

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



**118<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING**  
**WYTHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**WYTHEVILLE, VA**  
November 13, 2014

**NEXT STATED MEETING OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY**  
**March 12, 2015**  
**Location: Central Presbyterian Church**  
**Bristol, 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**  
**118<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING –NOVEMBER 13, 2014**  
**WYTHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**WYTHEVILLE, VA**

**PRESBYTERY CONVENED**

The 118<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery met at Wytheville Presbyterian Church in Wytheville, VA on November 13, 2014.

**PRESBYTERY IN WORSHIP**

Worship began at 6:30 p.m., which was led by Dr. Heath Rada, Moderator of the General Assembly.

**ROLL OF MINISTERS**

(E) Aichel, O. George  
(E) Baldwin, C.W. Eugene  
(P) Bird, Timothy E.  
(P) Button, Robert  
(A) Campbell, Kevin M.  
(E) Carpenter, Catherine Y.  
(E) Chamberlain, Michael Y.  
(P) Davis, Mary  
(A) Gipe, William C.  
(P) Gray, Frederick A.  
(E) Guthrie, Weston B.  
(P) 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

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

(E) Liston, J. Miller  
(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.  
(P) Napier, Bradley D.  
(E) Nash, Charles E., Jr.  
(P) Palubicki, Tony R.  
(E) Parker, Donald G.  
(P) Parkey, Andrew  
(P) Privette, Cynthia E.  
(A) Reynolds, Tim  
(P) Simpson, Joseph Bradford, IV  
(E) Thornton, Robert S.  
(P) Tolar, Robert R., Sr.  
(E) Weller, Michael S.  
(E) Whartenby, Thomas J., Jr.

**ROLL OF COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS**

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

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

## **ROLL OF ELDER COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

ANCHOR OF HOPE – Clyde Watson	JEWELL RIDGE –
ANDERSON MEMORIAL –Reba Crawford	LEBANON – Gary Holliday
BETHEL – Wilma Caldwell	LOCUST COVE –
BIG STONE GAP – Bill Nagel	MAPLE GROVE -
BLAND-LEYBURN – John Goins	MARY MARTIN MEMORIAL -
BUCHANAN FIRST – Ron Cole	McCALL’S GAP –
BUFFALO MOUNTAIN – Myrna McGlamery	McIVER MEMORIAL –
CASTLEWOOD –	OAKWOOD –
CENTRAL – John Dodge	POUND -
DAMASCUS –	POWELL VALLEY – Walter Rollins
DINWIDDIE – Carol Smith	RICHLANDS – Perry Gilbert
FAIRVIEW – Doug Dobbins	RICH VALLEY –
FINCASTLE – Charlotte Perdue	RIVERVIEW –
GALAX FIRST – Karen Loftin	ROCK SPRING –
GALENA – Joyce Grubb	ROYAL OAK – Jim Kelly
GATE CITY –	SEVEN MILE FORD –
GLADE SPRING – Isaac Freeman	SINKING SPRING –
GLADEVILLE – Jere Blackburn	SPRING CREEK -
GRACE – Jackie Ratcliffe	STONE MEMORIAL –
GRAHAM –	TAZEWELL –
GREEN SPRING – Patricia Neel	VANSANT –
HIGH POINT -	WALNUT GROVE – Beth Patterson
HILLSVILLE –	WHITETOP -
	WEST FORK – Jerry Lowe
	WYTHEVILLE – Margaret Cundiff

## **VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Heath and Peggy Rada, General Assembly Moderator	Jerry Manning, Fincastle
Wythe Hull, Sinking Spring	June Miller, Bland-Leyburn
Janice Rigby, Big Stone Gap	Elaine Button, Tazewell
Brenda Lindsey, Buffalo Mountain	Alice Freeman, Glade Spring
Rene Turman, Buffalo Mountain	Billy Rice, Children’s Home
Rex Loftin, Galax	Jim Gearhart, Wytheville
Joe McGlothlin, Richlands	Linda DiYorio, Wytheville
Bobby Endicott, Walnut Grove	AL Noblett, Fairview
Ann Aichinger, Central	Edna Noblett, Fairview
Frank Aichinger, Central	Elaine Alderman, Fairview
Grace Himstedt, Central	Carolyn Armentrout, Wytheville
Peggy Slate, Dinwiddie	Marge Folden, Anderson Memorial
Guydell Slate, Dinwiddie	Patricia Neel
Bettie Galliher, Walnut Grove	
Sharon Lowe, West Fork	
Jessie Rollins, Powell Valley	

Service of Word & Sacrament  
Abingdon Presbytery  
November 13, 2014

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

+Call to Worship from Psalm 42

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

**One:** Our souls long for an experience with God.

All: We thirst for the living God in our lives.

**One:** When shall we come and behold the face of God?

All: We shall come this day, for our hope is in God!

**One:** Then let us gather to praise the LORD, for the LORD is our help.

All: The LORD is our God!

+Prayer of Confession

Renewing and Recreating God, I confess that I love myself too much. I love my culture, my worldview, my language, my theology, my government, my way of life □ so much so, that I cling to these things for comfort, security, and identity. Forgive me for not being willing to give up my identity, my sense of security, my traditions, my way of seeing things in order to follow you. Forgive me for not being open to being changed by your radical, life-transforming power. Help me to let go of the comfortable and familiar and follow your calling. We make our prayer in the name of Christ. Amen.

+Assurance of God's Love

+Hymn *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* 505

Proclaiming the Word

*Scripture Reading*

The Word Proclaimed

Heath Rada, Moderator of PCUSA General Assembly

## Responding to the Word

### The Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Table

### Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**They are lifted up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Breaking of the Bread

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

#### +Affirmation of Faith

**from** The Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humanity. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men and women when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in community in which men and women know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

+Hymn *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* 510

+All who are able please stand

**DOCKET OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY**  
**118<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING**  
**November 13, 2014**

6:00 pm	Registration-Fellowship	
6:30 pm	Worship Service	
7:10 pm	Call to Order and Prayer by Moderator of Presbytery	Alan Gray
	Declaration of Quorum	
	Appointment of Standing Committees	
	Welcome and Announcements	Brad Simpson
	Introduction of Guests and Recognition of First-time Elders	
	Introduction of New Business	
	Adoption of the Docket	
7:20 pm	<u>General Assembly Report</u>	Heath Rada
7:45 pm	<u>Stated Clerk's Report</u> (pg. 7-8)	John DiYorio
7:50 pm	<u>Council Report</u> (pg. 9-13)	Guydell Slate
8:10 pm	<u>Nominating Committee Report</u> (pg. 14-15)	Linda DiYorio
8:20 pm	<u>Committee on Ministry Report</u> (pg. 16-23)	Jon Martin
8:35 pm	<u>Personnel Committee Report</u> (pg. 24)	Jim Gearhart
8:55 pm	<u>Executive Presbyter Search Team Report</u>	Mary Davis
9:05 pm	<u>Church Development Committee Report</u>	Tony Palubicki
9:10 pm	<u>Education Committee</u> (pg. 25)	David Kester

**Written Reports**

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- Report of General Assembly Commissioner (pg. 35-36)

9:15 pm      Anticipated Adjournment

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

The moderator of Presbytery, The Reverend Alan Gray, called the meeting to order with prayer. Elder John DiYorio, 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 The Reverend Tim Bird, Glade Spring Church
Temporary Clerks:	The Reverend John Markel, Walnut Grove Church The Reverend Susanne Martin, Damascus/Rock Spring Churches The Reverend Edwin Lacy, Wild Goose Christian Community Elder Andy Cundiff, Stone Memorial Church
Bills & Overtures:	The Reverend Jon Martin, Green Spring Church The Reverend Andy Parkey, Locust Cove/Rich Valley Churches Elder Bill Parish, Castlewood/Mary Martin Churches

## **WELCOME**

The Reverend Brad Simpson welcomed Presbytery to Wytheville Presbyterian Church, Wytheville, 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. After the motion was properly seconded, the docket was unanimously adopted and approved.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Abingdon Presbytery was honored with the presence of Heath Rada, Moderator of the General Assembly PCUSA. Moderator Rada presented an update of his activities. He had just returned from meeting with Middle Eastern Christians at their request. PCUSA is in solidarity with these Christians as they suffer persecution. The Moderator was preparing to meet at the United Nations in New York to discuss worldwide issues. PCUSA is active throughout the world addressing issues and alleviating suffering. The Presbytery expressed its gratitude to Moderator Rada for being with us and presenting an informative and positive message.

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

Ruling Elder John DiYorio presented the Stated Clerk's Report.

The Presbytery approved that the minutes of the June 7, 2014 stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery at Wild Goose Christian Community be approved.

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.

The following persons were nominated and elected to serve on the Nominating Committee Class of 2017: Elder Mava Vass, Rev. Andy Parkey, and Rev. Linda DiYorio. Elder Paris-Roch was elected to the Class of 2015. Elected Linda DiYorio to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. The following persons to serve on the Committee on Representation Class of 2017: Rev. Edwin Lacy and Susie Shorridge. Elected Rev. Kathy Haga to serve as chair of the Committee on Representation. Rev. Tim Bird was elected to serve as Chair of Council for 2015.

The Presbytery Budget and Unified Mission request for 2015 was approved.

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

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Elder Linda DiYorio presented the following report:

The following persons were nominated and elected to serve on Presbytery Council: Bill Parish and Rev. Bob Button, Class of 2017. Budget Committee: David Angle and Rev. Andy Parkey, Class of 2017. Church Development: Rev. John Markel, Howard Manley, Sharon Lowe, and Rev. Brad Napier, Class of 2016. Guydell Slate and Walter Rollins, Class of 2017. Committee on Ministry: Rev. Robert Tolar, Rachel Vaughan, Rev. Tim Reynolds, AL Noblett, Jere Blackburn, and Rev. Eugene Baldwin, Class of 2017. Compassion Ministries: Rev. Tim Reynolds, June Brown, and Luis Quirartar, Class of 2017. Personnel and Facility Oversight Committee: Grace Bradshaw and Rev. Tim Bird, Class of 2017. Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Rev. Ann Aichinger and Andy Cundiff, Class of 2016. Rev. Susanne Martin, Rev. Edwin Lacy, and Darlene Litton, Class of 2017. Education Committee: Rev. Mary Davis, Peta Patton, and Donna TePeol, Class of 2017. Kathy Haga, Class of 2015. Communications Committee: Charlene Anderson and Beth Patterson, Class of 2016, Shane Sledd and Lois Tilson, Class of 2017. Permanent Judicial Commission: Gale Legg, Class of 2015.

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

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

Teaching Elder Jon Martin presented the following report:

Presbytery approved the call and the terms of call of Kathy Haga as pastor of Dinwiddie Presbyterian Church.

The Pulpit Supply and the Stated Supply and Commissioned Ruling Elders lists were approved.

Permission was granted for Teaching Elders Ann Aichinger, Frank Aichinger, Judson Milam and Alan Chapman to labor within the bounds of Abingdon Presbytery for 2015.

Recommended the following policy: Congregations in Abingdon Presbytery are encouraged to cover the 1.5%, but may pass along some or all of the 1.5% to the Board of Pensions member. Presbytery approved the recommendation.

The COM recommends the following policy: (1) When a church is without an installed pastor (G-2.0504a.), and (2) When a Session has not obtained the services of a teaching elder, candidate, or ruling elder in a temporary pastoral relationship (G-2.0504b.); and, (3) When a Session has, with the permission of the Committee on Ministry, obtained the services of a lay person, or a minister from another denomination not in formal agreement with the PC(USA), to provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard (G-3.0201a.), Then, a Session may request that one of its active ruling elders be commissioned to the limited pastoral service of administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in his or her own church for a period of one year. (G-2.1001)

1. In this commissioning, administering the Sacrament is understood to be a function different than the function a ruling elder ordinarily performs in the Sacrament, which may be serving the bread and cup. (W-3.3616d.)
  2. The Session shall identify the ruling elder to the COM.
  3. The ruling elder shall receive such preparation and instruction as determined by the Presbytery to preside at the table. (G-2.1002)
  4. Ordinarily, a service of commissioning shall take place at a presbytery meeting, but the COM may approve the commissioning service during a session meeting with the questions of W-4.4003 asked by the COM-appointed moderator.
  5. Though the commissioned ruling elder shall preside at the Table, because of the integral relationship of Word and Sacrament, (W.2-4008), the person reading and proclaiming the Word may, under the direction of the Session, assist in the liturgy of the Sacrament with the commissioned ruling elder. 6. The COM shall review the commission at least annually. (G-2.1001)
- Presbytery approved the recommendation.

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

### **PERSONNEL AND FACILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Elder Jim Gearhart, Chair gave the committee report.

The Personnel & Facilities Oversight Committee nominated Ruling Elder David Kester to be the Part-time Stated Clerk for the Abingdon Presbytery effective with this meeting of Presbytery for the standard three-year term. Financial terms for the position are \$15,000 annual salary with \$1,000 for expenses. Presbytery approved the motion. Ruling Elder David Kester was invited to the floor for examination and questions from the Presbytery. That Presbytery then elected Ruling Elder David Kester to be the Part-time Stated Clerk for Abingdon Presbytery effective with this meeting of Presbytery for the standard 3-year term. Presbytery approved the enrollment of Ruling Elder David Kester as a member of Abingdon Presbytery during his term of service as Part-time Stated Clerk (Book of Order – 3.0301). Presbytery immediately installed Ruling Elder David Kester as Part-time Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery.

(Please see the Personnel & Facility Oversight Committee Report in the following minutes.)

The following written reports were submitted and can be found in the following minutes: Education Committee, Compassion Ministries Committee, Hunger Report, Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Report of Rev. Tony Palubicki, commissioner to the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of PCUSA. Report of Commissioners Peta Patton and Brad Simpson to the September 14-16 meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic in Richmond, Virginia.

Elder Jim Gearhart, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, presented Dr. John DiYorio with a plaque thanking him for his service to Abingdon Presbytery.

#### Hospitality Committee Report:

*WHEREAS, the 118<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery was held at the Wytheville Presbyterian Church on Thursday Evening, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.*

*WHEREAS, the gathering began for some with a catered dinner with Dr. Heath Rada, the new moderator of the PCUSA, enjoying a time of good fellowship made all the more enjoyable by attentive service of the host church.*

*WHEREAS, the entire Presbytery enjoyed goodly portions of spiritual food as we were fed by the moderator during worship in heartfelt words and celebration of the Lord's Supper by intinction.*

*WHEREAS, we were blessed with a time of reflection on the state of the PCUSA by our moderator and his positive, explanatory and hopeful words.*

*WHEREAS, we honored and thanked our part-time interim stated clerk, Dr. John DiYorio and Council chair, Guydell Slate, for their outstanding service and leadership during their service to Abingdon Presbytery.*

*WHEREAS, we elected a new part time state clerk, David Kester, to carry on while we await God's sending to us a shepherd with which David will work.*

*WHEREAS, the business of the meeting was handled swiftly but in a decent and orderly fashion by outgoing moderator, Alan Gray, who although not stated on the floor, has fulfilled his calling as a moderator this year with calm and graceful aplomb with equity and efficiency.*

*THEREFORE, be it resolved that Abingdon Presbytery expresses its sincerest Thanksgiving to all mentioned above and to the Wytheville Presbyterian Church which contributed to making the 118<sup>th</sup> meeting a blessing to all who attended.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The presbytery adjourned at 9:00 pm with prayer by Moderator Gray. The next stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery is scheduled for March 12, 2015.

*Alan Gray*

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**Alan Gray, Moderator**

*John S. DiYorio*

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**John S. DiYorio, Acting Stated Clerk**

**SEE ADDITIONAL WRITTEN REPORTS IN MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:**

**STATED CLERK, COUNCIL, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, PERSONNEL & FACILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, EDUCATION COMMITTEE, COMPASSION MINISTRIES COMMITTEE, HUNGER REPORT, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE HIGHLANDS, SYNOD COMMISSIONERS REPORT, AND GA COMMISSIONERS REPORT.**

**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 S. DiYorio, Acting Stated Clerk

Items for Information:

1. **Who are the members of the governing body?** The members of the governing body are the thirty-eight teaching elders who are members of Abingdon Presbytery, the ten 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 an adhesive 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.

Items for Action:

1. That the Minutes of the June 7, 2014 stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery at Wild Goose Christian Community be approved.  
 Motion Made     Approved     Disapproved
  
2. That the ministers properly requesting to be excused from all or a part of the 118<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

## Stated Clerk's Report

John S. DiYorio, Acting Stated Clerk

As I prepare to conclude my term as Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery, let me thank you for the privilege of serving as your stated clerk. These 17 months have been one of the most satisfying of my life. I love this presbytery, its congregations and its people.

During my brief tenure as your stated clerk Abingdon Presbytery has (among other more routine matters):

1. Assisted 6 congregations in finding pastors and are in the process of working with 3 others. Thanks to the COM for their diligence in this most important effort.
2. Helped to feed numerous persons through our Hunger Program. Thanks to the Compassion Committee and our Hunger Coordinator, Phyllis Canter.
3. Assisted at least 2 congregations with loans from the Tynes Fund. One of these was an emergency to replace a defunct heating system.
4. Conducted 2 very worthwhile and informative Mountain Top programs. We appreciate the work of the Education Committee and the Church Development Committees.
5. Continued to support the Wild Goose Christian Community in Floyd County.
6. Held 3 training sessions for Commissioned Ruling Elders. The CRE subcommittee of COM has been doing a great job in providing stimulating and informative trainings. Please note that these sessions are open to a limited number of persons not enrolled in the CRE program.
7. Concluded transfer of property to 5 congregations which have left the denomination.
8. Worked with attorneys to clarify our legal status with regard to M. Lou Bowen Kroll Estate.

I would be remiss if I did not commend the work of April DiYorio. She has been the anchor which holds our presbytery together.

We are a small presbytery within a large geographical area resulting in some serious challenges. One challenge is finding a time and location of committee meetings convenient for committee members. Weekday meetings seem to limit the ability of some to participate in presbytery activities. Dwindling finances test the ability of our congregations and the presbytery itself to fund some worthy mission developments.

Having said this we need to find new and better ways to do mission.

Our financial situation could be improved if each congregation would fulfill its obligation with regard to the Unified Mission request. I know that this is a difficult time for congregational budgeting. This applies to all churches in the presbytery. Many do find room in their budgets to help finance presbytery and in doing so actually subsidize those who do not fulfill their obligation. Let me remind you that presbytery is not an office in Wytheville; it is you! (Book of Order G-3.0301)

Finally, we are about to begin a brand new era as the Presbytery Exec Search committee concludes its work with the calling of a Shepherd to the Presbytery. This committee has worked diligently to define the work of Shepherd and Stated Clerk to better serve Abingdon Presbytery within the constraints of a limited budget. They have responded to the concerns and suggestions that you offered at the hearing sessions. We all owe this committee a huge debt of gratitude.

Although I will no longer be your Stated Clerk I look forward to serving Abingdon Presbytery in any way that I am asked. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to hold the office of Stated Clerk, Abingdon Presbytery.

**Council Report**  
Guydell Slate

Items for Information:

1. Host churches are needed for Presbytery meetings in 2015.
2. The March 12, 2015 Presbytery meeting will be a day meeting.
3. Church Incorporation (Book of Order – G-4.0101) – The Book of Order states that “Where permitted by civil law, each congregation shall cause a corporation to be formed and maintained.” Suggestion was made that the Education committee will host a presbytery-wide event on incorporating.
4. Council recommends acceptance of the Presbytery budget for 2015 to be presented by Council.
5. Council approved the Unified Mission Request of \$66.00 per church member.

Items for Action:

1. That Presbytery elect (per the Book of Order and Presbytery Manual) the following persons to serve on:

Nominating Committee:      Mava Vass, Class of 2017  
   Rev. Andy Parkey, Class of 2017  
   Linda DiYorio, Class of 2017

Erica Parish-Roche, Class of 2015

Motion Made        Approved       Disapproved

2. That Presbytery elect (per the Book of Order and Presbytery Manual) Linda DiYorio to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee

Motion Made        Approved       Disapproved

3. That Presbytery elect (per the Book of Order and Presbytery Manual) the following persons to serve on:

Committee on Representation: Susie Shortridge, Richlands, Class of 2017  
   Rev. Edwin Lacy, Class of 2017

Motion Made        Approved       Disapproved

4. That Presbytery elect (per the Book of Order and Presbytery Manual) Reverend Kathy Haga as Chair of the Committee on Representation.

Motion Made        Approved       Disapproved

5. That Presbytery elect (per the Book of Order and Presbytery Manual) Rev. Tim Bird as Chair of Council.

Motion Made        Approved       Disapproved

6. That Presbytery approve the Budget for 2015 as presented.

Motion Made        Approved       Disapproved

7. That the Unified Mission Request per church member be set at \$66.00. The distribution is as follows:

General Assembly	\$ 7.07
Synod of Mid-Atlantic	\$ .75
Presbytery	<u>\$58.18</u>
Total	\$66.00

Motion Made        Approved       Disapproved

ACCT.	DESCRIPTION	2014 Budget	2014 Essential Program Budget	2014 Challenge Portion	Proposed 2015 Budget
<b>SHEPHERD</b>					
1-50010	SALARY	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
1-50011	SECA	\$2,260.00		\$2,260.00	\$2,260.00
1-50012	HOUSING	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
1-50013	PENSIONS/INSURANCE	\$14,108.00		\$14,108.00	\$18,800.00
1-50015	CON.ED./PROF. EXP.	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$51,868.00</b>		<b>\$51,868.00</b>	<b>\$56,560.00</b>
<b>STATED CLERK</b>					
1-50025	SALARY	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00		\$15,000.00
1-50026	EXPENSES	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$1,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>		<b>\$16,000.00</b>
<b>OFFICE MANAGER/APRIL</b>					
1-50020	SALARY	\$37,440.00	\$37,440.00		\$37,440.00
1-50022	PENSION/INSURANCE	\$14,160.00	\$14,160.00		\$15,272.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$51,600.00</b>	<b>\$51,600.00</b>		<b>\$52,712.00</b>
<b>HUNGER ACTION ENABLER</b>					
1-50033	EXPENSE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>OFFICE/OPERATION</b>					
1-50051	TELEPHONE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,079.00
1-50054	PRESBYTERY AUDIT	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		\$6,210.00
1-50055	POSTAGE	\$800.00	\$800.00		\$800.00
1-50056	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,000.00
1-50057	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$11,000.00
1-50059	ACS/SUPPORT	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
1-50065	RENT	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>		<b>\$30,089.00</b>



<b>ACCT.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	2014 Budget	<b>2014 Essential Program Budget</b>	<b>2014 Challenge Portion</b>	Proposed 2015 Budget
<b>GOVERNING BODY FUNCTION</b>					
1-50070	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00		\$4,000.00
1-50071	STAFF-COURT FUNCTIONS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>		<b>\$9,000.00</b>
<b>CORPORATION</b>					
1-50060	WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	\$700.00	\$700.00		\$500.00
1-50061	FICA-EMPLOYER'S SHARE	\$4,671.00	\$4,671.00		\$4,241.00
1-50062	SCC ANNUAL REG. FEE	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$25.00
1-50063	OFFICE INSURANCE & BOND	\$700.00	\$700.00		\$900.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6,096.00</b>	<b>\$6,096.00</b>		<b>\$5,666.00</b>
<b>SUPPORT</b>					
1-50110	CHILDREN'S HOME	\$22,800.00	\$20,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$22,800.00
1-50111	KING COLLEGE	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$0.00
1-50112	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$27,800.00</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$24,800.00</b>
<b>PASTORAL SUPPORT/COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY</b>					
1-50080	SHARED MINISTRY	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$500.00
1-50081	CONT.ED. & COUNSELING	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
1-50083	MISSIONARY MANSE EQUITY	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00		\$1,050.00
1-50084	COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR	\$1,500.00	\$782.25	\$717.75	\$1,200.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,050.00</b>	<b>\$1,832.25</b>	<b>\$3,217.75</b>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>

<b>PASTORAL SUPPORT/PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY</b>					
1-50090	CANDIDATE EXPENSES	\$800.00	\$800.00		\$900.00
1-50091	SCHOLARSHIPS	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00		\$5,500.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6,300.00</b>	<b>\$6,300.00</b>		<b>\$6,400.00</b>
<b>EDUCATION COMMITTEE</b>					
1-50100	MOUNTAIN TOP	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
1-50101	BOOKS & RESOURCES	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$0.00
1-50103	CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b>					
1-50097	COMMITTEE USE	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00		\$3,750.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>		<b>\$3,750.00</b>
<b>PER CAPITA</b>					
1-50002	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	\$28,395.90	\$28,395.90		\$26,463.00
1-50003	SYNOD	\$3,034.00	\$3,034.00		\$2,808.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$31,429.90</b>	<b>\$31,429.90</b>		<b>\$29,271.00</b>
	<b>EXPENSES (TOTAL):</b>	<b>\$252,143.90</b>	<b>\$186,508.15</b>	<b>\$65,635.75</b>	<b>\$244,998.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Unified Mission Request		\$184,219.22		\$242,498.00
	Hunger Action Enabler Grant		\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$186,719.22</b>		<b>\$244,998.00</b>
	Population of Abingdon Presbytery	3743			

**Nominating Committee Report**  
Linda DiYorio, Chair

Items for Action:

1. Council:

Bill Parish, Castlewood/Mary Martin      Class of 2017  
Bob Button, Tazewell

✓  Motion Made    ✓  Approved       Disapproved

2. Budget:

Andy Parkey, Locust Cove/Rich Valley      Class of 2017  
David Angle, Lebanon

✓  Motion Made    ✓  Approved       Disapproved

3. Church Development:

John Markel, Walnut Grove      Class of 2017  
Howard Manley, Galena  
Sharon Lowe, West Fork  
Brad Napier, Buchanan First

Guydell Slate, Dinwiddie      Class of 2015  
Walter Rollins, Powell Valley

✓  Motion Made    ✓  Approved       Disapproved

4. Committee on Ministry:

Rachel Vaughan, Riverview      Class of 2017  
Tim Reynolds, Sinking Spring  
AL Noblett, Fairview  
Jere Blackburn, Gladeville  
Eugene Baldwin, Honorably Retired  
Robert Tolar, Honorably Retired

✓  Motion Made    ✓  Approved       Disapproved

5. Compassion Ministries:

Tim Reynolds, Sinking Spring      Class of 2017  
June Brown, Fincastle  
Luis Quirartar, Riverview

✓  Motion Made    ✓  Approved       Disapproved

6. Personnel and Facility Oversight:

Class of 2017

Tim Bird, Glade Spring  
Grace Bradshaw, Big Stone Gap

✓  Motion Made    ✓  Approved       Disapproved



## Committee on Ministry Report

Jon Martin, Chair

### Information:

1. Since the June Presbytery meeting, the COM met on July 10, August 14, Sept. 18, and Oct. 23.
2. Approved the interim contract between teaching elders Frank and Ann Aichinger and the Central Session. A delegation of the COM met with the Aichingers on July 12 and approved their coming onto the field on July 15, 2014.
3. The following 2013 Session minutes were approved without exception:

Anchor of Hope	Fincastle	Powell Valley
Bethel	Glade Spring	Richlands
Big Stone Gap	Grace	Rock Spring
Bland-Leyburn	Green Spring	Royal Oak
Buffalo Mountain	Hillsville	Seven Mile Ford
Central	Lebanon	Stone Memorial
Dinwiddie	Maple Grove	Vansant
Fairview	McIver Memorial	Wytheville
4. Authorized the following commission to install Rev. Brad Napier as Pastor of Buchanan First, Grundy, on August 17, 2014: Teaching Elders: Robert Tolar, Mary Davis; Ruling Elders: Phyllis Canter, Denys Marcum, Bill Parish, and Mary Ruth Spencer; Guests invited to sit with the commission: Teaching elder Mitch Coggin from Ohio Valley Presbytery and Rev. Don Tittel from Grundy Baptist Church.
5. Conducted an exit interview with teaching elder Mike Chamberlain.
6. Approved a request from the West Fork Session to allow Ron Carpenter (member of Tazewell Congregation) to preach weekly and provide occasional pastoral care to the members of West Fork. Approved ruling elder Glen Harrison to serve communion with Mr. Carpenter assisting.
7. Approved a request from the Richlands Session to bring in an interim consultant to work with the Session and congregation and to coordinate with the consultant when a PNC should be elected.
8. Approved a request from the Bland-Leyburn Session to allow ruling elder June Miller to preside at communion for 12 months with Mr. Howard Finkel (Stated supply) assisting.
9. Hosted two ministerial noon time gatherings (July 31 in Wytheville and August 21 in Abingdon).
10. The High Point Session is currently in negotiation with two candidates for a supply contract.
11. CRE Subcommittee continues to offer training and classes.
12. Approved a request for CRE Bonnie Lester to serve communion at Bethel on October 5.
13. Approved a request for Tazewell Congregation to elect a PNC.
14. John DiYorio was appointed as moderator of the Richlands Session.
15. Teaching elder Greg Wood was dismissed to the Presbytery of the James.
16. Central was given permission to elect a PNC and Jon Martin was appointed COM liaison to Central.
17. Tim Reynolds was appointed liaison for Tazewell PNC.
18. Authorized the Chair of COM, Shepherd to the Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk to sign, on behalf of the Presbytery, the Sabbatical Grant application from the Board of Pensions.

Recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery affirm the call of teaching elder Kathy Haga to Dinwiddie Presbyterian Church, and that the terms of call for Rev. Haga as pastor of Dinwiddie Presbyterian Church be found in order and approved.

Terms of Call for Kathy Haga (Half-time position)

Cash	\$21,318
SECA	\$1,631
Travel	\$1,663.
Continuing Ed.	\$500.
Insurance/Pension	\$7,888.
Vacation	4 weeks
Study leave	2 weeks

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

2. That the 2015 Pulpit supply list be approved. See attached sheet.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

3. That the Stated Supply and Commissioned Ruling Elders lists for 2015 be approved. See attached sheet.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

4. That the Permission be granted for Teaching Elders: Ann Aichinger (Western North Carolina), Frank Aichinger (Western North Carolina), Judson Milam (Salem), Alan Chapman (Holston), to labor within the bounds of Abingdon Presbytery for 2015.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

5. **Background:** *in 2015, a new medical dues model will take effect, with dues for the Traditional Program set at 24.5 percent for Members + Family coverage (including covered partners and/or dependent children) and 23 percent for Member-only coverage. (Member-only coverage would likely be used in situations where members are single or other coverage is available for covered partners and/or dependent children, such as when the covered partner has employer-sponsored coverage.) Employing organizations have the ability to ask members to pay none, some, or all of the 1.5 percent allowable dues share amount.*

Therefore, the COM recommends the following policy: Congregations in Abingdon Presbytery are encouraged to cover the 1.5%, but may pass along some of all of the 1.5% to the Board of Pensions member.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

6. **Background:** *The COM seeks to provide a sustainable process for the Lord's Supper to be celebrated in all the congregations of the Presbytery at least quarterly (G-3.0201b., W-2.4012). The limited commissioning of a ruling elder to his or her own church would help smaller churches accomplish this.*

The COM recommends the following policy:

- (1) When a church is without an installed pastor (G-2.0504a.), and
- (2) When a Session has not obtained the services of a teaching elder, candidate, or ruling elder in a temporary pastoral relationship (G-2.0504b.); and,
- (3) When a Session has, with the permission of the Committee on Ministry, obtained the services of a lay person, or a minister from another denomination not in formal agreement with the PC(USA), to provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard (G-3.0201a.),

Then, a Session may request that one of its active ruling elders be commissioned to the limited pastoral service of administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in his or her own church for a period of one year. (G-2.1001)

1. In this commissioning, administering the Sacrament is understood to be a function different than the function a ruling elder ordinarily performs in the Sacrament, which may be serving the bread and cup. (W-3.3616d.)
2. The Session shall identify the ruling elder to the COM.
3. The ruling elder shall receive such preparation and instruction as determined by the Presbytery to preside at the table. (G-2.1002)
4. Ordinarily, a service of commissioning shall take place at a presbytery meeting, but the COM may approve the commissioning service during a session meeting with the questions of W-4.4003 asked by the COM-appointed moderator.
5. Though the commissioned ruling elder shall preside at the Table, because of the integral relationship of Word and Sacrament, (W.2-4008), the person reading and proclaiming the Word may, under the direction of the Session, assist in the liturgy of the Sacrament with the commissioned ruling elder.
6. The COM shall review the commission at least annually. (G-2.1001)

Motion Made     Approved     Disapproved

## APPROVED PULPIT SUPPLY LIST – 2015

Rev. George Aichel  
Wise, VA  
276-328-3465

Dr. John DiYorio  
Wytheville, VA  
276-228-4981

Rev. Don Nance  
Wytheville, VA  
276-228-8981

Mrs. Bonnie Lester  
Meadowview, VA  
276-944-5340

Rev Elizabeth Patrick  
Bristol, TN  
423-956-9716

Dr. Roy Wright  
Cedar Bluff, VA  
276-963-9413

Mrs. Grace Bradshaw  
Big Stone Gap, VA  
276-523-4926

Mr. Rex Spencer  
Vansant, VA  
276-935-5937

Ms. Amanda Wise  
Bristol, VA  
276-591-5235

Mr. Jim Walker  
Marion, VA  
276-646-5518

Ms. Patricia Neel  
Abingdon, VA  
276-628-3345

Mrs. Debbie Ginder  
Hillsville, VA  
276-733-3218

Mr. John Davis  
Cripple Creek, VA  
276-621-4415

Rev. Curtis Murray  
Bristol, VA  
276-591-1662

Mr. Alan Baldwin  
Marion, VA  
276-780-2124

Mr. Joe McGlothlin  
Cedar Bluff, VA  
276-963-3065

Mr. Nathan Harper  
Grundy, VA  
276-935-7946

Mr. Eddie Doerr  
Kingsport, TN  
423-278-4742

King College Supply List  
Bristol, TN  
423-968-1187

*(See next page)*



### Honoraria

1 Service	-	\$125.00 plus mileage*
2 Services	-	\$150.00 plus mileage*

\*Mileage to be reimbursed at the current Federal Government Rate.

At this printing the mileage rate is \$0.57.5 per mile.

### Approved Pulpit Supply Guidelines

- i Ministers and Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) on the approved supply list have been given permission by the Presbytery to fill the pulpits of our churches on an occasional basis. They may lead worship on Sunday or other services at the invitation of the session.
  
- i Ordained minister members of Abingdon Presbytery may, in addition, lead the Lord's Supper in worship at the invitation of the session. Other pastoral activities such as baptisms, marriages, providing pastoral services such as office hours or visitation, moderating session or congregational meetings must receive **prior** approval of the Committee on Ministry at the request of the session. If the church and supply wish to enter into a more ongoing relationship, the COM must be contacted **first** for consultation, **prior** to any movement towards the establishment of a temporary supply contract.
  
- i Ordained ministers who are not members of Abingdon Presbytery must receive prior approval from the Committee on Ministry to lead the Lord's Supper or to perform any other pastoral activities upon request of the session.
  
- i Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE's) may lead the Lord's Supper in worship only with the approval of the COM at the request of the church session. All pastoral activities and any movement toward the establishment of a temporary supply contract must receive **prior** consultation with and approval of the COM to begin the process.

Abingdon Presbytery  
 Stated Supply and Commissioned Ruling Elders  
 2015

1. Stated Supplies

Alan Chapman	TE	McIver Memorial
Bill Lively	Guest minister	Graham Memorial
Don Muncie	TE	Gate City
Eugene Baldwin	TE	Seven Mile Ford
Gerry Manning	Guest minister	Fincastle
Howard Finkel	Lay person	Bland-Leyburn
John DiYorio	RE	Richlands
Judson Milam	Guest minister	Buffalo Mountain
Malcolm Stuart	Guest minister	Jewel Ridge
Mary Davis	TE	Lebanon
Ron Carpenter	Lay person	West Fork
Susanne Martin	TE	Damascus and Rock Spring

2. Commissioned Ruling Elders

David Kester	Anderson Memorial
Darlene Litton	Grace
Stephen Talbert	Spring Creek and Maple Grove
Bill Parish	Castlewood and Mary Martin Memorial
Mike Riley	McCall's Gap
Phyllis Canter	Vasant and Oakwood
Don Inazu	Riverview
Andy Cundiff	Stone Memorial
Madge Barnett	Whitetop
Cathy Hutton	Whitetop

## Personnel & Facility Oversight Committee Report

Jim Gearhart, Chair

### Items for Information:

1. The Committee evaluated and performed an exit interview with Part-time Acting Stated Clerk John DiYorio for 2014. The Presbytery appreciates the excellent work that Doctor DiYorio has performed this past year.
2. The Committee has evaluated the performance of Office Manager April DiYorio for 2014. She continues to perform her work efficiently and effectively.

### Items for Action:

1. The Personnel & Facilities Oversight Committee nominates Ruling Elder David Kester to be the Part-time Stated Clerk for the Abingdon Presbytery effective with this meeting of Presbytery for the standard three-year term. Financial terms for the position are \$15,000 annual salary with \$1,000 for expenses.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

2. That Ruling Elder David Kester be invited to the floor for examination and questions from the Presbytery.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

3. That Presbytery elects Ruling Elder David Kester to be the Part-time Stated Clerk for the Abingdon Presbytery effective with this meeting of Presbytery for the standard 3-year term.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved      (39 Yes, 2 Abstain)

4. That Presbytery enroll Ruling Elder David Kester as a member of Abingdon Presbytery during his term of service as Part-time Stated Clerk (Book of Order – 3.0301).

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

5. That Presbytery immediately installs Ruling Elder David Kester as Part-time Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery.

Motion Made        Approved        Disapproved

Installation of David Kester as Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

John DiYorio

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.

**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.**

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Alan Gray

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.

**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;  
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

David

the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling  
because it is God's grace.

By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith  
and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service as Stated Clerk of Abingdon Presbytery.

Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service  
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,  
to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

**I do.**

Will you serve the people  
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,  
relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you, members of Abingdon Presbytery  
confirm the call of God to our *brother John*  
as Stated Clerk in the service of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Will you support and encourage him in this ministry?

**We will.**

**INSTALLATION PRAYER**

**Heath Rada**

Bless, we pray this call, O God,  
between David Kester and the people of Abingdon Presbytery  
Grant them your Holy Spirit,  
as they together seek the mind of Christ,  
and work to do Christ's mission and ministry in this community - and beyond.  
Give them joy in their service together,  
fruitfulness in their common ministry,  
and faithfulness in their mission.  
....through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CHARGE**

David, you are installed to service as Stated Clerk  
in Abingdon Presbytery.  
Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God through him.

**BLESSING**

May the God of peace make you holy in every way,  
and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body,  
free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## **Education Committee**

David Kester, Chair

The committee worked with Church Development to host the Mountaintop event at Royal Oak Presbyterian on September 13th from 9 AM-2 PM. We enjoyed a wonderful worship experience led by Dr. Trivette of Southwestern Virginia Community College and his students. Rev. Tim Reynolds of Sinking Spring led a very interesting discussion on the reformed understanding of worship. We then broke to different training sessions, one for elders, treasurers, clerks, music leaders, and worship leaders. The committee would like to thank Rev. Bob Button, April DiYorio, Kevin Flannagan, and Tim Reynolds for the work they put into their interesting sessions. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning. Save the date for next year's Mountaintop – September 12, 2015. If your church would like to host the event, or if you have an idea for a session you would like to see included or a keynote speaker, please feel free to contact anyone on the CE Committee.

Please bring gently used Sunday school or VBS curriculum to Presbytery meetings for the sharing table. If you see anything on the sharing table that your church could use, please feel free to take it. If your material does not get used, please take it back home. We are considering a virtual catalog of materials available to be used by other churches. If you are interested in volunteering, or have suggestions on how to do this efficiently, please see David Kester.

During the next year, the committee will be working on behalf of presbytery to help congregations incorporate. If your church has experience working through the process of incorporation that you would like to share, or if you know of some good resources to make available to presbytery, please contact the committee.

If your church is deliberating about the selection of Sunday school or Vacation Bible School materials and you would like assistance with the process, please feel free to consult with the CE Committee, as any of our members would be glad to assist in the selection of materials.

The committee did not use its entire budget for scholarships for members to attend camp. If you are interested in going to camp or in sending a youth member from your church to camp and would like financial assistance, please contact the CE Committee for a scholarship request form.

The CE Committee has gone through the roll of members and is requesting names from the Nominating Committee to replace those who have requested to be taken off the committee or who have been inactive. The Nominating Committee will be calling names of those recommended for the committee. If you are willing to volunteer your time and energy to assist the CE Committee in its mission, or if you know someone with energy and insight who cares deeply about Christian education, please forward the name to the CE Committee or Nominating Committee.

**Compassion Ministries Committee**  
Sue White

The Compassion Committee has met several times this year for the primary purpose of reviewing the Grant Request for the funds from the sale of the Presbytery office that are available to the churches of Abingdon Presbytery.

To date, we have awarded \$42,390 to thirteen churches.

The Committee has sent a letter to those churches, who haven't applied, encouraging them to do so before the end of this year. There is still \$80,789.95 available for those who have not applied.

The grant application has been made available to download on the Presbytery website.

## **Hunger Report**

Phyllis Canter, Hunger Action Enabler

Mark 14: 7 “The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them anytime you want.”

2014 has really been a tremendous year for our Gleaning crews. Our volunteers in Hurley have already harvested over 200,000 lbs of nurturing food. They have been blessed with turnips, turnip greens pumpkins, squash, sweet potatoes, broccoli, apples, green beans, corn, pears, peaches, nectarines, bananas, cabbage, cucumbers, Irish potatoes, cherries, tomatoes, okra and melons, both cantaloupe and watermelons. They travel as far as West Jefferson N.C., Galax, Virginia Tech, Boone, N.C. to retrieve the precious vegetables and fruit. We have so many generous farmers who are willing to let the gleaners into their fields. We also are grateful to Virginia Produce in Galax for donating 50 pallets of cabbage in September to all our agencies willing to go after it. The generosity of all these folks enables us to distribute healthy food to people less fortunate or unable to purchase fresh vegetables and fruit. Without the help of volunteers this work could not be accomplished. Thank you for all you do.

We have some churches which have volunteers to pick up and distribute the food to folks in their particular areas. They will come to Bland and participate in unloading the trucks of commodities when they arrive and then take the goods back and deliver them. They have households that need assistance and report that the recipients are so thankful to receive the gifts of food. I would like to express my appreciation to Mava Vass at Hillsville and Howard Manley at Galena for their help in getting the food to their folks.

I wish to thank the Presbyterian Women for inviting me to share the Hunger Program at the Fall Gathering in Wytheville. I am always delighted to join them in their worship and speak of the work that I love to do.

I told them a true story about sweet potatoes and someone said that I should share it because it is a little droll. Lots of agencies and folks have been pleading with me to get some loads of sweet potatoes. I only was able to procure one load this year. I worked and fretted and pleaded with my sources for some sweet potatoes, to no avail. Finally, in desperation I went to my most trustworthy source for an answer to why this was not happening. I learned that the farmers were not giving me their potatoes because they have been selling them to a distillery to make Vodka. It is called Covington Vodka! So don't buy any!! I suppose I will never get another load again!

Remember that the Mission Application and information is still on the Website and another letter was sent out for the churches which are interested and haven't applied for the grant money for their favorite local mission.

I thank you again for all your support for the Hunger Program and 5-cents-a meal participation.

Peace and Grace, Phyllis Canter, Your Hunger Action Enabler



**Abingdon Presbytery**  
**PWP Co-Moderator's Report**  
**October 2014**

The PW Annual Spring Gathering was held on April 26, 2014, at Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Virginia. Registration began at 9:30 am. Displays and information were available at that time. The program began at 10:00 am.

Each year we designate an offering for a special need in the area where the gathering takes place. This year the offering was divided between two ministries which serve the Bristol, Virginia/Tennessee area:

*Bristol Faith in Action*                      and                      *Healing Hands*

Tyler Franklin, Executive Director of Bristol Faith in Action, spoke about providing food, clothing, and a variety of assistance for those in need. This agency also helps people find employment. Helen Scott, Executive Director of Healing Hands, told us how local doctors, medical personnel, and other volunteers give their time at this medical clinic.

Corita Younge Floyd, Keynote Speaker, gave an inspirational presentation about:

*"Unto These Hills: 2013 PW Mission Experience in Appalachia"*

In honor of Corita, Memorial Tributes were donated to:

*Sunset Gap Community Center*                      and                      *On Eagle's Wings Ministries*

The morning was concluded with a business session. We heard officer reports; minutes and the budget were approved; and updated Handbook/Bylaws were approved. Of special interest was the decision to reduce our Clusters from 8 (eight) to 5 (five). This means we now have the same clusters used by our Presbytery.

The meeting was reconvened after lunch. Following the Necrology and Recognition of Honorary Life Memberships, new officers were elected. Corita Floyd led the Installation Service. The Gathering closed with a Communion Service led by The Reverend Susanne Martin.

The PW Summer Gathering of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic was held June 5-8, 2014, at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Seven women attended. Edna Noblett served as Chair of the Hospitality Committee. Thais Sikora and Julia Butler conducted workshops.

Eight women also attended the PW Conference at Montreat, North Carolina, on July 11, 2014. Scholarships are offered to attendees of both of these conferences.

- Fall Gathering will be on October 4, 2014, at Wytheville Presbyterian Church.
- Annual PWP CT Retreat will be November 8, 2014, at the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Inc., in Wytheville, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bettie Galliher and Elizabeth Nash  
PWP Co-Moderators

***THANK YOU***

***Abingdon Presbytery***

**FOR HELPING US GIVE CHILDREN HOPE AND PURPOSE FOR THE FUTURE**

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN FULL SWING**

The Children's Home has started the "PCHH Gives Back" program, which focuses on providing our children and staff members the opportunity to participate in volunteer projects in our community. We have been involved in several volunteer projects already, including helping out with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Wytheville, parking cars at the Chautauqua festival, and helping set up at the Lion's Club carnival. The program was the subject of a favorable article in the local newspaper and received a letter of recognition from the town of Wytheville. We believe it is very important for our children to experience the joy of giving back, especially considering how generous our supporters are in making sure the needs of our ministry are met. We will be looking for other avenues for participation as we go forward, and this will also be a part of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS PROVIDE POSITIVE EXPERIENCES**

As always, the summer months provided a mixture of work and fun for our children. The Children's Home partnered with People Inc., a youth workforce program that allowed our children to work on our campus (there is plenty of grass cutting and weed eating to do!) and also provided training in life skill areas which are important to older teens. Our children also participated in life skills training provided by our staff on our campus.

The work was balanced out by lots of fun activities. The boys took a trip to Carowinds in North Carolina while the girls ventured to Gatlinburg in Tennessee. There were picnics at the local state parks and visits to zoos and museums. There was plenty to do on campus as well, with the pool getting a lot of use on hot summer days.

One thing we missed this summer was the counseling groups that our therapist, Wanda Lane, conducted with the children every summer. Wanda lost her courageous battle with cancer in June as she was nearing her 15<sup>th</sup> year as our therapist. She touched so many lives in our ministry and beyond and she is sorely missed. We are now handling our counseling through our relationship with the Mount Rogers Community Services Board as we make sure the needs of our children are being met.

### **100TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING**

We continue to plan for the celebration of the Children's Home 100<sup>th</sup> 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!***

On September 14-16, Commissioners Peta Patton and Brad Simpson attended the meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic in Richmond, Virginia. The information below is a summary of this meeting.

Teaching Elder Helen Locklear, Regional Representative for the Board of Pension announced the election of Frank C. Spencer as President. She gave other updates to include approval of a 4.6% experience apportionment for the pension plan effective July 1; a balanced investment portfolio with a market value of \$8.7 billion and forecast that loss of churches will not threaten the payment of benefits to members.

Ruling Elder Olanda Carr, Ministry Relations Officer, Presbyterian Foundation discussed how the foundation assists churches with property issues, Stewardship Education, and focus on small church ministry. Churches can partner with the foundation if they don't have a website. There are opportunities for planned giving and estate planning. Foundation services are free and it has been in existence since 1799.

Passing of the Gavel: With humility and sincere gratitude, CRE Bill Parish – Abingdon presbytery, thanked the Assembly for its confidence and support over the last 12 months. The Assembly responded with applause and Amen. Teaching Elder Laura Lupton – Coastal Carolina Presbytery – Presented a certificate of appreciation to Bill for his service, prior to her installation. All commissioners whose terms will end in 2014 were presented pens to mark their service. The Assembly then moved to install the new moderator. Members of Coastal Carolina Presbytery were invited to stand with and participate in the installation services for Moderator Laura Lupton. Persons



from left to right included Ed Boyce, John Goodman, Helen Locklear, Laura Lupton, Bill Reinhold, Bill Parish and Warren Lesane. The Moderator was welcomed to the post with a rousing applause and a standing ovation. After the Moderator adjourned the Assembly, we gathered at the Moderator's Reception around cake and coffee. AMEN! AMEN! And AMEN!

Bag Pipes and All – Teaching Elder Fred Holbrook, Executive Director, shared that Massanetta Springs, a Presbyterian camp and conference center provides a place for discovery and renewal through worship, nurture, and fellowship, inviting all to share in the grace and hospitality of Christ. This mission enabled them to host all in the same week; the Bible Conference; A Retreat of Preaching; Teaching, and Praise; and the widely renowned Church Music Conference. Four Middle School Conferences were held using 84 leaders, 44 high school youth and 40 volunteer adults which attracted 1009 registrants from 114 churches in 24 presbyteries and across 13 states. The synod awarded a \$5,000 Leadership development grant to assist this ministry.



MCC 2 – Represented by Teaching Elder Byron Wade, who having been invited to return by the 223rd Synod Assembly provided an overview and update of actions taken by the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (PCUSA). In summation, General Assembly voted to "Direct a new configuration of synod boundaries be established [based on an emerging sense of purpose, partnership, context, and call] through a collaborative process between the synods and presbyteries resulting in no more than 10-12 synods." Byron discussed the dialogue and debate that occurred in committee meeting and on the plenary floor. In short, the General Assembly approved most of MCC2 recommendations, but changed the reduction number of synods. Thanks Byron!

Discerning Synod's Identity: Teaching Elder Susan Krummel, Council Relations, facilitated a process to engage commissioners who and what is God calling the Synod to become and do at this its journey. Every Commissioner was challenged to respond to 'Who is our neighbor and what does the Synod do that is most churches and presbyteries?' Luke 10:19-25 was assigned for



Associate for Mid to begin discerning particular time in questions such as: meaningful to reading to

stimulate conversations around “What would you do if you were the lawyer in the text? What is Jesus teaching us through the story? Commissioners met in small self-forming groups to contemplate such questions as: “If we combined with other synod (s) what would be our mission? To whom do we need to talk who is not in this room? What do congregations need beyond their sessions to be vital outposts for the mission of God? What are centers of energy in the Synod for new ventures? Three clear themes or purposes emerged from this time, namely, (a) synod is a place where financial resources can be tapped to help; (b) synod is a place where connectionalism is maintained across our differences, this church is the body of Christ; (c) synod is the place for preservation of the voice(s) of justice and a voice for racial ethnic persons. Thanks Sue!

Celebrations of Worship – Teaching Elder Jim Moseley captivated Commissioners riveting them to their seats as he challenged the body of believers with a reading and sermon based on Ezra 3:7-13. He entitled the message, “Do You Hear What I Hear?” Is it possible to distinguish between the sounds of those who cry out with joy in light of change and those who cry out in sorrow because of the loss associated with change? Worship included the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper and the Necrology. Thanks Jim!

Teaching Elder Edward Lacy was on point as he facilitated Tuesday Morning Worship. Edward is pastor of the Wild Goose Uprising, located in Abingdon Presbytery. It is a fantastic and creative 1001 New Worshipping Community. With banjo in tow, Ed demonstrated through song and speech what a Tuesday worship experience is like where rocking chairs are the pews and mason jars are used for communion. His energy, testimony and very presence enabled commissioners to hear from God in an inspiring and unexpected sort of way. We pray God’s continued blessings upon Wild Goose Christian Community. Thanks Edward!

#### Committee Reports Received and Approved

- i Finance Committee chair, Ruling Elder Carolyn Sprinkle, presented the following items for approval: The 2015 Operating Budget with per capita remaining at 75 cents. Approved!
- i Grants and Awards Committee chair, Teaching Elder Nancy Rowland, presented the following New and Small Church Grant Request. Grants were awarded to (1) Baird’s Creek Presbyterian Church, Salem Presbytery for Handicapped Accessibility; (2) Cameron Presbyterian Church, Salem Presbytery for Heating and Air Conditioning; (3) Covenant Presbyterian Church, Eastern Virginia Presbytery, for Air Conditioning; and (4) Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, Salem Presbytery, for cemetery restoration. Provisional New and Small Grant Awards were made to (1) St. James Presbyterian Church, Salem Presbytery, for Handicapped Accessibility; and (2) Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church, New Hope Presbytery, for Air Conditioning. One Visionary Grant was provided to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Eastern Virginia Presbytery, for Auto Communication in the Sanctuary. The committee set firm guidelines for the receipt of all materials in grant applications: February 15 and August 22 by email or postmark. Grants up to \$5000 will be considered.
- i Presbytery Initiatives, Teaching Elder Eddie Deas, presented a proposal from Shenandoah and New Castle Presbyteries to fund Spirituality Retreat for Women in the amount of \$2,000. Approved!
- i Nomination Committee: Newly elected chair, Teaching Elder Nancy Rowland, presented names for the following positions to be elected: Committee on Representation, Synod Permanent Judicial Commission, Jubilee Fund, Speer Fund, Nominating Committee, and the Trustees of Westminster Presbyterian Homes, Lynchburg.
- i Administration Committee: The newly elected chair, Teaching Elder Brett Morgan, offered two recommendations, namely, (1) that the 234<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Assembly enter into 12 months of prayer and discernment about its identity and future, and that church members, sessions, congregations, and presbyteries throughout the region be encouraged to pray for the Synod regularly. (2) That the 234<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Assembly appoint a committee of 9-persons with the

mandate to “Review in total and to recommend to the full Synod Assembly a clarification and or redirection of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic’s core mission and ministries in light of actions taken by the 2014 General Assembly to direct a new configuration of synod boundaries to be established based on an emerging sense of purpose, partnership, context and call through a collaborative process between the synods and presbyteries resulting in no more that 10-12 synods.” The Synod Stated Clerk and the Synod Moderator will appoint the committee after receiving names and supporting information from Synod Commissioners. The committee should be named no later than October 14, 2014. Future Synod Assembly Meeting Dates include:

- 235<sup>th</sup> Assembly March 14-15, 2015 in Richmond VA.
- 236<sup>th</sup> Assembly September 14-15, 2015 in Richmond VA.
- 237<sup>th</sup> Assembly March 14-15, 2016 in Richmond VA.

# **GA Commissioner's Report and Reflection**

**Tony Palubicki**

Teaching Elder Commissioner – Abingdon Presbytery

If I were asked to choose one word to describe my experience as a commissioner to the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the PC (USA) that word would be: Incredible. To begin with I found it absolutely incredible to be nominated and then selected to serve as a commissioner. This was a calling that I believed I would never have the opportunity to consider, so to even be asked, then to be nominated, and finally be elected was indeed incredible.

What is more I found that I had been teamed with two other incredible commissioners. Alice Freeman proved to be a refreshing, objective, and incredible source of insight, information, and counsel. She helped me think through many items that came before us - especially during plenary sessions. The Holy Spirit, through the vote of the Presbytery, also called and elected Ethan Kester as its Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD). I found myself impressed by his dedication to this call, his engagement with the process, and his willingness to engage in conversation with his peers and others on all sides of issues. Ethan, like the other YADs that I came to know, was articulate and engaged. He and they were amazing and I believe, when it comes to young leadership, our denomination has been incredibly blessed.

Each Assembly, of course, convenes a number of committees to consider the overtures that have been come before it for consideration. I was assigned to the Mission Coordination Committee. I will admit that, initially, I was a bit disappointed when I was informed of my committee assignment. I suppose I was hoping to get on one of the committees, like Civil Union and Marriage Issues or Church Polity and Ordered Ministry, which would deal with the hot topic and controversial issues. What I discovered, however, is just how incredibly important the work and decisions made by Mission Coordination Committee are to the work, ministry (locally, nationally, and globally), and mission of our denomination.

I also discovered just how incredibly difficult and challenging it is to struggle and wrestle with the non-glamorous but critical work of the Church. As a committee we had about thirty items of business to consider, discuss, and act upon in a very short time. So, yes, we had a plate full of business but we were also blessed with an incredible leadership team who kept us on track but who also, and perhaps most importantly, made sure that committee members had all the information we needed to make informed decisions.

Although, as I alluded to, I thought Mission Coordination would not be dealing with many, if any, hot-topic issues, we did find ourselves faced with at least two with which we struggled long and hard. The first had to do with a resolution that for-profit prisons, jails, and/or detention centers be added to the list of companies for divestment. I must admit that I had no idea that our denomination even had any financial interest in such institutions. It was interesting and informative to learn about and hear from those who work in these types of ministries – but I suppose that is what I want to share. Although the committee eventually voted to add these institutions to the divestment list all sides, I firmly believe, had ample opportunity to present their positions and concerns.

The other major resolution with which we struggled had to do with a recommendation from the Presbyterian Mission Agency to enlarge the vision and goal of the denomination-wide One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The recommendation was to affirm the current the current purpose and distribution of funds from this offering and, at the same time, enlarge its purpose by transitioning to a Peace and Global Witness Offering to be taken by the congregations of the Church on World Communion Sunday. The chief concern expressed during discussion was that this expansion would have a negative financial impact on the ministries already served by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. After assurance that this would not happen the committee voted to transition to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. What I want to report, however, is that how incredibly wowed I was by the many wonderful ministries that we support as the PC (USA) and how blessed we are to



have so many passionate and caring individuals who are doing their very best to witness to the compassion and grace of Christ in a hurting world. Again – just incredible.

These were among the most challenging issues we faced but, for this commissioner who had thought he had drawn the drudgery card when it came to committees, we actually worked and struggled longer than those committees dealing with the most controversial ministries. In the end we did our very best, I believe, to ensure that the incredible ministry and mission work of our denomination continues to share the good news of the gospel here and across the globe.

Finally, I would like to speak to plenary sessions. One of the wisest actions (at least from my perspective) that the previous GA enacted had to do with keeping items that passed with a super-majority in committee off the docket for plenary sessions. This, without doubt, made for more efficient plenary sessions and, no doubt, saved on the budget. That being said there were some frustrations. Like many I embrace and support using technology to our advantage, however, there were a few times when technology made taking care of business difficult. Here again, however, our leadership team seem to be prepared and had the older tried and true electronic means to record votes available. Perhaps the most frustrating part had to do with keeping up with where we were during the process. When amendments and substitution motions began flying around and mounting up it became increasingly and, at times, incredibly difficult to understand just what we were voting on. Again, however, I found myself blessed to have Alice and Ethan on hand; together we did our best to keep each other on track. I would suggest that, at future assemblies, the Clerk make sure to take plenty of ‘administrative breaks’ to help commissioners in the parliamentary process.

All this brings me back to where I began. As I mentioned at a recent pastor’s lunch gathering, serving a commissioner was probably the most amazing and demanding challenge I have had the privilege of doing as an ordained officer. And, although living into the decision of this GA will be incredibly demanding – my experience has assured me that Christ is in our midst, that the Spirit will lead and guide us, and that we are up to the task set before us.

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF PAST MODERATORS OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY MEETINGS  
JANUARY 1, 1980 – NOVEMBER 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
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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
NINTEY-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
ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH	ALAN GRAY	06-07-14	WILD GOOSE
ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH	ALAN GRAY	11-13-14	WYTHEVILLE

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<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
Legg	Gale	E	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