

ABINGDON PRESBYTERY MINUTES  
(*SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC*)  
*Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*



**113<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING**  
**TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**TAZEWELL, VA**  
March 14, 2013

**NEXT STATED MEETING OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY**  
**June 13, 2013**  
**Location: Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**Pulaski, Virginia**

**REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM**  
**MORNING WORSHIP: 9:30 AM**  
**PRESBYTERY: 10:00 AM**

*Abingdon Presbytery seeks by the grace of God to nurture its congregations and pastors and to foster Christian unity among them, and to offer and develop leadership in order that congregations will grow in faith and in numbers, and to exhibit the Kingdom of God, thereby witnessing to the Lordship of Jesus Christ throughout Southwest Virginia and the world.*

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**113<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING – MARCH 14, 2013**  
**TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**TAZEWELL, VA**

**PRESBYTERY CONVENED**

The 113<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery met at Tazewell Presbyterian Church in Tazewell, VA on March 14, 2013.

**PRESBYTERY IN WORSHIP**

Morning worship began at 9:30 a.m., which was led by the Reverend Tony Palubicki.

**ROLL OF MINISTERS**

(E) Aichel, O. George  
(E) Baldwin, C.W. Eugene  
(P) Bird, Timothy E.  
(P) Campbell, Kevin M.  
(E) Carlisle, Chris  
(E) Carpenter, Catherine Y.  
(E) Conn, George M., Jr.  
(P) Davis, Mary  
(A) Gipe, William C.  
(P) Gray, Frederick A.  
(E) Guthrie, Weston B.  
(E) Haga, Nancy Katherine  
(E) Hagen, Ted, II  
(E) Heintzleman, Jack W.  
(P) Hendrickson, James D.  
(P) Hoffman, Dennis J.  
(E) Humphreys, Levi H., Jr.  
(A) Kronk, Ronald W.  
(P) Lacy, L. Edwin  
(E) Liston, J. Miller

**P = PRESENT; E = EXCUSED; A = ABSENT**

(E) Lominack, Robert N., Jr.  
(E) Markel, John E.  
(P) Martin, Jon E.  
(P) Martin, Susanne S.  
(E) Mayo, Wiley E.  
(E) McChesney, Charles  
(P) Muncie, II, Donald R.  
(E) Murray, Curtis A.  
(E) Nash, Charles E., Jr.  
(P) Palubicki, Tony R.  
(E) Parker, Donald G.  
(P) Parkey, Andrew  
(E) Privette, Cynthia E.  
(P) Reynolds, Tim  
(P) Simpson, Joseph Bradford, IV  
(E) Thornton, Robert S.  
(E) Tolar, Robert R., Sr.  
(P) Wadsworth, P. David  
(E) Weller, Michael S.  
(P) Whartenby, Thomas J., Jr.  
(P) Wood, D. Greg

**ROLL OF COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS**

(E) Barnett, Madge  
(P) Canter, Phyllis  
(A) Hutton, Cathy  
(A) Inazu, Donald  
(P) Litton, Darlene  
(P) Matney, Edward  
(P) Parish, Bill

(P) Talbert, Stephen

## ROLL OF ELDER COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

ANCHOR OF HOPE –  
ANDERSON MEMORIAL – Jack Chaffin  
BETHEL –  
BIG STONE GAP – Bill Nagel  
BLAND-LEYBURN –  
BUCHANAN FIRST –  
BUFFALO MOUNTAIN –  
CASTLEWOOD –  
CENTRAL – Barbara Mann

DAMASCUS –  
DINWIDDIE – Lynn Spencer  
FAIRVIEW – Douglas Dobbins  
FINCASTLE – Charlotte Perdue  
GALAX FIRST –  
GALENA –  
GATE CITY – John Howren  
GLADE SPRING – Jay Henderson  
GLADEVILLE –  
GRACE – Joe Moore  
GRAHAM –  
GREEN SPRING – Mary Jane Crosby  
HIGH POINT –  
HILLSVILLE – Mava Vass

JEWELL RIDGE – Katherine Richardson  
LEBANON – Jeff Sword  
LOCUST COVE –  
MAPLE GROVE –  
MARY'S – Corena Stanley  
MARY MARTIN MEMORIAL –  
McCALL'S GAP –  
McIVER MEMORIAL –

OAKWOOD –  
POUND –  
POWELL VALLEY – Walter Rollins  
RICHLANDS – Perry Gilbert  
RICH VALLEY –  
RIVERVIEW –  
ROCK SPRING –  
ROYAL OAK – Jim Kelly  
SEVEN MILE FORD –  
SINKING SPRING –  
SPRING CREEK –  
STONE MEMORIAL –  
TAZEWELL – Ward Lester  
THOMPSON VALLEY – Jerry Bise  
VANSANT – Mary Yates  
WALNUT GROVE – Sue White  
WHITETOP –  
WEST FORK –  
WYTHEVILLE – John DiYorio

## VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE

David Kester  
Janet Kester  
Ethan Kester  
Jarod Kester  
Ben Kester  
Andy Cundiff, Wytheville  
John Davis, Galena  
Jane Davis, Galena  
Jackie Ratcliffe, Grace  
Guydell Slate, Dinwiddie  
Renee Fox, Mary's  
Elizabeth Nash, Lebanon  
Marge Folden, Anderson Memorial  
Murrell Chaffin, Anderson Memorial  
Terry Smith, Gate City  
Clara Corell, Thompson Valley  
J.O. Corell, Thompson Valley

Anthony Gallimore, Buffalo Mountain  
Jim Gearhart, Wytheville  
Jean Bane, Central  
Bobby Endicott, Buchanan First  
Carol Mullins, Jewell Ridge

**Order of Worship**  
**Abingdon Presbytery**  
**March 14, 2013**

Prelude (Gathering Music)

**Call to Worship:**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness.**

**and our souls will delight in the richest fare.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

**And also with you,**

Let us worship God.

Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling

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**Call to Confession:**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

**While we were sinners Christ died for us.**

**Because we have faith in Him we dare to approach God with confidence.**

Trusting in God's grace let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in squandering your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

**Special Music:** God is So Good and God Loves You

Tazewell Presbyterian Preschool

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:** Luke 15:11-32

**Sermon:** Give Me Mine!

Rev. Tony Palubicki

**Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision

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**Necrology**

**Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing:**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

**The Lord be kind and gracious to you.**

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Alleluia – Amen!**

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

*"For we know that if our earthly home of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (2 Cor.5:1)*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>
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### **ELDERS**

Leo Spears	Anderson Memorial	December 21, 2013
Verna Nagel	Big Stone Gap	February 12, 2012
William Fray	Buffalo Mountain	January 8, 2012
Madison Hughes	Buffalo Mountain	October 11, 2012
Nancy Chafin Talbert	Castlewood	May 21, 2012
James H. Brown	Central	February 20, 2012
Dean A. Bussart	Central	October 8, 2012
Margaret (Peggy) Shields	Central	October 10, 2012
Alfred Shockley	Dinwiddie	February 1, 2012
Richard Homan	Fairview	March 1, 2012
Fredrick Arther Rotenberry	Fairview	April 22, 2012
Odell Edward Hamden	Galax	February 4, 2012
Ralph Eugene Marbury	Glade Spring	April 27, 2012
Richard Quillen	Grace	February 13, 2012
Arthur Eugene "Jack" Edmonds	Hillsville	December 27, 2012
Juanita Marie Hoffman	Richlands	February 3, 2013
Deane Beamer	Royal Oak	August 9, 2012
Willard L. Lemmon	Royal Oak	November 24, 2012
Mary Ann Elyea	Walnut Grove	October 16, 2012
Bob Sheffey	Walnut Grove	August 11, 2012
Harold Short	West Fork	June 22, 2011

### **MINISTERS**

James H. Grant	September 16, 2012
Rockwell M. Smith	October 19, 2012

**DOCKET OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY**  
**113<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING**  
**March 14, 2013**

9:00 am	Registration-Fellowship-Refreshments	
9:30 am	Morning Worship Service	
10:10 am	Call to Order and Prayer by Moderator of Presbytery	Tony Palubicki
	Declaration of Quorum	
	Nomination and Election of Moderator-in-nomination	Jon Martin
	Commissioned Ruling Elder Phyllis Canter	
	Nomination and election of Vice-moderator-in-nomination	
	Teaching Elder Alan Gray	
	Appointment of Standing Committees	
	Welcome and Announcements	
	Introduction of Guests and Recognition of First-time Elders	
	Introduction of New Business	
	Adoption of the Docket	
10:25 am	Stated Clerk's Report	Kevin Campbell
10:30 am	<u>Council Report</u>	Guydell Slate
10:40 am	<u>Proposed Amendments to the Constitution</u>	Tom Whartenby
10:50 am	<u>Report from Executive/Stated Clerk Search Committee</u>	Tim Reynolds
11:20 am	<u>Report of Committee on Ministry</u>	Bill Parish
11:40 am	<u>Personnel Committee Report</u>	Jim Gearhart
11:50 am	<u>Church Development Committee Report</u>	Greg Wood
12:00 pm	<u>Compassion Committee Report</u>	Sue White
12:05 pm	<u>Nominating Committee Report</u>	Jon Martin
12:10 pm	Announcements and Lunch Blessing	
12:15 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Reconvene with Hospitality Committee Report	
1:05 pm	<b>Written Reports</b>	
	<u>Presbyterian Women Report</u>	
	<u>Children's Home Report</u>	
	<u>Budget Committee Report</u>	
1:10 pm	Closing Worship	
1:40 pm	Anticipated Adjournment	

## **PRESBYTERY IN MISSION & DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

The moderator of Presbytery, Reverend Tony Palubicki, called the meeting to order with prayer. The Reverend Kevin Campbell, Temporary Stated Clerk, declared a quorum present.

## **APPROVAL OF DOCKET & APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following Standing Committees were appointed for this meeting of Presbytery:

Recording Clerk: Mrs. April DiYorio, asst. to the stated clerk, Presbytery staff

Hospitality Committee: The Reverend Mary Davis, Lebanon Church  
Elder Barbara Mann, Central Church  
Elder Mava Vass, Hillsville Church

Temporary Clerks: The Reverend Brad Simpson, Wytheville Church  
Elder Jim Gearhart, Wytheville Church

Bills & Overtures: The Reverend John Markel, Walnut Grove Church  
Elder Sue White, Walnut Grove Church  
Elder Mary Yates, Vansant Church

## **WELCOME**

The Reverend Greg Wood welcomed Presbytery to Tazewell Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, VA.

Elders attending Presbytery for the first time and visitors were recognized and introduced to Presbytery.

## **ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

With no new business being introduced to the Presbytery, the stated clerk moved the adoption of the docket. After the motion was properly seconded, the docket was unanimously adopted and approved.

## **STATED CLERK'S REPORT & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Teaching Elder Kevin Campbell presented the Stated Clerk's Report.

The Presbytery approved that all ministers requesting to be excused from all or a part of this Stated Meeting of Presbytery be granted their excuse, and all Honorably Retired ministers not in attendance be excused; all clergy serving in temporary pastoral relationships with Abingdon Presbytery congregations, as well as representatives from Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) governing bodies and institutions, were granted the privilege of the floor, without vote.

(Please see the Stated Clerk's Report in the following minutes.)

## **COUNCIL**

Elder Guydell Slate gave this report on behalf of the committee to the Presbytery.



As a part of the Council's report, Elder Slate invited Teaching Elder Tom Whartenby, on behalf of the Council and its ad hoc committee on the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.), to make the following recommendations to the Presbytery:

- 1) That Presbytery approve the new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism.
- 2) That Presbytery approve all recommendations to the Book of Order, except 12-B, as a consent agenda.

Both recommendations were unanimously approved by the Presbytery.

Teaching Elder Jim Hendrickson requested that proposed recommendation 12-B be pulled from the consent agenda for questions and debate. After a brief period of questions, Teaching Elder Whartenby moved the adoption of 12-B on behalf of the Council. With no further debate, 12-B was unanimously approved by the Presbytery.

Please see the Council Report in the following minutes.

### **EXECUTIVE/STATED CLERK SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Teaching Elder Tim Reynolds presented this report.

Teaching Elder Tim Reynolds gave a thorough update of the activity and work of the General/Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team. As a part of their report the search team made the following recommendations, which were unanimously approved by the Presbytery:

- 1) The Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team recommends that Abingdon Presbytery suspend Section 2.0307 of its Manual of Operations and hire a Part-time Acting Stated Clerk for a term not to exceed the work of the Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team. The Part-time Acting Stated Clerk shall be eligible to apply for the position of The Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery.
- 2) The Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team recommends that Abingdon Presbytery approve the proposed job description for the Part-time Acting Stated Clerk. (The job description is included in the search team's full report included in these minutes.)
- 3) The Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team recommends that the Personnel Committee be empowered to search for and recommend the hiring of an individual for the position of Part-Time Acting Stated Clerk as soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 2013.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

Elder Bill Parish presented this report. Although the Committee on Ministry's report contained many vital items of interest to the health and life of the Presbytery, three items particularly stand out: 1) The commissioning of ruling elder David Kester to serve the Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2) The celebration and recognition of ruling elder John Davis' retirement from service as a CRE, and 3) The receiving of and acting upon a request from the Mary's Presbyterian Church and the Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church to disaffiliate from the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church subject to confirmation that both congregations have been received by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This request for disaffiliation and dismissal, at this time, **does not include dismissal with either real or personal church property.** The question of church property will be taken up at a later meeting of Presbytery.

Per the Presbytery's dismissal policy and process, representatives from each church were granted up to three minutes to address the Presbytery concerning the reasons why each congregation was requesting disaffiliation and dismissal. Ms. Clara Correll of the Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church read a statement on behalf of the congregation. Below is a copy of her written comments, which she provided to the stated clerk of the Presbytery:

"The decision for Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church to leave the Abingdon Presbytery and Presbyterian Church USA has been made after much praying and guidance from God. This decision made by the congregation, members and non-members has not been taken lightly or hurriedly. As Presbyterian Church USA has made changes, members of our congregation were concerned about the changes and voiced their concerns. As the session began to meet and discuss the concerns of the congregation it was hard not to let our human feelings overcome our spiritual feelings. The fear of doing the wrong thing was overcome by praying and asking God to guide us. As the decision was made to start the process of "Gracious separation", as outlined in the Book of Order, our congregation was united and ready to follow the path God had chosen for us. At one point it appeared we had stopped the process only to start it again and we were asked about this by Rev. Woods. We did not stop the process, but the session was determined not to move too quickly and voted to wait until after the General Assembly Meeting in 2012 to see if any changes made in the past would be overturned. Once the General Assembly Meeting was over and the reports of that meeting were read we resumed the steps of the "Gracious Separation" policy. Our congregation is 100% behind this decision and appears stronger now that the decision has been made and this is evidenced by our increased attendance. Even though you, members of Abingdon Presbytery, may not understand or approve of our decision we would ask that you have faith in our congregation who are members of the family of God and will continue to worship even if we are in a different branch of the Presbyterian Church. We ask that you understand our decision and support us by voting for us to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We would ask that you continue to pray for our congregation as we will continue to pray for all churches and the world that we live in. As our church family makes these changes we would also hope and pray that at a later meeting you will allow us to continue to worship God in the house that he provided for us. It is our prayer that God continue to guide, lead and protect all of his children as we strive to follow where he leads us."

Ms. Corena Stanley spoke on behalf of the Mary's Presbyterian Church. She did not provide the stated clerk with a copy of her remarks to the Presbytery.

After the churches' representatives addressed the Presbytery, elder Parish moved the following motions:

- 1) That Mary's Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church subject to confirmation of its reception by that body.
- 2) That Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church subject to confirmation of its reception by that body.

The Presbytery voted on the above motions by written ballot. After ample time for voting, the temporary clerks collected the ballots. The stated clerk and the temporary clerks counted the ballots. Both motions were approved by the Presbytery by a vote of 38- 6. There were forty-four voting commissioners for this meeting of Presbytery, and there were forty-four ballots cast for both motions.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Elder Jim Gearhart presented this report. It was an oral report with no action items. Please see the committee's full report in the following minutes.

## **CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Teaching Elder Greg Wood presented this report.

Please see the committee's full report in the following minutes.

## **COMPASSION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Elder Sue White presented this report. On behalf of the committee, elder White made the following motion that was unanimously approved by the Presbytery: *"The Compassion Committee has endorsed the Abingdon Presbytery Youth Mission trip for 2013. Therefore, the Committee recommends that Presbytery approve the Abingdon Presbytery Youth Mission Trip for 2013, and if the way be clear, that Presbytery approve an annual youth mission trip."*

See the Compassion Committee's report in the following minutes.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Teaching Elder Jon Martin presented this report. The committee's nominations were approved by the Presbytery.

Please see the Nominating Committee Report in the following Minutes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Since the Presbytery completed all of its work ahead of schedule and before lunch, the stated clerk made the following motion:

*"That Presbytery adjourn with a prayer to include a blessing for lunch, that the Hospitality Committee express the Presbytery's thanks to the Tazewell Presbyterian Church during lunch, that the Hospitality Committee's written report be included in the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery, and that the Hospitality Committee's report be approved at the next meeting of Abingdon Presbytery, whether it be a called or stated meeting of Presbytery."*

The stated clerk's motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The presbytery adjourned at 12:15pm, with a prayer that included a lunch blessing. The prayer was offered by teaching elder Greg Wood. The next stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery is scheduled for June 13, 2013.

Phyllis Canter  
Phyllis Canter, Moderator

Kevin M. Campbell  
Kevin M. Campbell, Temporary Stated Clerk

**SEE ADDITIONAL WRITTEN REPORTS IN MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:  
STATED CLERK, COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER & STATED CLERK SEARCH  
COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, CHURCH**

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, HUNGER AND COMPASSION, AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

**COMMITTEES THAT DID NOT REPORT AT THIS MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY, COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION, EDUCATION COMMITTEE, PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMITTEE AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**LUNCH**

The following Hospitality Committee report was given during lunch by Elder Barbara Mann:

*The Hospitality Committee certainly appreciates the Tazewell Presbyterian Church for hosting the Presbytery today.*

*We thank Tony Palubicki for his inspiring sermon on the prodigal son.*

*We thank Phyllis Canter for a well-controlled and “timely” meeting.*

*To Greg Wood and the women and men of the church, we thank you politely for all you have done to make us feel so welcome.*

**Stated Clerk's Report**  
Kevin M. Campbell, Acting Stated Clerk

Items for Information:

1. **Who are the members of the governing body?** The members of the governing body are the forty-six ministers teaching elders who are members of Abingdon Presbytery, the 13 Commissioned Ruling Elders, and the fifty ruling elder commissioners that represent the fifty congregations of the Presbytery. For the purpose of this meeting of Presbytery, the members of the Presbytery are signified by either a **blue dot** or a **yellow dot** on your name tag that you received when you registered for this meeting of Presbytery. A **blue dot** on your name tag signifies that you are a teaching elder, while a **yellow dot** indicates that you are either a commissioned ruling elder or a ruling elder commissioner. For this meeting of Presbytery, only teaching elders, commissioned ruling elders, and ruling elder commissioners have the privilege of voice and vote at this meeting. If you do not have either a **blue dot or a yellow dot** on your name tag, then you do not have the privilege of voice or vote at this meeting, only those members in attendance with either a **blue dot or a yellow dot** on their name tag have the privilege of addressing the Presbytery and voting on action items before the governing body.
2. Thank you goes to the Session, members and staff of the Tazewell Presbyterian Church for their willingness and faithful work in hosting this Presbytery meeting.
3. The next meeting of Abingdon Presbytery will be hosted by the Wild Goose Worshiping Community in Indian Valley, Virginia on June 13, 2013.

Items for Action:

1. That the Minutes of the November 8, 2012 stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery at the Hillsville Presbyterian Church be approved  
 ✓  Motion Made     ✓  Approved     Disapproved
2. That the ministers properly requesting to be excused from all or a part of the 113<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Presbytery be granted their excuse, and all Honorably Retired ministers not in attendance be excused.  
 ✓  Motion Made     ✓  Approved     Disapproved
3. That all non-member clergy serving in temporary pastoral relationships with Abingdon Presbytery congregations, as well as representatives from PC(USA) governing bodies and institutions, be granted the privilege of the floor, without vote.  
 ✓  Motion Made     ✓  Approved     Disapproved
4. That all reports with amendments be received as information and be admitted to the record and recorded in the Minutes of Abingdon Presbytery.  
 ✓  Motion Made     ✓  Approved     Disapproved

**Council Report**  
Guydell Slate, Chair

Items for Information:

1. Council appointed itself to serve as the Ad-hoc committee to review the separation policy.
2. Council approved holding the June meeting of 2014 as an evening meeting to see how it goes.
3. Council received a report from the Executive Search Committee.

**Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

Tom Whartenby

Items for Action:

1. That Presbytery approve the new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Motion Made      Approved     Disapproved

2. That Presbytery approve all recommendations to the Book of Order, except 12-B, as a consent agenda.

Motion Made      Approved     Disapproved

3. That Presbytery approve recommendation and proposed change 12-B to the Book of Order.

Motion Made      Approved     Disapproved

(At the request of teaching elder Jim Hendrickson, item 12-B was removed from the consent agenda so that it may be discussed by the body.)

**Report of the General/Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team**

Tim Reynolds, Chair

The Search Team has held three meetings so far. All have been at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church in Marion, VA. All members have been present at each of the meetings with the exception of Mary Ruth Spencer. At the first meeting Tim Reynolds (Sinking Spring, Abingdon) was elected as chair of the team and Mary Davis (Lebanon) was elected co-chair.

The first meeting was mainly spent getting to know one another and discussing our understanding of our purpose and our charge from the Presbytery. We also spent some time discussing the history of leadership in the Presbytery and what should be done moving forward regarding the imminent need for a Stated Clerk.

The second meeting was divided into two parts. For the first half the team discussed the purpose and the nature of a presbytery. Mr. Reynolds had provided some resources for thinking about different models of Presbytery leadership and these were discussed, as well. The second half was spent discussing how to address the Stated Clerk position, especially as the team has not yet discerned the best leadership model moving forward.

The third meeting began with a discussion of Mary Ruth Spencer. She had contacted the team and indicated that she would like to be relieved of her commitment to serve on the team. We discussed different options for replacing her, indicating a preference for another female Ruling Elder from the same geographical area. Several names were mentioned, along with a proposal that we might need 2 people, with one to serve as an “alternate” in case anyone else needed to leave the team for any reason prior to the work being done. Mr. Reynolds was tasked with contacting John Martin, Chair of the Nominating Committee, and relaying the content of the discussion, and then allowing the Nominating Committee to do its work in finding a replacement(s). (This task has already been accomplished.)

The rest of the meeting was spent specifically on the matter of finding a Stated Clerk, with the departure of Kevin Campbell as Acting Stated Clerk being imminent. After much discussion the team decided to make the following recommendations to the Presbytery through the Coordinating Council and requests time on the next Presbytery Meeting Docket for these recommendations:

Items for Action:

- 1. The Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team recommends that Abingdon Presbytery suspend Section 2.0307 of its Manual of Operations and hire a Part-time Acting Stated Clerk for a term not to exceed the work of the Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team. The Part-time Acting Stated Clerk shall be eligible to apply for the position of The Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery. (This requires a ¾ majority.)

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

- 2. The Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team recommends that Abingdon Presbytery approve the proposed (attached) job description for the Part-time Acting Stated Clerk.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved



3. The Executive/General Presbyter & Stated Clerk Search Team recommends that the Personnel Committee be empowered to search for and recommend the hiring of an individual for the position of Part-Time Acting Stated Clerk as soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 2013.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

#### Addendum to Presbytery Search Committee Report

The Committee has been discussing the role of Presbytery and in consultation with the results of the cluster group listening sessions offers this as our starting point.

#### A Presbytery:

- i Helps congregations find and keep pastoral leadership
- i Creates/provides a culture of support, collegiality, and connection
- i Is an idea place
- i Is a program place for congregations to help with things they cannot get on their own
- i Is a pastor to pastors
- i Trains CRE's and provides ongoing training and support
- i Is a place of accountability for church workers
- i Engages in conflict resolution with pastors/congregations
- i Is a help in discernment
- i Is a proactive organization in all areas
- i Provides financial assistance for struggling congregations
- i Provides opportunities for mission that one congregation cannot do alone
- i Does the Book of Order stuff
- i Supports and nurtures the work (mission) and health of congregations
- i Fosters, grows, and plants congregations so that the word of God may be preached

## **ACTING STATED CLERK**

**TITLE:** Part-Time Acting Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Abingdon.

**PURPOSE:** To serve as Acting Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery in accordance with the Book of Order for a term not to exceed the work of the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Team. This shall be a part-time position of 30-40 hours per month.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. Shall fulfill the duties prescribed in the Book of Order and by the Presbytery.
- B. Shall serve as the Parliamentarian for meetings of the Presbytery.
- C. Shall appoint an individual within the Presbytery to serve as the Recording Clerk for each meeting of the Presbytery.
- D. Shall serve on Council, ex officio, without vote.
- E. Resource the Committee on Ministry, ex officio, without vote.
- F. Resource other committees as needed.
- G. Conduct Presbytery's official correspondence with other governing bodies.
- H. Prepare and transmit reports as required by the Presbytery of Abingdon and other governing bodies.
- I. Certify calls of Teaching Elders to the Presbytery of Abingdon, certify dismissals of Teaching Elders to other governing bodies, attest the PIF's of Teaching Elders seeking new calls, and attest the CIF's of congregations in the Presbytery.
- J. Submit annually the minutes of Presbytery for the review of Synod.
- K. Maintain an up-to-date official copy of the Manual of Operations of the Presbytery.
- L. Have available at each meeting of Presbytery the following items: a copy of the past two years of minutes of Presbytery, a copy of the Book of Order, a copy of Robert's Rules of Order (the most recent addition), and the Presbytery Manual of Operations.
- M. Attend denominational training for Presbytery Stated Clerks at the expense of Abingdon Presbytery.
- N. Attend General Assembly, ex officio, at the expense of Abingdon Presbytery.
- O. Serve as the point person in legal matters involving Abingdon Presbytery.

**ELECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Shall be nominated by the Presbytery Personnel Committee and elected by the Presbytery. Shall be accountable to the Presbytery through the Council.

**EVALUATION:** An annual performance review and evaluation shall be made by the Personnel Committee, and reported to Council and Presbytery.

**COMPENSATION:** Shall be compensated from budgeted funds. Compensation shall be reviewed annually by the Personnel Committee, and approved by the Presbytery.

**TERM OF SERVICE:** The person is hired for a term not to exceed the work of the work of the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Team. The Part-Time Acting Stated Clerk shall be eligible to apply for the position of Permanent Stated Clerk.

### **TERMINATION:**

- A. By the request of the Stated Clerk and the consent of the Presbytery, with a minimum of thirty (30) days notice by the Stated Clerk; OR,
- B. By action of the Presbytery, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, after fair and adequate consultation with the Stated Clerk, with a minimum of thirty days' notice of termination by the Presbytery.

**Committee on Ministry Report**  
Bill Parish, Chair

Items for Information:

1. The Committee met three times since the last meeting of Presbytery: November 6, 2012 (conference call); January 24, 2013; and February 28, 2013.
2. The Committee:
  - A. Heard a report from Kevin Campbell on a General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission case and its implications for Abingdon Presbytery's dismissal policy and its potential revision;
  - B. Held a lengthy discussion on the question of dismissing the former Clark Memorial, Hurley, and Walker's Creek congregations with property;
  - C. Heard a report from the response team working with the Thompson Valley and Mary's churches as they work through the process of dismissal from the denomination;
  - D. Heard a report from the Task Force on Minister Care and its successful gathering of ministers and commissioned ruling elders on December 13, 2012, in Bristol. The next gathering is scheduled for March 7, 2013, in Wytheville; and
  - E. Approved a CRE retreat to be held in Banner Elk at the Holston Presbytery Camp March 22-23, 2013.
  - F. Heard a report from the CRE Subcommittee that the spring, 2013, class on Polity will be taught by Kevin Campbell;
  - G. Approved Andy Cundiff to preach at the Stone Memorial Churches and approved him to do communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter;
  - H. Approved Rev. Bob Tolar's contract with Buchanan First be extended until June 30, 2013;
  - I. Approved an extension of the stated supply agreement between Lebanon and Rev. Mary Davis for 2013;
  - J. Approved an extension of the temporary supply agreement between Buffalo Mountain and Rev. Judson Milam until November, 2013;
  - K. Named Rev. Mary Davis to be the moderator for West Fork;
  - L. Appointed a committee to interview Rev. Andy King about doing supply work in Abingdon Presbytery; and
  - M. Session records will be read at the June, 2013, meeting of presbytery.

Items for Action:

1. That a waiver to the established terms of service outlined in G-2.0404 be granted to Powell Valley Presbyterian Church to allow an elder to serve an additional term.

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

2. That a waiver to the established terms of service outlined in G-2.0404 be granted to Stone Memorial Presbyterian Church to allow an elder to serve an additional term.

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

3. That Presbytery grant to the Committee on Ministry the authority to grant requests of churches to extend the terms of elders.

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

4. That Presbytery give permission to Rev. Judson Milam to labor within the bounds of Abingdon Presbytery.

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

5. That David Kester be commissioned to Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. (See attached Commissioning Service)

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

6. That the 2013 terms of call for called and installed pastors be approved (See attached sheets).

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

7. That presbytery participate in a Service of Thanksgiving for the service of John Davis (Retired CRE at Damascus and Rock Spring Presbyterian Churches) {See attached sheets}.

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

Note: Items 8 and 9 must be voted upon by secret ballot

8. That Mary's Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church subject to confirmation of its reception by that body.

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

9. That the Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church subject to confirmation of its reception by that body.

Motion Made       Approved       Disapproved

Both motions, 8 and 9, were approved by the Presbytery by a vote of 38- 6.

## Service of Commissioning

March 14, 2013

### Call to Worship and Discipleship

John DiYorio

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: **There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

People: **The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Brad Simpson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Propounding of the Constitutional Questions

Phyllis Canter

### Commissioning Prayer

Bill Parish

### A Charge to the Commissioned Ruling Elders

Tony Palubicki

### A Charge to the Presbytery

Phyllis Canter

### Benediction

Brad Simpson

**TERMS OF CALL FOR INSTALLED PASTORS – 2013**

<b>BIRD, TIMOTHY E.</b>	<b>GLADE SPRING</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$27,994	\$29,064
HOUSING:	\$19,193	\$19,193
½ SECA:	\$ 3,610	\$ 3,692
AUTO:	\$ 4,350	\$ 4,500
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,645
PENSION:	\$16,731	\$18,356
CAFETERIA:	\$ 6,322	\$ 6,332
TOTAL:	\$74,850	\$83,782

<b>CAMPBELL, KEVIN M.</b>	<b>HILLSVILLE</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$40,000	\$40,000
UTILITY:	\$ 4,080	\$ 4,080
½ SECA:	\$ 4,101	\$ 4,101
AUTO:	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
PENSION:	\$21,215	\$21,476
TOTAL:	\$73,396	\$74,157

<b>GIPE, WILLIAM C.</b>	<b>GLADEVILLE (60%)/</b>	
<b>POUND (40%)</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$12,200	\$14,400
MANSE EQUITY:	\$	\$
UTILITY:	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
½ SECA:	\$ 0	\$
AUTO:	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
CONT. ED.:	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
PENSION:	<u>\$16,800</u>	<u>\$</u>
TOTAL:	\$40,000	

<b>GRAY, FREDERICK A.</b>	<b>ROYAL OAK</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$23,819	\$24,930
HOUSING:	\$23,112	\$22,000
½ SECA:	\$ 3,877	\$ 3,949
AUTO:	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
PENSION:	<u>\$16,964</u>	<u>\$16,964</u>
TOTAL:	\$72,822	\$73,831

<b>HOFFMAN, DENNIS J.</b>	<b>RICHLANDS</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$35,600	
HOUSING:	\$13,770	
½ SECA:	\$ 3,750	
AUTO:	\$ 4,000	
CONT. ED.:	\$ 700	
PENSION:	\$18,262	
TOTAL:	\$76,082	

<b>KRONK, RONALD W.</b>	<b>FAIRVIEW</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$22,356	\$22,356
HOUSING:	\$16,150	\$16,150
½ SECA:	\$ 2,561	\$ 2,561
AUTO:	\$ 4,550	\$ 4,550
CONT. ED.:	\$ 237	\$ 237
PENSION:	\$13,093	\$ 9,327
TOTAL:	\$58,947	\$55,091

<b>MARKEL, JOHN E.</b>	<b>WALNUT GROVE</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$29,210	\$29,210
HOUSING:	\$12,000	\$12,000
½ SECA:	\$2,912	\$ 2,912
AUTO:	\$3,326	\$ 1,500
CONT. ED.:	\$1,000	\$ 1,000
PENSION:	\$15,560	\$15,562
TOTAL:	\$64,008	\$62,184

<b>MARTIN, JON E.</b>	<b>GREEN SPRING</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$27,053	
HOUSING:	\$29,217	
½ SECA:	\$ 4,285	
AUTO:	\$ 3,800	
CONT. ED.:	\$ 2,000	
PENSION:	<u>\$19,000</u>	
TOTAL:	\$86,681	

<b>PALUBICKI, TONY R.</b>	<b>BIG STONE GAP/POW</b>	
<b>VALLEY {COMBINED}</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$26,098	
MANSE EQUITY:	\$ 1,000	
UTILITY/FURNISHINGS:	\$ 7,269	
½ SECA:	\$ 2,294	
AUTO:	\$ 6,100	
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,071	
PENSION:	\$12,243	
TOTAL:	\$56,075	

<b>PARKEY, ANDREW</b>	<b>LOCUST COVE</b>	
<b>(40%)/RICH VALLEY (60%)</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$11,910	\$12,267
MANSE EQUITY:	\$ 420	\$ 433
UTILITY:	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,082
½ SECA:	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,203
AUTO:	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,412
CONT. ED.:	\$ 400	\$ 412
PENSION:	\$ 6,823	\$ 7,618
TOTAL:	No Report	No Report
	from Rich Valley	from Rich Valley

<b>PRIVETTE, CYNTHIA ANCHOR OF HOPE/GALENA</b>	<b>{35 HR PR WK} BOTH CHS COMBINED</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$24,678	\$24,678
MANSE EQUITY:	\$ 700	\$ 700
UTILITY:	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,100
½ SECA:	\$ 2,256	\$ 2,266
AUTO:	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200
CONT. ED.:	\$ 666	\$ 1,034
PENSION:	<u>\$10,574</u>	<u>\$10,574</u>
TOTAL:	\$44,974	\$45,552

<b>REYNOLDS, TIM</b>	<b>SINKING SPRING</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:		\$31,200
HOUSING:		\$28,800
½ SECA:		\$ 4,700
AUTO:		\$ 2,500
CONT. ED.:		\$ 2,500
PENSION:		\$21,717
TOTAL:		\$91,417

<b>SIMPSON, BRAD</b>	<b>WYTHEVILLE</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$41,978	\$43,237
HOUSING:	\$10,400	\$10,400
½ SECA:	\$ 4,007	\$ 4,103
AUTO:	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
PENSION:	\$16,892	\$17,700
TOTAL:	\$78,277	\$80,440

<b>WADSWORTH, PAUL DAVID</b>	<b>CENTRAL</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$43,369	\$43,369
HOUSING:	\$28,913	\$28,913
½ SECA:	\$11,926	\$ 6,201
AUTO:	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
CELL PHONE:	\$ 1,000	
PENSION:	\$ 27,038	\$27,406
TOTAL:	\$117,746	\$111,390

<b>WHARTENBY, THOMAS JR.</b>	<b>GALAX</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
COMPENSATION:	\$40,500	\$40,500
HOUSING:	\$18,684	\$19,998
½ SECA:	\$ 6,480	\$ 6,480
AUTO:	\$ 4,860	\$ 4,860
CONT. ED.:	\$	
PENSION:	\$21,499	\$22,000
OTHER:	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 840</u>
TOTAL:	\$93,023	\$94,678

**TERMS OF CALL FOR INSTALLED PASTORS – 2013**

**WOOD, GREG**

**TAZEWELL**

**2012**

**2013**

COMPENSATION/HOUSING:	\$46,818
½ SECA:	\$ 3,582
AUTO:	\$ 4,000
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,000
PENSION:	\$14,964
OTHER:	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$72,364

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RECOGNITION AND  
THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

Upon the retirement of  
John Davis who served as Commissioned Ruling Elder  
For the Damascus and Rock Spring Presbyterian Churches

Leader: John Davis was called by God through the voice of the church to give particular service as a Commissioned Ruling Elder in two congregations.

**People: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ. We celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.**

Leader: *(Will make a brief statement outlining John's achievements and service and ask John to come forward)* John, will you continue to serve in this Presbytery with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will You?

To the members of this Presbytery: As we recognize the service of John Davis, will you continue to share in ministry and service with him and all others called by God, as you reaffirm your commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Will You?

*Presentation of certificate.*

Prayer: Eternal God, Look mercifully upon this Presbytery, and upon your servant, John Davis, whose service as a Commissioned Ruling Elder we recognize today. We praise you for joys and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may continue to minister in this Presbytery with patience and love, with wisdom and joy, until we come at last with all of the saints to the place you have prepared; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## Personnel & Facility Oversight Committee Report

Jim Gearhart, Chair

### Items for Information:

1. The Holiday Schedule for 2013 where the Presbytery Office will be closed was approved by the Committee. These dates match with previous years.

January 1 – New Year’s Day

March 28 – April 1 Easter

May 27 – Memorial Day

July 4 – Independence Day

September 2 – Labor Day

November 27-29 Thanksgiving

December 24-26 Christmas

2. The Presbytery Office move into the Wytheville Presbyterian Church is nearing completion and will be achieved well within the \$50,000 budgeted for this purpose.
3. The development of Exterior and Interior Signage at the Wytheville Church to direct visitors to the Presbytery Offices is in progress.
4. The Committee is working to update its portion of the Presbytery Manual of Operations.

## **Church Development Committee Report**

Greg Wood, Chair

Since the last Presbytery Meeting, the Church Development Committee has met 3 times to work on plans for Abingdon Presbytery's NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY. We have also begun planning for the fall MOUNTAIN TOP event. We are also encouraged by Big Stone Gap PC's decision to move forward with the Natural Church Development process. Brochures and further information about this process is available at the CDC display.

Following is a Wild Goose progress report. We are extremely pleased with the progress being made towards the first worship service at the Wild Goose Christian Community. First steps include preparing the building, worship materials, promotional materials, relationships with community pastors and congregations. It is expected that the first service will be in early April. The Church Development Committee is impressed with the work and thought going into this project and acknowledge the wonderful leadership being provided by Rev. Edwin Lacy. We would also thank Deanna Grant for her graphic arts assistance, and the input of Alice Blanton in helping with Christian Educational materials.

### **Construction:**

All drywall hung and finished  
Ceiling painted  
Walls primed and will be painted 2/22  
Trim installation will start 2/25  
Fireplace selected and rock surround designed

### **Development:**

Logo in process  
Contacted leaders of other non-traditional worship groups  
Continuing to research musicians in area  
Researching liturgy and worship styles  
Developing Christian Education strategy  
Working with Grace on grant application  
"The Broken Wing" newsletter to be mailed last week of February  
Continuing to bolster relationships with Floyd Presbyterian Church  
and Hillsville Presbyterian Church  
Attended worship and met pastor at Indian Valley Church of God

## Compassion Committee Report

Sue White, Chairman

Phyllis Canter, HAE

The committee is looking forward to 2013 and expecting several exciting things to be involved in. We wish to thank Jennifer Parish who rotated off this year for serving as our chair-person for the last several years. We will miss Jennifer and look forward to the time she can come aboard again. The committee elected Sue White as chair for this coming year. Sue has served the Compassion Committee in the past as chair. We appreciate Sue for accepting this position and willingness to serve in this capacity.

The committee approved the cost of the freight for our "Citrus Fruit" project this year. Hopefully, we will be able to receive the fruit from Florida. The past several years we have not been able to receive any because of freeze, blight and various legal issues with the State of Florida. These issues have been cleared so that we can be able to get the fruit. This is such a great source of nutrients that our people will have access to. The winter months are a wonderful time to be able to distribute this healthy commodity. We also welcome our new members on the committee. Don Muncie and Kathy Lowe will be joining our forces to feed the hungry and fight poverty as we serve Abingdon Presbytery.

Remember that Presbytery approved the change to 5-Cents-a-Meal at our November Presbytery meeting. We're excited to see how this will affect our Hunger dedication.

Everyone should have received their One Great Hour of Sharing information by now. If not, let me know and I will look into it.

HAE News: The Seed Potato Project is getting underway. This should all be firmed up by the second week of February. The volunteers are already contacting me.

We are receiving another load of bananas this month. We received one in December just in time for Christmas. It was such a blessing. The Lord is good. Sometimes in Winter our supplies dry up just when we need it most. This year is starting out to be great. We are ever grateful.

I have been asked to inquire from all the churches, what each one is doing in their particular church concerning hunger needs and helping the marginalized and needy. If you will send me this information we will be thankful.

The Compassion Committee has endorsed, again this year, the Mission Trip for Abingdon Presbytery youth. The trip, which is led by Greg Wood and Tony Palubicki, to help feed the homeless in New York City, has been an all inspiring, eye opening experience for our youth of Abingdon Presbytery. The funds pledged by the Committee will come from our International 5-cents-a-meal funds.

### Item for Action:

1. The Compassion Committee has endorsed the Abingdon Presbytery Youth Mission trip for 2013. Therefore, the Committee recommends that Presbytery approve the Abingdon Presbytery Youth Mission Trip for 2013, and if the way be clear, that Presbytery approve an annual youth mission trip.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

## Nominating Committee Report

Jon Martin, Chair

### Items for Information:

The nominating committee is always looking for people to serve on Presbytery committees. While some committees must be limited to teaching and ruling elders only, other committees do not have that restriction. Suggestions may be sent to the Presbytery office or through the web site.

### Items for Action:

1. Committee on Ministry, Class of 2015:

Dwight Speeks, Fincastle

Motion Made;      Approved     Disapproved

2. Executive Presbytery Search Committee:

Jimmie Ruth Speeks, Fincastle

Motion Made;      Approved     Disapproved



## Presbyterian Women of Abingdon Presbytery

The women of Abingdon Presbytery had a busy fall. Following the annual Fall Gathering in September, the Coordinating Team (CT) held a retreat on October 26-27 at Cox's Barn in Dugspur, VA. The Rev. Mary Davis, minister of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, led an inspiring retreat on how God has given each of us gifts in order that we may be God's gift to the world and to each other.

Following the retreat the CT met. Bettie Galliher, Co-Moderator, reported on the Synod CT meeting at Massanetta Springs on October 11-12. Reports were made by the various officers and the cluster leaders gave reports on the activities of her local churches.

Our women are doing an excellent job in meeting the needs of those in our local churches, the presbytery, the synod, and churchwide. Just a few of our activities are: providing clothing, weekend food through the backpack programs, taking food to shut-ins, adopting a White Christmas family, food pantries, sending cards to the ill and lonely, making pillowcase dresses, etc.

The annual Mission Pledge forms were sent in November to Co-Moderator Bettie Galliher. The mission pledge money goes to mission projects and partnerships, Horizons magazine publication, Bible study materials, justice and peace advocacy, leadership enhancement and training, and common operating expenses for Presbyterian Women, all of which are critical in implementing life-changing mission and ministry work at home and around the world.

Our annual Spring Gathering will be at the Galax Presbyterian Church on April 20. At this meeting, information on upcoming events will be announced, new officers will be elected and installed and our emphasis on hunger will be explained. The gathering will conclude with a Communion service.

The PW of Abingdon Presbytery appreciate so very much the support of Abingdon Presbytery, not only the physical support but the spiritual support. Please continue to pray for our women as we serve our Lord in many different ways.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Nash and Bettie Galliher  
Co-Moderators - Presbyterian Women

THANK YOU

### ***Abingdon Presbytery***

FOR HELPING US GIVE CHILDREN HOPE AND PURPOSE FOR THE FUTURE

#### **CHILDREN'S HOME ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT 2012**

I am pleased to report that 2012 was a great year for the Children's Home on several fronts. Due to the faithful support of our donors, we continue to be on solid footing financially. The number of gifts to our ministry increased by 4.2% last year, and we hope to continue that trend in 2013. This allowed us not only to continue to offer existing services to our children, but also to expand our program to include an Independent Living Program for young men ages 17-21. This program can house five residents, and as of today each of those beds are filled.

We have also received a grant from the Lamb Foundation to renovate our current Lamb Center into a state of the art Life Skills and Educational Enhancement Center. We will be starting construction on this project in the spring and hope that it will be finished in time for the start of the 2013-14 school year. This will allow us to expand the learning process for all of our children and increase their chance for success after they leave our program.

I want to thank all of the members of the Children's Home family that have contributed to our success through their prayers and support. You are helping us give a loving home to some of God's neediest children, and we could not do it without you. God bless you!

#### **CHILDREN'S HOME VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR USE**

As I mentioned in our last report, our promotional video of the Children's Home has been completed and is ready for distribution. Produced in-house by our Development Director, E.C. Hill, the video recounts the history and current status of our ministry through video footage and interviews with staff and former residents. The video runs just over 18 minutes, which makes it a perfect length for a group presentation or a Sunday night supper. At the present time only our Board Members and our staff have access to the video, but any of our churches or supporters can request one for viewing at a meeting or individually. You can call

our office or contact one of Board Members and we will make sure you get one. The video comes with a booklet that gives facts about the Children's Home that may not be explained in the video. We will also be glad to have a staff member come to your meeting to help with the presentation if you wish. It is also a great way to introduce us to someone who may not be familiar with our ministry. Thanks for your help!

### **NEW DAWN SOCIETY**

We are searching for supporters who wish to become members of the New Dawn Society. The New Dawn Society consists of friends of the Children's Home who include PCHH in their estate planning, regardless of the amount. Members of the New Dawn Society receive a certificate and an engraved leaf will be placed on our donor tree, which is located in our conference room. Gifts such as these provide the funds to ensure that the Children's Home will be here to serve children long past our lifetimes. Members of the New Dawn Society who have passed away recently have made a tremendous contribution to the financial health of the Children's Home. Please consider how your gift can impact the lives of our children as you enter into your estate planning.

If you would like for one of our staff members to visit your church or civic group so you can learn more about the Children's Home, please let us know. It is a pleasure to share with you what your support means to us as we watch over the children God has blessed to our care.

*Thank You for Your Support!*

**Budget Committee**  
Ron Doerschug, Chairperson

The year-end reports for 2012 show we fell short of our operating expenses by approximately \$14,000. The lack of a full-time executive for six months helped considerably in balancing our budget. We were able to support all our missions at the budgeted amounts. The committee is concerned that many churches have not yet returned the Unified Mission Request form sent out in November. It is also apparent that many churches are feeling the downside of today's economy and cannot meet the requested amount.

The committee will be looking at some alternatives to increase funding to support our programs. Remember we reduced this year's budget just about all we can without hurting our mission. Please continue to support your presbytery.



CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF PAST MODERATORS OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY MEETINGS  
JANUARY 1, 1980 – MARCH 14, 2013

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
FIRST	STUART B. CAMPBELL, JR. (E)	1-29-80	GLADE SPRING
SECOND	CHARLES S. McCHESNEY	4-15-80	BUCHANAN
THIRD	JACK B. McCARTY (E)	6-24-80	CHILDREN'S HOME
FOURTH	HUGH D. BOWERS	10-09-80	GLADEVILLE
FIFTH	HUGH D. BOWERS	1-22-81	CENTRAL
SIXTH	ACIE E. BRYANT	5-12-81	RICHLANDS
SEVENTH	FRANK E. WHITE (E)	10-08-81	SINKING SPRING
ADJOURN.MTG.	FRANK E. WHITE (E)	10-22-81	SINKING SPRING
CALLED MTG.	FRANK E. WHITE (E)	1-19-82	SINKING SPRING
EIGHTH	BRYAN C. CHILDRESS	2-08-82	TAZEWELL
NINTH	JOSEPH C. KELLEY (E)	5-13-82	GREEN SPRING
TENTH	ELMON H. BROWN, JR.	9-23-82	ROYAL OAK
ELEVENTH	JACK KIBLER (E)	12-02-82	GLADE SPRING
TWELFTH	PAUL E. CORBETT, JR.	2-17-83	CENTRAL
THIRTEENTH	PAUL E. CORBETT, JR.	5-17-83	McIVER MEMORIAL
FOURTEENTH	BARBARA HOOPER (E)	6-30-83	FAIRVIEW
FIFTEENTH	CHARLES STEVENS CATHCART	9-29-83	BUCHANAN FIRST
SIXTEENTH	ERNEST O. MARTIN (E)	12-08-83	WYTHEVILLE
SEVENTEENTH	WILLIAM O. MOORE, JR.	2-09-84	ANDERSON MEMORIAL
EIGHTEENTH	GARREN McGLOTHLIN (E)	5-10-84	GRAHAM
NINETEENTH	GARREN McGLOTHLIN (E)	7-19-84	CHILDREN'S HOME
TWENTIETH	MURPHY D. MILLER	9-13-84	ROCK SPRING
TWENTY-FIRST	DAPHNE McCORD (E)	12-13-84	SINKING SPRING
TWENTY-SECOND	CLAUDE DAVIS (E)	1-19-85	GATE CITY
TWENTY-THIRD	MURPHY D. MILLER	3-30-85	EMORY & HENRY
TWENTY-FOURTH	HELEN NAPPS (E)	5-09-85	RICHLANDS
TWENTY-FIFTH	JAMES G. CARPENTER	9-12-85	NORTON
TWENTY-SIXTH	JOHN LEWIS SANDERFORD	12-12-85	TAZEWELL
TWENTY-SEVENTH	CHRISTOPHER E. MEYER, 111	2-13-86	KING COLLEGE
TWENTY-EIGHTH	CHRISTOPHER E. MEYER, 111	4-01-86	SINKING SPRING
TWENTY-NINTH	MARY RUPKE (E)	5-08-86	CENTRAL
CALLED MTG.	CHRISTOPHER E. MEYER, 111	7-26-86	GLADE SPRING
THIRTIETH	DELACY A. ANDREWS, JR.	9-11-86	GALAX
THIRTY-FIRST	FRANCES M. HOGE (E)	12-11-86	GLADE SPRING
THIRTY-SECOND	ROBERT N. LOMINACK, JR.	2-11-87	ROYAL OAK
THIRTY-THIRD	MAUDE L. SMITH (E)	5-21-87	HILLSVILLE
THIRTY-FOURTH	THOMAS J. WHARTENBY, JR.	10-17-87	CENTRAL
THIRTY-FIFTH	MILLARD FARMER (E)	12-10-87	WYTHEVILLE
THIRTY-SIXTH	JAMES B. HOLLENHEAD	2-20-88	CHILDREN'S HOME
THIRTY-SEVENTH	JAMES B. HOLLENHEAD	5-13 & 14-88	KING COLLEGE
CALLED MTG	JAMES B. HOLLENHEAD	7-21-88	WYTHEVILLE
THIRTY-EIGHTH	JESSE M. BRATTON	9-15-88	TAZEWELL
THIRTY-NINTH	PETA PATTON (E)	12-8-88	GALENA
FORTIETH	CURTIS A. MURRAY	2-16-89	GLADE SPRING
CALLED MTG	CURTIS A. MURRAY	3-11-89	ROYAL OAK
CALLED MTG	CURTIS A. MURRAY	3-28-89	WYTHEVILLE
NON-BUSINESS MTG	PETA PATTON (E)	4-15-89	SINKING SPRING
FORTY-FIRST	CURTIS A. MURRAY	5-18-89	KING COLLEGE
FORTY-SECOND	PETER N. SMITH	9-14-89	FAIRVIEW
FORTY-THIRD	THOMAS SPROULE	2-15-90	WYTHEVILLE
NON-BUSINESS MTG.	THIAS SIKORA (E)	4-28-90	ROYAL OAK
FORTY-FOURTH	MARGARET DICKSON (E)	6-14-90	GALAX
FORTY-FIFTH	JAMES A. DAUGHERTY	9-13-90	BIG STONE GAP
FORTY-SIXTH	RHEA F. MOORE, JR. (E)	12-01-90	LEBANON

FORTY-SEVENTH	REV. ROCKWELL SMITH	3-21-91	HILLSVILLE
FORTY-EIGHTH	WILLIAM PARISH, 111 (E)	6-15-91	BUCHANAN
FORTY-NINTH	RAYMOND RIDDLEBERGER	11-14-91	ANDERSON MEMORIAL
FIFTIETH	JEFFREY L. LOWRANCE	3-19-92	TAZEWELL
FIFTY-FIRST	MAY JOE CRAIG (E)	6-20-92	BETHEL
FIFTY-SECOND	VAUGHN EARL HARTSELL	11-21-92	ANCHOR OF HOPE
FIFTY-THIRD	VAUGHN EARL HARTSELL	3-23-93	WYTHEVILLE
FIFTY-FOURTH	RICHARD P. STONE	6-19-93	JEWELL RIDGE
CALLED MTG	RICHARD P. STONE	9-11-93	ROYAL OAK
FIFTY-FIFTH	LINDA MORRIS (E)	11-18-93	GRACE/McCALL'S GAP
FIFTY-SIXTH	EUGENE BALDWIN	3-17-94	ROYAL OAK
FIFTY-SEVENTH	JOHN PERRY ALDERMAN (E)	6-04-94	CHILDREN'S HOME
CALLED MTG	MARGARET DICKSON (E)	10-01-94	GLADE SPRING
FIFTY-EIGHTH	WILLIAM J. YOUMANS	11-18-94	GREEN SPRING
FIFTY-NINTH	DWIGHT SPEEKS (E)	3-16-95	CHILDREN'S HOME
SIXTIETH	TOM HAY	6-10-95	GLADE SPRING
SIXTY-FIRST	BARBARA HOOPER (E)	11-16-95	LEBANON & PARISH
SIXTY-SECOND	MICHAEL G. WINGARD	3-14-96	CENTRAL
SIXTY-THIRD	EDGAR WHITEHEAD (E)	6-08-96	INDIAN VALLEY
SIXTY-FOURTH	LINDA DiYORIO (E)	11-14-96	RICHLANDS
SIXTY-FIFTH	TEMPE FUSSELL	3-06-97	ROYAL OAK
SIXTY-SIXTH	SHELDON SORGE	6-07-97	DINWIDDIE
SIXTY-SEVENTH	JOE BOWEN (E)	11-13-97	TAZEWELL
SIXTY-EIGHTH	MARY GUYNN (E)	3-12-98	GALAX
SIXTY-NINTH	CURTIS FUSSELL	6-06-98	RICH VALLEY
SEVENTIETH	TOM McCONNELL (E)	11-12-98	SINKING SPRING
SEVENTY-FIRST	MARION ALDERMAN (E)	3-11-99	WALNUT GROVE
SEVENTY-SECOND	GEORGE W. ALEXANDER	6-05-99	BUCHANAN FIRST
SEVENTY-THIRD	JAMES H. GRANT	11-06-99	GLADE SPRING
SEVENTY-FOURTH	ELEANOR REID (E)	3-09-2000	WYTHEVILLE
SEVENTY-FIFTH	MIKE SHORTRIDGE (E)	6-10-2000	BUFFALO MOUNTAIN
SEVENTY-SIXTH	ROBERT THORNTON	11-09-2000	CHILDREN'S HOME
SEVENTY-SEVENTH	TIM BIRD	3-15-2001	HILLSVILLE
SEVENTY-EIGHTH	PHYLLIS CANTER (E)	6-02-2001	RIVERVIEW
SEVENTY-NINTH	ROBERT TOLAR, JR.	11-15-2001	FAIRVIEW
EIGHTIETH	GUY RICHARD CARDOT	3-14-2002	RICHLANDS
EIGHTY-FIRST	JOHN E. MARKEL	6-08-2002	RICH VALLEY
EIGHTY-SECOND	ALICE FREEMAN (E)	11-14-02	GREEN SPRING
EIGHTY-THIRD	ALAN GRAY	3-13-03	ROYAL OAK
EIGHTY-FOURTH	RACHEL VAUGHN (E)	6-14-03	SEVEN MILE FORD
EIGHTY-FIFTH	ALAN BALDWIN (E)	11-12-03	GALAX FIRST
EIGHTY-SIXTH	WYTHE HULL (E)	3-11-04	GLADE SPRING
EIGHTY-SEVENTH	JONATHAN SMITH	6-12-04	HILLSVILLE
EIGHTY-EIGHTH	ALAN GRAY	11-11-04	CHILDREN'S HOME
EIGHTY-NINTH	JOE BOWEN (E)	3-10-05	SINKING SPRING
NINETIETH	GEORGE AICHEL	6-11-05	FINCASTLE
NINETY-FIRST	FRANK PRESTON	11-10-05	WYTHEVILLE
NINETY-SECOND	BRAD SIMPSON	3-09-06	BUCHANAN FIRST
NINETY-THIRD	MIKE SHORTRIDGE (E)	6-08-2006	BIG STONE
GAP/POWELL VALLEY			
NINETY-FOURTH	WILLIAM WING	11-9-06	GATE CITY
NINETY-FIFTH	GRACE BRADSHAW (E)	3-8-07	CENTRAL
NINETY-SIXTH	CINDY PRIVETTE	6-21-07	GALENA
CALLED MEETING	CINDY PRIVETTE	9-23-07	GLADE SPRING
NINETY-SEVENTH	TERRY MORRIS (E)	11-9-07	RICHLANDS
NINETY-EIGHTH	CATHY CARPENTER	3-13-08	MARY'S
NINETY-NINTH	GUYDELL SLATE (E)	6-19-08	DINWIDDIE
ONE-HUNDREDTH	DAVID WADSWORTH	11-13-08	SINKING SPRING

ONE-HUNDRED FIRST	BILL PARISH (E)	3-19-09	HILLSVILLE
ONE-HUNDRED SECOND	KAREN LONG	6-11-09	TAZEWELL
CALLED MEETING	BILL PARISH (E)	9-1-09	SINKING SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED THIRD	MAVA VASS (E)	11-12-09	BUCHANAN FIRST
ONE-HUNDRED FOURTH	JOHN MARKEL	3-11-10	VANSANT
ONE-HUNDRED FIFTH	JOHN MARKEL	6-10-10	WYTHEVILLE
ONE-HUNDRED SIXTH	JOHN MARKEL	11-11-10	GREEN SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTH	FRANK BLANTON (E)	3-10-11	ROYAL OAK
ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH	TONY PALUBICKI	6-09-11	CENTRAL
CALLED MEETING	FRANK BLANTON (E)	7-28-11	GALENA
CALLED MEETING	FRANK BLANTON (E)	9-29-11	SINKING SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED NINTH	FRANK BLANTON (E)	11-10-11	GLADE SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED TENTH	TONY PALUBICKI	03-08-12	WALNUT GROVE
ONE-HUNDRED ELEVENTH	TONY PALUBICKI	06-14-12	GALAX
CALLED MEETING	TONY PALUBICKI	09-13-12	GLADE SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED TWELFTH	TONY PALUBICKI	11-08-12	HILLSVILLE
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTEENTH	PHYLLIS CANTER	3-14-13	TAZEWELL

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Bowen	Joe	E	2013
Kronk	Ron	M	2013
Matney	Edd	E	2015
Carpenter	Cathy	M	2015
Bradshaw	Grace	E	2017
Campbell	Kevin	M	2017
Phillips	Helen	E	2017

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Elyea	Mary Ann	E	2005
Bowen	Joe	E	2005
Humphreys, Jr.	Levi	M	2005
McAfee	Julia	E	2007
Chapin	Larry	M	2007
McGlothlin	Sandy	E	2009
Whartenby, Jr.	Tom	M	2009
Lacy	Chuck	E	2011
Aust	Glen	E	2011
Fowlkes	Rachel	E	2011