

**PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA
STATED MEETING – FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5-6, 2008
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHUR CH, LEXINGTON, KY**

The Presbytery of Transylvania conducted its regular December 2008 meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Kentucky on Friday and Saturday, December 5-6, 2008.

ROLL:

The roll was formed as follows:

MINISTER ATTENDANCE

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

Alley, The Rev. Susan		EX
Bailey, The Rev. Gaither	Georgetown, First	P
Baldwin, The Rev. Diane	Lexington, Maxwell Street	EX
Barfeld, The Rev. Emmet		HR
Beckes, The Rev. Ned		A w/o EX
Berry, The Rev. Woody	Lexington, Maxwell Street	A w/o EX
Blatnik, The Rev. Darla	Lexington, Second	P
Bowman, The Rev. Dr. Lee	Lexington, First	P
Brazell, The Rev. Jim	Ashland, First	A w/o EX
Bright, Peggy		HR
Brimer, The Rev. Allen	Somerset, First	P
Brooks, The Rev. Dr. Gary		EX
Brothers, The Rev. Michael		A w/o EX
Bunger, The Rev. Ron		A w/o EX
Butler, The Rev. Rusty	Somerset, Pisgah	EX
Camenish, The Rev. Robert		HR
Carrick, The Rev. Jean		HR
Carrick, The Rev. Malcolm		HR
Cervas, The Rev. Scott	Meadowthorpe	P
Chamberlain, The Rev. Pat	Perryville	P
Christian, The Rev. Curtis	Richmond, First	P
Chumney, The Rev. David	Morehead, Faith	P
Clark, The Rev. E.G.	Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	EX
Clark, The Rev. Patterson		A w/o EX
Craven, The Rev. Douglas	Flemingsburg, First	P
Daniel, The Rev. Randolph		HR
Deutsch, The Rev. William		A w/o EX
DeYoung, The Rev. Art	Harrodsburg, United	P
Divas, The Rev. Dr. Armando		P
Duggan, The Rev. David	Versailles, Troy	EX
Durr, The Rev. Dr. Lawrence E.		HR
Erwin, The Rev. James C.	Stanford	A w/o EX

Farmer, The Rev. Dr. Thomas		P
Fiscella, The Rev. Dr. Ruth		HR
Furrow, The Rev. DeWitt		EX
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth	Wilmore	EX
Geeslin, The Rev. Truman	Berea, Whites Memorial	EX
Gilbert, The Rev. Anthony	Middlesboro, First	P
Gnatuk, The Rev. Wayne	GA	EX
Gordon, The Rev. Graham		HR
Griffie, The Rev. Dr. L. Fred		HR
Grisby, The Rev. Dr. Edwin		HR
Guerrant, The Rev. Richard		P
Haga, The Rev. R Jackson		P
Hall, The Rev. Kirk	Lexington, First	P
Hamilton, The Rev. Robert	Canada, Highland	P
Hanna, The Rev. Charles		P
Hanna, The Rev. Edwin B.		HR
Hans, The Rev. Dr. Daniel	Second, Lexington	P
Hardy, The Rev. Lynne	Harlan, First	P
Hester, The Rev. David C.	LPTS	A w/o EX
Hibbard, The Rev. Maurice		P
Hicks, The Rev. Roy W.		HR
Hood, The Rev. Dr. Fred		A w/o EX
Hopper, The Rev. Edward		HR
Howard, The Rev. Scott		P
Huffman, The Rev. Gary	Paris, First	P
Iversen, The Rev. Eric		P
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	Ashland, First	P
Jones, The Rev. Jon F.		HR
	Executive Director	
	Burnamwood Camp &	
Jones, The Rev. Pete	Conference Center	P
Kim, The Rev. Yongwha	Lexington, Korean	P
Lindberg, The Rev. Jackie		P
Malott, The Rev. Fred		HR
Manon, The Rev. John A	Corbin	P
Marple, The Rev. Justin	Peter Creek/Shepard Memorial	P
Martin, The Rev. Jon	Versailles, Pisgah	A w/o EX
Martin, The Rev. Susanne	Pine Grove, Salem	A w/o EX
Matthews, The Rev. Griffith		HR
McAtee, The Rev. Dr. William G.		HR
McGaha, The Rev. Charles		HR
McGowan, The Rev. Bryce	Old Paint Lick	P
McKee, The Rev. Dr. David		EX
Mesta, The Rev. Edward		HR
Moffett, The Rev. Howard		P
Mount, The Rev. Dr. C. Eric		P

Murray, The Rev. Charles		HR
Naze, The Rev. George		HR
Nelson, The Rev. C. Ellis		HR
Pace, The Rev. Steven T.		P
Pachua, The Rev. Kima	Asbury College	A w/o EX
Palmer, The Rev. Stephen	Lexington, Second	A w/o EX
Peach, The Rev. Ellen	Hazard, First	P
Pogue, The Rev. Philip	Stanton, First	A w/o EX
Poole, The Rev. Vicki Lynn	Prestonsburg, First	A w/o EX
Powlas, The Rev. Joe		HR
Prewitt, The Rev. Janet	Hospice, Chaplain	P
Rasmussen, The Rev. Kenneth		HR
Reed, The Rev. Mary B.		P
Reinhardt, The Rev. Ronald		HR
Rhodes, The Rev. Stephen		EX
Riley, The Rev. Kathryn		P
Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan		HR
Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack		A w/o EX
Rogers, The Rev. John R.		HR
Rouse, The Rev. Erin	Millersburg, First	EX
Rucker, The Rev. Dr. James Sr.	Stated Clerk	P
Rucker, The Rev. James Jr.	Lancaster, First	A w/o EX
Rucker, The Rev. Pamela	Nicholasville	P
Rule, The Rev. David E.		HR
Schantz, The Rev. Charles		A w/o EX
Scott, The Rev. Geary	Mt. Sterling, First	P
Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	Versailles	P
Shaffer, The Rev. Robert		HR
Shrauner, The Rev. Ryan		A w/o EX
Silence, The Rev. Jay T	Lexington, Beaumont	P
Smith, The Rev. Joanne		P
Smith, The Rev. Dr. Richard	General Presbyter	P
Spickler, The Rev. Harry	Grayson, Bayless Memorial	HR
Spoelman, The Rev. Ronald		P
Steiner, The Rev. Betsy D.		P
Stewart, The Rev. Jim	Danville	P
Stricklin, The Rev. Ernest		HR
Tarter, The Rev. Dr. Rollin		P
Taylor, The Rev. Lisa Eye	Danville	P
Thompson, The Rev. Gene		HR
Thulin, The Rev. Ted	London, First	P
Utt, The Rev. Jerry	Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	EX
VanZant, The Rev. William W.		P
Ward, The Rev. Michael	Lexington, Walnut Hill	P
Ward, The Rev. Thomas		HR
Warren, The Rev. Susan	Lawrenceburg, First	P

Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger	Midway	P
White, The Rev. John C.	Lexington, Eastminster	P
Whitaker, The Rev. Rene	Lexington, Hunter	P
Wiest, The Rev. Scott	Pikeville, First	P
Wilhelm, The Rev. Jack		HR
Woodring, The Rev. James	Pineville, First	A w/o EX
Young, The Rev. Bill		P

ELDER COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

CHURCHES

Ashland, First	Pam Potter	P
Ashland, Normal		
Augusta		
Augusta, Sharon		
Bellefonte, Community		
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial		
Berea, Whites Memorial		
Blackey, Doermann Memorial	Jon Henrikson	P
Booneville, First		
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake Area	Eric Schonblom	P
Canada, Highland	Joyce VanZant	P
Carlisle		
Catlettsburg, First		
Cawood		
Corbin		
Cow Creek		
Cranks		
Cynthiana	Sheila Jameson	P
Danville	Peggy Tudor	P
Darfork, Hull Memorial		
Drift		
Dry Hill, Anna C. Brush Memorial		
Ezel, United	Mary K Motley	P
Flemingsburg, First	Barry A Bainum	P
Frenchburg, United		
Garrard, Westminister		
Georgetown, First	Wayne Ruggles	P
Grayson, Bayless Memorial		
Greenup		
Harlan, First		
Harrodsburg, Mt. Pleasant		
Harrodsburg, United	Irene Mitchell	P
Hazard, First	A.J. Hall	P
Hyden, Central		

Indian Creek		
Isom		
Jackson, Guerrant	Juanita Callahan	P
Lancaster, First		
Lawrenceburg, First		
Lexington, Beaumont	Ben Roller	P
Lexington, Bethel		
Lexington, Chapel Hill	Ollie Christmyer	P
Lexington, Eastminster		
Lexington, First	Leigh Qualls	P
Lexington, Hunter	Suzi Kifer	P
Lexington, Korean		
Lexington, Maxwell Street	John Pendley	P
Lexington, Meadowthorpe	Ann Staton	P
Lexington, Mt. Horeb		
Lexington, Second	Joan Bush	P
	Bob Kirkland	P
	Karen May	P
Lexington, Walnut Hill	Lee Tucker	EX
London, First		
Lothair, Community		
Manchester		
Manchester, Greenbriar		
Mays' Lick		
Maysville, First		
McAfee, New Providence		
McVeigh		
Middlesboro, First		
Midway	Marsha Starks	P
Millersburg, First	Bill Harney	P
Morehead, Faith	Cathy Thomas	P
Mt. Sterling, First		
Muddy Ford, Bethesda		
Nicholasville	Michael Roe	P
Owingsville, Old Springfield		
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick		
Paris, First		
Paris, Hopewell		
Perryville	C. Purdon	P
Phelps, Peter Creek	Franklin Miller	P
Pikeville, First		
Pine Grove, Salem		
Pineville, First		
Prestonsburg, First		

Richmond, First	Genevieve Clay	P
Somerset, First	Laura Wonn	P
Somerset, Pisgah		
Stanford		
Stanton, First		
Stopover, Shepard Memorial		
Tollesboro, Ebenezer		
Versailles, Pisgah		
Versailles, Troy	Larry Snyder	P
Versailles	Robert Burkich	P
Vicco		
Washington		
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial		
Wilmore		
Winchester, First		
Winchester, Salem		
Wooton, Community United		

Elder Members of Coordinating Council

Monica Tillie	Christian Formation	
Richard Eads	Staff Services	P
Larry Snyder	Social Witness & Mission	Elder Commissioner, Troy
Bill Owens	Nominating	P
Linda Crawford	Presbyterian Women	P
Buddy Brown	Administration & Finance	
Catesby Woodford	Treasurer	

Commissioned Lay Pastors

Bentley, Howard	Augusta, Sharon	P
Brown, Richard	Catlettsburg, First	
Burns, Gayle	Buckhorn	P
Burns, Tom	Buckhorn	P
Caudill, Merle	Wooton, Community United	P
Christensen, Charles	Versailles	
Eberly, Lyndon	Mays' Lick	P
England, Robert	Muddy Ford, Bethesda	
Estes, Dewayne	Beattyville, McGuire Memorial	
Feltner, Dana	Lothair, Community	
Grigsby, Ronnie	Hazard, Hull and Vicco	P
Grooms, Leslie	Augusta, Augusta	P
Lee, Arlie	Cawood, Cranks	
McIntyre, Pat	Lexington, Bethel	
Mitchell, Sandy	Pikeville, First	EX
Moore, George	Lexington, Mt. Horeb	P
Reed, William	Harlan, First	P
Whitaker, Greg	Wooton, Community United	EX

Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)

Robyn Justus
Sharel Templeton

Visitors

Rev. Art Turner (Bellewood)	Emily Boyce	Leia & Josiah
Scott Reisinger	Shari Stewart	Marple
Jean Harney	David Weber	Diane Rowland
Nita Reisinger	Stephanie Wing	Andy Wing
Joanna Busroe	Fawn Pace	Libby Iversen
Rev. Helen Locklear – Coastal Carolina Presbytery	Rev. Leah Bradley – Southeastern Illinois Presbytery	Rebecca Thompson

SUMMARY

Ministers of the Presbytery in attendance	59
Ministers of the Presbytery absent w/o excuse	22
Ministers of the Presbytery excused	14
Other ministers in attendance	2
Churches represented by Elder Commissioners	29
Additional Commissioners (from churches entitled to more than one Elder Commissioner)	2
Churches not represented by an Elder Commissioner	
Commissioned Lay Pastors	9
Elder Members of Coordinating Council	3
Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)	2
Visitors	16
Total Attendance	122

CONVENING OF THE PRESBYTERY, PRAYER AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The meeting began with a dinner in the First Presbyterian fellowship hall after which the commissioners met in the church's chapel. Moderator Susan Warren convened the meeting with prayer at 7:30 pm. Stated Clerk James Rucker indicated that a quorum was present and the Moderator called on Richard Smith who introduced Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Parsons presented a stirring review of the church centering on elements of the mission statement of the Office of the General Assembly. He emphasized that Christ has not returned yet and thus we have a lot of work to do. Commissioners shared some joys about events in their congregations.

Stated Clerk Rucker moved that the Presbytery be adjourned until 9:00 am the next morning. The motion carried and we were adjourned with a closing prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator Warren reconvened the meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 6 and opened with prayer. The Presbytery then worshipped God which included a sermon by Rev. Dean Thompson of Louisville Seminary. He emphasized that any moment might be God's time. Moderator Warren thanked Mary Reed for her help with planning Presbytery worship.

Stated Clerk Rucker declared that a quorum was present. He had received no requests for changes to the docket and moved that it be approved. Motion carried. Lee Bowman brought a welcome from First Presbyterian Church of Lexington and gave some of its history.

Guests and first time commissioners were welcomed.

The reports of commissions to ordain and install were added to the consent agenda and the consent agenda was adopted by common consent.

The following corresponding members were enrolled.
Helen Locklear of the Board of Pensions and Coastal Carolina Presbytery
Dean Thompson, Louisville Seminary and West Virginia Presbytery
Art Turner of Bellewood and Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
Leah Bradley of Louisville Seminary and Southeastern Illinois Presbytery

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk presented the consent agenda which included minutes of the service to install Scott Cervas as pastor of Meadowthorpe PC, Lexington, and moved its adoption. Motion carried.

DECISION AGENDA

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Clerk moved approval of the Presbytery minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried. The Stated Clerk presented his report. Future meeting dates were presented for information. The resignations of Vicki Poole from CPM and Mary Reed from Judicial Business were accepted by common consent and the representation report was accepted.

The Clerk mentioned that the packet included a draft list of various recommendations for a new set of standing rules. They are published now just for information. Everyone is urged to review them and make comments.

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Co-chair Tom Farmer reported on various meetings and also that Candidates Jack Mong of Somerset, Dan Phelps of Wilmore and Greg Kubar of Maxwell St have certified as ready to receive a call. The committee's main item of business was the examination of Stephanie Wing and Andy Wing who have been called to be co-pastors at the United Presbyterian Church of Harrodsburg. It was agreed by common consent that half of the commissioners should move to the chapel and the other half remain in the sanctuary in order that Andy and Stephanie could deliver sermons simultaneously. Those sermons were presented and all commissioners returned to the sanctuary

Farmer posed two questions to Stephanie Wing and the floor was opened for questions. There were two questions from the floor.

Farmer moved that the examination of Stephanie Wing be sustained and that she be approved for a membership in the Presbytery. Motion carried.

Farmer posed two questions to Andy Wing and the floor was opened for questions. There were two questions from the floor.

Farmer moved that the examination of Andy Wing be sustained and that he be approved for a membership in the Presbytery. Motion carried.

Both Andy and Stephanie were welcomed to their new ministries.

Farmer thanked co-chair Erin Rouse for her devoted service to the committee and its candidates and inquirers.

Report of the Coordinating Council

Rucker reported. He nominated the following persons for positions on the Presbytery Nominating Committee. There were no additional nominations and these persons were elected by unanimous vote. Other matters on the Council's report were presented as information.

Ruth Bettie	Elder	Lexington Hunter	2009
Buddy Brown	Elder	Lexington Second	2011
Juanita Callahan	Elder	Jackson	2011
Bill Harney	Elder	Millersburg	2011

Report of the Administration & Finance Committee

Jim Stewart reported. He began by mentioning that minister member Richard Guerrant had taken a bad fall the day before but seems to be OK.

The written report of the committee containing extensive financial data is attached as Appendix.

Stewart moved the adoption of the Operating budget of \$630,693 for 2009. Motion carried.

He moved to continue the Unified Mission Giving percentages as follows:

Presbytery – 74.0%, General Assembly 20.6 % Synod 5.4% The Motion carried.

Stewart moved to approve the presbytery per capita assessment for 2009 of \$23.50. Motion carried.

This will be added to the GA per capita of \$6.19 and Synod per capita of \$3.62 which have been adopted by those governing bodies.

Report of the Staff Services Committee.

Richard Eads reported. He mentioned that the budget just passed includes a 3% raise for staff members. Staff reviews were concluded for all concerned.

Eads moved to approve terms of call for General Presbyter Richard Smith as follows:

Salary \$26,490, Housing \$26,000, FICA \$4,738, BOP dues \$19,511, Flexible Spending Medical \$5,000, 403b Employee Match \$4,450, 403b Employer Match \$4,450, Continuing Ed. \$2,000, Professional expenses \$14,000, Total cost to Presbytery \$106,640.

The Motion carried.

Report of the Trustees

Nik Fegenbush reported. The sale of the Gleneagles property has been concluded and a breakdown on the distribution of proceeds is contained in there written report which is attached as Appendix.

The sale price for the property was \$730,000. After deductions for the various loans and expenses the Presbytery received a check for \$218,251.33. These funds are to be placed in a certificate of deposit.

Report of the Committee on Ministry (COM)

Chair Melissa Sevier reported.

The written report referenced twenty actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery by the COM.

Sevier then made a series of motions based on recommendations of the COM.

A motion to appoint the following moderators carried.

Richard Guerrant – Central PC, Hyden

Rene' Whitaker – 1st PC, Maysville

Art DeYoung – Maysville

Jackie Lindberg – Harrodsburg

David Duggan – Pisgah, Versailles

Jack Haga – Bellefonte

Eric Mount – Lawrenceburg

Jack Wilhelm – Lancaster

Kirk Hall – Salem

Kathy Riley - Hunter

Sevier moved that Presbytery authorize and approve Elder Rick Loperfido and another elder to administer the Lord's Supper at Community PC of Bellefonte. Motion carried.

Sevier moved that the election of the following two commissions. That motion carried.

To install Susan Warren as Pastor at Beaumont PC on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 3:00 pm.

Ministers: Melissa Sevier, Woody Berry, Kathy Riley

Elders: Ken Alexander, Beaumont, Martha McNaghten, Lawrenceburg, Marilyn Daniel, Maxwell St

To ordain and install Andrew and Stephanie Wing as Ministers of the Word and Sacrament at United PC of Harrodsburg on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 4:00 pm

Ministers: Richard Smith, Mary Seeger Weese

Elders: Frank Mitchell, Harrodsburg, Max Hoover, Danville, Betty Nicholas New Providence

Others: Rev. Kevin Campbell Executive Presbyter of Abingdon Pby, Sheldon Sorge, Abingdon Pby, And William T. Wing III, Holston Pby.

Sevier moved that the Presbytery concur with the request of COM and Rev. Jim Rucker, Jr. pending the action of the First Lawrenceburg congregation to dissolve the pastoral relationship as of 12/15/08 per the negotiated agreement. Motion carried.

Sevier moved the approval of a short term contract between Pisgah PC, Versailles and Lay Pastor William Reed. Motion carried.

In the absence of Roberta James Sevier mentioned some comings and goings.

Jon and Susanne Martin are leaving for Jon's call in Abingdon Pby. Steve Pace commented.

Mary Reed and Bill Reed are leaving for Mary's call in New Castle Pby. Rollin Tarter commented.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Chair Bill Owens reported. The complete list of persons recommended by the Nominating Committee for numerous positions was part of the packet. Owens made a couple of additions (Beth Hall for CPM and Betty Jean Donaldson for CFD). The final list is attached as Appendix.

Owens nominated all persons for the positions indicated. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion to elect all those on the list carried.

PRESENTATION AGENDA

Report of the General Presbyter

Richard Smith's written report was contained in the packet. He is on a pace to drive about 30,000 during miles his first year. He has visited about half the congregations since he began in February. He loves to visit, feel free to ask him. He reviewed his work with the Development Committee of

Living Waters for the World (LWW). He hopes that all churches can make at least a small LWW contribution each year. It helps with grant applications to say that 80% or 90% of the churches in the Synod have supported LWW.

Report of the Social Witness & Mission Committee

Joanie Lukins presented a stirring video report on the work of our Presbytery and others in bringing clean water to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico through Living Waters for the World. This was followed a report by Elder Bill Bowman of Bardstown Road PC in Louisville. He discussed the exciting future of LWW's Appalachia network. He also mentioned some activities of Presbyterians for Restoring Creation.

Report from Board of Pensions Representative Helen Locklear

There was a written report. Locklear indicated that BOP investments were recently down about 26% this year which while substantial was less than market averages. There are still funds quite sufficient to mean that pensions are secure. Health care dues will remain the same for 2009 although increases are likely in 2010. Incentives for physical are still available through 12/31. She hopes that all will support the Christmas Joy offering which supports the BOP assistance program.

Report from Kentucky Council of Churches Representatives Mary Seeger Weese & Mike Ward

There was a written report in the docket. Mary reported that Joanie Lukins had been honored as the KCC anti-racism and peacemaker activist of the year. She and Ward made several recommendations in their written report. These included asking the soon-to-retire KCC director Nancy Jo Kemper to speak at a future presbytery meeting, to review our financial commitment and to encourage our congregations to observe The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January.

Presbyterian Women

Moderator Linda Crawford reported. They had a great fall gathering at Burnamwood. She covets invitations from PW groups around the Presbytery. There will be a spring gathering at First PC Lexington. Also remember the churchwide PW gathering next July in Louisville.

Burnamwood

Director Pete Jones reported. Hopefully, all have received the 2009 booklet, which contains details on camps and activities for the coming year. Fundraising looks good for 2008. Congregations are urged to send in any money which they have collected. The 2009 budget for B'wood was included in the packet. Please place a Burnamwood item in your budget. Renovations are moving along, office is complete, kitchen is almost complete. There will be two January retreats: A confirmation retreat, and a patchwork retreat, about the use of story in ministry. Pete looks for invitations to any church.

There was no new and/or unfinished Business

Outgoing Moderator Warren installed Elder (CLP) George Moore as the 2009 Moderator. Moderator Moore called upon Richard Smith who thanked Warren for her service and presented her with the traditional moderator's gavel made by Joe Grossl.

The Stated Clerk moved that the Presbytery stand adjourned following the benediction until **the next stated meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Paris, Kentucky.** The motion carried.

The Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Moore. Since lunch was ready downstairs in the fellowship hall, Larry Snyder was recognized to remind the commissioners that a two cents per meal cup would be available for donations and to return thanks for the meal.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk