

**PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA  
STATED MEETING – March 11, 2008  
The Presbyterian Church  
Danville, Kentucky**

The Moderator, Susan Warren, called the March Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania to order at 10:00 A.M. with prayer. The meeting was held at The Presbyterian Church of Danville, KY.

**ROLL:**

The roll was formed as follows:

**MINISTER ATTENDANCE**

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

Alley, Susan	Ashland, Normal	EX
Bailey, Gaither	Georgetown, First	P
Baldwin, Diane	Lexington, Maxwell Street	EX
Beckes, Ned		P
Berry, Woody	Lexington, Maxwell Street	P
Blatnik, Darla	Lexington, Second	P
Bowald, Larry	Cynthiana	P
Bowman, Lee	Lexington, First	P
Bright, Peggy		HR
Brimer, Allen	Somerset, First	P
Brooks, Gary		EX
Brothers, Michael		A w/o EX
Brown, William C.		HR
Bunger, Ron		A w/o EX
Butler, Rusty	Pisgah, Somerset	P
Camenish, Robert		HR
Carrick, Jean		HR
Carrick, Malcolm		HR
Chamberlain, Pat	Perryville	P
Christian, Curtis T	Richmond, First	P
Chumney, David	Morehead, Faith	P
Clark, E.G.	Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	P
Clark, C. Patterson		EX
Daniel, E. Randolph		HR
Deutsch, William		A w/o EX
DeYoung, Art	Harrodsburg, United	P
Divas, Armando		HR
Duggan, David	Versailles, Troy	P
Durr, Lawrence E.		HR
Erwin, James C.	Stanford	P
Farmer, Thomas	Lexington, Beaumont	P

Fiscella, Ruth		HR
Furrow, DeWitt		HR
Garrod-Logsdon, Beth	Wilmore	P
Geeslin, Truman	Berea, Whites Memorial	EX
Gilbert, Anthony	Middlesboro, First	EX
Gnatuk, Wayne	GA	A w/o EX
Gordon, Graham		HR
Griffie, L. Fred		HR
Grisby, Edwin		HR
Guerrant, Richard		P
Haga, R Jackson		HR
Hall, Kirk	Lexington, First	P
Hanna, Charles		HR
Hanna, Edwin B.		HR
Hester, David C.	LPTS	A w/o EX
Hicks, Roy W.		P
Hood, Fred		A w/o EX
Hopper, Edward		HR
Howard, Scott		P
Huffman, Gary	Paris, First	P
Iversen, Eric		HR
Jaeger, T.A.		HR
Johnson, Jennifer	Ashland, First	P
Jones, Jon F.		HR
Kim, Yongwha	Lexington, Korean	A w/o EX
Lindberg, Jackie		P
Malott, Fred		HR
Marple, Justin	Peter Creek/Shepard Memorial	P
Martin, Jon	Versailles, Pisgah	P
Martin, Susanne	Salem, Pine Grove	P
Matthews, Griffith		HR
McAtee, William G.		P
McGaha, Charles		HR
McGowan, Bryce L.	Old Paint Lick	A w/o EX
McKee, David		A w/o EX
Mesta, Edward		HR
Moffett, Howard		P
Mount, C. Eric		P
Murray, Charles		HR
Naze, George		HR
Nelson, C. Ellis		HR
Pace, Steven T.		P
Pachau, The Rev. Kima	Asbury College	A w/o EX
Palmer, Stephen	Lexington, Second	EX
Peach, Ellen	Hazard, First	A w/o EX
Pendergrast, Samuel	Maysville, First	P

Pogue, Philip	Stanton, First	A w/o EX
Poole, Vicki Lynn	Prestonsburg, First	EX
Powlas, Joe		HR
Prewitt, Janet	Hospice, Chaplain	P
Rasmussen, Kenneth		HR
Reed, Mary B.		EX
Reinhardt, Ronald		HR
Rhodes, J. Stephen		EX
Riley, Kathryn		P
Roberts, F. Morgan		HR
Robinson, Jack		EX
Rogers, John R.		HR
Rouse, Erin		P
Rucker, James Sr.	Stated Clerk	P
Rucker, James Jr.	Lancaster, First	P
Rucker, Pamela	Nicholasville, First	P
Rule, David E.		HR
Schantz, Charles		A w/o EX
Scott, Geary	Mt. Sterling, First	P
Seeger, Mary	Midway	P
Sevier, Melissa	Versailles	P
Shaffer, Robert		HR
Shrauner, Ryan		A w/o EX
Silence, Jay T	Lexington, Beaumont	P
Smith, Joanne		P
Smith, Richard	General Presbyter	P
Spickler, Harry W.	Grayson, Bayless Memorial	EX
Spoelman, Ronald		P
Steiner, Betsy D.		HR
Stewart, Jim	Danville	P
Stricklin, Ernest		HR
Tarter, Rollin		A w/o EX
Taylor, Lisa Eye	Danville	P
Thompson, H. Gene		HR
Thulin, Ted	London, First	A w/o EX
Utt, Jerry	Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	P
VanZant, William W.		P
Ward, Michael L.	Lexington, Walnut Hill	P
Ward, Thomas M.		HR
Warren, Susan	Lawrenceburg, First	P
White, John C.		P
Whitaker, The Rev. Rene	Lexington, Hunter	P
Wiest, Scott	Pikeville, First	P
Wilhelm, Jack C.		P
Woodring, James	Pineville, First	A w/o EX
Young, Bill		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	Mary Flynn	P
Booneville, First		
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake Area	Mary Ann Sparks	P
Canada, Highland	Joe Grossl	P
Carlisle		
Catlettsburg, First		
Cawood		
Corbin	Ann Hoskins	P
Cow Creek		
Cranks		
Cynthiana	Sheila Jameson	P
Danville	Scott Reisinger	P
	Joanie Lukins	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	Paul R. Leveridge	P
Garrard, Westminster		
Georgetown, First	Kevin Conrad	P
Grayson, Bayless Memorial		
Greenup		
Harlan, First		
Harrodsburg, Mt. Pleasant		
Harrodsburg, United	David Weber	P
Hazard, First		
Hyden, Central		
Indian Creek		
Isom		
Jackson, Guerrant	Juanita Callahan	P
Lancaster, First		
Lawrenceburg, First		
Lexington, Beaumont	Jim DeLeo	P
Lexington, Bethel		

Lexington, Chapel Hill	Ollie Christmyer	P
Lexington, Eastminster		
Lexington, First		
Lexington, Hunter	Loretta Moffett	P
Lexington, Korean		
Lexington, Maxwell Street	John L Pendley	P
Lexington, Meadowthorpe		
Lexington, Mt. Horeb		
Lexington, Second	Joan Bush	EX
	John Greene	P
	Karen May	P
	Lee Tucker	EX
Lexington, Walnut Hill		
London, First		
Lothair, Community		
Manchester		
Manchester, Greenbriar		
Mays' Lick		
Maysville, First	John W McNeil	P
McAfee, New Providence		
McVeigh		
Middlesboro, First		
Midway	Myra Prewitt	P
Millersburg, First		
Morehead, Faith	Cathy Thomas	P
Mt. Sterling, First	Nikolas Fegenbush	P
Muddy Ford, Bethesda		
Nicholasville	Kathy Roe	P
Owingsville, Old Springfield		
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick		
Paris, First		
Paris, Hopewell		
Perryville		EX
Phelps, Peter Creek	Ronnie Mullins	P
Pikeville, First	Joe Friend	P
Pine Grove, Salem		
Pineville, First		
Prestonsburg, First		
Richmond, First	Karen Losson	P
Somerset, First	John B Adams	P
Somerset, Pisgah		
Stanford	Sandy Caudill	P
Stanton, First		
Stopover, Shepard Memorial	Woody Barker	P

Tollesboro, Ebenezer		
Versailles, Pisgah		
Versailles, Troy	Larry Snyder	P
Versailles	Bob Burkich	P
Vicco		
Washington		
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial		
Wilmore		
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	
Larry Snyder	Social Witness & Mission	Elder Commissioner, Troy
Bill Owens	Nominating	P
Betty Donaldson	Presbyterian Women	
Buddy Brown	Administration & Finance	
Marilyn Daniel	Council Chair	P
Catesby Woodford	Treasurer	P

**Commissioned Lay Pastors**

Bentley, Howard	Sharon, Augusta	P
Brown, Richard	Catlettsburg, First	
Burns, Gayle	Buckhorn	EX
Burns, Tom	Buckhorn	P
Caudill, Merle	Wooton, Community United	
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	
Grooms, Leslie	Augusta, Augusta	P
Lee, Arlie	Cawood, Cranks	
Moore, George	Lexington, Mt. Horeb	
Reed, William	Harlan, First	P
Stanley, Mike	Hyden, Central	
Whitaker, Greg	Wooton, Community United	P

**Presbytery Staff** (not listed elsewhere)

Pete Jones	Burnamwood	P
Robyn Justus	Business Manager/Bookkeeper	P
Sharel Templeton	Administrative Assistant	P

### Visitors

Rev. Art Tuner (Bellewood)	Emily Warren	Julie Maggard
Rev. Terry Newland	Nancy Smith	Ruth Beattie
Genevieve Clay	Rev. Ron Moroni	Ken Simpson
Lee Breincing	Roger Hughes	Roberta James
Rob Kinzel	Barbara Morgan	Nora Weston

### SUMMARY

Ministers of the Presbytery in attendance	57
Ministers of the Presbytery absent w/o excuse	17
Ministers of the Presbytery excused	12
Other ministers in attendance	1
Churches represented by Elder Commissioners	31
Additional Commissioners (from churches entitled to more than one Elder Commissioner)	3
Churches not represented by an Elder Commissioner	
Commissioned Lay Pastors	7
Elder Members of Coordinating Council	5
Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)	
Visitors	14
 Total Attendance	 <b><u>118</u></b>

Following the opening prayer the Presbytery worshiped God, including a service of installation for the new General Presbyter, The Rev. Richard Smith. Those participating in the service included the following:

TheRev. Susan Warren, Moderator

The Rev. Jim Stewart, pastor of the host church.

TheRev. Terry Newland, Executive of the Synod of Living Waters

TheRev. Melissa Sevier, Chair of the General Presbyter Search Committee

TheRev. Bill McAtee, Retired General Presbyter.

Dr. Jeff Jones, Music Minister at the host church.

The service concluded with a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Stated Clerk, Rev. James Rucker, stated that a quorum was present. The clerk presented the docket for the meeting and it was approved as amended. (*Appendix A*)

### APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

The following temporary committees were appointed:

Presbytery Minutes	Resolutions Committee
Darla Blatnik	Jackie Lindberg
Woody Berry	Karen May

### Welcome

The Rev. Jim Stewart welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Danville.

### History of the Presbyterian Church of Danville, KY

A history of the congregation was presented by Elder Nelson Rodes. He reviewed several major dates and personalities in the church's history.

### Introduction of first time commissioners and guests.

Members of the Presbytery introduced those who were attending presbytery for the first time as either a commissioner or as a guest.

### Enrollment of Corresponding Members

The following ministers were enrolled as corresponding members.

The Rev. Art Turner, development director at Bellewood and a member of Mid-Kentucky Presbtery; The Rev. Lee Beckhusen, with the Presbyterian Foundation and a member of Genesee Valley Presbytery; and, The Rev. Terry Newland, Synod Executive and a member of Shepherds and Lapsley Presbytery

### Consent Agenda

The consent agenda containing the reports of the Treasurer and the Coordinating Council was approved.

### Decision Agenda

The minutes of the December 1, 2007 Stated meeting and the January 22, 2008 called meeting of the Presbytery were approved.

### Report of the Stated Clerk (*Appendix B*)

- The Clerk reported that a request had been received from First Church Pikeville for the Presbytery to adopt a resolution relating to ordination standards. The request was then withdrawn in light of a recent decision of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission.
- The Clerk reviewed the membership and financial statistics from the recent annual reports. Only 57 churches reported. He pointed out that when a church does not report, the membership statistics are carried over from the previous year.
- The Clerk reviewed the dates for Presbytery meetings in 2007 and 2008.
- The Clerk confirmed (as required by the Book of Order) that the number of elders entitled to vote exceed the number of resident ministers entitled to vote.
- The Clerk also indicated he had received a request from the sessions of the Peter Creek and Shepard Memorial churches and made the following motion pursuant to that request: recommend that the Presbytery grant Relief of Conscience to the church based on their opposition to the Benefits Plan of the PCUSA making payments for abortions, and hereby request that the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA grant relief.
- The resignations of Pete Jones and Barrett Milner from the Burnamwood Camp and Conference board were accepted.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Appendix C)

Chair Tom Farmer presented the recommendation that it proceed with an alternative method of examination for Candidate Jack Mong in the areas of theological competence and church polity. The provisions of this motion are detailed in the Appendix. Motion carried.

Committee on Ministry (Appendix D)

Chair Melissa Sevier reported. She pointed out that 26 actions taken by COM are presented in the written report of the committee. In addition six actions require Presbytery action: Items A, B, D, E, and F were on motion approved.

In addition, Sevier moved on behalf of the Committee on Ministry that Sandy Mitchell, CLP, be commissioned to First Presbyterian Church, Pikeville, with permission to administer the Sacraments, so she may serve the congregation's outreach to the Presbyterian Home at Phelps. Motion carried.

The Moderator conducted a brief commissioning service for Sandy Mitchell to this ministry. (This service was actually conducted later in the meeting but is noted in this place as part of the COM report.)

Nominating Committee

Chair Bill Owens reported. He moved that the following persons be elected to the positions indicated. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion carried.

Name	Committee	Status	Church	Class
David Foster	Admin Finance	Elder	Millersburg	2010
Jane Rose Britton	Burnamwood	Lay	Hazard	2008
Kelly Abraham	Burnamwood	Elder	Lex, 1 <sup>st</sup>	2008
Jim Erwin	Staff Services	Minister	Stanford	2010
Ellen Peach	Trustees	Minister	Hazard	2010
Sarah Olive	Youth	Youth	Lex, Maxwell	2008
Gay Barnett	Youth	Adult	Midway	2008
Matthew Hunt	Youth	Youth	Lex, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2010
Jay Tackett	Youth	Adult	Versailles	2010
Nora Weston	GA Commissioner	YAD	Danville	2008
Mary Seeger	KY Council of Chs	Minister	Midway	2008

Judicial Business

In the absence of chair, The Rev. Susan Alley, Elder Ruth Beattie reported on behalf of the committee. She presented an overture from the The Presbyteian Church of Danville which proposes that said overture be submitted to the General Assembly. She moved on behalf of the committee that the overture be approved and submitted to the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The motion carried. The overture reads as follows:

The Presbytery of Transylvania overtures the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to celebrate with us the life-changing impact of **Living Waters for the World** as a clear, proven example of the shared future of mission as described in **An Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God's Mission**, and respectfully requests that the video, *Clean Water for All God's Children*, or a portion thereof, be shown to the assembled body of commissioners.

The Decision Agenda having been concluded, the Presbytery proceeded to the Presentation Agenda.

## Presentation Agenda

- Self Development of People (SDOP) Wayne Gnatuk, who works on the SDOP staff at the national offices in Louisville, was unable to attend. Juanita Callahan reported on his behalf. She is a chair of the Presbytery's SDOP committee. Various materials were available and she urged congregations to use Wayne as a resource. About \$5,000 is available for this year for grants.
- Trustees Bill Young reported. The trustees anticipate that during the June meeting of Presbytery they will ask for approval to sell a majority of the Gleneagles property to an area utility. This was property once purchased for possible use as a new church development. A couple of tentative offers have been received and the trustees believe the one they will recommend will clear all debt, pay for the expenses of sale and leave the Presbytery still owning about 2 acres. The trustees had included a written report which provided additional details. No action was proposed for this meeting. Marilyn Daniel asked to be recognized. She stated that she was submitting a list of written questions to the trustees.
- Youth Committee Chair Larry Bowald reported. He called attention to a flyer advertising an event for high school age youth on April 27. A middle school event is planned for August. A dinner for youth group advisors is also being planned.
- Presbyterian Women Betty Jean Donaldson Juanita Callahan reported in the absence of Betty Jean Donaldson. The PW Spring gathering is set for April 12 at Lancaster.
- Burnamwood Chair Woody Berry reported. He reviewed development of the master plan that was placed in the packet. All of the financial dealings have now been placed in the Presbytery office. Several other camps were visited in order to collect information. Barret Milner and Pete Jones are now serving as interim directors and the Burnamwood committee is searching for a permanent director. They committee plans to change the director's house into a retreat center. Several new conferences have been scheduled. Pete Jones also spoke on plans for upcoming conferences for this summer. Ministers and elders need to be promoting the camp. Lots of information is available. They are particularly interested in attracting more adult groups. Presbytery will meet at Burnamwood this September.

### **12:30 ORDER OF THE DAY – LUNCH, Blessing**

Larry Snyder, chair of Social witness and Mission committee was recognized and noted the committee is looking for SDOP committee members. He thanked those who had brought food and reminded us that 2 cents a meal cups were on the tables and pronounced a blessing for lunch

At the conclusion of the luncheon time, Moderator Warren asked anyone present to share events or joys at their individual churches. Several commissioners did so.

- Christian Formation & Discipleship. Monica Tillie reported on upcoming plans for meetings. This year's August mission oriented gathering is set for Hazard.
- Resolutions Committee The committee presented the following resolution.

Be it resolved that we appreciate the warm welcome by the folks at The Presbyterian Church in Danville,

Be it resolved we were duly parked, duly fed, and duly refreshed,

Be it resolved we were inspired by Susan's sermon, Bill's charge to the body, and Richard's humility,

Be it resolved we were pleased to have Rev. Newland, Synod Executive, as a participant in Richard's installation,

Be it resolved we were awed by the deep historical roots of this congregation,

Be it resolved that the meeting was conducted decently and in order—we appreciate the hard work of the many committee members and chairs on behalf of our presbytery,

Be it resolved, we resolved to enthusiastically support the plans for Burnamwood Camp & Conference Center,

Therefore, with God's help, we resolve to dedicate ourselves to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God and each other in support of Richard's ministry among us.

The Stated Clerk indicated there was no new or unfinished business and moved that the Presbytery stand adjourned following the benediction until the next stated meeting on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Motion carried.

Moderator Warren pronounced the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Reed, Recording Clerk pro tem