

Transylvania Presbytery
MINUTES—CALLED MEETING
September 22, 2009

The called meeting of Transylvania Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, George Moore at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The roll was formed with the following present:

Ministers: Doug Beltzner, Woody Berry, Pat Chamberlain, David Chumney, Pat Clark, Doug Craven, David Duggan, Tom Farmer, Beth Garrod-Logsdon, Charles Hanna, Maurice Hibbard, Fred Hood, Scott Howard, Gary Huffman, Jennifer Johnson, Pete Jones, Jackie Lindberg, Justin Marple, Bill McAtee, Bryce McGowan, Howard Moffett, Vic Priebe, Kathy Riley, Morgan Roberts, James H. Rucker, Geary Scott, Melissa Sevier, Joanne Smith, Richard T. Smith, Jim Stewart, Lisa R. Eye, Jerry Utt, Mike Ward, John White, Rene' Whitaker, Stephanie Wing.

Elder Commissioners: Ira Smith, First Ashland; Peggy Tudor & Jean Harney, Danville; Mary K. Motley, United Ezel; Paul Leveridge, United Frenchburg; Lee C. Russell, United Harrodsburg; Janet Ireland, Beaumont; Leigh Qualls & Clare McEachin, First Lexington; Loretta Moffett, Hunter; Marilyn Daniel & Martha G. Wilkie, Maxwell Street; Karen S. May, Second; John S. Davis, Midway; Phyllis McGowan, Paint Lick; J.T. Charles, Peter Creek; Jane Bond, Prestonsburg; Woody Barker, Shepard Memorial; Robert Burkich, Versailles; Larry Snyder, Troy Versailles, Mary Jo Mahan, First Winchester.

Coordinating Council: Richard S. Eads

Commissioned Lay Pastors: George Moore

and it was announced by the clerk that a quorum was present.

The call for the meeting was presented by the stated clerk and declared to be in order.

It was *moved* by the stated clerk that the purpose of the meeting as stated in the call be the docket for this meeting, to wit, to hear and act upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry that the temporary exclusion of Dr. John Mulder be removed and Dr. Mulder restored as Minister of Word and Sacrament. *The motion was approved.*

It was *moved* that this meeting of Transylvania Presbytery be held as an Executive or closed Session with only the following present: Minister members of Transylvania Presbytery, Elder commissioners elected by churches of Transylvania Presbytery, any members of the Supervisory Committee present who are not Minister or Elder Commissioners (Oscar Dillon, Beau Weston, Jon Rickey) with voice by no vote, those members of Transylvania Presbytery as allowed by the current Guidelines of the presbytery, Robyn Justus, Sharel Templeton, Mary Mulder, and Mrs. Morgan Roberts as guests, and Dr. John Mulder, and that the Rev. Joyce Tucker, Minister member of Monmouth presbytery be seated as a corresponding member with voice but no vote. *The motion was approved.*

The moderator stated that the materials prepared for this meeting would be distributed and that following distribution a one (1) hour recess would be announced to allow for the reading of

materials.

Papers were distributed and a one hour recess declared.

Following the recess the moderator re-convened the presbytery and asked for a report from the Committee on Ministry. The Rev. Jackie Lindberg reported for the committee and on behalf of the *committee moved that Dr. John Mulder be restored and the temporary exclusion removed.* The moderator declared that as a committee report the motion did not require a second and that the motion was now before the presbytery.

The moderator announced the following procedures to be followed for any debate of the issue:

1. Dr. Mulder will make a statement and presentation of his reasons for asking for re-instatement
2. The Supervisory Committee and the Committee on Ministry will present any information they deem pertinent,
3. Questions for understanding will be received,
4. The motion before the body will be discussed/debated with alternating positions taking turns, and
5. The vote will be taken.

Following debate the moderator declared debate closed and announced that the question would now be voted.

The moderator appointed James Rucker, Bryce McGowan and Peggy Tudor as tellers and instructed them to count the votes that were cast as either Yes or No and report the count to him, which he would then announce to the body. Ballots were distributed following an admonition from the moderator that only those included in the motion for the executive session with the right to vote were to cast ballots.

The vote was taken and the moderator announced that thirty-one (31) had voted Yes and twenty-three (23) had voted NO. *Therefore the motion to restore Dr. John Mulder to Ministry of Word and Sacrament had been approved.*

The Moderator then invited Dr. Mulder to come forward and on behalf of the presbytery declared Dr. Mulder restored to active ministry of Word and Sacrament and charged him to be faithful in this office.

It was *moved, seconded, and* carried that the Presbytery extends its thanks and deep appreciation to the Supervisory Committee and the Committee on Ministry for their work on this issue.

The Stated Clerk moved that the meeting rise from executive session following the reading and approval of the minutes. *Motion carried.*

The minutes in note form were read by the Stated Clerk and on *motion with second approved* as the minutes of this meeting.

There being no further business properly coming before the meeting, it was *moved, seconded and carried* that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk