

Stated Session Meeting January 30, 2008

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Patrick Hunnicutt and Casey FitzGerald opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

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

Also present were Nancy Bea, Terry Grindstaff, Henri Rush, and the newly elected officers listed below.

EXAMINATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Pastor Hayward called for the examination of incoming officers. The new officers were asked to give a brief overview of their religious pilgrimage. Those examined were deacons-elect Kim Davis, Chris Matthews, Marbeth Paulsen, Nancy Pitcher, Janet Riksen, Ron Shoemaker, Betsy Smith, Sam Ulm, and Sheila Weiss and elders-elect Brad Buchanan, Patty Chamberlain, Gail Donley, Lanny Griffith, David Gunter, Ken Niemann, Karen Olson, and Anne Pickett.

MSC: To sustain the examination of these new officers for 2008 and to approve them for ordination and installation on February 3, 2008.

CLERK'S REPORT

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

The Reverend Casey FitzGerald was installed as associate pastor in the Westminster sanctuary by National Capital Presbytery at 4:00 p.m. on January 20, 2007.

Homebound Communion: On January 6, 2008, Communion was taken to the following— Jim and Elise Hardy, by Deacons Fred Woods and Bill Eckerd; Ernie McIver, by the Rev. Karen Blomberg; Edith Thompson, by Deacon Jill Ewell.

Baptisms:

Adeline Moira Davenport, born November 25, 2006, daughter of Christiane Gallen Davenport (member) and Andrew Davenport (non-member), on December 2, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

Mary Elizabeth Winn, born June 26, 2007, daughter of Mara Elizabeth Bishop Winn and Robert David Winn (members), on December 23, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating, Elder Patricia Goodwin assisting.

David Edgar Van Roekel, born May 12, 2007, son of Karen Lynne Van Roekel (member), on January 13, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., the Rev. Karen Blomberg officiating, Elder Judy Curtis assisting.

Trevor Christopher Gorski, born January 16, 2007, son of Aaron Christopher Gorski and Kara Elizabeth Norlin Gorski (members), on January 20, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., the Rev. Casey FitzGerald officiating, Elder Louise Anderson assisting.

Catherine Sophia Goldstein, born September 4, 2004, and **Lillian Margaret Goldstein**, born April 24, 2007, daughters of Sarah Elizabeth Billups Goldstein (member) and David Jacob Goldstein (non-member), on January 27, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Marriages: None

Deaths:

Anne Leigh Maxey Robertson died on December 4, 2007. A service was held on December 8 in the chapel, the Rev. Karen Blomberg officiating.

Richard Thrall Williams died on December 9, 2007. A service was held on December 11 in the chapel, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

Nancy Hollingsworth Shillingburg (#2263) died on December 21, 2007. A service was held on December 28 in the sanctuary, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Preston Titus died on January 16, 2008. A service was held on January 24 at Everly-Wheatly Funeral Home, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating. A graveside service was held on January 25, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket, as follows:

Motion to call the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation for February 10, 2008, at noon. The purposes of the meeting are to receive the annual report, to elect an elder, and to take action on the recommendation of the Session regarding the terms of call of the pastors.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Session meeting of November 28, 2007, and the Session new member meetings of December 16, 2007, and January 20, 2008.

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

Motion to approve the following baptisms: **Megan Madison Robbert**, born September 19, 2007, daughter of Kimberly Anne (Coleman) Robbert (member) and Andrew Frederick Robbert (non-member), on March 2, 2008.

Motion to appoint the following commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on January 22, 2008: Nancy Hall Berens, Elizabeth O'Brien, and Amey Upton.

Motion to elect Paul N. Van de Water as clerk of Session, Carolyn Fraser as vice clerk, and Terry Grindstaff as church treasurer for 2008.

Motion to appoint the following additional members to the task force on Envisioning Westminster's Future: Ruth Carlson, Betsy Preston, and Reid Stuntz.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches: **Joan Taylor Reid** (#2323) to Unity Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill, SC; **Walter Porteous** (#1835) and **Joyce Dain-Porteous** (#1506) to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, FL.

Motion to move to the inactive roll the following members, at their request: **Kirk Duane Beckhorn** (#2458), **Christina Isabel Braun** (#2459), and **Audrey Gillon** (#2602).

Motion to reactive the following member, at her request: **Gina Glenn Lewis** (#1902).

Motion to delete from the inactive roll the following member, who has joined another church: **Lisa W. Anderson** (#2059).

Motion to elect Steve Cathcart, Sherrie Cathcart, Don Fowler, and Howard Kitzmiller as directors of the Westminster Foundation in the class of 2010; to appoint Martha Gangi and Larry Wynne as directors in the class of 2008 (*vice* Kathy Hayes and Melynda Wilcox); and to appoint Bill Keeth as interim chair until the Foundation elects a permanent chair; as recommended by the board of the Foundation.

Motion to approve the use of \$5,000 in available accumulated interest from Foundation Fund E for the current Kenya emergency relief effort, as recommended by the board of the Foundation and the National and International Mission Committee.

Motion to approve the following special services for Lent and Easter, as recommended by the Worship Committee: Ash Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 P.M.; Palm Sunday, March 16, 3:00 P.M.; Maundy Thursday, March 20, 7:30 P.M.; Good Friday, March 21, 7:30 P.M.; Easter vigil, March 22, 7:30 P.M.

Motion to approve the following Communion services, as recommended by the Worship Committee: on Trinity Sunday, May 18 (instead of Pentecost, May 11); at the Confirmation retreat on April 6; and at the Flying Solo retreat in the fall.

Motion to approve the following fundraising activities in 2008, as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee: youth plant sale, youth dessert auction, youth variety show and silent auction, and Boy Scout Troop 129 wreath sale.

Motion to approve the following special offerings in 2008, as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee: One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy Gift/Gift of Hope, Presbyterian Women Least Coin, per capita solicitation for the presbytery, synod, and general assembly, and alternative Christmas bazaar.

Motion to approve the following signatories on church bank accounts, as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee: Nancy Bea, Karen Blomberg, Tara Cain, Terry Grindstaff, and Patrick Hunnicutt.

Motion to approve the sale of fair trade items at the Presbyterian Women's spring gathering.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Statistical Report. Nancy Bea presented the Church Record for 2007, a report to the Presbytery on trends in membership, worship attendance, and finances.

Summary Statistics for 2007

Active members	854
Affiliate members	21
Average worship attendance	321

MSC: To approve the Church Record for 2007.

Treasurer's Report. Terry Grindstaff presented the treasurer's report for December 2007.

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

Other Special Reports. Reports were presented about Envisioning Westminster's Future by Frank Fraser, the Inquirer's Committee by Nancy Hall Berens, and the Presbytery meeting by Elizabeth O'Brien.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration and Finance. Lanny Griffith and Terry Grindstaff presented the proposed church budget.

	<u>2008 Proposed</u>	<u>2007 Actual</u>
Expenses		
Benevolences	\$ 274,461	\$ 268,077
Church Staff	931,620	841,321
Church Program	297,418	254,447
Total	1,503,499	1,363,845
Income*	1,503,499	1,363,845
Surplus/Deficit*	0	0

*Including use of carryover

MSC: To approve the proposed 2008 operating budget.

Personnel. Spencer Dickerson presented the report of the Personnel Committee.

MSC: To recommend that the congregation approve the 2008 terms of call of the pastors at the annual meeting on February 10, 2008, in accordance with G-10.0102 and G-7.0302 of the Book of Order.

	<u>Larry Hayward</u>	<u>Karen Blomberg</u>	<u>Patrick Hunnicutt</u>
Effective Salary	\$126,694	\$48,234	\$64,996
Total Package	181,239	72,421	94,588

The detailed terms of call will be included in the minutes of the annual congregational meeting.

MC: To approve the creation of a part-time position of building facilities manager.

Worship and Music. Anne Pickett described the plans for collecting contributions for Easter flowers. David Roden described a proposal for a joint presentation by the Westminster Choir and the Alexandria Choral Society; the society would need to sell tickets to the event to cover its share of the costs. The Session discussed the proposal.

Communications. Brian Laubscher presented the report of the Communications Committee and gave a demonstration of the new church website.

MC: To approve the quality of the sample video and authorize the Communications Committee to (1) purchase and install a comparable video camera system in the sanctuary, (2) audio-visually record the sermons from the worship services, and (3) post the recorded sermons on the church website.

Other Committee Reports. Reports were presented from the Stewardship Committee by Priscilla Goodwin, the National and International Mission Committee by Paul Neureiter, the New Member and Assimilation Committee by Betsy Preston, the Nominating Committee by Carol Skiba, the Building and Grounds Committee by Stephen Moss, the Christian Education Committee by Eileen Denne, the Congregational Life Committee by Nancy Hall Berens, and the Local Mission Committee by Christopher Ptomey.

CLOSING

After general announcements, Patrick Hunnicutt closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session