

80th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina

April 28, 2009

Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC

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The Presbytery of Western North Carolina

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To: Members of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina

From: James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk

Date: April 14, 2009

Re: Eightieth Stated Meeting of Presbytery

I hope you had an blessed Easter holiday and can find enjoyment in the glorious spring weather we are finally experiencing!

The quarterly stated meeting of Presbytery is quickly approaching! This meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28th, in Anderson Auditorium at Montreat Conference Center. A map is included for your convenience. For those needing overnight lodging, call Assembly Inn at 828/669-2911 for reservations. *Please dress casually and remember to wear comfortable shoes.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., the following activities will take place in Lower Anderson Auditorium:

- Registration - Lobby of Lower Anderson. Lunch tickets will be sold during this time at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Meal tickets must be purchased prior to 11:00 a.m.!
- Prayer before Presbytery - Lower Anderson, Room 2
- Elder Orientation - Lower Anderson Auditorium, Room 1

If you have prayer requests, please place them on the Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.

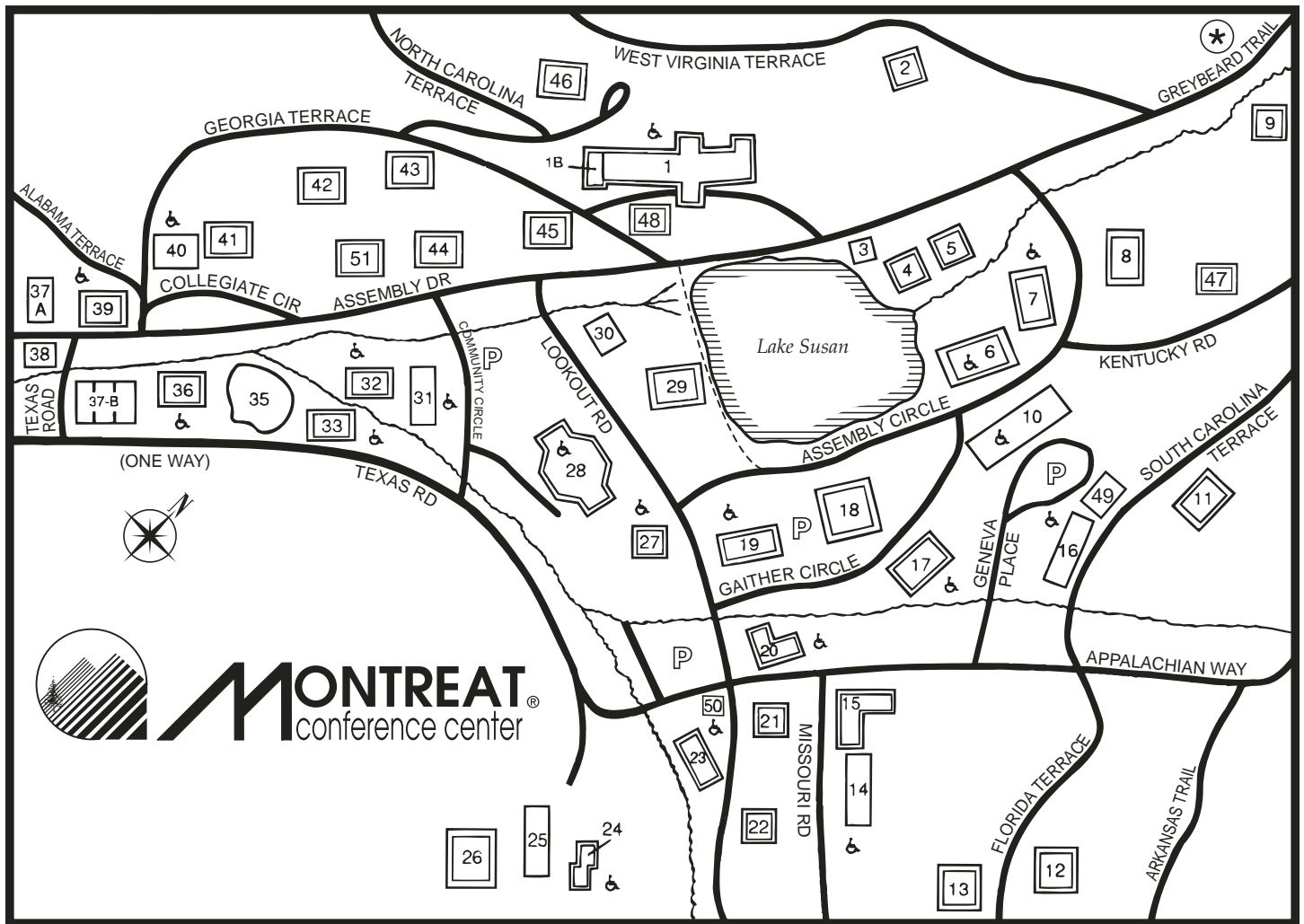
Remember that **for the 2009 year, churches M through R are entitled to an additional elder**. Commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2007 Statistical Report.

To request an excused absence, please e-mail (mpuckett@presbyterywnc.org), fax (828/437-8655) or phone (828/438-4217) the Presbytery Office by Monday, April 27, 2009.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Come to western North Carolina via Interstate 40; take Exit 64 for Black Mountain/ Montreat/ Route 9. This exit is 15 miles east of Asheville. At the exit, turn north on #9, go through three traffic lights in Black Mountain (#9 becomes Montreat Road) and travel approximately two miles to the Montreat entrance. From the gate, continue approximately 1-1/2 miles to the middle of the Conference Center. Download a map of Montreat.

For Internet mapping enthusiasts, Montreat Conference Center's physical address is 401 Assembly Drive, Montreat, NC 28757. See above for most direct route from Interstate 40 to Montreat.



Parking (Map not drawn to scale)
 These buildings are either totally or partially accessible.

A conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

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NEWCOMER'S GUIDE TO PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

WELCOME!

Despite rumors to the contrary, many really do enjoy the time of fellowship and sharing when our Presbytery meets. However, if you have not been to such a meeting before, it may seem a little confusing at first. It is hoped that this guide will make your participation more meaningful. For at Presbytery meetings, we have good news to share, successes to celebrate, helpful resources to publicize, important (and some not so important) decisions to make, plans to approve, and a wonderful family of 112 congregations to get to know better.

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERY?

A Presbytery is the key governing body in our denomination. There are 173 Presbyteries in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Ours includes all the PCUSA congregations with nearly 19,000 members in 23 counties in the western part of North Carolina. It consists of all the active Ministers and at least one Elder from each congregation (larger ones have additional Elders). Various procedures ensure that there is approximately an equal number of Ministers and Elders; both are known as commissioners and they have an equal vote. It is vital that each congregation be represented by its Elder(s)!

WHAT DOES A PRESBYTERY DO?

A Presbytery is responsible for the mission and government of the Church throughout its area. "In partnership with Sessions, the mission of our Presbytery is to foster vital and faithful congregations to be effective witnesses for Jesus Christ." By combining resources, Presbytery can help each church improve its ministry by assisting with the calling of pastors, teacher training, grants and loans, officer development, camping, mission trips, and many other support services.

WHEN DOES PRESBYTERY MEET?

There are four full-day stated (regular) meetings, generally towards the end of the months of January (Saturday), April (Tuesday at the Montreat Conference Center), July (Tuesday), and October (Friday and Saturday at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center). Special meetings at other times can be called, and Presbytery committees meet throughout the year.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THIS MEETING?

All commissioners will receive, in advance, a packet of reports, proposed actions and background information. Other papers (generally called "Addenda") will be handed out when you register. Please read these carefully, and be prepared, since these papers will only be referred to during the meeting before a committee chair (with some explanation) moves adoption of an action.

In general, these things will occur:

1. **Celebration:** We will worship together with hymns, prayers, Scripture, preaching and the Lord's Supper. We will also welcome new ministers, commission teams on mission trips (especially to Guatemala and Malawi), give thanks for special achievements, and pledge ourselves to better mission and witness. Join in the fellowship of committed Christians.
2. **Information:** You will learn about lots of events and opportunities to share with your Session and congregation: new programs, mission plans, available resources, etc. Be a good communicator when you are back home.

3. Education: You will hear from missionaries, as well as leaders of our colleges, children's homes, camps and other institutions; Presbytery officials and Ministers joining our Presbytery. There is always much to learn.
4. Presbytery Procedures: Much is fairly routine: adoption of the docket (order of consideration), approval of minutes, receiving reports, etc. Several routine housekeeping matters are put together in an Omnibus Motion, which is voted on as a unit (but you can remove any item for later discussion). Though rather unexciting, these matters are necessary.
5. Debate and Action: At most meetings, there will be a few items that deserve extensive discussion. Though each recommendation has been reviewed by a committee or the Coordinating Council, it should nevertheless be carefully considered before you decide how to vote. If you do not understand what is happening, please ask the Moderator to explain the matter currently before the Presbytery. If you want to offer a motion, the Stated Clerk would be glad to help you draft it. Don't worry about parliamentary procedure. Your role is to listen carefully, share in the debate, if you feel led to do so, and then vote as the Holy Spirit leads you to understand what is best for Christ's Church.

It is a privilege and responsibility to help guide this part of the Church of Jesus Christ. ***Be prepared. Listen. Pray. Take notes. Report back home.*** Remember that you are helping our Presbytery in a much valued and vital way to build up the Body of Christ, to the greater glory of our Lord.

(Prepared by James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk, with thanks to Providence Presbytery in South Carolina.)

PRESBYTERY MEETING DATES	
January 31, 2009	Asheville, First
April 28, 2009	Montreat Conference Center
July 28, 2009	Banner Elk Presbyterian Church-Lees McRae College
October 23-24, 2009	Lake Junaluska Conference Center
January 30, 2010	Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese
April 27, 2010	Montreat Conference Center
July 27, 2010	Cherryville, First
October 22-23, 2010	Lake Junaluska Conference Center

RULES FOR DEBATE

1. When any commissioner wishes to speak (other than to second a motion, which can be done from one's chair), he or she shall go to one of the floor microphones and seek recognition from the Moderator.
2. When recognized, the commissioner shall state his or her name and position in Presbytery before contributing to the debate.
3. All remarks should be addressed to the Moderator, should be confined to the merits of the pending question, and must not attack a commissioner's motives.
4. If several commissioners are standing at microphones waiting to speak to the same motion, the Moderator shall attempt to alternate pro and con speakers.
5. All proposed amendments (other than a few consecutive words) must be submitted in writing to the Stated Clerk, preferably in advance of making a motion.
6. If time for further study or consultation is desired before a vote is taken, commissioners shall ordinarily offer the motion to Postpone to a Particular Time, instead of a motion to Lay on the Table.
7. If a commissioner wishes to end an ongoing debate,
 - a. he or she must go to a floor microphone and obtain recognition from the Moderator;
 - b. when recognized, he or she may move the previous question;
 - c. another commissioner must second this motion (can be done from one's chair, without recognition);
 - d. the Moderator shall immediately conduct a standing vote on this motion to cut off further debate;
[Note: The above is *Robert's Rules* as is enjoined by our constitution (*Book of Order, G-9.0302*). However, this Presbytery chooses to follow the Parliamentary Procedures of the General Assembly, which give the Moderator some discretion in this matter. "The Moderator is in a position to refuse premature closure of debate by a member through the use of the motion to 'call the question.' If, in the Moderator's judgement, the assembly has not completed debate, the Moderator has the power to refuse the motion to close debate."]
 - e. if there is a two-thirds affirmative vote to end debate, the Moderator shall immediately conduct a vote on the motion before the Presbytery.
8. 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 may be used (at the Moderator's discretion) after a substitute motion is made.
 - a. The Moderator calls for perfecting (improving) amendments to the main motion. The amendments may be debated. Nothing else is in order.
 - b. The Moderator calls for perfecting (improving) amendments to the substitute motion. The amendments may be debated. Nothing else is in order.
 - c. The Moderator puts the question: "Shall the substitute motion replace the main motion?" At this time, the merits of both the main motion and the substitute motion may be debated, but no further amendments are in order.
 - d. The Moderator takes vote on the above question.
 1. If the question is approved, the main motion disappears and the substitute motion is before the assembly for further debate and vote.
 2. If the question is defeated, the substitute motion disappears and the main motion is before the assembly for further debate and vote.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA

GUIDE TO WORSHIP AND WORK



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.**

**EIGHTIETH STATED MEETING
APRIL 28, 2009**

**MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER
UPPER ANDERSON AUDITORIUM**

**EIGHTIETH STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
April 28, 2009**

- 8:30 Registration (Lobby of Anderson Auditorium)**
- 8:30 Prayer before Presbytery (Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room 2)**
- Orientation for New Elders (Lower Anderson Auditorium - Room1)**
- 9:00 Convene with Prayer of Invocation (Upper Anderson) Luke Harkey, Moderator**
- Welcome Pete Peery, President
Montreat Conference Center**
- Appointment of Standing Committee Moderator**
- Resolution of Thanks**
- Certification of Quorum James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk**
- Approval of Docket**
- Omnibus Motion A**
(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. Any commissioner may pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason. Simply state the item to be removed from the Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)
- Stated Clerk's Report B**
(Corresponding Members; Report of Administrative Commissions)
- 9:15 Service of Worship including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
- Liturgist Jack Sadler**
- Preacher John McCall**
- Sermon: The Christ the World Sees
Scripture: John 1:1-5 & 14
- Elders from the Black Mountain & Montreat Churches**
- 10:15 Coordinating Council Bill Kantonen C**
- Nominating Committee Don Cooper I**
*(Election of members for Presbytery committees; election of Search Committee for Stated Clerk)
(Please fill out the recommendation sheet with suggested persons for the Nominating Committee to consider in the future.)*
- Evangelism Joan Martin**
(Acts Initiative) Becky Stanley
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry Michael Poulos K**
(Candidate for ministry, Tim Ware)
- Guatemala Partnership Doug Michael**
- Presbyterian Heritage Center Ron Vincent**
- Missions Committee Allen Huff**

Peace and Justice

Lynn Michie

Hunger Committee

Dennis Stamper

Self-Development of People

Calvin Lewers

M

Budget & Finance Committee

Charles Sellers

BB

(Report of Annual Audit and Financial Report)

11:45 Prayers of Intercession

Steven Runholt

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

11:50 Lunch

(Assembly Inn)

1:30 Reconvene

(Upper Anderson Auditorium)

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.)

1:40 Good News from the Churches

1:50 Bible Study

Lamar Williamson

After Easter, What?

Luke 24: 36b-48; John 10:11-18; John 15:1-8

Report of the General Presbyter

Bobbi White

GP

Committee on Ministry

James Bernhardt

D

(Introduction of new members, examination for ordination/installation of Franklin Jones; commissioning of lay pastor, Betty Shaw.)

Bill Sweetser

Youth Committee

Aimee Buchanan

(Youth Mission Event)

Let's Celebrate

Beth Gunn

(Annual Event for everyone in the Presbytery)

Adam Bowling

Campus Mission

Mae Weed

V

Warren Wilson

Resolution of Thanks

Benediction and Adjournment

Moderator

**If you are on the docket as a representative for a committee,
you are asked to sit on the stage in the Auditorium.**

Please note that Presbytery Standing Rules “do not” allow any distribution of materials at Presbytery meetings without prior approval from the Coordinating Council. Also, please turn off or silence cell phones during Presbytery worship times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

21	Strategic Goals Committee	Black Mountain
23	Hunger Committee	Morganton, First
25	Session Records Review	Shelby
28	80th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina	Montreat
	Let's Celebrate Task Force	Montreat
28- May 6	Partnership Team to Guatemala	

MAY

2	School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastor	Morganton, First
	Helping Hands Workday at Camp Grier	Camp Grier
4	Nominating Committee	Pat Queen's Home
7	Smaller Membership Church Committee	Black Mountain
8	Acts 16:5 Initiative One-Day Workshop	Morganton, First
11	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
12	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
12-24	Malawi Mission Trip	
13	Coordinating Council	Morganton, First
14	Christian Education Committee	Black Mountain
16	School for the Laity/Commissioned Lay Pastor	Morganton, First
	Racial and Ethnic Committee	Third Street
19	New Church Professionals Luncheon	Morganton, First
	Care of Church Professionals Committee	Morganton, First
	Non-Installed Pastors Sub-Committee	Hickory, First
20	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
20-June 1	PWNC Delegation to Malawi	
21	Let's Celebrate Task Force	Morganton, First
25	OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY	
30	Partnership Event	

JUNE

6	Session Records Review and Training	Canton
	Hunger Committee	Morganton
8	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
9	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
10	Coordinating Council	Morganton, First
12	Let's Celebrate Task Force	Morganton
17	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
27	Self-Development of People	Morganton

JULY

1	Mission Personnel Task Force	Black Mountain
	Mission Committee	Black Mountain
2	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS FOR JULY 28, 2009 PRESBYTERY MEETING	
3	OFFICE CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY	
5-10	Senior High Youth Mission Work (WOW)	Charlotte
8	Coordinating Council	Presbyterian Home for Children
13	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
14	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
15	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
16	Let's Celebrate Task Force	Morganton, First
28	81st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina	Banner Elk
29	Board of Pensions Retiree Reception	Black Mountain

AUGUST

22	<i>Let's Celebrate. . . "God's Bail Out"</i>	<i>Morganton, First</i>
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OMNIBUS MOTION

For the purpose of expediting some of Presbytery's decisions which are routine and non-controversial, an Omnibus Motion will be used. These motions are included throughout the packet.

PLEASE READ THESE MOTIONS BEFORE PRESBYTERY!

Matters may be removed from the Omnibus Motion when:

- A. Any member of the governing body requests removal of an item included in the OM whereupon that item shall be removed and presented to the governing body as part of the report from which it originated.*
- B. When the Omnibus Motion is presented on the floor, opportunity shall be given for members of the governing body to request, without comment or debate, for removal of specific items from the OM.*

A FAVORABLE VOTE ON THE OM SHALL BE RECORDED AS A FAVORABLE VOTE ON ALL MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE MOTION. THEREFORE, PLEASE READ AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER ALL MOTIONS BEFORE PRESBYTERY.

THAT THE OMNIBUS MOTION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS, BE ADOPTED:

RECOMMENDATIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 FROM THE STATED CLERK'S REPORT.

(See Stated Clerk's Report (B) for contents of recommendations.)

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
STATED CLERK'S REPORT
James Aydelotte, Stated Clerk
April 28, 2009**

The Stated Clerk presents the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| OM | 1. | THAT James Aydelotte, Luke Harkey and Robbin Buchanan be requested to prepare the minutes of this Presbytery meeting for approval at the July 28, 2009 Presbytery meeting. |
| OM | 2. | THAT the minutes of the January 31, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved as submitted. <i>(The full set, including appendices, of these minutes is available for review at the Stated Clerk's table and has been posted on the website.)</i> |
| OM | 3. | THAT the Presbytery accept the report of membership and worship statistics as submitted by the Sessions on the Annual Statistical Report and that it be recorded that the following Sessions are not in compliance with Book of Order G-10.0102 p (7). (Stated Clerk Attachment 1)
Duncan's Creek Estatoa Korean of Asheville
Ellenboro John Knox Oakwood |
| OM | 4. | THAT the Committee on Representation, having met and completed their annual report for the year ending December 31, 2008 and submitted it to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, requests that it become a part of the permanent record of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 2) |
| OM | 5. | THAT the minutes of the ordination/installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:
<p style="text-align: center;">Heather Wood</p> |
| OM | 6. | THAT the minutes of the installation of the following be placed into the record of Presbytery:
<p style="text-align: center;">Ed Forsyth
Alyce Kelly</p> |
| | 7. | THAT the April 28, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Bethel Presbyterian Church be received and its recommendation be acted upon at this meeting. (Stated Clerk Attachment 3) |
| | 8. | THAT the April 28, 2009 Report of the Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church be received and its recommendations be acted upon at this meeting. (Stated Clerk Attachment 4) |

9. That the following be recognized as Corresponding Members:
Rev. Jack Sadler, Presbytery of the James
(who will lead the Presbytery in worship)

FOR INFORMATION:

- 10. The eighty-first stated meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at the Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. Hosted by the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church.**
- 11. THAT a copy of the Summary Digest of the 223rd Stated Assembly Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic was received and shall be made a part of the permanent records of the Presbytery. (Stated Clerk Attachment 5)**
- 12. THAT the following Session Records for 2008 were submitted and approved on March 21, 2009, at a Session Records Review, held at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**
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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Arbor Dale | Lenoir, First | Olney |
| Burnsville, First | Marion, First | Quaker Meadows |
| Conley Memorial | Montreat | Riceville |
| Dallas, First | Morganton, First | Spruce Pine, First |
| Dulatown | Mount Holly, First | United |
| Fairview | Newdale | Waldensian |
| Fletcher | Newland | Walnut Grove |
| Green Street | Newton, First | West Avenue |
| Kings Mountain, First | Northminster | |
- 13. THAT the second reading of Session Records will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Shelby Presbyterian Church in Shelby, NC. All Clerks of Session of the congregations in Cluster D and in Cleveland, Lincoln, Polk and Rutherford counties, as well as all congregations which were due to submit their records on March 21, 2009, should attend and submit their 2008 Session records for review. (A list of records submitted will be included in the addendum.)**
- 14. THAT the third reading of Session Records will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Canton Presbyterian Church in Canton, NC. All the Clerks of Sessions of the congregations in Cluster A and in Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties, as well as those congregations which have not previously submitted their 2008 Session Records for review, should attend this meeting.**
- 15. THAT a Training Event for Adults and Youth, Let's Celebrate . . . “God’s Bail Out,” will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.**

- 16. THAT the Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church in Rutherfordton celebrated its 75th Anniversary in April 2009.**
- 17. THAT the Dixon Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in May 2009.**
- 18. THAT the Bethel Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 175th Anniversary on August 9, 2009.**
- 19. THAT, his current term as Stated Clerk ending July 31, 2009, James Aydelotte decided not to seek a further term. The Coordinating Council thereupon requested the Nominating Committee to suggest a Search Committee for a new Stated Clerk, such committee to be elected at this April 2009 meeting. [See the Addendum Report of the Nominating Committee, page Addendum I-5.]**

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 1

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

CHURCH NAME	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
ARBOR DALE	143	145	143	147	145	156	163	164	167	147	135
ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL	81	74	89	88	87	68	59				
ASHEVILLE FIRST	1073	1094	1116	1133	1,132	831	831	827	827	822	771
BANNER ELK	180	207	219	234	239	232	239	243	250	251	222
BEECH	85	87	86	97	108						
BELMONT FIRST	512	510	531	575	579	592	516	547	568	595	622
BESSEMER CITY	52	50	50	49	48	41	41	40	40	39	39
BETHEL	8	7	7	6	6	7	8	6	6	6	6
BLACK MOUNTAIN	661	663	696	730	709	723	736	676	652	624	566
BOSTIC	8	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5		
BREVARD DAVIDSON RIVER	661	658	646	692	717	710	662	662	671	648	601
BRIDGEWATER	30	33	35	34	34	34	34	45	45	43	40
BRITAIN	75	73	71	64	61	67	66	62	60	60	56
BRITAIN COVE	41	44	43	45	45	42	43	47	46	45	44
BRYSON CITY	88	88	88	100	94	101	101	101	107	117	95
BULADEAN	22	17	17	18	23	23	22	19	19	18	23
BURNSVILLE FIRST	45	38	42	60	80	90	102	119	129	144	157
CALVARY	47	47	47	47	47	48	48	52	52	52	53
CANTON	93	99	90	90	90	68	68	67	67	61	47
CHERRYVILLE FIRST	331	333	353	362	376	376	335	341	358	329	308
CLINCHFIELD	43	39	40	38	40	36	36	33	29	32	28
COLUMBUS	163	160	162	171	159	157	154	126	129	117	116
CONLEY MEMORIAL	31	31	30	27	28	34	32	31	29	25	25
CROSSNORE	71	77	80	88	85	85	85	68	70	53	53
CULLOWHEE	61	65	57	64	64	58	58	58	56	51	46
DALLAS FIRST	65	65	63	71	78	68	67	52	48	47	55
DIXON	67	66	64	63	65	66	71	56	61	62	61
DORLAND MEMORIAL	28	28	28	28	30	29	28	28	28	31	33
DULATOWN	136	128	117	117	121	121	127	127	127	124	117
DUNCAN'S CREEK	65	64	64	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61
ELLENBORO	33	29	29	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
ESTATOA	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
ETOWAH	57	56	57	57	63	63	63	62	62	60	59
FAIRVIEW	151	142	142	89	88	95	107	119	122	126	122
FLETCHER	70	68	66	66	66	68	64	64	68	70	70
FOREST CITY FIRST	155	162	160	163	160	99	91	90	93	96	95
FRANKLIN FIRST	341	330	258	236	218	193	198	199	199	180	180
GASTONIA FIRST	1505	1512	1475	1482	1,480	1483	1315	1321	1277	1231	1197
GLEN ALPINE	16	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	18	21	21
GOOD HOPE	23	22	21	21	22	22	22	22	16	17	17

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(12)	(21)	(8)
0	(68)	(81)
(51)	(60)	(302)
(29)	(10)	42
0	0	(85)
27	30	110
0	(2)	(13)
(6)	(7)	(8)
(58)	(157)	(95)
0	(5)	(8)
(47)	(109)	(60)
(3)	6	10
(4)	(11)	(19)
(1)	2	3
(22)	(6)	7
5	0	1
13	67	112
1	5	6
(14)	(21)	(46)
(21)	(68)	(23)
(4)	(8)	(15)
(1)	(41)	(47)
0	(9)	(6)
0	(32)	(18)
(5)	(12)	(15)
8	(13)	(10)
(1)	(5)	(6)
2	4	5
(7)	(4)	(19)
0	0	(4)
0	0	(13)
0	0	(1)
(1)	(4)	2
(4)	27	(29)
0	2	0
(1)	(4)	(60)
0	(13)	(161)
(34)	(286)	(308)
0	6	5
0	(5)	(6)

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GRACE COVENANT	562	573	588	583	594	605	638	639	635	660	666
GRASSY CREEK	55	50	58	57	57	56	54	51	39	39	38
GREEN MOUNTAIN	32	33	32	30	33	36	33	33	31	16	17
GREEN STREET	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	55	54	51	46
HAYESVILLE	28	30	29	30	26	32	32	39	40	42	36
HENDERSONVILLE	434	425	435	446	481	517	534	533	533	545	543
HEPHZIBAH	67	70	50	50	50	3	2	3			
HICKORY FIRST	904	903	935	950	965	974	996	895	893	836	859
HIGHLANDS FIRST	165	168	202	223	199	179	193	195	159	167	177
IRONTON	49	49	48	47	46	45	45	28	24	16	15
JACK'S CREEK	55	43	43	48	46	49	52	51	41	41	41
JOHN KNOX	135	127	118	99	90	71	69	70	70	70	70
KENILWORTH	103	114	110	91	94	80	80	83	86	88	84
KINGS MOUNTAIN FIRST	326	321	323	324	334	256	284	300	290	278	283
KOREAN OF ASHEVILLE			47	47	47	43	43	43	43	43	43
LENOIR FIRST	662	550	554	575	563	568	563	479	393	397	415
LINCOLN TON FIRST	354	349	341	345	348	359	361	199	200	195	195
LONG CREEK	105	105	106	107	115	115	121	118	119	124	92
LOVE'S CHAPEL	55	40	37	33	35	35	35	37	37	37	28
LOWELL	204	197	202	199	203	191	197	203	204	198	197
MARION FIRST	332	322	252	226	214	212	207	182	174	148	140
MARSHALL	93	93	93	93	93	103	103	103	102	102	99
MICAVILLE	47	47	45	39	39	43	50	50	36	35	35
MILLS RIVER	150	144	154	141	136	147	143	146	151	147	150
MONTREAT	303	309	309	316	384	420	426	438	456	48	70
MORGANTON FIRST	697	702	697	705	705	704	704	700	725	725	704
MORRISON	58	63	62	70	70	62	66	65	68	73	73
MT. HOLLY FIRST	249	246	246	231	228	183	179	184	180	161	161
MURPHY	83	90	87	85	92	77	86	79	67		
NEW HOPE (GASTONIA)	306	253	255	251	246	236	232	223	141	133	168
NEW HOPE (SKYLAND)	166	167	173	172	144	134	135	119	131	167	131
NEWDALE	62	63	61	60	60	44	40	38	36	31	28
NEWLAND	98	98	105	102	100	89	85	76	76	78	77
NEWTON FIRST	472	516	535	556	564	573	577	575	571	587	536
NORTHMINSTER	215	288	270	287	296	238	243	259	265	273	282
OAK FOREST	215	215	210	197	196	198	199	125	118	123	117
OAKWOOD	66	68	70	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
OLD FORT	43	42	42	41	41	41	12	12	14	13	14
OLNEY	167	166	165	160	157	138	132	119	107	107	101
PAINT GAP	31	41	40	9	27	27	13	13	13	12	16
PINE STREET	19	20	20	23	22	17	16	20	20	21	20
PINEOLA	48	47	53	53	52	50	52	50	48	44	42
QUAKER MEADOWS	102	100	100	92	96	103	113	125	129	119	115
REEMS CREEK	31	30	30	32	33	162	175	174	128	134	131

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6	61	104
(1)	(18)	(17)
1	(19)	(15)
(5)	(8)	(8)
(6)	4	8
(2)	26	109
0	(3)	(67)
23	(115)	(45)
10	(2)	12
(1)	(30)	(34)
0	(8)	(14)
0	(1)	(65)
(4)	4	(19)
5	27	(43)
0	0	43
18	(153)	(247)
0	(164)	(159)
(32)	(23)	(13)
(9)	(7)	(27)
(1)	6	(7)
(8)	(72)	(192)
(3)	(4)	6
0	(8)	(12)
3	3	0
22	(350)	(233)
(21)	0	7
0	11	15
0	(22)	(88)
0	(77)	(83)
35	(68)	(138)
(36)	(3)	(35)
(3)	(16)	(34)
(1)	(12)	(21)
(51)	(37)	64
9	44	67
(6)	(81)	(98)
0	0	6
1	(27)	(29)
(6)	(37)	(66)
4	(11)	(15)
(1)	3	1
(2)	(8)	(6)
(4)	12	13
(3)	(31)	100

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RICEVILLE	122	122	112	85	115	115	112	111	113	105	100
RIDGEVIEW	33	24	27	27	28	30	30	30	28	28	15
ROBINSON MEMORIAL	27	24	27	28	33	34	34	39	50	50	55
RUTHERFORDTON	311	313	309	335	342	359	374	306	313	320	323
RYBURN MEMORIAL	45	45	49	49	50	51	51	50	51	50	54
SALUDA	38	43	41	47	49	48	47	48	52	52	50
SHELBY	665	671	688	670	667	660	668	669	676	680	695
SHERRILL'S FORD	138	141	141	134	79	70	70	73	76	78	72
SHILOH	90	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	85	87
SILOAM	27	25	25	25	23	22	11	7	8	8	7
SOUTHMINISTER	210	274	325	352	376	388	413	513	512	530	557
SPINDALE	20	19	19	31	28	19	15	13	13	13	11
SPRUCE PINE FIRST	231	153	151	125	129	128	111	110	123	122	124
SWANNANOVA FIRST	72	71	70	77	77	76	38	41	45	49	40
SWEETWATER	90	82	82	102	102	103	99	90	90	84	77
SYLVA FIRST	176	176	178	168	145	150	156	155	161	171	156
THIRD STREET	98	89	92	97	93	103	97	83	81	78	73
TRINITY	463	428	430	469	479	483	469	448	459	436	399
TRYON	317	331	334	310	319	323	334	365	369	367	335
UNION	160	167	160	174	188	198	207	210	204	211	205
UNION MILLS	10	10	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	9	10
UNITED	82	91	88	92	91	94	91	90	93	94	96
UNITY	389	335	352	385	356	382	410	450	469	501	519
VIANS VALLEY	40	18	24	25	25	25	29	29	35	36	36
WALDENSIAN	654	664	664	682	657	560	575	560	464	432	446
WALNUT	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	26	26	29	29
WALNUT GROVE	72	85	84	72	76	76	68	69	67	74	72
WARREN WILSON	304	312	322	325	338	175	173	173	178	185	188
WAYNESVILLE FIRST	278	241	238	243	171	178	179	183	164	83	95
WEST ASHEVILLE	204	180	163	151	149	147	152	154	152	159	153
WEST AVENUE	166	164	143	141	136	138	156	150	150	149	147
WESTMINSTER	78	66	64	66	60	64	46	49	44	46	42
WHITE ROCK	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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(5)	(15)	(22)
(13)	(15)	(18)
5	21	28
3	(36)	12
4	3	9
(2)	2	12
15	35	30
(6)	2	(66)
2	(1)	(3)
(1)	(15)	(20)
27	169	347
(2)	(8)	(9)
2	(4)	(107)
(9)	(36)	(32)
(7)	(26)	(13)
(15)	6	(20)
(5)	(30)	(25)
(37)	(84)	(64)
(32)	12	18
(6)	7	45
1	2	0
2	2	14
18	137	130
0	11	(4)
14	(114)	(208)
0	1	1
(2)	(4)	0
3	13	(116)
12	(83)	(183)
(6)	6	(51)
(2)	9	(19)
(4)	(22)	(36)
0	0	(6)
(385)	(2,101)	(2,814)

TOTALS 21,370 21,370 21,227 21,426 21,445 20,657 20,484 19,972 19,668 18,941 18,556

Gray indicates no reporting from church. Assumes previous yr total carries forward.

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	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	1 YEAR	5 YEARS	10 YEARS
ARBOR DALE	107	110	98	110	128	122	130	136	139	127	131	4	9	24
ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL	56	56	34	40	40	49	40					0	(49)	(56)
ASHEVILLE FIRST	400	400	413	427	427	279	273	275	275	300	275	(25)	(4)	(125)
BANNER ELK	164	184	190	202	186	184	225	233	186	186	179	(7)	(5)	15
BEECH	53	55	55	55	62							0	0	(53)
BELMONT FIRST	238	240	257	280	285	253	236	251	276	286	276	(10)	23	38
BESSEMER CITY	34	45	45	34	36	38	36	36	36	25	26	1	(12)	(8)
BETHEL	10	8	8	8	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	(6)	(8)	(10)
BLACK MOUNTAIN	457	452	449	426	385	386	380	373	351	343	306	(37)	(80)	(151)
BOSTIC	6	6	8	7	6							0	0	(6)
BREVARD DAVIDSON RI	315	315	285	350	360	347	361	393	347	330	291	(39)	(56)	(24)
BRIDGEWATER	25	22	22	24	20	12	30	31	30	32	30	(2)	18	5
BRITAIN	44	39	35	36	35	41	48	43	42	42	42	0	1	(2)
BRITAIN COVE	40	42	40	40	43	40	44	35	35	35	35	0	(5)	(5)
BRYSON CITY	67	67	67	58	64	60	60	60	58	70	75	5	15	8
BULADEAN	25	18	21	20	22	19	19	19	19	14	14	0	(5)	(11)
BURNSVILLE FIRST	33	35	59	81	87	87	102	115	108	115	119	4	32	86
CALVARY	35	35	35	35	35	38	38	41	41	41	37	(4)	(1)	2
CANTON	55	50	50	50	50	35	35	35	35	25	25	0	(10)	(30)
CHERRYVILLE FIRST	209	214	216	224	234	234	211	215	210	201	190	(11)	(44)	(19)
CLINCHFIELD	12	28	25	32	32	31	29	31	26	26	22	(4)	(9)	10
COLUMBUS	99	101	101	76	81	71	64	59	61	57	54	(3)	(17)	(45)
CONLEY MEMORIAL	23	23	23	14	14	18	18	14	12	11	11	0	(7)	(12)
CROSSNORE	100	105	105	110	112	112	95	75	74	70	65	(5)	(47)	(35)
CULLOWHEE	33	37	45	51	47	45	45	45	20	30	24	(6)	(21)	(9)
DALLAS FIRST	38	35	35	35	60	45	35	38	30	43	42	(1)	(3)	4
DIXON	35	35	35	38	38	38	40	45	45	50	50	0	12	15
DORLAND MEMORIAL	15	15	15	15	15	15	18	15	15	20	25	5	10	10
DULATOWN	86	75	65	75	75	78	77	65	65	79	65	(14)	(13)	(21)
DUNCAN'S CREEK	32	30	28	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	0	0	(2)
ELLENBORO	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	0	0	0
ESTATOA	7	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	(2)
ETOWAH	41	39	39	39	35	35	40	40	40	32	40	8	5	(1)
FAIRVIEW	69	65	55	61	71	65	65	75	76	75	75	0	10	6
FLETCHER	36	35	35	25	28	26	27	25	25	24	23	(1)	(3)	(13)
FOREST CITY FIRST	93	96	96	94	80	60	53	53	53	53	49	(4)	(11)	(44)
FRANKLIN FIRST	240	221	168	153	144	153	150	143	137	148	136	(12)	(17)	(104)
GASTONIA FIRST	527	528	538	546	528	528	536	490	421	375	355	(20)	(173)	(172)
GLEN ALPINE	9	10	9	10	10	9	10	10	10	15	15	0	6	6
GOOD HOPE	12	12	12	13	15	15	13	9	9	15	15	0	0	3
GRACE COVENANT	299	320	327	319	324	326	318	304	295	308	274	(34)	(52)	(25)

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GRASSY CREEK	50	50	40	40	40	40	30	30	25	20	20	0	(20)	(30)
GREEN MOUNTAIN	33	35	30	35	35	35	24	24	28	28	18	(10)	(17)	(15)
GREEN STREET	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	45	17	35	18	(15)	(15)
HAYESVILLE	30	25	20	20	25	28	30	35	30	30	22	(8)	(6)	(8)
HENDERSONVILLE	355	280	286	310	318	327	333	331	307	297	291	(6)	(36)	(64)
HEPHZIBAH	44	45	45	45	45	4						0	(4)	(44)
HICKORY FIRST	335	359	377	402	398	372	375	355	438	400	407	7	35	72
HIGHLANDS FIRST	150	186	205	215	172	174	200	200	200	182	155	(27)	(19)	5
IRONTON	20	20	20	20	22	20	24	20	20	20	20	0	0	0
JACK'S CREEK	49	45	45	50	40	40	32	36	38	36	40	4	0	(9)
JOHN KNOX	78	77	75	65	60	37	37	38	38	38	38	0	1	(40)
KENILWORTH	60	60	60	55	51	55	52	54	51	52	35	(17)	(20)	(25)
KINGS MOUNTAIN FIRST	140	140	140	150	150	160	170	140	130	163	150	(13)	(10)	10
KOREAN PRES CHURCH			40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	0	0	40
LENOIR FIRST	300	275	280	265	245	255	190	250	200	300	300	0	45	0
LINCOLNTON FIRST	119	110	105	117	110	110	100	101	80	90	80	(10)	(30)	(39)
LONG CREEK	60	60	55	65	60	60	70	65	60	60	58	(2)	(2)	(2)
LOVE'S CHAPEL	35	27	23	25	24	25	20	20	20	20	20	0	(5)	(15)
LOWELL	110	106	110	110	107	108	111	117	109	91	84	(7)	(24)	(26)
MARION FIRST	150	150	140	124	56	110	104	94	86	76	71	(5)	(39)	(79)
MARSHALL	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	40	45	43	(2)	(7)	(7)
MICAVILLE	45	45	40	38	43	36	37	0	40	40	38	(2)	2	(7)
MILLS RIVER	83	80	75	77	83	81	81	75	83	64	68	4	(13)	(15)
MONTREAT	425	460	485	490	520	530	490	550	452	104	96	(8)	(434)	(329)
MORGANTON FIRST	282	260	256	268	263	252	252	237	275	275	275	0	23	(7)
MORRISON	65	60	60	52	50	45	59	58	60	60	60	0	15	(5)
MT. HOLLY FIRST	115	120	113	114	114	113	103	98	100	100	95	(5)	(18)	(20)
MURPHY	70	70	70	60	60	60	65	60	60	60	60	0	(60)	(70)
NEW HOPE (GASTONIA)	120	120	110	110	95	75	65	90	120	110	100	(10)	25	(20)
NEW HOPE (SKYLAND)	104	98	99	102	94	90	82	80	85	80	80	0	(10)	(24)
NEWDALE	45	42	42	40	40	32	32	33	34	29	25	(4)	(7)	(20)
NEWLAND	90	94	87	86	75	57	48	41	40	40	56	16	(1)	(34)
NEWTON FIRST	250	250	250	270	273	275	278	245	249	260	240	(20)	(35)	(10)
NORTHMINSTER	160	153	160	175	125	140	135	150	155	145	135	(10)	(5)	(25)
OAK FOREST	112	113	110	117	95	97	85	75	63	75	70	(5)	(27)	(42)
OAKWOOD	45	46	55	50	50	50	50	48	48	48	48	0	(2)	3
OLD FORT	15	15	15	15	15	15	10	10	14	12	10	(2)	(5)	(5)
OLNEY	76	72	74	74	57	64	61	61	56	58	59	1	(5)	(17)
PAINT GAP	27	29	30	30	12	12	8	8	8	8	14	6	2	(13)
PINE STREET	17	20	25	25	12	12	12	25	10	11	22	11	10	5
PINEOLA	35	35	35	37	35	30	38	36	40	36	35	(1)	5	0
QUAKER MEADOWS	50	55	55	65	65	70	75	80	78	65	60	(5)	(10)	10
REEMS CREEK	24	23	19	20	24	122	122	85	85	83	81	(2)	(41)	57
RICEVILLE	61	61	54	85	100	64	75	70	65	60	54	(6)	(10)	(7)
RIDGEVIEW	45	45	45	45	28	30	30	30	14	14	16	2	(14)	(29)

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	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	Worship Attendance	1 YEAR	5 YEARS	10 YEARS
ROBINSON MEMORIAL	20	20	30	30	30	30	30	40	50	50	65	15	35	45
RUTHERFORDTON	135	135	135	138	139	140	140	141	142	140	138	(2)	(2)	3
RYBURN MEMORIAL	25	31	31	31	32	28	26	24	27	26	27	1	(1)	2
SALUDA	24	40	40	35	35	35	35	35	35	32	28	(4)	(7)	4
SHELBY	244	253	261	254	257	242	244	251	241	224	252	28	10	8
SHERRILL'S FORD	70	70	70	65	55	50	50	50	55	55	55	0	5	(15)
SHILOH	45	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	44	43	(1)	3	(2)
SILOAM	17	17	14	11	9	9	8	9	9	9	6	(3)	(3)	(11)
SOUTHMINSTER	155	171	198	205	205	215	250	275	260	276	277	1	62	122
SPINDALE	16	14	14	20	15	14	12	10	10	10	10	0	(4)	(6)
SPRUCE PINE FIRST	150	97	107	118	110	118	93	90	91	93	88	(5)	(30)	(62)
SWANNANOA FIRST	38	45	42	45	45	35	35	35	42	35	25	(10)	(10)	(13)
SWEETWATER	71	71	68	77	74	74	75	66	66	51	55	4	(19)	(16)
SYLVA FIRST	112	103	98	94	96	110	123	125	134	141	133	(8)	23	21
THIRD STREET	50	50	53	40	50	50	55	50	35	40	45	5	(5)	(5)
TRINITY	239	240	261	276	289	290	307	267	258	248	236	(12)	(54)	(3)
TRYON	200	225	200	200	200	250	250	250	225	200	187	(13)	(63)	(13)
UNION	92	55	93	100	105	108	120	120	110	110	115	5	7	23
UNION MILLS	10	10	6	7	7	8	8	8	15	15	15	0	7	5
UNITED	68	64	65	65	58	59	62	58	58	61	60	(1)	1	(8)
UNITY	161	166	170	212	237	245	254	260	277	277	294	17	49	133
VIANS VALLEY	19	19	14	14	25	35	25	25	25	26	23	(3)	(12)	4
WALDENSIAN	269	268	268	255	221	230	237	213	166	170	176	6	(54)	(93)
WALNUT	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	24	21	20	24	4	14	14
WALNUT GROVE	86	84	78	78	77	77	75	70	70	72	55	(17)	(22)	(31)
WARREN WILSON	200	175	200	200	200	80	90	100	117	110	115	5	35	(85)
WAYNESVILLE FIRST	184	168	148	150	134	130	120	125	118	63	71	8	(59)	(113)
WEST ASHEVILLE	130	100	75	85	82	80	85	85	85	81	59	(22)	(21)	(71)
WEST AVENUE	80	80	80	83	90	95	90	72	75	75	75	0	(20)	(5)
WESTMINSTER	45	42	46	44	42	40	91	35	30	30	21	(9)	(19)	(24)
TOTALS	11,740	11,605	11,641	11,946	11,669	11,333	11,334	11,133	10,766	10,227	9,880	(347)	(1,453)	(1,860)

Gray indicates no reporting from church. Assumes previous yr total carries forward.

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 2

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

2008 Report Form

This form is used to assist the Presbytery Committee on Representation in gathering information regarding its presbytery which will be reported to the Synod and to the General Assembly. It should be signed by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery upon completion. When completed. This report is sufficient in length, so additional pages should not be attached.

Name of Presbytery Western North Carolina

Name, address, and telephone number of Presbytery Committee on Representation Moderator:

Name Ms. Pat Queen

Address 766 Moss Drive, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Telephone 828/287-7462

Presbytery COR Moderator's term beginning 2007 ending 2009

Do you have a Presbytery COR as required by the Book of Order? Yes No

PRESBYTERY COR MEMBERSHIP													
Membership	Total	A	AA	H	NA	ME	W	D	Y	YA	A	SA	
Male Clergy	1						1					1	
Female Clergy	1						1				1		
Total	2						2				1	1	
Male Laity	2		1				1				1	1	
Female Laity	4					1	3				1	1	
Total	6		1			1	4				2	2	
Grand Total	8		1			1	6				3	3	

KEY: A-Asian, AA-African American, H-Hispanic, NA-Native American, ME-Middle Eastern, W-White, D-Person with Disability

Y (Youth) – 25 and under
YA (Young Adults) – 26-35

A (Adults) - 36-55
SA (Senior Adults) - 56 and Up

How often does your Presbytery COR meet? 2 -3 times per year

Are these meetings: (Circle One) Face-to Face Conference Calls

How often does the committee make a report to the Presbytery? Yearly

What form does the report take: (Circle One) Written Oral Both

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION - Western North Carolina (Year) 2008																
No	Work Unit	MC	ML	FC	FL	A	AA	H	NA	ME	W	D	Y	YA	A	SA
1	Officers of the Presbytery	1	1	1							3					
2	Presbytery Council	5	8	2	3		1				17				4	14
3	Presbytery Nominating Committee	2	3	2	5						12	1			2	10
4	Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission	5	3		1						9				4	5
5	Commissioners to Synod in 2009		1	1							2				1	1
6	Commissioners to GA in 2010	1	1	2	3		1				6		1		2	4
7	Committee on Ministry	11	6		7		1				23				10	14
8	Care of Church Prof	2		3	3						8				4	4
9	Examinations	4	2	1	2						9				4	5
10	Strategic Goals Committee	5	4		2						11				1	10
11	Preparation for Ministry	5		1	6						12				4	8
12	Racial & Ethnic	2	1		3		3		2		1				2	4
13	Self Development of People	2	2		4		3	2		1	2				4	4
14	Division of Evangelism	8	3	3	1						15			1	3	11
15	Division of Outreach: Hunger, Missions & Peace & Justice	11	4	2	13						30			2	13	15
16	Div. of Ed. Ministries Campus Miss, Christian Ed, Stewardship, Youth	6	8	4	13						38			6	9	23
17	Div of Admin: B&F, Comm, Jt. Outdoor, Personnel, Prop. & Eq.	8	20	1	9		2				36	1		2	10	26
18	Division of Small Membership Church	5	7	1	3		1				15				5	11
19																
20																

On each line put one of your Synod committees, commissioners, boards, councils and/or cabinets. (Because the Synod COR was listed on the previous page, it is not listed on this form).

Key: A-Asian, AA-African American, H-Hispanic, NA-Native American, ME-Middle Eastern, W-White, D-Person with Disability

Y (Youth)-25 and under
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SA (Senior Adults) - 56 and up

MC-Male Clergy
ML-Male Laity

FC-Female Clergy
FL-Female Laity

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What were your goals for the year? (List Two)
- a. Increase R&E Membership in Congregations; Increase participation of minorities
- b. Increase R&E Membership on Presbytery's Committees
2. How well were these achieved? 2.5
(On a scale of 1-5, with 5 complete achievement)
3. What have been the joys and satisfactions of your work during this past year? (No more than three lines)
- Working with the Nominating Committee, Committee on Representation, Committee on Ministry, and Meetings of Presbytery
4. Which of the following statements are true concerning the relationship between your Presbytery COR and your Presbytery Nominating Committee. (Check all that apply)
- At least one member of the Presbytery Nominating Committee is also a member of the Presbytery COR.
- At least one member of the Presbytery COR is an observer at the Presbytery Nominating Committee meetings.
- Your Presbytery COR meets with the Nominating Committee.
How often? 5 times a year - each time that they meet
5. To what degree has the work of the COR increased diversity among the leadership of the Presbytery committees? (Circle One)
- Not At All Somewhat To A Great Extent
6. Has your Presbytery exempted itself from having a COR under the provisions of G-9.0106? If so, when?
- No
7. What have been the disappointments and frustrations of your work during this past year?
- Lack of communication among COR & with other committees. Lack of participation of minorities and their availability to participate.
8. Is there anything you would like to tell us that we have not asked?
- Improve communications among congregations in the Presbytery by closing the gap through face-to-face approach.

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. We give God thanks for your work as we strive to uncover the hidden and unused talent of all of God's people.

Report Submitted by: Patricia H. Queen
(Please Print)

Patricia H. Queen
(Signature)

Phone Number _____

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina Will hear and receive a report, not limited to this document, of the Committee on Representation on 04 / 28 / 2009 at Montreat Conference Center (Presbytery Meeting) _____ (location).

Name of the Stated Clerk: James Aydelotte
(Please Print)

James Aydelotte
(Signature)

Please return this form on or before April 28, 2009 to:

Janice Chick
Office Manager
Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
P.O. Box 27026
Richmond, VA 23261
PHONE – (804) 342-0016 ext 306 or (Toll Free) (800) 743-7670 ext 306
FAX – (804) 355-8535 or (Toll Free) (877) 259-4441

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 3

BETHEL ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

April 28, 2009

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina on October 24, 2008, the Presbytery voted to dissolve the Bethel Presbyterian Church, at the request of its Session.

Presbytery appointed an Administrative Commission of 7 persons who were given 2 tasks:

- 1) Recommend to Presbytery the best disposition of the property.
- 2) Arrange for a fitting celebration of Bethel's long & distinguished ministry.

On January 31, 2009, Presbytery authorized the commission to sign a lease (with option to purchase) with the Bethel Rural Community Organization, Inc. On March 24, 2009, this lease was signed on behalf of the Presbytery. Presbytery also agreed to celebrate Bethel's distinguished ministry on Sunday, August 9, 2009, which would coincide with the church's 175 Anniversary. This celebration is being planned by the Reverend W. Riley Covin.

The Commission has met numerous times to accomplish its assigned tasks, and has been greatly aided in its work by Elder Jerry Ragan (an attorney in Belmont), as well as by Presbytery's Stated Clerk. Members of the Commission have truly been blessed in having this opportunity to work together on this significant matter on behalf of the Presbytery.

The Commission would like to make the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Presbytery of Western NC discharges the Bethel Administrative Commission with the sincere thanks of all for a task well accomplished.

J. Layton Mauzé, III
(Chair of the Commission)

Members of Commission:

Layton Mauzé
Riley Covin
Pat Green
John Lindsay
Sally Morgan
Bert Sigmon
Jack Smathers

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 4

DUNCAN'S CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION April 28, 2009

For several months, the Committee on Ministry has been receiving disturbing reports of unrest at Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church. Several visits from COM representatives with the Session seemed to promise a better future.

But on Sunday, February 15, 2009 the service of worship was rudely disrupted by several persons who shouted various accusations, bringing the service to an abrupt halt. In a subsequent meeting that day, the Session seemed unable to function, except to concur with the resignation of the Commissioned Lay Pastor.

Using the authority earlier granted by Presbytery, an Administrative Commission was formed (see attachment). The formation of this Commission has been endorsed by both the Committee on Ministry and the Coordinating Council, with the request that Presbytery ratify that action.

The Commission is currently in the process of scheduling "listening sessions" with as many members and adherents as possible. The Rev. Albert D. Shaw, Jr. and Commissioned Lay Pastor Betty Shaw have kindly agreed to provide pastoral services to this troubled congregation during the interim. The prayers of the Presbytery are earnestly requested for the congregation and those trying to help it.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina:

- 1. Ratifies the creation of an Administrative Commission for the Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church, with the terms stated in Exhibit A;**
- 2. Accepts reluctantly the resignation of Commissioned Lay Pastor Bert Sigmon, and commends him for his fine work at the Duncan's Creek Church over the past several years;**
- 3. Commissions Betty Shaw as the Lay Pastor for Duncan's Creek Presbyterian Church, effective immediately; and**
- 4. Requests the Commission to report through the Committee on Ministry at the Presbytery's July 2009 meeting.**

STATED CLERK ATTACHMENT 5

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summary Digest of the 223rd Stated Assembly Meeting

The 223rd Stated Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic was held at the Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, Virginia on March 9 & 10, 2009. The following is a summary digest of its actions and decisions.

Change in Incorporation & Trustees – The Assembly took formal action to complete the final steps in changing the incorporation status of the synod, a process that began months ago. In legal terms, the entire Synod body is now the Trustees of synod; in functional terms, most of the detailed tasks of the former trustees now devolve upon the Finance Committee. (Note: The Standing Rule and Procedures will be edited and adjusted to reflect this new arrangement for the Trustees.)

Board of Pensions Sabbatical Grants – Synods are asked by the Board of Pensions to administer this program, now in its second of three years, to enable small church pastors to take sabbatical leave. Due to a small number of applications, synod acted to allow for up to three applicants per presbytery for 2009 and 2010, rather than only one per presbytery.

Covenant with Lees-McRae College – A request has come from the college in Banner Elk, NC to adopt a revised, renewed covenant with the synod, to extend the long-standing relationship between the two entities. Plans are underway for a delegation from synod to visit the college, and bring a first-hand report to a subsequent Assembly meeting, so that a fully informed decision on renewing the covenant may be made.

Review of Investment Management – With the recent change in the formal, legal incorporation of synod, including absorbing the function of trustees by the synod assembly, the Finance Committee was authorized to review the management of synod's various investments and endowments – including selection of an investment manager/advisor.

Grants and Awards – Grants were approved in two broad categories, as follows:

- Small Church grants of \$2,500 to Covenant church, Kannapolis, NC; White Rock church, Wilson, NC; and Young Memorial church, Manson, NC
- Scholarship grants as follows:
 1. from the Euler fund, \$3,750 each to 12 applicants;
 2. from the Stultz fund, \$2,000 each to two applicants;
 3. from the Moseley fund, \$2,000 to one applicant

Presbytery Initiatives – Three applications for support from these funds were approved:

- \$2,000 to stock fish farms in Haiti (James and Peaks)
- \$6,000 for a Reformed Christian witness to social justice regarding immigration (Western NC and Salem)
- \$5,000 for a new initiative in ministry to and with the Latino community in the church (Coastal Carolina and New Castle)

Emergency Legal Expense Fund – Last year the synod established an emergency fund to assist our presbyteries with legal expenses incurred in connection with church property lawsuits. Last fall, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina requested help from this fund to assist with \$100,000 in legal fees it has already incurred. \$30,000 was approved at that time, half as a grant and half as a loan. The synod took action at this meeting to convert the \$15,000 loan to a grant, and to grant an additional \$15,000 to the presbytery. This action leaves a net balance in the emergency fund of \$55,000.

COORDINATING COUNCIL
William Kantonen, Chair
April 28, 2009

The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION:

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| <p>1. THAT the Presbytery elect the Rev. Becky Stanley as a commissioner to the Assembly of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and thank the Rev. Sue Burton for her previous service in that role.</p> |
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The Coordinating Council also reports that it:

2. **Submitted suggestions to the General Assembly for improvements of the proposed revision of the Form of Government.**
3. **Expressed sincere thanks to the Synod of Mid-Atlantic for its grant of \$45,000 to help defray Presbytery's legal expenses in defending the PCUSA Constitution.**
4. **Appointed Bill Kantonen, Otis Wilson and James Aydelotte to serve on a joint committee (with representatives of the other two Presbyteries that own Camp Grier) to craft a Proposal for the Future of the Camp.**
5. **Agreed that the 5% of the Nickel A Meal funds designated for publicity could be used to "super-size" our Presbytery's Souper Bowl collection; AND that \$7,500 from that fund be donated to the Stop Hunger Now event in Morganton on March 28, 2009 that packaged food for Haiti.**
6. **Granted the Conover Presbyterian New Church Development permission to use provisionally this full name -- "New Vision Church: A Witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA)" -- pending the time it will be officially organized and constituted a PCUSA congregation.**
7. **Agreed to nominate the Rev. Dr. J. Layton Mauze, III for consideration as a trustee of Lees-McRae College.**
8. **Received a letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly commending our Presbytery for sending the full per capita assessment to the General Assembly.**
9. **Requested the Nominating Committee to nominate a Search Committee for a new Stated Clerk, which committee would be elected at this April 2009 meeting. [See item 19 of the Report of the Stated Clerk, Page B-3.]**

- 10. Gratefully noted that good preparations were being made for the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women on April 25, 2009 at the Marion church.**
- 11. A list of upcoming events of the Presbytery can be found on the back of the Presbytery Docket.**

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

Rev. Dr. James F. Bernhardt, Chair

April 28, 2009

FIRST SECTION

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION, OR A TASK FORCE THAT REQUIRE ACTION BY PRESBYTERY:

- I. RECOMMEND THAT PRESBYTERY ADOPT THE AUXILIARY LAY PASTOR POLICY.** (See COM Attachment 1)

SECOND SECTION

The Book of Order provides that the Committee on Ministry may be given authority by the Presbytery to find in order calls issued by churches, to approve and present calls for service of ministers, to approve the examination of ministers transferring from other Presbyteries, required by G-11.0402 and G11.0502g, to dissolve the pastoral relationship in cases where the congregation and pastor concur, to dismiss ministers to other Presbyteries, and to approve administrative commissions to ordain/install with the provision that such actions be reported at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery. (G-11.0502h) This permission was granted to our Committee on Ministry; therefore, the following actions are to be simply admitted to the record.

- I. APPROVED THE EXAMINATION AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA:**

- A. LEE W. BOWMAN**

- From: Transylvania Presbytery
As: Pastor, Highlands First Presbyterian Church
Effective: April 5, 2009
(See COM Attachment 2 for Bio Credo.)

- B. DAVID STOVER**

- From: Providence Presbytery
As: Honorably Retired
Effective: February 10, 2009
(See COM Attachment 3 for Bio Credo.)

- II. APPROVED PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP AND TERMS OF CALL:**

- A. LEE W. BOWMAN**

Salary	\$40,000
Deferred Compensation	3,000
Housing Allowance	21,000
Utilities	3,000
Social Security	5,125.50

Professional Development	3,000
Auto Allowance	2,000
Total	\$77,125.50

Pension/Insurance	Yes
Four Weeks Vacation	Yes
Two Weeks Study Leave	Yes

III. APPROVED INTERIM PASTOR RELATIONSHIPS:

- A. Stratton Peacock and Swannanoa First Presbyterian Church
Extended: February 12, 2009 - February 11, 2010
- B. Richard G. Lonnee and Cullowhee Presbyterian Church
Extended: April 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

IV. APPROVED STATED SUPPLY RELATIONSHIPS:

- A. John Craven and Bridgewater Presbyterian Church
Extended: February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2010
- B. David Stover and Canton Presbyterian Church
Approved: February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2010
- C. Wyatt Aiken and Pineola Presbyterian Church
Extended: January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

V. APPROVED THE CONTINUATION OF COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR RELATIONSHIP:

- A. Dwayne Durham and Riceville Presbyterian Church
Extended: March 1, 2009 - August 31, 2009

VI. APPROVED DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP:

- A. David L. Morgan and New Hope Presbyterian Church, Asheville
Effective: March 31, 2009

VII. APPROVED THE REQUEST FOR HONORABLE RETIREMENT:

- A. William H. Serjak
Effective: June 30, 2009
- B. David L. Morgan
Effective: April 1, 2009

VIII. APPROVED MOVING FROM ACTIVE STATUS TO MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

- A. Aimee Buchanan

IX. APPROVED AS MODERATOR:

- A. Carol Steele and Montreat Presbyterian Church

X. APPROVED PERMISSION TO LABOR WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA:

- A. Carol Seaman
From: Newton Presbytery
As: Interim Pastor, Hickory First Presbyterian Church
Effective: March 15, 2009

XI. APPROVED PERMISSION TO LABOR OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA:

- A. Earl Kreisa
 In: Cincinnati Presbytery
 As: Supply Pastor, St. John's Westminster Union Church (UCC)
 Effective: June 8, 2009 - September 14, 2009

XII. APPROVED ORDINATION/INSTALLATION COMMISSIONS:

- A. Administrative Commission for Ordination/Installation of Heather Wood, on Sunday, February 15, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Hickory, North Carolina.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Responsibility on Commission</u>	<u>Min/Eld.</u>
Bobbi White	Moderator/Preside	Minister
Ed Brenegar	Propound Constitutional Questions	Minister
Dan McEachran	Propound Questions to Congregation	Elder
Kelly Fulcher	Charge the Minister	Elder
Deborah McEachran	Charge the Congregation	Minister
Oscar Garcia	Lead in Worship	Elder
<u>Guest</u>		
Kim Long	Preach the Sermon	Minister

- B. Administrative Commission for Installation of Margaret Wilson-Stayton on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lowell Presbyterian Church.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Minister/Elder</u>
J. D. Waldrop	Moderator/Preside and Propound Constitutional Questions	Elder
Claude Wilson-Stayton	Preach the Sermon	Minister
Don Koran	Propound Questions to Congregation	Elder
Deborah McEachran	Charge the Minister	Minister
Charles Davenport	Charge the Congregation	Minister
Paula Wallace	Prayer of Installation	Elder
C. A. Allison	Lead in Worship	Elder

COM ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT (02/13/09)

(Revised 3/03/09)

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina

AUXILIARY LAY PASTORS

1. Definition: Auxiliary Lay Pastors (ALPs) are experienced former Commissioned Lay Pastors who have been approved for occasional service in this Presbytery on an as needed, as available basis. Making this temporary resource available to Presbytery is not intended to take the place of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament.
2. Those persons who have served for at least five years as a Commissioned Lay Pastor, fulfilling all the requirements of the *Book of Order* (G-14.0560) may be further commissioned by Presbytery, as part of its strategy for mission, as its Auxiliary Lay Pastors, if they meet the following requirements:
 - a. They submit an application for this further service to Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM).
 - b. Their application is endorsed by the Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) Sub-Committee and approved by the COM.
 - c. Those so approved will be recognized as Auxiliary Lay Pastors at a meeting of the Presbytery.
 - d. Their names and contact information will be included in the annual Presbytery directory with the abbreviation: ALP.
 - e. This arrangement may be revoked at any time by the COM or the ALP.
3. Auxiliary Lay Pastors may, when requested by the moderator of a Session, and with the approval of the COM chair or the General Presbyter for each occasion:
 - a. Moderate a Session meeting;
 - b. Celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism or the Lord's Supper in a congregational worship service;
 - c. Preside at a service of Christian marriage, giving God's blessing on the man and the woman; and
 - d. Officiate at funeral services.
4. Auxiliary Lay Pastors shall have voice and vote in meetings of this Presbytery, being reckoned as elder commissioners. While their work as ALPs is supervised by Presbytery, they remain under the care of the Session of the congregation of their membership.
5. The COM shall appoint for each ALP a minister of the Word and Sacrament to be a mentor and supervisor.
6. The CLP Sub-Committee shall annually, in consultation with the above mentor and supervisor, review the work of each ALP, reporting its findings to the COM, which shall decide whether or not to continue Presbytery recognition.

COM ATTACHMENT 2

Statement of Faith – Lee W. Bowman

As I think about my life and ministry, my own expression of theology and ecclesiology and my experience of God working in the world, I am drawn to the opening words of the Brief Statement of Faith (as they paraphrase the beginning statement of the Heidelberg Catechism): *In life and in death we belong to God.* The Brief Statement talks about that belonging in terms of a relationship of trust between a loving God and a longing community. It is in that context that I affirm my belief in God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—as both historically and objectively true and personally real.

It is the longing to know this God—beyond our grasp but within our reach, past our knowing but within our searching—that draws me to Scripture. I approach Scripture not as science or polemic but as a faith diary professing God’s undeserved grace that has been handed down to generations of believers as a rich tapestry of trust and doubt, of beauty and brokenness. I believe it to be the authoritative word for faith and practice rather than God’s literal word. I am also grateful to the Task Force on Peace, Unity & Purity for its groundwork in Biblical interpretation and for its clear delineation of interpretive models at work in our current conversations in the Church.

As a loved child of God, professing Christ as Lord and Savior and comforted and challenged by Holy Spirit, I share in this life with others who are also loved, redeemed and sustained. We call ourselves the Church, the Body of Christ, and in that relatedness we are able to celebrate not only our commonality but also our differences as gifts of a loving God. Further, I believe that I have been saved—or as Daniel Day Williams said it, relieved of my private burdens—not so that I can feel good about myself but so that I can, in turn, take up public burdens. It is in that sense that I function as one who is called to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

My beginnings as a Presbyterian amounted to little more than an accident of birth. I have remained a Presbyterian because the Reformed Tradition makes sense to me. I don’t have to park my brain at the door on Sunday when I come to church. The ongoing conversation between the Church and the culture around it in the form of our historic Creeds and Confessions is another way in which Presbyterians practice a faith that calls the whole person before God. When I teach about the Barmen Declaration or the Confession of 1967, I too am renewed in my belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and that lordship calls me to join in Christ’s reconciling work in the world.

I celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as a sign and seal of God’s grace and the beginning of the thousand single steps of the journey of faith. It is the door by which we are brought into the Church of Jesus Christ, and it provides the frame for the remainder of the Christian life. The Lord’s Supper points to God’s liberating and reconciling work in the world. Through the work of Holy Spirit, the Lord’s Supper seals Christ’s promise of being eternally present with us. And it provides a powerful theological model of Christian mission and fellowship as the table around which the whole church is called to gather—*red and yellow, black and white, we are precious in His sight.*

Faith Journey – Lee W. Bowman February, 2009

I am one of the lucky ones—I came to faith easily. I was blessed with parents who loved me freely. From both their loving and forgiving natures, I was able to believe that it was possible that God also loved and forgave me.

As a child my faith formation was most strongly influenced by my mother. From her I learned that God is larger than my questions and that the opposite of faith is not doubt or unbelief but ennui.

During the summer after my junior year in high school, I attended a Young Life Camp in Colorado. Though I am uncomfortable with the term ‘conversion’ (because of my belief that conversion is not a once-for-all occurrence but a continual one), I experienced the risen Christ atop a Colorado mountain that summer. When I came down from that mountain, I returned home, ready to evangelize half of the civilized world. But God is merciful, and in the natural course of things I was soon packing my bags to travel to Ohio for a national Student Council camp. It was about as exciting as it sounds, but one critical thing happened there. As soon as I arrived, I was introduced to my roommate, an African-American girl from Mississippi. We took one look at each other and were speechless. As the week progressed, though, we became friends, and out of that trust, she was able to tell me how frightened she was of me when we first met, while I was at the same time thinking I was just about the finest young Christian to walk down the pike. Those two experiences—the acceptance of Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and the recognition that as a Christian, I had engendered fear in the heart of one of God’s children—are forever fused in my psyche. For that reason my faith journey is most succinctly framed with the words of the Great Commandment: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.*

The call to ministry—at least in the beginning stages—did not come quickly or easily. I had never known a woman pastor nor heard one preach. In addition, my home church in Memphis, Tennessee gave the clear, if unspoken, message that I should be serious about my faith, but not too serious. I mention this not to whine about lost opportunities but to say that there was a time when *I* could not imagine myself in ministry. I appreciate, therefore, others who struggle with similar feelings in their own faith journeys. I am particularly grateful to my husband, Dave, who recognized a call to ministry in me long before I could see it in myself.

My experience of God at work in the world is the constant reminder of God’s faithfulness. I see this in the tear-streaked faces of a couple who have found their way back to church and stand with their daughter at her baptism. I hear it in the honest questions of our confirmands. I am assured of it as I speak the promises of Scripture to a grieving family. And in a particularly poignant way, I know of God’s faithfulness when I prepare a class of mentally handicapped adults to receive the Sacrament of Baptism as they become members of the church. *Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.*

COM ATTACHMENT 3

STATEMENT OF FAITH

David C. Stover

My faith is rooted in the Reformed tradition. I believe and serve the God who is revealed in the Scriptures and ultimately in Jesus the Christ. God created the heavens and the earth, entered into covenant with Abraham and Sarah, continued self disclosure in the history of Israel through Exodus from slavery, creating a people to worship and serve and remaining true to covenant through prosperity and periods of judgment. God loved the people, judged them, redeemed them, and ultimately became one of them in Jesus the Christ. Jesus was the servant Messiah who gave himself for us and revealed God as the One who overcame death in his resurrection. God continues among us as Holy Spirit who works among us in our individual lives, in the church, and in the world.

God calls the church to be in the world, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ to become faithful in reconciling ourselves to one another, to struggle to bring justice, mercy and peace to a world in pain and need. I believe that the church is called to share knowledge of God in study that leads to change our behavior as we relate to other people and how we use things. We are called to reach out to sisters and brothers who need real expressions of God's love as they experience love in healing the sick, proclaiming the presence and coming of God's kingdom, and finding friends who will stand with them during times of struggle and suffering.

I believe that we often fail in our discipleship and offer empty rhetoric when hope, reconciliation, and a caring community of faith are called for. I further believe that the Holy Spirit awakens us to experience Church in new ways and through new structures for ministry. We acknowledge God's presence among us and confess our failures. We hear God's word proclaimed and respond to it with new commitments, often not recognizing the work and presence of Christ in Word and sacrament.

I believe that God calls us to be a church that does not baptize the values of our culture but calls us to challenge the culture with the Gospel. I believe that small and powerless churches are still the Body of Christ and have calls to be the church where God calls them to minister.

Biographical Sketch David Stover

I was in college in 1949, taking Social Studies 101 from a professor with a remarkable social vision. We did not have a text book. His syllabus required us to research contemporary issues. We read on the Races of Mankind long before Civil rights were discussed. We struggled with the Malthusian theory of population growth years before it became a public issue. Because we were in West Virginia coal fields, we studied the labor movement. We studied the causes and effects of World War II and the Nazi Genocide before the word was current. That class raised my horizons far above the mountains around me so that I saw a world I did not know existed. As I reflected on those issues, it dawned on me that the world was not what God intended in creation and I began to see that the Church was the community that had the tools of gospel to address some of those issues. That was the beginning of my call to ministry.

I went to church because I was paid to sing in choirs, but as a result of that class I began to hear things differently. God was not something preachers talked about. God was the power in the world to call people to seek justice. Jesus became God incarnate in the world, calling people to view neighbors as brothers and sisters who needed our presence and help as followers. The Holy Spirit created discomfort with human indifference and I began to see myself in a new light - one called to move into the world with a powerful story that called us to a new kind of life. The Scriptures that I had learned as a youngster began to show me that I was part of a story that had, was and continued to be a word beyond just Sunday School. They awakened me to God's presence in Jesus as the One who called, led and empowered the church to be God's people in the world who saw people and things differently.

I sang in Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Catholic Churches and even a Synagogue. That exposure led me to claim the Presbyterian community, where I grew up. The sovereignty of God, the centrality of scripture, the Lordship of Christ, the Biblical foundation of worship and the sacraments were a part of me through those early years and remain basic elements of my faith. These things are reflections of my faith and my life.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Don Cooper, Chair

April 28, 2009

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations to fill the year of 2011 and other class vacancies. If you have suggestions for the remaining vacancies, please complete the enclosed form from the Nominating Committee. Suggestions will be considered at its meeting on May 4, 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If a committee still has a known vacancy, it will be indicated following the recommendation.

1.	<u>Coordinating Council</u>	COMPLETE
2.	<u>Ministry Division Representative</u>	COMPLETE
3.	<u>Committee on Ministry</u> Rev. Kathy Campbell	(F) Class of 2011
4.	<u>Care of Church Professionals</u>	COMPLETE
5.	<u>Representation Division Representative</u>	COMPLETE
6.	<u>Committee on Representation</u>	COMPLETE
7.	<u>Examinations</u> <i>(1 vacancy for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs female minister or lay person from cluster A, C, E or F.) _____</i>	
8.	<u>Strategic Goals Committee</u> Rev. Ike Kennerly (Etowah) Ms. Helen Hall (Dulatown) Rev. Tee Gatewood (Arbor Dale) Rev. Kevin Frederick (Waldensian)	(C) Class of 2011 (E) Class of 2009 (F) Class of 2009 (E) Class of 2009
9.	<u>Permanent Judicial Commission</u>	COMPLETE
10.	<u>Preparation for Ministry</u>	COMPLETE
11.	<u>Racial and Ethnic</u>	COMPLETE
12.	<u>Self-Development of People</u> <i>(1 vacancy for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 racial/ethnic minister or lay person from cluster A, C or E.)</i>	
13.	<u>Evangelism Division Representative</u>	COMPLETE

14. **Evangelism Committee**
 Rev. Michael Sears (Olney) (D) Class of 2010
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster A, B, or F.)
15. **New Church Development Sub-committee**
 Rev. Ed. Forsyth (New Hope, Gastonia) (D) Class of 2009
 Mr. Calvin Arrowood (Southminster) (D) Class of 2011
 Ms. Betty Ervin (Morganton, First) (E) Class of 2009
(1 vacancy remains for the 2010 and a committee chair. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay person from cluster A, B, C, or F.)
16. **Church Transformation Committee**
 Rev. Jason Bryant (Mt. Holly, First) (D) Class of 2010
 Mr. Robert Dula (Dulatown) (E) Class of 2009
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2009. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 lay persons from cluster A, B, C, or F.)
17. **Mission Division Representative** COMPLETE
18. **Hunger Committee** COMPLETE
19. **Missions Committee** COMPLETE
20. **Peace and Justice**
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 female from cluster A or F.)
21. **Discipleship Division Representative** COMPLETE
22. **Campus Mission**
(1 vacancy remains for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 female from cluster A.)
23. **Christian Education**
 Ms. Sarah Thomas (B) Class of 2011
 Mrs. Donna Ashley (Columbus) (C) Class of 2009
24. **Stewardship**
 Mr. Arthur Burgess (Hickory, First) (E) Class of 2009 Chair
(3 vacancies, 1 for the class of 2011, and 2 for the class of 2010. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 3 lay persons from clusters A, C, and/or F.)
25. **Youth Ministries** COMPLETE
26. **Administration Division Representative** COMPLETE

27.	<u>Budget and Finance</u>	COMPLETE		
28.	<u>Communications</u> <i>(1 vacancy for the class of 2011. In order to balance clergy and lay person representation, the committee needs 1 minister from cluster A or F.)</i>			
29.	<u>Joint Outdoor Ministries</u>	COMPLETE		
30.	<u>Personnel Committee</u> Mrs. Judy Nebrig (Brevard-Davidson)	(C)	Class of 2010	Chair
31.	<u>Property and Equipment</u>	COMPLETE		
32.	<u>Support Division Representative</u> Rev. Jim Cockerham	(D)	Class of 2011	
34.	<u>Small Membership Church Committee</u> Rev. Denise Geiger (retired)	(B)	Class of 2009	



Recommendations for Presbytery Committees

Name of Person Making Recommendation _____

Date _____ Church _____ Cluster _____

In the box below are eight (8) general areas of expertise and related names of the committees required to carry out the work of the Presbytery. Below the box, please fill in the name, committee, and requested information about each elder (E) or minister (M) you think to be qualified to serve on one or more of the committees. Non-ordained lay persons (L) may also serve on many presbytery committees, but please indicate if they are not ordained by writing "L" by the person recommended, as we work hard to keep our committees properly balanced as to clusters, elders or lay persons to clergy, men to women and with racial/ethnic representation.

Table with 3 columns: Ministry Division, Support Division, Discipleship Division, Evangelism Division, Outreach Division, Representation Division, Administration Division, and Special Division. Each column lists various church committees.

Committee: _____ Name: _____ M/E/L _____
Sex _____ Race _____ Phone(w) _____ (h) _____ E-mail _____
Additional Information About Person _____

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**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
THE REVEREND MICHAEL J. POULOS, CHAIR
April 28, 2009**

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends the following to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:

RECOMMENDATION:

- I. THAT** Timothy David Ware, a member of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, and a student at Union-PSCE in Charlotte, be enrolled as a Candidate following the required examination by Presbytery.



PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE Self-Development of People

SDOP is

- about human dignity, self-reliance and community growth.
- a partner in long-term solutions.
- about the empowerment of people

SDOP is not

- a crisis fund for emergency situations.
- a provider of funds to social service agencies.
- a provider of scholarships.
- a financial institution for personal loans or grants.
- a charity.

While congregations and other organizing groups are encouraged to reach out to communities and provide help to groups as they develop projects, the projects must be presented, owned and controlled by the groups who will benefit directly from them.

Jesus says:

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Luke 4:18–19

Jesus of Nazareth befriended and assisted poor and oppressed people, and taught his followers the same primary responsibility. By establishing the Self-Development of People (since 1970), the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) lives out the primary responsibility taught by Jesus and demonstrates its solidarity with poor people around the world.

Mission Statement:

The Self-Development of People is a ministry that affirms God’s concern for humankind. We are Presbyterians and ecumenical partners, dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling. We participate in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

Who Should Apply:

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People is prepared to establish partnerships with groups in the United States or other countries who:

- are oppressed by poverty or social systems,
- want to take charge of their own lives,
- have organized or are organizing to do something about their own conditions,
- have decided that what they are going to do will produce long term changes for their lives or communities,
- will control the programs they own and will directly benefit from them.

Our Mandate:

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People shall assist the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in carrying out its global commitment to work toward the self-development of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people who own, control, and benefit directly from projects that promote long-term change in their lives and communities. The mandate was established by the 182nd General Assembly (1970) of the former United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and reaffirmed and approved by the 199th General Assembly (1987) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

One Great Hour of Sharing:

Self-Development of People’s primary source of income is approximately one-third of the One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering taken during Lent in Presbyterian congregations. The Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are the other programs receiving a portion of the offering.

Resources:

A list of SDOP resources is on our web site. To order these resources, please call the Presbyterian Distribution Center at 1.800.524.2612



PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE Self-Development of People

Criteria for Funding

The following standards are used to determine whether a project is valid for funding consideration within the ministry; a project will:

- be presented, owned and controlled by the group of people who will benefit directly from it.
- address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
- describe, in detail, its goal (the point of the project), its objectives (the specific steps the group will take to accomplish the goal), the way the direct beneficiaries will be involved in all stages of the project, and the methods to be used to achieve the goal and objectives.
- be sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal and objectives.
- not advocate violence as a means of accomplishing its goal and objectives.
- describe fully the resources known to be available for its support, including a description of a) those within the community, b) those available to the community and c) the in-kind and other financial resources sought or to be sought.
- contain a balanced income and expenditure budget. A financial plan showing expected income and expenditures over the funding term of the project will be included.
- specify how progress toward the stated goal and objectives will be evaluated by the group, and when the evaluation will be made.

Size of Grants

Currently, annual grants from the National SDOP Committee are no more than \$20,000. Projects may also receive grants (usually less than \$10,000) from the SDOP Committee of the Presbytery and/or Synod in which the project is located.

Where and How to Apply

Projects can apply for funding to Self-Development of People Committees at the Presbytery, Synod and/or National (General Assembly) levels. In the Presbyterian system, a Presbytery consists of all the Presbyterian congregations in a geographic area, and a Synod consists of all the Presbyteries in a geographical area. All the Presbyteries and Synods in the United States are part of the national level.

To apply at the national level, complete the SDOP application available on our web site; there are no application deadlines at the national level. To apply at the Presbytery or Synod level, contact the Presbytery or Synod SDOP Committee to determine their application process. Call the SDOP National Office to learn:

- The name of the Presbytery and/or Synod that you are located in.
- Whether or not they have a SDOP Committee; not all Presbyteries/Synods do.
- How to contact them directly to get their application deadlines, if any.

For further information about applications call toll free 1.888.728.7228

United States: Extension 5782

International (English and Spanish): Extension 5790



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CAMPUS MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT



Presbytery of Western North Carolina

For the April 28, 2009 Meeting of Presbytery

Committee Actions

The Campus Mission Committee met on Thursday, March 12th at Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain. Our other meetings this year will be held on the campuses where we support college ministries.

The calendar of meetings for the year was set, the committee job description reviewed, the 2009 budget was reviewed, and selected articles of interest in the e-newsletter of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities were highlighted.

The committee voted to designate up to \$1000 of its Scholarships/Program Grants budget to enable up to 3 persons from our campus ministries to attend the first national

denominational conference for leaders of young adult ministries, the "YAM JAM" at Austin Presbyterian Seminary in May. These scholarship recipients will also lead a "Reaching New Generations" workshop for the "Lets Celebrate" event on August 22nd.

Priorities for the year include:

- Better communication of the good work being done in campus ministry in a variety of ways including reports at Presbytery meetings, building the committee presence on the website, and having college representative at presbytery meetings and special events.
- Develop an understanding that every church with even one college age member is involved in campus ministry.
- To explore and implement ways of having college student representation on or related to the committee.
- To establish a presbytery-wide "College Student Appreciation Month".
- To use part of our budget to place quality Campus Ministry resources in our Resource Center.

Lees-McRae College & Banner Elk Presbyterian Church Will Host the July Meeting of Presbytery Special Invitation for Youth

July 28th meeting of presbytery will be held on the beautiful campus of Lees-McRae College. It is a great spot to escape the summer heat for a day! Banner Elk, Arbor Dale, and Newland Presbyterian churches will be working together to host the presbytery. The meeting will be held in Anderson Auditorium in Cannon Student Center with hospitality in King Shivel Gallery beside

the Auditorium. Lunch will be in McDonald Dining Hall. Campus tours will be available for anyone interested (times to be announced).

The College would like to invite congregations to bring their youth group or confirmation class to this meeting. In the morning the youth can sit in on the meeting and experience first

hand the wider church at work. After lunch the Student Recreations Center will be open for indoor games and the swimming pool will be open.

Lees-McRae, one of your PC (USA) related colleges in covenant relationship with this Presbytery, is looking forward to hosting you!

Special points of interest:

- COMMITTEE WORKSHOP OFFERING AT "LETS CELEBRATE" WILL BE "REACHING NEW GENERATIONS"
- LOOK FOR INFORMATION ON A "COLLEGE STUDENT APPRECIATION MONTH" AT THE JULY PRESBYTERY MEETING.
- THE COMMITTEE IS EXPLORING WAYS OF ESTABLISHING COLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON OR RELATED TO THE COMMITTEE

Meeting Dates 2009

June 25th 12:30pm
WCU Cullowhee

July 28th
Lees-McRae College
After Presbytery Mtng.

September 24th Time TBA
Warren Wilson Col.

November 19th Time TBA
Montreat College

See Attached Pages for reports from our PC(USA) related colleges in this Presbytery.

Warren Wilson's Service Trip with the Lakota at Pine Ridge Reservation

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is a place of desolation and hardship but is also a place of astounding beauty. Ten students and four staff from Warren-Wilson College have come here on a service trip (including Steven Runholt college chaplain).

Sunday was our first day. Our first task was to unload and sort roughly two tons of food from the Conscious Alliance, a food-distribution group based in Bolder, Co . Our host, Floyd and Natalie Hand, have made it their life's work to help ease the hunger on "the Rez". A part of their efforts is hosting groups like ours. Later that day Floyd, a tribal elder, invited us to sit-in on a tribal council meeting, a rare opportunity for "white people". It was hard to hear contemporary issues discussed and recall how much had happened in the past to the Lakota people in the name of things that are dear to me, America, God, and the church. At the end of the day it was good to know that we had put legs - and our backs - into what we believe. If only every day could be this hard, this good, and this simple.

Day two we traveled to Mary Ann's home to put up a fence between her home and the dilapidated handiwork of her alcoholic neighbor. After completing the fence and other improvements around her home. Mary Ann told us she had prayed for this day, for someone to come and help her. When we arrived she believed that Tunkasila (the Divine One) had sent us to her. Floyd ended our day with songs of praise to the "Great Spirit".



Star quilt pillows were our parting gift from Auntie Mary Anne.

Days three and four we spent with Henry. He runs Lakota Solar Enterprises seeking to bring renewable energy sources to "the Res" along with organic farming techniques, and buffalo restoration. We spent the day repairing a buffalo fence.

The next day we had the opportunity to participate in a sweat lodge ceremony. Symbolically persons enter the lodge as re-entering a womb. The heat sweats out the toxins of hatred, resentment, and all the negative emotions that build up in life. You leave the lodge on hands and knees being cleansed and renewed - a new birth.

Grandfather Johnson is 90 years old, and lives alone in a dilapidated 14' single-wide trailer. He is among the oldest and most respected elders, a living repository of Lakota culture, & history. We help to clean and repair his home and listen to a consultation with this respected leader. By the end of the day we feel he is everyone's grandfather!

On our last day we don't want to leave! We want to continue giving back to our hosts who have given us so much! We share in a delicious feast and in a concert of traditional songs and dance in which we are invited to participate. We are showered with parting gifts including T-shirts, hand made star quilt pillows from Auntie Mary Ann, and prayer wheel necklaces for the group leaders. We are all touched and humbled by their generosity. As I was given the necklace I was instructed to "Pray for the people of the reservation and, when you do wear this necklace and remember us here." We will never forget!

(This report was adapted by Mae Weed from the trip blog written by Steven Runholt. To see his complete write-up about the trip go to <http://pineridgetrip.blogspot.com>)



Building Auntie Mary Ann's fence.



Grandfather Johnson - he has become a grandfather to all of us.



Re-populating the buffalo is one dream of Uncle Henry, a 5th generations descendant of Chief Red Cloud.



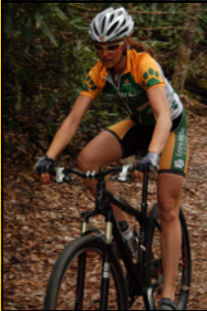
Building a buffalo fence.



Lees-McRae Ledger

APRIL 2009

DREAM DARE ACHIEVE



President Bushman to step down in May

Dr. David W. Bushman announced Thursday, March 5, that he will be stepping down as the 13th president of Lees-McRae College effective May 31 of this year. He will return to Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to serve as the founding dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Math. Dr. Bushman has been president of Lees-McRae since October 2004.

Prior to serving Lees-McRae, Dr. Bushman served as a tenured professor of biology, Chair of the Department of Science, Director of the Office of Assessment and Dean of Academic Services at Mount St. Mary's, where he worked for 13 years.

"While [my wife] Suzanne and I retain strong family

and emotional ties to Maryland, it is impossible to leave Lees-McRae, an institution that means so much to me, without great sadness. I am proud of all that we have accomplished and am optimistic about what the future can hold for Lees-McRae. I will always share in the joy of the renaissance that is taking place here," Dr. Bushman wrote in a letter to students, faculty and staff.

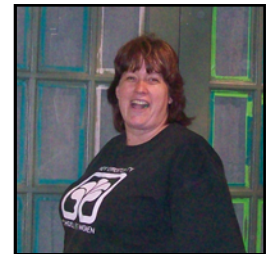
"I thank David for his service to Lees-McRae College. By every measure, he leaves Lees-McRae a stronger institution than it was five years ago," said Jane B. Stephenson '57, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "During his service to the College, we've seen a broadened and deepened base of alumni and donor support, and we continue

to see steady growth in our enrollment and retention. Members of the Board of Trustees and I are committed to providing a smooth transition in leadership for the College to ensure its continued success."



Dr. David W. Bushman
President of Lees-McRae College

Dr. David W. Bushman joined Lees-McRae College in June 2004 as senior vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty. He served as Interim President from October 2004 to April 2005, when he was named the 13th president of the College. His inauguration was held September 30, 2005.



Sharon Malone, New Opportunity School for Women graduate 2007

New Opportunity School for Women:

A Personal Success Story!

Sharon Malone, a 2007 graduate of the New Opportunity School for Women, will be receiving her Associate in Applied Science Degree in Landscape Gardening from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in May. She plans to transfer to North Carolina Agriculture and Technical University to get her Bachelor's Degree in Agriscience Education.

Her journey began with the New Opportunity School for Women

(N.O.S.W.) held on the campus of Lees-McRae College. The program is designed to help participants learn life skills, receive support and counseling, and most importantly focus on themselves, their needs and goals. Sharon was one of 14 women from the southern Appalachian area chosen to participate in the program. The N.O.S.W. sessions helped her assess her interests and abilities, walked her through the application process for the college program of her choice, and

provided support that started her on her life-changing journey! Her success has also been an example to her three children of how to face and overcome difficulties.

The New Opportunity School for Women is funded primarily by donations from individuals, churches, and community organizations. If you would like to make a contribution or get an application for participating in the N.O.S.W. contact Director Carrie Guy at Lees-McRae College (1-800-898-8905 or guyc@lmc.edu).

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Dates to Remember

- ◆ *The Love of the Nightingale*
April 17-21 in Hayes Auditorium
- ◆ Lees-McRae Saturday Open House - April 25
- ◆ Lees-McRae Saturday Open House - May 9
- ◆ Baccalaureate - May 22
- ◆ Commencement - May 23
- ◆ June is for Juniors - June 28
- ◆ New Opportunity School for Women July 12 - August 1
- ◆ Western North Carolina Presbytery Meeting on Campus - July 28
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Requirements for and the amounts of the scholarships vary. Applying for any of these scholarships requires an additional application packet that must be filled out and returned to the college. Scholarships are limited, so if you know of interested students, urge them to apply early! For information contact: Selena Hilemon (828-898-3318, hilemons@lmc.edu) or Mae D. Weed (828-898-8777, weedm@lmc.edu).

Ten Days in Cuernavaca

If you truly want to understand Mexico, don't go as a tourist. Instead, let the Benedictine Sisters of Cuernavaca introduce you to the real Mexico!

During the January Term a group of ten Lees-McRae students and staff stayed with and worked with the Sisters of Las Misioneras Guadalupeanas de Christo Rey. The Sisters' overriding mission is the pursuit of social justice in Mexico. After several lectures by university professors and government officials, the Sisters delivered an unfiltered look at the challenges faced by Mexico's poor in the purest way possible: by taking their guests to meet the people themselves. They met them in their homes, in an indigenous village outside Tepoztan, in Base Christian Community meetings, in the marketplaces, in an orphanage, and in a women's economic coop.

The group also enjoyed rich cultural experiences through visits to the Basilica of Our Lady of

Guadalupe with its historic cloak, the pyramids and ruins of Xochicalco (a 1300 year old archeological site), and experiencing first hand an indigenous Nahuatl ceremony.

The Sisters' parting gift to members of the group was a little lapel pin with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The story of her appearance to Juan Diego in 1531 is much more than a story to the poor of Mexico. It is a symbol of God's love and promise to the poor and she is venerated as a champion of the poor and a restorer of dignity. How fitting that participants should bring back this little reminder that what really matters is how we incorporate the message of the story, whether of Our Lady of Guadalupe or the call of the Gospel, into our lives.

Thank you to the churches and presbyteries whose generous financial donations made this opportunity possible for our students!



GENERAL PRESBYTER REPORT

Rev. Bobbi White

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Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20.

I am hoping that we as a Presbytery can focus our attention on fulfilling Christ's command and supporting each other as we grow in faith and action. As a first step to support churches in this work, the Presbytery sponsored The Acts Initiative on March 6-7. Act Initiative takes its name from Acts 16:5, that says, "So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily." It is Holy Spirit work. Note that it says the churches were first strengthened in the faith.

At the Acts Initiative event, I was excited to see over 250 pastors and church leaders from over 45 churches discussing ways we can reach out to other people, grow in our faith as disciples, and be sent out in the world to demonstrate Christ's love. It was a great two days. Some people said this was one of the best opportunities that Presbytery had provided.

Because some churches were not able to come, and some pastors wanted to bring additional people, we have scheduled a second Acts Initiative day. Stan Ott has agreed to condense two days into one, on Friday, May 8. If you did not get a chance to come or want to bring additional people, please sign up by April 20. It will be a great day of learning. Bring a team from your churches, so you all can use what you learn together.

Because of the excitement generated, the learning gained and the desire to help people grow in discipleship, a lot of churches are signing up to be involved in a three-year process. This includes creating a team to help the congregation to reach out to others, grow in discipleship and send people to show Christ's love and grace. The teams from all the churches participating will meet every six months for worship and prayer, encouragement, training, and planning. Also, an important part of the process is the opportunity for ministers to be in regular support groups.

In other presbyteries that have participated in the Acts Initiative, churches both large and small and of varying theological positions, have reported their members have grown in faith and discipleship. It is my expectation and prayer that the churches in this Presbytery will experience the same.

Stan Ott, who leads Acts Initiative, asked us, "What are we praying that God will do?" Are our prayers big enough? I am praying that God will renew and continue to renew the churches in this presbytery. I am praying for our faith development, discipleship making, and for the difference our ministry will make in our communities and the world. But it my prayer that we will reach out to others and grow in worship attendance and membership. There are so many hurting people who need to know Jesus Christ, him crucified and risen, and have a church community to grow in their experience and understanding of God's love.

We need to do better at reaching out to people not involved in a church. Our presbytery has lost over 347 people in worship and 385 in membership last year. Many of our churches are in growing areas. Only twenty seven churches grew in worship attendance and only 31 grew in membership. To grow in worship attendance and membership, we need to learn to invite others to our churches and have the gift of hospitality when people come. When we are growing in our faith, we have, as individuals and a church, the spiritual energy needed to reach out. We have the best news in the whole universe to tell people of Christ's love and grace. We are to be about baptizing, teaching, telling, and showing the love of Christ.

As I go from church to church, I see the many ways that the churches are showing the love of Christ. That is a joy in my job. I am reminded of New Hope (Asheville), that took to heart Jesus' example to wash people's feet, and now as a church monthly goes and washes and cares for the feet of the homeless, including providing new socks. It has been an outreach program that has included non-members of their church.

I see many of our churches being the mainstay in the food pantries and Christian Ministries. I hear Barbara Nagy talk about the reduction in infant mortality not only at her hospital, but in Malawi due to her work, and that is because of the support of our churches. In this Presbytery I see a couple of churches with a full-time pastor and an opportunity to grow that would not happen without your gifts. The ministry and mission of many of our churches from the smallest to the largest, is something to celebrate!

As we continue our journey to serve the Lord, my prayer is that we may "be strengthened in the faith and also grow in those people being nourished in that faith in our churches." Let us pray that God will do great things in this Presbytery and in the lives of our churches.