

**Minutes**  
**COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Monday, February 25, 2008**

The postponed meeting of Thursday, February 21 was convened at 1:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Marilyn Daniel with prayer by Richard Smith. The following members were present: Berry, Alley, Rouse, Warren, Eads, Farmer, Snyder, Donaldson, Tillie, Sevier and Bowald. Ex officio members present: General Presbyterian-elect Richard Smith, Stated Clerk Rucker, and Treasurer Woodford.

Moderator Daniel led the council in a brief Bible Study of Micah 6:1-8 and the council addressed itself to the questions “How does a 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian go about doing justice? and, What is justice?”

The Agenda for the meeting was presented by the Moderator and was adopted. (**Appendix A**)

The Stated Clerk presented the report which will be presented to Presbytery and commented that there would be additional items since the Pikeville Church has asked that their resolution be withdrawn.

General Presbyterian-Elect Richard Smith reported that he has been on the job for over three weeks now and was still learning and enjoying the responsibilities of the office.

**ACTIONS TAKEN**

Susan Warren, Moderator of the Presbytery reported with the presentation of a paper entitled “Guidelines for 2008 Presbytery Meetings” (Appendix B) which outlined some suggested changes and improvements for the meetings of the Presbytery. It was noted that these suggestions had grown out of the meeting of the Task Force appointed by the Council to study Presbytery Structure. Following discussion it was *moved, seconded and carried* that Items 4-a and 4-b (**Appendix B**) be adopted as guidelines for the council and committee chairpersons.

A question was raised about interpretation of the report of the Judicial Business Committee and the many churches which have not submitted minutes and/or registers for review. It was agreed that this lack is a serious concern that needs to be addressed and it was *moved, seconded and carried* to refer this matter to the Structure Task Force appointed by the Council.

The Draft Docket for the March 11, 2008 meeting of the Presbytery was presented by the stated Clerk and adjustments were made. Following discussion it was determined that various items on the docket would be moved to appropriate places in the docket for either action or presentation. On several *motions made, seconded and carried* items for presentation to the presbytery were approved.

Following discussion it was *moved, seconded, and carried* to request the Trustees to present a preliminary report of their recommendation to the Presbytery for the sale of the Gleneagles property. It is anticipated that no action will be taken concerning this report but that the June meeting of the Presbytery will take appropriate action concerning the report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The proposed resolution to be presented by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry was presented by committee co-chair Tom Farmer. Following discussion it was *moved, seconded and carried* that the Council recommend adoption by the Presbytery of this resolution.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. with prayer by James Rucker, Sr.

Respectfully submitted  
James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk

**Transylvania Presbytery  
Coordinating Council Agenda  
Thursday, February 21, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**

Opening Prayer – Richard Smith

Call to Order – Marilyn Daniel

Introductions

Opening Thoughts: - Marilyn Daniel

Scripture: Micah 6:8

He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to  
**do justice**, and to **love kindness**, and to **walk humbly with your God?**

Question: How does a 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian go about doing justice?

What is “justice?”

Report of the Stated Clerk – Jim Rucker, Sr.

Report of the General Presbyter – Richard Smith

Receipt of Written Standing Committee Reports

Discussion of “purpose” of Presbytery meetings: business/fellowship/worship/learning?

Moderator’s thoughts on the structure of Presbytery meetings – Susan Warren

Consensus on 2008 structure of Presbytery meetings, including specific guidelines

Preparation of 3/11/2008 Presbytery Meeting Docket – Jim Rucker, Sr.

Report from the Presbytery Structure Task Force – Jim Rucker, Sr.

Report on Burnamwood – Woody Berry

Report on the status of the Glen Eagles property sale – George Moore

Plan for consensus building on new church development

Discussion on church (elder) participation in Presbytery meetings: recommendations for action

New Business

Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Jim Rucker, Sr.

## Guidelines for 2008 Presbytery Meetings

1. Explore different venues.
  - a. Overnight meeting
  - b. Camp meeting (casual)
2. Add educational component
  - a. Speakers on topics such as evangelism, new church development, small congregations.
3. Continued emphasis on worship and fellowship in varying formats.
4. Tighten business meeting.
  - a. Committees, task forces, organizations must receive approval from council to speak/make presentations at presbytery meetings.
  - b. Written reports must be submitted to council for inclusion in packet (exceptions allowed for “late-breaking news,” candidates for examination, etc.
5. Adequate time allowed for floor discussion of topics of concern.
6. Small group discussion (if and what) to be determined by council upon review of docket.