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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Moderator Susan Perry. The meeting was opened with prayer by Ministry Committee member, Patterson Lyles, who shared word of the death of General Presbyter, Ed Thompson's mother-in-law, Margaret C. Seibert. Rev. Thompson is in Michigan officiating at the funeral.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine candidate Christopher M. Bailey as Teaching Elder. Mr. Bailey is a candidate under care of Foothills Presbytery in South Carolina and has received a call from the Westminster Foundation to serve as Presbyterian Campus Pastor at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia. He has been approved by the Vocations Committee and the Ministry Committee.

GREETINGS FROM VILLAGE CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Todd Wright, Pastor of Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston, greeted and extended a warm welcome to the Presbytery on behalf of the members and Session.

MIDDAY PRAYER

Worship was led by the candidate, Christopher M. Bailey. Mr. Bailey preached on the texts Matthew 10: 24-31 and Genesis 21: 1-19; the title of the sermon was *She Lifted Up Her Voice and Wept*.

QUORUM, PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND MODERATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

The Moderator recognized Stated Clerk, Maureen Wright, who stated that there was a quorum present with 31 Teaching Elders and commissioners from 24 churches. (Attendance record in Appendix A, pages 64-69.)

Stated Clerk Wright stated that the business was to be limited to the stated purpose and no other business could be introduced.

The Moderator appointed Presbytery Officer and Ruling Elder, Rockland Poole and Anna Pinckney Straight, Teaching Elder, as Temporary Clerks.

REPORT OF THE VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called on Jim Musgrave, chair of the Vocations Committee. Mr. Musgrave presented the committee's report.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Presbytery proceed to examine **Christopher M. Bailey**, a candidate from Foothills Presbytery seeking ordination to serve the **Westminster Foundation** as campus pastor at **Marshall University**.

INFORMATION:

1. The committee reviewed Mr. Bailey's preparation file from Foothills Presbytery and noted that he has fulfilled all the requirements set forth in G-2.0607 regarding preparation for ministry. The committee reviewed a sermon, statement of faith, exegetical work and biography and conducted a thorough examination of his readiness for ordination. Mr. Bailey's autobiographical statement and Statement of Faith are included in the packet. (Appendix B, pages 70-71.)

Mr. Musgrave led an examination of Mr. Bailey in the areas of Theology, Christian Faith, Bible, Worship and Sacraments, and Polity. The Moderator opened the floor for further questions.

Mr. Musgrave moved that Mr. Bailey be approved for ordination. Mr. Bailey was dismissed from the room during the vote. Presbytery **adopted** the recommendation and welcomed Mr. Bailey back into the room with applause. Mr. Musgrave led Presbytery in prayer for Mr. Bailey, his ministry and the students, faculty and staff of Marshall University.

The Ministry Committee provided the following printed report regarding Mr. Bailey.

INFORMATION:

1. The committee approved the match between **Mr. Christopher M. Bailey** and the **Westminster Foundation's** campus ministry at **Marshall University**.
2. The committee examined and approved for membership in the Presbytery of West Virginia **Mr. Bailey**.
3. The committee reviewed the Terms of Call between **Mr. Bailey** and the **Westminster Foundation**, which were graciously shared. The presbytery does not have jurisdiction over the Westminster Foundation and therefore does not need to approve the terms. The terms of call meet presbytery minimums (see below).


Beginning April 17, 2017, the terms are: salary: \$34,666 per year; housing allowance: \$9,900; utilities: \$3,300 per year; SECA: \$3,963; Board of Pensions medical and pension; vacation: 4 weeks per year (including Sundays); continuing education: 2 weeks

per year (including Sundays); auto expenses at the IRS rate up to \$4,547 per year; continuing education: \$1000; 12 days of sick leave per year and two months paid parental leave if applicable; sabbatical deposit: \$500 (to accrue up until the sabbatical is taken after at least seven years, then to reimburse expenses); moving expenses to the field.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded its business, Moderator Perry adjourned the meeting with a charge and benediction at 4:00 p.m.

Next Stated Meeting: May 18 at Bridgeport Presbyterian Church, Bridgeport.


Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk

Susan Perry, Moderator

APPENDIX A

ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY: Susan Perry, Moderator; Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk; Rockland Poole, Treasurer; Amy Parker (also listed as minister member below), Moderator Elect.

MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP TEAM (who are not Minister or Elder Commissioners): Barbara Hopta, Parry Johnson.

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS: Jim Musgrave, Kellan Sarles, Cherrie Sizemore, John Yeager.

STAFF: Susan Sharp Campbell (also listed as minister member below), Barbara Chalfant, Nellie Howard, Amy Robinson.

LAY PREACHER: Jim Dempsey.

VISITORS (who registered): Christopher Bailey, Peter Barclay, Patti Dempsey, Noha Khoury-Bailey.

ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS

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

Name of Minister	8/20/16	11/17/16	2/25/17	3/28/17
Accord, Barbara A.	**	P	P	E
Alford, Ralph Judson, II	**	AE	AE	AE
Atkins, Ken	**	AE	AE	AE
Baldwin, Stephen	**	E	E	AE
Blakeman, Robin	**	P	A	A
Bondurant, Robert K.	**	AE	AE	P
Bower, David	**	AE	AE	AE
Boyce, Bonnie	**	P	AE	AE
Buckalew, Ronald W.	**	P	AE	AE
Butler, Claire	**	P	P	E
Butler, Craig	**	AE	AE	AE
Calebaugh, Kenneth B.	**	P	AE	AE
Campbell-Malake, Elizabeth	**	P	P	P
Campbell, Susan Sharp	**	P	P	P
Carroll, R. Leon, Jr.	**	AE	AE	AE
Case, Walter A.	**	AE	AE	AE
Clark, Thomas F.	**	AE	AE	AE
Didway, Nancy	**	P	E	P
Deaderick, David S.	**	AE	AE	AE
Debnam, Robert W.	**	AE	AE	AE
Dodson, E. Denison	**	E	P	A
Dreyer, Charles B.	**	AE	AE	AE
Ducheneau, Mike	**	A	A	A
Ellis, Larryetta	**	P	P	P
Gamble, Larry	**	A	A	A
Gentry, Calvin P.	**	AE	AE	AE
Glaser, Robert H.	**	AE	AE	AE
Goehner, Paul E.	**	AE	AE	AE
Graham, Leonard E.	**	AE	AE	AE

Name of Minister	8/20/16	11/17/16	2/25/17	3/28/17
Gurley, Ben E.	**	AE	AE	AE
Haig, Kristine	**	AE	AE	AE
Harkless, Cinda	**	P	P	P
Harkness, Cameron	**	AE	AE	AE
Harrah, Jerry D.	**	AE	AE	AE
Heidt, Paul Douglas	**	AE	AE	AE
Julie Hitsman	**	P	A	A
Holland, John	**	A	P	P
Hollis, Virginia Kay	**	AE	AE	AE
Hood, Leonard L.	**	AE	AE	AE
Howe, Lanny	**	AE	AE	P
Hudson, William Long	**	P	E	P
Jenkins, Doug	**	P	P	P
Jenkins, Janet	**	AE	AE	AE
Johnson, Rick	**	A	P	A
Johnston, Thomas M., Jr.	**	AE	AE	AE
Key, Kyle	**	P	P	P
Kilbert, Chris	**	P	P	A
Kinney, Karen R.	**	P	P	A
Koerner, Charla Waters	**	A	P	P
Koerner, John F.	**	E	E	P
Krum, David P.	**	AE	AE	AE
Lamb, Richard C.	**	P	P	AE
Laukoter, Rob S.	**	P	A	P
Lee, David A.	**	P	E	P
Leitch, James O.	**	AE	AE	AE
Lyles, W. Patterson	**	P	P	P
Mansell, Wm. Franklin, Jr.	**	P	P	P
Maynard, Arvie L.	**	AE	AE	AE
McChesney, Charles S.	**	AE	AE	AE
McCoy, William	**	P	E	P
McGrew, Gary S.	**	AE	AE	AE
McGuire, Richard W.	**	A	P	A
McMorran, William G., Jr.	**	AE	AE	AE
McMurray, Stewart M.	**	AE	AE	AE
Rebecca Mihm	**	P	P	P
Minnerly, Douglas A.	**	P	P	P
Mobayed, Richard S.	**	AE	AE	AE
Mohrman, James A.	**	AE	AE	AE
Monschke, Alice	**	AE	AE	AE
Morgan, Norman K.	**	AE	AE	AE
Morley, James E.	**	A	E	E
Neal, Elise	**	P	P	A
Newman, Robert G.	**	AE	P	P
Palmer, Harry W.	**	AE	AE	AE
Parker, Amy S.W.	**	P	E	P
Parsons, Shelly Barrick	**	E	A	A
Pendleton, P. Douglas, Jr.	**	A	A	A
Perkins, Chris	**	P	E	A
Purcell, Boyd C.	**	P	P	P
Ray, Robin	**	P	P	A

Name of Minister	8/20/16	11/17/16	2/25/17	3/28/17
Rice, Andrew "Andy"	**	P	A	A
Richards, David P.	**	P	P	P
Riley, John A.	**	AE	AE	AE
Ringe, Charles	**	AE	AE	AE
Roberts, Jim	**	AE	AE	AE
Robertson, M. Bruce	**	AE	AE	AE
Robinson, James E.	**	AE	AE	AE
Romine, Paul D.	**	P	P	P
Ryan, Patrick "Pat"	**	P	A	P
Seely, Mike	**	P	P	A
Seibel, Frank L. "Skip"	**	E	P	P
Shaffer, David	**	AE	AE	AE
Shepherd, Rachel J.	**	P	P	A
Shogren, Donna Lee	**	AE	AE	AE
Snyder, Richard J. Daly	**	AE	AE	AE
Sonnenday, John	**	AE	AE	AE
Spencer, Donald L.	**	AE	AE	AE
Spransy, George B. Jr.	**	P	P	P
Spring, Charles M.	**	AE	AE	AE
Stevens, Bruce	**	AE	AE	AE
Stewart, Joan W.	**	P	P	A
Stone, Greg	**	A	P	A
Straight, Anna Pinckney	**	P	P	P
Styron, Monica	**	P	A	A
Sutton, Dana W.	**	A	A	A
Sutton, Jean C.	**	A	A	A
Taylor, J. Dexter	**	AE	AE	AE
Thompson, Dean K.	**	AE	AE	AE
Edward J. Thompson	**	P	P	E
Christina Tutterow	**	P	E	A
Vial, Peter	**	P	P	A
Walker, Gary C.	**	AE	AE	AE
Walther, James A., Jr.	**	P	P	P
Washburn, Francis T.	**	AE	AE	AE
Willoughby Weed, Kathryn A.	**	A	E	A
Wilson, Richard B.	**	A	A	A
Wood, Robert M.	**	P	E	P
Woodard, Sara G. (Sally)	**	P	AE	AE
Wright, Todd	**	P	P	P
Youngblood, Lucy	**	AE	AE	AE

ATTENDANCE OF CHURCHES

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

Name of Church	8/20/16	11/17/16	2/25/17	3/28/17
Alderson	**	N	N	N
Alexander Memorial, Stony Bottom	**	N	N	N
Anderson Memorial, Welch	**	N	N	N
Bates Memorial, Huntington	**	Jennifer Barton	Spencer Conley	Wes Walker
Baxter, Dunmore	**	N	E	N

Name of Church	8/20/16	11/17/16	2/25/17	3/28/17
Beckley	**	Bill Hartling	Mac Tieche	N
Beechwood, Parkersburg	**	N	N	N
Belington	**	N	E	N
Belle	**	Eleanor Stanley	Sara Dye	Eleanor Stanley
Bethlehem, Shinnston,	**	N	N	N
Beulah Humble, Elizabeth	**	N	N	N
Beverly	**	N	E	N
Beverly Hills, Huntington	**	N	John Morgan	N
Bradley	**	N	Suzette Wingrove	N
Bramwell	**	N	N	N
Bream Memorial, Charleston	**	Derek Hudson	Doris Miller	Melody Simpson
Bridgeport	**	Joe Timms	N	N
Buffalo	**	N	N	N
Canyon Community, Morgantown	**	N	N	N
Centerville, Greenville	**	Charlotte Wilson	Charlotte Wilson	N
Church of our Saviour, Clarksburg	**	N	N	N
Church of the Covenant, Grafton	**	N	N	N
Church of the Covenant, Hurricane	**	N	N	N
Clear Creek	**	N	N	N
Clifton, Maxwelton	**	N	N	N
Clothier	**	N	N	N
Comfort	**	N	Terry Layton	N
Community, Arthurdale	**	N	N	N
Davis Memorial, Elkins	**	Lynn Proudfoot	Nathaniel Garver-Daniels	N
Davis Memorial, Gassaway	**	Rob Robinson	Beverly Keener	N
Dupont City, Belle	**	N	N	N
Edgewood, Lewisburg	**	Julian Arbuckle	Amber Hinkle	Carolyn Napier
Eleanor	**	Ann Elliott	N	Judy Jefferies
Elk Hills, Charleston	**	Carol Buckalew	Jean Naylor	Sandy Gunter
Enslow Park, Huntington,	**	Howard Anderson	N	N
Falls View, Charlton Heights	**	N	N	N
Fayetteville	**	Mike Burton	E	N
First, Bluefield	**	N	Sharon Perkinson	N
First, Buckhannon	**	E	Steve Hornbeck	Steve Hornbeck
First, Charleston	**	Frankie McCain	Andrew Ceperley	Frankie McCain
	**	Rick Vorhees	Frankie McCain	N
	**	N	N	N
First, Clarksburg	**	David Nuzum	N	N
First, Colcord	**	N	N	N
First, Dunbar	**	Sue Cunningham	Judi Hazelwood	N
First, Fairmont	**	N	E	N
First, Hinton	**	N	N	N
First, Huntington	**	N	Sally Oxley	Todd Green
First, Kenova	**	N	N	N

Name of Church	8/20/16	11/17/16	2/25/17	3/28/17
First, Kingwood	**	N	N	N
First, Logan	**	Roger Perry	Mary Borst	Linda Marsh
First, Mannington	**	N	N	N
First, Morgantown	**	N	N	N
First, Nitro	**	N	N	Peggy Melch
First, Oak Hill	**	Kathy Moss	Margaret Bickford	N
First, Parkersburg	**	Wayne Sanders	Wayne Sanders	N
First, Ravenswood	**	N	N	N
First, Ripley	**	N	N	N
First, St. Albans	**	Linda McCallister	Bonnie Morrison	Mel Burch
First, South Charleston	**	N	N	N
First, Terra Alta	**	N	N	N
First, Thomas	**	N	N	N
First, Welch	**	E	Wendy Brewster	N
First, Weston	**	N	N	N
First, White Sulphur Springs	**	N	N	N
First, Whitesville	**	N	N	N
First, Williamson	**	Susan Conn	N	N
First, Williamstown	**	N	Ann Thayer	Nellie Howard
Fleming Memorial, Fairmont	**	N	Mike Yost	N
Frankford	**	E	Linda Boone	E
Gilbert	**	N	Mandy Lester	N
Glenville	**	E	Susan Lilly	N
Grace Covenant, Charleston	**	N	N	N
Green Bank, Liberty	**	N	N	N
Harman	**	N	N	N
Highlawn, Huntington,	**	N	Paulette Mabry	Howard Aulick
Highlawn, St. Albans	**	E	John Poulson	Ruth Perry
Hughes River, Cairo	**		N	N
Kanawha United, Charleston	**	Rob Passmore	Richard Hartman	Roberta Fowlkes
Keller, Pence Springs	**	N	N	N
Kesler Memorial, Hico	**	N	N	N
Kuhn Memorial, Barboursville	**	N	N	N
Lakeview, Lakebottom	**	N	N	N
Marlinton	**	N	N	N
Marsh Fork, Dry Creek	**	N	N	N
McElhenney, Alderson	**	N	N	N
McKinnon, Charleston	**	N	E	Brooks Martin
McLean, Ronceverte	**	E	N	N
Mill Creek	**	N	N	N
Milton	**	N	N	N
Mingo	**	N	N	N
Montgomery	**	N	N	N
Mount Hope	**	N	N	N
Oak Grove, Hillsboro	**	Sue Hollandsworth	Sue Hollandsworth	N
Old Stone, Lewisburg	**	Whickey Knight	Townley Hamilton	Nancy Smallerberger

Name of Church	8/20/16	11/17/16	2/25/17	3/28/17
Orgas	**	N	N	N
Parsons	**	N	N	N
Philippi	**	N	N	N
Pickens	**	N	N	N
Pineville	**	N	N	N
Point Pleasant	**	N	Elaine Matheny	N
Red Sulphur Springs, Ballard	**	N	N	N
Richwood	**	N	N	N
Riverlawn, St. Albans	**	Pam Johnson	Ron Hughes	Pam Johnson
Rock Forge, Morgantown	**	N	N	N
Rock Lake, South Charleston	**	James Straight	Kay Rotz	Ken Schmidt
Rome, Proctorville	**	N	N	N
Ronceverte	**	E	Kay McCoy	N
Ruffner Memorial, Charleston	**	Marshall Carper	N	N
St. Andrew, Pinch	**	N	Teresa Gant	Robert Bandy
St. Marys	**	N	N	N
Salem, Ronceverte	**	E	N	N
Second, Huntington	**	Jack Ferrell	Donna Cowley	jenka Lockwood
Slatyfork, Big Spring	**	N	N	N
Smithers	**	E	N	Jim Dempsey
South Park, Charleston	**	Jim Sothen	Larry Sites	Jim Sothen
Spencer	**	Brenda Wilson	Norma Randall-Myers	N
Spring Creek, Renick	**	N	N	N
Spring Valley, Huntington	**	Kristen Davis	N	N
Sugar Grove, Morgantown	**	N	N	N
Summerlee	**	N	N	N
Summersville	**	N	N	N
Teays Valley, Scott Depot	**	N	Reggie Lowe	N
Trinity, Shady Spring	**	N	Diane Thacker	N
Tygarts Valley, Huttonsville	**	N	N	N
Union	**	N	E	N
Upperglade	**	Jim Casey	Jim Casey	N
Valley Bend, Beverly	**	N	N	N
Village Chapel, Charleston	**	Patti Salisbury	Chuck Stump	Ray Boggs
Waverly – Bethel, Waverly	**	Dawn Hammat	Marijean Stockwell	Barbara Conlon
Westminster, Charleston	**	N	N	N
Westminster, Vienna	**	N	N	N
Whittico Memorial, Keystone	**	N	N	N
Winfield	**	Nancy Baldwin	John Hannan	N
Zion, Helvetia	**	N	N	N

Note: All attendance records for the August 20, 2016 meeting of presbytery were lost in a server crash. This is noted in the table above by **.

APPENDIX B – STATEMENT OF FAITH AND BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Christopher M. Bailey

Statement of Faith

I believe in God, creator and creating. I believe that God formed humanity to share in, and take care of creation. God seeks relationship with all humanity, and eagerly shares in our experiences. However, humanity pushes away from God through sin. We are complicit in the suffering of our neighbors, and we are not good stewards of the gifts that God has given to humanity. Yet, God still pursues our imperfect humanity. God's love is unbreakable, and inescapable.

I believe in Christ, Son of God born to Mary—the embodiment of God's love who shows grace and compassion to all of humanity. Jesus reached out to those pushed to the margins of society, both the poor and the sick. Jesus offered the model of how we are to treat our neighbors with love. The ministry of Christ defied human expectation, and resulted in his death. In giving his own life, Christ offers an atoning sacrifice for all humanity. Jesus, then, overcame death upon the cross. In his resurrection, Jesus offers hope to humanity by showing that God continues to draw us near.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, which guides and calls all of humanity to emulate the divine love that has been shown to us through Christ. The Spirit gives life to scripture, and transforms it to be heard in every time, and every place.

I believe in the diverse community of faith that makes up the church universal, which pursues the call of continuing Christ's ministry in our world. Through the Baptism and the Lord's Supper, I believe that we are actively drawn into, and intentionally participate in, the relationship that God seeks with humanity. In baptism, God offers a continuous and forgiving grace. God calls humanity to respond to this grace repentantly through faithful discipleship. Baptism marks the covenantal relationship between God and humanity. The Lord's Supper anticipates and proclaims the reign of Christ. In sharing the Lord's Supper, we remember and give thanks for the sacrifice made on account of human sin, and we recognize the sustaining grace that continues to reconcile humanity with God through Christ. I believe in the priesthood of all believers, which guided by the Holy Spirit, calls us to mirror the grace of God's forgiveness that is evident in the ministry and resurrection of Christ.

Christopher M. Bailey

Biographical Statement

I was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina along with my family: my parents Michael and Cathy Bailey and my sister, Catie Brewer. Growing up, I played football for my school and participated in church league basketball and softball. I participated in Boy Scouts and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2005.

Upon graduating high school, I attended Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC where I was a Bonner Scholar and participated in the on-campus Presbyterian Student Association. I served as the co-moderator of PSA my junior and senior years, planning regional and statewide retreats. I really began to wrestle with my sense of call while in college. After Wofford, I attended Princeton Theological Seminary under care of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Greenville and the Foothills Presbytery. While At Princeton, I worked for the Bonner Foundation, Sustainable Princeton, and participated in a year-long field-education at United Ministries in Greenville, South Carolina, solidifying my passion for mission and outreach. I completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Spartanburg Regional, a Trauma 1 hospital. (I also met my wife, Noha Khoury-Bailey in seminary and we look forward to supporting each other in our respective calls.)

In March of 2015, I moved to Monroe, Ohio and served as a Pastoral Resident at First Presbyterian Church of Middletown. While there, my responsibilities included worship leadership and assistance with liturgy, attending to the pastoral needs of the congregation, resourcing the Mission Committee, and providing additional leadership support for Christian Education ministries. I had the opportunity to learn and lead under two heads of staff (an interim and the called pastor) and served as the head of staff during the six week transition.

When I'm not working, I enjoy going to the gym, hiking, camping, backpacking, running, cooking, and gardening.

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