

Minutes
PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA
STATED MEETING–SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SOMERSET, KENTUCKY

The meeting of Presbytery of Transylvania was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by moderator George Moore. The meeting was opened with prayer. The roll was formed. (*Appendix A*) Worship was led by The Rev. Pamela Rucker and The Rev. Mike Ward.

Following worship, the Stated Clerk declared a quorum present and presented the docket for the meeting which was approved with the addition of item 3-e, to hear a report from the Bellewood Children's Center, Item 3-I Nominations Committee and item 2-B, minutes of an Installation Commission. The docket was approved as amended. (*Appendix B*)

The moderator appointed The Rev. Curtis Christian and Elder Catesby Woodford to serve as the Resolutions Committee.

The Presbytery was welcomed to Somerset and the First Presbyterian Church and Pisgah Presbyterian Church by The Rev. Allen Brimer and The Rev. Rusty Butler. Doris Gill shared a history of the Pisgah church and the Rev. Jack Wilhelm the history of First Presbyterian Church.

Commissioners attending for the first time and guests were introduced. There were no corresponding members.

The Consent Agenda was presented and on motion approved as prepared. (*Appendix C*)

The Minutes of the March presbytery meeting were presented. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes be approved. The Stated Clerk shared dates of up-coming meetings of the Presbytery and invited churches to consider inviting the presbytery to meet at their church. The open date for 2009 is for the December 4-5 meeting; dates for 2010 are March 9, Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Saturday June 26, Friday-Saturday September 17-18 and December 14. The clerk noted that the dates presented for 2010 were tentative, awaiting the action of the presbytery to adopt new Standing Rules.

The report of the General Presbyter was presented and received. (*Appendix D*)

The report of the Treasurer was presented and received. (*Appendix E*)

The report of the Coordinating Council was presented by Elder Catesby Woodford. ***It was moved and seconded that the presbytery approve and adopt the Standing Rules as presented to become effective January 1, 2010.*** Following discussion and questions **the motion was approved.** (*Appendix F*) It was moved and seconded ***To put the new Standing Rules into effect, the Presbytery request the resignation of all Committee and Council members, effective December 31, 2009, thus enabling the current Nominating Committee to enlist the necessary people for the structure contained in the new Standing Rules.*** Motion carried. It was noted

that members of the Permanent Judicial Commission and elected officers Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Treasurer and Stated Clerk were excluded in the action.

The report of the Committee on Ministry was presented by Elder Jane Bond. (Appendix G) ***It was moved, seconded and carried*** that the following Moderators be appointed: Bill Putman, First Presbyterian Church, Middlesboro, Jane Bond, Highland Presbyterian Church, Canada, Ron Reinhardt, First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Gary Huffman, First Presbyterian Church Pikeville, Ted Thulin Greenbriar Presbyterian Church, Jim Rucker, Jr, Mt Sterling Presbyterian Church.

It was moved, and seconded that in accordance with Book of Order G.9.0503(4), the presbytery appoint a commission composed of seven members who shall be charged to visit the Greenbriar church, reported to be affected with disorder, and to inquire into and work to resolve the difficulties therein. The commission shall be considered a colleague in ministry with the church and shall specifically not be empowered to replace the Session by assuming original jurisdiction. It shall be the purpose of the commission to ascertain the severity of the problems besetting this church and to report to the Presbytery through the Committee on Ministry their findings and their recommendations for further action. Recommend the following members for the commission: Rusty Butler, Gary Huffman, Jackie Lindberg, Peggy Tudor, Rollin Tarter, Susamme Lazimam and Beth Hall. Following discussion ***it was moved, seconded and carried*** that this item be tabled until the September meeting of the Presbytery.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery approve the Interim Contract between Jim Rucker, Jr. and First Presbyterian Church, Mount Sterling.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Associate Pastor position at The Presbyterian Church Danville be eliminated.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the presbytery dismiss the Rev. Scott Wiest to the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery adopt the proposed policy concerning "Reference Checking for Pulpit Nominating Committees" (Appendix H)

The report of the Trustees was presented. (Appendix I) ***It was moved and carried*** that \$111,756 of the Gleneagles funds be designated for church development or redevelopment and that the remained be held in reserves. ***The recommendations of the Trustees*** that First Presbyterian Church Lexington be granted permission to purchase property across the street from the church, that First Presbyterian Church Middlesboro be granted permission to sell the manse and to report the planned use of the proceeds back to the Board of Trustees, and that the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Sterling be granted permission to sell the manse were ***on motion approved***.

The report of the Administration and Finance Committee was presented, (Appendix J). ***It was moved and carried*** that "given the current market analysis, we recommend continuation of our lease at 2480 Fortune drive with the following terms: 5 year contract beginning in August 2009 at the current rate of \$2,835 per month.

Presentations concerning program and upcoming events were made by Presbyterian Women, Burnamwood, Christian Formation and Discipleship, Church Development and Evangelism and Bellewood.

The resolutions committee reported as follows:

Whereas: We gathered in Somerset for the June, 2009 meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania;

Whereas: Pisgah Somerset, in its Friday Barbeque, assembled us around a common table;

Whereas: In its bluegrass music, Pisgah invited us to praise the Lord with voice and strings;

Whereas: Somerset First welcomed the people of God with food and drink; with hands and hearts; with worship and work; we energy, intelligence, imagination, and love;

Whereas: This hospitality was received against the backdrop of beautiful spring weather;

Whereas: Conflict may be a sign, not of polarity, but of our strength of unity in Christ;

Whereas: The ministries and missions of the Presbytery of Transylvania are an exhibition of the kingdom of God before the world;

Whereas: The Stated Clerk will graciously allow the Resolutions Committee to present for record this resolution of thanks in a later, more legible, form;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Presbytery of Transylvania expresses its appreciation for the hospitality and fellowship enjoyed in Pulaski County;
2. And, it expresses its gratitude for the indescribable grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The report was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes of this meeting.

There being no new or unfinished business *it was moved, seconded, and carried* that the presbytery stand adjourned until the next stated meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., Buckhorn Lake Area Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted
James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk

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		EX
Bailey, The Rev. Gaither	Georgetown, First	EX
Baldwin, The Rev. Diane	Lexington, Maxwell Street	EX
Barfeld, The Rev. Emmett		HR
Berry, The Rev. Woody	Lexington, Maxwell Street	EX
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	EX
Christian, The Rev. Curtis	Richmond, First	P
Chumney, The Rev. David	Morehead, Faith	EX
Clark, The Rev. E.G.	Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	P
Clark, The Rev. Patterson		A w/o EX
Craven, The Rev. Douglas	Flemingsburg, First	EX
Daniel, The Rev. Randolph		HR
Deutsch, The Rev. William		A w/o EX
DeYoung, The Rev. Art	Cynthiana	A w/o EX
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		EX
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	A w/o EX
Gilbert, The Rev. Anthony	Middlesboro, First	EX
Gnatuk, The Rev. Wayne	GA	EX
Gordon, The Rev. Graham		HR
Griffie, The Rev. Dr. L. Fred		HR
Guerrant, The Rev. Richard		HR
Haga, The Rev. R Jackson		HR

Hall, The Rev. Kirk	Lexington, First	A w/o EX
Hamilton, The Rev. Robert	Canada, Highland	A w/o EX
Hanna, The Rev. Charles		P
Hanna, The Rev. Edwin B.		HR
Hans, The Rev. Dr. Daniel	Second, Lexington	EX
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	A w/o EX
Hopper, The Rev. Edward		HR
Howard, The Rev. Scott		HR
Huffman, The Rev. Gary	Paris, First	HR
Iversen, The Rev. Eric		HR
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	Ashland, First	EX
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.		EX
Pachuau, The Rev. Kima	Asbury College	P
Palmer, The Rev. Stephen	Lexington, Second	P
Peach, The Rev. Ellen	Hazard, First	P
Pogue, The Rev. Philip	Stanton, First	P
Poole, The Rev. Vicki Lynn	Prestonsburg, First	EX
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		EX
Riley, The Rev. Kathryn	Lexington, Hunter	P

Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan		HR
Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack		EX
Rouse, The Rev. Erin	Millersburg, First	A w/o EX
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.		HR
Schantz, The Rev. Charles		A w/o EX
Scott, The Rev. Geary	Lexington, Chapel Hill	P
Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	Versailles	EX
Shaffer, The Rev. Robert		HR
Shrauner, The Rev. Ryan		EX
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	HR
Spoelman, The Rev. Ronald		HR
Steiner, The Rev. Betsy D.		HR
Stewart, The Rev. Jim	Danville	P
Stricklin, The Rev. Ernest		HR
Tarter, The Rev. Dr. Rollin		P
Taylor, The Rev. Lisa Eye		P
Thompson, The Rev. Gene		HR
Thulin, The Rev. Ted	London, First	A w/o EX
Utt, The Rev. Jerry	Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	EX
VanZant, The Rev. William W.		HR
Ward, The Rev. Michael	Lexington, Walnut Hill	P
Ward, The Rev. Thomas		HR
Warren, The Rev. Susan	Lexington, Beaumont	EX
Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger	Midway	P
White, The Rev. John C.	Lexington, Eastminster	EX
Whitaker, The Rev. Rene	First, Maysville	P
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
 Ashland, Normal
 Augusta
 Augusta, Sharon

Bellefonte, Community		
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial		
Berea, Whites Memorial		
Blackey, Doermann Memorial		
Booneville, First		
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake Area	Polly Ann White	P
Canada, Highland		
Carlisle		
Catlettsburg, First		
Cawood		
Corbin		
Cow Creek		
Cranks		
Cynthiana		
Danville	Scott Reisinger	P
	Jean Harney	P
Darfork, Hull Memorial		
Drift		
Dry Hill, Anna C. Brush Memorial		
Ezel, United	Mary K Motley	P
Flemingsburg, First		
Frenchburg, United		
Garrard, Westminster		
Georgetown, First		
Grayson, Bayless Memorial		
Greenup		
Harlan, First		
Harrodsburg, Mt. Pleasant		
Harrodsburg, United	Henry Grall	P
Hazard, First	Alice J. Hall	P
Hyden, Central		
Indian Creek		
Isom	Terry Caudill	P
Jackson, Guerrant	Juanita Callahan	P
Lancaster, First	Karen Anderson	P
Lawrenceburg, First		
Lexington, Beaumont		
Lexington, Bethel		
Lexington, Chapel Hill	Ollie Christmyer	EX
Lexington, Eastminster		
Lexington, First	Lee Carroll	P
Lexington, Hunter	Suzi Kifer	P
Lexington, Korean		
Lexington, Maxwell Street		

Lexington, Meadowthorpe		
Lexington, Mt. Horeb		
Lexington, Second	Joyce Deaeth	P
	John C Greene	P
	Karen May	P
Lexington, Walnut Hill	Lee Tucker	EX
London, First	Bill Putman	P
Lothair, Community		
Manchester		
Manchester, Greenbriar	Vickie Nicholson	P
Mays' Lick		
Maysville, First		
McAfee, New Providence		
McVeigh		
Middlesboro, First		
Midway	John Davis	P
Millersburg, First		
Morehead, Faith		
Mt. Sterling, First		
Muddy Ford, Bethesda		
Nicholasville	Mary Ullrich	P
Owingsville, Old Springfield		
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	Jean McGowan	P
Paris, First		
Paris, Hopewell		
Perryville		EX
Phelps, Peter Creek	J. T. Charles	P
Pikeville, First		
Pineville, First		
Prestonsburg, First	Jane Bond	P
Richmond, First	Lynn Shearon	P
Somerset, First		
Somerset, Pisgah	Bill Gilmore	EX
Stanford	Shea Lair	P
Stanton, First		
Stopover, Shepard Memorial	Woody Barker	P
Tollesboro, Ebenezer		
Versailles, Pisgah		
Versailles, Troy	Larry Snyder	P
Versailles		
Vicco		
Washington		
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial		
Wilmore	Shannon 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	
Larry Snyder	Social Witness & Mission	Elder Commissioner, Troy
Bill Owens	Nominating	P
Linda Crawford	Presbyterian Women	P
Nik Fegenbush	Trustees	
David Weber	Judicial Business	P
Catesby Woodford	Treasurer	P

Commissioned Lay Pastors

Bentley, Howard	Augusta, Sharon	
Brown, Richard	Catlettsburg, First	
Burns, Gayle	Buckhorn	
Burns, Tom	Buckhorn	P
Caudill, Merle	Wooton, Community United	
Christensen, Charles	Versailles	
Eberly, Lyndon	Mays' Lick	
England, Robert	Muddy Ford, Bethesda	
Estes, Dewayne	Beattyville, McGuire Memorial	
Feltner, Dana	Lothair, Community	
Grigsby, Ronnie	Hazard, Hull and Vicco	
Grooms, Leslie	Augusta, Augusta	
Lee, Arlie	Cawood, Cranks	
McIntyre, Pat	Lexington, Bethel	
Mitchell, Sandy	Pikeville, First	
Moore, George	Lexington, Mt. Horeb	P
Whitaker, Greg	Wooton, Community United	

Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)

Robyn Justus
Sharel Templeton

Visitors

Aubrey May	Deann Allen	Robert Stivers
Carol S	Joanie Lukins	Kitty Barsotti
Evelyn Motley	Teena Nicholson	Mamie C Bowling
Ruth Beattie	Rev. Sally Pendleton	Pat Burchell
Phyllis Hanna	Jo Greene	Becky Butler

SUMMARY

Ministers of the Presbytery in attendance		39
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		26
Additional Commissioners (from churches entitled to more than one Elder Commissioner)		1
Churches not represented by an Elder Commissioner		
Commissioned Lay Pastors		2
Elder Members of Coordinating Council		5
Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)		2
Visitors		14
 Total Attendance		 90