

**PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA  
STATED MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PARIS, KENTUCKY**

**CONVENING OF THE PRESBYTERY AND WORSHIP**

The regular March meeting of the Presbytery was held March 10, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church of Paris, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, George Moore following an opening worship service, including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Necrology report for 2008. Moderator Moore preached. Rev. Kathryn Riley acted as liturgist and communion was celebrated by Rev. Eric Mount and Rev. Scott Wiest. The Necrology report was presented by the stated clerk. (Appendix A)

**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		A w/o EX
Bailey, The Rev. Gaither	Georgetown, First	P
Baldwin, The Rev. Diane	Lexington, Maxwell Street	P
Barfeld, The Rev. Emmett		HR
Berry, The Rev. Woody	Lexington, Maxwell Street	P
Blatnik, The Rev. Darla	Lexington, Second	P
Bowman, The Rev. Dr. Lee	Lexington, First	P
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	P
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	EX
Chumney, The Rev. David	Morehead, Faith	P
Clark, The Rev. E.G.	Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	P
Clark, The Rev. Patterson		EX
Craven, The Rev. Douglas	Flemingsburg, First	P
Daniel, The Rev. Randolph		P
Deutsch, The Rev. William		A w/o EX
DeYoung, The Rev. Art	Cynthiana	P
Divas, The Rev. Dr. Armando		HR
Duggan, The Rev. David	Versailles, Troy	P

Durr, The Rev. Dr. Lawrence E.		HR
Erwin, The Rev. James C.	Stanford	P
Farmer, The Rev. Dr. Thomas		P
Fiscella, The Rev. Dr. Ruth		HR
Furrow, The Rev. DeWitt		P
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth	Wilmore	P
Geeslin, The Rev. Truman	Berea, Whites Memorial	A w/o 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
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	Winchester, First	P
Hopper, The Rev. Edward		HR
Howard, The Rev. Scott		P
Huffman, The Rev. Gary	Paris, First	P
Iversen, The Rev. Eric		HR
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	Ashland, First	P
Jones, The Rev. Jon F.		HR
Jones, The Rev. Pete	Executive Director- Burnamwood	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. Susanne		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
Pachuaau, The Rev. Kima	Asbury College	A w/o EX
Palmer, The Rev. Stephen	Lexington, Second	P
Peach, The Rev. Ellen	Hazard, First	A w/o EX
Pogue, The Rev. Philip	Stanton, First	P
Poole, The Rev. Vicki Lynn	Prestonsburg, First	P
Powlas, The Rev. Joe		HR
Prewitt, The Rev. Janet	Hospice, Chaplain	P
Rasmussen, The Rev. Kenneth		HR
Reinhardt, The Rev. Ronald		HR
Rhodes, The Rev. Stephen		P
Riley, The Rev. Kathryn	Lexington, Hunter	P
Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan		HR
Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack		P
Rouse, The Rev. Erin	Millersburg, First	P
Rucker, The Rev. Dr. James Sr.	Stated Clerk	P
Rucker, The Rev. James Jr.		P
Rucker, The Rev. Pamela	Nicholasville	P
Rule, The Rev. David E.		P
Schantz, The Rev. Charles		A w/o EX
Scott, The Rev. Geary	Lexington, Chapel Hill	P
Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	Versailles	P
Shaffer, The Rev. Robert		P
Shrauner, The Rev. Ryan		P
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	P
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	P
VanZant, The Rev. William W.		P
Ward, The Rev. Michael	Lexington, Walnut Hill	P
Ward, The Rev. Thomas		HR
Warren, The Rev. Susan	Lexington, Beaumont	P
Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger	Midway	P
White, The Rev. John C.	Lexington, Eastminster	P
Whitaker, The Rev. Rene	First, Maysville	EX
Wiest, The Rev. Scott	Pikeville, First	P

Wilhelm, The Rev. Jack		P
Wing, Andy	Harrodsburg, United	P
Wing, Stephanie	Harrodsburg, United	P
Woodring, The Rev. James	Pineville, First	A w/o EX
Young, The Rev. Bill		HR

### ELDER COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

#### CHURCHES

Ashland, First	Pam Potter	P
Ashland, Normal		
Augusta	Bud White	P
Augusta, Sharon	Carolyn Taylor	P
Bellefonte, Community		
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial		
Berea, Whites Memorial		
Blackey, Doermann Memorial	Jon Henrikson	P
Booneville, First		
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake Area	Valerie Hamblin	P
Canada, Highland	Joe Grossl	P
Carlisle	Susann Kazanas	P
Catlettsburg, First		
Cawood		
Corbin	Mel Chandler	P
Cow Creek		
Cranks		
Cynthiana	Kent Bradford	P
Danville	Peggy Tudor	P
	Jean Harney	P
Darfork, Hull Memorial	Ralph Grigsby	P
Drift		
Dry Hill, Anna C. Brush Memorial		
Ezel, United	Mary K Motley	P
Flemingsburg, First	Susan Wood	P
Frenchburg, United	Shirley Miller	P
Garrard, Westminster		
Georgetown, First		
Grayson, Bayless Memorial	Paul A Steele	P
Greenup		
Harlan, First		
Harrodsburg, Mt. Pleasant		
Harrodsburg, United	Doug Ferguson	P
Hazard, First		
Hyden, Central		
Indian Creek		
Isom	Terry Caudill	P

Jackson, Guerrant	Juanita Callahan	P
Lancaster, First	Wayne Smiley	P
Lawrenceburg, First		
Lexington, Beaumont	Jane Ireland	P
Lexington, Bethel		
Lexington, Chapel Hill	Ollie Christmyer	P
Lexington, Eastminster	Tom Wylie	P
Lexington, First	Leigh Qualls	P
	Carol Ratz	P
Lexington, Hunter	Suzi Kifer	P
Lexington, Korean		
Lexington, Maxwell Street	Greg Kupar	P
	Nancy Goulson	P
Lexington, Meadowthorpe		
Lexington, Mt. Horeb	Jeff Mahoney	P
Lexington, Second	Joyce Deaeth	P
	John C Greene	P
	Karen May	P
Lexington, Walnut Hill	Lee Tucker	EX
London, First	Ralph Sim	P
Lothair, Community	Eddie Brown	P
Manchester		
Manchester, Greenbriar	Nancy Stivers	P
Mays' Lick		
Maysville, First	Bruce T Bell	P
McAfee, New Providence		
McVeigh		
Middlesboro, First	Dr. Steve Nycum	P
Midway	Myra Prewitt	P
Millersburg, First	Pat Harney	P
Morehead, Faith	Cathy Thomas	P
Mt. Sterling, First	J.E.B. Pinney	P
Muddy Ford, Bethesda		
Nicholasville		
Owingsville, Old Springfield		
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	Jean McGowan	P
Paris, First	Deanna Eads	P
Paris, Hopewell		
Perryville		EX
Phelps, Peter Creek	J. T. Charles	P
Pikeville, First	Joe Friend	P
Pineville, First		
Prestonsburg, First	Jane Bond	P
Richmond, First	Lynn Shearon	P
Somerset, First	George Wilson	P
Somerset, Pisgah	Bill Gilmore	P

Stanford	Mike Taylor	P
Stanton, First		
Stopover, Shepard Memorial	Mary Campbell	P
Tollesboro, Ebenezer		
Versailles, Pisgah	Missie Wood	P
Versailles, Troy	Larry Snyder	P
Versailles	Robert Burkich	P
Vicco		
Washington		
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial		
Wilmore	Mike Johnson	P
Winchester, First	Mary Jo Mahan	P
Winchester, Salem		
Wooton, Community United		

### **Elder Members of Coordinating Council**

Monica Tillie	Christian Formation	P
Richard Eads	Staff Services	P
Larry Snyder	Social Witness & Mission	Elder Commissioner, Troy
Bill Owens	Nominating	P
Linda Crawford	Presbyterian Women	P
Nik Fegenbush	Trustees	
David Weber	Judicial Business	
Catesby Woodford	Treasurer	P

### **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	P
Grigsby, Ronnie	Hazard, Hull and Vicco	P
Grooms, Leslie	Augusta, Augusta	P
Lee, Arlie	Cawood, Cranks	
McIntyre, Pat	Lexington, Bethel	
Mitchell, Sandy	Pikeville, First	
Moore, George	Lexington, Mt. Horeb	P
Reed, William		P
Whitaker, Greg	Wooton, Community United	P

**Presbytery Staff** (not listed elsewhere)

Robyn Justus  
Sharel Templeton

**Visitors**

Genevieve Clay	Eric Schonblom	Aubrey May
Ryan Gilbert	Rev. Lee Beckhusen	Joan Scheying
Ruth Beattie	Joanna Busroe	Ann Freytag
Lee Russell	Tim C. Breeding	Sarah Bryant
LeRoy Horn	Charles Barker	Franklin Miller
Barbara Morgan	Howard Baker	Roberta James
Barry Bainium	Deann Allen	Woody Barker
Ann Staton		

**SUMMARY**

Ministers of the Presbytery in attendance		77
Ministers of the Presbytery absent w/o excuse	10	
Ministers of the Presbytery excused	7	
Other ministers in attendance		1
Churches represented by Elder Commissioners		52
Additional Commissioners (from churches entitled to more than one Elder Commissioner)		5
Churches not represented by an Elder Commissioner	40	
Commissioned Lay Pastors		11
Elder Members of Coordinating Council		5
Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)		2
Visitors		21
<b>Total Attendance</b>		<b>174</b>

**Quorum**

Stated Clerk James Rucker reported that a quorum was present.

**Docket**

The Stated Clerk presented the docket which had been part of the packet on the website. There was a request that a report of the nominating committee be added. With that addition the docket was approved by common consent.

**Temporary Committees**

The Moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Minutes – The Stated Clerk, The Recording Clerk, Betsy Steiner and Allen Brimer.

Resolutions Committee – Mary Seeger Weese and Myra Pruitt.

## **Welcome**

Gary Huffman, interim pastor, welcomed the presbytery and presented a history of First Presbyterian Church, Paris. The church was founded in 1787. The church split into Old School and New School in the 1830s but for a time they continued to use the same building and later came back together. The current building was built in 1916. The Church has always been involved in mission to include support for several missionaries.

## **Introductions**

First-time commissioners and guests were introduced.

## **Corresponding Members**

One corresponding member, Lee Beckhusen of the Presbyterian Foundation and Genesee Valley Presbytery was enrolled.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Clerk moved the adoption of the consent agenda. (Appendix B) Motion carried. It included the report of the commission to ordain and install Andrew and Stephanie Wing at United PC, Harrodsburg.

## **DECISION AGENDA**

### *Minutes*

The minutes of the December 6, 2008 meeting of Presbytery were approved by common consent.

### *Report of the Stated Clerk*

The clerk had prepared a written report which contained details of the latest statistical report. There were 10,081 members in the presbytery's churches as of 12-31-08. The Clerk moved that the statistical report be spread on the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried. (Appendix C)

A draft copy of proposed standing rules was distributed and questions answered concerning the draft. The new Standing Rules will be presented to the June meeting of the presbytery for adoption with the intention of implementing same January 1, 2010.

### *Report of the General Presbyter, Richard Smith*

Mr. Smith mentioned the recent series of meetings around the presbytery to discuss proposed amendments and how he has enjoyed his first year as General Presbyter.

### *Report of the Treasurer, Catesby Woodford*

Per capita and unified giving for 2008 were down about \$25,000 each, although expenses were down as well resulting in a small deficit for the year - \$2,281. He expects 2009 to be difficult.

### *Report of the Coordinating Council, Jim Rucker, Sr.*

There was a written report. The clerk presented the report as the major portion dealt with the proposed changes to the standing rules. The proposed new standing rules were in the packet along with the Clerk's summary of important changes. He reviewed some of those changes. The Council plans to request a final vote on this proposal at the June meeting.

The report also contained that statement that the Council had voted to conduct the vote on proposed constitutional amendment 08-B at the Presbytery meeting by secret ballot. Elder Joe Friend questioned whether this was a wise move consistent with democratic principles. John White asked whether the presbytery could vote to overturn this action of Council and conduct the vote in a more public way. The Moderator and Clerk agreed that the vote of the Council on this is consistent with Robert's Rules of Order and that the body does not have the power to proceed differently.

*Committee on Ministry, Melissa Sevier*

The committee's written report contained a list of actions taken by the COM and several recommendations for Presbytery action. Those recommendations included:

1. Appointment of moderators: Doug Craven – Mt. Sterling, Melissa Sevier 1<sup>st</sup> Ashland for its 1-27-09 meeting and Jennifer Johnson for 1<sup>st</sup> Ashland in the future.
2. Dismissal of Jim Brazell to Cincinnati Presbytery.
3. Appointment of a commission to install Geary Scott as designated pastor at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church on April 5, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Elders: Steve Muntz Mt. Sterling, Ollie Christmyer Chapel Hill, Ken Copp Danville. Ministers: Richard Smith, Mike Ward, Jim Rucker, Sr.

Sevier also added two matters to the report that were the result of developments since the preparation of the COM written report.

1. That Lee Bowman be dismissed to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, to be able to accept a call to Highlands First Presbyterian Church in Highlands, North Carolina, pending receipt of a signed copy of the call. The terms of call there to be Salary \$40,000, Housing \$21,000, Utilities \$3,000, Auto \$2,000, professional dev/books \$3,000, Deferred comp \$3,000, SECA \$5,125, BOP dues.
2. That a contract between Tom Farmer and First Presbyterian Church, Lexington for services as an interim pastor effective 3-16-09. The annual salary to be \$71,500.

On behalf of the committee, Sevier moved the adoption of all of the COM recommendations. The Motion carried.

COM member Roberta James was recognized for "comings and goings". There have been no additional comings since the last meeting, and Lee Bowman is the only going. Kirk Hall and Clayton Chambliss spoke of their time with Lee at FPC Lexington. James read two additional notes from FPC members

*Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Tom Farmer*

The committee has completed its final assessment of candidate Barrett Milner and certified him as ready to receive a call. Farmer also expressed the concern of committee for the heavy debt load of many seminary graduates. Don't forget the offering at services of ordination and installation. They go to support the financial needs of candidates and inquirers.

*Judicial Business Committee, Eric Mount*

The Committee moved that the presbytery vote to approve the covenant as amended between Transylvania Presbytery and the Bellewood Presbyterian Home for Children. Motion carried.

The committee presented a written report, detailing its recommendations on s proposed amendments to the Constitution of the PCUSA.

The presbytery then proceeded to vote on the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the PCUSA. It was agreed that 08- B would be considered last. It was also made clear that an Aye vote was a vote in favor of the proposed amendment regardless of whether the committee had recommended yes or no. Those votes are recorded below:

08-A This dealt with professions of faith by those persons joining a church. There was some discussion. The voice vote was close and the moderator called for a division of the house and conducted a

standing vote. The clerk announced the count as Yes 71 No 72. Thus this proposed amendment is not approved by the Presbytery.

08-B See below

08-C Approved by voice vote. .

08-D Approved by voice vote.

08-E Approved by voice vote. .

08-F Approved by voice vote. .

08-I By voice vote, this proposed amendment was not approved.

08-G Approved by voice vote.

08-H Approved by voice vote.

08-J Approved by voice vote.

Ecumenical Statements

08-K Approved by voice vote

08-L Approved by voice vote.

08-M Approved by voice vote.

08-N Approved by voice vote.

Prior to the vote on 08-B, Elder Joe Friend reiterated his objection to that fact that the vote was to be conducted by secret ballot. He believes that as representatives of individual churches our voices should not be silenced in this way. Friend wished that it be clear that he both objects and dissents as provided by the Book of Ordes. The Moderator reasserted that the action of the Council was proper and the vote would be by secret ballot. He reminded us all that debate will be open.

Mount reviewed that proposed language changes to the Book or Order at G-6.0106b.

At the Order of the Day, 12:30, there was a motion to amend the order of the day to allow debate to continue and thus to delay lunch by 30 minutes. That motion carried and debate continued.

It was moved to call the question and the presbytery voted to end debate.. Richard Eads had arranged for the vote to be counted electronically. While the votes were being taken in by the counters, various announcements were made.

Mary Seeger Weese spoke of the Lily Endowment effort to develop young preachers.

Larry Snyder returned thanks for the lunch.

Prior to lunch the moderator announced the results of the vote just taken: Yes 83 – No - 61. The proposed amendment was approved by the Presbytery.

### **Lunch**

The body recessed for lunch at 1:00 pm, which was served downstairs and the two cents a meal hunger offering was collected.

### **Reconvene**

The presbytery reconvened at 2:05pm and proceeded with the presentation agenda.

The Moderator announced that the minute books were ready for pickup and urged everyone to remember that in order for minute books to be reviewed the blue sheet needs to be filled out.

The Moderator also noted that any commissioner may have the minutes reflect a dissenting vote if desired, but they need to sign a sheet at the Clerk's desk.

*Nomiating Committee, Bill Owens*

The committee nominated Kathy Thomas, an elder from Faith PC, Morehead for a position on the COM class of 2009. There were no nominations from the floor and the motion to elect her to the position carried.

## **PRESENTATION AGENDA**

### *Administration & Finance, Jim Stewart*

Although a budget for 2009 has been approved, committees should be very careful about spending as some income shortfall would not be a surprise in these times of recession. Any churches who have not reported your anticipated contributions for 2009 are urged to report immediately.

### *Burnamwood, Pete Jones*

Jones reported about the upcoming schedule at Burnamwood. Middle school retreat is this coming weekend. More and more churches are sending campers and they look forward to an active season.

### *Christian Formation & Discipleship, Monica Tillie*

The committee is working on the Let Your Light Shine conference to be held in August at Maxwell Street PC. Free books formerly from the resource center are available in the back.

### *Church Development & Evangelism, Jim Rucker, Jr.*

If your church wants to apply for a Church development grant, get your form in. Some funds will be available. There have been some initial meetings concerning the possibility of creating a Latino ministry in the Presbytery. More on this later. Other events are being considered.

### *Presbyterian Women, Linda Crawford*

The Presbytery's PW Spring Gathering will be held, April 18 at FPC Lexington. All are reminded of the PW Churchwide gathering in Louisville in July 11-13.

### *Resolutions Committee, Mary Seeger Weese and Myra Prewitt.*

Mrs. Weese presented the following resolution which was adopted unanimously.

Be it resolved:

That the Presbytery of Transylvania met on a cloudy yet promising spring day with the welcoming congregation of First Presbyterian Church Paris, KY.

That there was no threat of ice or snow available to let people go home early.

That communion was shared at the Lord's One Table.

That we mourned the loss of friends and remembered with joy the promised resurrection of the Kingdom of God.

That we voted on amendments, expressed our beliefs and sought to offer God our best while still honoring one another.

That we devoured a delicious lunch and the faithful remnant got back to business.

And that at the end of the day, we resolve to go from here to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God together.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Prewitt and Pastor Mary Seeger Weese.

There was no New and/or Unfinished Business

The Clerk moved that the Presbytery stand adjourned following the benediction until the next stated meeting on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Somerset, Kentucky.  
Motion carried

Moderator Moore pronounced the Benediction.

The following persons asked to record their dissent with the action taken by the presbytery in acting on overture 08-B.

Justin Marple  
J.T. Charles  
Gaither E. Bailey  
Joe Friend

Respectfully submitted,  
James Rucker, Stated Clerk