

PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Synod of the Trinity

Village Chapel Presbyterian Church
Charleston, West Virginia
September 11, 2012

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH STATED MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Stephen Baldwin.

GREETINGS

Pastor Todd Wright welcomed Presbytery and told about the beginnings of the church.

Acting Stated Clerk Jim Robinson recognized and welcomed ministers new to the Presbytery and invited them to sign the Book of Obligations: Elise Neal, First Church, Fairmont; and Julie Sterling, Buckhannon.

Robinson introduced and welcomed visiting minister David Bower.

Robinson recognized and welcomed visitors and elder commissioners attending their first Presbytery meeting.

WORSHIP

The meeting began with worship and celebration of the Lord's Supper led by John Nelson, Liturgist; Barbara Hopta, Preacher; Todd Wright and Kari Preslar, Celebrants; and Musicians Carolyn Perrine, Sharon Curnutte and youth and young adult string players: Erin Chiparo, Jake Jacobs, Lillie Jacobs, and Samuel Stickler. An offering of \$902 was received for Denver Presbytery's response to the recent shootings in Aurora, Colorado.

PROGRAM

Mary Odin and Pamilla Ferrell led Presbytery in an informational program about the new Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God*. They were assisted by Carolyn Perrine, Organist, and Don Parker, Guitarist.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

The Moderator recognized General Assembly Commissioners Joyce Armentrout, Carl Pattison, Ken Bibbee, and Peter Vial who presented the General Assembly Commissioners' report. They spoke about some of the issues that came before General Assembly and their sense of the state of the denomination. They showed a video report by Tory Parker who was the Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Commissioners Joyce

Armentrout, Ken Bibbee and Carl Pattison also provided written reports. (Appendix A, pages, 110-113.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Moderator recognized Claire Butler who presented a Minute for Mission about the Peacemaking Offering. Butler showed video giving information about the offering.

AFTERNOON PRAYER

After a recess for lunch, Presbytery reconvened with Afternoon Prayer led by Robert G. Newman and Moderator Stephen Baldwin. The task force previously appointed by the Moderator to study the Fellowship of Presbyterians and Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians was commissioned. Members of the task force are W.D. Hasty and Shelly Barrick-Parsons, Co-Chairs; Doug Jenkins, Maureen Wright, Pam Ferrell, Mike Lykens, and Nancy Didway. Consultant is Dean Thompson, and staff support is Craig Butler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator recognized several people who gave announcements about resources and activities of the Presbytery.

STATEMENT OF QUORUM AND ENROLLMENT

Acting Stated Clerk Robinson reported that a quorum was present of Ruling Elders from 64 churches and 56 Teaching Elders. (Appendix B, pages 114-120.)

Robinson led Presbytery in a brief orientation.

MODERATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Moderator Baldwin appointed Ed Hamilton, Elizabeth Campbell, Jackie Blankinship, and John Sonnenday as Temporary Clerks and members of the Presbytery Worship, Review and Polity Committee present as a Committee on Bills and Overtures.

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

Robinson presented the Procedural Matters as printed in the docket and moved item C. 3 concerning the limitation of debate. After receiving a second, Presbytery **adopted** the motion by a two-thirds vote. (Appendix C, pages 121-122.)

Robinson presented the docket and moved its adoption. After receiving a second, Presbytery **adopted** the docket. (Appendix D, page 123.)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be removed. Presbytery **adopted** the Consent Agenda as presented.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the requests for excused absences be approved.
2. From the Committee on Ministry:
 - a. Approval of Match and Terms of Call (page 101)
 - b. Approval of Application for Honorable Retirement (page 101)
 - c. Approval of Authorization to Administer Sacraments (page 101)
 - d. Approval of Moderators of Sessions (pages 101 & 102)
 - e. Approval of Renewal of Temporary Supply Covenant (page 101)
 - f. Approval of Renewal of Stated Supply Covenant (pages 101-102)
3. From the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee:
 - a. That the offering be directed to Presbytery of Denver's response to the shootings in Aurora.
 - b. That **Yelba Rivera**, coordinator for CEPAD (the Nicaraguan Council of Churches), be granted time to report.
4. From the Christian Nurture and Worship Committee:
 - a. Approval of the service of communion at the Older Youth Retreat.

STATED CLERK

The Moderator recognized Acting Stated Clerk Jim Robinson who presented the Stated Clerk's report.

CORRESPONDENCE (received 06/11/12 through 08/28/12)

1. 06/08/12. Interim Report dated 06/07/12 from the Administrative Commission for Glenville Presbyterian Church for the period December, 2011 to present.
ACTION: Shared major points with the presbytery at the 06/10/12 meeting of presbytery. Copy to files.
2. 06/14/12. Request dated 06/12/12 from Rev. David Krum requesting Retirement effective 07/01/12.
ACTION: Referred to COM.
3. 06/14/12. Information packet dated 06/11/12 about the 2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium to be held July 16-20, 2013.
ACTION: Shared information with the Christian, Nurture, and Worship Committee.
4. 06/19/12. Letter dated 06/11/12 from the Board of Pensions listing congregations in the presbytery that appear on the relief of conscience roll. They are: Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Hurricane; Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Roncerverte Presbyterian Church, Roncerverte; McLean Presbyterian Church, Roncerverte. Our records show that First

Presbyterian Church, Huntington was approved to be added to this roll at the September 13, 2011 Presbytery meeting.

ACTION: Provided for information/correction.

5. 06/19/12. Letter dated 06/11/12 from the Board of Pensions providing comparable median effective salary data for pastors serving churches across our denomination.

ACTION: Shared with COM.

6. 07/24/12. Letter dated 07/19/12 from the Synod of the Trinity officially reporting the results of the Synod Records Review of May 2, 2012, which showed West Virginia Presbytery with one Exception and two delinquencies.

ACTION: Results were reported to the Presbytery at the June 11, 2012 meeting.

7. 08/01/12. Letter dated 08/01/12 from the Presbytery of the Peaks inviting members of our Permanent Judicial Commission to attend a one day training on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke.

ACTION: Forwarded to Chair, PJC, Barbara Accord.

8. 08/21/12. Letter dated 8/9/12 from Thomas J. Hastie, Commissioned Lay Pastor, Milton Presbyterian Church, asking about the validity of congregational meetings which he moderated before becoming aware by the Stated Clerk's letter of 7/26/12 that congregational meetings must be moderated by Teaching Elders.

ACTION: Coordinated a response with the Chair, COM that advised that the omission of understanding was at the Presbytery level, and that the individual CLP/ALP was not in error by acting in good faith according to the authority that was granted to them by action of the COM. Therefore, the actions taken at those meetings should be considered valid, and minutes that have been reviewed and approved should stand without further review. Now that the proper procedures are known, the expectation is that they will be followed from now on.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. (Consent Agenda) That the requests for excused absences be approved.

INFORMATION:

- A. Minutes. The minutes of the Presbytery meeting held on June 11, 2012 have been approved in accordance with the Manual of Presbytery.
- B. Robinson announced that the Presbytery of West Virginia was recognized as one of the top-giving presbyteries in the denomination. Robinson presented a trophy in recognition of the honor to the Moderator.

FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized David Lee and Financial Administrator/Treasurer Lois Coffey who presented the financial reports. Coffey announced that the disbursements are in line with the income, and the Presbytery is in good financial shape. (Appendix E, pages 124-134.)

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In the absence of the chair of the Congregational Development Committee, the Moderator led Presbytery in a time of “Good News from the Pews.”

The Moderator recognized Robin Blakeman who presented representatives from Bates Memorial Church, Huntington, a certificate for their additional work in environmental projects.

The Moderator recognized Shelley Barrick-Parsons who spoke about the progress being made on the Westminster House in Morgantown.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized Tina Vial who presented the Nominating Committee report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons to serve in the positions and classes as indicated:

A. Administration (Need one more for the class of 2014 and three for class of 2015)

Class of 2013

Tim Glaser	CLP	Q.2/Elkins Cluster	2 nd term (1 yr.)
------------	-----	--------------------	------------------------------

Class of 2015

Linda McClung	R. Elder	Q.1/Huntington Cluster	2 nd term (1 yr.)
---------------	----------	------------------------	------------------------------

Vial moved recommendation 1A. The Moderator asked for further nominations from the floor; there were none. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

B. Bluestone (Need two more for class of 2014)

Class of 2014

Greg Kubar	T. Elder	Q.2/Beckley Cluster	1 st term
------------	----------	---------------------	----------------------

Class of 2015

Lynn Dyer	Laity	Q.4/Charleston Cluster	2 nd term
-----------	-------	------------------------	----------------------

Nellie Howard	R. Elder	Q.1/Parkersburg Cluster	2 nd term
---------------	----------	-------------------------	----------------------

Kathryn Maddy	Laity	Q.4/Teays Valley Cluster	2 nd term
---------------	-------	--------------------------	----------------------

Vial moved recommendation 1B. The Moderator asked for further nominations from the floor; there were none. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

C. Ministry (Need 10-17 more people for various classes and from various clusters.)

Class of 2015

Peter Vial	T. Elder	Q.2/Elkins Cluster	2 nd term
John Arbuckle, Jr.	CLP	Q.3/Greenbrier Valley Cluster	1 st term

Vial moved recommendation 1C. The Moderator asked for further nominations from the floor; there were none. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

D. Permanent Judicial Commission (Need one more for class of 2015 and one for class of 2017)

Class of 2013

John Bolt	R. Elder	Q.2/Morgantown Cluster	1 st term
-----------	----------	------------------------	----------------------

Class of 2017

George Spransy	T. Elder HR	Q.1/Parkersburg Cluster	1 st term
Diane Floyd	R. Elder	Q.2/Clarksburg Cluster	1 st term
Barbara Romfo	T. Elder	Q.3/Hinton Cluster	1 st term

Vial moved recommendation 1D. The Moderator asked for further nominations from the floor; there were none. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

E. Representation (Need one more for the class of 2013 and one for the class of 2014)

Class of 2015

Margaret Bolt	R. Elder	Q.2/Morgantown Cluster	1 st term
---------------	----------	------------------------	----------------------

Vial moved recommendation 1E. The Moderator asked for further nominations from the floor; there were none. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

Vial moved that James Robinson be elected as Synod Commissioner for class of 2015. After a second, Presbytery **adopted** the motion.

MISSION INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized Todd Wright who presented the report of the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (Consent Agenda) We recommend that the offering for the September 11, 2012 meeting of Presbytery be designated as for the **Presbytery of Denver's response to the shootings in Aurora**, specifically their support of the Aurora Public Mental Health Fund which is providing free counseling for the survivors. Julie Swaney, chaplain at University Hospital, wrote, "A number of our patients who have been discharged are using their services so ... I think they would be incredibly grateful for the assistance and support."

2. (Consent Agenda) We recommend that **Yelba Rivera**, coordinator for CEPAD (the Nicaraguan Council of Churches), be granted time to report on their ministries and invite people to take part in the presbytery trip to Nicaragua in April 2013.

Wright introduced Yelba Rivera from CEPAD, the Nicaraguan Council of Churches. Rivera showed pictures of her family and co-workers and explained the work of CEPAD. CEPAD works in six regions, aiding communities in need, providing training so communities can be self-sustained. The organization also works with persons dealing with alcoholism and domestic violence.

COUNCIL

The Moderator recognized George Lilley, Jr. who presented the report of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Presbytery adopt the 2013 Budget (Appendix F, pages 135-139.)

Lilley moved recommendation 1. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

INFORMATION:

- A. Council concurred with Personnel and Administration's recommendation that the position of Bluestone Director be lodged under the jurisdiction of P&A, included in the Personnel and Administration budget; and report to the General Presbyter. This recommendation was consistent with the Jer. 29:11 report. The Chair of Council will name an ad hoc committee to study the nature of Bluestone Conference Center Inc. in relation to Presbytery. Council concurred that P&A be enabled to modify the position descriptions for Presbytery staff in accord with the Jer. 29:11 report previously approved by Presbytery.
- B. Heard that the Committee on Ministry is recommending to Presbytery that the minimum terms of call for teaching elders and Certified Christian Educators be increased by 3%, and that congregations be encouraged to consider a 3% increase for those working above minimum.
- C. Melrose, Mullins, and Grace, Lashmeet churches have paid their negotiated fees and their property has been deeded to them.
- D. Heard from Camps, Conferences, and Retreat Ministries recommending that Presbytery pursue a capital campaign. The Chair of Council agreed to appoint a committee to study the needs for and feasibility of a Presbytery capital campaign. CCRMC noted the need to renew the covenant with Friends of Bluestone which expires December 31, 2012. The Chair of Council will appoint a committee.

- E. Approved Joanne Glaser to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion at the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Flatwoods.
- F. Heard from the Moderator that a task force had been named as requested by COM and approved by Presbytery to study the policies and teachings of the “Fellowship of Presbyterians” and “A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians” and report their findings to the Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY WORSHIP, REVIEW AND POLITY COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized Kathryn McCrary who presented the report of the Presbytery Worship, Review and Polity Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Presbytery approve the following Manual change:

That Certified Christian Educators serving in educational ministries under Presbytery’s jurisdiction, who are ordained Ruling Educators, be given voice and vote at all Presbytery meetings.

The Worship Review and Polity Committee further recommends that this change be included in the Manual re-write that will be presented as a whole for approval once the reorganization under Jeremiah 29:11 is complete.

McCrary moved recommendation 1. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

INFORMATION about the Manual change:

Justification:

This policy was approved by amendment to Book of Order (G-2.1103b), and was supported by this Presbytery.

Effect:

According to a review of our records, the following would be affected by approving this recommendation: Forrest Palmer*, Cindy Taylor, and Karen Robinson. Other positions would be covered, but the persons in that office have voice and vote through other provisions, such as Susan Sharp Campbell as a pastor and Associate Presbyter for Christian Education is a Teaching Elder.

(*Already has vote by virtue of his position in the Presbytery.)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Moderator recognized Randy Fife who presented the report of the Committee on Ministry.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (Consent Agenda) The match and terms of call for Elise Renee Neal at First Fairmont be approved. Terms: Cash Salary: \$14,400; housing allowance: \$27,600; supplement for social security tax (SECA): \$3,644; student loan repayment: \$2,000; pastor 403(b): \$2,000 (church contribution \$1,000); vacation 4 weeks; study leave 2 weeks (est. \$500/year); moving expenses: \$9,624.65 (moving expense), \$1,500 (est. WV use tax); pension: est. \$14,835; auto reimbursement at IRS rate; dental insurance \$1,217.
2. (Consent Agenda) The match and terms of call for Julie Sterling at First Buckhannon be approved. Terms: Cash Salary: \$39,144; utilities \$3,200; Social Security Supplement: \$3,506.08; Board of Pensions: \$13,328.16; auto mileage reimbursement; continuing education: \$1,500; vacation: 4 weeks; study leave 2 weeks; moving expenses.
3. (Consent Agenda) The match and terms of call for Edward Bowen at Bates Memorial (Huntington) be approved: Terms: Cash salary: \$19,250; housing allowance: \$20,000; Supplement for Social Security: \$3,003; 403b matching contribution: \$8,500; pension dues: \$13,261; expenses (church related costs): \$1,075; education expenses: \$2,500; health reimbursement: \$393; vacation: 4 weeks; study leave: 2 weeks.
4. (Consent Agenda) The application to honorably retire of David Krum from Glenville, effective July 1, 2012, be approved.
5. (Consent Agenda) The following be approved to administer the Lord's Supper: John Arbuckle; Laura Boggess; Betsy Crockett; Jim Johnston; Nancy Martin; Sylvia Miles; Kellan Sarles; Michael Stivers; John Yeager.
6. (Consent Agenda) Appointment of Sally Woodard as moderator of Anderson Memorial be approved.
7. (Consent Agenda) Appointment of Doug Craven as moderator of Gilbert be approved.
8. (Consent Agenda) The renewal of the Temporary Supply covenant between Michael Curry and Pineville through December 2012 be approved. Terms: Salary \$350 per month (22 hours per week, Sunday worship twice monthly, plus evening service prior to Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday; hospital visitation as schedule permits; communion to shut-ins; funerals; moderate session if needed; communion 4th Sundays); auto reimbursement at IRS rate; authority to administer sacraments, perform funerals and weddings, moderate session.
9. (Consent Agenda) The renewal of the Stated Supply covenant between Charles William Cox and the churches of Upper Pocahontas Parish (Liberty, Baxter and Alexander Memorial) through December 2013 be approved. Terms: Salary \$12,000/year (including \$4,800 in housing allowance)(2 days/16 hours per week);

auto reimbursement at IRS rate (\$2,424.24 per year commute from office; up to \$3,000 per year for Parish church business); continuing education \$200 (2 weeks per year inclusive of Sundays); Social Security offset \$993.60; housing/local while doing pastoral work—supplied (up to \$2,500); 4 weeks vacation inclusive of 4 Sundays; authority to administer sacraments, perform funerals and weddings, moderate session and congregational meetings, conduct new member classes, train and install church officers.

10. (Consent Agenda) Appointment of Peter Barclay as moderator of Rome Church be approved.
11. The request for dismissal to the E.P.C. of Princeton Presbyterian Church be approved upon the following terms:
 - a. Deeding of right, title and interest of the Presbytery of West Virginia of the church property (buildings and real property) to the trustees of the Princeton church;
 - b. Payment by the church of the costs for publishing notice of the transfer of property and of deed preparation and filing/recording;
 - c. Payment by the church of the equivalent of per capita for 2011, 2012 and 2013 (\$13,556);
 - d. Payment by the church of the equivalent of its shared mission obligation for 2011 (\$7,108);
 - e. Payment by the church of an amount for the dissenting voters' continued care (\$2,262.00).

Fife moved recommendation 11. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

The Moderator led Presbytery in a brief time of worship recognizing the service of the Princeton Church in ministry.

12. That the minimum effective salary for Teaching Elders and Certified Christian Educators be increased by 3%, and that congregations be encouraged to consider a 3% increase for those working above minimum.

Fife moved recommendation 12. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation.

Fife asked Ken Atkins to come forward to be recognized on the occasion of his retirement. Fife led Presbytery in a brief time of worship, and the Moderator declared Atkins Honorably Retired. Atkins addressed Presbytery briefly.

INFORMATION:

- A. Appointed Bob Wood mentor to Patterson Lyles.
- B. Appointed Robin Ray mentor to Elise Neal.
- C. Appointed Shelly Barrick Parsons mentor to Julie Sterling.
- D. Appointed Rick Wilson mentor to Edward Bowen.
- E. Reviewed and approved Seminary Debt Assistance request from Elizabeth Campbell.
- F. Reviewed and approved a request from Pat Collier (CLP) for Week One Interim Ministry training at Montreat.
- G. Recommended that Authorized Lay Preachers be strongly encouraged to attend sexual misconduct prevention training.
- H. Made triennial visits to First Bluefield, Mount Hope and Bradley.
- I. Conducted exit interviews at Kanawha United (interim pastor and session).
- J. Approved the mission study for Edgewood (Lewisburg).
- K. Received reports on the work of the Administrative Commission at Glenville and expressed appreciation for the efforts of the members.
- L. Considered the process by which moderators would be appointed to preside at congregational meetings at churches being served by Commissioned Ruling Elders to Particular Pastoral Service.
- M. Created a team to suggest steps to facilitate integration with the Congregational Development Committee.
- N. Scheduled additional sexual misconduct prevention training for October 11, 2012 at the Presbytery office.
- O. Conducted follow-up (to installation) interviews of Joshua Sutherlun and Elizabeth Campbell; planned additional meetings with Nancy Didway and John Minihan and the sessions of all involved churches.
- P. Approved a revised policy applicable to the mentoring program for newly ordained and newly installed ministers (based on the good work of the Acting Stated Clerk).

- Q. Appointed the Commission to install Elise Neal on September 16, 2012 (at 4:00 p.m.) as Pastor of First Fairmont church. Moderating the Commission will be Stephen Baldwin. Teaching Elder Members are Leonard Hood and Robin Ray. Ruling Elder members are Kathryn McCrary, Suzann Murphy and Mike Walker. Others invited to sit with the Commission as guests are the Rev. Adrian Pratt (preaching) and Mark Double.
- R. Approved a revised Temporary Supply Covenant form. (Appendix G, pages 140-141.)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of Presbytery was adjourned with a charge and benediction by Moderator Baldwin.

Next stated meeting: December 8, 2012 at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church, Ronceverte



The following groups provided written reports but did not request time on the docket.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. (Consent Agenda) CNW requests that presbytery approve the **service of communion at the Older Youth Retreat** at Bluestone on November 11, 2012. Rev. Michelle Thomas Bush of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte Presbytery, keynote speaker for the event, will preside.

INFORMATION:

- A. The committee awarded five Riner Loans of \$1000 each and two \$250 scholarships to undergraduates.
- B. Ian Cox, a youth from First/St. Albans, was elected to **Youth Council**.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, FORREST PALMER

General Assembly

Since the last Council meeting on May 10 at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elkins, the 220th General Assembly has met in Pittsburgh. Our commissioners and YAAD (Young Adult Advisory Delegate) prepared diligently for their roles. We had training, which I led, at the presbytery office. We consulted by email on details. I worked out a lunch time together for us to gather together at First Presbyterian, Pittsburgh, as a way of touching base with each other and to hear reports on their standing committee work. Our YAAD, Tory Parker, carried our presbytery banner in the opening worship service and was the first presbytery banner down the aisle! As a new venture for me, I wrote a daily blog, reflecting on what I saw at the Assembly, including some pictures within the blog. The Presbytery of West Virginia was present at this General Assembly:

- our commissioners and YAAD.
- volunteers from this presbytery, helping to host, sing in the mass choir, welcome people, clean up after communion and a variety of hosting service.
- the bus on Saturday bringing people to experience the opening worship service and the election of the Moderator.
- Staff present to observe – Jim Robinson and I were seated in the presbytery section of tables and attended many hours of the plenary sessions. Karen Robinson and Claire Butler were also present at the General Assembly.
- Kris Haig (First, Morgantown) worked on the design of the opening worship service.
- Elizabeth Campbell (First, Williamstown and Waverly Bethel) played saxophone in the volunteer band, leading worship.

I was able to meet the new Moderator, Neal Presa and extended an invitation for him to come visit this presbytery, especially since we were not able to host Cynthia Bolbach, due to her cancer surgery and chemotherapy. (Cyndi did lead worship and preached at the opening worship service – and was grateful for the many prayers and expressions of support she received, including from this presbytery.) Neal personally indicated to me that he has interest in coming to participate with WVMAW, and Joan Stewart is engaged in conversation with the Moderator on how that might take place – including the possibility of a YAAD gathering here in this presbytery, focused on service and mission, with WVMAW. He invited me to become his Facebook friend, and I have done that! Stay tuned!

All in all, I perceived there was a sense that this Assembly knew that the denomination had gone through major change with the adoption of the New Form of Government and in changing the ordination standards. The Assembly debated many items before it, including some very close votes. There was a sense that this Assembly did not go back to where we were but did not make any more major changes, discerning how God is calling us into the future. Our commissioners and YAAD will share their experiences with the

presbytery on September 11. I heard expressions of gratitude and energy coming from our commissioners and YAAD from their experience at the General Assembly.

Synod

Bruce Stevens, our Synod Executive, is on sabbatical leave but also still responding to matters on a limited basis. Our Synod, in response to the storms and power outages we encountered, sent this presbytery \$10,000 to assist in the recovery effort. Joan Stewart as WVVAW continue to assist with the recovery effort. We are grateful that we are in a Synod that assists the presbyteries, as well as gratitude toward Joan and WVVAW in response to the storms.

Presbytery

Jeremiah 29:11 plan and transition – Many elements are being discussed on how we effect the various recommendations, approved by presbytery on December 1, 2011. The Transition Team, chaired by George Lilley, has sub groups are meeting, discussing and moving forward, while also stopping to ask important questions of discernment needed. It was noted that as we move forward, certain elements of the plan might need to be tweaked, which may change priorities within our structure, staff and budget. While some feel within the presbytery that the changes from the Jeremiah plan are not what they wish, others say the plan did not introduce more major change!

As I continue to visit churches within the presbytery, I see great evidence of effective mission and vitality, being the people God has called to make a difference in the lives of people. We value relationships, we value a sense of family and we value faith. May God bless us as we continue to discern together what God is calling us to be and to do.

Special functions since the last Presbytery meeting

- As of August 27 – I have visited 56 of our 137 churches, 2 campus ministries, 1 chaplaincy – 94 different church visits – since beginning with this presbytery on March 1, 2011.
- June 24 – I represented the presbytery with the ELCA Bishop in the 40th anniversary worship and celebration of the federation at the Church of the Covenant, Grafton
- June 30 – July 7 – 220th General Assembly, meeting in Pittsburgh
- August 18 – Council (Leadership Team) meeting at First Presbyterian, Logan

TRUSTEES

INFORMATION

- A. As authorized at the June 11 Presbytery meeting, the transfer of land containing a former community center to the trustees of the Clear Creek Presbyterian Church has been completed.

- B. As authorized at the June 11 Presbytery meeting, all of the Presbytery's right, title and interest in and to the real estate of the Melrose and Grace (Lashmeet) Presbyterian Churches has been transferred to the respective trustees of those churches.
- C. As previously authorized by the Moderator, Chair and Acting Stated Clerk, the sale of the property of the former Kopperston Presbyterian Church for \$64,000 has been completed.

TRANSITION TEAM

INFORMATION:

- 1. Elizabeth Campbell will lead in developing communications for TT and listen/answer pastoral concerns. John Bolt, Nancy Tissue and Forrest Palmer will assist. This group can help with formulating what TT needs to report to the Presbytery now, by whom and in what format?
- 2. Transition Team Sub Committee Updates:
 - a. The Structure Committee recommended a cluster structure with the creation of a ninth Cluster to include churches in Teays Valley and to change the name of the Lewisburg Cluster to Greenbrier Valley Cluster. TT proposed that education about Clusters and building relationships be the focus of the December morning portion of Presbytery. Whether or not Presbytery must approve Clusters remains unanswered.
 - b. Cluster Shepherds – The Presbytery Structure Committee with assistance from the Transitional Associate for Congregational Development and Nominating will take the lead in recruiting Cluster Shepherds. TT recognizes that the Jer. 29:11 Plan is not specific on how Shepherds are finally determined.
 - c. Relations (Communication) – John Bolt reported that this Sub Committee has developed and sent out a survey to each church inquiring of its communication capabilities and needs. Forty-two congregations responded to the survey but more work needs to be done to broaden the response. A reminder survey will be sent out. The Presbytery may be receiving donated computer hardware in the near future.
 - d. Committees/Affinity Groups – With the Budget having been developed, Committees are moving ahead with their merger activities.
- 3. Report from Liaisons to:
 - a. Nominating – Additions, corrections and deletions are being made to the current directory as a baseline for new Nominating activity. Nominating Committee was asked to help in the call of the new Leadership Team.
 - b. Personnel and Administration - Office Administrator and Bluestone Director positions are in recruitment process. Sharon Rowe noted that

progress has been slower than projected but has been conducted with utmost care.

- c. Bluestone - moving forward with the camping season and with new responsibilities.

REPORT OF SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

Mavis Grant-Lilley and Jim Robinson

INFORMATION

- A. Participated in virtual Synod meeting on July 17, 2012
- B. Synod voted to keep Synod Per Capita assessment at same level of \$2.20 even though it does not cover items identified as Per Capita expenses.
- C. Synod Nominating Committee will be seeking names from West Virginia Presbytery for open committee positions
- D. Bruce Stevens, Synod Exec., will be taking a two month sabbatical for 'restoration of health purposes' as soon as arrangements can be made
- E. The Synod will continue plans to discuss with presbyteries, the future and mission of the Synod of the Trinity even though the General Assembly rejected the Mid-Council Report which recommended the elimination of synods.
- F. A link to an online survey about camps will be sent out soon to all presbyteries for a broad based response by everyone interested.
- G. A new resource (five high-quality video lectures), Christian Leadership in the New Testament featuring Dr. Ken Bailey is available from the Synod.
- H. Acknowledgment was made of Forrest Palmer's response of gratitude for \$10,000 provided by Synod to WV Presbytery for power outage relief.

WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION

INFORMATION:

Campus ministry programs are a great resource for young people weathering the transition from home to college, helping to maintain connections between church and student as they enter young adulthood.

The Westminster Foundation of West Virginia <http://www.westminsterwv.org>

Campus ministry programs in the Presbytery of West Virginia supported by the Westminster Foundation:

Fairmont State University
Marshall University
Mountain State University
West Virginia University

Other Presbyterian programs in West Virginia supported by the Westminster Foundation:

Shepherd University
West Liberty State College

Other Presbyterian campus ministry programs in West Virginia:

Davis & Elkins College
Glenville State College

Pamilla Ferrell, Recording Clerk

Stephen Baldwin, Moderator

James Robinson, Acting Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Those of us who served as Commissioners to the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. from this Presbytery have been assigned the task of reporting back to all of our fellow WV Presbyterians on this unique and wonderful experience. I have to say it is difficult to even know where to begin. In giving this report, I have chosen not to delve too much into details of the business that was conducted at the Assembly or the specific votes taken and their outcomes. There are myriad reports available on the GA website and other places for any of you who are interested in that kind of information. Instead, I will make some observations about the things I saw and felt and learned as I participated in this momentous event.

First of all, the experience of being in one place with somewhere in the neighborhood of 6,000 other Presbyterians was quite incredible. Although I generally tend to be very shy and reserved when finding myself amid large groups of people I do not know, that was not the case here. Despite the reality of being dropped into a HUGE crowd of total strangers, I had the amazing feeling of being totally comfortable walking right up to and speaking with anyone at any time. Somehow that feeling of all being Presbyterians together overcame any feelings of shyness or anxiety and I found myself starting conversations with complete strangers on a regular basis. In addition, I spoke on the floor in my committee several times and even spoke on the floor at a plenary session of the entire General Assembly once! This ultimate expression of the connectionality we Presbyterians value so greatly was certainly something to behold.

Some of us Commissioners joked on more than one occasion about the various meetings of GA being like Presbytery meetings on steroids. And in truth, there really was a great deal of similarity to our local gatherings of Presbytery, just enacted on a much larger scale. As participants, we learned much about the vagaries of Presbyterian polity and the way we typically do business as a denomination, some of it good and some of it not so good. One of the things I learned is that the Parliamentary Procedure process (based on Roberts Rules of Order), by which we guide our meetings, is really geared toward and/or leads to a very adversarial, rather than a more healthy, trust based, consensus building, approach to decision making. I learned from my work on my assigned committee (Review of Biennial Assemblies) that, if approached with the attitude that we will make the rules work for us rather than us for them (or as one of my fellow committee members humorously put it, “Robert’s Rules were made for man, not man for Robert’s Rules”), then that effect can be significantly lessened if not entirely eliminated. Unfortunately, I also learned, much to my deep disappointment, that the rules of Parliamentary Procedure can also be manipulated in a way that, while strictly speaking, might be “legal”, is not in keeping with the utmost ethical and Christlike behavior that I expected from a group of self-avowed Christians who, presumably, came to this Assembly to represent what is best in our denomination.

As I was paired by staff from the Office of the General Assembly with a roommate unknown to me prior to arrival, another adventure I had was that of living for a week with

a person who had very different views than I did on several key issues up before this Assembly. By being thrown together as “potluck roommates” as my erstwhile roomie put it, we had the opportunity to experience building connections and discussing issues in a positive way with someone who had very different opinions than our own on some very difficult and divisive topics.

All in all, I have to say that I came away from this experience with both great hope and great fear for the future of our denomination. The great hope comes from the excitement of having been in the midst of so many amazing Presbyterians who are doing their best to engage the difficult issues and questions that currently face us in good faith and with a view toward moving forward in greater peace and harmony. The great fear comes from seeing how seriously divided we still are on some very crucial issues and how some people, even supposedly Christian people, will attempt to manipulate the system in ways that are less than Christlike in order to get their own way and to suppress the voices of those with differing views. We can only hope that, with God’s help and by listening to His voice, we will find better ways of building trust, embracing diversity, working together, embodying the Holy Spirit, and being Church in the future.

With thanks to you all for the honor and privilege of serving as a Commissioner to the 220th General Assembly, and with a special thanks to my fellow GA Commissioners and YAAD from the Presbytery of WV, and the Presbytery officers, staff, and volunteers who were there to support and encourage us throughout that busy and eventful week.

Yours in Christ,
Joyce L. Armentrout

Thanks so much for all the prayers, and support that was given from this Presbytery and all the friends who supported me during my time at the 220th General Assembly. I want to publicly thank my wife for her willingness and strength during the hot times while I was away. Eileen was without electricity from Friday till Friday. The 2 plus acres around the house was full of trash and tree limbs that she cleaned and mowed. When teased about being away and enjoying the air conditioning. My answer was, “The Lord works in mysterious ways.”

I was very apprehensive about serving on the, Committee 5 Mid Council Issues and going to the General Assembly. There was much to enjoy, and be proud of that happened during the work of the 220th General Assembly.

For centuries, The Presbyterian Church USA has accomplished great thing throughout the world. Many missionaries have been sent throughout the world, Africa, Korea, the Middle East, the Islands of the Pacific, and our Indian nations here in this country, to mention just a few. Many of those were represented at the 220th General Assembly. You really appreciate our denomination at times like this.

We had many long debates some lasting close to 3 hours. Many votes were close, Sanctity of Marriage, Divesting in US corporations that produce products used by Israel in suppressing the East Bank Palestinians. (H.P., Cat, and Motorola to be specific). Boycotting products produced on the East bank by Israel, Abortion Issues, Non Geographic Presbyteries, and Union Congregations, to mention a few.

While all of this was going on there were many Christians to meet and greet from around the World. An experience that most likely will not be repeated for me again in this life time, and we had many worship services and much prayer.

Our Lord does work in mysterious and wonderful ways. One evening after a long and headed debate, Tim Thomas and I were interring the dining hall set up in the Conference center for group dinners, feeling somewhat low in spirit. we noticed a Korean man setting at a table by himself. Tim and I decided to join him for dinner. His name is Philip. He speaks very good English. He is the pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Seattle Washington. Phillip is 3rd generation Presbyterian Minister, his Grandfather was martyred in North Korea for his faith in Jesus Christ. Philip recently returned to North Korea for a visit. He has a sister there that he has not seen or heard of since he left there. He could not try and locate or contact her, the North Koreans would detain him or kill his sister, if they found out who he was, and most likely both.

We think we have it rough until meeting someone that has a story like that. Then we appreciate just what we have in our country.

Yes our denomination has much divisiveness within at this time. My prayers and hopes are that God continues to work on all our hearts and minds and leads us to join together once again reminding us, we live in this world but we are not of this world, by this we should live in love, peace, and harmony.

There was much talk about trust between the two differing groups during the General Assembly. I just do not see the trust at this time. If everyone could hear a story like Phillips, it might just be possible we could learn to live together and support each other, in our Denomination and our Country again!

I pray the Holy Spirit will continue leading the PCUSA and help us to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ faithfully.

May God bless the Presbyterian Church USA, throughout the world.

Again I thank you for this, Humbling Experience.

Yours in Christ
Ken Bibbee, Jr.

My history with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, a tradition of 58 years, makes the term “connectionalism” a difficult term for me to understand. However, I experienced it vividly and mightily first hand at this 220th General Assembly in Pittsburgh, PA. I will discuss this term further as my report progresses.

From the opening worship service, I was surrounded by thousands of individuals lifting voices and hands in praise to the Almighty. The worship at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church (my wife’s home area) made me feel like a member of the “family”. Strong rapport was achieved with members of my committee (Board of Pensions, Board of Publication and Presbyterian Foundation) and that was also like “family”. I experienced support, encouragement and caring within the Presbyterian Church (USA). I was one of the clan, and appreciated.

I further admired the freedoms granted to individuals to express themselves, even though many others might have already stated a similar opinion. It seemed as though hours went by as speakers stood in long lines before the six microphones to address the assembly. Often prayer was offered which made these repetitions more understandable (and tolerable?). Yet, issues were dealt with in an orderly fashion. Primarily, the vote of the commissioners on major topics was “no”. However, there were a few “yeses”: 1001 new worshipping communities in the next decade; expansion of college ministry outreach; and a name change from General Assembly Mission Council to Presbyterian Mission Agency.

I was pleased to witness the GA posting cost projections when new ideas for programing were expressed. I believe this was significantly beneficial, as it encouraged the commissioners to think hard and seriously about priorities related to doing the Will of God in the next two years.

A return to “connectionalism” is now appropriate. On Friday, July 6th, I learned that my wife, Rachel, had been hospitalized in New York. Votes on some very important issues had been extremely close, and there were several issues yet to be decided. Should I leave or stay? Three different groups of Presbyterians - one from Settle, WA; one from Washington, PA; and our own group from WV - prayed for both of us, listened compassionately and supportively to my anxiety and concerns, and gave me blessings that sent me on my all-night drive of 500 miles to be with Rachel. The support continued via e-mails, telephone calls, and cards, all expressing hope, love and “connectedness” during this very traumatic time. A lasting and positive impression has been made.

Peace and joy in
Christ,

The Reverend Carl F. Pattison,
TEC

APPENDIX B ATTENDANCE

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER: Forrest Palmer.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY: Stephen Baldwin, Moderator (also listed as minister member below); Jim Robinson, Acting Stated Clerk (also listed as minister member below); Lois Coffey, Treasurer; Pam Ferrell, Recording Clerk.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (who are not Ministers or Elder Commissioners): John Arbuckle, Joyce Armentrout, Linda Hagerty, Nellie Howard, George Lilley, Kathryn McCrary, John Nesius, Randy Fife

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Jeff Barton, Bill Brown, Nancy Bulla, Pat Collier, Jim Harless, Kari Preslar, Cherie Sizemore, Jean Summerfield.

LAY SUPPLY: James Dempsey, Bill Hairston.

EDUCATORS: Kathy Maddy, Chris Rogillio.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Peter Barclay (UCC), Bruce Macbeth (Shenandoah Presbytery).

MINISTER FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION: Patricia Jarvis (UM), Dunbar First

MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES: Jackie Blankinship, Charlene Boggs, Joe Reed.

STAFF: Barbara Accord (also listed as minister member below), Claire Butler (also listed as minister member below), Craig Butler (also listed as minister member below), Susan Sharp Campbell (also listed as minister member below), Cinda Harkless (also listed as minister member below), Mark Miller, Bob Newman (also listed as minister member below), Karen Robinson, Sally Woodard (also listed as minister member below), Maureen Wright.

VISITORS (who registered): David Bower, Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer, Patty Dempsey, Nancy Frame, Steve Hornbeck, Wilber Jones, Helen King, Kay Mobayed, John Nelson, Don Parker, Charles Shafer, Elizabeth Shelton-Reed, Steve Williams, Pat Windell, Mark Winnell.

ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS

P=Present E=Excused A=Absent AE=Automatically Excused (Honorably Retired)

Name of Minister	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
Accord, Barbara A.	P	P	P	P
Alford, Ralph Judson, II	P	AE	AE	AE
Allman, Steven	*	P	P	P
Atkins, Ken	P	E	E	P
Baldwin, Stephen	P	P	P	P
Blakeman, Robin	P	P	A	P
Bondurant, Robert K.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Boyce, Bonnie	E	P	P	P
Buckalew, Ronald W.	E	E	P	P
Butler, Claire	P	P	P	P
Butler, Craig	P	P	P	P
Calebaugh, Kenneth B.	A	P	E	AE
Campbell, Elizabeth	P	P	P	P
Campbell, Jacqueline	P	E	P	E

Name of Minister	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
Campbell, Susan Sharp	P	P	P	P
Carroll, R. Leon, Jr.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Case, Walter A.	AE	AE	P	AE
Clark, Thomas F.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Craven, Doug	P	P	A	E
Didway, Nancy	P	P	P	P
Deaderick, David S.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Debnam, Robert W.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Dodson, E. Denison	E	A	A	E
Dreyer, Charles B.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Ducheneau, Devon	A	A	A	A
Ducheneau, Mike	A	A	A	A
Dummermuth, Thomas	*	*	*	P
Gamble, Larry	P	A	A	A
Gentry, Calvin P.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Glaser, Joanne	A	E	P	P
Glaser, Robert H.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Goehner, Paul E.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Graham, Leonard E.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Gurley, Ben E.	P	A	A	A
Haig, Kristine	P	A	A	E
Harkless, Cinda	P	P	P	P
Harkness, Cameron	AE	AE	AE	AE
Harrah, Jerry D.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Hasty, W. D., Jr.	P	P	P	P
Heidt, Paul Douglas	AE	AE	AE	AE
Holland, John	A	P	P	P
Hollis, Virginia Kay	AE	AE	AE	AE
Hood, Leonard L.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Howe, Lanny	A	A	P	E
Ihrman, Francis E.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Jenkins, Doug	P	P	P	P
Jenkins, Janet	A	P	A	E
Johnson, Janice	P	P	P	P
Johnson, Rick	*	*	P	P
Johnston, Thomas M., Jr.	P	P	P	AE
Kilbert, Chris	P	P	A	P
Knapp, Mary Jane	AE	P	AE	AE
Koerner, Charla Waters	P	P	A	P
Koerner, John F.	P	P	P	P
Krum, David P.	A	A	A	A
Kupar, Greg	P	P	P	P
Lamb, Richard C.	P	P	AE	P
Laukoter, Rob S.	P	P	A	P
Lee, David A.	P	P	P	P
Leitch, James O.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Lyles, W. Patterson	*	*	P	P
Mansell, Wm. Franklin, Jr.	P	P	AE	P
Maynard, Arvie L.	P	AE	AE	P
McChesney, Charles S.	AE	AE	AE	AE
McCoy, William	A	P	P	P

Name of Minister	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
McGrew, Gary S.	P	P	A	P
McGuire, Richard W.	A	E	A	A
McKinnon, John	E	A	E	P
McMorran, William G., Jr.	AE	AE	AE	AE
McMurray, Stewart M.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Minihan, John	A	P	A	P
Minnerly, Douglas A.	A	A	E	A
Mobayed, Richard S.	AE	P	AE	P
Mohrman, James A.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Monschke, Alice	AE	AE	AE	AE
Moore, John V.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Morgan, Norman K.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Morley, James E.	P	A	A	A
Neal, Elise	*	*	*	P
Newman, Robert G.	P	P	P	P
Palmer, Harry W.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Parker, Amy S.W.	P	P	P	P
Parsons, Shelly Barrick	P	P	E	P
Pattison, Carl	P	E	P	P
Pendleton, P. Douglas, Jr.	A	A	A	A
Perkins, Chris	P	A	P	P
Pettus, Edwin H.	E	A	P	P
Posey, Lawton W.	AE	AE	AE	P
Purcell, Boyd C.	AE	AE	AE	P
Ray, Robin	P	P	P	P
Richards, David P.	P	P	P	P
Riley, John A.	P	P	P	P
Ringe, Charles	P	P	P	P
Roberts, Jim	P	P	A	P
Robertson, M. Bruce	AE	AE	AE	AE
Robinson, James E.	P	P	P	P
Romfo, Barbara	P	E	P	P
Romine, Paul D.	P	P	P	P
Ruehl, John	*	A	P	P
Seely, Mike	A	A	E	A
Seibel, Frank L. "Skip"	A	A	A	P
Shaffer, David	AE	AE	P	AE
Shogren, Donna Lee	AE	AE	AE	AE
Smith, Vaughan M.	E	A	E	E
Snyder, Richard J. Daly	AE	AE	AE	AE
Sonnenday, John	P	A	A	P
Spencer, Donald L.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Spransy, George B. Jr.	AE	P	AE	AE
Spring, Charles M.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Starcher, Kevin	P	P	P	E
Sterling, Julie	*	*	*	P
Stewart, Joan W.	P	E	P	P
Stone, Greg	A	E	A	A
Sutherlun, Amy	E	P	A	P
Sutherlun, Joshua	E	P	A	P
Sutton, Dana W.	A	P	A	A

Name of Minister	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
Sutton, Jean C.	A	P	A	A
Taylor, J. Dexter	P	P	P	P
Thompson, Dean K.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Tiedeck, Janice	A	P	P	P
Turner, Chris	E	A	A	A
Vial, Peter	P	P	P	P
Vorderberg, Charles C.	E	A	A	E
Walker, Gary C.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Walther, James A., Jr.	P	P	A	P
Washburn, Francis T.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Willoughby Weed, Kathryn A.	P	A	P	E
Wilson, Richard B.	P	P	P	P
Wood, Robert M.	E	P	A	E
Woodard, Sara G. (Sally)	P	A	P	P
Wright, Todd	P	P	P	P
Young, Samuel T.	AE	P	AE	AE
Youngblood, Lucy	A	A	A	A
Youngs, Sharon K.	E	E	E	E

ATTENDANCE OF CHURCHES

E=Excused N=No Representation, did not request excuse

Name of Church	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
Alderson	N	N	N	E
Alexander Memorial, Stony Bottom	Agnes Doyle-Kalland	N	Agnes Doyle-Kalland	Agnes Doyle-Kalland
Anderson Memorial, Welch	N	N	N	N
Bates Memorial, Huntington	N	Erik Merlino	N	Helen Gibbins
Baxter, Dunmore	N	N	N	N
Beckley	Cam Lewis	Donna Spencer	Helen Trader	N
Beechwood, Parkersburg	Cragin Blevins	Cragin Blevins	Ken Bibbee	Ken Bibbee
Belington	N	N	Esther Rhodes	E
Belle	N	N	N	Betsy Dye
Bethlehem, Shinnston,	N	N	N	N
Beulah Humble, Elizabeth	N	N	N	N
Beverly	N	N	Pat Thompson	Linda Peterson
Beverly Hills, Huntington	N	Nancy McIntosh	N	E
Bradley	N	N	N	N
Bramwell	N	N	N	N
Bream Memorial, Charleston	N	N	N	Meloday Simpson
Bridgeport	N	Drew Tate	Naomi Burkhammer	Beth McCaugherty
Brush Creek, Ridgeview	Delores Cook	N	N	N
Buffalo	N	N	N	N
Canyon Community, Morgantown	N	N	N	N
Carmel, Gap Mills	N	N	N	N
Centerville, Greenville	N	Petrie Brown	N	N
Church of our Saviour, Clarksburg	N	N	N	N

Name of Church	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
Church of the Covenant, Grafton	Cheryl Snyder	N	Sharon Moats	N
Church of the Covenant, Hurricane	Beth Jordan	Richard Fellure	N	Richard Fellure
Clear Creek	N	N	N	N
Clifton, Maxwelton	N	Jim Miller	Carol Hoover	Jim Miller
Clothier	N	N	N	N
Comfort	N	N	N	Marshall Bowne
Community, Arthurdale	Thomas Radabaugh	N	Lorraine Weaver	E
Davis Memorial, Elkins	Bob Hermanson	N	Pat Schumann	Tina Vial
Davis Memorial, Gassaway	Rick Accord	Steve Beane	Rogers Cunningham	Stephen Beane
Dupont City, Belle	N	N	N	N
Edgewood, Lewisburg	Larry Napier	Larry Napier	John Arbuckle	Carolyn Napier
Eleanor	Judy Jeffries	Ann Elliott	Ann Elliott	E
Elk Hills, Charleston	N	Nancy Vilain	N	Nadeane Ferguson
Enslow Park, Huntington,	N	Marcia Daoust	N	Rod Jones
Falls View, Charlton Heights	N	N	N	N
Fayetteville	Phil Tissue	Jackie Blankinship	Mike Burton	Jackie Blankinship
First, Bluefield	Alan Light	Mike Muskera	Jack Brown	N
First, Buckhannon	Joe Reed	Joe Reed	Geraldine Howard	Carolyn Hornbeck
First, Charleston	Kay Lamb	Doug Chambers	Joann Daley	Steve Hopta
	N	Joann Daley	Steve Hopta	N
	N	Steve Hopta	N	N
First, Clarksburg	James Wilson	Harriett Northey	Dan Pollack	Mark Garrett
First, Colcord	N	N	N	N
First, Dunbar	Helen King	N	N	James Hill
First, Fairmont	James Delong	N	N	N
First, Hinton	N	N	Betty Giles	Roy Buckland
First, Huntington	N	Allen Gibbs	N	Jessie McClain
	N	N	N	Diana Curry
First , Kenova	N	Jerry Stevenson	N	N
First, Kingwood	N	N	N	N
First, Logan	N	N	N	Kenneth Nunley
First, Mannington	N	N	N	N
First, Morgantown	Margaret Bolt	Margaret Bolt	N	Michael Hohn
First, Nitro	Larry Harris	Betty Melton	Peggy Melton	Ed Hamilton
First, Oak Hill	N	Danna Davis	N	N
First, Parkersburg	N	N	N	N
First, Ravenswood	N	Fred Shipley	Fred Shipley	N
First, Ripley	Gary Epling	Gary Epling	Gary Epling	Gary Epling
First, St. Albans	N	Charlie Shafer	Bill Childress	Toby McCallister
First, South Charleston	N	N	N	N
First, Terra Alta	Jeff Coberly	N	Jessie Uphold	E
First, Thomas	N	N	Ann Felty	N
First, Welch	N	Priscilla Valko	E	N
First, Weston	April Bennett	N	N	N
First, White Sulphur Springs	N	James Hylton	N	Eric Crane
First, Whitesville	N	Mike Lykens	Mike Lykens	Mike Lykens

Name of Church	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
First, Williamson	N	Susan Conn	Susan Conn	Susan Conn
First, Williamstown	N	J. Peter Thayer	Sylvia Myles	Jeff Howard
Fleming Memorial, Fairmont	Susan Riffle	Matthew Yost	N	N
Frankford	N	N	N	Linda Boone
Gilbert	Andy Dillon	N	N	N
Glenville	Mavis Grant-Lilley	Mavis Grant-Lilley	Mavis Grant-Lilley	Mavis Grant-Lilley
Grace Covenant, Charleston	N	N	N	N
Green Bank, Liberty	N	N	N	N
Harman	N	N	N	N
Highlawn, Huntington,	Patrick King	Larry Lapelle	N	Charles Woolcock
Highlawn, St. Albans	Paulla Smith	Gerald Perry	N	Paulla Smith
Hughes River, Cairo	N	N	N	N
Kanawha United, Charleston	N	Chuck Stump	Ed Rugeley	Jim Smith
Keller, Pence Springs	N	N	N	N
Kesler Memorial, Hico	N	N	N	N
Kuhn Memorial, Barboursville	N	Ron Bates	E	Clara Rose Sadler
Lakeview, Lakebottom	N	N	N	N
Marlinton	N	N	N	N
Marsh Fork, Dry Creek	N	N	N	N
McElhenney, Alderson	N	N	N	N
McKinnon, Charleston	N	N	E	N
McLean, Ronceverte	N	E	Sam Masters	N
Mill Creek	Lawrence Betler	N	Lawrence Betler	E
Milton	N	N	N	Jim May
Mingo	N	N	N	N
Montgomery	N	N	N	N
Mount Hope	N	N	N	N
Mount Pleasant, Sinks Grove	N	Jim VanDyke	N	N
Oak Grove, Hillsboro	N	N	E	N
Old Stone, Lewisburg	Sandra Desbrow	Jerri Gillespie	Sandra Desbrow	Nancy Smallenberger
Orgas	N	N	N	N
Parsons	N	N	N	N
Philippi	Suzann Murphy	N	Suzann Murphy	N
Pickens	N	N	N	N
Pineville	N	N	N	Betsy Rae Ross
Point Pleasant	N	N	Carl Matheney	Sue Bradley
Princeton	N	Joyce Timson	N	Joyce Timson
Red Sulphur Springs, Ballard	N	N	N	N
Richwood	N	N	N	N
Riverlawn, St. Albans	Pat Croghan	Pat Croghan	N	Patrick Croghan
Rock Forge, Morgantown	N	N	N	N
Rock Lake, South Charleston	N	N	N	N
Rome, Proctorville	N	N	N	N
Ronceverte	Kay McCoy	N	Kay McCoy	Allan Clower
Ruffner Memorial, Charleston	N	N	Marshall Carper	Marshall Carper
St. Andrew, Pinch	Mark Allen	Sandy Burford	N	Steve Williams
St. Marys	N	N	N	N
Salem, Ronceverte	N	N	Brad Stuart	E

Name of Church	12/3/11	3/10/12	6/11/12	9/11/12
Scott Memorial, Bowden	N	N	N	N
Second, Huntington	Jenka Lockwood	Jim Johnston	Jim Johnston	Donald Cotton
Slatyfork, Big Spring	N	N	N	N
Smithers	N	N	N	James Dempsey
South Park, Charleston	Jim Sothen	Lorna Johnson	N	Jim Sothen
Spencer	N	John Norman	N	N
Spring Creek, Renick	N	N	N	N
Spring Valley, Huntington	N	Nellie Ettling	N	N
Sugar Grove, Morgantown	N	N	N	N
Summerlee	N	N	N	N
Summersville	Elaine Smoot	Hal Erwin	N	N
Teays Valley, Scott Depot	Steve Allison	Donald Farmer	Tony Harrah	N
Trinity, Shady Spring	N	N	N	N
Tygarts Valley, Huttonsville	N	N	Tammy Swecker	E
Union	N	N	E	N
Upperglade	N	N	N	N
Valley Bend, Beverly	Rhonda Chewning	N	Rhonda Chewning	N
Village Chapel, Charleston	Kathy Kruk	Tish Hodovan	Tish Hodovan	Tish Hodovan
Waverly – Bethel, Waverly	N	Mary Jean Stockwell	Mark Skidmore	Martha Howard
Westminster, Charleston	N	N	N	N
Westminster, Vienna	N	N	N	N
Whittico Memorial, Keystone	N	N	N	N
Winfield	Ben Wilson	Betty Hamilton	N	Nancy Baldwin
Zion, Helvetia	N	N	N	N

**APPENDIX C
PROCEDURAL MATTERS
MOTION BASICS**

A. Principles of Parliamentary Law

- Courtesy to all
- Majority rule
- Justice for all
- One Item at a time
- Respect the rights of the minority
- Partiality for none

- Usually pro and con speakers will alternate and individual speaking will identify his or her position.
- No one is allowed to speak more than once on a pending question until all wishing to speak have been heard; a person can then speak a second time, but no more than twice (unless the body gives special permission by two-thirds vote for a third speech).

B. Relevant Provisions of Presbytery's Manual (Section III of Manual)

1. "No new business shall be introduced after Presbytery recesses for lunch (unless by two-thirds vote Presbytery sets a different deadline for introduction of new business), and any new business not listed on the Docket shall be presented in written form."
2. "...each elder elected an officer, Executive Presbyter, or a member of Council of Presbytery shall be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery for the term of office, whether or not commissioned by his or her session, in accordance with G-3.0306."
3. "The privilege of the floor without vote shall be granted to lay members of Presbytery's committees and to laypersons serving on Presbytery's staff, if not enrolled as members of the Presbytery."
4. "The privilege of the floor without vote shall be granted to professional church educators serving the churches of Presbytery, if not enrolled as members of the Presbytery."

NOTE: The phrase, "privilege of the floor without vote," means that the person has the privilege of speaking on the floor of Presbytery, including debating a motion under consideration, subject to rules and guidelines that govern discussion and debate. However, the person does not have the privilege to make motions or to vote.

Those who have "privilege of the floor without vote" are lay members of committees, lay members of Presbytery staff, church educators, and youth advisory delegates. Those with "voice and vote" privileges are member ministers, elder commissioners, Commissioned Lay Pastors, Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, Vice-Moderators, Moderator, and Council Members.

C. Procedural Rules for the meeting of Presbytery (approval by two-thirds vote required to adopt #3).

1. Persons wishing to speak to the Presbytery - giving a report, debating a motion, raising questions - will do so by using the microphones.
2. Each speaker, after recognition by the Moderator, will give his or her name and church name (or other relationship to the Presbytery if not pastor or elder commissioner from a session).
3. Limitation of Debate - 30 minutes per main motion, with each individual limited to 3 minutes per speech.
4. A recommendation from a committee or other entity elected by the Presbytery, upon being presented to Presbytery by an elected member of that entity, is considered to be on the floor for Presbytery's debate, amendment, and disposition without the necessity of a motion placing the recommendation on the floor.

Steps of the Motion

1. *Commissioner* rises and addresses the Moderator.
2. *Moderator* recognizes commissioner and grants the floor.
3. *Commissioner* makes motion. (Commissioner may not debate before the motion is seconded.)
4. *Another commissioner* seconds the motion without recognition from the moderator.
5. *Moderator* states the motion.
6. *Moderator* calls for debate. (Maker of the motion has the privilege of first debate.) All speakers must address the moderator and be recognized by the moderator.
7. *Moderator* states the motion.
8. *Moderator* takes the vote and announces the vote and the results of the vote.
9. *Moderator* states the next order of business.

Seven Useful Motions

1. **Amend.** There are *only* three forms of simple amendment.
 - a. To delete or strike out
 - b. To add or insert
 - c. To strike out and insert

The words proposed for deletion or addition *must be consecutive words*. When the amendment does not involve consecutive words or is longer than a paragraph, the motions “to substitute” (a form of amendment) is used. This is a difficult motion and should *never* be used when the simple form of amendment can be used.
2. **Commit or Refer.** To commit or refer back to committee for further study and amendment allows the consultative process to be used in greater depth. When this motion is made, it needs to state clearly what committee; appointment of the committee, if necessary; the task of the committee; and report time.
3. **Postpone to a Particular Time.** This motion takes precedence over the preceding two and has the power to grant additional time to a particular member or committee or do further study or consultation. It should always be used in preference to “table” because it permits debate on the propriety of postponement.
4. **Limits on Debate.** The assembly always has the power and the moderator the right of suggestion, to limit debate to a particular hour, or extend or shorten speeches according to the necessity of the moment. Limits on the length of speeches are advisable in instances where the issue before the assembly is highly divisive and many members wish to speak.
5. **Previous Question.** The maker of the motion “to move the previous question” (close debate and immediately take the vote) must be recognized by the moderator and the motion must receive a second. *It is never in order when called from the floor.* This motion should never be considered when it is used to prevent legitimate debate.
6. **Lay on the Table.** This motion is seldom necessary. The motion “to postpone” is always preferable because of its lower rank and its “debatability”. Misuse of the subsidiary motion can be a strategy that seriously abridges the rights of the assembly because of its high rank and its adoption by majority vote without debate. The moderator is obliged to explain carefully to the assembly the implications of this motion should it be made.
7. **Consideration by Paragraph or Seriatim.** Consideration by paragraph or seriatim is an incidental motion that may be suggested by the moderator or any two members of the assembly, allowing for orderly consideration of a complex proposal with several different parts, clarifying for the assembly the controversial aspects of the proposal. Each paragraph of the proposal can be amended without finally adopting the new wording until final action on the main motion is amended.

(Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, P.R.P.)

APPENDIX D DOCKET

*Indicates "Order of the Day" (to be taken up precisely at the time indicated)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration, Time for Fellowship and Refreshments

- *10:00 Call to Order Stephen Baldwin, Moderator
- 10:00 Greetings from Village Chapel Church Todd Wright, Pastor
 - Welcome of New Ministers Jim Robinson, Acting Stated Clerk
 - Introduction, seating of visiting minister
 - Recognition of Elders attending Presbytery for the first time
 - Seating of corresponding members
- Morning Worship
 New Hymnal Familiarization
 GA Commissioner's Reports
 Announcements: Resource Center, Westminster Foundation, CCRM (Report of Bluestone damage)
- *12:25 Minute for Mission
- *12:30 Recess for Lunch
- *1:30 Afternoon Prayer
- Statement of Presence of Quorum Jim Robinson, Acting Stated Clerk
 - Brief Orientation
 - Appointment of Temporary Clerks Moderator
 - Appointment of Standing Committees: Committee on Bills and Overtures
 Presbytery Worship, Review and Polity Committee members present
 - Presentation of Procedural Matters Stated Clerk
- Presentation of Docket Stated Clerk
- Consent Agenda Moderator
A consent agenda groups together routine items and resolutions under one agenda item. Items included in the consent agenda will not be open for discussion and all are approved in one vote. Opportunity will be given prior to the vote for members to remove items from the consent agenda. Items that are removed will be added to the regular agenda for separate discussion.
- Report of the Stated Clerk Jim Robinson
- Report of the Finance and Development Committee/Treasurer's Reports Dave Lee and Lois Coffey
- Report of the Congregational Development Committee Doug Craven
 Good News from the Pews; Westminster House)
- Report of the Nominating Committee Tina Vial
- Report of the Social and Ecumenical Ministries Committee Joyce Armentrout
- Report of the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee Todd Wright
- Report of Council George Lilley
- Report of the Presbytery Worship, Review and Polity Committee Kathryn McCrary
- Report of the Committee on Ministry Randy Fife
- New Business
 Completion of evaluation forms
- 3:30 Anticipated Time of Adjournment with Charge and Benediction by Moderator
Next stated meeting: December 8, 2012 at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church, Charleston

APPENDIX E
FINANCIAL REPORTS

**APPENDIX F
2013 BUDGET**

APPENDIX G
TEMPORARY SUPPLY COVENANT
PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA
COVENANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN A SESSION AND A TEMPORARY SUPPLY PASTOR
WHILE THE CONGREGATION IS WITHOUT A REGULARLY INSTALLED PASTOR

The Session of the _____ Presbyterian Church is fully satisfied with your qualifications to lead and assist us in the fulfillment of our corporate and individual ministries and hereby contracts with you, _____ to become the

Temporary Supply Pastor Interim Pastor Parish Associate Pastor
(Circle One)

for the period of time from _____ to _____.

During this time we expect you to perform the following SERVICES:*

1. Conduct worship at the following hours:

2. Fulfill the following pastoral duties:

3. Assist the Session in the following ways:

4. Other responsibilities:

The Session estimates that to fulfill these duties will require _____ hours per week.

The Session will maintain its individual and corporate duties in the government and discipline of the congregation and oversight of the church's spiritual interests.

The Session promises and obligates itself to provide you with the following:

1. A salary of \$ _____ per month.
2. Reimbursement for travel in the performance of your duties at the current IRS mileage rate.
3. Other items of finance or reimbursement: _____

4. Four weeks vaction (including 4 Sundays); two weeks study leave (including two Sundays)

It is agreed that this covenant may be terminated upon 30 days written notice by either the Temporary Supply Pastor or by the session.

Other:

This covenant is agreed upon by the Church Session, the candidate/temporary supply pastor, and the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery.

Signed by Clerk of
Session _____ Date _____

Signed by Temporary Supply
Pastor _____ Date _____

Signed by COM
Chair _____ Date _____

(Complete in triplicate: 1 copy to clerk of Session, 1 copy to candidate, and 1 copy to Presbytery's Office.

* The role of Interim Pastor carries specific tasks in addition to the regularly expected pastoral responsibilities. These tasks are important for a faithful and successful interim experience for your congregation. Goals for this ministry are to work with the congregation on the five "developmental tasks" of interim ministry:

1. Coming to terms with history,
2. Discovering a new congregational identity,
3. Facilitating shifts in lay leadership and changes in congregational power structures,
4. Rethinking and renewing denominational linkages, and
5. Preparing for new pastoral leadership and a new future.

It is understood that the Interim Pastor is accountable to the presbytery through the Committee on Ministry and will provide written reports about his/her ministry every ____ months and participate with the Committee and the Session in an evaluation of this ministry in ____ months.

It is agreed that this covenant may be terminated upon (30 or 60 or 90) days' written notice by either the Interim Pastor or by the session. If terminated by the session prior to the end of the covenant period, compensation will continue for _____ days after the termination of ministry.

** Parish Associate has been defined by the Presbytery of West Virginia. A Parish Associate will serve at the invitation of the installed pastor and with the approval of the Session. The role of the Parish Associate and the question of remuneration will be negotiated between the Session, the Pastor, and the Parish Associate.