

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



116th STATED MEETING
LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LEBANON, VA
March 13, 2014

NEXT STATED MEETING OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY
June 7, 2014
Location: Wild Goose Christian Community
Indian Valley, Virginia

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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MINUTES OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY
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LEBANON, VA

PRESBYTERY CONVENED

The 116th Stated Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery met at Lebanon Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, VA on March 13, 2014.

PRESBYTERY IN WORSHIP

Morning worship began at 9:30 a.m., which was led by Ruling Elder Bill Parish.

ROLL OF MINISTERS

(E) Aichel, O. George
(E) Baldwin, C.W. Eugene
(A) Bird, Timothy E.
(E) Campbell, Kevin M.
(E) Carpenter, Catherine Y.
(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.
(E) Hendrickson, James D.
(E) Hoffman, Dennis J.
(E) Humphreys, Levi H., Jr.
(E) Kronk, Ronald W.
(P) Lacy, L. Edwin
(E) Liston, J. Miller

P = PRESENT; E = EXCUSED; A = ABSENT

(P) 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.
(E) Palubicki, Tony R.
(E) Parker, Donald G.
(P) Parkey, Andrew
(P) Privette, Cynthia E.
(P) Reynolds, Tim
(P) Simpson, Joseph Bradford, IV
(E) Thornton, Robert S.
(E) Tolar, Robert R., Sr.
(E) Weller, Michael S.
(P) Whartenby, Thomas J., Jr.
(E) Wood, D. Greg

ROLL OF COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

(E) Barnett, Madge
(P) Canter, Phyllis
(P) Cundiff, Andrew C.
(A) Hutton, Cathy
(A) Inazu, Donald
(P) Kester, David L.
(P) Litton, Darlene
(P) Parish, Bill

(A) Riley, Michael P.
(P) Talbert, Stephen

ROLL OF ELDER COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

ANCHOR OF HOPE –	JEWELL RIDGE – Margarette Smith
ANDERSON MEMORIAL –Reba Crawford	LEBANON – Elizabeth Nash
BETHEL –	LOCUST COVE –
BIG STONE GAP – Bill Nagel	MAPLE GROVE -
BLAND-LEYBURN –	MARY MARTIN MEMORIAL -
BUCHANAN FIRST –	McCALL’S GAP –
BUFFALO MOUNTAIN –	McIVER MEMORIAL –
CASTLEWOOD –	OAKWOOD –
CENTRAL – Larry Clarke	POUND -
DAMASCUS –	POWELL VALLEY – Walter Rollins
DINWIDDIE – Carol Smith	RICHLANDS – Perry Gilbert
FAIRVIEW –	RICH VALLEY –
FINCASTLE – Duane Davis	RIVERVIEW –
GALAX FIRST – Norma Busic	ROCK SPRING –
GALENA – Joyce Grubb	ROYAL OAK – Jeff Jones
GATE CITY –	SEVEN MILE FORD –
GLADE SPRING – Isaac Freeman	SINKING SPRING – Wythe Hull
GLADEVILLE –	SPRING CREEK -
GRACE – Jackie Ratcliffe	STONE MEMORIAL –
GRAHAM –	TAZEWELL –
GREEN SPRING – Patsy Neel	VANSANT –
HIGH POINT -	WALNUT GROVE – Bobby Endicott
HILLSVILLE –	WHITETOP -
	WEST FORK –
	WYTHEVILLE – Margaret Cundiff

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE

Brenda Steele, Castlewood
Patty Thomas, Castlewood
Joan Kennedy, Mary Martin
Sharon Sargent, Mary Martin
Jessie Rollins, Powell Valley
Guydell Slate, Dinwiddie
Joseph McGlothlin, Richlands
Carol Mullins, Jewell Ridge
Helen Locklear, Board of Pensions
Warren Lesane, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Bob Button, Tazewell
Mike Chamberlain, Central
Bill Rice, Children’s Home
Jimmie Ruth Speeks, Fincastle
Dwight Speeks, Fincastle
Jerry Manning, Fincastle
Brian Dillon, Lebanon
Gary Holliday, Lebanon
Mary Angle, Lebanon
David Angle, Lebanon
Emily Sword, Lebanon
Jeff Sword, Lebanon
Roger Sword, Lebanon
Brenda Sword, Lebanon

ORDER OF WORSHIP
ABINGDON PRESBYTERY
MARCH 13, 2014

PRELUDE (We gather to worship God)

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 25) Bill Parish

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I put my trust.

People: Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

People: According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" #492 (church hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Scripture will not allow us to rest easy with who we are and how we act: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and we know the wages of sin. Let us then confess our sin and ask for God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. Dear God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The words of the psalmist remind us that the Lord is upright and good. God instructs sinners in the way of righteousness and leads the humble along paths of steadfast love. So wait upon God all the day long, abide in the covenant, and rely on the truth: God is our salvation and worthy of trust.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:18-20 New Testament: II Corinthians 5:17

SERMON "Press the Reset Button" Rev. Dr. Warren L. Lesane, Jr.
Stated Clerk, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH {From "A Brief Statement of Faith"}

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

NECROLOGY

HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #481 (church hymnal)

BENEDICTION

To Him
who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! (Jude 24-25)
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)

NAME

CHURCH

DATE OF DEATH

ELDERS

Edward (Edd) A. Matney	Buchanan First	May 2, 2013
Phillip Joseph Timp	Central	October 1, 2013
Laura Evelyn Miller	Damascus	July 13, 2013
Carolyn Quesenberry	Dinwiddie	December 24, 2013
Bruce Yost	Fincastle	December 28, 2013
John R. Robinson	Glade Spring	November 4, 2013
Leona Moore	Grace	November 16, 2013
Jane Yvonne Dykhuizen Carpenter	Hillsville	June 2, 2013
Vance Richardson	Lebanon	February 16, 2013
Eleanor Reid	Lebanon	May 7, 2013
Juanita Hoffman	Richlands	February 3, 2013
Deborah Taylor	Tazewell	September 24, 2013

MINISTERS

Robert N. Lominack, Jr.		September 18, 2013
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DOCKET OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY
116th STATED MEETING
March 13, 2014

9:00 am	Registration-Fellowship-Refreshments	
9:30 am	Morning Worship Service	
10:10 am	Call to Order and Prayer by Moderator of Presbytery	Phyllis Canter
	Declaration of Quorum	
	Nomination and Election of Moderator-in-nomination (pg. 12)	Jon Martin
	Teaching Elder Alan Gray	
	Nomination and election of Vice-moderator-in-nomination	
	Ruling Elder Bill Parish	
	Appointment of Standing Committees	
	Welcome and Announcements	Mary Davis
	Introduction of Guests and Recognition of First-time Elders	
	Introduction of New Business	
	Adoption of the Docket	
	<u>Nominating Committee Report</u>	Jon Martin
10:25 am	<u>Stated Clerk's Report</u> (pgs. 10-11)	John DiYorio
10:30 am	<u>Church Development Committee Report</u> (pg. 31)	Andy Parkey
10:35 am	<u>Council Report</u> (pgs.13-17)	Guydell Slate
10:50 am	<u>Board of Pensions Report</u> (pg.18)	Helen Locklear
11:05 am	<u>Executive/Stated Clerk Search Team Report</u> (pgs.19-26)	Tim Reynolds
12:05 pm	Announcements and Lunch Blessing	Alan Gray
12:10 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Reconvene with Hospitality Committee Report	
1:05 pm	<u>Committee on Ministry Report</u> (pgs.27-30)	Jon Martin
1:15 pm	<u>Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Report</u>	Warren Lesane
1:20 pm	<u>Bills and Overtures Committee Report</u>	Tom Whartenby
1:30 pm	<u>Education Committee Report</u>	David Kester
1:35 pm	<u>Compassion Ministries Committee Report</u> (pg.32)	Sue White
	Written Reports	
	Personnel Committee Report (pg.33)	
	Children's Home Report (pgs.34-35)	
	Hunger Action Enabler Report (pg.36)	
	Presbyterian Women Report (pg.37)	
2:00 pm	Anticipated Adjournment	

PRESBYTERY IN MISSION & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The moderator of Presbytery, Elder Phyllis Canter, called the meeting to order with prayer. The Elder John DiYorio, Temporary Stated Clerk, declared a quorum present. Jon Martin presented the names of Teaching Elder Alan Gray for Moderator and Ruling Elder Bill Parish for Vice-Moderator-in-Nomination. No other names were placed in nomination. Alan Gray and Bill Parish were elected by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET & APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Prior to approval of the docket the Nominating Committee Report was added to follow the Stated Clerk's Report on the docket.

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: Elder Phyllis Canter, Oakwood/Vansant Churches
The Reverend Jon Martin, Green Spring Church
The Reverend Brad Simpson, Wytheville Church

Temporary Clerks: The Reverend Tim Reynolds, Sinking Spring Church
The Reverend Brad Simpson, Wytheville Church
The Reverend Edwin Lacy, Wild Goose Christian Community

Bills & Overtures: The Reverend Tom Whartenby, Galax Church
Elder David Kester, Anderson Memorial Church

WELCOME

The Reverend Mary Davis welcomed Presbytery to Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, VA.

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

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The stated clerk moved the adoption of the docket, as amended, with the addition of the Nominating Committee Report. After the motion was properly seconded, the docket was unanimously adopted and approved.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ruling Elder John DiYorio 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.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Teaching Elder Jon Martin presented the names of Ruling Elder Mary Ruth Spencer to the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2015 And Teaching Elder Tim Bird to the Personnel and Facility Oversight Committee, Class of 2014. Both nominations were approved.

(Please see the Nominating Committee Report in the following minutes.)

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Teaching Elder Andy Parkey was introduced by a musical number given by Teaching Elder Edwin Lacy and his banjo. Rev. Parkey gave a brief presentation of the 2014 Presbytery Mission Trip to Richmond, Virginia from June 22 to June 28.

(Please see the Church Development Report in the following minutes.)

COUNCIL

Guydell Slate introduced Robert White from the firm of Altizer, Walk and White PLLC, Tazewell, Virginia who explained the reasons for the six action items referring to a bequest from the M. Lou Bowen Kroll estate to the former Litz Presbyterian Church. Abingdon Presbytery now receives the income from that bequest. All six action items were approved.

(Please see the Council Report in the following minutes.)

BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT

Regional Representative Helen Locklear explained the rationale for the 2015 medical dues increase.

(Please see the Board of pensions Report in the following minutes.)

EXECUTIVE/STATED CLERK SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Tim Reynolds presented the Search Team Report. The Presbytery adopted a leadership model of a half-time Shepherd to the Presbytery and a ¼ time Stated Clerk.

Presbytery also approved the job descriptions for the Shepherd to the Presbytery and the Stated Clerk with the following amendment to each motion:

TERMS OF SERVICE: The person is hired for a term of three (3) years, renewable on recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Council and with the approval of Presbytery for ~~another~~ *subsequent* 3 year term.

(Please see the Search Team Report in the following minutes.)

LUNCH

Presbytery reconvened with the following Hospitality Committee report by Teaching Elder Brad Simpson:

Whereas, the Abingdon Presbytery joined together for a meeting of worship, fellowship, and decision making;

Whereas, the day began with an amen-inspiring message from the Rev. Dr. Warren Lesane, our Synod Stated Clerk;

Whereas, reports were heard and God helped us discern the direction we are being called;

Whereas, we enjoyed a summer picnic of beans and franks and registration food of homemade cookies prepared by the women of Lebanon, Mary Martin, and Castlewood Churches;

Whereas, the weather outside was cold and beautiful and the Spirit inside warmed us;

Be it resolved that Abingdon Presbytery expresses thanksgiving to God and to Lebanon, Mary Martin, and Castlewood Churches for hosting a memorable, fun-filled, and uplifting Presbytery meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Teaching Elder Jon Martin presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. Presbytery approved admitting Rev. Michael Chamberlain to the floor of Presbytery that he may be examined for membership in Abingdon Presbytery. The examination of rev. Chamberlain was sustained and he was admitted to the rolls of Abingdon Presbytery.

Presbytery voted to give Ruling Elder John DiYorio, as acting stated Clerk, permission to officiate at the service of ordination and installation of ruling elders when invited by a Session.

The terms of call for called and installed pastors was approved by Presbytery.

(Please see the Committee on Ministry Report in the following minutes.)

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC REPORT

The Reverend Dr. Warren Lesane brought greetings from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE REPORT

Teaching Elder Tom Whartenby presented the Bills and Overtures Committee Report. The Committee recommended that Presbytery concur with Ovt 037 regarding Support for the IMCK (Institut Medical Chretien du Kasai) Endowment. Presbytery voted to concur.

(Please see the Bills and Overture Committee Report in the following minutes.)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruling Elder David Kester presented the Education Committee Report. The Mountain Top program will be held on September 13 from 10 am until 2 pm at the Royal Oak Presbyterian Church. The Committee will accept ideas for speaker. Churches are encouraged to make presentations as well.

(Please see the Education Committee in the following minutes.)

COMPASSION MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruling Elder Phyllis Canter presented the Compassion Ministries Committee Report. She highlighted the grant application process for the funds from the sale of the office building.

(Please see the Compassion Ministries Report in the following minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery adjourned at 1:45 pm with prayer by Teaching Elder Alan Gray. The next stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery is scheduled for June 7, 2014.

Alan Gray

Alan Gray, Moderator

John S. DiYorio

John S. DiYorio, Acting Stated Clerk

SEE ADDITIONAL WRITTEN REPORTS IN MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

STATED CLERK, NOMINATING, COUNCIL, BOARD OF PENSIONS, EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER SEARCH TEAM, COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, CHURCH DEVELOPMENT, COMPASSION MINISTRIES COMMITTEE, PERSONNEL & FACILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS, HUNGER REPORT, AND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY, COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

Stated Clerk's Report
John DiYorio, Acting Stated Clerk

Items for Information:

1. **Who are the members of the governing body?** The members of the governing body are the forty-two teaching elders who are members of Abingdon Presbytery, the 13 Commissioned Ruling Elders, and the forty-eight ruling elder commissioners that represent the forty-eight 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 minister member of Presbytery, while a **yellow dot** indicates that you are an elder commissioner. For this meeting of Presbytery, only minister members and 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. If you are wearing a clear name tag, this signifies that you are a visitor to this meeting of Presbytery. If the way be clear, then visitors will be permitted to speak and participate in the round table discussions, but shall not be allowed to speak in the plenary discussion or vote on issues before the Presbytery.
3. Thank you goes to the Session and members of the Lebanon, Castlewood, and Mary Martin Presbyterian Churches for their willingness and faithful work in hosting this Presbytery meeting.

Items for Action:

1. That the Minutes of the November 14, 2013 stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery at the Green Spring Presbyterian Church be approved.
 Motion Made Approved Disapproved
2. That the ministers properly requesting to be excused from all or a part of the 116th 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 nonmember 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 visitors to this meeting of Presbytery be granted the privilege of participating in round table discussions, but not be granted the privilege of the plenary floor nor be granted the privilege of a vote.
 Motion Made Approved Disapproved

5. That all reports with amendments be received as information and be admitted to record and recorded in the Minutes of Abingdon Presbytery.

____✓____ 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. Moderator of the Presbytery of Abingdon for 2014

Alan Gray, Royal Oak

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

2. Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Abingdon for 2014

Bill Parish, Castlewood, Mary Martin Memorial

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

3. Committee on Ministry, Class of 2015

Mary Ruth Spencer, Vasant

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

4. Personnel and Facility Oversight, Class of 2014

Tim Bird, Glade Spring

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

Council Report
Guydell Slate

Items for Information:

1. Council has voted to table the second reading of the Abingdon Presbytery Manual of Operations until the June meeting of Presbytery. This will allow any approved changes made by the Search Committee to be included in the second reading.
2. Referred the attached overture from New Castle Presbytery to the Bills and Overtures Committee for their review and report.

Items for Action:

1. That Presbytery authorize its Trustees to ratify and confirm the coalseam gas lease dated January 22, 2002, from Joseph M. Bowen, et al., the then Trustees of Abingdon Presbytery, successor to Litz Presbyterian Church, to Buchanan Production Company, which lease is of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Virginia in Deed Book 548, page 790.

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

2. That Presbytery authorize its Trustees to ratify and confirm the prior acts of the then Trustees of Abingdon Presbytery, successor to Litz Presbyterian Church, in executing a power of attorney, recorded in said Clerk's Office on May 23, 2003 in Deed Book 570, page 180, whereby they appointed C.C. Bowen, Edwin G. Royall, Thomas Bowen and David Bricker as their agents and attorneys-in-fact with the power to form a limited partnership for the management of the M. Lou Bowen Kroll tracts and to execute deeds on their behalf to convey the undivided interest held by them on behalf of Abingdon Presbytery in said tracts to any such company.

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

3. That Presbytery authorize its Trustees to ratify and confirm, pursuant to the Power of Attorney, the 2003 conveyance by said agents and attorneys-in-fact to M. Lou Bowen Kroll Estate Limited Liability Limited Partnership of the interest of Abingdon Presbytery, successor to Litz Presbyterian Church, in the lands owned by M. Lou Bowen Kroll at the time of her death, situate in Buchanan County, Virginia.

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

4. That Presbytery grant consent, if necessary, to the remaining final Trustees of Litz Presbyterian Church, a dissolved Church, being Rev. J. Miller Liston, Rev. Charles E. Nash, Jr., Dwight L. Speeks, Ronald F. Cole and Dorothy E. Wright, to enter into a quitclaim deed to the M. Lou Bowen Kroll Estate Limited Liability Limited Partnership, conveying any interest which they may have as said trustees in lands owned by M. Lou Bowen Kroll at the time of her death and situate in Buchanan County, Virginia.

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

5. That Presbytery authorize its Trustees to execute, along with said remaining final Trustees of Litz Presbyterian Church, a dissolved church, a quitclaim deed, conveying on behalf of Abingdon Presbytery, to the M. Lou Bowen Kroll Estate Limited Liability Limited Partnership an undivided 1/27th

interest in the lands and mineral lands of M. Lou Bowen Kroll owned by her at the time of her death, situate in Buchanan County, Virginia.

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

6. That Presbytery authorize Robert A. White of Altizer, Walk and White, PLLC, an attorney located in the town of Tazewell, Tazewell County, Virginia, to obtain court approval on behalf of the said Trustees of Abingdon Presbytery in the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Virginia for the ratification of the lease, power of attorney and 2003 deed made pursuant thereto, and for execution of a quitclaim deed to the Limited Liability Limited Partnership as aforesaid, at no expense to Abingdon Presbytery.

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

From: William Rule <billnbethrule@comcast.net>

Subject: Update: GA Overture on IMCK Endowment Passed by New Castle Presbytery

Greetings Friends of IMCK!

The GA overture in support of the IMCK Endowment and of the endowment concept in general for sister/partner institutions in developing countries was passed today by New Castle Presbytery and will be submitted to the appropriate OGA staff in due course for action.

We continue to need concurring/cosponsoring submissions from as many other presbyteries as possible to lend weight to the overture and possibly to comply with the new requirements of Amendment 12-F if it is approved by a sufficient number of presbyteries.

Thanks for all your help!

--Bill Rule
Friends of IMCK

Item __ - __

On Support for the IMCK Endowment and the Endowment Concept—From New Castle Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATION SECTION

New Castle Presbytery respectfully overtures the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to issue the following statement to all synods, presbyteries, congregations, and individual members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):

STATEMENT

The 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) hereby takes note of and endorses efforts by the organization known as "Friends of IMCK" (FIMCK) to raise a permanent endowment for the *Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai* (IMCK), or Kasai Christian Medical Institute. FIMCK is a group of former and current PC(USA) missionaries and missionary offspring who are deeply involved with IMCK and who formed themselves into this organization for purposes of raising the IMCK endowment in late 2011. The IMCK was first established as a nursing school by Presbyterian missionaries in the Congo (then Belgian Congo, now Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC) in 1954. The component hospital, the Good Shepherd Hospital, was built largely with the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering and completed in 1975. A large downtown multifaceted clinic, a university level nursing degree program, research facilities, medical internships and residencies and many public health and nutrition outreach programs have been added in the years since then.

The General Assembly notes that after surviving almost 60 years of war, pillage and political disruption to become one of the foremost institutions of its kind in the Congo, the IMCK now, ironically, struggles financially for its existence in the current economic climate and is often unable to pay backlogged salaries or purchase needed medicines and supplies. This being a legacy institution among fellow Christians in one of the World's poorest and most war-torn countries, the General Assembly welcomes the efforts of FIMCK to do for a developing country institution what most non-profit schools and hospitals in America -- many associated with PC(USA) -- have done to establish firmer financial foundations; that is, to establish a permanent endowment fund.

Accordingly, the General Assembly hereby urges and encourages all synods, presbyteries, congregations, and individual members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to favorably consider the inclusion of donations to this endowment in their budgets, their bequest planning, their special collections, their memorial gifts and in any other ways that may practically present themselves. It is noted that instructions can be found online at www.IMCK.org.

Beyond the financial advantages that this particular endowment, or that any endowment in any such institution, may provide for the beneficiary institution, the General Assembly wishes to further recognize the concept of permanent endowments for third world institutions as a useful tool and one that may provide a degree of independence and dignity in situations where earmarked donations for immediate needs may have developed cultures of dependence and what has become popularly known as "toxic charity." The General Assembly believes that these beneficial effects may result from the regular, automatic and unconditional nature of periodic payments that flow from the earnings of endowments and the fact that this can lead to a sense of ownership and responsibility in the benefited institution, and to the self-esteem that comes from the freedom to make their own decisions on spending across all the needs in their budgets, including those mundane items that are typically overlooked in restricted gifts. Therefore, the General Assembly endorses and recommends the endowment model in other mission situations where it is deemed applicable and useful.

RATIONALE SECTION

The rationale is embodied in the recommended statement. In summary it is as follows:

1. The *Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai* (IMCK) is a legacy Presbyterian institution in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), founded by Presbyterian missionaries in 1954 and expanded with the Presbyterian Women's birthday offering in 1975.
2. Today, IMCK is one of Presbyterian World Mission's top priorities and one of the foremost such institutions in the DRC, yet it is struggling financially and is unable to keep up with salaries because of declining donations in the current economic climate.
3. Non-profit institutions, even in the developed world, find it important or necessary to raise permanent endowments in order to provide financial stability, underpin operating expenses and reduce their dependence on current donations. No less is needed for such mission institutions in the developing world.
4. Such an endowment has been established by an organization, Friends of IMCK (FIMCK), in partnership with General Assembly recognized and validated partners, such as the Presbyterian Foundation and the Medical Benevolence Foundation. The principal of this endowment is securely placed in U.S. investments and investment decisions are under the control of the FIMCK Board of Directors. However, they have had difficulty raising money for this endowment from within the denomination because of their lack of perceived status and approval by PC(USA).
5. In view of these difficulties and inasmuch as this seems to be a promising method for providing financial stability, self-direction and dignity to this and perhaps other legacy Presbyterian mission institutions, the endorsement of the General Assembly is hereby requested.
6. Although there are no budget implications, this overture may be appropriately referred to Presbyterian World Mission for response.

Board of Pensions

2015 Medical Dues increases

Action	2015 Dues	Choice & Flexibility
Set Dues at % of effective salary and a lesser % for member only coverage	Dues w/ Dependents = 24.5% Dues for Member only = 23%	Churches or employers may choose to share all, some or none of the 1.5% of dues for dependents

Report to the Abingdon Presbytery Executive Presbyter Search Team Presbytery Meeting – March 13, 2014

During the summer and early fall of 2013 the Executive Presbyter Search Team engaged in 16 Listening Sessions (14 for congregations, 2 for pastors/CRE's) designed to uncover the best practices and primary values of Abingdon Presbytery. As reported at the November 2013 meeting of Abingdon Presbytery, the Search Team discerned the following primary values:

- i **Caring:** Knowing that congregations, members, pastors, and CRE's are cared for by the Presbytery, especially in times of crisis;
- i **Connection:** Feeling the connection with other Presbyterians that comes from being part of a connectional church and having opportunities to engage in ministry and mission together;
- i **Communication:** Being aware of what's going on around the Presbytery and at the denominational level *and* knowing that cares and concerns are being listened to by those at the Presbytery level.

The team has spent the last several months determining what leadership model can best help us live into these shared values. We have prayed with one another, talked with Presbytery leadership in this and other Presbyteries, spoken with folks at the General Assembly level, examined historical models of Presbytery leadership, and examined numerous current models of Presbytery leadership. Additionally, we spent a good deal of time studying the new Abingdon Presbytery Manual of Operations. We discerned which leadership model we feel is best for Abingdon Presbytery at this point in time. We then invited all members of Abingdon Presbytery to attend one of three regional meetings scheduled during the month of February in which we presented the model for discussion and feedback. The team was prepared to make modifications to the model based on feedback received, however there was no major pushback on the recommendation and the model was well-received. The Executive Presbyter Search Team is ready, therefore, to make a formal recommendation to Abingdon Presbytery.

Keeping in mind our primary values of **Caring, Connection, and Communication**, the Search Team feels that it is essential for Presbytery Leadership to focus on these values. The Search Team also feels that this responsibility should not be the purview and responsibility of only one person. In fact, in studying the Presbytery's Manual of Operations it is our belief that we, the Presbytery, are capable of fostering all three of these values amongst ourselves by living into the new Manual of Operations and by the Committees of the Presbytery carrying out their mandate as prescribed by the manual. In other words, WE are the Presbytery and WE should be caring for one another, connecting with one another, and communicating with one another through the committees of this Presbytery under the leadership and guidance of the Coordinating Council and Moderator of the Presbytery.

Accordingly, we seriously considered recommending that we return to the Presbytery Leadership Model that preceded the 20th century that placed all leadership responsibility among the members of the Presbytery and a Stated Clerk, with no "executive" leadership. Ultimately, however, we rejected this solution. Having listened to the hopes and dreams of the members of this Presbytery closely, the Search Team determined that it is important at this point in time in the life of the Presbytery to have someone who can equip and empower us to do what we have resolved to do, while at the same time fostering a sense of caring and connection among the congregations of Abingdon Presbytery. Additionally, we heard that the members of Abingdon Presbytery feel that it is important to have one person to whom they can turn for information, of whom they can ask questions, and from whom they can expect to hear stories of mission and ministry occurring across the Presbytery. For these reasons, we make the following recommendations:

1. **That Abingdon Presbytery adopt a leadership model of a half-time Shepherd to the Presbytery and a ¼-time Stated Clerk in order to facilitate and guide the Presbytery in living out its ministry and mission.**

2. That Presbytery approve the attached job description for The Shepherd to the Presbytery of Abingdon and add it to the manual of operations.

We have attached a FAQ sheet for those who were not able to attend one of the regional meetings. We hope that these will answer any questions that Presbytery members may have. We would like to address a few issues in this report, however, in order to make sure we are all on the same page.

It is imperative to recognize that we are of the opinion that the members of this Presbytery are fully able to realize our calling for ministry and mission on our own. As we move forward we should expect of each other that our committees are going to live out their purpose as stated in the Manual of Operations and that members of this Presbytery are going to have to “step up” and answer God’s call to service beyond their own particular congregations through exercising the gifts God has given them. Committees will need to listen to and discern God’s calling among themselves and answer that within the framework provided by the Manual of Operations and under the guidance of the Coordinating Council. The Shepherd to the Presbytery will not tell the Presbytery and its members what to do, nor will he/she deliver God’s message from on high. He/she will be a facilitator, equipper, and an empowerer for our committees and their members in helping us live out our calling. The primary job of the Shepherd in relation to committees will be as a resource; not someone who will answer all of our questions, but someone who asks us the right questions to lead us into discerning and answering God’s call. We envision that the majority of the Shepherd’s time will be spent connecting with and caring for the members of Abingdon Presbytery. We envision that he/she will be regularly involved in the congregations of this Presbytery, attending worship services, speaking at luncheons, attending special celebrations, regular weekly dinners and Bible studies, and the like, all in an effort to know who we are and to foster connection among us for ministry and mission. The Shepherd will make a particular effort to care for pastors and CREs in Abingdon Presbytery, being a friend, colleague, mentor, spiritual friend, or pastor to them as the situation demands. Finally, this model is predicated on continuing to have the services of a highly capable, efficient, full-time Office Administrator for the Presbytery. We have discerned that April DiYorio is a particularly valuable asset to this Presbytery and is well-respected in Louisville due to the way that she performs her duties for this Presbytery. Her continued employment will allow the ¼-time Stated Clerk and half-time Shepherd the space needed to perform their duties as called.

If the Presbytery approves the Search Team’s recommendations, the next steps for the Search Team will be to begin the process of turning the attached job description into the form used by our denomination for Presbyteries seeking leadership, to obtain approval from the Synod to begin searching for a Shepherd, and to screen/seek out/interview qualified candidates in order to make a recommendation for the position to Abingdon Presbytery.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions or field suggestions that anyone may have. Please know that we are thankful to serve the Presbytery in this way and keep us in your prayers as we move along in the discernment process.

Respectfully submitted with grace and peace,

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Items for Action:

1. That Abingdon Presbytery adopt a leadership model of a half-time Shepherd to the Presbytery and a ¼-time Stated Clerk in order to facilitate and guide the Presbytery in living out its ministry and mission.
___✓___ Motion Made ___✓___ Approved _____ Disapproved

2. That Presbytery approve the attached job description, as amended, for The Shepherd to the Presbytery of Abingdon and add it to the manual of operations.
___✓___ Motion Made ___✓___ Approved _____ Disapproved

3. That Presbytery approve the attached job description, as amended, for the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Abingdon and add it to the manual of operations.
___✓___ Motion Made ___✓___ Approved _____ Disapproved

Questions for small group discussion time at Presbytery:

1. How do you see this model helping Abingdon Presbytery to care for one another?
2. How do you see this model helping to foster a sense of connection in the Presbytery?
3. How do you see this model improving communication within the Presbytery?
4. What concerns do you have about this model and its ability to meet the needs of the Presbytery?

2.0400 THE SHEPHERD TO THE PRESBYTERY

2.0401 TITLE: The Shepherd to the Presbytery of Abingdon.

2.0402 PURPOSE:

- A. To guide the Presbytery in living out its Mission. “Our Mission is to support churches and their leaders; providing up-to-date information and material on mission opportunities, evangelism, peacemaking, hunger issues, leadership development, and other means to enhance our relationship with God, to strengthen the local churches for more effective witness, to share the ministry of the greater Church in the world, as we serve our Lord together.”
- B. To facilitate, challenge, and encourage ministry, mission, and our people through continual effective training.
- C. To work with the Stated Clerk and to direct the Office Manager to provide support for the Churches and Leaders within the Presbytery.

2.0403 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Shall be the chief facilitator for the implementation of the Presbytery’s decisions and matters of mission, strategy, program, and resources, and shall provide support services for the Presbytery’s committees.
- B. Shall clearly and effectively communicate the interests of the Presbytery to the Synod and to the General Assembly, and the interests of Synod and of the General Assembly to the Presbytery. This shall include attending the General Assembly of the PCUSA.
- C. Shall clearly and effectively communicate the decisions, programs, and policies of the Denomination and the Presbytery to the councils and congregations of the Presbytery.
- D. Shall ensure and guide training for Leadership within the Presbytery.
- E. Shall serve as a resource advisor to the Presbytery in developing programs specifically for youth, students, and young adults.
- F. Shall serve as the pastor to pastors and commissioned ruling elders, and shall create relationships of caring and accountability. Shall serve as ex-officio, without vote, on the Committee on Ministry.
- G. Shall serve as ex officio without vote, on the Council.
- H. Shall provide guidance for connecting Churches within the Presbytery. Will be an advisor to the Clusters. Shall communicate shared Missions and Programs between Churches.
- I. Shall foster an atmosphere of caring and support from Presbytery and between Churches within the Presbytery.

J. Shall participate regularly in the worship, programs, celebrations, and/or meetings of congregations throughout the Presbytery.

K. Shall implement the Church's commitment to inclusiveness and diversity.

2.0404 ELECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Shall be elected by the Presbytery; and, shall be accountable to the Presbytery through the Council.

2.0405 EVALUATION:

A. An annual performance review and evaluation shall be made by the Personnel Committee and reported to Council and Presbytery for the fall Presbytery meeting.

B. A comprehensive review and evaluation at the end of three-year term shall be made by the Personnel Committee and reported to the fall Presbytery meeting.

2.0406 COMPENSATION: This is a half-time position as defined in the Terms of Call; reviewed annually by the Personnel committee; and approved by the Presbytery.

2.0407 TERM OF SERVICE: The person is called for a term of three (3) years, and is renewable upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and the approval of the Presbytery for **subsequent** ~~another~~ three-year terms.

2.0408 TERMINATION:

A. By the request of the Shepherd to the Presbytery and the consent of the Presbytery, with a minimum of thirty (30) days notice by the Shepherd to the Presbytery; OR,

B. By action of the Presbytery, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, after fair and adequate consultation with the Shepherd to the Presbytery, with a minimum of or thirty days notice of termination by the Presbytery.

THE STATED CLERK

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

PURPOSE: To serve as Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery in accordance with the Book of Order. 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 of three (3) years, renewable on recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Council, and with the approval of the Presbytery for **subsequent** ~~another~~ three-year terms.

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.

FAQ concerning the Abingdon Presbytery Leadership Position

1. Why have an executive at all?

We are not proposing to have an executive, but to call a facilitator. This person will primarily assist us in maintaining accountability to our mission, training our leaders and committees to be increasingly effective, fostering and implementing an atmosphere of caring and communication within and between congregations, and being an available resource for the whole of the presbytery as needed. There may be a time in the future when we are sufficiently organized and self-directed as all volunteers to accomplish all of that ourselves, but we are not there now.

2. Why the title change from Executive Presbyter to Shepherd to the Presbytery?

The term “executive” does not fit with either the purposes or responsibilities outlined in the Position Description. As the Search Committee talked with congregations last summer during the 14 Listening Sessions, the themes of greatest need and desire concerning the presbytery were about being cared for, being in connection with others, and having solid and good communication throughout the presbytery. We believe a presbytery leader who both models and fosters these qualities can best be described as a Shepherd. This title helps clarify the expectations made upon this person as well.

3. We used to have one person, the Executive Presbyter, fulfill the roles of Executive, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer. Why not just go back to that, instead of having three persons in those roles?

The Stated Clerk’s duties are primarily administrative, clerical, and official rather than relational. The person best suited for the Clerk role is one with analytical and attention-to-detail talents. The person called to the Shepherd position will need to be insightful, inspirational, and have high interactive skills. Often the qualities outlined in these two positions will not exist equally in one person. In difficult situations, it is very helpful for the roles of the official Clerk and the pastoral Shepherd to be separate. This is especially so in the event that one of the persons decides to leave. In the past when both positions have been filled by the same person there has been a break in continuity in Presbytery leadership. If filled by two separate people there is no break in continuity. The bonded Treasurer’s position has been staffed by Mr. Billy Rice as a volunteer and he is agreeable to continue in that capacity.

4. Why is the Shepherd position half-time?

The position description is a major deviation from what was expected of the presbytery leader in the past. With a very competent full-time Office Manager, a 1/4 time Stated Clerk, a volunteer bonded Treasurer, and a Council and committees who are committed to their tasks, the duties of the position description for the Shepherd are in line with a half-time call.

5. Might this person serve half-time as the pastor of a local congregation?

No. We feel that to meet the goals of connecting, caring, and communication this person needs to be present in the lives of our congregations. This would mean attending worship services, programs, fellowship dinners, anniversary celebrations, congregational meetings, and the like, to get to know the members and congregations of Abingdon Presbytery and allowing the members and congregations of Abingdon Presbytery to get to know this person. This would not be possible if the person had regular congregational duties.

6. Is the 1/4 time sufficient for the Stated Clerk to perform all of his/her duties?

At this point in time we have determined after discussions with the current Stated Clerk as well as the Personnel Committee, the 1/4 time Stated Clerk position is sufficient to execute all duties, provided the assistance of a full-time competent office manager is available.

7. Why is the proposed Shepherd not expected to attend committee meetings?

The Shepherd model of Presbytery leadership assumes that the committees of the Presbytery will fulfill their responsibilities as listed in the Presbytery Manual of Operations. Under this model the committees will determine how to do their tasks, and will delegate responsibilities among their members. The Shepherd may be used as an occasional resource where needed, and will stay up-to-date on their decisions via the Council.

8. In the past, when a church was without a pastor, the Executive Presbyter would usually see to it that a pastor was found for them. Who will do that now?

It is the joint responsibility of the congregation, session and the presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) to determine the current pastoral relationship needed in a congregation and to do the search for the right person to fulfill that need. The first call when there is an anticipated change in pastoral service is the congregation's COM liaison or the chair of the COM. Once the need for a change is established, all resources in the presbytery will be working together to meet that need.

9. There is a change in the wording, so there is no mention of "head of staff" or "administrator". Who is responsible to whom, and how?

The Council is made up of the chairpersons of each of the committees as well as others with specific responsibilities in the presbytery. One of the responsibilities of the Council is "to oversee and supervise the work of the Executive Presbyter, Clerk", and other personnel. In addition, the Personnel Committee works closely with, and reviews and evaluates the work and compensation of all personnel annually. The Shepherd and the Clerk are seen here as collaborative associates under the Council, with the Shepherd giving direction to the Office Manager.

Committee on Ministry Report

Jon Martin, Chair

Items for Information:

1. Ministers and CRE are continuing to meet quarterly for lunch to build support and share fellowship. The next lunch meeting will be on Thursday, June 5 with location to be announced.
2. The committee approved a Tynes Fund Loan in the amount of \$7,000 at 1% interest to install a new furnace at the Whitetop Presbyterian Church.
3. The CRE sub-committee has scheduled the annual CRE retreat for March 21-22, 2014 at the Holston Camp and Conference Center.

Recommendations:

1. That the Rev. Michael Chamberlain, minister member of Western Kentucky Presbytery, be admitted to the floor of Presbytery so that he may be examined for membership (See attached Statement of Faith and Biographical Sketch)

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

2. That the examination of the Rev. Michael Chamberlain be sustained and Rev. Chamberlain be received into membership, sign the Book of Obligation, and be admitted to the rolls of Abingdon Presbytery.

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

3. That John DiYorio, as acting stated clerk, be given permission to officiate at services of ordination and installation of ruling elders when invited by a Session.

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

4. That the 2014 terms of call for called and installed pastors be approved (See attached sheets).

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

JOURNEY OF FAITH MICHAEL Y. CHAMBERLAIN

My earliest memory of life was on the farm in southern Kentucky where parents were the stewards of land and dairy cattle. I could see the respect they showed God's Creation. All meals and special occasions were marked with prayers and devotions. Both of my parents took the time to teach me the value of faith, though they were not so personally active in church in my early years of life. They both were very thoughtful as to what they believed concerning their faith and they were both impatient with the fundamentalist thinking of the local community. Yet, my parents saw that I was regularly in church and Sunday School.

I knew from an early age that I wanted more from my experience of church. Through my father, in my childhood, I heard many stories about our Presbyterian Uncle Douglas, professor of the Greek language at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. I felt like I knew him in person, though I never met him. Those stories inspired me toward ministry. Further, my father and mother (in my twenties) joined the Presbyterian Church. By age 26, my wife and I joined another Presbyterian Church, as well.

As I moved through the next few years in the Presbyterian Church, I experienced much growth in faith and concern for how I could participate in bringing the essence of the Gospel into the lives of others. I served as a Christian educator, lay speaker and a deacon in the local church as a young adult. I was continually confronted by others and by my own thinking for thirteen years after college graduation about the possibility of entering the ministry. However, I continued making excuses for not accepting a call to ministry such as saying I could never pass the language requirement or that God could not really mean me.

There were four major "crossings" in my life in 1974 that caused an irreversible journey to begin for me. First, I was serving as Chairman of a local School Board that was facing a great amount of political change. Next, I was a sales manager for a seed corn company that was facing bankruptcy. Watergate was looming around me on a national basis that led me to question human made structures. Finally, the picture was complicated for me during the same period when, one day, I went to see my attorney (also an elder at the church) about a business matter. I was getting legal advice concerning a business that I wanted to open. Rather than answering my questions, he proceeded by saying: "Mike I do not know what it is, but I do not see you in this business. I have always seen you in ministry." *This became a moment that I felt or heard a powerful "yes" inside me. It was as if the die was cast. I truly felt the call.* Within the week, I was checking on Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In August, 1974, I was enrolled in my studies.

Yes, I passed my language requirements and was ordained in 1977. My emphasis in seminary was to become as capable as possible in pastoral care, along with the other responsibilities in ministry. I was effective and successful in my early ministry as an installed pastor; yet, I felt there was more for me to do. In 1982, I had a conversation with the Presbytery Executive in Nashville, Tennessee, who pointed me to Interim Ministry. Being in my 40's, I saw myself doing one interim assignment, but then another church called and then another. What I have appreciated most about acting as Interim Pastor is the opportunity to combine the role of pastor, with that of assisting congregations to make the transition from one pastoral period to the next. It becomes a consultative role along side being pastor. I have added training events that are specific to interim ministry. They include: Intentional Interim Ministry Training, Peter Steinke's Healthy Congregations and Bridge builders (conflict intervention).

My wife has been supportive of my ministry, though I know that the changing of neighborhoods has been a challenge for her and me. Now that I am in my retirement, I am finding a renewed sense of purpose in interim ministry where I can benefit congregations in ways that I could not before.

We live in challenging and exciting times. Never before, in my lifetime, have I seen more need to assist in all kinds of transitions for people of faith and ones seeking balance and faith in their lives. What a journey life is. May God continue to create in the lives of all of us.

April, 2013

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Michael Y. Chamberlain

I am guided in my start of this paper by the words in the Old Hebrew, Genesis 1:1: "In beginning, God...". My beginning includes memories of my father, who believed God calls people to be pastors, but that God, also called him, as a farmer, to respect God's Creation enough to stop gullies from washing the farmland and to care for the creatures given him. I am shaped by that kind of respect for life and I am shaped from my other experiences of life, including my time as a child in church that left me searching for more balance in faith, as well as, my theological studies in later life.

I have a deep respect for how the Reformed tradition builds a structure for us to understand God and the call that God has for us in ministry. My faith is directed by One God in Trinity. God, as Father, called life into being and has continued to sustain his Creation. Jesus Christ, as the Son, personifies the presence of God and continues to be present with us through the Holy Spirit, exemplifying the Love of God. The Love of God leads us to the truth of God. God as the Holy Spirit works inwardly enlightening us to a spiritual path that we can know the voice of God in our very beings.

Jesus Christ is God in human form and is a gift from God. Jesus, born in meager circumstances, helps us to realize the power of God in the face of humility and helplessness, yet in power in the Resurrection. Jesus in ministry among his people, modeled the Grace of God and the Love of God to which he calls us. God brought reconciliation to his People through the crucified Christ. It is the resurrected Christ that has continued to love us and the Church in Christian history.

I am grateful to the women and men throughout the ages that have participated in the revelation and the interpretation of God's Word in Scripture. The Scriptures in the Holy Bible is the Word and is testimony of how God has revealed His message of Love and Grace in the midst of the strengths and weaknesses of humanity. In this way God has revealed God's Self. The life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most powerful testimony of God's presence in the lives of God's people. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior to all. We are invited to respond to the love of Christ that is already with us.

God calls the Church that we become the fellowship that recognizes the covenant relationship that we have with God through Jesus Christ. God is active in building that fellowship as we are in God's midst. Our love for God, as demonstrated in our love for each other, furthers the promise we make to God and is a part of the confirmation that God keeps His promise to His people. We are called to live as good stewards of God's creation and as servants of the Gospel that the fullness of God's Kingdom be realized.

It is virtually impossible for me to practice the Christian faith in isolation from others and separated from the ministry of compassion and the expression of the "Good News" as related by Jesus Christ. Jesus left the Apostles to continue the work of furthering the "Good News" in the lives of people and we are here to continue the connection we have with him through inviting, encouraging and nurturing others to join and become with us, part of the Church.

On earth, Jesus identified himself with sinners. He instructed that those, who come in faith be baptized. We are invited to share in the Lord's Supper in his name as were those early disciples on the night of his arrest. Our baptism and our participation in the Lord's Supper become sign and seal that we are disciples of Jesus Christ and part of the long standing covenant between God and His people. We are reminded of God's Grace and God's Love for each of us and that we are to go forth and love as Jesus demonstrated love.

Christ has equipped us to be people of faith and ministry. I am guided to continually to be a student of the Holy Scriptures, the great Creeds and Confessions of Faith that are before us. My practice of ministry is, also guided by our church polity that values our way of joining the life of the laity, the called pastor and the Presbytery in a connectional way.

April, 2013

TERMS OF CALL FOR INSTALLED PASTORS – 2014

BIRD, TIMOTHY E.	GLADE SPRING	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$29,064	\$29,413
HOUSING:	\$19,193	\$19,423
½ SECA	\$ 3,692	\$ 3,747
AUTO:	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
CONT. ED.:	\$ 2,645	\$ 1,000
PENSION:	\$18,356	\$18,691
CAFETERIA:	<u>\$ 6,332</u>	<u>\$ 6,408</u>
TOTAL:	\$83,782	\$83,182

CAMPBELL, KEVIN M.	HILLSVILLE	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$40,000	\$40,000
UTILITY:	\$ 4,080	\$ 4,080
½ SECA:	\$ 4,101	\$ 4,101
AUTO:	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
CONT. ED:	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
PENSION:	<u>\$21,476</u>	<u>\$23,066</u>
TOTAL:	\$74,157	\$76,247

GIPE, WILLIAM C.	GLADEVILLE (60%)/	
POUND (40%)		
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$14,400	
UTILITY:	\$ 6,000	
½ SECA:	\$ 0	\$
AUTO:	\$ 3,000	
CONT. ED.:	\$ 2,000	\$
PENSION:	<u>\$16,800</u>	<u>\$</u>
TOTAL:	\$40,000	

GRAY, FREDERICK A.	ROYAL OAK	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$24,930	\$26,347
HOUSING:	\$22,000	\$22,000
½ SECA:	\$ 3,949	\$ 3,985
AUTO:	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
PENSION:	<u>\$16,964</u>	<u>\$19,734</u>
TOTAL:	\$73,831	\$77,116

MARKEL, JOHN E.	WALNUT GROVE	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$29,210	
HOUSING:	\$12,000	
½ SECA:	\$ 2,912	
AUTO:	\$ 1,500	
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,000	
PENSION:	\$15,562	
TOTAL:	\$62,184	

MARTIN, JON E.	GREEN SPRING	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$28,701	\$28,701
HOUSING:	\$30,997	\$30,997
½ SECA:	\$ 4,566	\$ 4,566
AUTO:	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
CONT. ED.:	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
PENSION:	\$21,104	\$21,104
OTHER:	<u>\$ 250</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>
TOTAL:	\$90,618	\$90,618

PALUBICKI, TONY R.	BIG STONE GAP/POW	
VALLEY {COMBINED}		
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$	\$25,000
MANSE EQUITY:	\$	\$ 1,000
UTILITY/FURNISHINGS:	\$	\$ 7,300
½ SECA:	\$	\$ 2,085
AUTO:	\$	\$ 200
CONT.ED.:	\$	\$ 500
PENSION:	\$	<u>\$14,316</u>
TOTAL:	\$	\$50,401

PARKEY, ANDREW	LOCUST COVE	
(40%)/RICH VALLEY (60%)		
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$12,267	\$12,762
MANSE EQUITY:	\$ 433	\$ 450
UTILITY:	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,125
½ SECA:	\$ 1,203	\$ 1,203
AUTO:	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,469
CONT.ED.:	\$ 412	\$ 428
PENSION:	\$ 7,618	\$ 7,996
TOTAL:	No Report	No Report
	from Rich Valley	from Rich Valley

PRIVETTE, CYNTHIA ANCHOR OF HOPE/GALENA	{35 HR PR WK} BOTH CHS COMBINED	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$24,678	\$26,797
MANSE EQUITY:	\$ 700	\$ 945
UTILITY:	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,100
½ SECA:	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,461
AUTO:	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
CONT.ED:	\$ 1,034	\$ 900
PENSION:	<u>\$10,574</u>	<u>\$13,494</u>
TOTAL:	\$45,552	\$47,797

REYNOLDS, TIM	SINKING SPRING	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$31,200	\$31,200
HOUSING:	\$28,800	\$28,800
½ SECA:	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700
AUTO:	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
CONT. ED.:	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
PENSION:	\$21,717	\$21,717
TOTAL:	\$91,417	\$91,417

SIMPSON, BRAD	WYTHEVILLE	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$43,237	\$44,102
HOUSING:	\$10,400	\$10,400
½ SECA:	\$ 4,103	\$ 4,169
AUTO:	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
CONT. ED.:	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
PENSION:	<u>\$17,700</u>	<u>\$18,972</u>
TOTAL:	\$80,440	\$82,643

WHARTENBY, THOMAS JR.	GALAX	
	2013	2014
COMPENSATION:	\$40,500	\$40,500
HOUSING:	\$19,998	\$12,334
UTILITIES:	\$	\$ 6,530
½ SECA:	\$ 6,480	\$ 6,480
AUTO:	\$ 4,860	\$ 4,860
CONT. ED.:	\$	\$
PENSION	\$22,000	\$23,093
OTHER:	<u>\$ 840</u>	<u>\$ 1,680</u>
TOTAL:	\$94,678	\$95,477

Church Development Committee

Tony Palubicki, Chair

Your Church Development Committee remains committed to exploring new and creative ways to meet the needs and strengthen the worship, ministry, and mission life of the congregations of our Presbytery. Since our last Presbytery meeting the committee has:

- i Approved the 2014 budget for the Wild Goose Worshipping community which included a modest raise in the leader / pastor's salary. This was accomplished without raising the overall budget. Expenditures in some areas and income in others made it possible to re-target allocated funds
- i Approved the establishment of a Wellness Center for the local community as a ministry / outreach of the Wild Goose site. The former manse will be used for this purpose. Proposed opening will be June 2014.
- i Approved and established the Developer / Director for the wellness center. This will be a part-time position. Hired Royce Evans to fill this position. As of this date transitioning the manse is coming along well and the Director has established contacts with Virginia Tech and local medical providers and has elicited their support and involvement.
- i Encourage your input and support in seeking to discover ways to revitalize, reform, and transform the congregations of our Presbytery.
- i Established a relationship with Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond and established a Summer Intern Program. Although, because of such short notice, we did not have any applications this year we are hoping that this program will prove to be beneficial to both our congregations and the seminary.
- i Continue to work in partnership with the Christian Education Committee in preparation for this year's Mountaintop Retreat.
- i In consultation with and looking forward to hearing proposal from at least two congregations exploring development / renewal initiatives.
- i For Your Information: Our Wild Goose Worshipping Community, the only rural 1001 New Worshipping Community, was featured in the most recent edition of Presbyterians Today and will be hosting our June Presbytery Meeting. Edwin Lacy – leader of the community – has also been approved and selected to become a New Worshipping Community Coach and our Wild Goose site will become an intern site for those seeking to establish new worshipping communities. What's more – this initiative has inspired the birth of at least two similar outreach programs in the congregations of our Presbytery.
- i We're excited about the Spirit's (the Wild Goose's) movement in our Presbytery. We're excited about the signs of renewal and reform that are emerging in our Presbytery and will continue to work with and seek ways to renew and revive our congregations.

Compassion Ministries Committee Report

Sue White, Chairman

The Compassion Ministries Committee has been given the job of dispersing the funds, from the sale of the Presbytery Office Building, to the churches of Abingdon Presbytery.

So that every church would have the same opportunity to apply for these funds, we decided that a letter would be sent to all the churches detailing the criteria for requesting the funds. The funds must be used for missions and the committee voted that the grants be issued ordinarily up to \$2,500 - \$3,000.

The Presbytery Grant Application Form has been revised and is available on the Presbytery Web Site. This revised form can be used for all requests including 2 cents a meal requests.

So that each church will have the opportunity to apply, we are asking that the grant requests be due by May 1. The Committee will review these during May and try to get these funds to you soon after that.

We recently awarded, from the 2 cents a meal funds:

\$1,500 to Gate City Food Pantry

\$1,000 to Galena for their backpack program

\$1,000 to Anchor of Hope for their backpack program

The Committee also approved to send \$1,500 from our disaster funds to PDA for the storms in Illinois.

We also voted to support the Seed Potato Project again this year.

Personnel & Facility Oversight Committee Report

Jim Gearhart, Chair

Items for Information:

1. The Holiday Schedule for 2014 where the Presbytery Office will be closed was approved by the Committee. These dates match with previous years.

January 1 – New Year’s Day

April 18-21 Easter Holiday

May 26 – Memorial Day

July 4 – Independence Day

September 1 – Labor Day

November 26-28 Thanksgiving

December 24-26 Christmas

2. The Presbytery Office rental contract with the Wytheville Presbyterian Church is approved for 2014 at the existing monthly rate.

3. The entrance door to the Presbytery Office area has been equipped with a camera to afford additional security for the staff.

THANK YOU

Abingdon Presbytery

FOR HELPING US GIVE CHILDREN HOPE AND PURPOSE FOR THE FUTURE

CHRISTMAS SEASON

I want to thank everyone who had a hand in another wonderful Christmas at the Children's Home. From the donors who contributed to our Christmas appeal to the groups that hosted events and brought gifts to the children, you gave the children an experience that they will never forget. It culminated with our Christmas dinner, which featured the reading of the Christmas story by one of the children and a wonderful meal prepared by our cooks. We then adjourned to the cottages for the opening of the gifts. It is always a thrill to see the excitement on the children's faces as they see what your generosity has provided for them.

Part of our Christmas season is making sure our children experience what it feels like to give to those less fortunate than us. Our major project this year was manning the truck on the weekends for donations to the local Santa's shop. Working in cooperation with the Wythe County Department of Social Services, our staff and children were able to help many families in need give their children gifts for Christmas and experience the joy of giving back.

I also want to thank all of the congregations that dedicated their Thanksgiving offering to the Children's Home. These congregations make a huge difference for our ministry and we are very grateful.

UPDATE ON LAMB CENTER PROJECT

I am pleased to report that the Lamb Center project is now complete and we are using it for life skills training. The building is equipped with a smart board and lap top computers that allow for specific training in all areas associated with helping young people transition into successful adults. We are also in discussions with areas Social Service Departments to provide this training for foster children that are not residents of the Children's Home. We will keep you posted on our progress.

100TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

I mentioned at our last Presbytery meeting that plans have begun for the celebration of the Children's Home 100th anniversary in 2019. Our newsletters, website, and our social media outlets will be providing updates on our progress and how you can help as we move forward. We will need your help!

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!

Hunger Report
Phyllis Canter

“Who will know you’ve been here? How will people remember you? Through the people God puts in our path, we are reminded of the work still to be done.”

2013 is behind us and still the work needs to go into 2014. May we all approach “ministry” with humility, and openness, and generosity as we prepare to meet the needs of our more unfortunate brothers and sisters. The 5-cents-a Meal offering for 2013 was \$22,902.84. We are so grateful for the churches who participate in this tradition. It would be impossible for us to meet these needs without this wonderful offering. You are definitely contributing to such a worthy cause.

We have been busy coordinating the special “Seed Potato Project.” We have been receiving many calls from agencies and churches for assurance that it will happen again this year. The answer has been yes. The churches and agencies involved are eagerly gearing up for their distribution. The schedules will be:

Good Samaritan, Richland, VA---March 13

Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA---March 15

Bland Ministerial, Bland, VA---March 24

Bland Ministerial, Bland, VA---March 31

Ministers and Churches interested in these distributions are welcome to participate at these locations or give us names of who need the seeds.

We were not blessed with the citrus fruit this year. There were varying circumstances but it seems as the gleaners grow older and the trees grow older things change. It was always so great to be able to have fresh fruit in the cold months. I am trying to work on perhaps a distributor having some surplus commodity. We did get bananas in January, so hopefully we can acquire more fruit this spring.

Note that the Compassion Committee has put the Mission Application and information on the Website and you can also get in touch with Sue White for one. Sue will be available at Presbytery for information and answering questions for those interested in applying for a grant.

I will be interested in knowing the various Mission Projects that the churches will be presenting.

Several years ago as we were approaching Easter Season, I wished you “Muoyo wenu-“-“Life to You!”

Again I wish you this beautiful greeting from Tshiluba speakers in the Congo. I truly wish life to you all during this Easter Season and throughout the year.

Grace and Peace, Phyllis Canter, HAE

Presbyterian Women of Abingdon Presbytery March 2014

The women of Abingdon Presbytery have had a busy fall. Following the annual Fall Gathering at Royal Oak in September, the Coordinating Team held a weekend retreat at Cox's Barn in Dugspur, Virginia. The Rev. Mary Davis, Minister of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, led the retreat, followed by the fall business meeting of the C.T.

During this past winter the women have been busy in their local churches working on various projects in the community, presbytery, synod and church-wide. Just a few of our activities are: providing clothing to the needy, week-end food through backpack programs, taking food to shut-ins, adopting White Christmas families, food pantries, cards to the ill and lonely, making pillowcase dresses for Africa, 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 in the office at Louisville, 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 Central Presbyterian Church on April 26. At this meeting, information on upcoming events will be announced, new officers will be elected and installed, an offering will be taken to be given to a local project to be determined by the C.T. and a monetary gift will be given to one of our local churches in memory of the women who have passed away during 2013. The gathering will conclude with a Communion service.

As of this present time the Presbyterian Women do not have a Moderator, or, Co-Moderators for the term 2014-2016. Please keep our women in your prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to encourage one or two women to assume this position(s).

The PW of Abingdon Presbytery appreciate so very much the support from 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, P.W. Co-Moderator
Bettie Galliher, P.W. Co-Moderator

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF PAST MODERATORS OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY MEETINGS
JANUARY 1, 1980 – MARCH 13, 2014

<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
ONE-HUNDRED FOURTEENTH	PHYLLIS CANTER	6-13-13	ANDERSON MEMORIAL
ONE-HUNDRED FIFTEENTH	PHYLLIS CANTER	11-14-13	GREEN SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED SIXTEENTH	ALAN GRAY	03-13-14	LEBANON

Abingdon Presbytery PJC Roster

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>(M) inister/ (E) lder</i>	<i>Class of</i>
Bagwell	John	E	2015
Campbell	Kevin	M	2015
Carpenter	Cathy	M	2015
Bradshaw	Grace	E	2017
Phillips	Helen	E	2017
Whartenby	Tom	M	2019
Freeman	Isaac	E	2019

Abingdon Presbytery Former PJC Members

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>(M) inister/ (E) lder</i>	<i>Class of</i>
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
Bowen	Joe	E	2013
Kronk	Ron	M	2013