

MINUTES

of

West Tennessee Presbytery
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Called Meeting

December 7, 2008

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Tennessee

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2009

**First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch,
Mississippi**

Elder Ron Gardner, Moderator

The Rev. Earl Phelps, Stated Clerk

The Rev. C. William Jones, Engrossing Clerk

Mrs. Rebecca Davidson, Treasurer

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2009

June 7, 2009

Newbern Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Newbern, Tennessee

October 3, 2009

Olivet Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Tennessee

DATES, LOCATIONS AND MODERATORS OF MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY
 (+) Organizational Meeting (*) Adjourned Meeting (#) Called Meeting

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Moderator</u>
+October 15, 1988	First, Milan	Rev. Robert A. Smith
*November 19, 1988	First, Jackson	Rev. Robert A. Smith
March 4, 1989	Colonial, Memphis	Elder Paul Giltner
October 7, 1989	First, Dyersburg	Rev. Jack Ferguson
March 3, 1990	First, Milan	Elder W. C. Mosley
October 6, 1990	First, Jackson	Elder John L. Warner, Jr
March 2, 1991	First, Memphis	Rev. Robert L. Hull
October 5, 1991	Union City Church	Elder Annie Sue Mulherin
March 7, 1992	Bethel College, McKenzie	Rev. Ron McMillan
October 3, 1992	Ramer Elementary School, Ramer Church, host	Rev. Frank Ward
March 6, 1993	Colonial, Memphis	Elder Bob Rutledge
October 2, 1993	First, Milan	Rev. William Heringlake
March 5, 1994	First, McKenzie	Elder Gray Bawcum
*June 5, 1994	East Side, Memphis	Elder Gray Bawcum
October 1, 1994	Mt. Zion, Falkner, MS	Rev. Robert D. Rush
March 4, 1995	Fulton, South Fulton	Elder Kelly Shepherd
October 7, 1995	First United Methodist Church, Camden Church, host	Rev. Paul E. McReynolds
March 2, 1996	West Union, Millington	Elder Jimmy Hill
#April 30, 1996	Germantown	Elder Jimmy Hill
*June 2, 1996	First, Jackson	Elder Jimmy Hill
October 5, 1996	Mt. Ararat, Troy	Rev. William Warren
March 1, 1997	Olivet, Savannah	Elder Jean Garrett
*March 2, 1997	Maple Springs	Rev. Earl Phelps, Pro Tem
*June.1, 1997	First, Jackson	Elder Jean Garrett
#August 24, 1997	Lexington	Elder Jimmy Hill
October 4, 1997	Dyer Church	Rev. Matthew Cunningham
March 7, 1998	First, Memphis	Elder Lyman Ingram
*June 7, 1998	First, Jackson	Elder Lyman Ingram
October 3, 1998	Dyersburg Church	Rev. Margaret McKee
#December 13, 1998	First, Humboldt	Rev. Margaret McKee
March 6, 1999	First, Milan	Elder Gene McReynolds
*June 6, 1999	First, Jackson	Elder Gene McReynolds
October 2, 1999	Colonial, Memphis	Rev. Roy W. Hall
#November 10, 1999	Germantown	Rev. Roy W. Hall
March 4, 2000	Fulton, South Fulton	Elder Molly Williams
*June 4, 2000	First, Jackson	Elder Molly Williams
October 7,2000	First, Savannah	Rev. Terrell D. Maynard
March 3, 2001	First, Humboldt	Elder Ralph Barnett
*June 3, 2001	First, Milan	Elder Ralph Barnett
October 6, 2001	Savannah Hill Lodge, Camp Clark Williamson, host	Rev. Linda Glenn
March 2, 2002	Faith, Bartlett	Elder Claude Johnson, Jr
*June 2, 2002	First, McKenzie	Elder Claude Johnson, Jr
October 5, 2002	First United Methodist Church, Bolivar Church, host	Rev. Mace Jett
March 1, 2003	Colonial, Memphis	Elder Mark Maddox
June 1,2003	Newbern	Elder Mark Maddox
October 4, 2003	Dyer	Rev. Anne Hames
March 6, 2004	First, Dyersburg	Elder Kelly Shepherd
June 6, 2004	Germantown	Rev. William Warren
October 6,2004	Faith, Bartlett	Rev. Larry Blakeburn
March 5,2005	Fulton, South Fulton	Elder Marty Marshall
#March 6, 2005	Holly Grove	Elder Marty Marshall
#March 13, 2005	First, Dyersburg	Elder Marty Marshall

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STANDING RULES

- I. The name of the Presbytery will be West Tennessee.

- II. Congregations within geographical regions are encouraged to continue fellowship/worship activities, such as Cumberland Presbyterian Women in Ministry, Men's Fellowship, youth events, clergy/spouse events, and denominational day observances.

- III. The Standing Rules of West Tennessee Presbytery are as follows, and all standing rules are referred to the Presbytery Council for continued study for recommended changes and adjustments.
 1. The Presbytery shall meet on the first Saturday of March and October at 9:00 a.m., and on the first Sunday afternoon in June at 4:00 p.m. The spring meeting shall begin with a worship service planned by a representative of the Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care and a representative of the Committee for the Care of Ordained Ministers. The service shall include a sermon by a probationer and a memorial service for elders and ministers who have died, and churches that have been closed in the previous calendar year. The worship service for the June meeting shall be planned by the Presbytery Council, with the Moderator of the General Assembly being asked to preach the sermon and Holy Communion being celebrated. Following the worship service there will be a period of fellowship with refreshments, then a limited business session. The fall meeting shall begin with a worship service planned by the pastor host and his/her congregations. The service shall include a sermon by a probationer and special recognition of those ministers who have been granted "honorable retirement" status during the previous year (from October 1 to September 30). The host churches of regular sessions of presbytery are to provide childcare.
 2. The Presbytery shall be guided by the "Presbyterial Manual of Operations" adopted by the General Assembly, except where a Standing Rule of West Tennessee Presbytery is in conflict with the manual.
 3. All ministers and all probationers who are under the care of presbytery, and all ministers and probationers from other Presbyteries serving as Stated Supplies in congregations in West Tennessee, shall be required to attend each session of Presbytery or ask to be excused by the Presbytery.
 4. Each Church Session shall send a representative(s) to each session of Presbytery or request to be excused.
 5. Each minister, licentiate, candidate, as well as Session representatives shall be in attendance for the full length of the meeting, unless excused by the Presbytery.
 6. A Moderator of the presbytery shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session – March, June, and October – and shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself until the following March meeting, alternating between ordained ministers and elders. A Vice-Moderator shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session and shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself until the following March meeting. [When an ordained minister is elected Moderator the Vice-Moderator shall be an Elder, and vice-versa.] The Nominating Committee shall present the name of a nominee, but this will not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator is authorized to make interim appointments to Presbyterial agencies when vacancies occur due to resignations and/or other circumstances between regular meetings in which the Nominating Committee reports. A parliamentarian and an alternate parliamentarian shall be elected for a three-year term.

7. The Stated Clerk shall be elected to a three-year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. An Assistant Stated Clerk shall be elected for a three-year term, but shall function if the Stated Clerk is unable to do so. The Assistant Stated Clerk shall serve as Engrossing Clerk during all meetings of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk shall be paid an honorarium annually. The Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk shall be eligible for election to an indefinite number of terms.

8. The Stated Clerk shall mail Preliminary Minutes of Presbytery to all ministers, licentiates, candidates, and Session Clerks thirty (30) days in advance of the March and October meetings. The Stated Clerk shall prepare Minutes for printing within thirty (30) days following the June meeting and October meeting.

9. The Treasurer shall be elected to a three-year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies given or earned in support of the Presbytery's budget and program, and shall be custodian of any other funds, designated or undesignated, in the Presbytery's possession. The Treasurer shall make regular reports to the Presbytery Council, and shall prepare a detailed financial report to be spread on the Minutes of the March and October sessions of Presbytery. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount not less than the total liquid assets of the Presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall function as Treasurer in case of emergency.

10. The Presbytery shall have a budget, which will include the annual allocation from the Synod of Great Rivers and all Presbyterian programs. All congregations of West Tennessee Presbytery are expected to support the presbytery fully, sending monthly contributions to the treasurer if possible. Congregations are also expected to support the denominational program through direct contributions to Our United Outreach. With the exception of Camp Clark Williamson, all funds for boards and committees will be disbursed through the Treasurer.

11. All boards and agencies requiring funds shall submit line item budgets and a request to the Board of Finance and Benefits by August 1, annually. Each board and committee that is to report to the March and October meetings of West Tennessee Presbytery will furnish twenty (20) copies of their report to the Presbytery Council at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting of Presbytery, except the Judicial Concerns Committee.

12. The agencies of the Presbytery shall be as follows: All terms shall be for three years, except in the case of filling unexpired terms or in creating a new agency, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. Persons shall be eligible for election to another board upon expiration of a current term, or may be re-elected to the same board after a lapse of one year. No person shall serve on two boards or permanent committees at one time. All newly elected personnel of both presbytery agencies and individual representatives will begin their service at the close of the meeting of presbytery during which they were elected.

When a person agrees to serve on a presbytery agency, he or she is expected to attend each meeting of the agency or file an acceptable reason for absence with either the chairperson or secretary of the agency. If an agency member misses two consecutive meetings of the agency without an acceptable reason for absence, he or she shall be contacted by the chairperson of the agency to ascertain willingness to serve and to attend meetings of the agency. Should the person decline to make such a commitment, the position on the agency shall be declared vacant and the Moderator requested to name a replacement who will serve until the next regular meeting of presbytery at which the Nominating Committee reports (see Standing Rule 6).

A. **The Presbytery Council** shall be responsible for coordination of the total program of the Presbytery, and shall be the agency primarily responsible for long-range planning. (5.11) [Numbers in parenthesis refer to paragraphs in the Presbyterian Manual of Operation.]

The Presbytery Council shall consist of seventeen (17) members, six (6) members to be elected at large according to the Standing Rules of the Presbytery, and one (1) representative from each of the following agencies of Presbytery: Board of Trustees, Board of Directors of Camp Clark Williamson, Board of Finance and Benefits, Board of Christian Education, Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care, Clergy Care Committee, Committee on Judicial Concerns, Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, Nominating Committee, Task Force on New Church Development, and the Cumberland Presbyterian Women of West Tennessee Presbytery. (5.12)

Each agency named above will elect or appoint one of its members to be a member of the Council for a period of no less than two years, except that the four President of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women Ministries in West Tennessee Presbytery, or someone she designates, shall be a member of the Presbytery Council during the tenure of her office.

The Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer of Presbytery and the General Presbyter, when one is elected, shall serve as advisory members of the Presbytery Council.

The Presbytery Council will elect its officers annually.

The authority of the Council is that of an executive board and not that of an ecclesiastical commission. Between meetings of Presbytery, it may interpret the Presbytery's policy decisions and make program and budget adjustments where necessary, but may not make judicial decisions for the Presbytery as an ecclesiastical commission is empowered to do. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the chairperson of the Council, one member elected at large, and one agency representative, to function between meetings of the Council, and to plan the agenda for the Council meetings. (5.13)

The Council shall be directly accountable to the Presbytery. (5.14)

The responsibilities of the Council include:

- Cultivating and promoting the development and growth of the Presbytery, both spiritual and material;
- Engaging in study and planning in order to recommend goals, objectives, programs, actions, and priorities to the Presbytery;
- Receiving the written reports of all agencies and submitting them to the Presbytery with recommendation as necessary at the time the agency report is presented;
- Receiving the proposed budgets of the various agencies, and submitting one budget to the Presbytery for consideration and adoption.
- Planning the program and agenda for each meeting of Presbytery.
- Developing job descriptions for the staff of the Presbytery and supervising the Presbyterian staff.
- Recommending a place of meeting for Presbytery. (5.15)

B. **The Board of Missions** shall consist of twelve (12) members in three staggered terms. It should include both ministers and laypersons in approximately equal numbers, and should reflect the male/female ratio in the presbytery. The Board of Missions shall fulfill the responsibilities of presbytery outlined in the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Section 5.6) pertaining to oversight of churches within the bounds of the presbytery to include: Redevelopment of existing churches; assisting sessions and pastors in resolving conflicts; assisting churches in resolving conflicts within the church; assisting churches in the process of calling a pastor; recommending the establishment and the dissolving of pastoral relationships to the presbytery; giving special attention to churches without ministers; serving as a liaison between the General Assembly Board of Missions and the presbytery; and to aid the churches of the presbytery in the fulfillment of the Great Commission to share the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ with the world.

C. **The Board of Christian Education** shall consist of twelve (12) members, in three staggered terms. It should include both ministers and laypersons in approximately equal numbers, and should reflect the male/female ratio in the Presbytery.

D. **The Board of Directors of Camp Clark Williamson** shall consist of twelve (12) members in staggered terms. It should include both ministers and laypersons in approximately equal numbers and should also reflect the male/female ratio in the Presbytery.

The Board shall supervise and direct the operation of Camp Clark Williamson, hire needed personnel, make budget requests annually, submits line item budgets, and work with the Board of Christian Education in promoting summer youth camps and retreats.

E. **The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care** shall consist of ten (10) members in staggered terms of three years each. The committee should include both ordained ministers and laypersons and at least one layperson should be an elder.

F. **The Clergy Care Committee** shall consist of nine (9) members in staggered terms of three years each. The Committee shall consist of six ordained ministers and three members of congregations representing all men and women of the presbytery.

G. **The Board of Trustees** shall consist of Nine (9) members in three staggered terms. It should include both ministers and laypersons in approximately equal numbers, and should also reflect the male/female ratio of the Presbytery. The Board shall encourage full support of the Presbytery budget and Our United Outreach by the particular churches of the Presbytery.

The Board and their successors in office shall serve as the Trustees of West Tennessee Presbytery, and that any two (2) board members shall be allowed to sign with approval of the board and/or presbytery as signatory for West Tennessee Presbytery.

H. **The Committee on Judicial Concerns** shall consist of nine (9) members, in three staggered terms. The Committee should include both ministers and laypersons in approximately equal numbers and should reflect the male/female ratio in the Presbytery.

The committee shall review, at least annually, the Session records of the churches and report its findings and recommendations to the presbytery. The Minutes of individual congregations shall be reviewed in an alphabetical order as follows: The Minutes of sessions of Antioch Union to Meridan shall be reviewed in the spring meetings of presbytery, and the Minutes of church sessions of Milan to Zion shall be reviewed in the fall meeting of presbytery. In the event a church misses sending Minutes to either of the presbyteries, the Minutes are to be in the hands of the Committee on Judicial Concerns ninety (90) days prior to the next meeting of presbytery.

The Committee shall study all questions coming before the Presbytery by appeal, dissent, or protest and advise the Presbytery on the legal and constitutional aspects of the questions.

The Committee shall make rulings on such judicial questions as are referred to it. When the Judiciary Committee is performing under the disciplinary rules, it takes on the role of a commission and "shall be authorized to deliberate upon and conclude any business submitted to it."

The Committee shall name a subcommittee of its members to serve as a Credentials Committee and consider requests for excused absences at all regular and called meetings of Presbytery. The Credentials Committee shall report, with recommendations, to each meeting of Presbytery.

I. **The Board of Finance and Benefits** shall consist of six (6) members in three staggered terms. The board shall include both ministers and laypersons and should reflect the male/female ratio of the Presbytery. The board will be responsible for the insurance programs and the annual budget.

J. The Nominating Committee shall consist of nine (9) members, in three staggered terms. The members shall serve three-year terms and shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The Committee should include at least two ministers and two laypersons, and at least two males and two females.

The Committee shall nominate persons to serve on all permanent boards and agencies of the Presbytery, as well as the requisite number of delegates to the Synod and commissioners to General Assembly. It is the responsibility of the Committee to ascertain that elders will be on the Session when elected to represent the Presbytery in higher judicatories, and will still be a member of the Session when the court actually convenes.

The Committee shall nominate a person to serve as Moderator, alternating between ordained ministers and elders. When an elder is being nominated, it is essential to determine that he/she will be on the Session for the entire term of office.

Commissioners, alternates, and Youth Advisory Delegates to General Assembly, and delegates and alternates to Synod shall be elected in October.

The minister commissioners to the General Assembly shall be selected from an alphabetical rotation roster. Any minister choosing not to accept her/his turn shall be bypassed until that name comes up again in rotation. The alternate commissioners shall be those ministers whose names follow those of the primary commissioners in the rotation roster. No minister shall be eligible to serve as a commissioner who is permanently excused or who has not attended at least two-thirds of the stated sessions of presbytery within the last three years.

The Elder commissioners shall be selected from the various congregations according to the alphabetical listing of the churches. Churches unable to supply Elder commissioners shall be bypassed until that church's name comes up again in rotation. The alternate commissioners shall come from the churches whose names follow those of the churches of the primary commissioners in the alphabetical listing. No church shall be eligible to supply an elder commissioner which was not represented in at least two-thirds of the stated sessions of presbytery in the last three years, and which did not show financial support to the presbytery.

The minister delegates to Synod shall be selected from an alphabetical rotation roster. Any minister choosing not to accept her/his turn shall be bypassed until that name comes up again in rotation. The alternate delegates shall be those ministers whose names follow those of the primary delegates in the rotation roster. No minister shall be eligible to serve as a delegate who is permanently excused or who has not attended at least two-thirds of the stated sessions of presbytery within the last three years.

The elder delegates shall be selected from the various congregations according to the alphabetical listing of the churches beginning with the letter N. Churches unable to supply an elder delegate shall be bypassed until that church's name comes up again in rotation. The alternate delegates shall come from the churches whose names follow those of the churches of the primary delegates in the alphabetical listing. No church shall be eligible to supply an elder delegate which was not represented in at least two-thirds of the stated sessions of presbytery in the last three years, and which did not show financial support to the presbytery.

Commissioners are required to attend the orientation of Commissioners, every session of General Assembly, and to participate on assigned committees at General Assembly. They will make the required reports of expenses and attendance.

K. The Task Force on New Church Development shall consist of nine (9) members in staggering terms composed of persons in the presbytery interested in starting new churches. Members of the Task Force may serve on other boards and agencies of the presbytery.

13. All persons required to perform duties on the order of Presbytery shall be allowed reimbursement of cost of necessary meals, lodging and plane (coach rate), bus or train, or private automobile. The reimbursement for use of private automobile shall be for actual expense of gasoline. (This only affects non-presbyterial employees, i.e. Commissioners and Delegates to higher judicatories, commission personnel, and board/committee personnel. Employees of presbytery, i.e. General Presbyter, when one is

elected, Stated Clerk and Treasurer, will be reimbursed for mileage keyed to the rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service, and may be changed automatically at the beginning of any calendar year.) The Treasurer is authorized to advance funds for Commissioners to General Assembly and make adjustments upon the submission of an itemized report of expenditures.

14. No agency of West Tennessee Presbytery shall exceed the approved budget figure by practicing deficit spending during the calendar year, without the consent of the Presbytery Council. Each Agency is encouraged to follow good stewardship practices in utilizing its resources. In case of a shortfall of anticipated income, each agency will be responsible for revising its spending downward, in keeping with available funds. No agency shall request additional funding from West Tennessee Presbytery without meeting with the Presbytery Council with its request.

15. Pastors/Employees Health Insurance: All pastoral relations after January 1, 1993, will be approved only upon documentation that the Presbytery is providing health insurance for the pastor through the Cumberland Presbyterian Health Insurance Program, providing (1) that such pastor is employed by the church for thirty (30) or more hours per week; (2) that the pastor does not have other insurance that [a] can be considered permanent, [b] is not based on continued employment, [c] is based on his/her status as a retired government, military and/or business employee (e.g., those on Medicare, Champus, etc.). West Tennessee Presbytery shall assume the health insurance premium (up to the amount of the denominational plan) of those pastors employed by the church for thirty (30) hours or more per week who qualify for an exemption from the denominational policy due to having insurance that is considered permanent. Pastors of union churches shall be covered by provisions applicable to ministers of their own denomination in accordance with previous inter-denominational agreements on union churches.

The Committee on Pastor-Church Relations shall keep current and accurate records regarding such health insurance along with the Board of Trustees.

The Committee on Pastor-Church Relations and the Board of Finance and Benefits shall share information in order to assure no coverage lapses and that there is no failure to enroll.

16. When an ordained minister is asked to administer the sacraments for a church without the services of an ordained minister the church will pay his/her travel expense and if the church is unable to pay the Presbyterial treasurer shall be authorized to pay the travel expense.

17. Delegates to the Synod of Great Rivers and Commissioners to General Assembly shall make a report to Presbytery as a unit. Commissioners to General Assembly shall decide on the Commissioner to write the report at the orientation session. The report shall include a report of who served on what committee, and a copy of the summary of actions prepared annually by the Office of the General Assembly.

18. Any piece of unpublished business to be acted on by presbytery must be presented as the first order of business and acted on at the end of the meeting.

19. The chair of the Committee on Pastor/Church Relations is to be informed, prior to action, regarding a change in the pastor, stated supply or interim pastor and church. This applies to both the call and the dissolution of the relationship. It is the responsibility of both the pastor and the Session Clerk to notify the committee of the pending change.

20. No candidate or licentiate from another presbytery shall assume the duties of Pastor, Stated Supply, or Interim Pastor in any church in West Tennessee Presbytery until the call has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on Pastor-Church Relations in conjunction with the Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care.

21. Each church will provide the Stated Clerk of the presbytery with a copy of the pastoral contract before the relationship is approved.

22. West Tennessee Presbytery shall pay seventy percent (70%) of the premium of the denominational health insurance for eligible ministers (who are members of West Tennessee Presbytery) and the church the minister serves will pay the remaining thirty percent (30%).

23. West Tennessee Presbytery will pay the designated percentage of health insurance premium for ministers who are members of West Tennessee Presbytery and serving a church in West Tennessee Presbytery 30 hours or more a week, and eligible probationers who are serving a church in West Tennessee Presbytery 30 hours or more a week.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND AGENCY PERSONNEL OF WEST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY

(*) Vacancies to be filled by respective Boards and Agencies

Numbers in parentheses following each person's name indicate the numbers of years served and number of term. [Example: (5-2) Five years of service in second term.]

^ indicates person was first elected to fill an unexpired term.

(+) Indicates chairperson

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MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

West Tennessee Presbytery met in Called Meeting, Sunday, December 7, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Tennessee.

Called To Order: Moderator Lisa Anderson called the meeting to order.

Quorum: A quorum was declared. There were 30 Ministers and 19 Elders, plus 2 Licentiates. Ministers: Merlyn Alexander, Mark Allison, Barry Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Mark Brown, Clinton O. Buck, George A. Butler, Byron Forester, Keith Harwell (Id), Pratt Hubbard, Terry Hunley, R. Tony Janner, Mace Jett, William Jones, Ben Luttrell, Jimmy Latimer, Brenda Laurence, Eugene Leslie, Russell Little, Walter H. McClanahan, Andy McClung, Don McCurley, Ron McMillan, Robert D. Rush, Michael Qualls, Missy Rose, Don Thomas, Tommy Thompson, Frank Ward, William Warren, Johnny Watson, Johnnie Welch. Elders: Colonial, George Marston; Concord, Don Gibson; Double, Springs, Loretta Davidson; Faith, Ron Gardner; Holly Grove, Terry Gray, Ruby Mills; Humboldt, Joyce Estes; Jackson First, Glenn Fesmire, Stephanie Layman; Lexington, Barbara Walker; Milan, John Tucker; Martin, Steve Jahr; McKenzie, Dewayne Ervin; Mt. Carmel, Harry N. Wiles; Newbern, Jamie Kay Berkley; Oliver's Chapel, Steven Gamer; Poplar Grove, Brenda Blakley; Savannah, Helen Hamilton; Shiloh (AC), Mary Coleman. Licentiates Dana Jett-Rand and Cory Williams; Candidates Bradley Criswell and Laura Narowetz.

Constituting Prayer: The Rev. Missy Rose prayed the Constituting prayer.

Reading of the Purpose of the Called Meeting: Engrossing Clerk William Jones read the call.

Report of the Task Force on New Church Development: The report was divided into four sections.

Recommendation 1: Recommendation 1 was approved.

Recommendation 2: Recommendation 2 was amended to read: That WTP "grant provisional approval" for the construction of a facility to accommodate the plans for a new congregation and childcare not to exceed total costs of \$1.8 million on the Medina property.

Recommendation 3: Recommendation 3 was amended to read: That WTP authorize the NCD Task Force to arrange a construction loan and permanent financing for the Medina Project and "submit the financial plan for approval to Presbytery as soon as possible".

Recommendation 4: Recommendation 4 was adopted.

Recommendation 5: Recommendation 5 was adopted.

Report of the Clergy Care Committee: The report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Keith Eddleman and Randy Leslie were received and their names added to the role of ordained ministers in WTP. The letter of dismissal for the Rev. Joey Edwards is to be returned to North Central Presbytery for clarification.

Granting and Receiving of Letters of Dismissal: A letter of dismissal for Rev. Keith Harwell from Grace Presbytery was received with recommendations. The Rev. Keith Harwell was received and added to the role of ordained ministers of West Tennessee Presbytery.

Excuses: Licentiate Wonder N'doro was excused from this called meeting of presbytery.

Referral: A letter requesting the dissolving of the associate pastoral relationship between Mark Allison and the Holly Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church was referred to the Board of Missions.

Adjournment: Presbytery was adjourned.

Closing prayer: The Rev. Clinton Buck prayed the closing prayer.

Moderator Lisa H. Anderson Engrossing
Clerk William Jones

APPENDIX A

To: West Tennessee Presbytery Meeting at Jackson First C.P. Church, Dec. 7th, 2008

Your Task Force has meet numerous times in the past few months, working with many critical issues in the various arenas of new church development currently underway in West Tennessee Presbytery. With timing being sometimes a key factor in the successful development of a budding congregation we respectfully request presbyterial action in the following areas.

IONA FELLOWSHIP: Barry Anderson appeared before the Task Force to present an update on the work. The fellowship has been meeting in the home of Barry and Lisa Anderson and has currently about 27 participants. A large two story house has been found in the area they are targeting at 1642 Poplar Ave. that is for sale for \$350,000. It has approximately .62 acres of land and a 20 car parking area. It would be possible to remodel the facilities for the immediate and near-future needs of the fellowship. Barry outlined the space available and various plans for the use of their facilities. The fellowship has about 25,000 that could be used as a down payment.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That West Tennessee Presbytery authorize the NCD Task Force to enter negotiations with the seller of the property located at 1642 Poplar Ave. to ascertain the best possible purchase price, to evaluate the costs of renovation to maximize its usefulness for our NCD, and develop a three-year business plan to include revenue streams for debt service. Progress will be reported at the spring 2009 meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery.

MEDINA FELLOWSHIP: The NCD continues to grow under the leadership of Jonathan Watson, meeting participant and income goals set by the Mission Design. There are about 60 regular attendees including families with children, and a large number of youth. Medina Middle School, where the fellowship has met since inception, has decided not to rent its facility beginning January 1st, 2009, so the fellowship will have to make other arrangements. The presbytery has purchased property across from the school and tentative plans for construction of a multi-use first unit have been prepared. This will compliment the focus on reaching and incorporating new people into their growing fellowship. The task force interviewed Fancher Sargent, a CPA who has worked on the business plan which includes a childcare program that is expected to service the debt on the facility planned for the new church. (see attached)

***RECOMMENDATION 2:** That West Tennessee Presbytery approve the construction of a facility to accommodate the plans for a new congregation and childcare not to exceed total costs of \$1.8 million on the Medina property.

***RECOMMENDATION 3:** That West Tennessee Presbytery authorize the NCD Task Force to arrange a construction loan and permanent financing for the Medina project and to proceed with construction as soon as prudent.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP: A proposed action plan for our NCD in Southaven (Desota County) MS been developed in consultation with denominational NCD Director George Estes. (see attached) The Task Force feels the need to offer support, financial and otherwise, to help this fellowship get off the ground. The plan anticipates funding commitments by presbytery for three years.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That West Tennessee Presbytery approve the action plan for Grace Fellowship.

It has become apparent that the Lord is sending more opportunity for West Tennessee Presbytery in the area of expanding the Kingdom and specifically work with new church development. This is a true blessing and we want to be in a position to assist in every case to bring faith communities to fruition. Funds have, and always will be, limited. We feel it would be beneficial to our work in this area to have a larger pool of resources so that we would be able to respond to the needs and opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That West Tennessee Presbytery authorize the Task Force to conduct a capital campaign to raise funds for New Church Development within West Tennessee Presbytery when such campaign can be organized.

Respectfully submitted, Task Force for New Church Development

***NOTE: Recommendation 2** was amended to read: That WTP "grant provisional approval" for the construction of a facility to accommodate the plans for a new congregation and childcare not to exceed total costs of \$1.8 million on the Medina property. **Recommendation 3** was amended to read: That West Tennessee Presbytery authorize the Task Force on New Church Development to arrange a construction loan and permanent financing for the Medina Project and "submit the financial plan for approval to Presbytery as soon as possible."

APPENDIX B REPORT OF CLERGY CARE COMMITTEE

TO WEST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY December 7, 2008

At its regular meeting on October 4, 2008, presbytery referred one item to the clergy care committee.

Referred Item 1

A request from Rev. Billy McGarity that his ordination as a CP minister be revoked.

As set forth in the *Constitution* 6.53 the Clergy Care Committee has counseled with Billy. This occurred on November 10, 2008. We understand that his theology and his understanding of the CP Church have changed since his ordination and therefore he cannot with integrity continue to serve as a pastor in the CP Church.

RECOMMENDATION: That West Tennessee Presbytery

- a. grant Billy McGarity's request to have his ordination revoked,
- b. instruct Billy to discontinue his pastoral relationship with the Antioch Union Church immediately,
- c. direct the stated clerk of presbytery to drop the name of Billy McGarity from the roll of ordained

ministers, and

- d. direct the stated clerk of presbytery to inform the stated clerks of all other CP presbyteries that, by his own request, Billy McGarity is no longer a CP minister.

At its adjourned meeting on November 2, 2008, presbytery referred three items to the clergy care committee without instruction.

Referred Item 2

A letter of dismissal from Hope Presbytery for Keith Eddelman.

Referred Item 3

A letter of dismissal from North Central Presbytery for Randy Leslie.

Referred Item 4

A letter of dismissal without recommendation from North Central Presbytery for Joey Edwards.

Presbytery has affirmed the Clergy Care Committee's role as the care, concern, and support of member ministers and their surviving spouses. Since your committee has never assumed a role of examining ordained ministers before they are received into our presbytery, we were unable to determine what role presbytery expects us to fulfill in these three referrals.

While we affirm both the significant responsibility of presbytery in the granting/receiving of letters and the desire not to take this responsibility lightly, these three referrals seem to imply a role of the committee that does not now exist nor is understood by your committee. Since we were unable to determine what role presbytery wished for us to serve in relation to these three referrals, we make no recommendations.

Respectfully, The Clergy Care Committee

**MINUTES
WEST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY
March 7, 2009**

West Tennessee Presbytery met in regular session, Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Call to Order: Moderator Lisa Anderson called the meeting the order.

Quorum: A quorum was declared with **63** ministers, **48** elders, plus 8 candidates, and 9 licentiates present, marked **APPENDIX A**.

Constituting Prayer: The Rev. Terry Hunley prayed the constituting prayer.

Worship: Worship was led by the host pastor, The Rev. Jim Ratliff, with Licentiate JoAnn McClanahan, reading from Matthew 20:20-28 and spoke on the topic "A Vision." A memorial service was held for ministers and elders who had passed away since the spring meeting of 2008, marked **APPENDIX B**, and filed.

Report No. 1 Nominating Committee: The report was received, marked **APPENDIX C**, and filed.

Election of Moderator: Elder Ron Gardner was elected Moderator and the Rev. Clinton Buck was elected Vice-Moderator by acclamation. Elder Gardner was escorted to the chair by the Rev. Tommy Thompson.

Adoption of Program: The program was adopted as subject to necessary change.

Program Changed: The program was changed to have the constitutional amendment presentation immediately following the morning break.

Recognition of Visiting Clergy: The Rev. Wayne Tompkins, Arkansas Presbytery, and The Rev. Debra Matthews, Huntsville Presbytery, CPCA, were recognized and seated as advisory members of Presbytery.

Presentation of Unpublished Material: All unprinted material not found in the Preliminary Minutes was received prior to opening of meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4. Received resignation from the Rev. Chuck Brown from Presbytery Host Committee.
5. Letter of affirmation of the Session of the Milan CP church received from the Holly Grove
6. Church. Referred to the Special Committee that as appointed to study the Milan CP letter
7. Note of Thanks from Bethel College
8. Note of Thanks from RIFA
9. Received resignation from the Rev. Brenda Laurence from the Board of Christian Education

Report of Credentials Committee: The report was received and requests giving reason for absence and early leave from the meeting were excused, marked **APPENDIX D**, and filed.

Recess: The Moderator declared recess.

Recess out: The Moderator re-convened presbytery for business.

Constitutional Amendments: The constitutional amendments changes were approved by unanimous vote, marked **APPENDIX E**, and filed.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Report No. 2 Nomination Committee: The report was received and the names listed were elected by acclamation. The name of Elder Calotte Edsell from Germantown was replaced by **Elder Sam Price** to serve as an elder delegate to General Assembly meeting in Memphis, TN June 15-19, 2009, marked **APPENDIX F**, and filed.

June Parrot was elected to the Board of Directors of Camp Clark Williamson to fill the unexpired term of Daphne Cupples.

Elder Molly Williams and The Rev. James Ratliff were appointed to the Presbyterial Planning Committee for General Assembly.

Report of Presbytery Council: Report was tabled until after the report of the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Task Force on New Church Development: the report, including the report from the Hope Fellowship, was received, marked **APPENDIX G** and filed

Recess for Lunch. The Rev. Michael Qualls led in prayer for the lunch.

Recess out: The Moderator re-convened Presbytery for business

Hearing of Denominational Representatives:

The Rev. Jimmy Latimer for Bethel College.

The Rev. Jay Earhart-Brown, Seminary.

The Rev. Robert Rush, Stated Clerk, General Assembly.

Report of the Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care: The report was taken seriatim. **Urelia Dimo** was presented as a candidate for the Ministry by the Rev. Barry Anderson. Ms. Dimo shared her sense of her call. The Reverends William Warren, Randy Leslie, Debra Matthews, and Mitzi Minor spoke on her behalf. Presbytery was given the opportunity to ask questions. The Rev. Barry Anderson asked the constitutional questions to Ms. Dimo, which were answered in the affirmative. The Rev. Barry Anderson led in prayer. **Recommendation 1** was adopted. The name of Urelia Dimo was added to the role of candidates for the ministry of West Tennessee Presbytery **Daniel Barkley** was presented for licensing to preach the gospel. Presbytery was given the opportunity to ask questions. The Rev. Linda Glenn spoke on behalf of Mr. Barkley. The Rev. Tony Janner asked the constitutional questions, which were answered in the affirmative. The Rev. Tony Janner led in prayer. **Recommendation 2** was adopted. The name of Daniel Barkley was added to the role of licentiates in West Tennessee Presbytery. **Cory Williams** was presented for ordination. **Recommendation 3** was adopted. Presbytery was given the opportunity to ask questions. **Recommendation 4** was adopted, as amended by adding the date of ordination set May 17, 2009, 4:30 p.m., at the Brunswick Church in an adjourned meeting of Presbytery. **Recommendation 5** was adopted. **Recommendation 6** was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, marked **APPENDIX H**, and filed. The probationers were greeted during the appointed break.

Report of the Directors of Camp Clark Williamson: The report was received, marked **APPENDIX I**, and filed.

Report of Treasurer: The report was received, marked **APPENDIX J**, and filed. Presbytery commended the treasurer, Becky Davidson, for her work.

Report of the Board of Missions: **Recommendation 4** was amended to include the Commission to install: the Reverends William Jones, Earl Phelps, Jerry Smith, and Stuart Dyer, Elders Marlyn Hiekes, and Bobby Dean Williams with the date set as March 15, 2009 at 6:00 at the Palestine (HC) Church. **Recommendation 5** was amended to include a commission to install the Rev. Robert A. Smith: The Reverends Larry Blakeburn, Phillip Pinion, Bobby Williams, and Elder Bobby Hall. **Recommendation 7** was amended to include the commission to install: the Reverends Terry Hunley, Keith Harwell, and Robert Smith and Elder David Pybas. **Recommendation 8** was amended by striking the phrase “and elect a commission to install” and including the date of May 17, 2009. The report was adopted as whole as amended, marked **APPENDIX K** and filed.

Report of Stated Clerk: The report was concurred in and recommendation adopted, marked **APPENDIX L**, and filed. The matter of recommendation 1 was referred to the Clergy Care Committee.

Report of Clergy Care Committee: The report was received, marked **APPENDIX M**, and filed.

Committee Appointed: The Moderator appointed the following to the committee to visit with the Oak Grove Congregation: Rev. Walter McClanahan, chair, Rev. Bryan Forrester, and Rev. Mace Jett.

Report of Board of Christian Education: The report was received, marked **APPENDIX N**, and filed.

Recess: The Moderator declared recess.

Recess out: The Moderator re-convened presbytery for business.

Report of Board of Trustees: The report was received, marked **APPENDIX O**, and filed.

Report of Presbytery Council: The report was moved from the table. **Recommendation 3** was amended to read “at least two-thirds of the stated meetings of presbytery”. **Recommendation 1** was amended to read: “West Tennessee Presbytery will pay the designated percentage of health insurance premium for ministers who are members of West Tennessee Presbytery and serving a church in West Tennessee Presbytery 30 hours or more a week, and eligible probationers who are serving a church in West Tennessee Presbytery 30 hours or more a week.” **Recommendation 4** was amended to insert the word “immediate” between the words “take” and “legal action.” The report was adopted as amended, marked **APPENDIX P**, and filed.

Report of New Seekers Region CPWM: The report was received, marked **APPENDIX Q** and filed.

Other Presbyterian Business:

Resolution: A Resolution from the Germantown Session regarding peanut allergy was referred to the Board of Directors Camp Clark Williamson, and other interested parties, with a report to be given at the June meeting of Presbytery.

Report of Committee Appointed to Study the Letter from the Milan Cumberland Presbyterian Church: The report was concurred in and its recommendation was adopted, marked **APPENDIX R**, and filed. The committee has fulfilled its responsibilities and was dissolved.

Minutes of Called Meeting: The minutes of the Called Meeting of Presbytery December 7, 2008 were approved, marked **APPENDIX Q**, and filed.

Information: Information was given concerning the Presbyterian Website needing Presbyterian input and information concerning Senior Adult Day at CCW on October 15, 2009.

Granting Letter of Dismission: Letter of Dismission for Jack Barker to Columbia Presbytery was granted with recommendations.

Appreciation to Host Church: The moderator expressed appreciation to the host church for their hospitality.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes were approved as corrected.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned to meet in Adjourned Meeting, May 17, 2009, at Brunswick Cumberland Presbyterian Church..

Closing Prayer: The Rev. Byron Forester led the closing prayer.

Moderator, Ron Gardner
Stated Clerk, Earl Phelps

APPENDIX A ATTENDANCE

[p – present for entire meeting; a – absent without excuse; e- absent with excuse; pa – present for part of meeting but absent at final roll call; pe – excused to leave early; + - permanently excused; ld – letter of dismissal granted; # - received by letter of dismissal; ord – ordained at this meeting/adjourned meeting; * - provisional minister; %-recognized ordination]

A. MINISTERS

Hershel W. Akins (a), Merlyn Alexander (e), Mark Allison (a), Barry Anderson (p), Lisa Anderson (p), Larry Bagby (pa), Jack Barker (ld), David Bayer (a); Larry Blackburn (p), Charles Rhea Brown (pa), Elinor S. Brown (e), Mark Brown (pa), Stephanie Brown (p), Clinton Buck (p), J. B. Burns, Jr. (a), George A. Butler (p) George E. Butler (+), Annette Camp (p), Don Caperton (a), Jon Carlock (a), Don Coleman (a), Dudley Condron (+), Gregory Crisp (a), Paul T. Criss (p), Matthew Cunningham (p), Bertha Davis *(pa), Daniel L. Doy, Jr. (p), James Drylie (e), Stuart Dyer (p), Keith Eddleman (p), Charles Fike (e), Bryan Forester (p), John Gam (e), Ed Gillock (a), Linda Glenn (p), James R. Hamblin (p), Anne Hames (pa), Sam Harwell (pe), David Hawley (a), Donna Heflin (a), William D. Hicks (a), Jody Hill (p), Aaron Holmes (e), Francis Howe (a), Pratt Hubbard (p), Robert Hull (+), Terry Hunley (pa), Terry Jackson (a), R. Tony Janner (pa), Mace Jett (p), C. William Jones (p), Yoong Kim (a), Lori Kleinjan (a), David Lancaster (p), James M. Latimer (pa), Brenda Laurence (pe), G. Larry Laurence (e), Eugene Leslie (pa), Randal Leslie (pa), Russell Little (p), Ben Luttrell (a), Geoffery Maynard (a); Walter H. McClanahan (p), Andy McClung (p), Tiffany McClung (p), Ken McCoy (pa), Don McCurley (p), Margaret McKee (a), Ron McMillan (p), Mitzi Minor (pa), Karen Mosley (a), Zackery Nash (a), Thomas Norton (a), Melvin Orr (p), Ed Perkins (+), Lisa Peterson (p), Earl Phelps (p), Phillip Pinion (a), Jim Pinnell (p), Duwayne Pounds (pa), Jeff Powell (a), Robert Prosser (a), Michael Qualls (pa), Jim Ratliff (p), Michael Ridgley (a), Allen Rietz (a), Jana Michelle “Missy” Rose (pe), Robert D. Rush (p), Karl Schwarz (+); Carol Scrivener (e), James A. Smith (pa), Jerry Smith (p), Robert A. Smith (p), Don Thomas (p), Tommy Thompson (p), #T. Wayne Tompkins (pa), Kermit Travis (e), Robert Truax Jr. (e), Gene Turner (a), Dennis Vance, Jr. (p), Hobert Walker (e), Michael C. Walker (a), Frank Ward (e), William Warren (p), Johnny Watson (p), Jonathan Watson (p), Johnnie Welch (p), James Westbrook (a), Bobby Williams (e), *Craig Wilson (pe), Thomas J. Wilson (a), Carey Womack (pe), Jae Yu (a).

LICENTIATES

*Daniel Barkley (pa), Mitch Boulton (p); Eric Corbin (p); Jacob Harwell (a), Dana Jett-Rand (p), Richie Lockhart (e), Sam Magliolo (p); JoAnn McClanahan (p), Wonder Ngoro (p), Richard Reed (e), Joyce Sims (e), Greg Stefan (p), **Cory Williams (pe).

* a candidate who was licensed for ministry in this meeting

** to be ordained in special service at later date following meeting of presbytery

CANDIDATES

Bradley Criswell (p); Brad Gray (a); **Urelia Dimo (p), Helen Hamilton (pa); Pamela Lannon (p); Debbie Marshall (p); Carey Morris (a), Laura Narowetz (p), Rian Puckett (a); Dennis Weaver (a), James D. Wilson (p) Sylvia Joyce Young (p).

** Indicates person was received as a candidate for ministry

CONGREGATIONS and DELEGATES

Antioch Union, (a); Atwood, (a); Barren Spring (a); Beech, (a); Bells Chapel, **Dennis Emerson** (p); Bethel [TC] (a); Bethesda, (a); Bethlehem (a), Bolivar, **Larry Ross** (p); Bradford, (a); Brunswick, **Mary Starks** (pe); Camden, (a); Camp Ground (a); Claybrook, (a); Cloverdale (a); Colonial, **Deborah Marston** (p); Concord, **Don Gibson** (p); Cool Springs [CC], (a); Cool Springs [GC], **Mike Pruett** (p);

Davidson Chapel, **Dale Cavaness** (p); Double Springs, **Ray Alexander** (p); Dresden, **Mark Maddox** (p); Dyer, **Billy R. Jones** (p); Dyersburg, **William E. Mallard Jr.** (p); Ebenezer [MC] (inactive); Ebenezer [TC] **Harvey Roane**, (pe); Faith, **Ron Gardner** (p); Fulton, **Donald Moore** (p); Germantown, **Calotta Loyd Edsell** (p); Gleason, **Nancy Higgs** (e); Good Springs, **Joseph Moore** (p); Holly Grove, **Walter Blalack** (p); Hopewell [BC], **Curtis W. Hines**[WC] (p); Humboldt, **Paul E. Giltner** (p); Hurricane Hill, **Robert Lindley** (p); Jackson First, **Kevin Bankston** (pa) **Glenn Fesmire** (pa); Kenton, (e); Korean (a); Lexington, **Marlyn Heikes** (p); Maple Springs, **Johnny Reynolds** (p); Martin, **Cathy Jahr** (p); Mason Hall (a); McKenzie, (a); Meridan, (a); Medina, (a); Milan, **Anthony Jenkins** (p); Mill Creek, (a); Morella (a); Morning Sun, **Russell Long** (pe); Mt. Ararat, **Bobby Hall** (p); Mt. Carmel, **Harry N. Wiles** (p); Mt. Gilead (a); Mt. Olive, (a); Mt. Vernon, (a); Mt. Zion, **Jimmy Hill** (p); *New Beginning (a); New Bethel, (a); New Bethlehem, (e); New Ebenezer, (a); New Salem [McC], (a); New Salem [SC], **Thomas Wenzler** (p); New Salem [WC], (a); Newbern, **Marianna Williams** (p); North Union, (a); Oak Grove, (a); Oak Hill, **Theresa Rushing** (p); Olive Branch First, **Larry Bryant** (p); Oliver's Chapel, **David L. Pybas** (pe); Olivet, **Danny Barnhill** (pa); Palestine [DC] (a); Palestine [HC], **Bobby Dean Williams** (pa); Parsons, (a); Pleasant Green, (a); Pleasant Grove (a); Pleasant Union, **Eddie Beard** (p); Poplar Grove, **Brenda Blakely** (p); Protemus, **Betty Rhamy** (p); Ramer (a); *Redeemer Evangelical, (a); RoEllen, (a); Rutherford, **Joe Bone** (pa); Salem, (a); Savannah, **Billy Cromwell** (pa); Selmer, (a); Sharon (a); Shiloh [AC] **Patricia Coleman**, (pe); Shiloh [CC], **Gwen Presson Holland** (p); Trezevant, (a); Trimble (a); Troy, (a); Union City, **Charles Armstrong** (p); Walnut Grove, **Peter Wilson** (pe) West Union, **Ron O'Dell** (p); Woodward's Chapel, **Mike Lavender** (p); Yorkville (a); Zion (a).

APPENDIX B MEMORIAL ROLL

Elders	Church	Date of Death
Raymond Williams	Kenton	February 28, 2008
Jim McKee	Germantown	May 1, 2008
Bobby Huggins	Meridan	May 5, 2008
Dolly Smith	Beech	October 9, 2008
Juanita Morton	Holly Grove	May 9, 2008
James Fondren	Olivet	November 23, 2008
Milton Shelby	Olivet	January 2, 2009
Steve Cummings	Milan	February 28, 2009
Tim Latimer	Jackson	March 2, 2009
 Minister		
David L. Wilkins, Sr.		February 9, 2008

APPENDIX C REPORT NO. 1 OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TO West Tennessee Presbytery meeting March 7, 2009, at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi.

The Nominating Committee submits the name of Elder Ron Gardner, Faith Church, for Moderator for 2009, and the Rev. Clinton O. Buck for Vice-Moderator.

Both have given consent for the full term.

Respectfully submitted, The Nominating Committee

APPENDIX D
REPORT OF JUDICIALS CONCERNS COMMITTEE
(Credentials Committee)

To west Tennessee Presbytery in session Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi.

I. The following churches, ministers and licentiates requests to be excused from the entire meeting of presbytery with reason.

Churches, Delegates

Camden	No elder available
Claybrook, Jim Cox	Work
Cool Springs (CC)	Vacation trip
Gleason, Nancy Higgs	Illness
Hopewell (WC)	No elder available
Kenton	No elder available
Mt. Olive, David Poyner	Family illness
New Bethlehem	No elder available
North Union, Mike Cardwell	Work

Reason

Ministers

Merlyn Alexander	Emotionally unable due to death of son-in-law
Elinor Brown	Denominational obligations in Hot Springs, AR
James Drylie	Illness
Charles Fike	Health reasons
John Gam	Work schedule
Aaron Homes	Retired
Larry Laurence	Health reasons
Carol Scrivener	Distance from Nashville area
Kermit Travis	Recovering from flu
Robert L. Truax, Jr.	In hospital with cardio logical problem
Frank D. Ward	Denominational work
Hobert Walker	Health reasons
Bobby D. Williams	Distance & obligations at church

Reason

Licentiates

Richie Lockhart	Conflicting events
Richard Reed	Health reasons
Joyce Sims	Husband's illness

Recommendation 1: That the above named with reason be excused from entire day.

II. The following churches, ministers and licentiate requests to leave early from meeting the meeting.

Churches, Delegates

Brunswick, Mary Ellen Starks	Work
Ebenezer (TC)	Prior family obligations
Holy Grove, Walter Blalack	Family obligation
Morning Sun, Russell Long	Work schedule

Reasons

Oliver's Chapel, David Pybas
Shiloh (AC), Patricia Coleman
Walnut Grove, Peter Wilson

Distance
Became sick during morning session
Not in good health

Ministers

Larry Bagby
Sam Harwell
Brenda Laurence
Missy Rose
James Smith
Craig Wilson
Carey Womack

Reason

Driver needed to get home early
Prior family engagement
Illness of elder delegate
Work
Worker has come to home to work
Funeral
Import job-related obligation with wife

Licentiate

Cory D. Williams

Work & travel

Recommendation 2: That the above named with reason be excused to leave early.

Respectfully submitted, The Judicial Concerns Committee

APPENDIX E CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

(The vote on these amendments will be referred to the 179th General Assembly for ratification.)

Constitution 11 :4c "Presbyteries shall act upon an amendment referred by the General Assembly within the first year of the referral and report their vote no later than the next meeting of the General Assembly after the amendment was transmitted to the presbyteries."
The vote of the presbytery is by simple majority.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution which are essential to approve a change in method of persons becoming candidates for ministry, allowing licentiates to perform the Sacraments under certain circumstances and to establish the Office of Certified Lay Minister. The portions in the brackets are the changes approved by the General Assembly.

Amend Section 5.6a to delete the word (and) before the word "ordain" and to add (and to certify lay ministers), thus making Section 5.6a to read, "Receive, examine, dismiss, and license candidates, ordain them to ministry (and to certify lay ministers)."

Amend Section 5.6b by adding the words (de-certify lay ministers) thus making Section 5.6b to read, "Receive, dismiss, install, remove and discipline ministers (and to de-certify lay ministers)."

Amend Section 5.6p by adding the words (Appointing a licentiate or certified lay minister to administer the Sacraments) between the words session, and if necessary, thus making Section 5.6p to read, "Take special oversight of churches, which do not have the services of a minister, appointing a minister to moderate the session, (appointing a licentiate or certified lay minister to administer the Sacraments), and if necessary, authorize an elder designated by the session, to administer the Lord's Supper to the congregation, provided that the elder shall be instructed by the Committee on the Ministry

in the meaning of the Sacrament and how it should be administered; persons who are not ordained ministers shall serve under the authority of an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian minister selected by the presbytery, and each grant of authority shall be for one year."

Amend Section 5.7 by deleting the word (and) between the words "licensures and ordinations" and adding the words (certified lay ministers) following the word "licentiates", (and certifications) following the word "ordinations", thus making Section 5.7 to read, "The presbytery' shall keep full and accurate records of its proceedings and submit them to the synod for review at its stated meeting. It shall report regularly to synod and to the General Assembly its roll, including all candidates, licentiates, (certified lay ministers), ministers, session clerks and churches. In addition, it shall report on licensures, ordinations, (and certifications); on reception, dismissal, or death of ministers; on the union, division, and formation of churches, and on such statistical and other information as may be required to describe the state of religion in its midst."

Amend the title in Section 6 by adding the words (Certified Lay Ministers). Thus making the title to read: The Authority of Presbytery Over Ordained Ministers, Certified Lay Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.

Amend Section 6.12 by deleting the word (the) before the word "ministry", and adding (an exploration committee appointed by the session of their particular Church for at least three months, and then), after the words "shall confer with", thus making Section 6.12 to read, "To be received as a candidate for ministry, a person must be a member in good standing of a particular church in the receiving presbytery. Persons desiring to become a candidate for ministry shall confer with (an exploration committee appointed by the session of their particular church for at least three months, and then) confer with the committee on the ministry prior to presenting themselves to presbytery."

Amend Section 6.13 by adding at the end of the section the following sentences: (Those candidate who seek to be certified in lay ministry also shall undergo a period of training and preparation in order that the office may be committed only to qualified persons. They shall remain candidates until certified and commissioned by the presbytery), thus making Section 6.13 to read, "Those (candidates) who seek to be licensed and ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament shall undergo a period of training and preparation in order that the office may be committed only to qualified persons. **In** order to form a correct judgment of the qualifications of those seeking admission to the office of ordained ministry, presbyteries shall receive and, following satisfactory preparation, license candidates who shall then be designated 'licentiates.' Such persons shall be required to give further satisfactory evidence of their qualifications for the ministry before receiving ordination. (Those candidates who seek to be certified in lay ministry also shall undergo a period of training and preparation in order that the office may be committed only to qualified persons. They shall remain candidates until certified and commissioned by the presbytery.)."

Amend the declaration following the questions proposed to a candidate in Section 6.15 by deleting (licensure and ordination) and adding the word (ministry) following the words "as a candidate for", and deleting the word (the) before ministry in the last line, thus making the declaration to read, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, I do now declare by the authority of this presbytery that you are acknowledged and received as a candidate for (ministry) in the Cumberland Presbyterian. Church Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and I now direct that your name be entered on the roll of the presbytery as a candidate for ministry."

(Amend 6.200 by adding (Certified Lay Ministers), adding the following sections and renumbering all subsequent sections under Section 6.0 (6.201 A candidate for ministry may, with the consent of the presbytery decide to pursue the Office of Certified Lay Ministry in the Church. Persons whose call to ministry directs them toward Christian Education ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, mission or service ministry, lay leadership of a particular church, or other lay ministries may pursue certification.

6.202 Prior to certification, the candidate shall sustain a careful and satisfactory examination by the Committee on the Ministry and the presbytery as a whole on the following: experimental religion, continuing spiritual growth, the internal call to the ministry, knowledge of the scriptures, church history, systematic theology, the doctrine and government of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and other specialized areas of study particular to the candidate's field of ministry.

6.203 No candidate shall be certified who has not completed either a two year degree program from an accredited seminary or graduate school of theology or a course of alternate studies approved by the General Assembly.

6.204 Certified lay ministers serving as stated supply shall be required to attend presbytery and session meetings, but shall have voice without the right to vote.

6.205 The candidate shall be commissioned to the office of certified lay ministry by the presbytery at either a regular, an adjourned, or a called meeting; or it may be a commission of the presbytery, which must consist of a quorum of the body and include two ordained ministers.

6.206 When a presbytery shall become satisfied with the qualifications of a candidate, it shall announce a date and place for a service of commissioning. Following the sermon in a regular worship service at the time and place previously announced, the candidate shall take his or her place at the front of the sanctuary. After a brief statement by the person presiding as to the purpose of the meeting and the meaning of lay ministry, the following questions shall be proposed to the candidate:

- I. Do you believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God, the authority for faith and practice?
- II. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America as containing the essential doctrines taught in the Holy Scriptures?
- III. Do you approve of, and promise to abide by the government of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America?
- IV. As far as you know your own heart, have you been induced by the Holy Spirit to answer the call to lay ministry from love of God and neighbor and a sincere desire to glorify God and advance His kingdom in the world?
- V. Do you promise to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of the ministry to which you have been called, to promote the welfare of the Church, and to conduct yourself both privately and

publicly so as not to give offense to Christ and His Church?

The above questions being answered in the affirmative, the candidate shall kneel. As the person presiding, or another appointed for the purpose, offers an appropriate prayer, the presbytery shall commission the candidate as a certified lay minister. Then, with the candidate standing, the person presiding shall say, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, and by the authority of this presbytery, I now declare you duly commissioned to the office of certified lay minister." The transaction shall be duly recorded in the presbyterial minutes and the newly certified lay minister's name added to the roll of certified lay ministers.)

Amend Sections 6.200 (by renumbering to 6.300 and renumber all subsequent sections under Section 6).

Amend the former 6.205 (now 6.305) by adding the following sentences: (A licentiate serving as stated supply of a particular church may be given authority by the presbytery to administer Sacraments in that particular church. Such authority may be granted for no more than one year, and may be renewed by the presbytery on recommendation of the committee on the ministry), thus (6.305) would read, "A licentiate may, with the approval of the Committee on the Ministry of the presbytery and of the presbytery, serve as a stated supply to one or more particular churches of the presbytery. (A licentiate serving as stated supply of a particular church may be given authority by the presbytery to administer Sacraments in that particular church. Such authority may be granted for no more than one year, and may be renewed by the presbytery on recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry).

Amend the title of Section 7.00 by adding (certified lay ministers) between the words Ministers and Licentiates, thus making the title to read "Relations between ministers, (Certified Lay Ministers), Licentiates or candidates and churches."

Amend Section 7.04 by adding to the first sentence (a certified lay minister) after the words "a licentiate", and adding to the last sentence (or certified lay minister) after the words "a licentiate", and adding the following sentence: (Presbytery may grant a licentiate or certified lay minister in a stated supply relationship authority to administer Sacraments for not more than one year at a time under the supervision of the presbytery appointed moderator). Thus making Section 7.04 to read, "The office of stated supply may be held by an ordained minister, a licentiate, (A certified lay minister), or a candidate, whom the particular church has called for an indefinite time, or, in the case of an interim supply, for a definite time, for less than full time work. An ordained minister serving as stated supply may fulfill all duties and functions pertaining to the spiritual care of the church, including moderating the session. A licentiate (a certified lay minister), serving as stated supply may fulfill the duties and functions except moderating the session, administering the Sacraments and solemnizing marriages. (Presbytery may grant a licentiate or certified lay minister in a stated supply relationship authority to administer the sacraments for not more than one year at a time under the supervision of the presbytery appointed moderator.) A candidate serving as a stated supply may fulfill the duties and functions except moderating the session, administering the Sacraments, and solemnizing marriages.

Amend section 7.07 by adding (certified lay minister) between the words "minister" and "licentiate", thus the section would read, "The relationship between a minister, (certified lay minister), licentiate, or candidate and a particular church may be dissolved only by presbytery, acting on the request of both parties, or on the request of one party if sufficient reasons are presented, or when, in the

opinion of the presbytery, the well-being of the particular church demands it.

APPENDIX F
REPORT NO. 2 OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TO west Tennessee Presbytery meeting is regular session March 7, 2009, at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi.

The Nominating Committee makes the following report.

We place the following names in nomination for Commissioner to the General Assembly meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, June 15 - 19,2009.

MINISTERS: Rev. Merlyn Alexander
 Rev. Larry Blakeburn
 Rev. Matt Cunningham
 Rev. Paul Criss
 Rev. Stuart Dyer

ALTERNATES: Rev. David Hawley
 Rev. Aaron Holmes
 Rev. Terry Hunley
 Rev. Tony Janner

ELDERS: Elder Don Gibson - Concord
 Elder Debbie Marston - Colonial
 Elder Tammy Rushing - Double Springs
 Elder Bill Jones - Dyer
 Elder Sam Price - Germantown

ALTERNATES: If needed, Alternate Commissioners on the part of the Elders will be selected from the next church(es) on the alphabetical list; and, if needed the names of Alternates would be placed in nomination at the June,2009, Presbyterial meeting.

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES (Selected by the Youth Ministry Planning Council and approved by the Board of Christian Education):

Amber Denbow - Faith
Mitch Brown - Germantown

Respectfully submitted, The Nominating Committee

APPENDIX G
REPORT OF TASK FORCE ON NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

TO West Tennessee Presbytery, March 7, 2009, meeting at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Please take home materials from the New Church Development display in the foyer and visit with the pastors during the break times at this meeting. Our majestic God has blessed West Tennessee Presbytery with an abundance of people interested in starting new churches in our presbytery, and we are grateful for this movement of the Spirit.

Neuvo Empezar. Bertha Davis was admitted to West Tennessee Presbytery October 2008 as a provisional member. God bless her. She has been leading a Hispanic congregation for several years in what is known as the Highland Heights building.

The staff of the General Assembly Mission Ministry Team worked out a "preliminary mission design" for Neuvo Empezar Iglesia and their leader.

The Highland Heights building was given to the NCD Task Force to be used for development of new churches, and the Task Force granted Bertha Davis and her congregation use the building if they will keep the building in good repair. They are doing a very good job repairing and redecoration the building. The Task Force pays insurance on the building and the replacement of major equipment.

The staff of the General Assembly Missions Ministry Team (MMT) has been very helpful and supportive of the Neuvo Empezar fellowship and the work of the Task Force.

Bertha Davis attended the Hispanic classes of the Program of Alternate Studies (PAS) last summer and plans to return this summer. The Task Force pays for her fees, travel, room and meals, and books.

The Task Force and the MMT arranges for the Rev. Mabe Garcia, pastor of a Cumberland Presbyterian Hispanic Church in the Atlanta area, to come for consultation with Bertha and the congregation twice a year for three years.

Dr. Ron McMillan is the representative of the Task Force to work with Bertha.

Iona. The Iona fellowship meets in the home of Dr. Barry and Rev. Lisa Anderson on Monday nights for worship. We are still hunting for a better place for them to meet. The four ministerial leaders donate their time and talents. The collections and donations are put in a savings account with judicatory contributions for future rent or purchase of a building.

Grace. The Grace fellowship is meeting in the Southaven Tennis Center on Sundays for study and worship with good leadership by Tommy Thompson, Nita, and some good lay leadership.

They will conduct a "Push" during the spring to reach new people. The Task Force provides some funds for materials for the Push.

New Beginnings. Craig Wilson and the New Beginnings Church are provisional members of the Presbytery. The congregation has received 12 session of instruction about the Cumberland Presbyterian Church from CP leaders in the area. They have leased the Frayser Church building, have outgrown the building in attendance and have had two services a Sunday. Pastor Wilson attended PAS last summer and plans to attend again in 2009. The Task Force pays for his fees, travel, room and board, and books.

Respectfully submitted, The Task Force on New Church Development

CHURCH PLANTERS REPORT, HOPE FELLOWSHIP

January 30, 2009

Hope fellowship has moved across town to 8A Saddle Club Road, south of downtown Medina. Since the

beginning of the New Year we have worshiped in a rented warehouse which was formally the show room of Regina & Company Furniture Brokers. The building is approximately 6500 square feet. There is a large ~room inside that works great as our children's church.

We knew early in the fall of the year we were going to be faced with finding a new place to worship. The Medina Library was a wonderful place to start our fellowship. It was warm and inviting and the tables worked great for bible study, but during the months of October, November and December we were bringing in extra chairs from other areas of the building each Sunday. With cooler weather coming on and a sizable youth group that needed a place to meet weekly it was clear why God seemed to be forcing us to find a place we could call home (temporarily).

We had our first meeting on the church property Wednesday night before Halloween. It was fitting that our first meeting on the church property was a youth meeting. The whole church came out for the event, we built a bonfire, roasted hotdogs & marsh mellows, made smores, and drank hot chocolate. We had over 50 attend the event and after an hour or so of eating, drinking and sharing fellowship we gathered around the fire for a few words and prayer. I shared first, pointing out that this youth event was our first event on the property, and that after everyone had time to share we would dedicate this property to God and give Him thanks. My dad, who was visiting, shared with the group his love for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and his excitement about the new church that God was establishing. He shared how the people of Hope Church 20 years from now would talk about this night, the night we prayed over this property. Others began to share their appreciation for the fellowship, how they felt loved and accepted in this fellowship in ways they had never experienced elsewhere.

During the month of November we choose a five member planning council with two alternates. Our first meeting was December 9th and we developed our plan for preparing the building for worship the first Sunday in January. December was a busy month for us. We had a Friday Saturday building blitz and were able to build nine 8'x4' sections of stage, and twelve partitions 8'x8' on rollers. Over the next week we were able to carpet each section of stage, paint each partition, and hang black fabric to create a stage area and backdrop.

During the month of December we were able to establish a weekly youth meeting in the new building. With Christmas approaching we planned and enjoyed a Christmas Communion Celebration on the Sunday evening before Christmas and we had a New Years Eve party complete with food, foosball, ping pong, Wii, an assortment of games, and at midnight we prayed in the New Year.

Since January 4, we have had visitors each week. We had 58 on the 4th, 62 on the 11th and 69 on the 18th. Moving into the new building has provided a new boost of growth and 2009 is going to be a good year for the ministry at Hope Fellowship.

We had another planning council meeting in the month of January and we went through the process of developing a budget for 2009. It has been exciting watching the growth and ownership of ministry that has taken place though this time of planning, hard work, and transition in the life of the church. We are expecting growth and it looks as though growth is coming our way. We ask for your continued pray support as we move forward with God.

Respectfully Submitted, Jonathan Watson, Church Planter

APPENDIX H
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY FOR PROBATIONER CARE

To the meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery meeting March 07, 2009 at the Olive Branch Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi.

The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care presently is working with over 30 persons as inquirers, candidates and licentiates. The committee meets monthly. Each probationer meets with the committee at least twice a year. There are twelve probationers attending Memphis Theological Seminary, four attending Bethel College, three attending Program of Alternate Studies and two attending other colleges.

Urelia Dimo of Memphis, an employee in domestic work at Memphis Theological Seminary met with the committee to inquire about candidacy for the ministry. Urelia has been recommended by her church session, Germantown CP Church. She is from Sudan and hopes to work with the Sudanese in fulfilling her call to the ministry.

Recommendation 1: That Urelia Dimo be received upon examination by West Tennessee Presbytery, March 07, 2009, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Daniel Barkley a candidate for the ministry graduated from Bethel College in December 2008. He has enrolled in Memphis Theological Seminary and is making excellent progress in his work toward a career in the gospel ministry. He is Stated Supply Pastor at Davidson Chapel CP Church.

Recommendation 2: That Daniel Barkley upon successful examination by West Tennessee Presbytery, March 07, 2009, be licensed to the gospel ministry.

Cory Williams is completing his last course at Memphis Theological Seminary which is a Practicum Counseling Course. He appeared before the committee for an ordination exam in February. The committee was very pleased with the exam results.

Recommendation 3: That Cory Williams be examined for ordination by West Tennessee Presbytery, March 07, 2009 and that upon successful completion of examination be approved for ordination to the gospel ministry.

Recommendation 4: That Cory Williams be ordained at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Brunswick CP Church, Brunswick, TN, a time and date to be announced.

Recommendation 5: That Pamela Lannom be approved by the March 07, 2009 meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery to attend the Program of Alternate Studies.

Recommendation 6: That Licentiate Frank Dalton be dropped from the roll of probationers at his own request.

Respectfully Submitted, The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care

**APPENDIX I
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CAMP CLARK WILLIAMSON**

To the West Tennessee Presbytery meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi.

I. 2008 -- An Overview

For Camp Clark Williamson the year 2008 marked the forty-eighth anniversary of providing experiences in outdoor Christian Education. The Board of Directors is pleased to report that progress continues as we seek to maintain and improve the facilities and services offered by the camp. We recognize that this continued development is made possible by a dedicated staff, and the support of churches and individuals who contribute their time and resources to this ministry. During 2008 the camp had a total of 2,913 visitors: 671 summer campers, 933 people for weekend retreats, 1,109 day campers, and 200 visitors who attended other events such as workdays. The breakdown of visitors between the Resident Camp and the Savannah Hill Lodge was 1,492 and 1,421 respectively. These visitors represent 79 total groups using the facilities.

II. Maintenance

The CCW Board is continually striving to maintain and update the camping facility as well as maintenance and upkeep the lodge as needed. Roofing, painting, renewing, and repairing of facility and buildings continue as 2009 camping season approaches. All cabins, but one, are adopted for the upcoming year. A focus of security is a priority this year (new gates, fencing, lighting, etc.). We appreciate greatly the many volunteers who donate their time each year to help with the maintenance needs of the camp and cabin adoption. Realistically, however, these numbers seem to be getting smaller, and with the facility receiving more and more use the need is getting greater. Therefore, we are hiring much of the work done. If your church, youth or group would be interested in volunteering or adopting a building, or working on a specific maintenance or landscape project please call Mike at the camp office. **Work week** is scheduled for 2009 on **April 14-18**, and then on **May 2**.

III. Development & Expansion

As projects, such as screened in porches, become completed there are new projects which the Board is working on. The construction of a Prayer Chapel, working with Madison County on a back entrance to the camp, a new large pavilion, and survey and fence work are on the list.

IV. Administrative

The CCW Board wishes to thank the Presbytery and all of the individual churches for designating and participating in "*Camp Clark Williamson Sunday*." The special day this year will be **April 19**. Members of the Camp Board met with members of the Board of Christian Education to work together for current camps, and coordinate the future. The Board of Directors is planning a big celebration for its 50th anniversary in 2010. The date will be Saturday, June 5, 2010. The camp continues to work with the American Camping Association and the Madison County Health Department Standards. The camp web-site is a vital tool. Information on the renting of the Resident Camp and the Savannah Hill Lodge, photos, as well as Presbyterian camping information and applications, provided by the C. E. Board, can be found here. The web-site is **campclarkwilliamson.com**. The camp is a member of the Jackson/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, and continues to work through the Chamber for advertising, networking, and training opportunities. Through efforts corresponding with and hosting many people, churches, and groups the camp is a dynamic, daily witnessing tool of the West Tennessee Presbytery.

V. Financial Report

Total income for the year 2008 was \$228,810.45 with expenditures of \$227,845.13.

The 2008 income was from the following sources:

W. TN. Presbytery	\$ 42,500. 00
Camping Fees	\$164,652.72
Donations	\$ 21,657.73

The 2008 expenses can be broken down into the following categories:

Maintenance and Repairs	\$47,849.94
Utilities	\$27,581.68
Salaries	\$72,931.24

Insurance	\$20,507.00
Food Service	\$29,519.39
Administrative.....	\$29,455.88

The CCW Maintenance Endowment with the Board of Stewardship, Foundation & Benefits stands at \$13,525.65 as of the March, 2008 report. The Capital Campaign balance currently stands at \$17,445.06 with \$9,275 being designated for the new prayer chapel.

VI. Special Events and Dates to Remember

- Spring Work Week** will be the week of **April 14-18** with work projects each day.
- Camp Clark Williamson Sunday** is on **April 19**.
- An additional **Work Day** is scheduled for **May 2**.
- The annual **Fishing Rodeo** will be on **May 2**.

VII. Camp Board

Current officers are: Gene McReynolds - chairman, Barry Reed - vice chairman, Tammy Herrington - secretary, Russell Little - Presbyterial Council Member. Other Board Members include George Butler, Cecil Covert, Doug Oakley, Jerry Petty, Jimmy Stafford, Danny Robinson, and Hobert Walker.

The Board asks that you please remember the camp and in three ways; **1)** prayer, **2)** continued financial support and **3)** by using the camp and supporting the Presbyterial camps and retreats.

VIII. Contact Information

You may contact the camp office by calling **(731) 784-3221** or **1-800-655-8204** (outside Madison County.) The e-mail address is **campclarkw@click1.net** and web-site address is **www.campclarkwilliamson.com**. The physical address is 390 Mason Road, Humboldt, TN 38343.

Respectfully submitted, The Board of Directors of Camp Clark Williamson

APPENDIX J TREASURER REPORT

Assets				
Current Assets (12/31/08)				
Bancorp South Checking Account				\$14,575.93
Insurance Checking Account				\$7,708.16
Trust Fund		9/30/2008		\$219,571.66
Arnett Scholarship Fund		9/30/2008		\$7,249.06
Grace Beasley Fund		9/30/2008		\$104,153.41
Total Current Assets				\$346,009.16
Income as of 12/31/08				
Income from Churches	I			\$347,349.18
Insurance Payments from Churches				\$1,494.00
Camping Fees				\$75,612.77
Misc. Income				\$20,291.11
Rent Income				\$8,500.00
Interest earned				\$304.68
Mission Trip				\$20,745.00

Bethel College Campus Ministry										\$1,200.00
UTM Campus Ministry										\$1,200.00
Bank Service Charges										\$0.00
New Church Development										\$0.00
Offering from Presbytery										\$1,875.94
Miscellaneous	***									\$41,746.33
Rental Expense	Rent sent to trust fund									\$8,500.00
Stated Clerk's Conference										\$111.83
Expenses to Synod										\$1,258.08
TOTAL EXPENSES										\$466,943.72
***Payback to trust fund, Utility payments for Olive Hill										
&Bond program										--

HEALTH INSURANCE - 2008

January – December

INCOME

30% from Churches	46,840.50
Dependents	74,332.50
Non-Clergy	26,960.00
15% from Probationers	3,571.75
West TN Presbytery 70%	110,762.50
West TN Presbytery 85%	36,556.50
Vision & Dental	31.00
TOTAL INCOME	299,024.75

EXPENSES

Ordained Ministers	156,475.00
Probationers	41,799.75
Dependents	77,580.00
Non-clergy	23,960.00
Vision & Dental	242.84
TOTAL EXPENSES	300,257.59

2008 GIVING BY CHURCHES

January – December 2008

Antioch Union	1,039.00	Mill Creek	1,000.00
Atwood	-0-	Morella	-0-
Barron Springs	-0-	Morning Sun	3,697.00
Beech	2,245.08	Mt. Ararat	6,450.00
Bells Chapel	1,120.01	Mt. Carmel	1,852.24
Bethel (CC)	18,949.64	Mt. Olive	1,548.00
Bethel (TC)	2,800.00	Mt. Vernon	3,656.53
Bethesda	150.00	Mt. Zion	16,016.24

Bethlehem		New Bethel	1,500.00
Bolivar	4,479.25	New Bethlehem	346.93
Bradford	1,643.00	New Ebenezer	2,715.00
Brunswick	768.73	New Salem (McC)	-0-
Camden	3,195.00	New Salem (SC)	4,200.00
Campground	500.00	New Salem (WC)	2,489.88
Claybrook	-0-	Newbern	3,251.54
Colonial	2,107.00	North Union	-0-
Concord	3,025.80	Oak Grove	-0-
Cool Springs (CC)	600.00	Oak Hill	483.43
Cool Springs (GC)	5,110.10	Olive Branch	6,395.25
Court Ave.	2,918.21	Oliver's Chapel	4,049.86
Davidson Chapel	3,600.00	Olivet	9,480.00
Double Springs	4,755.00	Palestine (DC)	-0-
Dresden	2,350.85	Palestine (HC)	2,873.48
Dyer	8,052.90	Parson	1,540.00
Dyersburg	33,606.00	Pleasant Green	-0-
Faith	9,374.06	Pleasant Grove	-0-
Ebenezer	2,800.00	Pleasant Union	10,990.00
Fulton	-0-	Poplar Grove	3,024.90
Germantown	11,880.00	Protemus	5,265.07
Gleason	444.53	Ramer	481.42
Good Springs	1,227.16	RoEllen	300.00
Holly Grove	8,308.63	Rutherford	2,383.29
Hopewell (BC)	1,186.07	Salem	-0-
Hopewell (WC)	1,076.87	Savannah	11,348.51
Humboldt	7,710.75	Sharon	-0-
Hurricane Hill	497.85	Shiloh (AC)	2,835.00
Jackson	18,355.74	Shiloh (CC)	2,277.68
Kenton	1,871.47	Trezevant	-0-
Korean	250.00	Trimble	2,400.00
Lexington	3,090.00	Troy	1,075.58
Maple Springs	-0-	Union City	4,824.00
Martin	4,359.35	Walnut Grove	-0-
Mason Hall	-0-	West Union	5,133.26
McKenzie	13,336.00	Woodward's Chapel	-0-
Medina	623.07	Yorkville	-0-
Meridian	457.84	Zion	-0-
Milan	21,321.06	Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Davidson	

APPENDIX K REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

To West Tennessee Presbytery meeting with the Olive Branch, MS Church on March 7, 2009:

Mt. Gilead Church: The Mt. Gilead Church has not appeared on the list of churches in the Yearbook since 1991, but still appears on the list of churches for West Tennessee Presbytery. Mr. W. F. Dickson, former session clerk, has indicated to the Presbytery's Stated Clerk that services have not been held for

years. The church has not filed an annual report since 1987 and has made no apportionment payments. The church appears inactive.

Recommendation 1: That West Tennessee Presbytery pause in our deliberations to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of Mt. Gilead Church, formally close Mt. Gilead Church as of March 7, 2009, move the memberships of the members to First Church, Lexington, and direct the Stated Clerk to communicate Presbytery's action to Mr. W. F. Dickson, former session clerk and all members of Mt. Gilead Church.

Oak Grove Church: The Board of Missions has received disturbing communication concerning Oak Grove Church. Recently, the Board learned that Oak Grove Session had hired a Bethel College student to fill the pulpit and his wife to perform youth ministry without any involvement of the Board or Presbytery. The session does not seem to recognize the authority of Presbytery or its Board of Missions. Covenant Presbytery has sent approval for Licentiate Marcus Hayes to serve in West Tennessee Presbytery.

Recommendation 2: That West Tennessee Presbytery appoint a three member team to meet with the congregation of Oak Grove Church to investigate the willingness of the session to respond to the needs of the congregation and to act under the authority of Presbytery. The report is to be given at the June 2009 Presbytery meeting.

Recommendation 3: That West Tennessee Presbytery approve a stated supply relationship between Marcus Hayes, a Covenant Presbytery Licentiate and student at Bethel College, and Oak Grove Church pending the report of the team in Recommendation 2.

Palestine Church (HC): Reverend Thomas Wayne Tompkins, Sr., formerly of Arkansas Presbytery, and Palestine Church in Henderson County have agreed to a contract and seek approval for a pastoral relationship. A member of the Board of Missions was present at the contract meeting. The Commission to install the Rev. Tompkins includes: The Reverends William Jones, Earl Phelps, Jerry Smith, and Stuart Dyer, Elders Marlyn Hiekes, and Bobby Dean Williams with the date set as March 15, 2009 at 6:00 at the Palestine (HC) Church

Recommendation 4: That West Tennessee Presbytery pray for God's work to be done in the ministry of the Palestine Church to the Henderson County community, approve the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Thomas Wayne Tompkins, Sr. and Palestine Church, and elect a commission to install the Reverend Thomas Wayne Tompkins, Sr. as Pastor of Palestine Church.

Mt. Ararat Church: The Reverend Robert Smith and Mt. Ararat Church have agreed to a contract and seek approval for a pastoral relationship. A member of the Board of Missions was involved with the transaction. The commission to install the Rev. Robert A. Smith includes: The Reverends Larry Blakeburn, Phillip Pinion, Bobby Williams, and Elder Bobby Hall

Recommendation 5: That West Tennessee Presbytery pray for God's work to be done in the ministry of the Mt. Ararat Church, approve the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Robert Smith and Mt. Ararat Church, and elect a commission to install Reverend Robert Smith as Pastor of Mt. Ararat Church.

Oliver's Chapel Church: The Reverend Don Caperton and Oliver's Chapel Church seek to dissolve the pastoral relationship. The Reverend Sam Harwell and Oliver's Chapel Church have agreed to a contract and seek approval for a pastoral relationship. A member of the Board of Missions was involved with the transactions.

Recommendation 6: That West Tennessee Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Don Caperton and Oliver's Chapel Church.

Recommendation 7: That West Tennessee Presbytery pray for God's work to be done in the ministry of the Oliver's Chapel Church, and approve the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Sam Harwell and Oliver's Chapel Church, and elect a commission to install Reverend Sam Harwell as Pastor of Oliver's Chapel Church.

Brunswick Church: Mr. Cory Williams and Brunswick Church have agreed to a contract and seek approval for a pastoral relationship following his ordination by West Tennessee Presbytery. A member of the Board of Missions was involved with the transaction.

Respectfully submitted, The Board of Missions

APPENDIX L REPORT OF STATED CLERK

To west Tennessee Presbytery in session with the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi, Saturday, March 7, 2009.

In the 2009 Stated Clerks Conference held January 5,6, in the new Denomination Center we covered a large area of concerns. One particular area dealt with the reception of minister.

On page 56 in the Digest under the section "Ordained Ministers Transferring Presbyteries" is found the following, "It is advisable for the receiving presbytery to adopt a procedure for receiving the application of ministers desiring to join the presbytery. The presbytery may wish to exercise its review through an appropriate committee, which may consider the minister's calling, temperament, experience, previous service and other relevant matters. If the incoming minister is accepting a call to a particular church within the presbytery, the presbytery should examine the call and consider the relationship as provided in Section 7.06 of the Constitution." Therefore, I make the following recommendation.

Recommendation: That presbytery refer this matter to a specific board or committee to produce a procedure for examining all minister transferring into this presbytery before they are received.

As of the writing of this report there were twenty-three Session Clerks who have not sent their congregation's Annual Reports that was suppose to be in my office by February 1, 2009. I request that the Board of Missions meet with or at least contact these Session Clerks that have not sent in their Annual Report. There were six churches who made no report for 2007.

Respectfully submitted, Earl Phelps, Stated Clerk

APPENDIX M REPORT OF THE CLERGY CARE COMMITTEE

To: West Tennessee Presbytery, meeting March 7, 2009

Your Clergy Care Committee submits the following report:

I. Joys and Concerns

Your committee regularly lifts prayers of gratitude, intercession, and petition on behalf of the ministers within our presbytery. We ask that you inform us of any joys and concerns of clergy and their families, for we stand ready to celebrate with you or offer a compassionate ear.

II. Ministers Without Charge

Your committee maintains a list of ordained ministers who are willing to preach and/or administer sacraments in the event of a pastor's absence due to vacation, continuing education event, or sabbatical leave. Elders and ministers are encouraged to contact Andy McClung at 901-606-6615 when such a need arises.

III. Continuing Education

Ministers are reminded of the requirement to earn six CEUs (60 contact hours) every three years. CEU report forms are available from the stated clerk or the CCC chair.

CEUs reported for 2008:

Doy Daniels 7.0, William Jones 1.2, Andy McClung 4.8, Don Thomas 5.8

IV. Encouragement

A. Elders, we strongly encourage you to encourage your pastor to participate in the first denominational Clergy Retreat, October 20-22 in Dickson, TN. We further encourage you to pay your pastor's expenses in participating. A spiritually refreshed pastor is much more effective than a pastor on the verge of bum out.

B. Elders are encouraged to include time away for continuing education events in your session's covenant/contract with your pastor, and to provide funds for the same in your budgeting process.

Respectfully submitted, The Clergy Care Committee

APPENDIX N REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TO West Tennessee Presbytery meeting with the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi, March 7, 2009.

1. Officers and Members

Board officers are: Jim Hamblin (West Union) Chair, Matt Tyler (Dyersburg), Vice-Chair and Micah Bell (Humboldt), Secretary. Jim Hamblin is our representative to the Presbyterial Council. We thank Donna Heflin for her faithful service as chairperson of our board and wish her our best in her health challenges. She will continue to serve on the board. Other members of the board are listed in the minutes.

2. Camp and Communications Coordinator

Tammy Herrington serves as presbytery's Camp and Communications Coordinator. She provides information concerning ministry opportunities with persons in the presbytery. Her work in processing camp and retreat registrations is meticulous. We are truly blessed to have Tammy as part of our ministry team.

3. Youth Ministry Planning Council (YMPC)

(a.) Composition of the Council (a) adult (y) youth

(b.) Class of 2009: Benji Akridge, (a) [Faith], Ambher Denbow, (y) [Faith], Aaron Ferry, (a)

[Olivet], Mariel Groppe, (y) [Germantown], Donna Heflin, (a) [Germantown], Eric Turner, (y) [Faith], and Matt Tyler, (a) [Dyersburg].

Class of 2010: Paul Earheart-Brown, (y) [Faith], Amber Glenn, (y) [Humboldt], Linda Glenn, (a) [Humboldt] Ricky Kirby, (y) [Dyersburg], Drew Hayes, (a) [West Union], and John Ramsay, (a) [Faith].

(b.) Youth Rallies

A spring rally was held Sunday, February 8, 2009 at CCW. Guest speaker was Susan Groce with Milan Church hosting the food and "Upon This Rock" leading worship. Our late summer rally will be August 23rd at CCW. If your congregation would like to host a rally at CCW please contact the Youth Ministry Planning Council Chairperson, Aaron Ferry (Olivet) amferry815@hotmail.com.

(c.) Retreats

Spring 2009 Retreats: Senior High, February 20-22, 2009 at Service Over Self (SOS) on Poplar Avenue in Memphis. Junior High, March 13-15 at CCW. Fall 2009 Retreats: Junior High, November 6-8, and Senior High, November 20-22 at CCW. In 2008 a new retreat was held for college age young adults. We had a great experience and have now included this ministry in our regular calendar. The next College Age Retreat will be November 13-15 at Camp Clark Williamson. The planning group is composed of Missy Rose (Faith), Billy Price (Germantown), Courtney Barnett (Mt. Ararat) and Katie Sharpe (Faith). (Facebook Group: West TN Presbytery Young Adult Ministry) The purpose of the retreat is to offer opportunity for college age young adults to connect in a retreat setting. Young adults will slow down in an outdoor setting for a time of spiritual reflection and growth. The cost of each retreat is \$50.00. Please make checks payable to West Tennessee Presbytery.

(d.) Youth Advisory Delegates

Mitch Brown (Germantown) and Ambher Denbow (Faith) will represent presbytery at the General Assembly in Memphis this summer. Alternates include Mariel Groppe (Germantown and Ricky Kirby (Dyersburg).

4. Camping Ministry

(a.) Overview

BCE continues to plan, provide and evaluate camping environments that give opportunity for campers to experience Christian community in the context of an outdoor setting.

(b.) Annual Camp Evaluation

In August 2008 a joint meeting of the YMPC, BCE and Camp Directors was held. During the camp evaluation meeting with YMPC and BCE several good ideas for future camps were shared. One idea was daily camp staff meetings to share daily updates for better staff communication. Ideas for clarification, safety and improvement were shared which BCE will continue to address. Directors, Council and Board members shared valuable information which will inform future camps. This group will meet again along with Mike Hannaford, Camp Administrator, April 18 to finalize summer camp planning.

(c.) 2009 Camps

Day Camp, June 6 directed by Micah Bell. The Day Camp continues to be an introduction of young children to the church camping experience. Junior Camp #1, June 8-13 will be directed by Glynda Corbin, Jason Alexander, and Charro Keenan. Junior Camp #2 July 20-25 will be directed by Gloria and Cecil Covert. Junior High Camp #1 July 6-11 will be directed by Becky Jo Maxwell and Jim Hamblin. Junior High Camp #2 July 13-18 will be directed by Mitch Boulton, Connie Ricketts, and Jamie Adams. Senior High Camp June 22-27 will be directed by Aaron Ferry and Missy Rose. The Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC) will be held July 12-17 at NaCoMe Conference Center, Pleasantville, TN.

We continue to plan for camp staff to arrive a day early for training. Camp Directors and Staff will also gather on April 18, 10 a.m. at CCW for a planning day. Camp dates for 2010 and 2011 have appeared in previous board reports and are posted on the presbytery and CCW web sites. 2012 Camp

Dates are as follow: Day Camp June 2; Junior #1 June 11-16; Senior High June 25-30; Junior High #1 July 9-14; Junior High #2 July 16-21; Junior #2 July 23-28.

We need the presence of ordained clergy on staff at each camp. It is sometimes difficult to find clergy whose schedules allow them to provide that much needed presence in the camp setting. Over the years we have heard time and time again the stories of persons who began to feel the call to ministry in the camp setting. It is imperative that we have clergy present, not only to assist in that exploration process, but also in the questions of faith that arise in the unique setting of outdoor ministry. Lay staff persons have expressed that they feel ill equipped to provide pastoral care in these areas.

(d.) 2009 Camp and Retreat Fees

The registration fee for 2009 summer camps will be \$185.00 per person. The cost for Day Camp will remain \$15.00 per person for Day campers and \$5.00 for adults. The cost of retreats remains at \$50.00 per person.

(e.) Joint meeting with CCW Board

A meeting with three representatives from BCE and three from the CCW Board met Tuesday, January 13, 10 a.m. at Jackson 1st. This annual meeting provides an important communication link between the two agencies as we consider outdoor ministry opportunities in WTN Presbytery. The next meeting is scheduled for 10am January 12, 2010 at Jackson First Church.

5. News and Information

We continue to provide news and important information concerning ministries provided by the presbytery board on the presbytery website at www.wtppc.org. Registration forms for events are to be provided on the site. The CCW website, www.camclarkwilliamson.com also posts registration information. Tammy Herrington will provide camping information to campers and congregations. Camp and retreat registration forms will be confirmed by-mail when possible.

6. 2009 Summer Mission Trip

Mitch Boulton and Jamie Adams will serve as Mission Trip Coordinators. We have decided to come home for our trip this year. June 28-July 3 our Presbyterial Mission Trip will be headed for Camp Israel Folsom, Choctaw Presbytery, Oklahoma. It brought a tear to Betty Jacobs' eyes when she was contacted. Exact type of work and extended ministry is still in the works.

7. 2009 Mission Trip and CPYC Scholarships

We continue to provide scholarships for the Mission Trip and CPYC in 2008. Seven congregations were represented among the recipients of this year's scholarships. (2007 nine congregations). Everyone that applied for a scholarship in 2008 received one. Scholarships applications were filled very quickly. Some persons may have chosen not to apply after learning all scholarships were filled. Please continue to apply as some who have received a scholarship may not be able to attend. In that case the next one down the list will be notified that will receive the scholarship. ***Please be reminded that the scholarships are intended for needs based recipients. This has not been emphasized in recent years. The intent of the Presbyterial Board of CE is that persons apply for scholarships that might otherwise not be able to attend the event.*** In order to provide a better distribution of the funds scholarship applications should be postmarked no earlier than March 13, 2009 and no later than May 1. Jim Hamblin continues to coordinate the distribution of funds. They are awarded on a first come first serve basis. Scholarships are numbered in the order they are received. In an effort to distribute the scholarship funds to help more participants there will be forty \$50 scholarships awarded in 2009. (twenty \$100 in 2008) Scholarship applications will be available at the spring 2009 meeting of presbytery and will be provided to persons attending the spring presbytery rally. Remember, the application deadline is May 1, 2009. Scholarship applications will be mailed to Jim Hamblin, 3099W. Union Rd., Millington, TN 38053. You will be notified by Jim as to whether you receive a scholarship. Scholarship funds will be sent from the presbyterial treasurer directly to the appropriate event.

8. Dates on Denominational Discipleship Ministry Team Web Site

As a service to the denomination the Denominational Discipleship Ministry Team posts the dates

of presbytery's CE opportunities on their web site at www.cumberland.org. You may refer to the site for other helpful information in the area of your congregation's ministry of Christian education.

9. Third Age Ministry

We are earnest on our resolve to provide ministry to and with our "seasoned" brothers and sisters in Christ. Our efforts last year were not as successful as we had hoped. We would like to have input from the presbytery as to your wants, needs and desires for this important ministry. You may share your ideas with Melvin and Naomi at 731-287-0310 or Jim Hamblin, 901-481-5757 brojim391@gmail.com.

10. Evangelism Miniversity Keep the Flame Burning-Share the Story

Theme: "The Teacher as Evangelist." Is evangelism an outdated term? In what ways can the church be open to the power of the Holy Spirit in mobilizing the church for its unique ministry of sharing the Good News? What is the role of teachers and leaders in being evangelists? The Miniversity is designed for 3% hours. For just \$25 per person you can send teachers, pastors, elders, outreach ministry team members and others. Leaders can select the specific tract that relates to their particular roles. Choose to attend the event nearest you. Two events in our area: The first was held February 21 at First CPC, McKenzie and March 14 there is another at Faith CPC in Memphis. Be aware of registration deadlines.

11. CPYC and Triennium

The theme of the 2009 Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC) is "Let ME do the talking!" The registration fee is \$325 and deadline is June 25. CPYC is July 12-17 at NaCoMe Conference Center in Pleasantville, TN. The next Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be July 20-24, 2010 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. The Theme will be "For Such a Time as This." The registration fee will be \$419. Your WTP BCE will, once again, provide scholarship opportunities for both events and the bus transportation for Triennium. Please note: In an effort to help those who otherwise may not be able to attend we ask for scholarships to be submitted based on need. Currently we are offering forty \$50 scholarships but if this "need-based" submission is successful we may be able to give those who really need it more help.

12. Youth Evangelism Conference

The denominational Missions Ministry Team is planning a Youth Evangelism Conference this December 27-30. The theme is "Wake Up!!" and will take place at the West Nashville Church and the Urban Youth Center.

13. Youth Workers Summit

The denominational Discipleship Ministries Team is sponsoring a Youth Workers Summit at Walt Disney World December 1-4, 2010.

14. Opening Doors to Discipleship

Opening Doors to Discipleship is an on-line teacher training program for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This free course is available by logging onto openingdoorstodiscipleship.com. The church log in number is 14549. Teachers in a congregation, along with their ministry or a mentor, are encouraged to do this course together on-line. The resource is a valuable free tool for leader development.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Christian Education

APPENDIX O BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To the Presbyterian Council West Tennessee Presbytery meeting Saturday, January 24, 2009

On November 13, 2008, a meeting was held in the office of Attorney Curtis F. Hooper, 115 Court

Square, Savannah, 1N. Present at the meeting were: Rev. Robert Rush, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; Attorney Molly Williams, legal representative of West Tennessee Presbytery; Annetta Camp, West Tennessee Presbyterial Board of Missions; and Merlyn Alexander, Chairman of Board of Trustees West Tennessee Presbytery. Representing the Olive Hill Church were: Priscilla and Rick Frank; Mickey Alexander; and attorney Mr. Hooper.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the transferring of the Property Deed from the Olive Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Hill, 1N. to the Olive Hill Community Church, Olive Hill, 1N. by the Trustees who have been serving as Trustees of the Olive Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Hill, 1N.

I had written to Ms. Betty C. Bigbie, Clerk of the Olive Hill Session on October 16, 2008, concerning the Transfer of Deed stating that the "transfer of deed was made without legal standing according to the statutes of the State of Tennessee and the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church." I have not received a reply from the Session. I have this letter for the Council to read. I also wrote a letter to Attorney Curtis F. Hopper reiterating the above statement made in the letter to Ms Bigbie. I stated to him that "the Board of Trustees of West Tennessee Presbytery will be seeking a "legal remedy" to this matter along with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a whole." Mr. Hooper was the attorney of record who helped the Trustees in transferring the deed.

The first step in the meeting was the review of the Sections 3.30 - 3.35 of our Constitution in the August, 2007, Confession of Faith relating to property ownership and proper disposition of property whenever a church ceases its ministry as a Cumberland Presbyterial entity. These were discussed at length. There was some confusion on the part of Mr. Hooper since the page being considered had been left out of the Confession of Faith and inserted in the necessary place. The page included the statements in the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the left and the statements in the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America on the right. Mr. Hooper tended to regard the section under the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America as the official statement regarding this matter.

There was no consensus of opinion when the meeting ended on whether the transferring of the deed was legal or illegal. It was apparent to me that Mr. Hooper felt convinced that the property and church belong to the members and trustees of the now Community Church of Olive Hill, 1N, and they were free to do what they wished with the property.

The meeting was congenial and I believe we left feeling that we would hear from them concerning the matter, but we have not had any communication from them or their attorney.. Annetta Camp called twice in December "to work toward reconnecting with the CP denomination." She said in an e-mail: "those attending the church continue to remain with their position of being a community church. Priscilla, Rick, and Mickey think this is best. "

This situation needs to have a "legal remedy" and the Board of Trustees needs a directive from West Tennessee Presbytery and/or the Council to instigate a suit in the courts to resolve the issue. The property belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and legal action needs to be taken in order to do what is right and to make a statement declaring that the presbytery is willing to act to preserve its

integrity in protecting its member churches and property. This is the responsibility of the presbytery through its Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted, The Board of Trustees
Merlyn Alexander, Chairperson

APPENDIX P REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

TO West Tennessee Presbytery in session with the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, MS, Saturday, March 7, 2009.

The Presbytery Council met in regular session Saturday, January 24, 2009, at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Tennessee.

Officers elected for 2009 are:

President, Annetta Camp
Vice-president, Don McCurley
Secretary, Earl Phelps

The Council approved the members-at-large of the Council being members of the Board of Directors of the Incorporation of West Tennessee Presbytery.

The Council received the following reports: Board of Christian Education, Treasurer, Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care (oral report), Clergy Care Committee (oral report), Board of Directors of Camp Clark Williamson, Board of Missions (referred back for corrections), Board of Trustees, and New Seekers Region of the CPWM.

The Council presents the following recommendations to the Presbytery for approval:
In reference to the Treasurer Report:

Recommendation 1: That Standing Rules 16 and 24 be deleted and change Standing Rule 23 to read, "West Tennessee Presbytery will pay the designated percentage for the year according to the budget of the premium of the health insurance for probationers (those who are full-time in college or seminary). The probationer will pay the remaining difference.

In reference to the Clergy Care Committee Report:

Recommendation 2: That the Clergy Care Committee be instructed to set up forms to enhance understanding of constitutional changes.

In reference to the Nominating Committee Report:

Recommendation 3: That Standing Rule J "The Nominating Committee, in the last sentence of paragraphs 5, 6, 7, and 8 the word "regular" be inserted before the word "sessions", thus reading ".....who has not attended at least two-thirds of the regular sessions of presbytery within the last three years."

In reference to the Board of Trustees Report:

Recommendation 4: That presbytery authorize the Board of Trustees to take legal action regarding the matter of the Olive Hill property to court.

Recommendation 5: That the following sentence be added to Standing Rule 1, "That host churches of regular sessions of presbytery provide childcare."

Respectfully submitted, The Presbytery Council

NOTE: **Recommendation 1** was amended to read: "West Tennessee Presbytery will pay the designated percentage of health insurance premium for ministers who are members of West Tennessee Presbytery and serving a church in West Tennessee Presbytery 30 hours or more a week, and eligible probationers who are serving a church in West Tennessee Presbytery 30 hours or more a week." **Recommendation 3** was amended to read "at least two-thirds of the stated meetings of presbytery". **Recommendation 4** was amended to insert the word "immediate" between the words "take" and "legal action."

APPENDIX Q
REPORT OF NEW SEEKERS REGION
Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry

TO West Tennessee Presbytery meeting at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, MS, March 7, 2009

The New Hope Region (West Tennessee - Region #2, Benton, Carroll, Henry and Weakley Counties) and the Seekers of JOY Region (West Tennessee Region #3 - Chester, Decatur, Hardeman, Hardin, Henderson, Madison and McNairy Counties) combined their Regions and became the New Seekers Region in the fall of 2008.

The purpose for combining of the two regions is to further our outreach and attendance at the regional meetings.

Officers were elected and installed at the semi-annual meeting held on September 20, 2008. 45 women attended this meeting. Plans for the coming year were discussed. Featured speaker was Mrs. Beverly Stott who spoke on her trip to Japan for the meeting of the 2008 General Assembly. Our meeting was adjourned following a Communion Service conducted by the Rev. Carol Scrivener.

Our next meeting will be held following the close of the Women's Ministry Spring Retreat at Camp Clark Williamson on March 7, 2009.

The President has attended a planning session on the 2009 Convention and we will be involved in the hosting of the Convention. Convention information has been sent to the Women's Ministry Officers in our Region.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Gray, President

APPENDIX R
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE MILAN CPC LETTER

TO West Tennessee Presbytery in session with the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi, Saturday, March 7, 2009.

The Committee met on two occasions to hear the concerns of the Milan CP Church and the response of the Memphis Theological Seminary. There was passionate discussion about the Milan Churches disapproval of specific policy statements and stances held at Memphis Theological Seminary. There was also frustration stated with Milan Church's willingness to withhold OOU funds as a form of protest with Memphis Theological Seminary.

Coming forth from this intense dialog were the following statements issued by Memphis Theological Seminary and Milan CP Church. We, the committee, feel as though these statements represent a healthy resolution to the debate concerning Memphis Theological Seminary and the Milan CP Church. We are grateful that people on both sides of this debate were willing to work toward common ground on the stated concerns. It took courage for the committee to move beyond their personal desires, and find a moderate approach to reconciliation with one of our sister churches and our beloved seminary.

Thus we offer the following recommendation:

Recommendation: West Tennessee Presbytery requests that Memphis Theological Seminary implement the agreed upon statements included in this report. We further request that MTS provide follow-up on the status of this implementation at the Fall 2009 meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery.

Please receive the following three documents as the remainder and conclusion of our report (1. Statement by Milan CP Church dated 2-2-2009 2. Response by Jay Earheart Brown dated 2-18-2009. Response by Milan Session dated 2-22-2009)

Respectfully submitted, Jody Hill, Chairperson

A solution from the Milan Session written on 02-02-2009

Last Thursday night, Elinor Brown asked the question, "What do ya'll want from the Seminary?" A great question that was left unanswered, and probably led to much of the confusion.

The following list is offered as a start to answering Elinor's question.

- 1) Respecting educational freedom and Christian freedom do away with ~he language statement. In today's environment, any language statement or policy will be offensive or disrespectful to someone.
- 2) Homosexual Policy. We agree with the Statement on Morality as stated in the handbook. We overlooked this statement, and it wasn't pointed out to us, or we could have marked this concern off the list. We do hope this statement will be pointed out to students at orientation and to the Faculty. If the Statement on Morality is not respected by faculty or students, then the Dean of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Students must address the problem.
- 3) We would like "Bible based" inserted into the Mission Statement. It could be added so it readsMemphis Theological Seminary, a Bible based, ecumenical Protestant seminary

serving the Mid-South....."

4) We see the need for more Bible courses. Students must be stretched biblically before they can be stretched theologically.

5) Last, but probably the most important--more ecumenical, orthodox professors must be hired. We believe if there was more balance and all viewpoints equally represented, most of the perceived problems would not exist at MTS. We know it is impressive to the academic world to have world class professors, but it is more important to the Denomination to produce quality pastors for the local congregations. There probably needs to be more older preachers training the younger preachers how to pastor and preach.

The following is a response written by Jay Earheart-Brown on 02-18-09

Dear Friends,

Please excuse my delay in responding to the helpful letter from the Milan Church session. I have just come through my winter Board of Trustees meeting, which is when I have to answer to my 24 bosses.

I want to thank Johnny Tucker and Ronnie Parks, especially for taking so much time to deal with these issues. I know that they are passionate about wanting to make a difference for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and for Jesus Christ. I am also grateful for the time devoted to these concerns by the entire committee. I am deeply committed to the process of listening to the church to see how we can improve the education we offer to the students God sends our way.

In response to Johnny's five points, here is my contribution to the ongoing conversation.

1. Johnny says that "in today's environment, any language statement or policy will be offensive or disrespectful to someone." I don't entirely agree. I do agree that language issues will continue to be issues Christians of good will and deep conviction disagree over. My concern is to honor all perspectives on this issue. I don't think silence is the best way to deal with this, but I do agree that our statement as it currently stands needs improvement. I would be willing to work toward something like the following:

Language

Believing that God creates and redeems humanity by "word" and "word made flesh," the MTS community takes seriously the agency of language within the classroom and the sanctuary. The use of inclusive language in writing and speaking expresses respect for all persons. It promotes

reconciliation and harmony while affirming every member of the human family as no less than a child of God. In our language by, to, and about God, we encourage the use of the full range of Biblical language and metaphors, affirming with the Great Tradition of Christian history that God is neither male nor female, and that the fullness of God is beyond all human naming.

2. We will continue to make the Statement on Morality visible, known, and honored in the MTS community.

3. The mission statement is currently under review by our Board. I like the idea of honoring the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the foundation for what we teach. I will make a

commitment to including a reference to the Bible in our revised mission statement.

4. We are currently engaged in a curriculum revision. We have already been talking about how to include more Bible instruction into the curriculum, knowing that pastors need courses on a variety of practical topics as well. Our students come to us today with less biblical knowledge than in years past. We know that, and want to respond to that in ways that give them the foundation they need.

5. I am committed to hiring orthodox professors who are devoted to the life and witness of the local church. We currently have a plan to raise funds for a professor of Cumberland Presbyterian studies, who will have to be a Cumberland Presbyterian who relates well to all constituents in the CPC. I will continue to exercise my prerogative as President of the seminary to see that we include the voice and experience of the church in our search processes, and that we hire a balanced faculty who can serve all our constituency, whether conservative, moderate, or liberal. We are always recruiting adjunct professors who have strong pastoral and practical skills, in addition to any academic qualifications. My greatest desire is to produce quality pastors for local congregations. Every student is paired with an experienced pastor to do field education, and we use a wide variety of older pastors to teach in other areas.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have these conversations about how to improve our seminary, and I really do hope they will continue long beyond the existence of this committee. I believe that what we all want is a seminary we can be proud of, and ministers who are passionate about the gospel of Jesus Christ, and able to make disciples of all nations, as Jesus commanded us.

Blessings

Jay Daniel J. Earheart-Brown, Ph.D. President and Professor of Theology Memphis Theological Seminary 168 East Parkway South Memphis, TN 38104 (901) 458-8232

The following is Milan Cumberland Presbyterian Church Sessions response to Memphis Theological Seminary written 02-22-2009

After reviewing Dr. Jay Earhart-Brown's email dated 2/18,2009 5:24pm at a called session meeting on Sunday, 2/22/09, we the Milan CP Session are very encouraged by the response and will be satisfied with its implementation.

As a side bar, we do offer these suggestions:

- 1) The language statement should encourage a full range of Biblical language, but also must not limit or discourage any specific pronouns.
- 2) In the Statement on Morality in the Student Handbook, the statement starts "The Board of Trustees urges students, faculty, and....." could be changed to "The Board of Trustees affirms to students, faculty, and" to be more consistent with other policies stated in the handbook.
- 3) We assume the word BIBLE will be placed in the updated Mission Statement.
- 4) We strongly believe many "misconceptions" pertaining to MTS will quickly fade as more balance is achieved in the Faculty.

Thank you for consideration to our questions,
The Milan Cumberland Presbytery Session

MINUTES
Adjourned Meeting
May 17, 2009

West Tennessee Presbytery met in Adjourned Meeting at the Brunswick Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday May 17, 2009 4:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Moderator Elder Ron Gardner called the meeting to order.

Quorum: A quorum was declared.

There were 12 ministers; 2 elders; 2 licentiates, and 1 candidate.

Ministers: Barry Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Charles R. Brown, Elinor S. Brown, Mark Brown, Stephanie S. Brown, Clinton Buck, Byron Forester, William Jones, Andy McClung, Earl Phelps, Robert Rush.

Elders: Ron Gardner, Debbie, Marston

Licentiates: Daniel Berkley, Cory D. Williams

Candidate: Laura Narowetz

Visiting Ministers and Licentiate: Jay Earheart-Brown, Nashville Presbytery; Victor Hassell, Covenant Presbytery; Debra Matthews, Huntsville Presbytery, CPCA; Nathan Wheeler, Licentiate, Nashville Presbytery

Worship: The Rev. Barry Anderson led in worship. The Rev. Debra Matthews led in prayer. Following the Passing of the Peace, the Rev. Jim Hamblin read the scripture from Mark 12: 28-34. The message was delivered by the Rev. Anne Hames on the subject, "Keeping First Things First". The Rev. Barry Anderson read the statement of the purpose of this meeting. The Rev. Melvin Orr asked the constitutional questions, which Licentiate Cory D. Williams answered in the affirmative. The Rev. Lisa Anderson invited clergy and elders to the laying of hands and led in prayer. The Rev. Melvin Orr declared that Cory D. Williams was duly ordained to the gospel ministry of word and sacrament and issued the charge.

Presentation of the Tools for Ministry: A Bible was presented by the Rev. Andy McClung on behalf of the Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care. A portable communion set was presented by the Rev. Stephanie Brown on behalf of the Commission on the Ministry. The Brunswick Cumberland Presbyterian Church presented the Robe. The Stoles were presented by Mrs. Nancy Williams, Cory's mother, on behalf of the Bolivar Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Certificate of Ordination was presented by the Rev. Earl Phelps, Stated Clerk of West Tennessee Presbytery. The Rev. Cory D. Williams led in a service of Holy Communion.

Presbyterial Business:

Name Added to the Role: the name of Rev. Cory D. Williams was added to the role of ordained ministers in West Tennessee Presbytery.

Previous Action Rescinded: Presbytery rescinded a previous action of the March meeting regarding receiving the letter of dismissal of the Rev. Wayne Thompkins from Arkansas Presbytery, which had not sent at that time.

Letters of Dismission Received: A letter of dismission was received with recommendations from Arkansas Presbytery for the Rev. Wayne Thompkins; a letter of dismissal was received with recommendations from North Central Presbytery for Joey Edwards.

Letter of Dismission Granted: A letter of dismission with recommendations was granted for Mark Allison to East Tennessee Presbytery.

Adjournment: Presbytery adjourned to meet June 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Newbern Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Benediction: The Rev. Cory D. Williams closed the meeting with the benediction.

MINUTES June 7, 2009

West Tennessee Presbytery met in regular meeting at the Newbern Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday June 7, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Moderator Ron Gardner called the meeting to order.

Quorum: A quorum was declared. Registration showed 41 Ministers, 33 Elder, plus 9 Licentiates and 2 Candidates. See **ATTENDANCE, APPENDIX A.**

Constituting Prayer: Rev. Michael Qualls prayed the constituting prayer.

Report of the Nominating Committee: The report was received with the names of Elder Ron Gardner as moderator and the Rev. Clinton Buck as assistant moderator.

Election of Moderator: Elder Ron Gardner and the Rev. Buck were elected by acclamation.

Adoption of the Program: The program was adopted, subject to necessary Changes, including the addition of refreshments following worship, the Newbern CP church to giving history of the church at the beginning of Presbytery Business, and the item of dissolving of the relationship between Mark Allison and Holly Grove was moved to the Report of the Board of Missions.

Announcements: Announcements and welcome were given by the pastor host, Rev. George Butler.

Recognition of Visiting Minister: The Rev. Jonathan Clark, Murfreesboro Presbytery, was seated as advisory member. Mrs. Edith Gholson, Director of the Ministry Team, was recognized. Licentiate Marcus Hayes, Covenant Presbytery, was recognized as a visitor.

Worship: The Rev. Linda Glenn led worship. An offering was received in the amount of \$450.00. The Rev. Jonathan Clark, Moderator of the 178th General Assembly, spoke on the subject “A Vital Church in a Changing World” “A Vital Church in a Changing World”. “A Vital Church in a Changing World” based upon Matthew 13:31-32. The celebration of the Lord’s Supper by lead the Rev. Cory Williams.

Communication: Dr. Clinton presented to the presbytery a communication to endorse the Rev. Larry Blakeburn, pastor of the Dyersburg CP church, as the moderator of the 179th General Assembly of the CP church meeting in Memphis, June 15-18, 2009. The communication was concurred in and its recommendation was adopted marked **APPENDIX B** and filed.

Recess: Recess was declared for thirty minutes for fellowship and refreshments.

Recess Out: The Moderator reconvenes presbytery for business.

Brief Historical Presentation: Representatives of the Newbern congregation gave a presentation of their church’s history.

Communications:

Letter was received from Dana Jett-Rand requesting her ministry as Chaplain at Montgomery Bell State Park be recognized and approved as a valid call of ministry for fulfilling her requirement for ordination. The request was approved, marked **APPENDIX C** and filed.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Report of Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care: The report was received seriatim: Michael Terry Lavender was presented as a candidate for the ministry by the Rev. Melvin Orr. Mr. Lavender gave a sense of his call. Presbytery was given the opportunity to ask questions. **Recommendation 1** was adopted. Marian Sontowski was presented as a candidate for the ministry by the Rev. Orr. Mr. Sontowski gave a sense of his call. Presbytery was given the opportunity to ask questions. Rev. Jerry Smith spoke on behalf of Mr. Sontowski. **Recommendation 2** was adopted. Elder Mark Maddox of the Dresden congregation spoke on behalf of James Wilson. Mr. Wilson was asked the constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative. **Recommendation 3** was adopted and James Smith was added to the roll of ordained ministers. **Recommendation 4** was adopted. **Recommendation 5** was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted, marked **APPENDIX D** and filed. The constitutional questions were asked to Mr. Lavender and Mr. Sontowski and answered in the affirmative. Michael Terry Lavender and Marian Sontowski were added to the role of candidates for the ministry of West Tennessee Presbytery.

Report of the Clergy Care Committee: The report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted, marked **APPENDIX E** and filed.

Report of the Task Force on New Church Development: Resolution 2 was amended to read: that the NCD committee bring to the presbytery from its selective lending institutions with a resolution giving the conditions from which the loan could be made, including the length of the loan, interest rates, monthly payments, and the assets of presbytery that are to be used to pledge the loan. This report was tabled.

Minutes of the meeting, May 17, 2009: The minutes were approved as presented, marked **APPENDIX F** and filed.

Report of the Board of Missions: The report, with additions, was concurred in and its recommendations were adopted, marked **APPENDIX G** and filed. The Commissions to Install were elected.

Granting of Excuses: All excuses received were granted, marked **APPENDIX H** and filed.

Other Presbyterial Business:

- a. Presbytery approved the offering of today be given to the Beard-Buck chair of Cumberland Presbyterian Studies at MTS.
- b. The Presbytery's Planning Committee for General Assembly is looking for vans for transportation during General Assembly and other volunteers for GA week.
- c. Elder Jerry Covington, from the Holly Grove Church was elected as Commissioner to GA.

Appreciation to Host Church: The Moderator expressed gratitude to the Newbern congregation for their hospitality.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes were approved as read as corrected.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Presbytery was adjourned to meet at the Olivet Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Savannah, October 3, 9:00 a.m..

Closing Prayer: The Rev. Terry Hunley led the closing prayer.

Ron Gardner, Moderator
Earl Phelps, Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A ATTENDANCE

[p – present for entire meeting; a – absent without excuse; e- absent with excuse; pa – present for part of meeting but absent at final roll call; pe – excused to leave early; + - permanently excused; ld – letter of dismissal granted; # - received by letter of dismissal; ord – ordained at this meeting/adjourned meeting; * - provisional minister; %-recognized ordination]

A. MINISTERS

Hershel W. Akins (a), Merlyn Alexander (p), Mark Allison (ld), Barry Anderson (p), Lisa Anderson (a), Larry Bagby (a), David Bayer (a); Larry Blackburn (p), Charles Rhea Brown (a), Elinor S. Brown (a), Mark Brown (a), Stephanie Brown (p), Clinton Buck (p), J. B. Burns, Jr. (a), George A. Butler (p) George E. Butler (+), Annette Camp (p), Don Caperton (a), Jon Carlock (a), Don Coleman (a), Dudley Condron (+), Gregory Crisp (a), Paul T. Criss (p), Matthew Cunningham (e), Bertha Davis *(a), Daniel L. Doy, Jr. (a), James Drylie (a), Stuart Dyer (p), Keith Eddleman (a), Joey Edwards (p), Charles Fike (p), Bryan Forester (a), John Gam (e), Ed Gillock (a), Linda Glenn (p), James R. Hamblin (a), Anne Hames (p), Keith Harwell (a), Sam Harwell (a), David Hawley (a), Donna Heflin (a), William D. Hicks (a), Jody Hill (a), Aaron Holmes (a), Francis Howe (a), Pratt Hubbard (p), Robert Hull (+), Terry Hunley (p), Terry Jackson (a), R. Tony Janner (p), Mace Jett (p), C. William Jones (p), Yoong Kim (a), Lori Kleinjan (a), David Lancaster (a), James M. Latimer (a), Brenda Laurence (a), G. Larry Laurence (a), Eugene Leslie (p), Russell Little (p), Ben Luttrell (a), Geoffery Maynard (a); Walter H. McClanahan (p), Andy McClung (p), Tiffany McClung (e), Ken McCoy (a), Don McCurley (a), Margaret McKee (a), Ron McMillan (p), Mitzi Minor (a), Karen Mosley (a), Zackery Nash (a), Thomas Norton (a), Melvin Orr (p),

Ed Perkins (+), Lisa Peterson (p), Earl Phelps (p), Phillip Pinion (a), Jim Pinnell (p), Duwayne Pounds (p), Jeff Powell (a), Robert Prosser (a), Michael Qualls (p), Jim Ratliff (p), Michael Ridgley (a), Allen Rietz (a), Jana Michelle “Missy” Rose (p), Robert D. Rush (e), Karl Schwarz (+); Carol Scrivener (e), James A. Smith (p), Jerry Smith (p), Robert A. Smith (a), Don Thomas (a), Tommy Thompson (p), T. Wayne Tompkins (e), Kermit Travis (p), Robert Truax Jr. (a), Gene Turner (a), Dennis Vance, Jr. (p), Hobert Walker (p), Michael C. Walker (e), Frank Ward (a), William Warren (p), Johnny Watson (p), Jonathan Watson (p), Johnnie Welch (p), James Westbrook (a), Bobby Williams (a), Cory D. Williams (p), *Craig Wilson (a), %James D Wilson (p), Thomas J. Wilson (a), Carey Womack (a), Jae Yu (a).

LICENTIATES

*Daniel Barkley (p), Mitch Boulton (p); Eric Corbin (p); Jacob Harwell (a), Dana Jett-Rand (p), Richie Lockhart (e), Sam Magliolo (a); JoAnn McClanahan (p), Wonder Ngoro (p), Richard Reed (e), Joyce Sims (a), Greg Stefan (a).

* a candidate who was licensed for ministry in this meeting

** to be ordained in special service at later date following meeting of presbytery

CANDIDATES

Bradley Criswell (a); Brad Gray (a); Urelia Dimo (a), Helen Hamilton (p); Pamela Lannon (a); ** Michael Terry Lavender (p), Debbie Marshall (a); Carey Morris (a), Laura Narowetz (p), Rian Puckett (p); **Marian Sontowski (p), Dennis Weaver (a),

** Indicates person was received as a candidate for ministry

CONGREGATIONS and DELEGATES

Antioch Union, (a); Atwood, (a); Barren Spring (a); Beech, (a); Bells Chapel, (a); Bethel [TC] (a); Bethesda, (a); Bethlehem (a), Bolivar, **Larry Ross** (p); Bradford, (a); Brunswick, (a); Camden, (a); Camp Ground (a); Claybrook, (a); Cloverdale (a); Colonial, **Deborah Marston** (p); Concord, (a); Cool Springs [CC], **Ann Hammett** (p); Cool Springs [GC], **Mike Pruett** (p); Davidson Chapel, **John Alexander** (p); Double Springs, **Donald Jackson** (p); Dresden, **Mark Maddox** (p); Dyer, **Billy R. Jones** (p); Dyersburg, **Steve Clark** (p); Ebenezer [MC] (inactive); Ebenezer [TC] (a); Faith, **Ron Gardner** (p); Fulton, (a); Germantown, **Brenda Duck** (p); Gleason, (a); Good Springs, (a); Holly Grove, (a); Hopewell [BC], [WC] (p); Humboldt, **Paul E. Giltner** (p); Hurricane Hill (a); Jackson First, **Lee Martin** (p) **Johnny Parnell** (p); Kenton, (e); Korean (a); Lexington, **Grant Casselberry** (p); Maple Springs, (a); Martin, **Steve Jahr** (p); Mason Hall (a); McKenzie, **Joe Hames** (p); Meridan, (a); Medina, (a); Milan, **Brad Haase** (p); Mill Creek, (a); Morella (a); Morning Sun, **Russell Long** (p); Mt. Ararat, (a); Mt. Carmel, (a); Mt. Gilead (a); Mt. Olive, (a); Mt. Vernon, (a); Mt. Zion, **Jimmy Hill** (p); *New Beginning (a); New Bethel, (a); New Bethlehem, (a); New Ebenezer, (a); New Salem [McC], (a); New Salem [SC], **Thomas Wenzler** (p); New Salem [WC], **Ronald Plunk** (p); Newbern, **Sophia Ann Bingham** (p); North Union, (a); Oak Grove, **Donald Terry** (p); Oak Hill, **Theresa Rushing** (p); Olive Branch First, **Nancy Allen Smith** (p); Oliver’s Chapel, (a); Olivet, **Randy Seaton** (p); Palestine [DC] (a); Palestine [HC], (e); Parsons, (a); Pleasant Green, (a); Pleasant Grove (a); Pleasant Union, (a); Poplar Grove, **Brenda Blakely** (p); Protemus, (a); Ramer (a); *Redeemer Evangelical, (a); RoEllen, (a); Rutherford, **Joe Bone** (p); Salem, (a); Savannah, **Larry Arendall** (p); Selmer, (a); Sharon (a); Shiloh [AC] (a); Shiloh [CC], **Gwen Presson Holland** (p); Trezevant, (a); Trimble (a); Troy, (a); Union City, (p); Walnut Grove, **Billy Shires** (p) West Union, (a); Woodward’s Chapel, **Mike Lavender** (p); Yorkville (a); Zion (a).

APPENDIX B ENDORCEMENT FOR MODERATOR

TO West Tennessee Presbytery meeting at the Newbern Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday June 7, 2009

Recommendation: That West Tennessee Presbytery endorse the nomination of the Rev. Dr. Larry A. Blakeburn, pastor of the Dyersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to be Moderator of the 179th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church meeting June 15-18, 2009 I Memphis Tennessee.

The Rev. Blakeburn has been a pastor more than thirty (30) years. First at Bolivar CP Church, Bolivar, Tennessee, then St. Luke CP Church, Forth Worth, TX, and West Nashville CP Church, Nashville, TN.

He was also the fifth President of Memphis Theological Seminary 1997-2001.

Dr. Blakeburn served in the Marine Corp in Vietnam 1968-1970.

He is married with three children and three grand-children. He comes from outstanding Cumberland Presbyterian families – the Condrons and Blakeburns.

He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Bethel College (1974), the Master of Divinity degree (1979), and the Doctor of Divinity degree (1994) at Memphis Theological Seminary.

He is fully qualified and will make an excellent Moderator of the General Assembly.

(signed) Clinton O. Buck

APPENDIX C LETTER FROM DANA JETT-RAND

June 5, 2009

West Tennessee Presbytery
C/O Stated Clerk Rev. Earl Phelps
9157 US Highway 64 East
Adamsville, TN 38310

I have served since 2004 as the Chaplain for the Cumberland Presbyterian Birthplace Shrine at Montgomery Bell State Park Burns, Tennessee. This is a position supervised by the Missions Ministry Team with Rev. Mike Sharpe as the Team Leader. God has blessed this ministry and has enriched my preparation for ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

I request that my ministry as Chaplain for the Birthplace Shrine at Montgomery Bell State Park be designated by West Tennessee Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a ministry approved by the presbytery as stated in **Section 6.31** of the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, **“A Licentiate shall be ordained only if he or she has a call to a church or to a ministry approved by the Presbytery.”** I make this request for the purpose of fulfilling one of the requirements for ordination.

Even though my ministry at the park is for only 4-5 months a year there are valid reasons I believe my ordination will enhance my work at the Shrine. They are:

1. As the Birthplace Shrine Park Chaplain I am representing the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This is an honor I cherish and believe is one of the great mission projects we have as a church. I have met and continue to meet Cumberland Presbyterians from around the world but even better I get to meet thousands of other people from all over the world who have never heard of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and I have the joy of sharing with them the love and saving grace of our Lord, Jesus

Christ and our beliefs *as Cumberland Presbyterians*. The Birthplace Shrine provides a sanctuary for rest and meditation, and provides spiritual rest for thousands of visitors who enter the grounds each year.

2. I provide the Park Ranger Office information to pass on to people who want to make special arrangements for weddings, meetings, or special services in the Shrine. I get calls and correspondence all year, even when not going to the Park weekly, from people who are planning special events/occasions and want the Park Chaplain to help with these events. I have been asked to perform numerous weddings which I had to turn down because I was not ordained. I have been asked to have a special service and serve communion, for groups from churches and family reunion groups and had to explain I could not because I was not ordained. Several times couples came to the Park to celebrate their wedding anniversary because they got married in our Birthplace Shrine and wanted me to serve them the sacraments at a time after our regular worship service. I could not because I was not ordained.

3. There are people who attend the Shrine on a weekly basis during the time we have services there and would come year round if we could provide the service. Some have been Cumberland Presbyterians. These people consider me their pastor and come to me for counseling and sometimes just to talk things out.

4. As the Park Chaplain I have worked with the employees of the Park and the Park Inn and Restaurant when they have had problems or celebrations. You become a part of the community as you minister to the community and surrounding areas.

God has called me to the gospel ministry and I want to be all that I can be in following His call. I am asking for your continued support in doing so. Please pray for this ministry that God's will be done always.

God's Blessings,
DANA ANN JETT-RAND
Licentiate, West Tennessee Presbytery

APPENDIX D

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY FOR PROBATIONER CARE

To the meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery meeting June 07, 2009 at the Newbern Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Newbern, TN.

God continues to bless the Cumberland Presbyterian Church through those called to serve the church in West Tennessee Presbytery. Your Committee is presently caring for over thirty probationers or inquirers in their journey toward the ordained ministry.

Michael Terry Lavender: Mike is a graduate of Vanderbilt Theological Seminary and former ordained Methodist pastor. He left the ministry for a time. Mike has roots in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and is a member of Woodward's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he also serves as pulpit supply. The committee has a letter of recommendation from Woodward's Chapel recommending Mike.

Recommendation 1: That Michael Terry Lavender upon examination by Presbytery be received as a candidate for the ministry of word and sacrament by West Tennessee Presbytery at its June 07, 2009 meeting.

Marian Sontowski: Marian Sontowski was an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church in Poland. Marian is a member of the Maple Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church and has been

recommended by the Maple Springs session for candidacy for the ministry. Marian has been accepted in the Doctor of Ministry program at Memphis Theological Seminary.

Recommendation 2: That Marian Sontowski upon successful completion of examination by Presbytery be received as a candidate for the gospel ministry of word and sacrament by West Tennessee Presbytery at its June 07, 2009 meeting.

James Wilson: James Wilson has been on probationer status for over two years. He was ordained a minister by the Baptist Church. James had degrees from Hyles-Anderson College and Clarksville School of Theology. He is near completing all requirements for the Program of Alternate Studies and also completing a degree from Bethel College. He has met the requirements for one's ordination to be affirmed. The committee is very pleased with the spirit in which he has completed what was asked of him.

Recommendation 3: That the ordination of James Wilson be recognized and he be enrolled as an ordained minister in West Tennessee Presbytery at its June 07, 2009 meeting.

Recommendation 4: That Joyce Young be dropped from the roll of candidate of West Tennessee Presbytery at its June 07, 2009 meeting on the grounds that she has not shown evidences of the gifts and graces of ministry necessary for ordination in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Standing Rule 12E last sentence reads: "The committee should include both ordained ministers and laypersons and at least one layperson should be an active elder."
This is virtually impossible to do.

Recommendation 5: That Standing Rule 12E be changed to read: "The committee should include both ordained ministers and laypersons and at least one layperson should be an elder."

Respectfully submitted, The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care

APPENDIX E REPORT OF CLERGY CARE COMMITTEE

To: West Tennessee Presbytery, meeting June 6, 2009.

In March of 2009 presbytery tasked this committee with developing "a procedure for reviewing the application of ministers desiring to join the presbytery." We understood this only to include CP ministers seeking to transfer membership from other CP Presbyteries, as requests for recognizing the ordination of ministers from other denominations are handled through the Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care (as per Constitution 6.40).

We believe the more levels of bureaucracy involved in any given process tend to lengthen that process, ministers transferring between presbyteries often are under time constraints to learn of their acceptance, and the acceptance of CP ministers transferring into West Tennessee Presbytery needs to occur with as much expediency as is prudent. We know the presbyterial Board of Missions in its regular duties is in contact with ministers desiring to transfer membership to West TN Presbytery in order to answer a call to serve a particular church (as per standing rule 20). We wish to avoid presbytery having before it conflicting recommendations from two committees (e.g. the Board of Missions recommending that Minister A be approved for a pastoral relationship while at the same meeting the Clergy Care Committee is recommending that Minister A's letter not be accepted).

Therefore we make the following recommendation: **That presbytery instruct the Board of Missions to review the application of ministers desiring to transfer into West TN Presbytery in order to answer a call to serve a particular church, and to include any conclusions about such ministers with its report and recommendations to presbytery regarding establishing pastoral relationships; and, that the Stated Clerk refer to the Clergy Care Committee, for application review, any minister desiring to transfer into West TN Presbytery who is not answering a call to a particular church.**

The Clergy Care Committee's review of such an application will be to interview the minister, asking about his or her call to ministry, how he or she feels called to serve this presbytery, and why he or she left his or her last ministry setting and presbytery. Based on this interview, and any subsequent interviews deemed necessary, we will make a recommendation regarding reception of the minister's letter at the next meeting of presbytery.

Submitted by, Your Clergy Care Committee

APPENDIX F MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING

West Tennessee Presbytery met in Adjourned Meeting at the Brunswick Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday May 17, 2009 4:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Moderator Elder Ron Gardner called the meeting to order.

Quorum: A quorum was declared.

There were 12 ministers; 2 elders; 2 licentiates, and 1 candidate.

Ministers: Barry Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Charles R. Brown, Elinor S. Brown, Mark Brown, Stephanie S. Brown, Clinton Buck, Byron Forester, William Jones, Andy McClung, Earl Phelps, Robert Rush.

Elders: Ron Gardner, Debbie, Marston

Licentiates: Daniel Berkley, Cory D. Williams

Candidate: Laura Narowetz

Visiting Ministers and Licentiate: Jay Earheart-Brown, Nashville Presbytery; Victor Hassell, Covenant Presbytery; Debra Matthews, Huntsville Presbytery, CPCA; Nathan Wheeler, Licentiate, Nashville Presbytery

Worship: The Rev. Barry Anderson led in worship. The Rev. Debra Matthews led in prayer. Following the Passing of the Peace, the Rev. Jim Hamblin read the scripture from Mark 12: 28-34. The message was delivered by the Rev. Anne Hames on the subject, "Keeping First Things First". The Rev. Barry Anderson read the statement of the purpose of this meeting. The Rev. Melvin Orr asked the constitutional questions, which Licentiate Cory D. Williams answered in the affirmative. The Rev. Lisa Anderson invited clergy and elders to the laying of hands and led in prayer. The Rev. Melvin Orr declared that Cory D. Williams was duly ordained to the gospel ministry of word and sacrament and issued the charge.

Presentation of the Tools for Ministry: A Bible was presented by the Rev. Andy McClung on behalf of the Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care. A portable communion set was presented by the Rev. Stephanie Brown on behalf of the Commission on the Ministry. The

Brunswick Cumberland Presbyterian Church presented the Robe. The Stoles were presented by Mrs. Nancy Williams, Cory's mother, on behalf of the Bolivar Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Certificate of Ordination was presented by the Rev. Earl Phelps, Stated Clerk of West Tennessee Presbytery. The Rev. Cory D. Williams led in a service of Holy Communion.

Presbyterial Business:

Name Added to the Role: the name of Rev. Cory D. Williams was added to the role of ordained ministers in West Tennessee Presbytery.

Previous Action Rescinded: Presbytery rescinded a previous action of the March meeting regarding receiving the letter of dismissal of the Rev. Wayne Thompkins from Arkansas Presbytery, which had not sent at that time.

Letters of Dismission Received: A letter of dismission was received with recommendations from Arkansas Presbytery for the Rev. Wayne Tompkins; a letter of dismissal was received with recommendations from North Central Presbytery for Joey Edwards.

Letter of Dismission Granted: A letter of dismission with recommendations was granted for Mark Allison to East Tennessee Presbytery.

Adjournment: Presbytery adjourned to meet June 7, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Newbern Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Benediction: The Rev. Cory D. Williams closed the meeting with the benediction.

APPENDIX G REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

To West Tennessee Presbytery meeting with the Newbern, TN Church on June 7, 2009:

Your Board of Missions discussed the following: 1. The on-going need to monitor situations in various churches in the Presbytery and a method for doing so; 2. The need for a letter of recommendation from North Central Presbytery before the relationship between Rev. Joey Edwards and Morning Sun CP Church can be approved; 3. A request from Sharon Church for the Reverend James Westbrook to moderate the session.

Recommendation 1: Your Board of Missions recommends that the Reverend James Westbrook be appointed moderator at Sharon Church.

The Oak Grove CP Church has welcomed Marcus Hayes as Stated Supply and improvements are being made to the church plant. The attitude of the congregation is very positive. The Board's opinion is that the task force appointed by Presbytery to assess the situation at Oak Grove is no longer needed.

Recommendation 2: Your Board of Missions recommends that the task force appointed to study the situation at Oak Grove CP Church be dissolved.

Al Brown, a Baptist minister, has been serving the Ramer Church for 7 years.

Recommendation 3: Your Board of Missions recommends that Al Brown be designated as “Approved Other” to continue to serve the Ramer Church.

Charles McCall, an ordained elder has been serving Kenton Church for three years.

Recommendation 4: Your Board of Missions recommends that Charles McCall be designated as “Approved Other” to continue to serve Kenton Church.

The ordination of James Wilson is on the agenda to be recognized during this meeting of Presbytery. Should that occur, Dresden Church asks that a pastoral relationship with him be approved. A Board member has been present during the entire process.

Recommendation 5: Your Board of Missions recommends that West Tennessee Presbytery approve the pastoral relationship between Reverend James Wilson and Dresden Church and elect a commission consisting of the Reverends Ann Hames, Tony Janner, Melvin Orr and Elder Mark Maddox to install the Reverend James Wilson as Pastor of the Dresden Church.

The session of Mt. Vernon Church has contacted us about entering into a stated supply relationship with Jeff Dewees, a candidate from Nashville Presbytery. The Reverend Kip Rush was sending a letter to Melvin Orr, Chairman of the West Tennessee Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care, stating that Nashville Presbytery will continue to keep Mr. DeWees under their care and giving permission for him to fill the pulpit in West Tennessee Presbytery.

Recommendation 6: Your Board of Missions recommends that West Tennessee Presbytery approve the stated supply relationship between Jeff DeWees and Mt. Vernon Church upon receipt of the letter from Nashville Presbytery granting permission for Mr. DeWees to serve in West Tennessee Presbytery.

A letter of dismissal with recommendation for the Reverend Joey Edwards has been received from North Central Presbytery. Morning Sun Church has asked to establish a pastor relationship.

Recommendation 7: Your Board of Missions recommends that West Tennessee Presbytery approve the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Joey Edwards and Morning Sun Church and elect a commission consisting of the Reverends Ron McMillan, Russell Little, Charles R. Brown, Barry Anderson, and Elder Russell Long to install Reverend Joey Edwards as Pastor of the Morning Sun Church.

Holly Grove Church and the Reverend Mark Allison have asked that their associate pastor relationship be dissolved. Reverend Allison resigned in October 2008.

Recommendation 8: Your Board of Missions recommends that West Tennessee Presbytery dissolve the associate pastor relationship between Holly Grove Church and the Reverend Mark Allison.

Respectfully submitted, The Board of Missions

APPENDIX H REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE

TO West Tennessee Presbytery meeting Sunday, June 7, 2009 at the Newbern Cumberland Presbyterian Church,

I. The following requests to be excused from the meeting:

Minister:

Matt Cunningham	Still recovering from stroke
Tiffany McClung	Moderate Session in PCUSA Church where she is Supply Pastor
Robert D Rush	In Texas on General Assembly business
Wayne Tompkins	Palestine (HC) Homecoming and Decoration Day
Michael C. Walker	Personal business

Church/Delegate:

Gleason, Nancy Higgs	Personal business
Palestine (HC)	Church Homecoming & Decoration Day
Pleasant Union	Elders on vacation or family crisis

Licentiates:

Richie Lockhart	Sunday evening service at Mt. Zion
Sam Magliolo	Personal business

Candidates:

Brad Gray	Church business
Debbie Marshall	Church business

Recommendation 1: That the above named with excuses be excused from this meeting of Presbytery.

II. Requests excuse to leave early from meeting

Ministers:

Linda Glenn	WTP Junior Camp at Camp Clark Williamson
Johnny Watson	Visitation at funeral home

Licentiate:

Richard Reed	Visitation at funeral home
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Church/Delegate

Dyer, Billy R. Jones	Visitation at funeral home
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Recommendation 2: That the above names and church delegates be excused to leave early.

Respectfully submitted, The Stated Clerk