

**PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA  
STATED MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008  
BURNAMWOOD CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER, IRVINE, KENTUCKY**

The Presbytery of Transylvania conducted its regular September 2008 meeting at the Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center near Irvine, KY on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

**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	P
Barfeld, The Rev. Emmet		HR
Beckes, The Rev. Ned		A w/o EX
Berry, The Rev. Woody	Lexington, Maxwell Street	P
Blatnik, The Rev. Darla	Lexington, Second	EX
Bowman, The Rev. Dr. Lee	Lexington, First	P
Brazell, The Rev. Jim	Ashland, First	A w/o 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	P
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		EX
Craven, The Rev. Douglas	Flemingsburg, First	P
Daniel, The Rev. Randolph		HR
Deutsch, The Rev. William		A w/o EX
DeYoung, The Rev. Art	Harrodsburg, United	P
Divas, The Rev. Dr. Armando		P
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		P
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	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
Hamilton, The Rev. Robert	Canada, Highland	P
Hanna, The Rev. Charles		HR
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		EX
Huffman, The Rev. Gary	Paris, First	P
Iversen, The Rev. Eric		P
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	Ashland, First	P
Jones, The Rev. Jon F.		HR
Kim, The Rev. Yongwha	Lexington, Korean	P
Lindberg, The Rev. Jackie		HR
Malott, The Rev. Fred		HR
Manon, The Rev. John A	Corbin	P
Marple, The Rev. Justin	Peter Creek/Shepard Memorial	P
Martin, The Rev. Jon	Versailles, Pisgah	P
Martin, The Rev. Susanne	Pine Grove, Salem	P
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		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.		EX

Pachua, The Rev. Kima	Asbury College	EX
Palmer, The Rev. Stephen	Lexington, Second	A w/o EX
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	A w/o EX
Powlas, The Rev. Joe		HR
Prewitt, The Rev. Janet	Hospice, Chaplain	EX
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		P
Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan		HR
Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack		P
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	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	Mt. Sterling, First	P
Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	Versailles	P
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		EX
Smith, The Rev. Dr. Richard	General Presbyter	P
Spickler, The Rev. Harry	Grayson, Bayless Memorial	P
Spoelman, The Rev. Ronald		P
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	Danville	P
Thompson, The Rev. Gene		HR
Thulin, The Rev. Ted	London, First	P
Utt, The Rev. Jerry	Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	P
VanZant, The Rev. William W.		P
Ward, The Rev. Michael	Lexington, Walnut Hill	P
Ward, The Rev. Thomas		HR
Warren, The Rev. Susan	Lawrenceburg, First	P
Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger	Midway	P
White, The Rev. John C.	Lexington, Eastminster	EX
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	Jon Henrikson	P
Booneville, First		
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake Area		
Canada, Highland	Joe Grossl	P
Carlisle		
Catlettsburg, First		
Cawood		
Corbin		
Cow Creek		
Cranks		
Cynthiana	Sheila Jameson	P
Danville	Peggy Tudor	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	Shirley Miller	P
Garrard, Westminster		
Georgetown, First	Kevin Conrad	EX
Grayson, Bayless Memorial		
Greenup		
Harlan, First		
Harrodsburg, Mt. Pleasant		
Harrodsburg, United	Irene Mitchell	P
Hazard, First	Betty Morton	P
Hyden, Central		
Indian Creek		
Isom		
Jackson, Guerrant	Juanita Callahan	P

Lancaster, First		
Lawrenceburg, First		
Lexington, Beaumont	Beth Alexander	P
Lexington, Bethel		
Lexington, Chapel Hill	Ollie Christmyer	P
Lexington, Eastminster		
Lexington, First		
Lexington, Hunter	Suzi Kifer	P
Lexington, Korean		
Lexington, Maxwell Street	Martha Campbell	P
	John Pendley	P
Lexington, Meadowthorpe	Janet Edwards	P
Lexington, Mt. Horeb		
Lexington, Second	Joan Bush	P
	Bob Kirkland	P
	John Greene	P
Lexington, Walnut Hill	Lee Tucker	EX
London, First		
Lothair, Community		
Manchester		
Manchester, Greenbriar		
Mays' Lick		
Maysville, First	JoAnna Siders	P
McAfee, New Providence		
McVeigh		
Middlesboro, First		
Midway	Sarah Wilson	P
Millersburg, First	Bill Harney	P
Morehead, Faith	Cathy Thomas	EX
Mt. Sterling, First		
Muddy Ford, Bethesda		
Nicholasville		
Owingsville, Old Springfield		
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	Dan Ledford	P
Paris, First		
Paris, Hopewell		
Perryville		
Phelps, Peter Creek	Franklin Miller	P
Pikeville, First		
Pine Grove, Salem		
Pineville, First		
Prestonsburg, First		
Richmond, First	Lynn Shearon	P
Somerset, First	Nina Joplin	P
Somerset, Pisgah	Sandy Somers	P

Stanford		
Stanton, First		
Stopover, Shepard Memorial	Woody Barker	P
Tollesboro, Ebenezer		
Versailles, Pisgah		
Versailles, Troy	Larry Snyder	P
Versailles	Robert Burkich	P
Vicco		
Washington		
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial		
Wilmore	Jan Harper	P
Winchester, First		
Winchester, Salem		
Wooton, Community United		

**Elder Members of Coordinating Council**

Monica Tillie	Christian Formation	
Richard Eads	Staff Services	P
Larry Snyder	Social Witness & Mission	Elder Commissioner, Troy
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	EX
Moore, George	Lexington, Mt. Horeb	
Reed, William	Harlan, First	P
Whitaker, Greg	Wooton, Community United	EX

**Presbytery Staff** (not listed elsewhere)

Barrett Milner  
Robyn Justus  
Sharel Templeton  
Pete Jones

**Visitors**

Rev. Art Turner (Bellewood)	Emily Warren	Leia & Josiah
Maxine Hicks	Amy Dame	Marple
Jean Harney	David Weber	Ruth Beattie
Evelyn Motley	Genevieve Clay	Greg Kupar
Rob Kinzel	Barbara Morgan	Ben Roller
Susan Wood	Scott Reisinger	Rev. Lee Beckhusen
		Kelley Manon

**SUMMARY**

Ministers of the Presbytery in attendance	61
Ministers of the Presbytery absent w/o excuse	13
Ministers of the Presbytery excused	13
Other ministers in attendance	2
Churches represented by Elder Commissioners	28
Additional Commissioners (from churches entitled to more than one Elder Commissioner)	3
Churches not represented by an Elder Commissioner	64
Commissioned Lay Pastors	7
Elder Members of Coordinating Council	3
Presbytery Staff (not listed elsewhere)	4
Visitors	18
Total Attendance	<b><u>125</u></b>

**CONVENING OF THE PRESBYTERY and PRAYER**

Moderator Susan Warren convened the meeting at 10:00 am and opened with prayer. The Presbytery then worshipped God; this included a sermon by candidate Amy Dane.

Stated Clerk James H. Rucker declared that a quorum was present. The proposed Docket was presented and the clerk indicated he had received one request to amend the docket, to add to the consent agenda the reports from three commissions to ordain and install pastors. It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the docket. Appendix A

The Moderator appointed the following persons to temporary committees.

Presbytery minutes – Bill Van Zant and Mary Reed

Resolutions – Richard Guerrant and Geary Scott

Rev Woody Berry, who serves as chair of the Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center Board, welcomed the Presbytery to Burnamwood and thanked all for coming.

First-time commissioners and guests were introduced and Rev. Art Turner of Bellewood and Rev. Lee Beckhusen of the Presbyterian Foundation were seated as corresponding members.

#### *Report of the Commissioners to General Assembly*

Melissa Sevier was recognized to present the report of the Commissioners to the 218<sup>th</sup> (2008) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She spoke of how attending the General Assembly was a spiritual experience. Mrs. Sevier read a brief report from Commissioner Julie Maggard on the overall workings of the Assembly. Ronnie Grigsby reported on his work with the health issues committee, noting that there were many motions to perfect amended motions, etc. etc. He thinks our form of government works despite our narrow-mindedness and silliness. The testimony of many folks about their faith in Jesus Christ from all over the world uplifted and inspired him. The Rev. Rollin Tarter indicated that for him the General Assembly was a great experience. He thinks of this GA as a balanced one. For instance, the Moderator election was a vote for change yet the Stated Clerk vote was one for continuity. Mr. Tarter served on the international issues committee and is proud to be a part of a church which confronts such a broad array of issues. Nora Weston sent a report on her experience as a Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD) which was to be a telecommunication. However, being unable to access the report via wireless, the Moderator, Susan Warren, read Nora's report. As part of the various reports it was noted that one possible controversy relates to the Heidelberg Confession and whether the current version contains some translation errors. A special committee was appointed to study this. There was also debate about adding the Belhar Confession to our Book of Confessions. This will be discussed in the church the next several years. The Presbytery then split into five groups for more in depth discussions about issues relating to GA.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda included written reports by the Coordinating Council, Appendix B, the General Presbyter, Appendix C, the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee, Appendix D and reports from Commissions to install and/or ordain John Manon (Corbin), Lynne Hardy (Harlan) and Robert Hamilton (Canada). Appendix E. The Consent agenda was received by common consent.

#### **DECISION AGENDA**

##### *Report of the Stated Clerk*

The minutes of the June 7, 2008 stated meeting and the July 15, 2008 called meeting were approved by common consent.

The Clerk moved that the following resignations from various committees be accepted: Betty Robbins from the Committee on Representation, Julia Thorne from the Committee on Ministry, Julie Maggard from the Committee on Ministry, and Susan Alley from the Judicial Business Committee and the Permanent Judicial Commission. **The motion carried.**

The Clerk reviewed upcoming meeting sites, noting that invitations for 2009 meetings were needed..

##### *Nominating Committee*

Committee member Ruth Beattie reported for the Committee, asking those present to fill out a time and talent sheet. On behalf of the Committee she placed in nomination the following persons:

Linda Crawford, Elder, Second-Lexington, Representative to 2008 Annual Meeting of Kentucky Council of Churches

Scott Cervas, Minister, Meadowthorpe-Lexington, Youth Committee, Class of 2009

The Moderator asked for additional nominations and there being none, those nominated were elected by acclamation.

### Committee on Ministry

Melissa Sevier reported on various actions taken by COM and moved approval of the following:

A. CLP James Arlie Lee be appointed Moderator at Cawood and Cranks Churches and be granted permission to administer sacraments.

B. Barbara Morgan be appointed Moderator at Central Hyden Church through the interim search process.

C. that Mike Ward be appointed Moderator for Normal Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Kentucky. It was moved, seconded and carried that these three items be approved.

Mrs. Sevier discussed the concerns that have been expressed about the requirement that all ministers, CLPs and certain others attend sexual misconduct prevention training. Persons should attend first, because the Presbytery voted to do it and, secondly because it is important that we make these efforts to protect our parishioners. It is one-half day training.

### Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center

Woody Berry reported on the status of Burnamwood: the highlights from the summer just past and the search for a Burnamwood director. The search committee recommends Pete Jones for the director position. **It was moved** that the job description included in the packet be adopted.

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Berry reported that the Search Committee did not enter the process with the assumption that Pete would be their choice, and reviewed a number of candidates. The committee finds Pete to be the best candidate and therefore . **It was moved** that Pete Jones be elected as the Burnamwood director. **Motion carried.**

Mike Ward reported for Roberta James on Comings and Goings. Several new pastors were introduced. We said goodbye to two departing ministers, Larry Bowald (who has already departed) then Sam Pendergrast who will leave for a church in Rome, NY in mid-October. Several testimonials to Pendergrast were read.

The Order of the Day for lunch having arrived, Larry Snyder returned thanks for lunch for the Social Witness Mission Committee. He reviewed the need for the 2 cents a meal offering.

### Worship

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 pm at the Fire Circle for Worship. Worship was highlighted by a sermon by Pete Jones. Several of the summer youth staff served as liturgists and musicians along with The Rev. Scott Cervas.

Continuation of the report of the Committee on Ministry

Mrs. Sevier **moved** the election of a commission to install Scott Cervas at Meadowthorpe PC, Lexington on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 4:00 pm. Elders: Martha Campbell, Maxwell St PC, Lexington; Suzanne Leiber, Meadowthorpe PC, Lexington and John Greene, Second PC, Lexington, Ministers: Mike Ward, Ted Thulin, Lee Bowman. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The Rev. Erin Rouse was recognized for the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Candidate Amy Dame, a member of Beaumont Presbyterian Church has received a call to become the associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson, KS. It was noted that the Presbytery of Southern Kansas has approved the terms of call and asked Transylvania Presbytery to examine and ordain Amy on their behalf. Mrs. Rouse posed two questions to Amy. The floor was open for questions. Following these questions and answers, Miss Dame was escorted from the room. **The committee moved that the examination be sustained and that Amy Dame be approved for ordination. Motion carried.**

**The Rev. Tom Farmer moved** the election of the following commission to ordain Amy Dame as a minister of the Word and Sacrament on September 13, 2008 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary of Beaumont PC in Lexington: Elders Pat Harney, Millersburg Connie Young, Beaumont, Chuck McGaughey, Beaumont Ministers: Erin Rouse, Tom Farmer, Kathy Riley, Chris Roseland. **The motion carried.**

Mrs. Rouse reported that Candidate Peter Jones has received a call to be the Camp Burnamwood Director. On behalf of the committee Mrs. Rouse posed two questions to Pete, and several questions were asked from the floor Following the question and answer period, Mr. Jones was escorted from the room and **the committee moved that the examination be sustained and that Pete Jones be approved for ordination. Motion carried.**

Moderator Warren read the proposed terms of call for Jones' position as Director of Camp Burnamwood. The terms are: Cash Salary - \$24,150, Housing Allowance - \$14,850, SECA - \$2,984. Full coverage from the Board of Pensions, Professional expenses - \$3,000, Vacation 4 weeks annually, Continuing Education 2 weeks annually (cumulative up to 6 weeks). Expenses of ministry reimbursed through an accountable plan: Travel at IRS rate, Continuing Ed. Reimbursement allowance \$750 (cumulative to 3 years).

**It was moved and carried that the terms be approved.**

Moderator Warren reviewed the fact that since it is the Presbytery who is calling Pete Jones to the position at Burnamwood, the ordination and installation service ought to be conducted as a called meeting of the Presbytery rather than by a commission. Therefore the Moderator and Stated Clerk are calling a Presbytery meeting to be held at 2:00 pm on October 19, 2008 for the purpose of ordaining and installing Pete Jones. This meeting to be held at Maxwell St Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

**PRESENTATION AGENDA**

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Catesby Woodford reported. He reviewed the financial reports which were part of the handout packet. He anticipates that the Gleneagles property will be sold later this year. We are a few thousand dollars behind last year, not time to panic yet.

Report of the Administration & Finance Committee

Mr. Woodford also reported for this committee. They are working on the asking budget for 2009. Tom Sparks was recognized to present the audit for 2007. There was an increase in the Presbytery's net worth during 2007. It was a clean audit with no findings of wrongdoing. Sparks thanked the staff for their help.

Presbyterian Women

Miss Linda Crawford reported. The Fall retreat for Presbyterian Women will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at Burnamwood. Paul Prather will be the keynote speaker. She also mentioned the 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women next July in Louisville.

Miss Crawford also mentioned that Eileen Lindner would be the Case Warren lecturer at Second PC this year on October 12.

GA Theological Education Fund

The Rev. Jerry Utt reported; Mr. Utt is the Fund's coordinator for this Presbytery. Churches are urged to contribute to the Fund. The following churches were honored for their participation: Mt. Horeb, Danville, Lexington First, Cynthia, Manchester.

Resolutions Committee

Richard Guerrant reported on behalf of himself and Geary Scott as follows:

Whereas the Presbytery was warmly welcomed by Woody Berry, heard reports from GA commissioners Sevier, Grigsby, Tarter and Weston and then conducted group discussions. And Whereas we adopted a job description for the Burnamwood Director, said farewell to Sam Pendergrast, had a delicious lunch, meaningful worship, a successful examination of candidates Amy Dame and Pete Jones. We thank God for the opportunity to experience the mystique of Burnamwood which will hopefully increase its use by the Presbytery.

The resolution was adopted by acclamation.

There being no further business Mr. Rucker moved that the Presbytery stand adjourned following the benediction until the called meeting on October 19 and then the stated meeting on Friday and Saturday, December 5 & 6, 2008.

The motion was approved by common consent and the meeting was adjourned with a benediction by Moderator Warren at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk