers	A	William Christian	P	Carol Clark	P

Mark Clark	P	James Cockerham	P	James Cogswell	P
Joshua Cole	A	Hunter Coleman	E	Robert Collins	E
Priestley Conyers, III	E	Thomas Cook, Jr.	E	Drayton Cooper	E
Donald Cooper	E	Riley Covin	P	John Craven	E
James 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
Hugh Eichelberger	E	John Ellington	P	Charles Elyea	E
Lee Feero, Jr.	E	David Fillpot	P	Ragland Fletcher	E
Kenneth J. Foreman, Jr.	P	Maynard Fountain, Jr.	E	McCoy Franklin	P
Kevin Frederick	P	John Frye	E	A. W. Gaines, Jr.	P
Ronald Gilmer	P	Gregory Grana	E	Theodore Grant	E
Robert Gruber	E	George Gunn	P	Samuel Hale	P
Michal Hall	E	Terry Hanna	P	Martin L. Harkey, III	A
Robert Henderson	E	Robert Hewett	E	Fred Hill	E
Robert Hinman	P	Richard Hobson	E	Timothy Holland	E
Richard Holshouser	E	Samuel Hope	P	James Hornsby	P
David Hosick	P	William Hoyt, III	P	Allen Huff, Jr.	P
*James Huskins	E	George Hutchins	E	Donald Jafvert	E
William Janes	E	William Jennings	E	Cecil Jividen	E
Wallace Johnson	A	Rufus M. Johnston, IV	A	Dong Uk Kang	P
David Kennedy	E	Ira Kennerly	P	Paul Kercher	E
Jeff Kesterson	E	William Kirk	P	Albert Kissling	E
Earl Kreisa	E	Lee Kruse	A	Gale Lammey	E
John LaMotte	P	John Laughlin	P	Margaret Lauterer	P
Ernest Lewis	E	Wendell Ligon	E	John Lindsay	P
Eugene Linton, Jr.	P	Brad Long	A	Laura Long	P
Dick Lonnee	P	Edward Loper	P	Pressly Love	E
Billy Lowe	P	David Lytle	A	Joan Martin	P
Roberta Martin	E	W. Robert Martin, Jr.	E	Tyler Martin	E

Griffith Matthews	E	Layton Mauze, III	P	John McCall	E
Sandra McClinton	A	Robert McCully, Jr.	A	Deborah McEachran	P
Flemon McIntosh, Jr.	A	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	P	Karen Newsome	A
John Newton, Jr.	E	Herman Nodine	E	Richard Nygren	P
O'Hyun Park	E	Yoon E. Park	A	Katherine Parker	E
Thomas Parker	P	Andrew Parkey	A	David Parks	E
Charles Parrish	E	Donald Patchel	P	Stratton Peacock	P
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	P	Margaret Peery	P	Patrick Perryman	P
Harry Petersen	E	Martha Jane Petersen	P	Lyle Peterson	P
Harry Philips	P	Michael Pouolos	P	Carolyn Poteet	P
Donald Price	E	Edyth Pruitt	A	Tamara Puffer	P
Jay Rabuck	E	Mark Ramsey	P	Earl Rash	E
Wilson Rhoton, Jr.	E	Calvin Rice	E	Homer Rickabaugh	E
Don Robb, III	P	Jack Robinson	E	Steven Runholt	E
Richard Rustay	E	Donald Scofield, Jr.	P	Hank Scoggins	P
Julius Scott	E	William Serjak	P	Albert Shaw, Jr.	P
Richard Shelor	P	James Shroyer	P	Allan Sinclair	A
James Skelton, Jr.	E	Wirt Skinner	P	O'dell Smith	E
Paul Smith	A	John Somerville	E	Becky Stanley	P
Mark Stanley	P	Carol Steele	P	John David Stewart	E
Daniel Stitt	P	David Stoker	A	Cynthia Strickler	A
Steven Strickler	P	James Stuart	E	Walter Styles	E
Charles Swann	E	William Sweetser, Jr.	A	John Talmage	E
James Taylor, Jr.	P	Lee Thomas	P	Keith Thompson	P
Margaret Torrence	P	Emily Townes	A	Ace Tubbs	E

Thomas Tweedie	E	Rockwell Ward	P	Samuel Warner	P
Morris Warren	E	Joseph Washburn	A	William Waterstradt	E
Mark Watson	P	George Webb	E	Lynn Webber	P
Barbara White	P	James Wilken	A	Cynthia Williams	E
Lamar Williamson, Jr.	P	Parker Williamson	E	John Wilson	E
Otis Wilson, Jr.	E	Claude Wilson-Stayton	E	William Wing, Jr.	E
Eugene Witherspoon	P	Graham Wood, Jr.	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	A
David Moore, Sr.	A	Randy Patterson	A	Betty Shaw	P
Bert Sigmon	P	Robert Simes	A	Dennis Stamper	A
John Stanley	A	Bert Wiley	E		

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

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

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

Donna Ashley	P	Mary V. Atkinson	P	Glenn Bannerman	A
Freida Caldwell	A	Dwight Christenbury	P	Robert Clemmer	A
Betty Davenport	P	Sara Dixon	A	Angela Drummond	A
Dianne Graeber	A	Chandler Guess	A	Susan Haney	A
Marylyn Huff	E	Sandy Jividen	P	Margaret Kennerly	P
Leslie McLeod	A	Kathy Parse	E	Mary Potter	A

Heath Rada	P	Peggy Rada	A	Bonnie Sanford	P
Ginny Soll	A	Patricia Tuttle	A	Robert Tuttle	A

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

Arbor Dale (2)	A	
Asheville First (3)	John Jackson	Lucy Keil
Banner Elk (2)	A	
Belmont First (3)	Eleanor Grass	Jerry Ragan
	Jean Wilson	
Bessemer City First (2)	A	
Bethel (2)	Marion Phillips	Diane Lane
Black Mountain (3)	Jerome Herring	Nancy Hope
	Alita Grady	
Brevard-Davidson River (3)	A	
Bridgewater (2)	A	
Brittain (2)	Robert Searcy	B. M. Harrison
Brittains Cove (2)	A	
Bryson City (2)	Lois Groth	Jim Sherrard
Buladean (2)	A	
Burnsville First (2)	Wanda Woodby	
Calvary (3)	Vivian Ridley	Mamie White
Canton (2)	Julian Morgan	
Cherryville First (2)	Will Upchurch	Norman Ryan
Clinchfield (2)	A	
Columbus (2)	A	
Conley Memorial (2)	E	
Crossnore (2)	Barbara Ross	Rachel Deal
Cullowhee (2)	Al McNeely	
Dallas First (2)	A	
Dixon (2)	Philip Humphries	
Dorland Memorial (2)	Sidney Harrison	

Dulatown (3)	A	
Duncan's Creek (2)	Sue Price	Richard Price
Ellenboro (1)	A	
Estatoa (1)	A	
Etowah (1)	A	
Fairview (1)	A	
Fletcher (1)	Tommy Burleson	
Forest City First (1)	Gene Stark	
Franklin First (1)	Gail Lehman	
Gastonia First (3)	Charles Massey	Gene Matthews
	Lenise Melton	
Glen Alpine (1)	A	
Good Hope (2)	A	
Grace Covenant (2)	Anne Satterfield	Charlie Clogston
Grassy Creek (1)	John Hall	
Green Mountain (1)	A	
Green Street (2)	A	
Hayesville (1)	A	
Hendersonville First (2)	Gilbert Broyles	Mimi Jamieson
Hickory First (2)	Dave Rowe	
Highlands First (1)	Hillrie Quin	
Ironton (1)	A	
Jack's Creek (1)	A	
John Knox (1)	A	
Kenilworth (1)	Carol Glenn	
Kings Mountain First (1)	A	
Korean Presbyterian Church of Asheville (2)	A	
Lenoir First (1)	Betty Buss	
Lincolnton First (1)	A	
Long Creek (1)	Ken Unnasch	

Love's Chapel (2)	A	
Lowell (1)	Ruth Everhart	
Marion First (1)	A	
Marshall (1)	A	
Micaville (1)	E	
Mills River (1)	A	
Montreat (1)	Jim Henderson	
Morganton First (2)	Tom Kilgore	Lewis Rigsbee
Morrison (1)	A	
Mount Holly First (1)	Paul Solomon	
New Hope, Asheville (1)	Eddie Parker	
New Hope, Gastonia (1)	A	
Newdale (1)	Marchetta Blackburn	
Newland (1)	Tommy Williams	
Newton First (2)	A	
Northminster (1)	A	
Oak Forest (1)	A	
Oakwood (1)	A	
Old Fort (1)	A	
Olney (1)	Phyllis Hallman	
Paint Gap (1)	A	
Pine Street (2)	A	
Pineola (1)	A	
Quaker Meadows (1)	A	
Reems Creek-Beech (1)	A	
Riceville (1)	A	
Ridgeview (1)	A	
Robinson Memorial (1)	A	
Rutherfordton (1)	Janet Jolly	
Ryburn Memorial (2)	A	

Saluda (1)	Barbara Witherspoon	
Shelby (2)	Joe Miller	Jo Ann Richards
Sherrill's Ford (1)	A	
Shiloh, Grover (1)	Jean Francis	
Siloam (1)	A	
Southminster (2)	Darry Withers	
Spindale (1)	Sarah Kirk	
Spruce Pine First (1)	A	
Swannanoa First (1)	Steve Hansel	
Sweetwater (1)	A	
Sylva First (1)	Judy McManus	
Third Street (2)	Allen Lowery	N. A. Smith
Trinity (1)	Carole Ball	
Tryon (1)	Jan Impey	
Union (1)	David Gilreath	
Union Mills (1)	Susan Ward	
United (1)	Gwen Gibson	
Unity (1)	Gene Hudgens	
Vians Valley (1)	A	
Waldensian (2)	Tammy Black	Laura Lafferty
Walnut (1)	A	
Walnut Grove (1)	E	
Warren Wilson (1)	Gay Currie Fox	
Waynesville First (1)	Bob Lasater	
West Asheville (1)	Gary Storch	
West Avenue (1)	Paula Wallace	
Westminster (1)	A	

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

Ministers	107
Elders	75
Christian Educators	8
Council/Committee Chairs	12
Visitors	<u>54</u>
Total	256

Corresponding member(s): The Rev. Mark Kayser, Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Highlands Presbytery of Northern Kansas; the Rev. David Wiseman, Presbytery of New Hope; the Rev. Patricia McClurg, Presbytery of New Castle.

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

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

Stated Clerk Aydelotte moved the proposed docket without any change. The docket was approved.

Friday, October 26, 2007

	8:30 Registration	(Lambuth Lobby)	
	<i>(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)</i>		
	8:30 Prayer before Presbytery	(Chapel)	
	<i>(We invite you to come to pray for the Presbytery, its work, its churches and pastors.)</i>		
	Orientation for New Elders	(Lambuth Room 103)	Charles Davenport
**	9:00 Convene	(International Room)	
	Prayer of Invocation and Constitution		William Kantonen, Moderator
	Appointment of Standing Committee		
	Resolution of Thanks		
	Declaration of Quorum		James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk
	<i>(Introduction of any Corresponding Members)</i>		
	Approval of Docket		
	Omnibus Motion		A
	<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>		
	Stated Clerk's Report		James Aydelotte
**	9:30 Service of Worship		David Wiseman
	<i>(Including the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper)</i>		Jeannene Wiseman
	Committee on Ministry	Part I	Don Scofield
	<i>(Montreat Administrative Commission Report)</i>		Heath Rada
	<i>(Report of the Special Task Force for Montreat)</i>		
	11:55 Prayers of Intercession		Lamar Williamson
	<i>(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)</i>		
**	12:00 Lunch	(Lambuth Dining Room)	
**	1:15 Reconvene with Prayer		Bobbi White
	Committee on Ministry	Part II	Don Scofield
	<i>(Work of the committee and other commissions)</i>		
	Report on Union PSCE Charlotte		Tom Currie
	Report of the General Presbyter		Bobbi White
	Strategic Goals Committee		David Hosick
	2:50 Break		H

(Light Refreshments - Lambuth Room 105)

- ** 3:00 Speak Out**
(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.)
Division of Outreach
Missions Committee Kevin Frederick
(GOT MISSION!)
Mission Panel Discussion
Committee on Ministry Part III Tom Parker D
(Introduction of New Ministers)
- ** 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)
- ** 7:00 Reconvene with Prayer** Kevin Frederick
Mission Presentation David Wiseman
"What it is to be a Missionary"
"How you can support a Missionary"
"Frozen Chosen.....Thawed Out" Allen Huff
(Music)
Mission Offering
Outreach Celebration
Vespers Jeannene Wiseman

Saturday
October 27, 2007

- 8:00 Registration (Lambuth - International Room)**
- ** 8:30 Orientation for New Elders (Lambuth Room 103)** Charles Davenport
- ** 9:00 Welcome** Moderator
- 9:00 Reconvene with Prayer (International Room)** Youth Council
- Opening Worship** Youth Council
- Youth Ministries** Beth Gunn
(Reflections from Youth Triennium)
- Report from Synod Commissioners** James Aydelotte II
Larry Poe
- Greetings from the Office of the General Assembly** Jon Brown
(Jon currently serves you in the office of Mission Interpretation of the General Assembly Council in Louisville, KY)
- Christian Education** Barbara Phillips
(Christian Educators Retreat - January 2008 - "Come to the Well")
- Division of Outreach**
Hunger Committee Deborah McEachran
("Reclaiming Christmas")
- Speak Out**
(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)
- Coordinating Council** Jim Cockerham C
- Nominating Committee** Dick Graham I
(Election of members for Presbytery committees)
- Institutions and Agencies**
Presbyterian Home for Children Tom Campbell, President
Camp Grier Dave Cohn

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Moderator Kantonen appointed the following committee:

- **Resolution of Thanks:** The Rev. Tony Baker, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and CLP Leila Evans, West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Gastonia.

OMNIBUS MOTION

Stated Clerk Aydelotte explained the rules for the Omnibus Motion and asked if anyone wanted to remove anything from the Omnibus Motion. Mrs. Sally Gunn asked that OM 2 from the Stated Clerk's report be removed. He then moved the Omnibus Motion without the removed item. It was so approved. (Appendix A) The Presbytery then approved the remaining items in this motion. Items included in this motion are marked by "OM" in the margin.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Dr. Aydelotte presented the Stated Clerk's report, stating that recommendations 1 and 3 had previously been approved in the Omnibus Motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. THAT the minutes of the July 31, 2007 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. <i>(The full set of these minutes, including appendices, will be available for review at the Stated Clerk's table.)</i> |
| | 2. THAT James Aydelotte, Bill Kantonen and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the January 26, 2008 Presbytery meeting. |
| OM | 3. THAT the minutes of the ordination and/or installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery: (Appendices B, C and D)
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Rev. Henry D. Scoggins</p> <p>Rev. Adam Bowling</p> <p>Rev. John L. Frye, Jr.</p> </div> |

FOR INFORMATION:

4. **That all those staying overnight at the seventy-fourth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina at Lake Junaluska are reminded that they will need to check-in at the *Bethea Welcome Center*, at the main entrance, for their room key.**
5. **That a report compiled by various members of the Hephzibah Commission or those who supported its work is included and will become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Appendix E)**
6. **That a "Newcomer's Guide to Presbytery Meetings" is included in your Presbytery**

Packet to assist first time elders at a presbytery meeting. (Appendix F)

- 7. The seventy-fifth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
- 8. That the following dates have been established for Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records:**

Saturday, March 8, 2008	Morganton, First
Saturday, May 17, 2008	Canton
Saturday, June 7, 2008	Shelby
- 9. That the Stated Clerk has contacted all known members of the former Murphy Presbyterian Church, with these results:**
 - a. The Rev. Alan Wildsmith was received into the Presbytery of the Southeast, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, on October 6, 2007, at which time that Presbytery also received the congregation.**
 - b. Following the directives of this Presbytery, all known members of that congregation were contacted to ascertain their wishes.**
 - c. The results were:**
 - 46 persons were transferred to the EPC denomination**
 - 7 persons were transferred to the Hayesville Presbyterian Church**
 - 3 persons were transferred to the First United Methodist Church in Murphy.**
- 10. That, in an effort to be better stewards of God's resources, and at the recommendation of the Communications Committee and various other committees, the Presbytery will be moving toward electronic transmission of the Presbytery Packet and the Monthly Mailing. Beginning in January 2008, the Presbytery Packet and Monthly Mailing will be transmitted electronically and will be available on the Presbytery's website www.presbyterywnc.org. These items will also be mailed in January 2008. Thereafter, both items will be available online and transmitted electronically, but will only be mailed to those who have requested to stay on the mailing list to receive these items.**
- 11. The Stated Clerk sent a memo to all Sessions and Clerks of Session dated June 11, 2007 regarding "Property in the Presbyterian Church (USA)." A copy of the memo and references are included with this report. (Appendix G)**

Dr. Aydelotte moved recommendation 2 above, which was duly seconded. Following a brief discussion, the recommendation was amended to read that the minutes of each Presbytery meeting be posted on the website at least one month prior to the next meeting of Presbytery. The amended recommendation was moved and approved. He referred to items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 from the report to Presbytery as information.

The Stated Clerk referred the Presbytery to reports from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Appendix H), Division of Evangelism (Appendix I), and the Budget and Finance Committee (Appendix J) as reports for information only and on which no action was required.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Rev. David Wiseman and wife, Jeannene, missionaries in Guatemala, the Rev. Kevin Frederick, Pastor at Waldensian Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Lyle Peterson led the Presbytery in a service of worship, which included a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Pastors Allen Huff, Shelby Presbyterian Church; Bob Abel, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin; Bill Buchanan, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church; Maggie Lauterer, First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville; and Jim Cockerham served as musicians and provided the Presbytery with inspiring music. Members of the continuing Montreat Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) assisted with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - PART I ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR THE MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As chairperson of the Administrative Commission for the continuing Montreat Presbyterian Church, Elder Heath Rada, presented a detailed report of the work of the commission and requested that the commission be discharged following the ordination and/or installation of elders on October 28. Motion was made and approved. (Appendix K)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE FOR MONTREAT

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Special Task Force for Montreat, the Rev. Dr. Don Scofield reported that the Property Working Group that was authorized at the April 2007 meeting of Presbytery had not be able "to work out a mutually acceptable settlement" concerning the church property in Montreat now currently "held in trust" by Presbytery "for the use and benefit of the PCUSA [Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)]." Dr. Scofield then moved the following recommendation: That Presbytery

1. Retain competent legal counsel, which will make good use of all available assistance (especially *pro-bono*) from the denomination and its friends;
2.
 - (a) Reaffirm its April 2007 decision to take possession of all the property held by the formerly undivided Montreat Presbyterian Church in trust for the mission of Christ's Church in this Presbytery and in the PCUSA; and
 - (b) Claim for the Presbyterian Church (USA), and especially its mission in this Presbytery, its rights in Montreat under the property trust clause in both the *Book of Order* of the PCUSA (G-8.0201) and the *Book of Church Order* of the former Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Chapter 6); and
3. Urge all to pray that the mediation phase of the legal proceedings will lead to an agreement that is fair to all concerned and benefits Christ's Church.

After considerable discussion, and some related motions, the above recommendation was approved.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LUNCH

The Rev. Dr. Lamar Williamson offered intercessory prayers for a number of persons in the Presbytery and beyond, thanks for all those in attendance, and for our break for nourishment. The Presbytery was recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

RECONVENE

At the Moderator's request, General Presbyter, Bobbi White, reconvened the Presbytery following the recess for lunch at 1:13 p.m. with prayer.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - PART II
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WAYNESVILLE

The Rev. Dr. Layton Mauze, chair of the Administrative Commission, reported on the responsibilities and work of the commission. The Administrative Commission requested that the Presbytery authorize it to assume original jurisdiction over the Waynesville congregation, pursuant to the *Book of Order* (G11.0103.s), with the right to delegate to selected elders in that congregation some of the responsibilities of the Session (G 10.0102), subject to the general oversight of the Commission. (Appendix L) Motion was approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARION

The Rev. Eugene Witherspoon, chair of the Administrative Commission, reported on the responsibilities and work of the commission. The Administrative Commission requested that the Presbytery authorize it to assume original jurisdiction over the Marion congregation, pursuant to the *Book of Order* (G11.0102.s), with the right to delegate to the current Session some of the responsibilities of the Session (G-10.0102), subject to the general oversight of the Commission, if and when this becomes appropriate. Motion was Approved. (Appendix M)

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. Don Scofield, Chair of the Committee on Ministry reported on the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery. (Appendix N) Recommendation V was earlier approved in the Omnibus Motion. (Appendix A)

VALIDATION OF MINISTRIES

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

- Edwin R. Brenegar, III, Facilitator/Consultant/Speaker, Community of Leadership, Inc., through October 26, 2008.
- Margaret B. Peery, Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Counseling and Growth Center, through October 26, 2008.
- Carol Steele, Associate Director, Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Montreat Conference Center, through October 26, 2008.

REVISIONS OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Dr. Scofield recommended revised versions of two decisions that had been made earlier by Presbytery, both of which related to the *Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to Presbytery to be Dismissed*, adopted by Presbytery in October 2006 and January 2007. The Stated Clerk explained the reasons for the revisions. The recommended revisions were approved. (Appendix O)

GENERAL PROVISION FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Dr. Scofield moved that the Presbytery approve the following recommendation:

"The Presbytery of WNC agrees that, whenever both the Committee on Ministry and the Coordinating Council agree (which agreements can be obtained by electronic means, if necessary) that a pastoral need in Presbytery is of such urgency that an administrative commission needs to be established before the next stated meeting of Presbytery, then one can be immediately appointed by any three of the following, acting together - Moderator, General Presbyter, Chair of the Committee on Ministry, Chair of the Coordinating Council,

or Stated Clerk - following all the procedures in the *Book of Order* (G-9.0502 - .0505), provided that the members of this commission and its assigned functions are ratified by the Presbytery at its next stated (or special) meeting."

This was approved, with the amendment that it be reviewed at Presbytery's October 2008 meeting.

This concluded Parts I & II of the Committee on Ministry Report. The Rev. Dr. Don Scofield expressed his thanks to the Presbytery and the staff of Presbytery for their continued support to him and the Committee during the past two and half years while he has served as its chair.

The Rev. Will Gaines moved that the Presbytery extend a warm and hearty thanks to the Dr. Scofield for his excellent works for the church.

Presbytery adopted the motion, with a bountiful round of applause.

GREETINGS FROM UNION-PSCE at CHARLOTTE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Currie, Professor of Theology and Dean of Union-PSCE at Charlotte brought greetings to the Presbytery and expressed sincere thanks to the Presbytery for its continued support. Located on the campus of Queens University in Charlotte, this seminary started with 22 students; it now has 95 students enrolled, with eighty percent of the students being Presbyterian and fifty-five percent female. Of the 23 students who have been graduated, 5 were from the Presbytery of WNC.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. Bobbi White, General Presbyter, reflected on the current happenings in our Presbytery and our mission emphasis for this Presbytery meeting. She praised churches within our Presbytery for their working together in mission, encouraged everyone to invite others to their church and to continue to support missions and missionaries.(Appendix P)

STRATEGIC GOALS COMMITTEE

The Rev. David Hosick, Chair of the Strategic Goals Committee, reviewed the mission of the Presbytery to have faithful and vital congregations and lead the Presbytery in an exercise designed to move church members from sidelines to active participation in the church life. He emphasized that the more things change within the church, the more things stay the same. Prior to the Presbytery pondering together over a series of questions, he led the Presbytery in prayers of discernment. The committee gathered responses from their questions which are to be compiled, and the evaluation will be presented to the Presbytery at a later meeting.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, Chair of the Missions Committee, continued its "Got Mission" theme, with the goal being to have every church within the Presbytery sponsor a missionary by the end of 2007. At the beginning of the year we started with 37 churches supporting missionaries. Currently, there are 67 churches signed on to support missions and missionaries within the Presbytery. Missionaries supported by the Presbytery were recognized, as well as the churches within the Presbytery that are supporting them. Dr. Frederick stated that God is doing something new in this Presbytery. There is a new sense of purpose and mission being felt in the Presbytery as never before. The Presbytery of WNC is helping lead the denomination in involvement and accomplishments in missions.

MISSION PANEL DISCUSSION

Associate Presbyter, Ginnie Stevens, led a panel discussion of how several churches within the Presbytery are involved in missions. Elder Billy Wilson, from the Union Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, shared mission events and stories from his church. They are currently hosting a breakfast and Bible study weekly

for senior high school students which is very well attended and received. In addition, they are working diligently on a shower trailer to accompany working groups to disaster areas, visiting and sharing bingo activities at assisted living centers in their area, and participating in other local missions in the Gaston County and elsewhere in the Presbytery.

Elder Wanda Woodby, from the First Presbyterian Church in Burnsville, shared several mission stories and events of her church. Burnsville, First is very active in sponsoring local events including a kid's store, yard sales and participating in the Fair Trade Coffee program. The funds from these events are then being used in local mission projects, and support for missionaries in Malawi and Sudan.

The Rev. George Gunn, from the Fletcher Presbyterian Church shared its mission stories and goals. The goal for the Fletcher Church is to have 50% of their total income going for missions. They are involved in supporting members of their congregation on Presbytery mission trips and supporting missions within the Presbytery.

HUNGER COMMITTEE

The Rev. Deborah McEachran, Chair of the Hunger Committee, and other members of the committee presented a skit encouraging everyone to remember the real meaning of Christmas and encouraging churches to participate in the "Reclaiming Christmas" program of the Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - PART III **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

On behalf of the Examinations Committee and the Committee on Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Parker, 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)

- M. McCoy Franklin, Honorably Retired
- David Bradley, Member-at-Large
- Robert Bruce Cumming, Honorably Retired

DINNER

The Moderator recessed the Presbytery for dinner with prayer at 4:35 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.

RECONVENE

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick reconvened the Presbytery with Prayer and again welcomed our visiting missionaries Rev. David Wiseman and his wife, Jeannene.

MISSION PRESENTATION

The Rev. David Wiseman and wife, Jeannene, shared with the Presbytery "What it is to be a Missionary" and "How you can support a Missionary." The Presbytery heard of their mission work in Guatemala. David is instrumental assisting visiting congregational mission teams to tour around the country. Jeannene's ministry is that of working with Guatemalan women.

"FROZEN CHOSEN...THAWED OUT"

Bert Sigmon, CLP at Duncan's Creek, and the Rev. Wirt Skinner and his Barber Shop Quartet, gave musical presentations to the Presbytery as examples of talents that will be shared during "Frozen Chosen...Thawed Out" events in 2008. Proceeds from these special events will go to missions.

OUTREACH CELEBRATION

Members of the Outreach Division of the Presbytery celebrated the person, ministry, and work of Ginnie Stevens, Associate Presbyter for Missions, upon news of her impending retirement, and in thanksgiving to God for her accomplishments and presence in our midst. As persons spoke and shared how Ginnie had worked in their life and ministry, they lit a candle in her honor. Those participating in this celebration were: Judy Nebrig, Deborah McEachran, Judith West, Allen Huff, Billy Wilson, Randall Boggs, Bob Abel and Bobbi White. Margaret Kennerly and Judy Nebrig later presented Ginnie with a beautiful prayer shawl, illustrating how we are all woven together in numerous ways.

VESPERS

The evening was closed at 9:10 p.m. with vespers led by Jeannene Wiseman.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007

The Presbytery was reconvened by the Moderator on Saturday morning, October 27 at 9:02 a.m., with the Rev. Allen Huff and the Rev. Bob Abel bringing the Presbytery together with music.

WORSHIP

Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth Ministry, members of the Youth Committee and Loudon Young, a high school senior and member of Youth Council, led the Presbytery in morning worship and energizers.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Beth Gunn, Associate for Youth Ministry, reported on the Youth Triennium, youth events for the year 2007 and upcoming dates and events for the youth in 2008. Beth continued with her report by recognizing the Rev. Allen Huff and the Rev. Anne Morgan for their continued support with planning and organizing youth events, retreats and contributions to the youth as mentors through music and worship.

The Rev. Carol Steele, Montreat Conference Center, informed the Presbytery about a leadership training event entitled, "The Blaze" that will be offered at the conference center in 2008. She encouraged anyone who is, or will be working with youth to attend this event.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

The Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, Synod Commissioner for the PWNC gave a brief statement outlining the July 2007 meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and the reorganization of the Synod. He referred the Presbytery to the written reports in their packets from Elder Larry Poe and himself for more detailed information. The reports were accepted with appreciation. (Appendix Q)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. Dick Lonnee and Ms. Barbara Phillips, members of the Christian Education Committee, entertained the Presbytery with a comical skit announcing and promoting the Christian Education Mini-Retreat in January 2008. The theme for the retreat will be "Come to the Well." The retreat leader will be the Rev. Jon Brown, who is a member of this Presbytery and working with the Office of Mission Interpretation of the General Assembly Council in Louisville, KY.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Rev. Jim Cockerham, Moderator of the Coordinating Council, presented for adoption the following recommendations 1 through 6.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT the Presbytery elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee:**
Rev. Lee Thomas (Kings Mountain) (C) Class of 2010
Mr. Richard Graham (Asheville, First) (B) Chair
2. **THAT the Presbytery authorize a national appeal for contributions to help defray Presbytery's legal costs in court actions for Montreat and other churches, so that the mission work of the Presbytery may not be impaired; and THAT, if this concept is approved, Council report an implementation plan to the January 26, 2008 Presbytery Meeting.**
3. **THAT the Presbytery request funds from the Synod's Visionary Fund Grant and Shared Ministries Grant for the Global Village at Camp Grier. This would be in partnership with Salem and Charlotte Presbyteries and contingent on the approval of those Presbyteries.**
4. **THAT the Presbytery commit to supporting Dr. Barbara Nagy and her family for 80% of their total cost through 2010. (*She is our Missionary in Malawi.*)**
5. **THAT the Presbytery elect the Rev. Dr. Luke Harkey as vice-moderator, effective immediately, and moderator, effective August 2008.**
6. **That the Presbytery approve the search for an Associate Presbyter for Missions and that the following be elected to serve on the Search Committee:**
Rev. Deborah McEachran (Hickory, First), Chair
Rev. Allen Huff (Shelby)
Rev. Randall Boggs (Mills River)
Ms. Judith West (Brevard-Davidson River)
Mr. Tom Kilgore (Morganton, First)
Mr. Tommy Williams (Newland)
Mr. Stephen Werts (Third Street)

Recommendations 1 through 6 were approved. Rev. Cockerham then presented items 7 through 20 of the Coordinating Council Report as information.

FOR INFORMATION:

7. **THAT an invitation from the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Morganton to host the January 26, 2008 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**
8. **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.**
9. **THAT an invitation from the Session of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church in Banner Elk to host the July 28, 2009 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.**

10. **THAT the Council approved holding a series of musical events, such as the *Frozen Chosen, Thawed*, to receive donations for our missionary program.**
11. **THAT the Council approved a minor modification of the official mission/vision statement which just leaves out the name of the Presbytery. The mission/vision statement now reads:**

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

In partnership with Sessions,
the mission of Presbytery is to
foster vital and faithful congregations to be
effective witnesses for Jesus Christ.

By God's grace we will
See changes in our lives,
Share what we have seen, and
Be signs of the grace of the triune God
at work in the world.

12. **THAT the Council 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.**
13. **THAT the Council approved receiving an "in kind" offering at the October 26-27, 2007 meeting of Presbytery to include: electronic equipment (cell phones, laptops, DVDs, etc.) to be sold to support missionaries; knitted and crochet infant caps for Nkhoma Hospital; health kits; and blood donations/bone marrow typing on October 27.**
14. **THAT the Mission Committee was granted permission to receive a "love offering" for missionaries following the evening services at the October 2007 Presbytery Meeting at Lake Junaluska.**
15. **THAT the Hunger Committee was granted permission to allow \$4,000 of the Nickel-a-Meal Funds to be granted to Avery Amigos, a program for Hispanics in Avery County.**
16. **THAT the Council approved the endorsement of Oscar Garcia, a seminarian currently working with Iglesia Presbiteriana Emanuel Fellowship in Hickory, for a student visa to continue his work in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the Salem Presbytery.**
17. **THAT the Council approved using \$2,750 of Council's contingency funds for the replacement of a heating and air conditioning unit on the main floor of the Presbytery Office.**
18. **THAT a Task Force will be planning a one-day training/educational event, "Let's Celebrate," to be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton.**
19. **THAT the Presbyterian Women held two Fall Gatherings, one at Northminster Presbyterian Church and another at the Presbyterian Home for Children, which netted**

a total attendance of over 200 women.

- 20. THAT the Presbyterian Women will hold their Spring Gathering on April 19, 2008 at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker for the Spring Gathering will be Anita Gutschick.**

Following the approval of the Coordinating Council Report, the Rev. Jim Cockerham expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Presbytery for allowing him to serve as Moderator of the Council while serving as Interim Pastor at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Richard Graham, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommendations for commissioners to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Stated Meetings for 2008. The Rev. Sue Burton and Elder Larry Poe were duly elected (Rev. Burton for one year; Mr. Poe for two years).

Dr. Graham then presented the recommendations for committee vacancies and moved the approval of the Nominating Committee Report.(Appendix R). All were duly elected.

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

Dr. Graham and the Stated Clerk expressed sincere thanks to the Presbytery staff for their work and support of the Nominating Committee and other committees of Presbytery.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

President Tom Campbell of the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain spoke to the Presbytery and expressed his sincere thanks for the Presbytery's support, gifts and prayers and asked the Presbytery to continue in prayer for the children and the home. The home which was organized in 1923, is currently home to 51 children between the ages of 5-18. Mr. Campbell gave thanks to the 1,500 volunteers who have given more than 11,000 hours of service to the home this year.

CAMP GRIER

Mr. David Cohn, Director of Camp Grier, reported that the camp had completed its 55th year of summer programs and that they had had a successful season. He encouraged the churches to utilize the camp for family retreats, congregational retreats and other church events. David also told the Presbytery of the plans for developing a Global Village at the camp.

MISSION MOMENT

The Rev. Jim Hornsby, Missionary to Nicaragua, shared his sense of call to be a missionary and asked everyone to ponder the question, "What are your passions and how do you identify yourself?" He stated that he felt he had been called to be a builder for Christ's Church.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On behalf of the Resolution of Thanks Committee, CLP Leila Evans presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

WHEREAS God has called us, the people of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, into ministry to be witnesses for God's faithfulness and grace, and

WHEREAS, we have met together at the beautiful Lake Junaluska Conference Center for the 74th Stated Meeting of Presbytery, and

WHEREAS, we prayerfully and sincerely sought the Holy Spirit's guidance in making difficult and challenging decisions, and

WHEREAS, we have been blessed through worship, uplifted by fellowship and fun, and inspired by mission presentations;

THEREFORE:

WE resolve to be thankful for the effective leadership of Moderator Bill Kantonen, the Presbytery staff and committee leaders, and

WE resolve to give thanks for the life and ministry of Ginnie Stevens and for David and Jeannene Wiseman's call and work in missions, and

WE resolve to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, so that in all we do and say we may glorify God, and finally,

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

BENEDICTION & ADJOURNMENT

With the business of the Seventy-Fourth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina completed and adjournment voted, the Moderator asked the Rev. Jim Hornsby, Missionary in Nicaragua, to conclude the meeting with prayer and a benediction at 11:05 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Seventy-Fifth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.

These minutes were prepared by the following:

William Kantonen, Moderator

James E. Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Robbin Buchanan, Assistant to the Stated Clerk

These minutes are to be approved by Presbytery on January 26, 2008 at its meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC.

APPENDICES

- A. Omnibus Motion
- B. Minutes of installation of the Rev. Henry D. Scoggins
- C. Minutes of the ordination and/or installation of the Rev. Adam Bowling
- D. Minutes of the installation of the Rev. John L. Frye, Jr.
- E. Report from various members of the Hephzibah Commission
- F. Newcomer's Guide to Presbytery Meetings
- G. Memo to Sessions and Clerks of Session regarding "Property in the Presbyterian Church (USA)"
- H. Report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- I. Report from the Division of Evangelism
- J. Report from the Budget and Finance Committee
- K. Report from the Administrative Commission for the Montreat Presbyterian Church
- L. Report from the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville
- M. Report from the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Marion
- N. Report of the Committee on Ministry
- O. Guidelines for Congregations Considering a Request to be Dismissed, Revised
- P. Report of the General Presbyter
- Q. Report of the Synod Commissioners
- R. Report of the Nominating Committee