

**DIGEST**  
**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA**  
**SEVENTY SECOND STATED MEETING**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**MARCH 4, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Rev. Sandy Williams, Presbytery Moderator.

**ENROLLMENT:** 98 ministers, 124 elders representing 113 churches, 5 committee chairs, 14 commissioned lay pastors, & 106 visitors.

**COMMUNICATIONS & REFERRALS:** A copy is enclosed.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT:** A copy is enclosed.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:** Approved Candidate Bart W. Edwards for ordination and for installation as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City. Approved Candidate Joshua L. Bower for ordination and installation as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville. Received three ministers: Robert B. Whitehouse as Pastor of Cypress Presbyterian Church, Cynthia J. Strickland as a Member-at-Large, & Garrett E. Albertson as Honorably Retired. New Call: Rev. Rick Martindale/Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Carthage. Rev. A. Clark Wisner & Rev. Michael Lee Ward were Honorably Retired. A MOTION was made to approve the request of Ingram Branch Presbyterian Church to waive the requirement of the Book of Order G-14.0202b, not to rotate session members, for a period of three years beginning 3/04/06. PASSED. A list of approved Moderators-of-Sessions and supply relationships is enclosed.

**PRESBYTERY COUNCIL:** A MOTION was made to accept the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont to host Presbytery on Thursday, June 29, 2006. PASSED. A MOTION was made to elect the following to the Committee on Nominations & Volunteer Development: Class of 2006/Mr. Wayne Smith. Class of 2008/ Rev. Robert Lapp & Rev. Diane Freeland. PASSED. Presbytery Council Minutes for November 2, 2005 have been approved. The next meeting of Presbytery Council will be May 31, 2006. **2006 Stated Presbytery Meetings: June 29 – Thursday: First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont; October 7 – Saturday: Midway Presbyterian Church; December 7 – Thursday: Open.**

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:** A MOTION was made that Inquirer Christina Brown, Bunnlevel Presbyterian Church, be taken under care of this Presbytery as a Candidate. PASSED.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT:** With no nominations from the floor, a MOTION was made to approve the report & supplemental report and elect as listed. PASSED. A copy of each report is enclosed.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR ASSOCIATE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES:** A MOTION was made that Presbytery approve the call to Tobyn Leigh Wells as Associate for Youth Ministries, one-half time beginning 3/04/06, for an initial term of one year, renewable thereafter at Presbytery's initiative. PASSED.

**SESSIONAL RECORDS/OVERTURES/HIGHER GOVERNING BODY DIRECTIVES**

**COMMITTEE:** A MOTION was made that Presbytery approve the Historical Foundation at Montreat Overture to the 2006 General Assembly as recommended by the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, as amended. 2<sup>ND</sup> & PASSED. A copy of the overture is enclosed.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:** A MOTION was made to approve the following Personnel Committee motions as adopted by Presbytery Council on February 1, 2006, as consent agenda items. PASSED. (1) That Kaye Bledsoe, Associate for Resource Services, be called to a three-year term, ending December 31, 2008. (2) That Gayle Boykin, Treasurer and Business Manager, be called to a three-year term, ending December 31, 2008. (3) That the compensation of De Scott, who primarily provides administrative support to Outdoor Ministries and Finance, be temporarily increased by 10% of current base pay, or approximately \$210 monthly, effective January 23. *Justification: Ms. Scott has gracefully juggled multiple time and priority demands over a long period of time; she has a good working knowledge of Presbytery operations and is now absorbing the additional functions of Receptionist and Mail Clerk (after Cassandra Battle's resignation). If this new arrangement proves workable, Ms. Scott will have helped Presbytery achieve a partial savings of one full-time salary. (After a reasonable time for experimenting with this arrangement, the Personnel Committee would expect to request that the temporary stipend become ongoing.)* (4) That the monthly compensation of Laura Lupton, Regional Coordinator, be increased by the equivalent of four hours of pay per week, for a period intended to run 30-to-60 days, in recognition of her assumption of the temporary role of Webmaster, effective January 23, 2006. *Justification: This function was left unstaffed after Ms. Battle's resignation. During the experimental period, the Executive Presbyter, [Committee for Communications and Personnel Committee](#) will agree to an ongoing plan for the Webmaster role.* (5) That, in recognition of Items 3 and 4 above, Council approves the Executive Presbyter's plan, as follows: The Receptionist-Secretary position, presently called for in the Manual of Administrative Operations, will not, at this time, be filled *per se*. (If time proves the above arrangements unworkable, then the Executive Presbyter is authorized to staff this position as agreed by him, Personnel Committee and Executive Committee [of Presbytery Council](#).) (6) That the salary of Gayle Boykin, Treasurer and Business Manager, be increased to an annual rate of \$42,500, effective March 1. *Justification: Equity analysis showed this to be the most pressing pay adjustment needed. The position, which has been under-recognized for some time, needs to be seen as one of the more senior roles on staff. Even with this adjustment, pay will continue well below market rate.*

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:** A MOTION was made that Presbytery grant permission for Peace Presbyterian Church to sell a portion of their property to help finance the replacement of their heating & air system. PASSED. A MOTION was made that Presbytery grant permission to Bethel Presbyterian Church in Beulaville to sell its manse. PASSED. The Executive Committee of Council, after consulting with the Property Committee of Council, approved the request from College Heights Presbyterian Church that they be given approval to borrow \$50,000 for the purchase of land with a dwelling at 1815 Seabrook Road in Fayetteville, NC.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** with prayer to meet on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at First Presbyterian Church in Fairmont, NC.

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**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA**

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**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA**  
**March 4, 2006**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO PRESBYTERY – SUMMARY**

1. From an anonymous donor from outside the Presbytery, an offer to contribute an amount up to \$5,000 from an estate, to be known as the “Jordan Challenge Grant for the Fayetteville Presbyterian Hispanic Mission”. This grant will match dollar for dollar new gifts from individuals, or increased or new donations from supporting churches, up to \$5,000. Funds will be held by Presbytery, and those not matched by December 31, 2006 will be released for use in Presbytery’s general budget for unrestricted use as the Budget and Finance Committee determines. 11/18/05

Referral: Budget and Finance Committee of Presbytery Council

2. From pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, recommendation and request that Presbytery overture the 2006 General Assembly to not proceed with plans to close the Historical Foundation in Montreat, NC, attached; 1/5/06

Referral: Committee on Sessional Records/Overtures/Higher Governing Body Directives

3. From clerk of session, First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City, communication of the session’s summary statement in response to the report of the General Assembly’s Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church with a request that it be incorporated into the summary packet of communications for Presbytery:

The session of First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, wishes to inform presbytery that it engaged in a serious study of the Final Report from the PUP Task Force and has concluded that, while the report is a valuable resource for our denomination, the session cannot affirm Recommendation 5, and therefore cannot accept that report with that recommendation included. The session does encourage all sessions to study the report and voice their conclusions to the presbytery.

Letter dated 1/9/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

4. From Clerk of Session, Fairmont Presbyterian Church, invitation for Presbytery to hold its summer meeting June 19, 2006 there; 1/11/06

Referral: Council, for recommendation to Presbytery

5. From clerk of session, First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City, communication of a document developed by the session and adopted November 20, 2005, based on a similar document approved by San Diego Presbytery. The 10-page document is entitled “A Statement of Essential Tenets and Reformed Distinctives”, and described as “Guide for Congregational Education and Training, and a Declaration of Essential Tenets Received and Adopted by the Officers of the Church”. 1/12/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

*(Stated Clerk’s note: although the session asked that the stated clerk consider including the session’s statement in the presbytery packet for review by other sessions, because of its length*

*the statement has not been included; however, copies will be available at the March 4 meeting at the clerks' table, or can be requested via contacting the stated clerk: [johngoodman@presbycc.org](mailto:johngoodman@presbycc.org) or 910-862-8300 or 800-277-7479. Likewise with the communication from the session referred to in communication #3, above.)*

6. From Chair, Administrative Commission for McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, notification that one commission member, Elder Bruce Ezell, has found it necessary to resign from the commission because of changes in his work schedule and other long-time obligations; 1/13/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

7. From President, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, a word of gratitude: "Just a word of deep appreciation to you and encouragement as your presbytery continues to support Union-PSCE and also channels to us the gifts from local congregations....We greatly appreciate the generous support you provide for our mission through gifts for scholarships, general operations, and the Charlotte campus. Warmest wishes for joy and satisfaction in all your endeavors." 1/19/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

8. From Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Peace Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, request for Presbytery's permission to sell a portion of their property to help finance the replacement of their failing heating and air conditional system (copy attached); 1/21/06

Referral: Property Committee of Presbytery Council

*(Stated Clerk's note: Under G-8.0501, Presbytery's permission is required for this transaction, as Peace Church did not take the exception provided for in G-8.0701.)*

9. From Administrative Assistant, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, notification that Synod on October 27, 2005 elected elder Mozell Howie to serve on Synod's Jubilee Fund Committee; and that the Reverend William Clark will be nominated to the February 27, 2006 meeting of Synod Council for election to Synod's Board of Trustees; 1/23/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

10. From Chairperson, Associate Executive Presbyter Search Committee, Presbytery of Donegal (PA), announcement of that search and encouragement for interested persons to make application; 1/27/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

11. From Chair, Administrative Commission for McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, notification that a second commission member, the Reverend Christopher Bobo, has found it necessary to resign from the commission; 1/30/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

*(Stated Clerk's note: with this resignation and the earlier one noted above in communication #6, the administrative commission now is composed of eight members.)*

12. From pastor, College Heights Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, request for Presbytery's permission for the church to purchase the house and property at 1815 Seabrook Road and borrowing \$50,000 for the purchase; 1/30/06

Referral: Property Committee of Presbytery Council

*(Stated Clerk's note: Under G-8.0501, Presbytery's permission is required for this transaction, as College Heights Church was not eligible to take the exception provided for in G-8.0701 and the purchase will involve encumbering the property. Under Section 6.03j of the Manual of Administrative Operations, the Executive Committee of Presbytery Council is permitted to act on Presbytery's behalf with regard to requests made under G-8.0501 if delaying a decision until the next stated Presbytery meeting will prove to be an undue hardship on the church. College Heights Church scheduled a closing date on the property of February 8, 2006.)*

13. From Synod of Lakes and Prairies, two letters giving notification of executive searches in that Synod. One is for an Interim Executive Presbyter in Presbytery of South Dakota, with an application deadline of March 3. The other is for a General Presbyter in Presbytery of North Central Iowa, with an application deadline of March 15. 2/7/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

14. From Clerk, H. Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico, "We greet you in the love of our Great God, to whom be the glory by the centuries of centuries, Amen." Further, information that the four members of their Interpresbyterian Relationship Committee are:

Rev. Francisco Magana Castellano (Chair of Committee)

Rev. Huascar de la Cruz Angulo (President of the Seminary)

Rev. Jose Antonio Alvarez Peralta (President of the Presbytery)

Rev. Carlos Mario Alejandro Hernandez (Clerk of the Presbytery)

1/24/06

Referral: Partnership Subcommittee, Committee for Mission and Outreach

*(Stated Clerk's note: H. Presbiterio del Golfo de Mexico, of the state of Tabasco, Mexico is the presbytery with which Coastal Carolina is in a mission partnership relationship.)*

15. (Reference Communication #9, above) From Synod Stated Clerk, copy of a letter to William M. Clark confirming that Synod Council, at its meeting February 17, approved his nomination to serve on Synod's Board of Trustees; 2/20/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

*(Stated Clerk's note: the correct date of Synod Council was February 17; an incorrect date was reflected above, Communication #9.)*

16. From Clerk of Session, Caswell Presbyterian Church of Atkinson, indication of that session's concurrence in the overture proposed by the session of First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington that operation continue of the Historical Foundation in Montreat [communication #2, above]; 2/20/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

17. From Clerk of Session, Peace Presbyterian Church, a Statement on Membership and Ordination Standards reflecting that session's official position, with the request that Presbytery's Committee on Ministry take its position into consideration; 2/22/06

Referral: Committee on Ministry

18. From Stated Clerk, Presbytery of New Hope, communication of an overture to the General Assembly approved by that presbytery February 18 by which the presbytery indicated that it “supports justice for workers at Smithfield Packing....”; 2/24/06

Referral: Committee for Mission and Outreach

20. From the Session’s Clerk and Moderator, Cypress Presbyterian Church, a statement that the session unanimously supported the overture proposed by First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington to the General Assembly [communication #2, above] that the Historical Foundation at Montreat “not be closed but continue to be the place of holding the official records of Presbyterians in the Southeast.” Action taken 2/26/06

Referral: Presbytery, for information

21. From Chair of Building and Grounds Committee, Bethel Presbyterian Church of Beulaville, communication of a request approved by the congregation that Presbytery give its permission for the church to place its manse on the market for sale, indicating that the manse has become more of a liability than an asset and that renting it has not proved satisfactory; 2/27/06

Referral: Property Committee of Presbytery Council, and Council

*(Stated Clerk’s note: Bethel Church did not notify the presbytery within the time limits prescribed in G-8.0701 of having taken the exception, hence Presbytery’s permission is required under G-8.0501 for the church to sell its real property.)*

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT  
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA  
MARCH 4, 2006**

- A. In December of 2005, the Executive Committee of Presbytery Council by poll accepted the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington to host the next stated meeting of Presbytery, March 4, 2006.
- B. "The stated clerk of the governing body shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. The names shall be arranged alphabetically within classes beginning with the most recent class. Whenever the permanent judicial commission reports its inability to obtain a quorum, the stated clerk shall immediately select, by rotation from that roster, a sufficient number of former members of the permanent judicial commission to constitute a quorum. The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the governing body." (*Book of Order*, D-5.0206b)

**Class of 2004**

Bobby Dickens  
Timothy Dunn

**Class of 2002**

David A. Walker

**Class of 2000**

Doug Baxley  
Martha Jacobs

- C. On May 5, 2005 Ms Terry Johnson, who serves as Financial Assistant and Computer Administrator for the Presbytery, fell on the office stairs and was injured. Appropriate claims were processed and supported by Ms Johnson and by the Presbytery with GuideOne Insurance, through which Presbytery's coverage under Workers Compensation is carried. Ms Johnson has indicated that she has not fully recovered, and that she has not been satisfied with the treatment approved for her by our carrier. Accordingly, Presbytery has received notice from H. Clifton Hester, attorney for Ms Johnson, of a request which he made on her behalf on February 15, 2006 to the North Carolina Industrial Commission that her case be scheduled for a hearing before the Commission. In the request for hearing, Terry Johnson is named as "Employee-Plaintiff", Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is named as "Employer-Defendant", and GuideOne Insurance is named as "Carrier-Defendant". Mr. Hester has indicated to the stated clerk that there is no lawsuit against the Presbytery and that the actual participants in this hearing will be counsel for Ms Johnson and counsel for GuideOne Insurance.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA  
MARCH 4, 2006**

1. That the following Moderators-of-Session have been appointed for churches that are currently without an installed pastor.

Bensalem – Rev. Mark Carver  
Bethel/Raeford – Rev. Ian Rankine  
Buffalo: Rev. Harold Stone  
Bunnlevel – Rev. William E. Pauley  
Cameron Hill: Rev. Thomas Williams  
Caswell – Rev. Roy Brewton  
Centre: Rev. Douglas W. Hix  
Chadbourn: Rev. Steuart T. Link  
Ephesus: Rev. Bert Pitchford  
Freedom East: Rev. Opelton Parker  
Iona – Rev. John Bryan  
Lumber Bridge: Rev. Michael McGehee  
McDonalds Chapel: Rev. Cynthia J. Strickland  
Oak Plain: Nancy Gladden  
Priest Hill: Rev. William A. Stewart  
Raeford: Rev. Maureen A. Paterson  
Sanford First: Rev. Kenneth J. Lynde  
Sherwood – Rev. James Randall  
Shiloh – Rev. Ian Rankine  
Stanford: Rev. Deborah P. Marshall  
Westminster/Laurinburg: Rev. Robert Dendy  
Whiteville First: Rev. Eugene Ensley

2. That the following supply relationships have been approved.

Bensalem: Rev. Mark Carver as Interim Pastor for 2006.  
Cameron Hill: Rev. Thomas Williams as Stated Supply for 2006.  
Caswell: Rev. Roy Brewton as Stated Supply for 2006.  
Centre: Rev. Douglas W. Hix as Stated Supply for 2006.  
Ephesus: Rev. Bert Pitchford as Stated Supply for 2006.  
Grace: Rev. W. Emory Trainham (Baptist) as Temporary Supply for 2006.  
McDonalds Chapel: Rev. Cynthia J. Strickland as Interim Pastor 1/05/05 – 6/05/06.  
Oak Plain: Rev. Nancy J. Gladden as Stated Supply for 2006.  
Priest Hill: Rev. Archie P. Stevens (S. Baptist) as Temporary Supply 2/02/06 – 2/02/07.  
Raeford: Rev. Maureen A. Paterson as Interim Pastor 1/02/06 – 7/02/06.  
Sanford First: Rev. Ken Lynde & Rev. Dale Miller as Interim Pastors 2/1/06 – 4/30/06.  
Stanford: Rev. Deborah P. Marshall as Stated Supply for 2006.

3. That the following commission as Commissioned Lay Pastor has been extended.

Johnny K. Pickett – Pleasant View Presbyterian Church/Albertson

Tenure of Commission: 3/01/06 – 3/01/09

Moderator/Mentor/Supervisor: Rev. Charles R. Love

4. That the following Commissioned Lay Pastors have been appointed as Moderators-of-Sessions.

Ashpole & Rowland: James D. Smith

Euphronia – Hazel T. Fitch

Manly – Bill Rolland

Philippi – Herman Autry

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT  
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA  
MARCH 4, 2006**

Ms. Ann MacDuffee, Chair  
Mr. Tad Cates, Vice Chair

**COMMITTEE FOR CHURCH REVITALIZATION & TRANSFORMATION  
CLASS OF 2008:**

That Mr. Bruce Brown (3) be elected.

**COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
CLASS OF 2007:**

That Mr. Ed Valentine (1) be elected.

**CLASS OF 2006:**

That Mr. Bruce Jackson (5) be elected.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
CLASS OF 2007:**

That Mr. William Speight (4) & Rev. Ernest Thompson (2) be elected.

**COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION  
CLASS OF 2008:**

That Mr. Ken Boykin (3) & Ms. Rae Ann Schmidt (4) be elected.

**COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING & ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW  
CLASS OF 2008:**

That Justine Lerch (2) be elected.

**2006 COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

That the following be elected.

Committee on Representation: Ms. Grace Kinsey

Committee on Ministry: Rev. Neil H. Bain

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT  
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA  
MARCH 4, 2006**

**THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT SECTION 7/02 OF THE MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED TO ALLOW 2 PERSONS FROM FIRST CHURCH WILMINGTON TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION REVIEW.** (Section 16.00 permits suspension of a Manual provision by 2 2/3 vote of Presbytery.)

**COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
CLASS OF 2008:**

That Mr. Ed Morton (6) be elected.

**COMMITTEE FOR MISSION & OUTREACH  
CLASS OF 2008:**

That Mr. Stan Stanonis (1) be elected.

**COMMITTEE FOR NEW CHURCH FORMATION  
CLASS OF 2006:**

That Ms. Catheren Warren (4) be elected.

**COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR MINISTRY  
CLASS OF 2006:**

That Mr. Patrick Kirkland (5) be elected.

**COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION  
CLASS OF 2006**

That Rev. Rogers Randall (4) be elected.

**COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS/OVERTURES/HIGHER GOVERNING BODY  
DIRECTIVES  
CLASS OF 2008:**

That Ms. Margaret Douglas (3) be elected.

**COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW  
CLASS OF 2006:**

That Rev. Michael McGehee (6) be elected.

**2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER**

**ELDER:** That Ms. Betty McLaughlin (3) be elected.

**COMMITTEE ON SESSIONAL RECORDS/OVERTURES/  
HIGHER GOVERNING BODY DIRECTIVES  
PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA  
MARCH 4, 2006**

Rev. Curtis T Christian, IV, Chair

*The Committee recommends that Presbytery take the following action with regard to the overture to the 2006 General Assembly as recommended by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington (Communications, page #4, item #2).*

ACTION ITEM

That Presbytery approve the overture as recommended by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington with the following added as a Paragraph E to the resolution:

*In the unlikely event that the Historical Foundation of Montreat is unable or unwilling to perform the duties of preservation of the records and other items, the duties will become the responsibility of the Presbyterian Historical Society.*

## Overture to the 2006 General Assembly

In 1927, the Historical Foundation at Montreat was established as the non-profit Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Incorporated. It still exists with the legal ownership of most or all of its assets lodged within the North Carolina Corporation. The Foundation is the primary place for holding the official records of Presbyterians in the South. This includes records from congregations, presbyteries, synods, general assemblies, and their missionary enterprises. For years, the Presbyterian Women have placed their annual reports at the Foundation in confidence that these records would be easily accessible. Also, there are personal and family records, such as letters, manuscripts, painting, photos, tapes, and memorabilia that reflect the life and mission of the church.

The present facility remains located on the campus of the Montreat Conference Center, which is the largest conference facility of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It was built in 1953 with a large addition completed in 1982 and was designed specifically for the purpose that it serves. There are at least 1300 persons using the resources of the Foundation annually including scholars, researchers, and congregational historians.

The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly has announced that, because of the decrease in the per capita income to the Office of the General Assembly, the Historical Foundation should be closed and its holdings distributed between the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia and Columbia Theological Seminary, with the present Historical Foundation building becoming a museum under the management of the Mountain Retreat Association.

The Friends of the Historical Foundation at Montreat, Inc., a501 © (3) nonprofit corporation, is prepared to undertake the support of the Historical Foundation as an independent institution, relieving the General Assembly of responsibility for its restoration and support.

**Therefore let it be resolved** that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) **directs:**

- A. That the Historical Foundation and its Board of Directors be constituted as a fully independent self-perpetuating body; and to implement this:
  1. That the current Board of Directors of *The Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, Incorporated* be removed with the adoption of this Resolution; and
  2. That the Historical Foundation Board of Directors shall then immediately be constituted as directed by the Board of Directors of *Friends of the Historical Foundation at Montreat, Inc.*; and

- B. That the Articles of Incorporation of the Historical Foundation be amended to delete any requirement that:
1. its Directors, officers, by-laws, or
  2. any amendment to its Articles of Incorporation, or
  3. any disposition of the Historical Foundation's assets (whether upon dissolution or otherwise) be subject to the approval of the General Assembly or of any General Assembly officer, agent or agency; and
- C. That any and all assets of the Historical Foundation, which may have been removed by, delivered to, or placed with any officer, agency or agency of the General Assembly since 1982, shall be returned to, or remain under, the exclusive custody and control of the Historical Foundation, in care of its governing body as reconstituted in accordance with this Resolution; including, but not limited to, any endowment, funds, or property of any nature entrusted to its care by any third party, or donated to the Presbyterian Historical Society and placed in or held by its Montreat Office; and
- D. That the Presbyterian Historical Society work cooperatively with the reconstituted Historical Foundation in exchange of information and in building a common data base for the collections of materials related to Presbyterian and Reformed history at both institutions, as well as at Presbyterian seminaries.
- E. In the unlikely event that the Historical Foundation of Montreat is unable or unwilling to perform the duties of preservation of the records and other items, the duties will become the responsibility of the Presbyterian Historical Society.