

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.

**EIGHTY-SECOND STATED MEETING  
OCTOBER 23-24, 2009**

**LAKE JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE CENTER  
LAKE JUNALUSKA, NORTH CAROLINA**

## **SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESBYTERY MEETING**

**WORSHIP AND COMMUNION, WITH DR. BARBARA NAGY BRINGING THE MESSAGE.**

**BARBARA NAGY'S REPORT ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE SITUATION IN NKHOMA HOSPITAL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.** Barbara has exciting words to share about the improvements at the hospital and the potential to reduce infant mortality, not only at Nkhoma, but throughout all of Malawi and beyond. Listen to things done as a result of this Presbytery's support of Barbara, the hospital, and the new school.

**CELEBRATION OF FIFTEEN YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP WITH GUATEMALA AND THE RENEWAL OF ANOTHER FIVE YEAR COVENANT.** During the Presbytery meeting, we will celebrate the fifteen years of partnership with our two partner presbyteries, Suchitepequez and Sur Occidente. We will have the opportunity to hear from representatives from each of the two presbyteries, Edwin Gelista and Cesar Taracena. Hear about some of the things God has done in our partnership together.

We will celebrate the signing of a new five year covenant and will commission teams going to Guatemala.

**BIBLE STUDY TOGETHER.** We will be exploring scripture together as we listen for God's voice. We will use the Lectio Divina method, an ancient and modern method. It focuses on hearing God speak through scripture.

**GOOD NEWS FROM CHURCHES.** At each presbytery meeting, several churches are asked to share good news of what God is doing in their midst. Hopefully, this will open our eyes to look for God's work in our midst and also get ideas that can be used.

**HEALTH CARE UPDATE.** Health Care is a critical and contentious issue in our country about which Christians will disagree. However, each of us need to be informed and ask the question, "How do we as Christians understand and respond to our own health care needs and those of our neighbors?" Dr. Olson Huff, a nationally known pediatric doctor and elder at the Montreat Presbyterian Church, will give us an update on this important topic. We are not trying to get a consensus on this issue. This is intended as a listening session on an issue that is critical to our country, and we hope it will also offer us an opportunity to achieve a deeper understanding that is vital to our faith.

The health theme, as well as the mission theme, runs through our Presbytery meeting. Dr. Barbara Nagy will be reporting on health care in Malawi. One of the mission outreaches in the Guatemalan Partnership is health. Clean water is also a health concern.

**FINALLY, FOR FUN AND PURE ENJOYMENT, WE CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF A SPONTANEOUS HOE DOWN AND SING ALONG.**

**EIGHTY-SECOND STATED MEETING  
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA  
October 23-24, 2009**

**DOCKET  
Friday, October 23, 2009**

**8:30 Registration (Lambuth Lobby)**  
*(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)*

**Morning Refreshments (Lambuth Room 105)**

**Prayer before Presbytery (Prayer Chapel) Robert Garrison**  
*(We invite you to come to pray for the Presbytery, its work, its churches and pastors.)*

**Orientation for New Elders (Lambuth Room 103) Charles Davenport**

**\*\* 9:00 Convene (International Room)**  
**Prayer of Invocation and Constitution**

**Luke Harkey,  
Moderator**

*A Prayer from John Calvin (1509-2009)*

*“Grant, almighty God, whenever you show us such a bright mirror of your wonderful providence and your judgments among your people of old, that we may have assurance that we too are under your hand and protection. With this support, may we hope, whatever befalls us, that your will be our guardian and never abandon our safety; so that we can quietly and confidently call upon you and boldly await any danger amid the changes of this world. May we stand first in your unfailing Word and rest upon your promises, not doubting that the Christ to whom you have committed us and who by your will is the shepherd of all our flock, will so care for us . . . until we arrive at that heavenly rest which he has won for us by his blood. Amen.”*

**Appointment of Standing Committee  
Resolution of Thanks**

**Declaration of Quorum**

**Bert Sigmon,  
Stated Clerk**

**Approval of Docket**

**Omnibus Motion**

*(Omnibus Motion is a consent motion. If a commissioner wishes to pull any item from the consent agenda for any reason, simply state the item you wish to remove from the Omnibus Motion and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)*

**A**

**Stated Clerk’s Report**

*(Introduction of any Corresponding Members)*

**B**

**\*\* 9:30 Service of Worship**

*Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2*

**Barbara Nagy**

**Missions Committee** (30 minutes)  
(Health update on Nkhoma Hospital)

**Allen Huff**  
**Barbara Nagy**

**Coordinating Council** (10 minutes)

**Bill Kantonen** C

**General Presbyter Report**(10 minutes)

**Bobbi White** GP

**Youth Committee** (20 minutes)

**Aimee Buchanan**  
**Beth Gunn**

**Nominating**(10 minutes)  
(Election of members for Presbytery committees)

**Don Cooper** I

**11:55 Prayers of Intercession**

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

\*\* **12:00 Lunch** (Lambuth Dining Room)

\*\* **1:30 Reconvene with Prayer** Moderator  
(Please sit with commissioners from a church other than yours.)

**1:35 Speak Out** (5 minutes)

(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 Committee on Ministry** (30 minutes)  
(Work of the committee, Introduction of new ministers.)

**James Bernhardt** D  
**Bill Sweetser**

**Budget & Finance**(10 minutes)  
**Treasurer's Report**

**Charles Sellers** BB  
**Jack Suddreth**

**Stewardship** (20 minutes)

**Arthur Burgess**

**Institutions and Agencies**

**Presbyterian Home for Children** (5 minutes)

**Sarah Thomas**

**Grandfather Home for Children** (5 minutes)

**Tricia Wilson & Mae Weed**

**Campus Mission** (3 minutes)  
**NCPHEM (NC Presbyterian Higher Education**  
**Ministries Board)**(7 minutes)

**Mae Weed** V  
**George Gunn**

**Report from Synod Commissioners**(10 minutes)

**Becky Stanley**  
**Larry Poe**

**Good News from Churches** (15 minutes)

**3:25 Listening to God - Biblical Reflection "Lectio Divina"** (60 min) **Lynn Michie**

**4:25 Prayers before Dinner**

**4:30 Walk around the lake, check-in, or other options**

\*\* **5:30 Dinner** (Lambuth Dining Room)

*(Fellowship and dinner in Lambuth Dining Room; opportunity for those staying overnight to check-in at "Welcome Center" at main entrance)*

**6:30 Spontaneous Hoe Down - Music**

**\*\* 7:00 Reconvene with Prayer and Song**

**7:10 Hunger Committee (10 minutes)**

**Cindy Moore**

**P**

**Guatemala Partnership (60 minutes)**

*(15 Year Celebration, New Covenant Signing; visits from Edwin Gelista and Cesar Taracena; Commissioning of three teams to Guatemala)*

**P**

**Good News from General Assembly (15 minutes)**

**Jon Brown**

**8:35 Vespers**

**9:00 Closing Music**

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## **SATURDAY October 24, 2009**

**7:00 Breakfast (Lambuth Dining Room)**

**8:30 Registration (Lambuth - International Room)**

**\*\* 9:00 Welcome & Reconvene with Prayer and Song**

**Moderator**

*"Grant, O almighty God – for although so many testimonies of your glory are daily before our eyes, we are blind and bury the light under our ingratitude – grant, I say, that we may now at last learn to open our eyes – no, open them for us by your Spirit – that, reckoning the many and great and remarkable benefits in which you show yourself to us and assert the testimony of your eternal divinity – that, reckoning, I say, all this, we may progress in the school of godliness and so learn to ascribe to you all praise for all our faculties, that no praise may remain for ourselves but that we may exalt you alone. And the more you condescend to declare yourself liberal to us, so much the more may we apply ourselves to worship you fervently and devote ourselves entirely to you, leaving no remnant of praise in ourselves but caring only that all the glory may rest with you alone and that it may shine in all the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

**9:05 Speak Out (5 minutes)**

*(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.)*

**9:10 Mission Update (5 minutes)**

*("Partner with Presbyterian World Mission")*

**Allen Huff**

**Living Waters for the World (10 minutes)**

*(This is a project of the Synod of Living Waters)*

**Tim Exley**

**Good News from Churches (5 minutes)**

**Listening to God - Health Care - “Unto the Least of Us”**

**Olson Huff**

**What Christians need to know about health care.**

*(Not a political position, but a listening exercise)*

**11:00 Service for Wholeness and Healing**

**11:40 Resolution of Thanks Committee**

**11:45 Benediction and Adjournment**

**Moderator**

**\*\* Order of the Day**

**2009 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS**

***October 23-24, 2009 - Lake Junaluska Conference Center***

**2010 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS**

***January 30, 2010 - Waldensian Presbyterian Church***

***April 27, 2010 - Montreat Conference Center***

***July 27, 2010 - First Presbyterian Cherryville***

***October 22-23, 2010 - Lake Junaluska Conference Center***

**2010 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS**

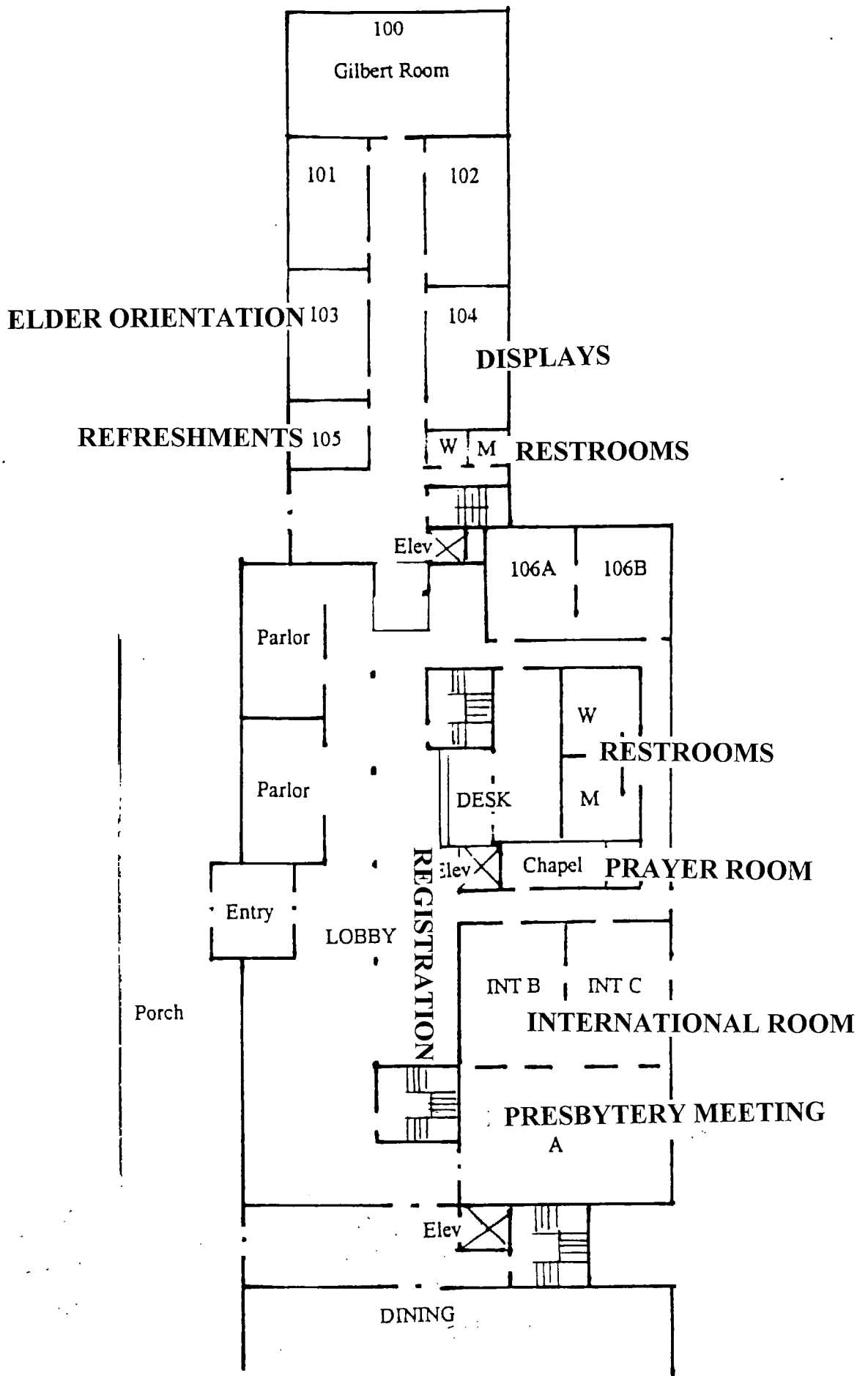
***January 29, 2011 - Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church***

***April 26, 2011 - Montreat Conference Center***

***July 26, 2011 - First Presbyterian Gastonia***

***October 21-22, 2011 - Lake Junaluska Conference Center***

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



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

12	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
13	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
14	Coordinating Council	Presbyterian Home For Children
15	Youth Committee	Morganton, First
20	Evangelism Committee	Forest City
	Non-Installed Pastors Sub-Committee	Black Mountain
21	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
<b>23-24</b>	<b><i>82nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina</i></b>	<b>Lake Junaluska Conf. Center</b>
23	Let's Celebrate Task Force	Lake Junaluska Conf. Center
27	Care of Church Professionals	Black Mountain
	Budget & Finance	Morganton, First
29	Personnel Committee	Morganton, First

### NOVEMBER

2	Nominating Committee	Black Mountain
7	Hunger Committee	Morganton, First
9	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
10	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
11	Coordinating Council	Morganton, First
<b>13-15</b>	<b><i>Middle School Retreat</i></b>	<b><i>Camp Grier</i></b>
17	Non-Installed Pastors Sub-Committee	Hickory, First
	Evangelism Committee	Forest City, First
21	Racial & Ethnic Sub-Committee	Green Street
<b>26-27</b>	<b><i>OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING</i></b>	

### DECEMBER

1	Validated Ministry Task Force	Black Mountain
7	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
8	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
9	Coordinating Council	Morganton, First
15	Evangelism Committee	Forest City
<b>23-25</b>	<b><i>OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS</i></b>	

### JANUARY

<b>1</b>	<b><i>OFFICE CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY</i></b>	
<b>4</b>	<b><i>DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS FOR JANUARY 30, 2010 PRESBYTERY MTG</i></b>	
11	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
12	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
13	Coordinating Council	Morganton, First
<b>18</b>	<b><i>OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</i></b>	
19	Non-Installed Pastors	Asheville, First
20	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
22	Committee Chair Training	Morganton, First
<b>30</b>	<b><i>83rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina</i></b>	<b><i>Waldensian</i></b>