

M I N U T E S

THIRTEENTH STATED MEETING
of
NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

August 11-12, 1978

Rebecca Littlepage Presbyterian Church in America, 2185 Sissonville Drive,
Charleston, W. Va.

The moderator, Rev. William Fitzhenry, opened with prayer, following which ruling elder Jack Simpson led those assembled in a hymn. Rev. Rod Mays then preached from the Book of Zephaniah, 3:14-20.

Presbytery was then called to order with the following teaching elders present: Linwood Wilkes, William E. Hill, Jr., James Fishel, William Fitzhenry, George B. Alder II, Rod Mays, R. Norman Evans, and John Dodd.

The following ruling elders were present, representing the churches indicated: James M. Brown (Pliny), Al Hillman (Westminster), Nigal Loomis (Kanawha Salines), Harry Musser (Rebecca Littlepage), Jack L. Simpson (Covenant), Jerry Martin (Faith), B. W. Gallagher (South Ruffner), and Lindsey Fields (Little River).

The stated clerk declared a quorum to be present.

Minutes - Linwood Wilkes made the following addition to the minutes of the 12th Stated Meeting - with reference to the standing committees of Presbytery, future classes are to be elected at the summer meeting of Presbytery and to take office at the fall meeting.

Other additions or corrections were the addition of Jerry Martin to the Norman Evans installation commission, the addition of the words "in Charleston" following the words "each church" in Mr. Kellerman's motion on the last page, and the correction of the year of the meeting (from 1977 to 1978).

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Docket - Several additions to the docket were made. The evening program (August 11) was changed to permit the showing of summer camp slides and the report of the nominating committee. Also added to the docket was the report of the committee of installation of Norman Evans. The docket was approved as amended.

Introduction of guests - first time guests were introduced. ~~Among them~~ Among them was Eddie Pitts, summer worker at Westminster Church who is under the care of North Georgia Presbytery.

Linwood Wilkes showed slides of the Presbytery Camp at Goshen, held late in June. They were both enjoyable and informative. The showing was preceded by a word of welcome by James Fishel, pastor of the host church.

Testimonies: The Lord's blessing on the ministries of the churches represented was described by the members of the Presbytery. Concluding this was a testimony by William E. Hill.

Nominating Committee - Mr. Hill recommended the following nominees to the Mission to the World Committee of Presbytery, replacing two members who resigned!
Rev. Norman Evans (class of 1979)

Rev. Lee Trinkle and Rev. Wayne Good (class of 1980), joint corresponding members.

There being no other nominees or opposition, those named were approved by acclamation.

Mr. Hill recommended that any committee member not serving a full year be allowed to succeed himself. Presbytery was in agreement.

Arrangements were made for committee meetings and Presbytery adjourned until 8:30 the next morning. Refreshments were served.

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Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a.m. Devotions were led by Norman Evans following the singing of a hymn.

Rev. Larry Ball, stated clerk of Westminster Presbytery, was recognized and given the privilege of the floor.

Rev. Michael Bolus was excused from attendance, being on vacation.

A letter from Rev. David Williams, Atlanta, was read.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship - Made by Summers Dunbar, chairman. Mr. Dunbar read a letter from the GA Stewardship Committee, spelling out the action taken at GA relative to support of the EA by the churches. Each presbytery is being asked to contribute its share of the GA budget. To this end each session is being asked to take action by September 21. Mr. Dunbar made a motion to this effect.

Discussion followed. It was noted that our present giving is \$17,000 per year while the amount requested is \$66,000. Mr. Hill made the following substitute motion: That we feel that the asking figure, as fine as it may be, is not realistic, that we admit we have not done as well as we should, that we encourage each church to do better, and that we object to the increase in the hiring of executives and overhead expense. Harry Musser amended the substitute motion to include Mr. Dunbar's motion, five points in all. The amendment was approved and the substitute motion passed.

Norman Evans announced a stewardship seminar to be held at Faith Church on September ninth and hoped that all can attend. An excellent program will be offered.

This report was approved as amended.

Mission to the United States - Made by John Dodd, chairman. Motion was made that the work in Princeton be supported for another year. Seconded and carried.

The "Five in five" project was recommended.

The moderator asked Jack Simpson to take the chair while he spoke on ~~ax~~ a joint effort to support a church planter or evangelist. He had acted on authority of Presbytery to contact Westminster and Mid-Atlantic Presbyteries. Mid-Atlantic now supports its own evangelist leaving the joint effort up to Westminster and New River. Westminster has appointed a committee to work with New River.

It was moved that this matter be referred to the MUS Committee.

A substitute motion was made that two men be appointed to work with the Westminster committee. After much discussion a call for the question was passed. The substitute motion was defeated. George Alder made another substitute motion that the MUS Committee meet during the morning recess. This was passed and the Committee reported back, naming James Gay and John Dodd to meet with the Westminster committee and to report back to the fall Presbytery meeting.

The report of this committee was approved.

Mission to the World - Made by Harry Musser, chairman. Mr. Musser moved that Wayne Good be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery. Motion seconded and passed.

There was no further business and the report of this committee was received upon the necessary motions.

Ministers and Candidates - no report.

Christian Education - Made by George Alder, chairman. The report of Presbytery Camp was presented and approved upon the proper motions. Also approved was a commendation to Linwood Wilkes for his fine work as camp coordinator and the naming of Jim Fishel and Norman Evans to be co-camp coordinators for 1979.

Sub-Committee on Ministerial Education - made by Bill Fitzhenry. The moderator asked Jack Simpson to take the chair. He then outlined changes in the Book of Church Order recommended at the GA (but still to be approved by the Presbyteries). He moved that a permanent Presbytery committee on ministerial education be named consisting of three teaching and three ruling elders. A substitute motion was made that the matter be referred to the Committee on Ministers and Candidates. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee - Made by William Hill, chairman. The following men were nominated to the class of 1981 to the committees indicated:

- Mission to the World - Allison McDaniel
- MUS - Linwood Wilkes and D. H. Dority
- Christian Education - William Fitzhenry and Dick Adams.
- Stewardship - Rod Mays and Richard Batusic
- Ministers and Candidates - George Alder and Curtis Carroll
- Nominating - Jim Miller

Motion seconded and approved.

Action on exception to minutes by General Assembly These corrections were made concerning the reception of Rev. Wayne Good by Presbytery. It is noted that Rev. Good was a member of the Gospel Fellowship Association, that he was examined upon

the call of Faith Presbyterian Church in America, that Presbytery received and enrolled him upon his ~~xxx~~ call to the chaplaincy and gave him the prerogative to accept that call or Faith's call, and that a commission was named to finalize the acceptance or refusal of Rev. Good,s call.

The stated clerk will notify the stated clerk of GA of these corrections.

Calendar for coming year - The following arrangements were approved:

Fall meeting, 1978 - Faith, Nov. 17-18

Spring - 1979 - South Ruffner, second Friday and Sat. in March

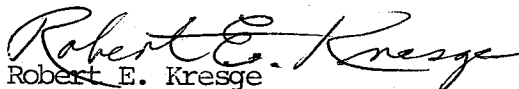
Summer - 1979 - Westminster, second Friday and Sat. in July

Fall - 1979 - Eoshen, second Friday and Sat. in November

George Alder reported for the Committee on Thanks. His report is attached.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer. Lunch was served by the ladies of the host church.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert E. Kresge

Stated Clerk

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

Thanks Committee!

We, the visitors & members of the 13th Stated Meeting of New River Presbytery, wish to thank the Rebecca Littlepage Congregation for their gracious hospitality and the love shown to us.

I remember with fond affection my first visit here —

I was lost in Charleston until I found the bridge

across the great waters.

Once ^{trusted} ~~came across~~ the bridge ^{+ came across it,} I found myself soon ~~at~~ a home.

~~home~~
But ~~the~~ next thing you I knew ~~of~~ my faith was tried. After the trial I was issued a license to preach and I cherished it greatly thru 2 more Presbyteries until I was ordained.

§ We all have appreciated your furnishings for us.

You have fed the whole man.

The quickest (& only) way ~~to~~ a man's heart is to feed him. And we have been fed (both body & soul). Our hearts have been truly blessed!

The Thanks Committee:

George B. Alder, II

W. M. Mussen

J. F. Martin