

Stated Session Meeting August 22, 2007

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Elder Judy Curtis opened the meeting with a devotion, and the moderator offered a prayer. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Louise Anderson	present	Paul Neureiter	present
Nancy Hall Berens	on leave	Elizabeth O'Brien	present
Linc Cummings	present	Karen Olson	present
Judy Curtis	present	Anne Pickett	present
Eileen Denne	present		
Spencer Dickerson	excused	Betsy Preston	excused
		Christopher Ptomey	excused
Don Fowler	present	David Roden	present
Frank Fraser	excused	Carol Skiba	excused
Priscilla Goodwin	present	Cathy Smyles	absent
Lanny Griffith	present	Larry Hayward, pastor	present
David Hill	present	Karen Blomberg, as. pastor	excused
Brian Laubscher	present	Patrick Hunnicutt, as. pastor	excused
Robin McFarland	present	Paul Van de Water, clerk	present
Meredith Mitchell	absent	Carolyn Fraser, vice clerk	excused
Stephen Moss	present		

Also present were Nancy Bea, Terry Grindstaff, and Art Sauer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Paul Van de Water distributed the prayer partners basket and delivered the clerk's report, as follows.

Homebound communion: Deacons Barbara Watts and Tamfu Fomuso served Communion to Jim and Elise Hardy on August 12, 2007.

Baptisms: **Kenton Brim Buchanan**, born July 28, 2005, son of Tiffany and Bradley Buchanan (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on July 1, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating, Elder Herman Ferguson (Kenton's great-grandfather) assisting.

Emerson Marie Seward, born February 13, 2007, daughter of Gregory William Seward and Katherine deJong Thomas Seward (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on July 22, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating, Elder Frank Fraser assisting.

Susan Vera Jackson, born March 14, 2007, daughter of Caroline Boutwell Jackson (member) and Stephen Lewis Jackson (non-member) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 5, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating, Elder David Hill assisting.

Caitlin Elizabeth Riley, born April 17, 2007, daughter of Allison Burling Riley and Philip Andrew Riley (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 5, 2007, the Rev. Karen Blomberg officiating, Elder David Hill assisting.

Abigail Margaret Riley, born May 11, 2005, daughter of Allison Burling Riley and Philip Andrew Riley (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 5, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating, Elder David Hill assisting.

Isabel Josendale, born January 5, 2007, daughter of Erin Marie and Peter Barclay Josendale (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 19, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating, Elder Spencer Dickerson assisting.

Marriages: **Catherine Michelle Rinehart** (#2685) to **James Quillian Mello** (#2682) on July 28, 2007, at Westminster Church, Charlottesville, VA, Dr. Laura Suggs officiating.

Melanie Rose Sanchez to **Brent Matthew Eastwood** (non-members) on August 4, 2007, in the Westminster chapel, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Deaths: **Katharine LaBatte** (born February 15, 1915, joined November 1, 1953, ordained Elder December 26, 1979) on June 15, 2007. A memorial service was held at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home on Friday, July 20, 2007, the Rev. Karen Blomberg officiating. Interment was at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

The Session minutes and membership records were reviewed by the Presbytery on September 16, 2006, and were approved without exception. This review was reported to the Session at its meeting on September 27, 2006.

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket, as follows.

Motion to approve the minutes of stated Session meeting of June 27, 2007, new member meeting of August 19, 2007, and stated meeting of August 22, 2007.

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

Motion to approve the following baptisms: **Blake Adrian Thompson, Gavin Edward Thompson, Sarah Victoria Elizabeth Thompson, and Preston Daniel Thompson**, born July 29, 2006, children of Daniel E. and Julie H. Thompson (members), at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 26, 2007, Elder Ruth Carlson assisting.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches: **Christopher Farrar Bentley, Sr.** (#2581) and **Anne Elizabeth Bentley** (#2582) to First Church, Fayetteville, NC.

Motion to move the following members to the inactive roll, at their request: **Matthew A. Boyle** (#2373) and **Shelley K. Boyle** (#2374).

Motion to remove from the inactive roll the following members, at their request: **Joseph James Hail, III** (#1765) and **Kim Matilda Stanley Hail** (#1947), attending Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Alexandria, VA; **Douglas Gene Grace** (#1930) attending Rutgers Church, New York, NY.

Motion to receive the following former member as an affiliate member: **Joanne Uhler Tomasello**, member of Berkeley Springs Church, Berkeley Springs, WV.

Motion to approve the serving of Communion at the senior high retreat (at Meadowkirk) on September 23, 2007, and the middle school retreat (at the Goodwin cabin) on October 21, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

Motion to elect Nancy Hall Berens, Priscilla Goodwin, and David Roden as commissioners to the National Capital Presbytery meeting on September 25, 2007.

Motion to call a congregational meeting at noon on Sunday, October 7, 2007, for the purpose of electing officers.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Long-Range Planning. The moderator has met with a group of three elders and also with other members of the congregation to discuss a long-range planning process. He will schedule a meeting with the Session's coordinating council and anticipates that the planning process will provide a direction for the annual officer intreat.

Treasurer's Report. Terry Grindstaff presented the treasurer's reports for June and July.

2007 Year-to-Date through July

Operating income	\$ 774,709
Operating expenses	803,238
Net income	-28,529

Assets

Operating	\$ 338,971
Foundation	1,006,986
Capital Campaign	-1,385,553

MC: To accept the June and July treasurer's reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education. Eileen Denne described the proposed family variety show, dinner, and silent auction to raise money for youth mission trips.

MC: To approve the youth talent show fundraiser.

Communications. Brian Laubscher presented the proposed logo and color scheme for the church website. After considerable discussion, the question was called.

MC: To approve the church logo and color scheme for the church website.

National and International Mission. Paul Neureiter announced that an informational session for the Reynosa mission trip will be held after worship on September 9.

Personnel. Karen Olson presented two motions on behalf of the committee.

MC: To create the volunteer, part-time position of pastoral care assistant.

MC: To approve Jill Ewell to fill the position of pastoral care assistant.

A discussion of the role of the church staff in missional activities ensued.

Stewardship. Priscilla Goodwin informed the Session that the pledge campaign for the annual budget is on track for October.

Administration and Finance. Lanny Griffith reported that the onsite review of the church's financial books and records for 2006 took place on August 11, 2007. The members of the review committee were Barbara Studenmund, Molly Roden, Molly North, and Diane French. A written report will be submitted to the committee in September.

MC: To accept and approve the financial review recently completed of Westminster financial records, finding no material weaknesses.

On behalf of the Gifts and Bequests Committee, Lanny Griffith presented the following motion. A motion to refer the motion to the Worship Committee was ruled out of order.

MC: To approve the committee's recommendation to accept a \$10,000 restricted gift and establish with it an account in Fund G of the Westminster Foundation for the purchase of a grand piano for the sanctuary.

Terry Grindstaff described a proposed modification of the church's construction loan. Because of successful completion of the second capital campaign, the maximum amount of the loan would drop from \$3.0 million to \$1.7 million; the interest rate would be fixed at 7.5 percent. On behalf of the Administration and Finance Committee and the trustees of the Corporation, Lanny Griffith made the following motion.

MC: To approve new construction loan terms with Cardinal Bank and to authorize the president of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Inc., to execute loan documents.

Building and Grounds. Stephen Moss reminded the Session that a church yard sale will take place on Saturday, August 25.

Worship. David Roden reported that the committee approved hosting two concerts of the Alexandria Choral Society. At this point, the Session moved to the sanctuary to consider an alternative arrangement of the chancel furniture, as recommended by the committee.

MC: To approve the new arrangement of the chancel furniture as the regular set-up starting on Sunday, September 9.

Eileen Denne closed the meeting with prayer. The moderator adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session