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REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION OF First Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, NC

The Administrative Commission of the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville, North Carolina met on Monday, January 7, 2008, to review what had occurred in the life of that Congregation since our last meeting in October of 2007. We were delighted to hear such a positive and encouraging report about how the congregation was responding to the challenges which confronted them after a number of people in that church family left the church to establish a new congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in September of 2007.

Some of these accomplishments are:

1. Appointment of a Church Officer Nominating Committee, and the election of six elders who will serve on the Session and be installed on Sunday, January 27, 2008.
2. Appointment of an Interim Minister Nominating Committee, which has led to the calling of Rev. John Lindsay to serve as Interim Minister of the church. Rev. Lindsay began his ministry on January 1, 2007.
3. Had a Stewardship Emphasis which enabled the congregation to raise over \$100,000 toward a Proposed Church Budget for 2008 of \$125,000.00.
4. Attendance at Sunday Worship Services has been between 65-75, and ten new members have been received into the life of the congregation.

The Administrative Commission reviewed all the issues and concerns that they had previously identified which needed to be addressed and dealt with. There was unanimous agreement that all these matters had been, or were being responded to in a responsible manner. The Commission also heard reports from each of the Elder Advisory Members of the Commission, and were very pleased at their encouraging reports. The tone of their voices, the look in their eyes, the actions of their lives, and the attitude of their hearts revealed that Christ had come to each of them and used them in providing outstanding leadership and guidance at this particular time in this church's life.

After these reports, it was abundantly evident to the Commission that the congregation had responded enthusiastically and courageously to the needs and opportunities that confronted them. God has been at work in the life and ministry of this church family in a very magnificent and meaningful way. So, we are confident that the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville will maintain a vital and visible witness to Jesus Christ in this community, and throughout our Presbytery for years to come.

The Commission was deeply moved and filled with gratitude to God for the strong and effective staff and lay leadership that has worked so tirelessly and diligently to help bring

about such positive and encouraging results. We all truly believe and trust that the power of God's Word and God's Spirit will continue to nourish and equip this devoted group of God's people to grow in faith, hope, and love, as they continue their journey through life.

In the last century, a great Catholic writer said that the only reason for moving from one Christian family to another was to deepen one's relationship with God. It is the hope and prayer of the Commission that those who have felt led to leave this church family will find this to be true in their own personal lives also.

Therefore, the Administrative Commission feels that they have completed their task "to help bring pastoral healing and reconciliation" to this congregation, and we respectfully request that the Presbytery of Western North Carolina dismiss the Commission, effective Sunday, January 27, 2008, at which time a new Session will be installed.

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Chair, Administrative Commission