

**Transylvania Presbytery  
Coordinating Council Minutes  
April 24, 2008**

The meeting of the Council was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the moderator, Elder Marilyn Daniel, and opened with prayer offered by General Presbyter Richard Smith.

The roll was formed with the following present: Sandy Mitchell, Catesby Woodford, Susan Alley, Bill Owens, Tom Farmer, Larry Snyder, Les Grooms, Susan Warren, Monica Tillie, Nik Fegenbush (representing George Moore of the Trustees), Woody Berry. Also present: Richard Smith, General Presbyter and Jim Rucker, Stated Clerk.

The Agenda developed by the moderator was adopted as the agenda for this meeting. (Appendix A)

The moderator led the council in a brief but cogent study of the phrase “loving kindness” as part of the study of the “theme” for the presbytery for the year, “He has told you O mortal, 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?”

The Stated Clerk reported two items: that he would report to Presbytery the appointment of an Investigating Committee, and, that a research of the Guidelines has determined that the minutes of the Coordinating Council are to be reviewed by the Judicial Business Committee.

The report of the Task Force appointed to review the Presbytery Structure was presented as a preliminary report of the directions the task force is taking. (Appendix B) The council offered several suggestions for the consideration of the task force.

Priorities as developed by the Council at its retreat were discussed. 2008 priorities include congregational support, Communication, Strengthening Connections. The moderator led a discussion of the priorities and the council outlined various ways each might be approached. Two task groups were appointed: Bill Owens, Convener, Richard Smith and Sandy Mitchell to develop suggestions for implementation of the priority of Congregational support in the areas of stewardship, education, evangelism, and primarily an Eastern Kentucky presense...for example, the implementation of a resource center in eastern Kentucky, perhaps at Hazard; and, a second group, Woody Berry Convener, Jim Rucker, and Larry Snyder to explore ways of implementing communication in the Presbytery.

The present status of the sale of the Gleneagles property was presented and lengthy discussion ensued. Following the discussion the following group was appointed to provide information to inform the members of the presbytery of the issues involved: Melissa Sevier, Convener, Marilyn Daniel, Susan Alley, John White, Richard Smith and Nik Fegenbush. The group set a tentative meeting date of May 6, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.

Following discussion of presbytery participation in committee work and the questions of travel costs and video conferencing the matter was referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for study and advice.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve funds from Leadership Development to pay for the attendance of Bill McAtee at a conference sponsored by ARMSS. The conference is to be held in Indianapolis for a period of three days.

The matter of consensus building on new church development was postponed to the next meeting of the council.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. The meeting was closed with prayer by Marilyn Daniel.

Respectfully submitted  
James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk

Transylvania Presbytery  
Coordinating Council Agenda  
Thursday, April 24, 1:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer – Richard Smith  
Call to Order – Marilyn Daniel  
Introductions

Opening Thoughts: - Marilyn Daniel  
Scripture: Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, 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?**

Issue: “hesed”: kindness, loving-kindness, mercy, steadfast love, loyal love (as in families), mercy and truth, lasting kindness

Question: How do we “love kindness” in the world today?

Report of the Stated Clerk – Jim Rucker, Sr.

Report of the General Presbyter – Richard Smith

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

2008 Priorities for Transylvania Presbytery: Congregational Support, Communication, Strengthening Connections: Define the details of our 2008 activities under these priorities  
Attachment: 2008 Priorities for Transylvania Presbytery

Information on the status of the Glen Eagles property sale –  
Attachments:

Information on potential sale provided to attendees at the March Presbytery Meeting  
Written questions submitted at March meeting  
Information available on potential sale  
Property financial information  
Original resolution passed by Presbytery

Issue for June vote: Whether Presbytery should amend its original resolution for the sale of the Glen Eagles property and authorize the Trustees to sell a portion of the property and retain a portion.

Other issues related to the Glen Eagles property:

Presbytery Structure Task Force: a large meeting room may be needed in the future for joint meetings of large committees  
Presbytery Office Relocation Task Force: an option would be to build a Presbytery office building  
New Church Development: a large meeting room might be needed for a new church “incubation” area

Participation in Presbytery Committee work: mileage reimbursement, travel costs, video-conferencing

Proposal to spend Leadership Development funds for ARMSS Convention

Plan for consensus building on new church development

New Business

Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Marilyn Daniel

## Appendix B

TO: Coordinating Council

FROM: Task Force on Structure

RE: Preliminary/Progress report

The Task Force appointed by the Council at the January 25-26 Retreat has met three times and has made significant progress toward presenting a “structure” to the Council for its consideration. The attached is a rough draft that indicates direction more than anything else. The Task Force is working at the present time to fill out the skeleton of structure with written definitions of each of the Book of Order mandated committees and the three “Departments” -- or whatever they end up being called -- and a description of the role and function of each and each part.. Several re-alignments of roles and responsibilities are envisioned and in skeletal form are outlined on the attached.

After reviewing both our own Guidelines and the structure papers of other Presbyteries the Task Force determined to move in the direction of a STRONG Council, assigning the roles of Vision, Decision Making with the power for facilitation and implementation, review of the Docket for Presbytery meetings and the regular review and evaluation of the structure of the Presbytery. The attached paper presents a bare-bones description of the council which will be filled out at a future meeting. The structure envisioned is most closely modeled by the structure of the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky.

The Task Force feels that it is making significant progress and recommends that it be continued to report again when the structure is more clearly spelled out along with roles and functions of each of the working parts.

Respectfully submitted

James H. Ruckere, Convener  
Task Force on Structure

**Transylvania Presbytery**  
**Coordinating Council**  
**May 22, 2008**

The meeting of the Council was addressed by the Stated Clerk at 1:00 p.m.. The clerk announced that the Moderator of the Council had resigned and that after conferring with the chair of the Nominating Committee Bill Owens, and the most immediate past moderator, also Bill Owens, it was determined that the present moderator of Presbytery, Susan Warren should be asked to serve as the Moderator of the Council for the remainder of 2008, and that, therefore, the Clerk was acting as the temporary Moderator in order to receive a motion from the council to name a Moderator of the Council. ***It was moved, seconded, and carried*** that Susan Warren be asked to serve as Council Moderator for the remainder of 2008.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Susan Warren and opened with prayer offered by Richard Smith.

The roll was formed with the following present: Susan Warren, Monica Tillie, Larry Snyder, Buddy Brown, Bill Young, Bill Owens, Woody Berry, Linda Crawford, Les Grooms, Susan Alley. Richard Smith, General Presbyter and James Rucker, Stated Clerk were also present.

Susan Warren and Richard Smith led the council in a time of reflection and worship.

The report of the Stated Clerk was presented. (Appendix A) It was determined by common consent that Richard Smith would invite Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Council to be our guest speaker at the December meeting and failing that to invite either the new Moderator of the General Assembly or the new Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

Bill Young made the report for the Trustees, reporting that the trustees have determined to place the Gleneagles property on the market and to receive sealed bids. The sale will be advertised.

Bill Owens reported for the Congregational Support Group for Eastern Kentucky and this report was joined with a discussion of Office Location and the establishment of a Hazard presence. ***It was moved, seconded, and carried*** to establish a presence in Eastern Kentucky and that a Task Force, to be appointed by the Moderator, to determine the shape of such presence and to report to the Council with appropriate recommendations. ***It was moved, seconded, and carried*** to refer the matter of the Lexington Office Location to the Administration and Finance Committee for a report as soon as possible.

A draft docket for the June meeting of the Presbytery was presented and with minor changes was adopted. (Appendix B)

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn and the meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator Susan Warren.

Respectfully Submitted  
James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk

NEXT MEETING: August 28, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

**Report of the Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of Transylvania  
June 7, 2008**

1. In accord with the Book of Order and the Guidelines of the Presbytery an Investigating Committee has been appointed to investigate a matter referred to the Presbytery by a member church of the Presbytery. Subsequently, the issue was resolved by the Investigating Committee.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the resignation of Cameron Hardin from the Youth Committee.
2. Accept the resignation of Marilyn Daniel as Moderator of the Coordinating Council and as a member of the Coordinating Council.
3. Accept the resignation of George Moore as chairman of the Board of Trustees.
4. Accept the resignation of Susan Alley as a member of the Nominating Committee.

**INFORMATION**

1. A formal invitation for the December, 2008 meeting of the Presbytery has been received from First Presbyterian Church, Lexington. Future meetings of the Presbytery are as follows:

September 9, 2008 --- Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center, Irvine  
December 5, 2008 --- To be announced  
December 6, 2008 --- First Presbyterian Church, Lexington  
March 10, 2009  
June 6, 2009  
September 8, 2009  
December 4, 2009  
December 5, 2009

**PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA  
STATED MEETING – SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY**

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m.

**1. CONVENING OF THE PRESBYTERY and PRAYER** Susan Warren, Moderator

- a. **OPENING WORSHIP** --Necrology Report
- b. Declaration of a quorum James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk
- c. Presentation and adoption of the docket The Stated Clerk  
(Any new business must be introduced at this time)
- d. Appointment of Temporary Committees The Moderator  
Presbytery minutes – The Stated Clerk, The Recording Clerk and two others.  
Resolutions Committee – two persons (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.)
- e. Welcome from Prestonsburg  
Vicki Poole
- f. Presentation of History of First Presbyterian Church
- g. Introduction of first-time commissioners
- h. Introduction of guests
- i. Enrollment of Corresponding members

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Report of the Treasurer Catesby Woodford

**3. DECISION AGENDA**

- a. Approval of 3/11/08 Presbytery meeting minutes The Stated Clerk
- b. Report of the Stated Clerk
- c. Report of the Coordinating Council

**10:55 ORDER OF THE DAY** Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners

**11:00 ORDER OF THE DAY** Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Erin Rouse

**Decision Agenda, Continued**

- d. Committee on Ministry Melissa Sevier
- e. Nominating Bill Owens
- f. Trustees

**12:30 ORDER OF THE DAY – LUNCH** Blessing of the Meal Social Witness and Mission

**1:30 p.m. RECONVENE**

**4. PRESENTATION AGENDA**

- a. Burnamwood Woody Berry
- b. Church Development & Evangelism John White
- c. Bellewood Presbyterian Homes Art Turner
- d. Presbyterian Women Linda Crawford

Resolutions Committee

New and/or Unfinished Business

Motion to stand adjourned following the benediction until the next stated meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Burnamwood Camp & Conference Center, Irvine, Kentucky.  
Benediction