

*Presbytery of Transylvania  
December Presbytery Dinner*

The December '06 meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania was one which took many on a "trip down Memory Lane". In the first ten years of his retirement, the Rev. Dr.



William McAtee, former Presbytery Executive, has written *Dreams Where Have You Gone?*, a well-documented history and reflection of the life of the union presbytery movement—specifically Kentucky—in the 1900's. In sharing some of the details with the gathering on Friday night, December 1, at the Springs Inn in Lexington, Bill reminded us of the unique way in which the Presbyterian

Church was able to function—with the “northern and southern streams” often living side by side. There were differences and struggles, but the two groups remained faithful to their respective denominations, leading the path to the reunion in 1983, forming the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Bill shared the program with the Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the PC(USA.) Cliff acknowledged the importance of the journey of the union presbytery movement, and brought the people along to the present day. As we work on the recommendations in the report of the Peace, Unity, and Purity Task Force, we need to remember the challenges of the union presbytery efforts. It was a special evening as we watched two knowledgeable and well-spoken church leaders share their love and their commitment to this denomination.

The following morning, Cliff preached at the worship service as part of the regular agenda of the presbytery meeting, held at Second Presbyterian Church in Lexington.