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TENTH STATED MEETING

of

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

July 22-23, 1977 -- 7:30 P.M.

KANAWHA SALINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
4305 Salines Drive  
Charleston, West Virginia 25306

Worship Service by Rev. John R. Dodd

Hymn - "We're Marching To Zion"

Prayer by Rev. William E. Hill, Jr.

Special music by the choir of the host church --  
"I Feel So Much Better Serving the Lord"

Offering was taken for the work of the Presbytery -- \$78.15

Sermon: Rev. Dodd chose as his text Jeremiah 2:9-13, Revelations 2:1-6

Call to Order: by Moderator R. H. Miller, who led in prayer

Roll Call: The roll was called with the following present--

Teaching elders: George B. Alder, II, John R. Dodd, W. A. Fitzhenry,  
William E. Hill, Jr., Linwood G. Wilkes

Ruling elders: R. A. Batusic, Rebecca Littlepage  
Lindsey Fields, Little River  
John L. Handley, Covenant  
Nigal Loomis, Kanawha Salines  
J. F. Martin, Faith  
Paul J. Whittington, South Ruffner

The Stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.

A motion by Rev. Fitzhenry to omit the request made by Tom Owens to be excused from adjourned meeting April 30, 1977 at Westminster. With this amendment the minutes were received, the motion received a second and carried.

Adoption of Docket: A motion was made to receive the docket as amended which received a second and carried.

Welcome address by host church by Harry Gardner.

Moderator appointed Committee of Thanks: R. W. Batusic, Chairman  
L. G. Wilkes

Introduction of first-time elders: John Handley, Covenant

The meeting was well attended with many visitors from area churches.

Testimonies were given as to the work and personal commitment as follows:

William Fitzhenry, South Ruffner	Jim Gay, South Ruffner
John Handley, Covenant	Nigal Loomis, Kanawha Salines
R. H. Miller, Westminster	S. C. Dunbar, Kanawha Salines
Lindsey Fields, Little River	Jerry Martin, Faith
Doug Dority, Westminster	R. W. Batusic, Rebecca Littlepage
George Alder, II, Princeton	John Dodd, Kanawha Salines

L. G. Wilkes presented slide pictures from the Grace Bible Camp.

Meeting of Committees follow adjournment.

Refreshments were served in the activities room.

Adjournment--

The Presbytery adjourned at 9:00 p.m. July 22, to meet at 8:30 a.m., July 23. The motion received a second and carried.

Closing prayer by John Dodd.

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Reconvene -- 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 23, 1977.

Moderator R. H. Miller called the meeting to order, and asked for a season of prayer.

Election of Stated Clerk and Treasurer --

The Nominating Committee presented Robert E. Kresge as candidate.

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Robert E. Kresge was elected by acclamation.

Reception of candidates --

Rev. William E. Hill, Jr. presented Charles Coleman Miller as a candidate for the ministry. Rev. John Dodd will conduct the examination. Experimental religion and motives for seeking the ministry were proven satisfactory.

Moderator R. H. Miller propounded questions from the Book of Church Order 19-3, followed by a charge to the candidate.

Prayer Rev. John Dodd.

The right hand of fellowship was extended by Presbytery. The Stated Clerk will enter Charles Coleman Miller on the rolls of Presbytery as a candidate of the ministry.

Communications --

A letter was read and received from Pliny Presbyterian Church thanking David L. Williams for his services.

A card was received from James B. Moore, Missionary

A letter received from Ellen Barnett, Missionary, Acapulco, Mexico

A letter was received from Tom and Jan Courtney, Candidate for Ministry

Manual of New River Presbytery --

A report was made by the Clerk of the New River Presbytery.

A motion was made by Rev. William E. Hill, Jr., to give a tentative approval of the Manual changes (after all members of the Presbytery have had an opportunity to study said changes) and wait until the Fall meeting to give full approval. Motion received a second and carried.

Report of Committees --

Rev. William E. Hill, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Examination of Ministers and Candidates presented a letter from David L. Williams requesting permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery. It was moved, seconded and carried.

Rev. Hill moved that an adjourned meeting be held on August 27, 1977 to examine Wayne Good who has received a call from the Faith Presbyterian Church, and other matters pursuant to that call. Motion received a second, and carried.

It was moved by Rev. Fitzhenry to appoint George Alder, II to make arrangements for this adjourned meeting to be held at Princeton, WV on August 27, 1977. Motion received a second and carried.

Recess at 10:20 a.m.

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Reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Continuation of Committee Reports --

Mission to the U.S.

Rev. George Alder, II made the following report on the mission work at Princeton, WV.

Sunday Services held at 11:00 a.m. (approximately twelve attend)  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting in homes at 7:30 p.m.  
Permanent meeting place difficult to find.  
Requested prayer for work at Princeton.

Christian Education Report --

Rev. Linwood G. Wilkes made a report on the New River Presbytery Camp, Goshen, Virginia. Fifty-five in attendance at camp, representing 23 campers from New River Presbytery and 32 campers from Mid-Atlantic Presbytery ranging in age from 8 - 17.

Stewardship Committee --

Moderator R. H. Miller read a letter from M. E. Howland, Director of Committee for Stewardship Ministries, requesting known dates of Presbytery meetings or special days of prayer or other emphasis that might be established by New River Presbytery for the calendar year 1978.

Treasurer's Report --

Balance as of July 21, 1977	\$4,419.21
Presbytery collection July 22	<u>78.15</u>
Balance as of July 23, 1977	\$4,497.36

New Business --

John Handley of Covenant Church presented resolutions concerning the Committee on Candidates and Ministers which the Moderator gave to Rev. William E. Hill, Jr. for consideration.

Rev. William E. Hill, Jr. presented a request from James Brown (Candidate for the Ministry), and his sister Judith Brown (Missionary Candidate) for financial aid. Rev. Hill will investigate and report the need to his Committee with the request that they respond at the earliest possible date.

Information only --

Rev. John Dodd reports that a Bible Conference will be held again this year, October 9-12, 1977 at Morris Harvey College Auditorium.

Time and Place of next meeting --- Little River Presbyterian Church  
Goshen, Virginia

November 4-5, 1977

It was moved, seconded and carried.

S. C. Dunbar requested prayer for Rev. John Dodd, who will be holding a series of meetings in Acapulco, Mexico.

Committee on Thanks --

New River Presbytery enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Kanawha Salines Church three years ago on the occasion of our birth as a Presbytery. As we return, we enjoy again that sweet and gracious

hospitality which has met our every need, and do express our gratitude especially to those elect ladies of this congregation for their labor of love.

R. W. Batusic, Chairman  
Committee on Thanks

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., July 23, 1977.

Closing prayer by Nigal Loomis.

Luncheon was served by ladies of the host church.

Respectfully submitted,

James N. Gay, Stated Clerk