

Report of the Stated Clerk
TRANSYLVANIA PRESBYTERY
September 12, 2006

The Stated Clerk wishes to report the following items to the Presbytery:

I COMMUNICATIONS AND RESPONSES

- (1) Correspondence with The Rev. Cullen Story. Dr. Story has renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (USA) I corresponded with Dr. Story and advised him of the magnitude of the step he was taking. He again asked to be removed from the rolls of the Presbytery.
- (2) Correspondence from Truman Geeslin. Mr. Geeslin wrote on behalf of the Whites Memorial Church Session expressing their dissatisfaction with actions of the most recent General Assembly.
- (3) Received a communication from The Rev. David Rule reporting the various activities of the Morris Fork Presbyterian Chapel. In summary he noted 56 Sunday Worship Services with an average attendance of 51 and an average offering of \$386. Additional activities include homecomings, Vacation Church School, Weddings, Funerals, and a wide variety of community activities. The complete report is available for those who wish to peruse it.

II INFORMATION

- (1) An Investigating Committee appointed at the September 13, 2005 meeting of the Presbytery has completed its work and no disciplinary charges are to be filed, which concludes the matter.
- (2) Overtures forwarded by the Presbytery to the recent meeting of the General Assembly were received by the Assembly and both considered by the appropriate committees which recommended the overtures be answered by action taken on similar overtures. (Details available if desired.)

III RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- (1) That Presbytery authorize the transfer of all records held on behalf of the Presbytery, i.e., Presbytery minutes and the records of dissolved churches, be transferred to the John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary. (The alternative is to do nothing and in time these records will be transferred to the Historical Society in Philadelphia.
- (2) That in response to the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry and in accordance with G=9.0504b, an Administrative Commission of seven members be appointed to proceed with the dissolution of the Camp Nelson Church; and that the following persons be appointed to said commission:

- 1 The Rev. Betsy Steiner, Honorably Retired (Chair)
- 2 Elder Bob Garvin
- 3 Elder Betty Jean Donaldson
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- (3) That the Administrative Commission named in III-(2) be charged to
 - a. Investigate the request for dissolution
 - b. Recommend to Presbytery whether or not the church should be dissolved
 - c. If dissolution is recommended:
 - i. Attempt to locate any official records of the church and turn them over to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery for proper preservation
 - ii. After consulting with the Trustees of Presbytery recommend to Presbytery the disposition of any and all church property and carry out said disposition following approval by the Presbytery.
 - iii. Arrange for certificates of transfer to other churches for current members, if any,
 - iv. Prepare and conduct a service of recognition of the life and ministry of the Camp Nelson Church at a Stated meeting of the Presbytery.
- (4) That the resignation of The Rev. Nancy Williams-berry from the Committee on Ministry to received and accepted.