

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

The Presbytery of Transylvania conducted its regular June 2008 meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg, KY on Saturday, June 7, 2008. In addition to the hospitality shown on this day by the church, several fine activities had been organized the day before, i.e. a lectionary lunch, mission trip to low income housing sites in Floyd County, a dinner and boat ride on Jenny Wiley Lake.

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	Ashland, Normal	P
Bailey, The Rev. Gaither	Georgetown, First	P
Baldwin, The Rev. Diane	Lexington, Maxwell Street	P
Barfeld, The Rev. Emmet		HR
Beckes, The Rev. Ned		EX
Berry, The Rev. Woody	Lexington, Maxwell Street	A w/o EX
Blatnik, The Rev. Darla	Lexington, Second	EX
Bowald, The Rev. Lawrence J.	Cynthiana	A w/o EX
Bowman, The Rev. Dr. Lee	Lexington, First	EX
Brazell, The Rev. Jim	Ashland, 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	EX
Camenish, The Rev. Robert		HR
Carrick, The Rev. Jean		HR
Carrick, The Rev. Malcolm		HR
Cervis, The Rev. Scott		EX
Chamberlain, The Rev. Pat	Perryville	P
Christian, The Rev. Curtis	Richmond, First	P
Chumney, The Rev. David	Morehead, Faith	P
Clark, The Rev. E.G.	Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	P
Clark, The Rev. Patterson		EX
Daniel, The Rev. Randolph		HR
Deutsch, The Rev. William		A w/o EX
DeYoung, The Rev. Art	Harrodsburg, United	HR
Divas, The Rev. Dr. Armando		HR
Duggan, The Rev. David	Versailles, Troy	EX

Durr, The Rev. Dr. Lawrence E.		HR
Erwin, The Rev. James C.	Stanford	A w/o EX
Farmer, The Rev. Dr. Thomas		HR
Fiscella, The Rev. Dr. Ruth		HR
Furrow, The Rev. DeWitt		HR
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth	Wilmore	P
Geeslin, The Rev. Truman	Berea, Whites Memorial	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
Grisby, The Rev. Dr. Edwin		HR
Guerrant, The Rev. Richard		P
Haga, The Rev. R Jackson		HR
Hall, The Rev. Kirk	Lexington, First	EX
Hanna, The Rev. Charles		P
Hanna, The Rev. Edwin B.		HR
Hardy, The Rev. Lynne	Harlan, First	P
Hester, The Rev. David C.	LPTS	A w/o EX
Hibbard, The Rev. Maurice		HR
Hicks, The Rev. Roy W.		P
Hood, The Rev. Dr. Fred		P
Hopper, The Rev. Edward		HR
Howard, The Rev. Scott		P
Huffman, The Rev. Gary	Paris, First	HR
Iversen, The Rev. Eric		HR
Jaeger, The Rev. T.A.		HR
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	Ashland, First	EX
Jones, The Rev. Jon F.		HR
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	EX
Martin, The Rev. Jon	Versailles, Pisgah	A w/o EX
Martin, The Rev. Susanne	Pine Grove, Salem	A w/o EX
Matthews, The Rev. Griffith		P
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		A w/o EX
Mesta, The Rev. Edward		HR
Moffett, The Rev. Howard		P
Mount, The Rev. Dr. C. Eric		HR
Murray, The Rev. Charles		HR
Naze, The Rev. George		HR

Nelson, The Rev. C. Ellis		HR
Pace, The Rev. Steven T.		P
Pachau, The Rev. Kima	Asbury College	P
Palmer, The Rev. Stephen	Lexington, Second	P
Peach, The Rev. Ellen	Hazard, First	P
Pendergrast, The Rev. Samuel	Maysville, First	P
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
Reed, The Rev. Mary B.		P
Reinhardt, The Rev. Ronald		HR
Rhodes, The Rev. Stephen		EX
Riley, The Rev. Kathryn		EX
Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan		HR
Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack		EX
Rogers, The Rev. John R.		HR
Rouse, The Rev. Erin	Millersburg, First	P
Rucker, The Rev. Dr. James Sr.	Stated Clerk	P
Rucker, The Rev. James Jr.	Lancaster, First	EX
Rucker, The Rev. Pamela	Nicholasville	EX
Rule, The Rev. David E.		HR
Schantz, The Rev. Charles		A w/o EX
Scott, The Rev. Geary	Mt. Sterling, First	A w/o EX
Seeger, The Rev. Mary	Midway	P
Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	Versailles	EX
Shaffer, The Rev. Robert		HR
Shrauner, The Rev. Ryan		A w/o EX
Silence, The Rev. Jay T	Lexington, Beaumont	P
Smith, The Rev. Joanne		HR
Smith, The Rev. Dr. Richard	General Presbyter	P
Spickler, The Rev. Harry	Grayson, Bayless Memorial	EX
Spoelman, The Rev. Ronald		P
Steiner, The Rev. Betsy D.		HR
Stewart, The Rev. Jim	Danville	EX
Stricklin, The Rev. Ernest		HR
Tarter, The Rev. Dr. Rollin		P
Taylor, The Rev. Lisa Eye	Danville	EX
Thompson, The Rev. Gene		HR
Thulin, The Rev. Ted	London, First	EX
Utt, The Rev. Jerry	Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	EX
VanZant, The Rev. William W.		P
Ward, The Rev. Michael	Lexington, Walnut Hill	EX
Ward, The Rev. Thomas		HR
Warren, The Rev. Susan	Lawrenceburg, First	P

White, The Rev. John C.	Lexington, Eastminster	P
Whitaker, The Rev. Rene	Lexington, Hunter	P
Wiest, The Rev. Scott	Pikeville, First	P
Wilhelm, The Rev. Jack		HR
Woodring, The Rev. James	Pineville, First	A w/o EX
Young, The Rev. Bill		HR

ELDER COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

CHURCHES

Ashland, First	Don Lee	P
Ashland, Normal		
Augusta		
Augusta, Sharon		
Bellefonte, Community		
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial		
Berea, Whites Memorial		
Blackey, Doermann Memorial		
Booneville, First		
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake Area	Jean K Wooton	P
Canada, Highland	Joyce VanZant	P
Carlisle	Susan Kazanas	P
Catlettsburg, First		
Cawood		
Corbin	Ann Hoskins	P
Cow Creek		
Cranks		
Cynthiana	Sheila Jameson	P
Danville	Peggy Tudor	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	EX
Garrard, Westminister		
Georgetown, First	Kevin Conrad	P
Grayson, Bayless Memorial		
Greenup		
Harlan, First	Pat Baker	P
Harrodsburg, Mt. Pleasant		
Harrodsburg, United	David Weber	P
Hazard, First	Chris Doll	P
Hyden, Central		
Indian Creek		

Isom	Margaret Whitaker	P
Jackson, Guerrant	Juanita Callahan	P
Lancaster, First		
Lawrenceburg, First		
Lexington, Beaumont	Beth Alexander	P
Lexington, Bethel		
Lexington, Chapel Hill	Sharel Templeton	P
Lexington, Eastminster	Brenda Buntin	P
Lexington, First		
Lexington, Hunter	Suzi Kifer	P
Lexington, Korean		
Lexington, Maxwell Street		
Lexington, Meadowthorpe	Louise Postley	P
Lexington, Mt. Horeb		
Lexington, Second	Joan Bush	P
	Bobbie Brown	P
	Karen May	P
Lexington, Walnut Hill	Lee Tucker	EX
London, First		
Lothair, Community		
Manchester		
Manchester, Greenbriar	Joan Stivers	P
Mays' Lick		
Maysville, First	Robert Hendrickson	P
McAfee, New Providence		
McVeigh		
Middlesboro, First		
Midway	Michael Barnett	P
Millersburg, First	Bill Harney	P
Morehead, Faith	Cathy Thomas	P
Mt. Sterling, First		
Muddy Ford, Bethesda		
Nicholasville	Scott Harkins	P
Owingsville, Old Springfield		
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	Phyllis McGowan	P
Paris, First	Richard Eads	P
Paris, Hopewell		
Perryville	Candice Purdom	P
Phelps, Peter Creek	Franklin Miller	P
Pikeville, First	Joe Friend	P
Pine Grove, Salem		
Pineville, First		
Prestonsburg, First	Connely McCray	P
Richmond, First	Karen Losson	P

Somerset, First	Fonut Brock	P
Somerset, Pisgah		
Stanford		
Stanton, First		
Stopover, Shepard Memorial	Mary Campbell	P
Tollesboro, Ebenezer		
Versailles, Pisgah		
Versailles, Troy	Larry Snyder	P
Versailles		
Vicco		
Washington		
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial		
Wilmore	Billie Haws	P
Winchester, First		
Winchester, Salem		
Wooton, Community United		

Elder Members of Coordinating Council

Monica Tillie	Christian Formation	P
Richard Eads	Staff Services	Elder commissioner, Paris Elder Commissioner, Troy
Larry Snyder	Social Witness & Mission	
Bill Owens	Nominating	P
Linda Crawford	Presbyterian Women	P
Buddy Brown	Administration & Finance	
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	
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	P
Grooms, Leslie	Augusta, Augusta	P
Lee, Arlie	Cawood, Cranks	
McIntyre, Pat	Lexington, Bethel	
Mitchell, Sandy	Pikeville, First	
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)

Barrett Milner	Burnamwood	P
Robyn Justus	Business Manager/Bookkeeper	P

Visitors

Rev. Art Turner (Bellewood)	Pat Harney	Shane Wilson
Maxine Hicks	Genevieve Clay	Beau Weston
Jean Harney	Joanna Busroe	Nora Weston
Teah Rogers	Julie Maggard	
Tim Rogers	Amy Wilson	
Emily Boyce		

SUMMARY

Ministers of the Presbytery in attendance	44
Ministers of the Presbytery absent w/o excuse	14
Ministers of the Presbytery excused	24
Other ministers in attendance	1
Churches represented by Elder Commissioners	38
Additional Commissioners (from churches entitled to more than one Elder Commissioner)	3
Churches not represented by an Elder Commissioner	54
Commissioned Lay Pastors	8
Elder Members of Coordinating Council	4
Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)	2
Visitors	13
Total Attendance	<u>113</u>

CONVENING OF THE PRESBYTERY and PRAYER

Moderator Susan Warren convened the meeting at 9:00 and opened with prayer. She announced that Mary Reed would be substituting for the originally scheduled preacher, Jerry Utt. The Presbytery then worshipped God in a service that included a fine sermon, the necrology report and a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Stated Clerk James H. Rucker declared that a quorum was present. He had received no requests for changes to the docket and moved that it be approved. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following persons to temporary committees.

Presbytery minutes – Sharel Templeton, Charlie Hanna

Resolutions – Rollin Tarter, Jean Harney

Rev Vicki Poole, serves the Prestonsburg Church. She welcomed the Presbytery and thanked all for coming. She then recognized Elder Jane Bond who delivered a brief history of the church. It was founded in 1899. The hosting of AA and Al Anon groups has been an important part of its ministry in recent years.

First-time commissioners and guests were introduced and Rev. Art Turner of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and Bellewood Presbyterian Home for Children was seated as a corresponding member.

Jim Brazell was introduced as the new interim minister at First PC, Ashland. He has been received as a member of the Presbytery by the Committee on Ministry.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included written reports by Treasurer Catesby Woodford, the Coordinating Council and General Presbyter Richard Smith. The consent agenda was received by common consent.

DECISION AGENDA

The Minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting were Presbytery meeting were approved by common consent.

Stated Clerk Rucker delivered his report. He reported that in recent months an investigating committee had been appointed and looked into a particular situation but that a resolution had been achieved and no other action was needed. The committee was dismissed.

The Clerk moved that the following resignations from various committees be accepted. The motion carried.

Cameron Hardin from the Youth Committee.

Marilyn Daniel as Moderator of the Coordinating Council and as a member of the Coordinating Council.

George Moore as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Susan Alley as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Jerry Utt as a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Rucker indicated that written invitations for future meetings are needed and that we are currently unsure about the Friday night portion of the December 2008 meeting.

Moderator Warren then commissioned the following persons as Transylvania's commissioners to the 2008 General Assembly of the PCUSA.

Nora Weston, Danville, Youth Advisory Delegate.

Elder Julie Maggard, 1st PC, Ashland, Elder Ronnie Grigsby, Hull PC, Hazard

Rev. Rollin Tarter and Rev. Melissa Sevier (Sevier was unable to attend)

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Co-chair Erin Rouse reported on behalf of the committee.

She reviewed that the work of the CPM is now being conducted according to the so-called the "Milwaukee" model. This involves the use of several retreats.

Committee members were introduced.

On behalf of the committee Rouse moved that the Presbytery approved the enrollment of Hanna Norris, 2nd PC, Lexington and Sarah Dill, Maxwell St PC, Lexington as inquirers.

The motion carried.

Pursuant to the committee's request the presbytery split into two groups to hear sermons from Candidates Lynne Hardy and John Manon. All then returned to the sanctuary for a plenary session.

Rouse then led the examination of John Manon a candidate under care of Whitewater Valley Pby. He had received a call from the Corbin PC. Manon responded to two questions from Rouse and the floor was opened for questions from the floor.

Manon then responded to questions from Elder Joe Friend from 1st PC, Pikeville and Rev. Scott Wiest which centered on the issue of who will be saved.

Manon was escorted from the room and Rouse moved that his ordination be sustained. The floor was opened for debate.

Friend spoke and stated that he did not desire to vote for someone who believes that there are ways to salvation other than through Jesus Christ.

Wiest also expressed concern about ordaining persons who do not believe that salvation is only through Christ. He quoted from the Scot's Confession.

Rev. John White, also spoke and expressed concern about those who do not confess Christ as the only way salvation.

Elder Anne Hoskins, Corbin PC, spoke in favor of approving Manon for ordination.

Rouse moved that the examination of John Manon be sustained.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared that the motion had carried.

A count was requested. There was a show of hands, which showed 6 persons voting against.

Friend's no vote was recorded pursuant to G-9.0300.

Rouse then led the examination of Lynne Hardy, a candidate under care of Northern New England Presbytery who has received a call from 1st PC, Harlan. Hardy responded to two questions from Rouse and the floor was open for questions from the floor.

Wiest asked about whether salvation was for all people.

Hardy was escorted from the room and there was brief debate.

Rouse then moved that the examination of Lynne Hardy be sustained and the floor was opened for debate. Friend and Wiest again expressed concerns.

The Moderator called for a vote. The motion carried with a smattering of no votes. Finally it was moved that Transylvania request that Albany Presbytery ordain Lynne Hardy on our behalf.

(Albany is her home Presbytery.) Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Ministry Fred Hood reported.

Hood moved on behalf of the COM to approve the following terms of call for Lynne Hardy at 1st PC, Harlan. Salary \$24,150, Housing \$9,000, Utilities \$3,000, SECA \$2,918, Full Board of Pensions, 403b \$2,000, 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks continuing education, Travel \$3,500, Continuing Education \$1,000 plus \$350 for the first call seminar in each of the first two years of ministry. The motion carried.

On behalf of the committee Hood moved that the following COM recommendations concerning moderators be approved. The motion carried.

1. Recommend Jim Brazell as moderator at First Presbyterian, Ashland effective June 1, 2008.
2. Recommend Scott Cervas as moderator of Meadowthorpe effective July 14, 2008.
3. Recommend Merle Caudill and Greg Whitaker co-moderators of the Session of the Drift Presbyterian Church.
4. Recommend that J.T. Silence be appointed as Moderator for June, July, August of Beaumont Presbyterian Church..
5. Recommend that Jim Rucker, Sr. be appointed moderator of Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church.
6. Recommend that Fred Hood be appointed moderator at Winchester, 1st.

Hood asked prospective retirees Rollin Tarter, Bryce McGowan and Scott Howard to come forward.

Howard Moffett provided ABC reflections on Tarter. Tarter commented.

Pat Chamberlain provided reflections on Bryce McGowan. McGowan commented.

Hood provided reflections on Scott Howard. Howard commented.
Hood moved that Tarter, McGowan and Howard be granted the status of honorably retired with the following effective dates:
Tarter - June 1, 2008
McGowan – August 1, 2008
Howard – May 1, 2008
The Motion carried. Richard Smith offered a prayer for these ministers and their service and we sang the Tallis Canon.

Hood recognized three anniversaries of ordination.
David Chumney – 25 years.
Charlie Murray – 50 years.
Jim Rucker, SR. – 50 years.

Hood moved the election of the following commissions:
Lynne Hardy (to install) August 10 4:00 pm at 1st PC, Harlan
Elders - Joanna Busroe, Anne Hoskins, Bill Reed, Pat Baker
Ministers – Mary Reed, Richard Smith, Tony Gilbert

John Manon (to ordain and install) July 20, 2008 at 3:00 pm at Corbin PC
Elders – Bill Putman, Ed Valentine.
Ministers - Bill McAtee, Jack Wilhelm, Ted Thulin, Tony Gilbert

McGowan invited all to a service to celebrate his retirement at Old Paint Lick PC on August _____

Nominating Committee

Bill Owens reported for the committee and moved the election of the following individuals.
Gayle Burns, Elder Buckhorn Lakes Church Development and Evangelism, class of 2009
Kossuth Mitchell, Elder Pikeville, First CLP Committee, class of 2008
Curtis Christian, Minister, COM, class of 2010
David Chumney, Minister, CPM, class of 2010
William J. Baird, III., Elder, Pikeville, First Trustees, class of 2010
The committee moved the election of these persons. Motion carried.

Trustees

Treasurer Catesby Woodford reported on behalf of the trustees.
A request has been received from the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Somerset.
It asks that the Presbytery grant permission to the Session to encumber property. The property is located at 202 N. Vine Street, Somerset, Kentucky and is adjacent to the current church property. The cost is \$125,000. After review of documentation provided by the church, the Trustees recommend the approval of this request and suggest that the church look into obtaining a fixed rate loan instead of the adjustable rate mentioned in the documentation.
Woodford moved that the church's right to purchase and encumber the property be approved.
The motion carried.

Burnamwood.

Barrett Milner reported. The summer program had begun the week before. Enrollments are up a bit for this summer but spaces are available for several weeks. A campaign called the Green Fund has begun. This has already enabled the purchase of a dishwasher. They plan to use the former director's house as a retreat center. Flyers are available.

Church Development & Evangelism

John White reported. \$10,000 is available for Grants this year. Churches are urged to apply for this money. August 18 is the deadline. An application form was in the packet.

Bellewood Presbyterian Homes

Art Turner, development director reported. Bellewood helped about 480 children and families last year. A more thorough annual report will be available soon. Various materials were available. Turner also brought some materials from Louisville Seminary as well.

Presbyterian Women

Linda Crawford, the new moderator of PW reported. Newsletters are available. She highlighted two upcoming events.

1. Bible Study at 2nd PC, Louisville, July 26.
2. The Presbytery's Fall gathering, September 20 at Camp Burnamwood. Paul Prather of the Lexington Herald-Leader will be the featured speaker.

Resolutions Committee

Rollin Tarter presented the following resolution which was adopted by common consent.

Whereas by the grace of God we have been gathered as the Presbytery of Transylvania at First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg;

And whereas, this congregation has bestowed upon all of us a deep measure of loving hospitality by providing us with a Lectionary Lunch, a Mission tour of the area, dinner and a boat ride on the peaceful water of Lake Dewey,

And whereas these gifts and graces led us to worship, where we heard the Word proclaimed, “. . . where we felt completely safe and at rest”; and

Whereas, we heard the names of all of those who during the last year joined the communion of saints, we were “. . . fed in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper that united us with those saints, with Christ, and gave us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Christ's eternal kingdom,” we gave unto God our thanks and praise.

Whereupon we heard a brief story of Prestonsburg First's life and work; rejoiced in receiving two new inquirers and examined an approved for ordination two candidates, commissioned members to participate in General Assembly 218, honorably retired three ministers of Word and Sacrament, recognized the anniversaries in ministry of other colleagues, heard other reports and recommendations and acted upon them by the light God gave unto us;

Therefore, we asked God “. . . to send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Hastily but gladly submitted,
Jean Harney & Rollin Tarter

Larry Snyder was recognized for the Social Witness and Mission Committee. He mentioned that five teams from Transylvania for will be going on various Living Waters for the World (LWW) trips this year. He also mentioned Susan Bradish who will soon be leaving for Guatemala on a trip to research the effectiveness of LWW systems. Snyder and mentioned that two cents a meal cups would be on the table and then blessed the lunch.

There was no new or unfinished business.

The moderator stated that there is a strong possibility of a called meeting on July 15, 2008.

The Stated Clerk moved that the Presbytery be adjourned following lunch and the benediction to reconvene at on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Burnamwood Camp & Conference Center, Irvine, Kentucky. The motion carried.

All moved to the church's fellowship hall for a fine lunch, this was followed by a few announcements and a benediction by the moderator at 1:15.

Respectfully submitted

James H. Rucker
Stated Clerk