

ADJOURNED MEETING OF NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

GREEN ACRES CAFETERIA
PRINCETON, W.V.

August 27, 1977

10:00 AM

Moderator Dr. R. H. Miller called the meeting to order and then called for a season of prayer which he concluded.

Roll Call

The following teaching elders were present: George Alder, Michael Bolus, John R. Dodd, W. A. Fitzhenry, William E. Hill, and Linwood Wilkes.

The following ruling elders were present: William Byram (Lebanon), Curtis Carroll (Westminster), Summers Dunbar (Kanawha Salines), John P. Jenkins (Rebecca Littlepage), Jerry Martin (Faith), Donald Post, Sr. (Covenant), and Paul Whittington (South Ruffner).

A quorum was present.

A request was received from Rev. David Williams to be excused.

Absent: Rev. Lee Trinkle.

Churches not represented: Pliny.

Rev. Fitzhenry moved that the following pastors be seated as visiting brethren: Harry Christy, Paul Bohn, Wayne Good, and Rod Mays. Seconded and carried.

Other visitors present: Sherman Young, Rev. James Allen, and sizable delegations from Covenant and Faith Churches.

Adoption of Docket

It was moved by Summers Dunbar that the docket be approved as presented with the additions of reports on changes in the Manual of New River Presbytery and of the Nominating Committee. Adjournment time was to be 1:00. Seconded and carried.

Examination and reception of Wayne Good

Experiential religion - by Rev. Hill - sustained

Theology - by Rev. Wilkes - sustained

Sacraments and church government - by Mr. Carroll - sustained

Upon Rev. Hill's motion, duly seconded, the examination as a whole was sustained.

The Moderator read the questions from the Book of Church Order which Rev. Good answered in the affirmative. He then signed the ex-animo statement and was received into New River Presbytery.

Rev. Good spoke briefly, stating that he had just been offered a chaplaincy in the regular Navy, something he had long sought and which opening was most unusual in view of his 45 years. He was trying to decide between that opportunity and the call from Faith Presbyterian Church. Therefore, at the moment the call from Faith Church could not be placed in his hands.

Examination and reception of Rod Mays

Experiential religion - by Rev. Hill - sustained
Theology - by Rev. Wilkes - sustained
Sacraments and church government - by Mr. Carroll - sustained

Rev. Hill moved that the examination as a whole be sustained.
Seconded and carried.

The Moderator read the required questions which Rev. Mays answered in the affirmative. He then signed the ex-animo statement and was received into New River Presbytery.

The call from Covenant Church was read by the Moderator and placed in Rev. Mays' hand.

The Commission for the installation of Rev. Mays:
To preach - Rev. Fitzhenry
To charge pastor - Rev. Dodd
To charge church - Rev. Alder
Ruling elders - Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Whittington

Rev. Hill moved that a Commission be appointed to place Faith Church's call in Rev. Good's hand should he decide to accept that call. Rev. Hill added that it is the hope of Presbytery that Rev. Good will accept the call. The same Commission could install Rev. Good. Seconded and carried. The Moderator appointed the following as members of that Commission: Rev. Hill, chairman; Rev. Wilkes, Mr. Martin and Mr. Miller, ruling elders from Faith Church.

The next Stated Meeting will be held at Little River Church November 4 and 5. There will be fellowship and recreation for those who can come as early as noon on the 4th.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Kresge, Stated Clerk
NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

