

Stated Session Meeting September 26, 2007

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room and opened the meeting with prayer. Elder Don Fowler read excerpts from a sermon by the Rev. Samuel Davies, an 18th century Presbyterian pastor. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

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

Also present were Nancy Hall Berens, Henri Rush, and Carri Stoltz.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

John W. Wilson, IV, was ordained and installed as an elder at the 11:00 a.m. service on September 9, 2007.

Homebound Communion: The Rev. Karen Blomberg served Communion to Anne Robertson on August 29, 2007, at Woodbine Nursing Home.

Deacon Donna Cramer and the Rev. Karen Blomberg served Communion to Micheline Williams on September 2, 2007.

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, the Revs. Larry Hayward, Patrick Hunnicutt, and Karen Blomberg officiating, Elder Ruth Carlson assisting.

Jacob Martin Blackburn Luhman, born May 28, 2006, son of Laurie J. Blackburn and Michael Lee Luhman (members), at the 8:30 a.m. service on September 23, 2007, the

Rev. Karen Blomberg officiating, Elder Donna Blackburn (Jacob's grandmother) assisting.

Marriages: **Laurie Dauenhauer to Brian Sweeney** (non-members), on September 22, 2007, in the Westminster sanctuary, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Deaths: None

The Session Records Committee of National Capital Presbytery reviewed the minute book and church register on September 15, 2007, and approved them without exception.

The membership secretary has prepared the annual necrology report (report of elders who have died during the past 12 months) for submission to the Presbytery.

The Session has received a letter from Carolyn Carmack, thanking the Session for accepting her gift to start a fund to purchase a grand piano for the sanctuary.

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket, as follows.

Motion to approve the minutes of Session new member meeting of September 16, 2007.

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

Motion to accept the annual report and the annual financial report of the Westminster Preschool for 2006-2007.

Motion to approve the following baptisms:

Jacob Martin Blackburn Luhman, born May 28, 2006, son of Laurie J. Blackburn and Michael Lee Luhman (members), at the 8:30 a.m. service on September 23, 2007, the Rev. Karen Blomberg officiating.

Jeffrey Joseph Golimowski (adult), at the 8:30 a.m. service on November 18, 2007.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches: **Ronald N. Morris** and **Mary LaGrande Vance Morris** to Bedford church, Bedford, Virginia.

Motion to approve serving Communion at the Flying Solo retreat on September 23, 2007, the Rev. Casey FitzGerald officiating.

Motion to elect Nancy Hall Berens, Linc Cummings, and Anne Pickett as commissioners to the National Capital Presbytery meeting on November 27, 2007.

Motion to approve Lee Steuer, Mary Olsen, Melissa Harrington, Camden Richards, and Josh Dickinson, who have been members for less than six months, as new church school teachers.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,487.25 from the restricted fund in Foundation Fund G named Worship Accessories to purchase materials for new paraments, as previously designated.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 from the Dorothy Neyman Music Fund for musicians for Bach's Cantata No. 94 at the September 30, 2007, worship service.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 from the Dorothy Neyman Music Fund for musicians for the joint concert with members of the Westminster Choir and Agudas Achim congregation on October 21, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to accept the resignation of Roger Clark as an active member of the Board of Deacons, effective January 1, 2008.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Elizabeth O'Brien informed the Session that the APNC has identified a candidate. If the candidate is cleared by Presbytery, the Session will meet on October 7 to call a congregational meeting for October 28.

Deacon Report. Carri Stoltz delivered the report from the Diaconate.

Long-Range Planning. David Roden distributed a document entitled "Thoughts on Getting to the Future." The Coordinating Council will meet on Monday evening, October 8, to discuss next steps in the long-range planning process.

Presbytery Meeting. David Roden summarized the September 25 meeting of the Presbytery.

Treasurer's Report. Lanny Griffith presented the treasurer's report.

2007 Year-to-Date through August

Operating income	\$ 864,430
Operating expenses	911,864
Net income	- 47,434

Assets

Operating	315,286
Foundation	1,040,127
Capital Campaign	-1,381,887

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Local Mission. Louise Anderson reported that the issues with Carpenter's Shelter have been resolved and that the situation is now "groovy."

National and International Mission. Henri Rush described planning for the alternative giving bazaar in December.

New Member and Assimilation. Cathy Smyles asked for volunteers to staff the various locations for welcoming visitors on Sunday mornings.

Nominating. Carol Skiba read the names of those who will be nominated as church officers on October 7.

Personnel. Spencer Dickerson announced that Neil Weston has been hired as accompanist for the choir. Also, the task force on seniors ministries has been established.

Stewardship. Priscilla Goodwin outlined plans for the fall stewardship campaign. November 4 is pledge Sunday.

Administration and Finance. Lanny Griffith presented the following motion.

MC: To authorize Mike McAdoo to negotiate a contract with T-Mobile allowing it to locate a cellular antenna on the Westminster steeple under certain conditions established by Presbytery and the A&F Committee.

Lanny also distributed a draft of a new “Westminster Policy on Gifts and Fundraising Activities” for a first reading. He asked that elders send him comments and suggestions to be incorporated in a version that will be considered next month.

Building and Grounds. Stephen Moss reminded the Session of the fall clean-up.

Christian Education. Eileen Denne, Patrick Hunnicutt, J.W. Wilson, and Nancy Hall Berens described how the children’s, youth, and adult educational activities have gotten off to a great start. Priscilla Goodwin reported that the youth fundraiser on November 3 will include a family dinner, to be served by the youth, and a silent auction.

Nancy Hall Berens informed the Session that Nedra Trahant will retire as director of the Westminster Preschool as of June 2008. The board of the preschool has established a search committee to meet the preschool’s future leadership needs.

CLOSING

After general announcements, Elder David Roden closed the meeting with prayer. The moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session