

**Agenda  
Stated Session Meeting  
October 24, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**OPENING DEVOTIONAL**

Cathy Smyles

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Larry Hayward

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Paul Van de Water

Prayer partners basket

Carolyn Fraser

Homebound Communion:

On Sunday October 7, 2007, Communion was taken to the following: Nancy and Ward Lasley, by deacons Karin Edgell and Barb Wyman; John and Dora Leiss and Walter Wendt, by Elders Jill and Greg Ewell; Edith Thompson, by deacon Elizabeth Martineau and the Rev. Karen Blomberg.

Baptisms:

**Allison Elizabeth Deutsch**, born August 2, 2007, daughter of Lynn and Michael Deutsch (members), at the 11:00 a.m. service on October 14, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

Marriages:

**Samuel Bower** and **Stephanie Craft** (non-members) on Friday, October 5, 2007 in Wrightsville, PA, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating. (Sam is Patrick's cousin.)

**Shawn Rachele Ryan** and **Charles Alexander Rich** (non-members) on October 6, 2007, in the Sanctuary, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

**Sheila Barklind** and **Chad Artz** (non-members) on October 13, 2007, in the Sanctuary, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Deaths:

**Mildred Breedlove** (affiliate member) died on October 2, 2007. A service was held on October 5, 2007, at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home.

| Member-ship Summary | Total Members 8/31/07 | Joined 9/16/07 | Reacti-vated | Dismissed or Deleted 9/26/07 | Made Inactive | Deaths | Total Members 9/30/07 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Members             | 846                   | 3              |              | 2                            |               |        | 847                   |
| Affiliates          | 22                    |                |              |                              |               |        | 22                    |

**CONSENT DOCKET**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Session meeting of September 26, 2006, the congregational meeting of October 7, the called Session meeting of October 7, and the Session new member meeting of October 21.

Motion to accept all committee minutes and minutes of the Diaconate.

Motion to approve the following baptisms:

**Adeline Moira Davenport**, born November 25, 2006, daughter of Christiane Gallen Davenport (member) and Andrew Davenport (non-member), at the 11:00 a.m. service on December 2, 2007.

**Mary Elizabeth Winn**, born June 26, 2007, daughter of Mara and Robert Winn (members), at the 8:30 a.m. service on December 23, 2007.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches:

**Charles Edward Hays** (#2129) to Christ United Methodist Church, Fairfax Station, VA.

**Ralph Surrence** and **Lainie Surrence** to the Presbyterian Church, Chestertown, MD.

Motion to appoint John Woods to the Personnel Committee (Class of 2008, replacing John Smithers), as recommended by the moderator, clerk, and chairs of the Personnel and Nominating Committees in accordance with Session policy.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

*Associate Pastor Nominating Committee*

Elizabeth O'Brien

*Deacon Report*

*Long-Range Planning*

Larry Hayward

*Inquirer's Committee*

*Presbytery Meeting*

No report

*Treasurer's Reports*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Congregational Life*

Nancy Hall Berens

*Local Mission*

Christopher Ptomey

*National and International Mission*

Paul Neureiter

*New Member and Assimilation*

Betsy Preston

*Nominating*

Carol Skiba

*Personnel*

Spencer Dickerson

*Stewardship*

Priscilla Goodwin

*Worship and Music*

David Roden

*Administration and Finance*

Lanny Griffith

Policy on gifts and fundraising activities

*Building and Grounds*

Stephen Moss

*Christian Education*

Eileen Denne

*Communications*

Brian Laubscher

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Stephen Moss

Motions Received as of October 21, 2007

1. From the Coordinating Council: To approve the charter for the task force on Evisioning Westminster's Future.
2. From Congregational Life: To permit Boy Scout Troop 129 to conduct a Christmas wreath sale including advertising in the Chronicle Update on October 28, November 4, and November 11 as well as distributing and collecting forms on November 4 and 11 at a table in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
3. From A&F: To accept the treasurer's report.
4. From A&F: To approve the policy on gifts and fundraising activities. (See A&F Minutes for the text of the draft policy.)
5. From National and International Mission: To approve the establishment of a Board of Overseers for the United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya to coordinate expenditures of funds for and oversee operations thereof and to expand the Board's membership as other churches or organizations become significantly involved in the support of the UO&A.

At its September meeting the National/International Mission Committee approved and recommends to the Session the establishment of a Board of Overseers for the United Orphanage & Academy (UO&A) in Moi's Bridge, Kenya to coordinate expenditures of funds and oversight of operations.

A group has been meeting informally to discuss such matters since the group returned from the trip to the UO&A last July.

Currently its members are:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Jim Hoben       | Westminster                            |
| Shiela Hoben    | Westminster                            |
| Ken Niemann     | Westminster                            |
| Henri Rush      | Westminster                            |
| Judith Dahmann  | Meeting House                          |
| Rhonda O'Bannon | Meeting House                          |
| Kem Toole       | Meeting House                          |
| Anne Chaloux    | St. Leo's Catholic Church, Fairfax, VA |
| Steve Hiemstra  | Lewinsville PC, Mc Lean, VA            |
| John Wells      | Assoc. Pastor, FPC of Marietta, GA     |

The purpose of this motion is to apprise the Session of the existence of this group and to obtain approval for its existence and its membership expansion as other churches or organizations become significantly involved in support of the UO&A and to change the membership of the Board without prior Committee or Session approval.

## **PROPOSED TASK FORCE CHARTER ENVISIONING WESTMINSTER'S FUTURE**

### **Purpose:**

- Envision the shape of Westminster's ministry, mission, and programs, now that the church has completed a successful building project and capital campaign.
- Discern what it means for Westminster to be a faithful witness to Christ in Alexandria, in the Washington area, and around the world.

### **Goals:**

- Paint the big picture: What do we want Westminster to look like over the next few years?
- Develop a small number of specific objectives for Westminster
- Identify the needed resources: members' time, staffing, financial resources

### **Members:**

- Five to ten people appointed by the Session.
- Visionary, motivated, committed, and involved.

### **Connection to Session, committees, and congregation:**

- Maintain continuing two-way communication with Session and congregation
- Work with church committees and staff in their respective areas
- Staff liaison: senior pastor

### **Time Frame:**

- Begin in February 2008.
- Submit a brief final report by February 2009.
- Make recommendations at any time.