

**STATED DECEMBER MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA
December 2 – 3, 2005**

GATHERING FOR THE WORK AND WORSHIP OF GOD

The stated December meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) began on Friday, December 2, 2005, at the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY. The governing body had assembled at 6:30 for refreshments in the fellowship hall and then moved to the sanctuary where David McKee, Interim General Presbyter spoke with appreciation for the ministry of our retired ministers, spouses and surviving spouses who were asked to stand and be recognized by the Presbytery.

Mr. Bill Owens, Moderator then called the Presbytery to order at 7:00pm, and after leading the Presbytery in prayer the body joined in singing the hymn, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”. Linda Crawford, Associate General Presbyter was called to come forward and introduce the speaker for the evening, Elder, Rick Ulford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly. The Moderator spoke of his faith pilgrimage using Acts, Chapter 2, he challenged those present to be willing to move out of their own comfort zones, deal with their own blind spots and to seek with people of different views, common areas of service. Following his address, he and the Presbytery joined in a time of questions and answers.

The meeting of the Presbytery was recessed at 9:00 pm to be reconvened at 9:00 am the following morning.

The Presbytery was called to order on Saturday, December 3, 2005, in the sanctuary of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church with prayer by Bill Owen, Moderator. The Presbytery then joined in singing, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”.

ROLL

The enrollment was as follows:

MINISTER ATTENDANCE

P = present; EX = absent; A w/o EX = absent without excuse; HR = honorably retired

Alley, Susan	Ashland, Normal	P
Bailey, William	Richmond, First	P
Berry, Kent		P
Berry, Woody	Maxwell Street PC, Lexington	P
Blandau, James		HR
Blatnik, Darla	Lexington, Second	EX
Blumer, Robert	Flemingsburg, First	EX
Bowald, Larry	Cynthiana	P
Bowman, Lee	Lexington, First	P
Bright, Peggy		P

Broadhead, Mark	Maysville, First	P
Brooks, Claire	Lexington, Hunter	P
Brooks, Gary	Lexington, Hunter	P
Brothers, Michael		A w/o EX
Brown, William C.		HR
Bunger, Ron		A w/o EX
Camenish, Robert		HR
Carrick, Jean		HR
Carrick, Malcolm		HR
Chamberlain, Mike	Prestonsburg	P
Chamberlain, Pat	Perryville	P
Chumney, David	Paris, First	P
Clark, C. Patterson		A w/o EX
Daniel, E. Randolph		P
Deutsch, William		A w/o EX
DeYoung, Art	Nicholasville	A w/o EX
Divas, Armando		P
Duggan, David	Versailles, Troy	P
Durr, Lawrence E.		HR
Egbert, Charles T.		HR
Erwin, James C.	Stanford	P
Eslinger, Troy R.		HR
Farmer, Thomas		P
Frazier, Thomas		HR
Furrow, DeWitt		HR
Geeslin, Truman	Berea, Whites Memorial	EX
Gilbert, Anthony	Middlesboro, First	P
Gnatuk, Wayne	GA	EX
Gordon, Graham		HR
Griffie, L. Fred	Harlan, First	P
Grisby, Edwin		HR
Guerrant, Richard		P
Haga, R Jackson		P
Hall, Kirk	Lexington, First	P
Hanna, Charles		P
Hanna, Edwin B.		HR
Hester, David C.	LPTS	A w/o EX
Hicks, Roy W.		P
Hood, Fred		P
Hopper, Edward		HR
Howard, Scott		P
Iversen, Eric		P
Jaeger, T.A.		HR
Jones, Jon F.	McAfee, New Providence	A w/o EX
Kim, Yongwha	Lexington, Korean	P
Kratch, The Rev. Ellen Marie	Winchester, First	P
Malott, Fred		HR

Marple, Justin	Stopover	P
Martin, Jon	Versailles, Pisgah	P
Martin, Susanne	Pine Grove, Salem	P
McAtee, William G.		P
McCormick, Dwight	Bellefonte, Community	A w/o EX
McGowan, Bryce L.	Old Paint Lick	A w/o EX
McKee, David	Interim General Presbyter	P
Mesta, Edward		HR
Moffett, Howard	Bellewood	P
Mount, C. Eric	Centre College	P
Murray, Charles		A w/o EX
Naze, George	Lexington, Meadowthorpe	A w/o EX
Nelson, C. Ellis		HR
Pace, The Rev. Steven T.	Lexington, Eastminster	P
Palmer, Stephen	Lexington, Second	P
Pendergrast, Samuel	Georgetown, First	P
Powlas, Joe		HR
Prewitt, Janet	Hospice, Chaplain	P
Rasmussen, Kenneth		HR
Redmond, Katherine	Millersburg, First	P
Reed, Mary B.	Lexington, Chapel Hill	P
Reinhardt, Ronald		HR
Renwick, David A.	Lexington, Second	P
Rhodes, J. Stephen		P
Riley, Kathryn	Wilmore	P
Roberts, F. Morgan		EX
Robinson, Jack		P
Rogers, John R.		HR
Roseland, Chris	Lexington, Beaumont	P
Rouse, Erin	Lexington, Second	P
Rucker, James Sr.	Midway	P
Rucker, James Jr.	Lancaster, First	EX
Rucker, Pamela	Somerset, First	P
Rule, David E.		HR
Scott, Geary	Mt. Sterling, First	P
Sevier, Melissa	Versailles	EX
Shaffer, Robert		P
Shin, Joyce		A w/o EX
Smith, Richard	Ashland, First	A w/o EX
Spickler, Harry W.	Grayson, Bayless Memorial	A w/o EX
Spoelman, Ronald		P
Spratt, Robert	Winchester, First	P
Steiner, Betsy D.		HR
Stewart, Jim	Danville	P
Story, Cullen		HR
Stricklin, Ernest		HR
Tarry, Joe	Harrodsburg, United	P
Tarter, Rollin		P

Thompson, H. Gene		A w/o EX
Thulin, Ted	London, First	P
Utt, Jerry	Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	P
VanZant, William W.	Canada, Highland; McVeigh	P
Ward, Michael L.	Lexington, Walnut Hill	P
Ward, Thomas M.		A w/o EX
Warren, Susan	Lawrenceburg, First	P
White, John C.	Paris, Hopewell	A w/o EX
Wiest, Scott	Pikeville, First	EX
Wilhelm, Jack C.		P
Williams-Berry, Nancy	Morehead, Faith	P
Woodring, James	Pineville, First	A w/o EX
Young, William R.	Frenchburg, United	P

ELDER COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

CHURCHES

Ashland, First		
Ashland, Normal		
Augusta	Bud White	P
Augusta, Sharon		
Bellefonte, Community		
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial		
Berea, Whites Memorial		
Blackey, Doermann Memorial	Greg Pridemore	P
Booneville, First		
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake Area		
Camp Nelson		
Canada, Highland	Joe Gossel	P
Carlisle		
Catlettsburg, First		
Cawood		
Corbin		
Cow Creek		
Cranks		
Cynthiana	Paul Tucker	P
Danville	Jean Harney	P
	Joanie Lukins	P
Darfork, Hull Memorial		
Drift		
Dry Hill, Anna C. Brush Memorial		
Ezel, United	William Roach	P

Flemingsburg, First		
Frenchburg, United		
Garrard, Westminster		
Georgetown, First	Betty Cooper	P
Grayson, Bayless		
Memorial		
Greenup		
Harlan, First		
Harrodsburg, Mt.		
Pleasant		
Harrodsburg, United		
Hazard, First		
Hyden, Central		
Indian Creek		
Isom		
Jackson, Guerrant		
Memorial	Juanita Callahan	EX
Lancaster, First		
Lawrenceburg, First		
Lexington, Beaumont		
Lexington, Bethel		
Lexington, Chapel		
Hill	Betty Robbins	P
Lexington,		
Eastminster	Brenda Buntin	P
Lexington, First	Leigh Qualls	P
	Lewis Paisley	P
Lexington, Hunter	Loretta Moffett	P
Lexington, Lex.		
Korean		
Lexington, Maxwell		
Street	Marilyn S. Daniel	P
	Stanley Brown	P
Lexington,		
Meadowthorpe		
Lexington, Mt. Horeb	Mikal Shafer	P
Lexington, Second	John C. Greene	P
	Karen May	P
	Robert Kirkland	P
Lexington, Walnut		
Hill		
London, First	????	P
Lothair, Community	Enoch A Miller	P
Manchester		
Manchester,		
Greenbriar		
Mays' Lick		
Maysville, First	Jack E. Haydon	P

McAfee, New Providence		
McVeigh		
Middlesboro, First		
Midway	Sally Kinnaird	P
Millersburg, First	Bill Harney	P
Morehead, Faith	Allen Lake	P
Mt. Sterling, First	Catesby Woodford	P
Muddy Ford, Bethesda		
Nicholasville		
Owingsville, Old		
Springfield		
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick		
Paris, First	Winn Hutchcraft	
Paris, Hopewell		
Perryville	J. Tucker	P
Phelps, Peter Creek	J.T. Charles	P
Pikeville, First		
Pine Grove, Salem	Suzy Dent	P
Pineville, First		
Prestonsburg, First	Jane Bird	P
Richmond, First	Genevieve Clay	P
St. Helens		
Sharpsburg, First		
Somerset, First	Dudley Hosch	P
Somerset, Pisgah	Maxine Hicks	P
Stanford	Sandy Caudill	P
Stanton, First		
Stopover, Shepard Memorial	Mary Campbell	P
Tollesboro, Ebenezer		
Versailles, Pisgah		
Versailles, Troy	Larry Snyder	P
Versailles	Robert Burkich	P
Vicco		
Washington		
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	Madeline Flannery-Kincer	P
Wilmore		
Winchester, First	Barbara Morgan	P
Wooton, Community		
United		

Elder Members of Coordinating Council

Anne Chesnut		
Linda Crawford		P
Richard Eads		P

Sioux Finney		P
Winn Hutchcraft		P
Bill Owens		P
Mike Vetter		
Tyler Ward		
Mary Weber		P
Beau Weston		P
Catesby Woodford	[signed as elder commissioner Mt. Sterling]	[P]

Commissioned Lay Pastors

Brown, Richard	Catlettsburg, First Hazard, Hull and Vicco;	
Caudill, Merle	Wooton, Community United	
Christensen, Charles	Versailles	P
Eberly, Lyndon	Mays' Lick	P
England, Robert	Muddy Ford, Bethesda	
Estes, Dewayne	Beattyville, McGuire Memorial	
Feltner, Dana	Lothair, Community Hazard, Hull and Vicco;	P
Grigsby, Ronnie	Wooton, Community United	
Grooms, Leslie	Augusta, Augusta	P
Lee, Arlie	Cawood, Cranks	
Moore, George	Lexington, Mt. Horeb	
Reed, William	Corbin	P
Stanley, Mike	Hyden, Central Hazard, Hull and Vicco;	
Whitaker, Greg	Wooton, Community United	

Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)

Robyn Justus		P
Sharel Templeton		P
Lee Boyd		P

Visitors

Nina Wilhelm	Dick Shore	Sarah Bryant
Ruth Beattie	Faith Eastwood Shore	Barbara Boyer
Andy Carrick	Bob Stange	Carl Boyer
Alice Ann Sanderss	Carol Stange	Wenda Owen
Pat Harney	Roberta James	Pete Jones
		Diana
Larry Durr	Susan Bradish	Worthington
		Ben
Elizabeth Miller	Julia Perry	Worthington
David Weber	Joanna Busroe	
Tari Keller	Truly Mount	

Rick Ufford-Chase	Laura Guerrant
Howard Bright	Shari Stewart
Phyllis S. Hanna	Frankie Daniel
	Jim Magee

SUMMARY

Ministers of the Presbytery in attendance		66
Ministers of the Presbytery absent w/o excuse	18	
Ministers of the Presbytery excused	8	
Other ministers in attendance		
Churches represented by Elder Commissioners		36
Additional Commissioners (from churches entitled to more than one Elder Commissioner)		4
Churches not represented by an Elder Commissioner		
Commissioned Lay Pastors		5
Elder Members of Coordinating Council		8
Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)		3
Visitors		32
 Total Attendance	 154	

QUORUM

James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

DOCKET

The docket was presented by the Stated Clerk and approved. as follows:

**THE PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA
STATED MEETING – DECEMBER 2 and 3, 2005
CHAPEL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

CONVENING OF THE PRESBYTERY

6:30 p.m. Chapel Hill----- Dessert

HONORING AND THANKS TO OUR RETIRED MINISTERS
McKee

The Rev. David

7:00 p.m. **Call to Worship**
Moderator

Bill Owens,

Leader: To you, O God, I lift up my soul. In you, I put my trust.
People: Make me to know your ways; teach me your paths.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn: #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Nighty Gates"

Introduction of our Special Guest, Elder Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly

9:00 p.m. RECESS UNTIL 9:00 a.m. SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Saturday – RECONVENE -- Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Lexington

Call to Worship

Bill Owens,

Moderator

Leader: Our mouths are filled with laughter; with our tongues we shout for joy.

People: You have done great things for us, O God; we come before you with gladness and rejoicing.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Moderator

- a. Declaration of a quorum
Clerk

James H. Rucker, Stated

- b. Presentation of the docket
(All new business must be introduced at this time)

The Stated Clerk

- c. Appointment of Temporary Committees
Presbytery minutes – The Stated Clerk, The Recording Clerk and two others.
Resolutions Committee – (two persons)

The Moderator

(Note: the two clerks constitute the leave of absence committee. Commissioners with an emergency that requires early departure should file a request with either clerk.)

- d. Welcome to Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Lexington
Reed

The Rev. Mary

- e. Introduction of first-time Elder Commissioners
f. Introduction of guests and Corresponding members

2. CONSENT AGENDA

The Stated Clerk

DECISION AGENDA

3. a. Approval of Minutes of September Presbytery Meeting
b. Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk

4. Report of the Coordinating Council

Pamela Rucker

5. Report of the General Presbyter

David McKee

6. Report of the Associate General Presbyter -- Joys & Concerns

Linda Crawford

7. Synod of Living Waters

Steve Young

8. Report of the Treasurer

Winn Hutchcraft

9. Administration and Finance
Woodford

Catesby

10. Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center

Sioux Finney

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| 11. Committee on Ministry | Eric Mount |
| 12. Presbyterian Women | Mary Weber |
| 13. Staff Services | Mike Ward |
| 14. Trustees | Anne Chesnut |
| 15. Committee on Representation | Jim Rucker |
| 16. Judicial Business | Beau Weston |
| 17. Christian Formation and Discipleship | Jerry Utt |
| 18. Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Berry | Nancy Williams- |

11:00 ORDER OF THE DAY MORNING WORSHIP

Hymn: #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Scripture

Sermon

RickUfford-Chase

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**11:35 DECISION AGENDA (resumed)
(Reports not made prior to Order of the Day)**

19. Social Witness and Mission

Jon Martin

20. Nominating

Richard Eads

**12:30 ORDER OF THE DAY – Blessing of the Meal
LUNCH (reconvene at 1:30)**

Social Witness and Mission

1:30 DECISION AGENDA (continued only if not completed during the morning session)

Resolutions Committee

New and/or Unfinished Business

Installation of 2006 Moderator

Motion to stand adjourned following the benediction until **the next stated meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte, Ashland, Kentucky.**

Hymn #319 "Spirit"

Benediction

Bill Owens

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Resolutions Committee

Elder, Joanie Lukins

The Rev. Samuel Pendergrast

Presbytery Minutes

The Rev. Rollin Tarter

The Rev. Mary Reed

WELCOME

The Rev. Mary B. Reed, host pastor of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Lexington, welcomed Presbytery and made announcements for the convenience of Presbytery.

INTRODUCTION

The Moderator opened the floor for introductions of guests, elders attending for the first time, and corresponding members. Several elders were introduced. There were no corresponding members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Stated Clerk moved the adoption of the consent agenda which was approved. (Appendix A)

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING

The minutes of the September 13, 2005 meeting of Presbytery were approved as printed. (Appendix B)

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Rev. James Rucker, Stated Clerk, gave an oral report that the usual business of the Office had been cared for.

THE REPORT OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Rev. Pamela Rucker presented the Report of the Coordinating Council. The report was approved as follows. (Appendix C)

As part of the report of the Council the following persons were nominated to serve on the Presbytery Nominating Committee: those persons being proposed for election in bold type.

NOMINATING- Chair, Mary Reed			
Susan Alley	Clergy	Ashland, Normal	2006
Ira Smith	Male Elder	Ashland, First	2006
Jo Hepburn	Female Elder	Lexington, Second	2006
_____	Female Elder	_____	2006
_____	Male Elder	_____	2007
Mary Reed	Clergy	Lex., Chapel Hill	2007
Maxine Hicks	Female Elder	Somerset, Pisgah	2007
Rollin Tarter	Clergy	At-Large	2007
Tyler Ward	Male Elder	Lexington, Second	2008
Betsy Steiner	Clergy	Retired	2008
Ruth Beattie	Female Elder	Lexington, Hunter	2008
Beau Weston	Male Elder	Danville	2008

The Moderator opened the floor for additional nominations and there being none it was moved and carried that those nominated be elected by acclamation with the clerk casting a unanimous ballot.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Rev. David McKee, Interim General Presbyter, gave an oral report to the Presbytery. In his report he shared his conviction that God was working in the committees of Presbytery, especially those working with the Hispanic population in the Lexington area, the visioning task force working on discerning God's will for our Presbytery, and the committee working on evangelism.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE GENERAL PRESBYTER

Linda Crawford, Associate General Presbyter, presented an oral report calling the Presbytery's attention to recent area workshops on Christian Education and inviting those who missed them or wanted more information to contact her.

She also brought to the attention of Presbytery several joys and concerns of its members.

REPORT OF SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Joanie Lukins presented an oral Report for the Synod of Living Waters. She expressed thanks and gratitude for the funds and people that made it possible to have a work team to the Yucatan Peninsula last summer to install water purification systems. The work of the team made it possible for the people they served to help others by giving water when the hurricanes hit that region this year.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Elder, Winn Hutchcraft, gave the Report of the Treasurer and the report was received as information as follows. (Appendix D)

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Elder, Catesby Woodford, Chair, gave the report of the Administration and Finance Committee. The report and its recommendations were adopted. (Appendix E)

REPORT OF BURNAMWOOD CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Sioux Finney gave the Report of the Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center. She expressed appreciation for the many churches and individuals that helped to make their financial campaign successful. Certificates of appreciation were given to the several congregations that supported the campaign and have helped put the Center in a better financial position.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Rev. Eric Mount presented the Report of the Committee on Ministry. The report was approved as amended as follows:

Actions taken by the Committee on Ministry

Approved the interim pastoral relationship between the Rev. Michael Chamberlain as part-time Interim Pastor of First PC, Prestonsburg, effective October 11, 2005 until October 11, 2006 and that Michael be enrolled as a member of Transylvania Presbytery. Terms: Salary (4 days per week) \$21,700, Housing \$6,300, SECA (1/2 paid by church), Pension & Medical benefits \$2,000, Full Moving Expenses, Vacation 4 weeks, Continuing Ed, 2 weeks & \$700, Reimbursement of Ministry Expenses, Automobile mileage @ \$.485 as used.

Approved the renewal of the Interim Pastor covenant between Nancy Williams-Berry and First PC, Morehead, effective August 16, 2005 through November 15, 2005

Granted permission for the Corbin PC to hold a congregational meeting to elect a PNC.

Granted permission for the Presbyterian Church, Danville to hold a congregational meeting to elect an APNC.

Dissolved the pastoral relationship between John White and the Hopewell PC effective October 1, 2005 and approved the status of Pastor at Large for John White during the time he is on sabbatical and seeking a call.

Approved the renewal of the covenant between Interim Pastor Jim Rucker, Sr. and the Midway, PC effective November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006.

Approved the requests from the Revs. Tom Farmer and Rollin Tarter that they be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Transylvania Presbytery as they work temporarily with a congregation in Mid-Kentucky Presbytery.

Recommendations for Presbytery Action:

COM recommends that the Presbytery of Transylvania receive the Rev. Ellen Peach as a Temporary Member of the Presbytery for the term of her service at First PC, Hazard, in accordance with the Book of Order G.11.0405.

COM recommends that the presbytery that the following moderators be elected:

Rev. Scott Howard to moderate session of Guerrant Memorial PC, Jackson
Rev. Ellen Peach to moderate session of Buckhorn, PC

“The COM recommends that Presbytery elect the following commission to install the Rev. Erin Rouse as part-time Associate Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington. The service will be on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

The Commission members are: Ministers – David McKee, (Interim General Presbyter), Eric Iversen (At Large), and Darla Blatnik (Second Church, Lexington). Elders – Libby Iversen (First Church, Lexington), Scott White (Maxwell Street Church, Lexington).

COM recommends that the Presbytery of Transylvania adopt the policy regarding “Involuntary Dissolutions” of pastoral relationships and include these provisions in the standard Terms of Call form used by the presbytery.

Involuntary Dissolution

Although the *Book of Order* clearly outlines the basic process for the dissolution of pastoral relationships (G-14.0600), it does not fully address the implications of a situation in which the pastor does not concur with that action (G-14.0603), a situation commonly described as an “involuntary dissolution.”

The dissolution of a pastoral relationship is quite often a time of great turmoil and distress for both the congregation and the departing pastor, and this is especially true in the case of an involuntary dissolution.

It is the responsibility of all parties involved (the pastor, the congregation, and the presbytery's committee on ministry) to work together in the case of an involuntary dissolution to address the sometimes conflicting needs and competing concerns of the congregation and the departing pastor.

Pastors do not receive unemployment benefits from the state, and our denomination cannot guarantee that a departing pastor will receive a new call within any specified period of time. Therefore, in the case of an involuntary dissolution, fair and adequate terms of severance are necessary to protect the departing pastor during the search for a new call.

While such provisions may present a degree of financial hardship for the congregation, the lack of such provisions would almost certainly present an even greater degree of financial hardship for the departing pastor and his or her family.

In order to address the concerns outlined above, the committee on ministry recommends that, effective January 1, 2006, the following provisions be added to Transylvania Presbytery's standard form for terms of call (See *Book of Order* G-14.0507e).

In the event of an involuntary dissolution of your pastoral relationship with this congregation, for any cause other than criminal activity, sexual misconduct, financial malfeasance, or a finding of guilt in a disciplinary case resulting in either temporary exclusion from the exercise of ordained office or removal from ordained office, you shall be afforded as severance benefits a continuation of your then current salary and benefits being provided for a **negotiated** period of time **which shall take into account** your tenure...among us—but not less than three months. Such compensation will cease when full-time employment is secured. Such payments shall be made monthly, not as a lump sum settlement. During the severance period, it shall remain the congregation's responsibility to continue all benefit payments to the Board of Pensions. In the case of criminal activity, sexual misconduct, financial malfeasance, or a finding of guilt in a disciplinary case resulting in either temporary exclusion from the exercise of ordained office or removal from ordained office, in an effort to be redemptive and in consideration of your family and with respect for your past ministry to this congregation, you shall be afforded as severance benefits a continuation of your then current salary and benefits being provided for a period of one month.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mary Weber presented the report of the Presbyterian Women. She gave an oral report emphasizing the learning's from mission trips outside the United States. Mary reported that Barbara Snyder of the Troy Presbyterian Church was available to speak to interested groups about her experience on a recent trip to Brazil through the Global Exchange Program. Any family willing to host women next year for the International Women's Conference in Louisville should contact her. The Conference will be during the 4th of July weekend.

REPORT OF STAFF SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Rev. David Renwick presented the Report of the Staff Services Committee. The report was approved as follows:

As requested by the Coordinating Council, the Staff Services Committee met on October 31, 2005 to talk with David McKee regarding his service to Transylvania Presbytery after the conclusion of his current contract on May 31, 2006. In addition to David McKee and Staff Services Committee members several members of the Interim General Presbyter Search Committee also participated in the conversation. In light of this conversation,

the Staff Services Committee recommends:

*that the contract with David McKee be extended through December 31, 2006, and that it be open to possible extension beyond that date as might be necessary; that conversation be held with David on or before October 1, 2006 regarding his service beyond December 31, 2006; that David's contract be amended to reflect these changes.

*that the Presbytery of Transylvania proceed to form a General Presbyter Search Committee to be elected at the March 2006 Presbytery meeting, to begin work immediately thereafter toward the goal of calling an installed General Presbyter by January 1, 2007.

*that the new "Transition Committee" be charged with planning and work as necessary to prepare the Presbytery to receive an installed General Presbyter by January 1, 2007.

*that the Presbytery advise and consult with the Synod of the Living Waters regarding the search process.

Other committee business:

The Staff Services Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Burnamwood Committee that Lee Boyd's contract as Interim Camp Director be renewed for the term of January 1-December 31, 2006, at full-time salary and benefits.

Since our last report, Performance Appraisal Conversations have been conducted with staff members Sharel Templeton and Robyn Justus.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Rev. William Young presented the Report of the Trustees. The Report was approved as follows:

The Trustees of Presbytery received a request from the session and congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington to approve the purchase and encumbering of rental property immediately adjacent to the church's property.

The church does not own any off street parking despite attempts over the last several years to acquire nearby property. The church does not plan to convert the adjacent property into parking, but sees its ownership as giving the church the opportunity, in Lexington's competitive downtown real estate market, to trade for property that could be used for parking. In the meantime, the church will continue renting the property as it is being rented today.

The property fronts on Market Street immediately adjacent to the church's property. The improvements are two buildings which contain a total of 12,000 square feet divided into 10 apartment units. Seven of the units are rented for a total monthly income of \$3300. If all ten units were rented the monthly income would total \$4300 to \$4400.

The purchase price is \$465,000; the church will pay 20% of the purchase price and borrow the rest from Central Bank, securing the loan with the property. The loan will be for either five years (at 6³/₄% interest) or ten years (at 7 ³/₈% interest) amortized over 25 years. The monthly payments to the bank will total \$2700 to \$2800. The property has been inspected (including an environmental inspection) and the church is satisfied with the inspection reports. The church is entering into a three year capital campaign out of which it will pay the 20% noted above.

Recommendation: The Trustees recommend to Presbytery that it approve First Presbyterian Church of Lexington's proposed purchase and mortgage of the real property fronting Market Street in Lexington immediately adjacent to the existing church property for the price of \$465,000.00, with the mortgage not to exceed 80% of the purchase price.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

The Stated Clerk presented the Report of the Committee on Representation. The report was approved as follows:

1. Committee on Representation commends the Nominating Committee for its continued successful efforts to identify and nominate qualified persons in minority categories to serve Presbytery committees and positions. The Committee urges emphasis on recruiting youth and persons with disabilities for service on the Presbytery's committees and work groups.
2. Committee on Representation finds the Presbytery of Transylvania is not in compliance with G. 9.0105 (reproduced below for information) in that the Committee on Representation does not have in its membership a female minority ruling elder, a person with physical disability, and does not have as a majority of its members persons in a minority category.
3. Committee on Representation moves the Presbytery of Transylvania grant exception to G 9.0105 since diligent search by the Nominating Committee has not produced the requisite minority members for compliance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

Beau Weston presented the Report of the Committee on Judicial Business. The report was adopted as follows:

An Overture from Transylvania Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

At the October 16, 2005 monthly meeting of the Session of Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY, the Session unanimously approved the following resolution to bring to the Presbytery of Transylvania.

Whereas the 216th General Assembly requested the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee (MRTI) initiate a process of phased selective divestment in multinational corporations operating in Israel and expressed its opposition to the security barriers separating Israelis and Palestinians;

And whereas some Jewish leaders and organizations believe that the resolutions of the 216th General Assembly reflect an attitude of anti-semitism;

And whereas comments by Presbyterian Church leaders indicating that anti-semitism or bias against the nation of Israel and the Jewish people was not the intent of any resolution at the 216th General Assembly, and has no place within the life of the Presbyterian Church (USA);

Be it resolved that the Presbytery of Transylvania submits by this overture that the 217th General Assembly ensure that whenever such a divestment occurs, then whatever proceeds are realized from the sale of those holdings be reinvested in corporations whose business in Israel is positive, helpful, and peaceful.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

The Report on the Committee on Christian Formation and Discipleship was presented by Jerry Utt. The report was approved as follows:

The committee last met on November 10, 2005. Several events are being planned.

The Calvin Event:

February 10-11, 2006 at Shaker Village, near Harrodsburg, KY

This event is for educators, pastors, and lay pastors. Dr. Paulsell from Lexington Theological Seminary will be our key-note speaker, and his topic is prayer. The cost is only \$25 per person, and this price includes meals and overnight lodging. Registration form and more details to follow.

Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church:

March 14, 2006 Presbytery meeting in Ashland, KY

At the direction of our Executive Presbyter, the committee is planning an event to include discussion and dialogue around the task force report, which will be presented to the General Assembly in Birmingham. Lonnie Oliver, a pastor from College Park, GA, and task force member, will be our special guest. Biographical information follows.

(Lonnie J. Oliver serves as pastor of the new Life Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He serves as adjunct professor of evangelism at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Johnson C. Smith Seminary, with a MSW from Clark Atlanta University. He also received a D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.)

Conference on Celtic Spirituality:
April 28-30, 2006 in Lexington, KY

Our presbytery is co-sponsoring this event, along with several of our churches, Christ Church Cathedral, and Lexington Seminary. Dr. J. Philip Newell, a Church of Scotland minister, lecturer and writer on the Celtic tradition, will present a series of workshops on Celtic spirituality. We have ten clergy slots available for the Saturday conference. If you are interested, slots are available on a first-come basis. Contact the chair of CFD for more information.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry was given by Nancy Williams-Berry. The report was approved as follows:

1. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry informs the Presbytery of Transylvania that John Betz has been removed from the roll of Presbytery. John is a member of First Presbyterian, Pikeville, KY.
2. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of Transylvania enroll Peter Jones as an Inquirer for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Peter is a member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian, Lexington.
3. The Committee also recommends that the Presbytery approve the enrollment of Peter Jones in a non-Presbyterian Seminary, Lexington Theological.
4. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has completed a final assessment for Chris Turner and certified that he is ready to receive a call.
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6. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry informs the Presbytery that the Committee has conducted annual consultations with the following Inquirers and Candidates of our Presbytery thus far this year:

April 7, 2005

Howard Bentley
Pam Lee-Miller
Janet Prewitt

May 12, 2005

Bob Greer
Chad Miller
Kathy Riley
Chris Turner

August 25, 2005

Dan Phelps

November 10, 2005

Christine Kline
Michael McLaughlin
Jack Mong

4. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry informs the Presbytery of Transylvania that as of this meeting, the following persons are enrolled as either an inquirer or candidate:

- a. Amy Dame – Inquirer – Beaumont/Lexington
- b. Bob Greer – Inquirer – Hunter/Lexington
- c. Christine Kline – Inquirer – Second/Lexington
- d. Greg Kuper – Inquirer – Maxwell Street/ Lexington
- e. Michael McLaughlin – Inquirer – First/Somerset
- f. Pam Lee-Miller – Candidate – Maxwell/ Lexington
- g. Jack Mong – Candidate – First/ Somerset
- h. Dan Phelps – Inquirer - Wilmore
- i. Chris Turner – Candidate – Faith/Morehead

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WITNESS AND MISSION

The Report of the Committee on Social Witness and Mission was presented by The Rev. Jon Martin. The report was approved as follows:

Action Items to Council:

1. The committee recommended to Council the following changes to the motion presented to Presbytery at the September 2004 Presbytery meeting concerning the establishment of a Self Development of People Committee. This change reflects an update to the General Assembly guidelines for SDOP Committees. Previously the requirement was for a committee of nine people, seven of whom had to be Presbyterians. Changes underlined.

“The members of the Committee shall be nominated by the Social Witness and Mission Committee and elected by the Presbytery. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members. At least four (4) of the members shall be members of the Presbyterian Church (USA); a majority of the members shall be racial/ethnic minority persons. Members shall serve for a three-year term, with eligibility to serve another consecutive three-year term. The Committee shall elect its own chairperson.”]

2. The committee placed in nomination with Council the following five people to serve as the Self Development of People Committee: Gary Brooks, Juanita Callahan, In Soon Chi, Lou Anna Red Corn and Mohammed Nasser (the only non-Presbyterian) [A handout with biographical information will be available at the Presbytery meeting.]

Information Items

1. On October 26, Linda Crawford and Jon Martin had a conference call with Bert Henson, relief coordinator for South Alabama Presbytery Katrina efforts in Mississippi. Bert shared information about First Presbyterian of Pascagoula and relief work for church, member-homes, and neighborhoods.

- Much has been done, much remains to do.
- Work teams are scheduling weeks into summer 2006
- Some groups show up for work unannounced
- Skilled labor is needed
- Inspections slow reconstruction
- Creative ideas are helpful (office volunteers, supply preaching)
- Synod has named Transylvania as coordinator of four churches participating in Pascagoula-directed hurricane relief: Peachtree PC in Atlanta, PC in Lexington, SC, Saxa Gotha PC in Salisbury, NC, and Vassar

PC in Michigan. Bert was aware of this, but had no insight into what shape this coordinating might take.

2. Two Presbytery-wide work trips for hurricane clean-up and rebuilding are scheduled in January 2006 to Pascagoula, MS. The trips are coordinated with South Alabama Presbytery. Each trip will be limited to 15 people. The dates are January 14-19 (Saturday through Thursday) and January 21-28 (Saturday through Saturday). Work crews will meet on Friday night at the south end of the Presbytery (TBD), have dinner and some worship time together, then leave Saturday morning for Mississippi.

3. Churches are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the December meeting. The Chapel Hill Church has a food pantry.

4. News information can be sent to the Presbytery office to share by email and web. Perhaps some information about what churches are doing/have done for hurricane relief.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Richard Eads. The report was approved as follows with the names in bold type being nominated. The Moderator opened the floor for additional nominations and there being none it was moved and carried that those nominated be elected by acclamation with the clerk casting a unanimous ballot. (Appendix F)

ORDER OF THE DAY --MORNING WORSHIP

Presbytery's business came to the order of the day for morning worship. The governing body joined in the singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus". Linda Crawford, the Associate General Presbyter, then introduced the Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.), who read from Acts, Chapter 2, and preached the sermon. Following the sermon he lead the Presbytery in prayer.

After the sermon, the Presbytery approved a motion from the floor that "*The Presbytery Office establish a time and place where those who have been moved this morning by the message of the Moderator, Rick Ufford-Chase, and would like to pursue it further, can meet.*"

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Joanie Lukins. The resolution was adopted as follows:

"Whereas Transylvania Presbytery has enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church both last night and this day, and

Whereas we have been privileged to hear the Moderator of our General Assembly, Rich Ufford-Chase, we heard from him word of wisdom, challenge and love, and

Whereas we have shared together in the joys and concerns of the body of Christ in this place, including not only the ordinary business of the body, but also:

The exciting news of progress in the New Church Development project

Greetings from our Living Waters for the world partners in Mexico
The good news that our Camp Burnamwood Campaign was a great success
The installation of our 2006 Moderator, David Renwick and the expression of
gratitude to the 2005 Moderator, Bill Owens, and
Whereas, having been very good boys and girls, we were visited by a slightly emaciated but
nonetheless jolly Saint Nicholas,

Therefore, be it resolved that those here assembled give thanks to God for this opportunity to
worship, love and serve, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of
Transylvania Presbytery on this 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord, 2005”

INSTALLATION OF 2006 MODERATOR

The Rev. David Renwick was asked by Bill Owen, Moderator to come forward. The
Moderator spoke to David of the nature and responsibilities of the office of moderator and
questioned him about his willingness to undertake the office as the Lord guided him. David
indicated his acceptance and was then installed as Moderator of the Presbytery.

David McKee, Interim General Presbyter, was then recognized by the Moderator, and xpressed
the appreciation of the Presbytery for the leadership that the retiring moderator had given
throughout the year and presented him a gravel as a token of that appreciation.

ADJOURMENT

Having completed it business and having approved the motion that Presbytery stand adjourned
following the closing prayer, until the next stated meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at
10:00 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte, Ashland, Kentucky, The meeting
was closed with the singing of “Spirit” and prayer lead by Mary Reed, Host Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk