

MINUTES

NINETEENTH STATED MEETING
NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
August 16, 1980

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2216 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA

Opening Worship: Moderator Michael Bolus presided as the worship service began at 10:00 A.M. Following the singing of "What a Friend" Rev. Ron Parrish prayed. "Amazing Grace" was then sung. Rev. Bolus then preached with I Peter 1:1-9 as his text.

Call to order: Presbytery was called to order by the moderator. The clerk declared a quorum to be present. Teaching elders present were George B. Alder II, Michael Bolus, John Dodd, Norman Evans, James Fishel, William Hill, Jr., Rod Mays, Ron Parrish, and Linwood Wilkes. Ruling elders present were Forrest Rumburg (Friendship), Charles Kennedy (Little River), T. F. Minter, Jr. (Lebanon), William Pascavis (Kanawha Salines), Jerry Martin (Faith), Robert Kresge (Rebecca Littlepage), F. S. Shockley, Jr. and L. M. Young, Jr. (Westminster).

Election of Moderator: Rev. Evans nominated Jerry Martin for moderator. Motion seconded. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and Martin was elected moderator. He then replaced the retiring moderator, Rev. Bolus.

Docket: Approved without change.

Elders attending their first meeting of New River Presbytery and other visitors were welcomed.

Minutes: The minutes of the 18th Stated Meeting were corrected as follows- Third paragraph of page 3, Smith and Shaffer are ruling elders, not teaching elders. The minutes of the Called Meeting which followed the 18th Stated Meeting were corrected as follows - spelling of Forrest Rumburg corrected, should be Rumburg. Rev. Evans moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded and approved.

Committee on Thanks: Rev. Parrish and Tom Minter were named to a Committee on Thanks.

Communications and Requests to be excused: The clerk had received no requests to be excused. A communication from the GA Stated Clerk informed Presbytery that a complaint of Rev. Mays against Presbytery was in order and Judicial Commission has been appointed to adjudicate the case. A second letter from the GA Stated Clerk enclosed a copy of the Report on the Review and Control of Presbyteries which requested New River Presbytery to correct its minutes for the November 9-10 meeting, 1979, to show action taken in its executive session. Presbytery directed the stated clerk to make the required correction. The correction is as follows - Following discussion of charges brought against Rev. Linwood Wilkes because of letters he sent to certain members of Presbytery churches questioning the character of Rev. William Fitzhenry, Rev. Hill moved that ~~Rev. Wilkes be excused~~ ^{Rev. Wilkes be excused}. Motion seconded and approved. That completed the executive session.

Report on General Assembly: Rev. Evans was called on by the moderator to make this report. Several others also commented on the meeting at Savannah.

Presbytery recessed for committee meetings and lunch, 11:40 a.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee - made by Rev. Evans for chairman Hill. He moved that 1. All committees be readjusted to fit the alignment established in Presbytery's By-laws.

2. The By-laws be amended to add the MUS to be composed of 3TE and 3RE instead of 2TE and 3RE.

3. The men mentioned immediately above be replaced by those presented by the Nominating Committee.

4. In the future TE and RE not be placed on committees unless they are able to attend committee meetings.

5. We again encourage our TE and RE to actively participate in the committees to which they are elected, and that we pray God will cause our work to advance more effectively and efficiently to the praise and honor of His Great Name.

6. The nominees for the Class of '83 be approved as submitted by this Committee.

7. RE Robert Kresge be the Presbytery's representative to The GA Nominating Committee for 1981.

8. That the slate of nominees to be used by Mr. Kresge for the GA Assembly Nominating Committee be approved.

10. This report as a whole be adopted.

Motion seconded and approved. As a result of this action the Presbytery committees consist of the following:

		<u>Teaching elders</u>	<u>Ruling elders</u>
Mission to U.S.	'81	Bolus	Dority
	'82	Mays	Jarvis
	'83	McNutt	Martin
Min. & Candidates	'81	Alder	Carroll
	'82	Wilkes	Kennedy
	'83	Parrish	Melton
Mission to World	'81	Good	Harris
	'82	Dodd	Kelemen
	'83	-----	Jenkins
Christian Ed.	'81	Wilkes	Dunbar
	'82	Hill	Minter
	'83	-----	Kresge
Stewardship	'81	Evans	Rumburg
	'82	Dodd	Pascavis
	'83	-----	Derey
Nominating	'81	Alder	Miller, James
	'82	Evans	Musser
	'83	-----	Jackson

Nominees for GA Committees:

	<u>TE</u>	<u>RE</u>
Administration	Wilkes	Gardner (Kanawha Salines)
Christian Education	Mays	Minter (Lebanon)
Interchurch Relations	Parrish	Young (Westminster)
Judicial Business	Alder	Martin (Faith)
Insurance & Annuity		Kresge (R. Littlepage)
PCA Foundation	McNutt	
Covenant College Bd. of Trustees	Bolus	

There were no nominees for those committees on which the Presbytery is already represented. Rev. Evans' motion seconded and approved.

Mission to the United States - made by Rev. Dodd, chairman. The Committee recommended that the Presbytery support the Indian Valley Mission with a total of \$4,000 a year, to be reviewed at each Presbytery meeting and to begin as soon as a suitable pastor has been secured. Rev. Dodd moved that the recommendation be approved. Seconded and passed unanimously.

That completed the report of the MUS.

Mission to the World - Made by Rev. Fishel for chairman Musser. Accepted as information.

Christian Education - made by chairman Alder. Rev. Evans reported concerning the cancellation of the summer youth camp. Too little interest as reflected in the few registrations was the reason. Rev. Alder then moved that Camp Joy (where the camp was to have been held) be given a donation of \$100 and the report as a whole be adopted. Both motions were acted on separately and passed.

Stewardship - no report

Ministers and Candidates - made by chairman Bolus. Kurt Tippey, a candidate, has requested \$100. Rev. Bolus moved that the grant be made. Seconded and passed.

Upon the presentation of the proper requests, the chairman moved that Kanawha Salines and Rev. Dodd sever their relationships and that the latter be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as an evangelist. Seconded and passed.

Upon the presentation of the proper requests, the chairman moved that Rebecca Littlepage and Rev. Fishel sever their relationships and that the latter be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery in the field of Christian publications. Seconded and passed.

Charles McNutt: Rev. Bolus conducted the examination. First, he read the terms of the call from Kanawha Salines Church to Rev. McNutt. (Exhibit A) The terms were approved. The examination proceeded with Rev. Hill asking the questions on church government. He then moved that this portion of the examination be sustained. Seconded and passed.

Rev. Wilkes conducted the portion of the examination dealing with Experiential Religion. He moved that this portion be sustained. Seconded and passed.

Rev. Fishel asked the questions on sacraments. He moved that his portion of the examination be sustained. Seconded and passed.

Rev. Bolus asked the questions on theology. He moved that this portion of the examination be sustained. Seconded and passed. He then moved that the examination as a whole be sustained. Seconded and passed.

Rev. Bolus then placed the call of Kanawha Salines Church in Rev. McNutt's hand. Rev. McNutt signed the ex animo statement and was given the right hand of fellowship by Presbytery.

RE Pascavissoff Kanawha Salines presented the following Commission for the installation of Rev. McNutt: Teaching elders Bolus (chairman), Alder, and Evans; ruling elders Martin, Pascavis, and Jenkins. Following the approval by Presbytery of Rev. Warren Thuston as a visiting brother, he was added to the Commission and will preach the sermon. Presbytery approved the Commission. No date was set.

Rev. Bolus moved that his report as a whole be approved. Seconded and passed.

Stated Clerk's Report: A bank balance of \$1834.42 was reported with bills of just a few dollars outstanding. Accepted as information.

Election of Stated Clerk: Rev. Mays nominated Rev. Evans. Motion seconded. Rev. Wilkes nominated Robert Kresge who declined the nomination for a second term. There were no further nominations and Rev. Evans was elected unanimously.

Report of Committee on Thanks: Rev. Parrish read the following - "In recognition of our Heavenly Father's merciful provisions and dependence upon His enabling grace toward us in our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise Him for His gifts and calling to us as overseers of His body. As we have gathered together to do the business of His church we rejoice for the comforts that we have enjoyed through the use of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We therefore thank the pastor, Michael Bolus, the session and congregation of Westminster Church for their invitation and for all the provisions they have afforded to this court. We further praise God for the fellowship of the brethren and the labors we have been enabled to do by His grace."

There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned following the determination that the fall meeting will be at Faith Church Nov. 14 and 15 and prayer by Rev. Parrish. The time was 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert E. Kresge
Stated Clerk

Kanawha Salines Presbyterian Church, Malden, W. Va., being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, CHARLES W. MENUTT, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$ 9300.⁰⁰

a year in regular monthly payments and other benefits, such as:

Auto allowance	<u>\$ 2230.⁰⁰</u>
Ministerial annuity	<u>\$ 1500.⁰⁰</u>
Hospital and Health Ins.	<u>\$ 1400.⁰⁰</u>
Utilities	<u>\$ 2000.⁰⁰</u>

moving expenses, four weeks vacation and mense,

during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church.

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 18TH, day of MAY, A. D. 1980.

[Signature]
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William C. Pascaris
W. Frank Albert
Summers C. Dunbar

Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to CHARLES W. MENUTT for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Book of Church Order, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

John R. Dodd
Moderator of the Meeting