

DOCKET FOR ORGANIZATION OF
PRESBYTERY

KANAWHA SALINES NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MALDEN, WEST VIRGINIA

10 A. M.

June 22nd, 1974

Meeting was called to order with opening prayer by M.U.S. Area representative
Rev. Charles McNutt

Enrollment of Ministers of the National Presbyterian Church

Ministers of National N.P.C. Present: Charles W. McNutt, William E. Hill, Jr.,
Linwood G. Wilkes all of whom signed the ex animo statement.

Enrollment of Churches and Ruling Elders (all of whom signed the covenant)

L. M. Young, Jr. and Alva T. Hillman -- Westminster
Charles L. Posten -- Faith
Robert E. Kresge -- Rebecca Littlepage
James N. Gay -- South Ruffner
Thomas F. Minter, Sr. -- Lebanon
Harry Gardner -- Kanawha Salines

Lebanon Church received pending dismissal by P.C.U.S.

Visitors present: 30

Election of Moderator

Nominations: Charles McNutt and William E. Hill, Jr.

Charles McNutt declined due to his position as M.U.S. area representative.
William E. Hill, Jr. was elected moderator by acclamation.

Introduction of Visiting Brethren

Rev. Harry Barnett, Pittsburgh Presbytery, R.P.C.E.S.
Rev. David Williams, Greenbrier Presbytery, P.C.U.S.
Rev. Warren Thuston
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Westminster Presbytery, N.P.C.

Candidates for Ministry

John Q. Hall, Jim Meador, Jr., Stephen Ameen, and Fred Loomis

Welcome by the Host Church Ruling Elder -- Harry Gardner

Church was organized in 1819. Present building was erected in 1840.

Examination and Reception of Ministers

Examination conducted by the Moderator.

Rev. Harry F. Barnett, Pittsburgh Presbytery, R.P.C.E.S.

1. Experimental Religion - approved
2. Theology - approved
3. Sacraments and church government - approved

Examination approved as a whole

Rev. Warren F. Thuston

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Mr. Thuston's ordination in the P.C.U.S. was accepted and he was restored to the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Barnett and Mr. Thuston were enrolled in the Presbytery upon signing the ex animo statement.

Election of Stated Clerk and Treasurer

Nominations: James N. Gay and Robert E. Kresge

James N. Gay was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer

Sermon Rev. William E. Hill, Jr.

Text: Hebrews 13:11-21 - "Let Us Go Outside the Camp"

Committee of Thanks Appointed

Robert Kresge, Chairman
Thomas Minter
Oliver Blake

Recess for Lunch - Prayer of thanks was offered by Rev. David Williams

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p.m. and opened in prayer by Rev. Warren Thuston.

Choice of Name for Presbytery

A large number of names was presented. The final vote was between "New River", "Salina", and "Mountains". "New River" was chosen.

Greetings - Rev. John P. Sartelle, Westminster Presbtery, NPC

Offering - An offering in the amount of \$97.25 was received for expenses of Presbytery.

Adoption of Manual for Presbytery as follows:

MANUAL OF BYLAWS FOR NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY OF N.P.C.

I. NAME: NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY OF N.P.C.

II. BOUNDARIES

- A. Entire state of West Virginia
- B. Plus western Virginia, including the territory west of the Blue Ridge and north of the counties of Bland, Pulaski, and Floyd.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Ministers of churches desiring to be in this presbytery within boundaries stated above
- B. Elder representatives from churches desiring to belong to this presbytery within boundaries stated above
- C. Any elders and ministers in outlined territory or not included in any presbytery which may desire to be members after satisfactory examination and reception by presbytery
- D. Any independent churches of Presbyterian and Reformed faith which desire to have fellowship including privilege of attendance and discussion in meetings but not a vote, are encouraged to attend as visiting brethren.

IV. STATED MEETINGS

- A. Regular stated meetings in March, July and November
- B. Meetings which seem necessary at other times when called according to provisions by the Book of Church Order.

V. OFFICERS

- A. A moderator elected by presbytery (ordinarily nominated at a previous meeting) to serve for one full year
- B. A stated clerk to serve for a period of three years with privilege of a second three-year term when so elected

VI. CHURCHES' REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Any church with membership less than 350 is entitled to elect one representative to presbytery
- B. Any church with membership 350 or over is eligible to elect two representatives to presbytery

VII. COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on World Mission to be composed (temporarily) of one minister and two ruling elders to promote world missions throughout the presbytery, to recommend to presbytery any matters that should come before it concerning world missions, and to seek to encourage in the

churches candidates for the mission field and recommend qualified candidates to the N.P.C. committee on candidates

- B. Committee on Mission to the U.S. to be composed (temporarily) of one minister and two ruling elders to promote missions in the U. S. throughout the presbytery and recommend to presbytery any matters that should come before it concerning Mission to the U. S.
- C. Committee on Christian Education composed (temporarily) of one minister and two ruling elders promoting Sunday Schools, Christian day schools, the Men-in-the-Church, the Women-in-the-Church, youth work, and candidates for ministry and stewardship
- D. A nominating committee composed of one minister and two ruling elders elected by the presbytery serving three year terms by rotation will nominate to presbytery suitable ministers and elders on each of the above named committees who will serve for a period of three years in rotation
- E. Committee on Examination of ministers and candidates to be composed of two teaching and two ruling elders

VIII COOPERATION AND FELLOWSHIP

- A. This presbytery will cooperate fully with all neighboring National Presbyterian Church presbyteries and participate in joint projects wherever possible and desirable

THIS MANUAL WAS ADOPTED

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES BY THE MODERATOR

Moved -- That the Moderator appoint temporary committees for the rest of the year, and that they be chosen according to the Manual for 1975.

Adopted.

GRANTING OF EVANGELISTIC POWERS

Rev. William E. Hill, Jr. granted evangelistic powers to organize churches according to provisions in the Book of Church Order.

Rev. William E. Hill, Jr., Warren F. Thuston, and Linwood G. Wilkes given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Rev. William E. Hill, Jr., Rev. Harry F. Barnett, and Elder Harry Gardner appointed to communicate with the news media.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Be it hereby resolved that we in attendance at the first meeting of New River Presbytery thank the host church, particularly the ladies, for the most helpful and gracious hospitality. No more suitable facility could have been provided for such a significant event.

Robert Kresge, Chairman, Thomas Minter, Oliver Blake

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Left in the hands of the Moderator

COMMUNION SERVICE

Led by host pastor, Harry F. Barnett and ruling elders of the
Kanawha Salines N.P. Church

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

James N. Hay, Stated Clerk