Minutes Of North Central Presbytery
Synod of the Midwest
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
October 11-12, 2013
and CPWM (2012-13)

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April 4-5, 2014
1:30 Local Time
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IV. The presbytery shall have the following boards with the stated number of members: a Board of Finance and Trustees.

E. The Treasurer shall be elected for a three year term and may succeed himself/herself indefinitely. The Treasurer shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Board of Finance and Trustees which shall be reviewed annually.

Clerk shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Board of Finance and Trustees which shall be reviewed annually.

C. The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a three year term and may succeed him/her indefinitely. The Stated Clerk shall receive the second highest number of votes in the election of moderator. If only one person is nominated for moderator, candidates for vice moderator shall be nominated from the floor. The Vice moderator shall conduct the business of the meeting and any subsequent called meeting(s).

B. The Vice moderator shall be the person who receives the second highest number of votes in the election of moderator. If only one person is nominated for moderator, candidates for vice moderator shall be nominated from the floor. The Vice moderator shall serve in the place of the Moderator when the Moderator is unable to serve, or at the request of the Moderator.

A. The Moderator shall be elected at each regular meeting of the presbytery and serve until a successor is elected. The Moderator shall conduct the business of the meeting and any subsequent called meeting(s).

I. The name of the body shall be North Central Presbytery of the Synod of the Midwest of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

II. The presbytery shall meet at a place to which it is adjourned, on the first Friday and following Saturday in April (except when it coincides with Good Friday, then it shall meet on the second Friday and following Saturday in April), and on the second Friday and following Saturday in October, at 1:30 P. M. local time.

III. The officers of the presbytery shall be the Moderator, Vice-moderator, Stated Clerk, Recording Clerk, and Treasurer.

A. The Moderator shall be elected at each regular meeting of the presbytery and serve until a successor is elected. The Moderator shall conduct the business of the meeting and any subsequent called meeting(s).

B. The Vice moderator shall be the person who receives the second highest number of votes in the election of moderator. If only one person is nominated for moderator, candidates for vice moderator shall be nominated from the floor. The Vice moderator shall serve in the place of the Moderator when the Moderator is unable to serve, or at the request of the Moderator.

C. The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a three-year term and may succeed himself/herself indefinitely. The Stated Clerk shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Board of Finance and Trustees which shall be reviewed annually. The responsibilities of the Stated Clerk are outlined in the NCP Digest of Policies.

D. The Recording Clerk shall be elected for a three-year term and may succeed himself/herself indefinitely. The Recording Clerk shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Board of Finance and Trustees which shall be reviewed annually. The Recording Clerk shall record the minutes of the meetings of the presbytery.

E. The Treasurer shall be elected for a three year term and may succeed himself/herself indefinitely. The Treasurer shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Board of Finance and Trustees which shall be reviewed annually. The responsibilities of the Treasurer are outlined in the NCP Digest of Policies.

IV. The presbytery shall have the following boards with the stated number of members: a Board of Finance and Trustees.
(plus the Treasurer), a Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care (7), a Board of Christian Education (7)(plus the adult advisor and the NCPYF Moderator), a Board of Ministry (7), a Board of Heritage and Witness (5), a Board of Judiciary and Session Records (6), a Board of Nominations (3). All elected members of boards and the NCPYF Adult Advisor shall be on regular three-year rotation. No member shall be re-elected to the same board more than twice without rotating off that board for a minimum of one year. A quorum shall consist of three for any board, with the exception of the Board of Judiciary and Session Records and Board of Nominations which shall require two for a quorum. Any member who has two (2) consecutive unexcused, three (3) excused, or combination of three (3) absences shall be removed. (Spring 2013) No person shall serve on two boards at the same time. The responsibilities of the boards are outlined in the NCP Digest of Policies.

V. The boards shall meet at a time in common before each semi-annual meeting on the fourth Saturday in February and August at 9:00 am local time. The meeting place shall be the Willow Creek Church, Martinsville, Illinois. All boards shall submit their report to the Stated Clerk within ten (10) days following their meeting. All Board reports shall use full and proper names (Spring 12). The Stated Clerk shall not be responsible for distribution of reports received after the ten day period. The Stated Clerk shall make copies of the program and each board report and shall mail them to each ordained minister, each probationer, and one to each session clerk for each duly elected delegate at least ten days prior to the meeting of presbytery.

VI. The session records of each congregation shall be presented to presbytery for examination annually. Congregations whose name begins with the letters "A" through "K" shall submit their session records at the August meeting of the Board of Judiciary and Session Records, and congregations whose name begins with the letters "L" through "Z" shall submit their session records at the February meeting of the Board of Judiciary and Session Records. Records may be brought or delivered to the designated board meeting or a photo copy delivered or mailed to the Stated Clerk at least ten days prior to the date of the board meeting.

VII. Each ordained minister (except retired ministers at their own request) is required to attend each meeting of presbytery unless excused. Each congregation shall send its quota of duly elected elders to each meeting of presbytery or give reason in writing for failure to do so. Each candidate and licentiate is required to attend each meeting of presbytery. Two consecutive absences from a stated meeting by a candidate or licentiate, excused or unexcused, may result in his/her being dropped from the roll of probationers.

VIII. A Memorial Committee shall be appointed each spring meeting to report and conduct a memorial service at the fall meeting of presbytery.

IX. Members of the boards and committees and others performing presbyterial business shall receive reasonable compensation for travel, meals, and lodging. Rates will be reviewed annually by the Board of Finance.

X. The minutes of presbytery shall be printed. The minutes shall be forwarded to the printer within thirty days following the meeting of presbytery.

XI. Any new business to come before the presbytery must be presented before adjournment on Friday.

XII. Any Non Cumberland Ordained minister who is a stated supply of a Cumberland Presbyterian Church is required to submit semi-annual reports to the Presbyterial Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care. Reports are to be submitted one month prior to the February and August Presbyterial Board Meetings. Reports are to be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Presbyterial Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care. If the report is not received the status of stated supply will be reviewed. (Spring 2012)

NORTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY DIGEST OF POLICIES

(Italicized information lists predecessor board(s) and number of elected members.)

The BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION shall be responsible for the following:
1. To plan and conduct a camping program, including CPYC/PYT
2. To promote youth ministries and events including NCPYF and Urbana Conference
3. To facilitate leadership development
4. To monitor Bethel College scholarships and requirements
5. To act as liaison with the denominational Board of Christian Education
(former Board of Christian Education (7 members)

The BOARD OF FINANCE AND TRUSTEES shall be responsible for the following:
1. To propose a budget and congregational apportionments
2. To serve as trustees of presbyterial property
3. To administer the insurance programs
4. To manage presbyterial assets
5. To serve as the presbyterial auditors
6. To promote stewardship education
7. To administer the scholarship program in conjunction with the Boards of Christian Education and Ministry
8. To act as liaison with the denominational Board of Stewardship

(former Board of Finance and Trustees (7 members))

The BOARD OF HERITAGE AND WITNESS shall be responsible for the following:
1. To maintain the presbyterial archives
2. To coordinate historical presentations
3. To develop and maintain the presbyterial web site
4. To address social concerns and theological perspectives
5. To act as liaison with the denominational Historical Foundation
6. To act as liaison with the denominational Committee on Theology and Social Concerns

(former Heritage Committee and Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (5 members))

The BOARD OF JUDICIARY AND SESSION RECORDS shall be responsible for the following:
1. To examine session records
2. To consider judicial matters

(former Session Records Committee (5 members))

The BOARD OF MINISTRY shall be responsible for the following:
1. To interview and counsel prospective candidates
2. To monitor the progress of probationers
3. To train elders serving communion
4. To monitor probationer Scholarships and requirements
5. To maintain relationships with ministers of other denominations and to screen transfers of ministers from other denominations
6. To act as liaison with the denominational Commission on Ministry

(former Committee on Ministry (7 members))

The BOARD OF NOMINATIONS shall be responsible for the following:
1. To nominate presbyterial and board personnel
2. To inform nominees of duties
3. To nominate synod and General Assembly commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegates to GA
4. To recommend meeting places for presbytery
5. To promote NCP representation on denominational board and agencies

(former Nominating Committee (3 members))

The BOARD OF PASTORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE shall be responsible for the following:
1. To supervise and support the ordained clergy
2. To oversee congregations without CP ordained ministers and to appoint moderators of such sessions
3. To oversee pastoral relationships
4. To nurture ecumenical relationships such as CAM
5. To promote mission education (without financing)
6. To promote New Church Development
7. To act as liaison with the denominational Board of Missions

(former Board of Missions and Committee on Pastoral Care (7 members))

The STATED CLERK shall be responsible for the following:
1. To be the principal officer coordinating the work of the presbytery;
2. To receive and preserve all correspondence for the action of the presbytery in its meetings;
3. To respond to all correspondence in accordance with the instructions of the presbytery;
4. To send out notices for regular meetings, called meetings, and board meetings, etc.
5. To assemble preliminary minutes of the regular meetings and mail to all churches and ministers in accordance with presbyterial instructions;
6. To assist boards in such research as may be needful in their work;
7. To maintain a continuing relationship with the denomination;
8. To research information from the minutes as requested by the judicatory and agencies of the judicatory;
9. To take the lead in making plans for the meeting of presbytery and board meetings;
10. To compile annual reports of congregations and forward to the denomination;
11. To keep the presbytery’s official membership roll;
12. To notify officers, board members, and delegates of their election or appointment;
13. To certify delegates or commissioners;
14. To sign the minutes of all meetings.
15. To print and distribute the minutes of meetings of presbytery;
16. To keep minutes in permanent form and to file copies with the Cumberland Presbyterian Historical Foundation;
17. To file copies for review with the Synod of the Midwest.

The **TREASURER** shall be responsible for the following:
1. To receive and disburse all funds in accordance with the instructions of the presbytery and the adopted budget of the presbytery;
2. To keep records and pay premiums for the Cumberland Presbyterian Health Insurance Program in keeping with the instructions of presbytery;
3. To supply appropriate information to each board with a current status report of the progress of funds;
4. To be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Finance and Trustees;

**MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES**

A. Presbytery shall give to congregations hosting presbytery an expense check of $500 for meals (Oct '09). Additionally, the compensation for churches hosting board meetings be changed to $200 per meeting, plus $5 per person for the meal (Oct '09). Congregations may also receive donations from visitors to defray the cost of their meal.

B. Presbytery shall reimburse travel expense at the rate of 40¢ per mile, $8 maximum per meal and $80 maximum per night’s lodging. *(Oct. 04 and April '06)* [This policy does not apply to the expenses of General Assembly commissioners and YAD’s.]

C. Presbytery shall provide scholarships for active members of presbytery to attend Bethel College, Memphis Theological Seminary or the Program of Alternate Studies. Applications are due to the Stated Clerk by August 15. Scholarship recipients shall maintain a 2.0 [C] average to remain eligible for the scholarship. In the case of PAS students completed assignments on an annual basis keep them eligible. The scholarship amount shall be $1000 per semester for BC and MTS with a maximum of $2000 per scholastic year; and $1500 per year for PAS. Probationers attending schools other than Bethel, MTS or PAS will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine their eligibility.


E. Presbytery, through its Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care, has monies available to assist struggling churches and pastors re-establishing churches in the presbytery by subsidizing the salaries of those pastors. Sessions may request such subsidies by sending the BPCC the following information: 1. Offering amount for eight weeks; 2. Current expenses,
utility bills, etc.; 3. Current salary provided the pastor; 4. Current need for the pastor. (Such distribution of funds shall be reported to the next meeting of presbytery.)

F. Presbytery, through the Pastoral Care subcommittee of its Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care, has monies available to assist its ordained clergy in case of emergency. (Such distribution of funds shall be reported to the next meeting of presbytery.)

G. The following guidelines have been established for camp leaders:
1. An RN shall be on staff at all camps.
2. Camp staff is there to minister to the campers.
3. All staff must participate in the training on Saturday preceding camp.
4. Campers are to be supervised by staff at all times.
5. All staff is to remain in their cabins/rooms after "lights out" to be available to the campers.
6. All bills must be submitted for payment within thirty days following an event.

H. The death of an ordained minister of the presbytery shall be memorialized by a donation of $100 in his/her name to Memphis Theological Seminary.

I. Requests for excused absences from presbytery should be specific as to the reason for the absence in order for the request to be considered.

J. GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION - MISSION TRIP ASSISTANCE
1. Applicant must be a member of a C P Church located within the boundaries of NCP.
2. Applicant must be going on a NCP group mission trip, or working on a project led by a NCP minister or youth minister, or working on a project sponsored by the C. P. Denomination.
3. To ask for funds, applicant must contact the chairperson or secretary of the Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care and apply at least six weeks prior to the event. The chairperson of the BPCC will poll the board members and reply to the applicant within three weeks.
4. Funding will be limited to $300 per person, be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis, and each persona’s request will be considered individually.
5. A recipient can re-apply for assistance every two years.

K. Presbyterially appointed Session Moderators are required to send a semi-annual report to the NCP Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY
October 11-12, 2013
AFTERNOON SESSION, October 11, 2013

The Opening Worship was led by the retiring moderator, Rev. Eduardo Montoya, with Kim Wheeler at the piano and Adam McReynolds as song leader. The congregation sang “How Firm a Foundation.” After prayer, Rev. Montoya read from Ps. 90: 1-2, 12, and 16. As we look back, we evaluate what we have or haven’t accomplished. Psalm teaches how evaluation can give us the peace of God’s presence in our lives, His confirmation and teaching to gather Wisdom. Psalm 90 says the presence of God in our life is shelter in difficult times and a dwelling place, before, now and in the future. He is a God of generations. God is teaching the quality of our life through wisdom, which is a gift of God. We have to let God teach us to get the confirmation of our lives for ourselves and others. As Presbytery meets, remember God is with us. Rev. Montoya read Romans 12:1-2, take time to reflect what God is in our lives. We need His teaching to gather wisdom. We and the world need wisdom. He closed with prayer. The service closed by singing “Blessed Assurance.”

The necessary announcements were given by Jedd Tolan.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and the Clerk declared a quorum present.

Rev. J. B. Gates, gave the Constituting Prayer. Rev. Eduardo Montoya was elected Moderator by acclamation.
Rev. Kevin Small was elected Vice-Moderator by acclamation. The program was adopted as amended.

Visitors: Rev. Dr. Jay Earheart-Brown, Nashville Presbytery, President of MTS, a member of the Unification Task Force, Rev. Dr. George Estes, del Cristo a member of the Ministry Council/ Missions Team were seated as advisory members by motion vote. Richard Brown, President CEO and general counsel of Children’s Home.


Communications: A letter from Rev. Dr. Carroll Richards asking to be replaced on the Memorial Committee since he won’t be present Saturday; letter resolved by appointments. A letter of Dismission for Rev. Geoff Bunting from del Cristo Presbytery to North Central was given to The Committee on Congregational and Pastoral Care. A letter from the Synod of the Midwest stating that Chandler Church has been placed on the roll of Covenant Presbytery. A letter from Rev. Albert Smith updating Presbytery on how he’s doing was read. Report of GA Commissioners was read, marked “A” and placed on file.

 This year one of the major issues is the capital campaign. A $9-12 million campaign for new building is being started. A new Chapel at the Seminary is a dream for the future. There are 51 CP students with 388 students across the gamut. 62 are from PAS. A certificate for a licensed counselor in drug and alcohol addiction is the newest addition. A new certificate program in advanced CP studies next summer on how to work as ministers in local areas. PAS had the largest class with 16 grads this past summer. There is development of four studies on-line for PAS. $50,000 in matching funds were gathered by year-end for MTS.

Richard Brown, Pres. and CEO and general counsel of the Children’s Home brought greetings from Sumner Bacon. The Home has 41 employees and they work to create relationships by investing in a one to one relationships for people at risk; for many, it’s the first time to have someone who cares for them. The Home is celebrating their 109 year anniversary. It is a holy mission to work at C.P. Children’s Home. The ability to reach out to people in need is a goal of CP denomination. The Home wants to be the resource for issues of children and families. Everyone is always invited to come for a visit.

Rev. Dr. George Estes brought greetings from Ministry Council/ Mission Team, Arkansas 3rd Age Team, and the newest church in the Philippines. We have a presence in 17 countries of the world, a global reach. Thanks to NC Presbytery for their support in loaves and fishes which helps fund a medical clinic in Guatemala. The Center indebtedness has been retired. All that is owed is the old property maintenance and the installation of new software. By 2015 the denomination will be debt free. Disaster and emergency funds support has been good; $15,000 to Eastlake church in May. Eastlake was a staging area for Moore, OK. Spiritual concern emphasis is on evangelism this year, “Step Out”. There is a new Council in Guatemala. Other dates and info are on website. Since he is retiring in Dec., prayer was offered by Roy Shanks for Rev. Estes.

The moderator called recess. The moderator called recess out.

BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The report of the Board of Christian Education was read, its recommendation amended by motion vote, the report was approved as amended, marked “B” and placed on file.
The report of the **Board of Ministry** was received and by motion vote, the recommendations to be considered seriatim. Rec. 1 was adopted by motion vote. Rec. 2 is to be tabled until there is a meeting with Julio Roman and the Board of Congregational and Pastoral Care; motion carried. Rec. 3 was approved by motion vote. The report was read as a whole, its recommendations concurred in, marked “C” and placed on file.

The report of the **Board of Finance and Trustees** was read, its recommendation adopted, marked “D” and placed on file.

The report of the **Board of Heritage and Witness** was accepted as read, marked “E” and placed on file.

The report of the **Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care** was read, its recommendations adopted, marked “F” and placed on file. Terry Gordon was thanked for his dedication to the Board over the years.

The report of the **Board of Nominations** was read, its recommendations adopted, marked “G” and placed file. There being no nominations from the floor, all nominees were elected by acclamation.

Rev. Carroll Richards requested to be put on retired status. The request was reluctantly granted and he was given a round of applause.

Rev. Carroll Richards offered prayer and *recess* was called for committee work and the evening meal.

**EVENING SESSION, October 11, 2010  7:00 p.m.**

The Moderator called *recess out*.

**The Consecration** Service was conducted by the CPWM. The accompaniment music was by Patty Janes at the Piano, Kim Wheeler at the organ and Jim Wallace as the song leader. After the Gathering Music, the Call to Worship was led by Susan Smith. After Delight Hopson gave the Prayer of Invocation, the congregation sang “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations.” Susan Smith gave the Call to Confession and Pardon. Nancy Gordon, Juanita Nichols, and Barb Titus received the offering of $521.00 to go to the Stott/Wallace Missionary Fund. Susan Smith gave the Offertory Prayer and the Good Prospect Choir sang “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”. Rev. Dr. Jay Earheart-Brown gave the Prayers of the People. After reading Luke 6:39-45, he spoke on Trying Hard doesn’t always Work”. When trying hard doesn’t work, we need a conversion. If we try harder but are not doing God’s work, we need a conversion to work for Him. When we work harder for our agenda, it may not be God’s will. We need to be the kind of people open to the Holy Spirit through which God can work. After the congregational hymn “Sanctuary”, The Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered by Rev. J. B. Gates assisted by Jim Wallace Don Groves, Don Beals and Jedd Tolen. After the congregational hymn “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”, the Moderator gave the Benediction and recessed the meeting until 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

**SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 2013**

8:30 a.m.

A **devotional** was conducted by Rev. James Messer with Kim Wheeler at the piano and Adam McReynolds as song leader. Rev. Messer read from Psalm 150 with congregational participation. The congregation sang “When We All Get to Heaven.” After prayer, Rev. Messer read I Timothy 3: 1-7, and spoke on “What is a Presbyter”. A presbyter is a representative of God to take care of His business. The work for His kingdom is sometimes not easy. We start to worry about the “what ifs”. It’s not easy to make good decisions, but if we are going to carry out God’s work we need wisdom beyond ours, so we need to rely on Him. If we give Jesus the glory, He will give the increase. Living and breathing the Spirit of Christ should be our main goal. He closed with prayer.

The Moderator called the meeting to order.

After a voice roll call the clerk declared a quorum present.

The minutes were approved as read.

The report of the Board of Judiciary was read as a minority report. It was read, concurred in, marked “H” and placed on file.

Report 2 of Board of Ministry was read. It was amended to include recommendations. The report was read as a whole, its recommendations adopted, marked “I” and placed on file.

Report 2 of the Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care was read and by motion vote, the recommendations to be considered seriatim. Rec. 1 adopted by motion vote. Rec. 2 was adopted unanimously. Rec. 3 adopted by motion vote. Rec. 4 adopted by motion vote. The report was read as a whole, its recommendations adopted, marked “J” and placed on file.

Report 2 of the Board of Nominations was read as a minority report. It was read, concurred in marked “K” and placed on file. There being no further nominations from the floor, the nominees were elected by acclamation.

The report of the Select Committee on Overtures, Resolutions and Excuses was read, its recommendation adopted, marked “L” and placed on file.

The minutes were approved as read.

The meeting adjourned to meet April 4, 2014 with Elm River CPC in Cisne, Illinois.

Rev. Dr. Jay Earheart-Brown gave the benediction.

APPENDIX “A” Reports of GA Commissioners

To: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Trilla, Il, October 11-12, 2013.

I would like to thank North Central Presbytery for the opportunity to represent it at the 183th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro, TN, June 17-21, 2013. All the worship services, Assembly meetings, committee meetings, and workshops were held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center where we also had our rooms. The staff at the Center did an excellent job of taking care of the needs of the Assembly.

Rev. Forest Prosser, Tennessee-Georgia Presbytery, was elected Moderator and Rev. James Lively, Presbytery of East Tennessee, was elected Vice-Moderator.

Some high lights of the action of the General Assembly:
1) The session may designate two elders to administer the Lord’s Supper.
2) Session records from a church that has closed needs to be deposited with the Historical foundation.
3) Ordained ministers of another denomination can no longer serve communion in a CP Church.
4) At the fall 2013 and spring 2014 meetings of Presbytery, the Unification Task Force be given time to present updates and to get feedback on a plan for union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

5) Establish the Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund with a special church wide offering taken on Pentecost/World Mission Sunday each year and that additional funds may be collected throughout the year.

For a complete report of the action of the 183th General Assembly, please see the Denominational web site.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Gordon
Elder Commissioner

From Rev. Jeff Biggs, Minister delegate to General Assembly
August 2013

As a minister delegate to the past meeting of General Assembly, I submit the following report:

For the first time in my life, I was actually sad at the closing of this assembly. This meeting of General Assembly left me feeling both revived and hopeful for the future of the Church.

Worship services were meaningful and spirited, conversations were positive and affirming and business was conducted efficiently. Renaissance Vocal Authority provided much of the worship music throughout the duration of the Assembly. This was a good thing. If ever your congregation has the opportunity to include any of the Renaissance groups from Bethel University...DO IT! You will not be disappointed.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, we spent many long hours discussing a number of topics. At the bottom of this report, you will see the complete summary of actions, based on our committee work that made it to the floor of the Assembly. Of particular note is the “Guidelines for Congregational Care” that should’ve been sent to our presbytery from the office of the stated clerk. In a presbytery such as ours, these guidelines will go a long way towards benefiting the care we as a presbytery give to churches.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as a delegate. Please find the enclosed check for $212.78, the remaining balance of the monies I was given for expenses. Thank you again for sending me to GA, I was delightfully surprised by how much I enjoyed this particular week.

According to the prepared summary of actions, the following is the official wording of the accomplishments I was specifically a part of during this meeting of the GA. Items 36-38 seem to bear the most importance to the working of our presbytery.

JUDICIARY
36. Adopted a Constitutional Amendment ratified by the presbyteries, changing the wording to section 4.6 to read: “The session may designate two elders, either of who, when authorized by the presbytery, may administer the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to the congregation”.

37. Rescinded the ruling of the 1987 General Assembly allowing ministers of other denominations, with presbyterial approval, to serve communion in CP congregations (see Digest 4.5 k Interpretive, 1987). Does not affect ministers of another denomination presiding over communion in a duly formed union, federated congregation (as per Constitution 10.4).

38. Affirmed the Guidelines for Congregation Care, and requested that they be forwarded to all Presbytery Clerks for use by committees involved in Congregational Care (especially when dealing with congregations which are alienated or in danger of becoming alienated from presbytery and the denomination.
39. Established a fund for legal expenses of the Office of the General Assembly and designated that $25,000 be included in the OUO allocation for this purpose in 2014 & 2015.

40. Approved allocating $3,500 a year in OUO allocations during the next three years (2014-2016), for use by the next Evaluation Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jeff Biggs

APPENDIX “B” REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To North Central Presbytery in session at the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Board of Christian Education submits the following report:

The Board of Christian Education met on Saturday August 24th, 2013 at the Willow Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Board members present were: Rev. Eduardo Montoya, Rev. Jeff Biggs, Cheryl Allison, Carla Hanneke, Samuel Alvarez, Sarah Wilhoit, and Holton Sandiford. Board member Kathleen Fischer asked to be excused. Also present was Sandra Stence.

Board President Eduardo Montoya called the meeting to order. Carla Harneke opened in prayer.

Reports were given regarding both Junior/Junior High Camp and BKK. Both camps reported great weeks with many salvations and rededications being reported. Once concern brought before the Board was how directors should handle campers who have special challenges. The Board issued the following directive to our camp directors: When we are made aware of special needs campers, an appeal should be made to the home church to send an adult to assist with the camper if possible. If that is not a possibility, a staff member should be appointed to assist with the camper. The Board feels we should avoid excluding campers from attending camp if at all possible.

The Board also received information about the upcoming Young Adult retreat to be held October 4-6th at Camp Maranatha. The theme is “I am a C”. The registration fee is $35. Flyers should be coming soon to the churches.

Fall Convocation will be held at Lebanon North CP Church on November 15-17th.

Spring Convocation will be held at Bethany CP Church.

The Board spent much time on the budget for next year. While we are not requesting any additional money, we did rearrange how some of the money was allotted within the different activities overseen by this Board.

The Board makes the following recommendation to Presbytery:

Recommendation: That $600.00 be set aside for sending 2 delegates to CPYC at Bethel University next summer. Names should be submitted from the Youth at Fall Convocation and may also be submitted from individual churches. The Board will choose the 2 delegates at Spring Board Meetings.

(a) Recommendation was amended by changing the word “sending” to “funding” and “delegates” to “recipients” to read, “That $600.00 to be set aside for funding 2 recipients to CPYC at Bethel University next summer. Names should be submitted from the Youth Fall Convocation and may also be submitted from individual churches. The Board will choose the 2 recipients at Spring Board Meetings.”

APPENDIX “C” REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY
To North Central Presbytery in session at the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Board of Ministry submits the following report:

The Board of Ministry met at the Willow Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church on August 24, 2013. Present were Roy Shanks, Andy Pottorff, Victory Moore, Rev. Kevin Small, and Rev. James Messer. Rev. Peck Axton and Rev. Shirley Topar were excused.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Messer.

The Board submitted a budget request of $1,560.00.

The Board received a letter from candidate Nick Ashley, requesting the transfer of his candidacy to the Board of Ministry of Covenant Presbytery. Nick is a member of the Chandler Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which recently moved to Covenant Presbytery.

**Recommendation #1: That North Central Presbytery approve the transfer of Candidate Nick Ashley to Covenant Presbytery.**

We received a communication from Julio Roman, asking that we remove his name from the roll of candidates. Julio has been struggling to find the time for work, family, school, and church. He has also become frustrated with the process necessary for ordination.

**Recommendation #2: That the name of Julio Roman be removed from the roll of candidates.**

*(clerk’s note: Recommendation #2 was tabled by motion vote)*

Ron Fell is progressing with his required courses and is on track to complete his studies next summer. The Board met with the Session of Union North Cumberland Presbyterian to talk about Ron’s progress. The congregation feels things are going very well at the church.

United Cumberland Presbyterian Church is without a pastor at the present time and would like to have an elder trained to serve the Lord’s Supper. We will ask Rev. J.B. Gates to meet with the elder and conduct the training.

Holton Sandiford met with the Board. Holton worked with the youth of Fairfield CP Church over the summer and he is now attending Bethel University. He has been approved to serve on a mission team going to Columbia this winter and is raising support for the trip. Holton completed his studies at Lake Land College in May, graduating with a 3.25 gpa, and he applied for presbyterial scholarship to help with his tuition at Bethel. The Board approved Holton’s scholarship application.

Samuel Alvarez spoke to the Board about his journey to ordination. He is presently working full-time at a secular job and is active in the Ebenezer Church, serving as an elder and youth leader. He is anxious to start his studies, but feels he cannot quit work and move to Memphis for seminary. He has his college transcript, but will need to get it translated into English before he presents it to the Board.

Joe Stephenson is working with the youth at Bethany Church and led a mission trip to South Dakota this summer. He hopes to enroll in seminary classes in the spring.

A letter of thanks was received from Rev. Gail Allen, for the communion set he received as an ordination gift from the Board.

The following elders have been trained to serve the Lord’s Supper and seek approval to continue serving in this capacity:
**Recommendation #3:** That Jim Wallace of Good Prospect CPC and Charlotte McMacken of Faith CPC be approved to serve the Lord’s Supper at their respective churches.

The Spring Retreat will be on February 21-22, 2014 at the Casey Days Inn. The meeting will convene at 2:00pm on Friday.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Shanks, Secretary of the Board of Ministry

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**APPENDIX “D” REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND TRUSTEES**

To North Central Presbytery is session with the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Trilla IL, on October 11 and 12, 2013, the Board of Finance and Trustees submits the following report:

The Board of Finance and Trustees met on August 24, 2013 at Willow Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Present were Ron Huffman, Glenadean Garrison, Dean McReynolds, Jack Thomas, Kevan Stum, Ruth Louder, and Debbie Shanks. Jim Wallace was excused.

Chairman Ron Huffman opened the meeting with prayer.

The Board received a letter from the Oak Grove CP Church, advising that the congregation is no longer meeting due to lack of active members and financing. Their building, which was constructed in 1910, is in need of repairs they cannot afford to make. The Oak Grove Cemetery Association is interested in purchasing the building. The Cemetery Association can afford to make the needed repairs and will use the building for community events. By motion, second, and unanimous vote, the Board of Finance and Trustees approved transferring ownership of the Oak Grove CP Church building to the Oak Grove Cemetery Association. Ron Huffman will represent the Board of Finance and Trustees in signing all legal documents necessary for the transfer.

The Scholarship budget was discussed. A motion was made to increase the scholarship funding for students who are attending Bethel University or Memphis Theological Seminary (and who meet all other scholarship requirements) to $1,500 per semester with a maximum of $3,000 per scholastic year, effective immediately. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

The various boards of North Central Presbytery submitted their budget requests for the 2014 fiscal year and a budget was put together.

Dean McReynolds closed the meeting with prayer.

**RECOMMENDATION #1** – That the following budget and apportionments (based 50% on active membership and 50% on total income minus total outreach giving) be adopted for 2014:

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## Young Adult Retreat
- Young Adult Retreat: $1,200.00

## Stated Clerk’s Fund
- Office Expense: $550.00
- Printing of Minutes: $1,200.00
- Salary: $2,500.00
- Stated Clerk’s Conference: $500.00
**Total:** $4,750.00

## Presbyterial Fund
- Board Meeting Expense: $4,000.00
- Commissioners to General Assembly: $6,000.00
- Host Church to Presbytery: $1,000.00
- Insurance: $500.00
- Memorials: $100.00
- Office Expense: $500.00
- Recording Clerk’s Salary: $600.00
- Scholarships: $7,000.00
- Travel: $1,500.00
- Treasurer’s Salary: $5,500.00
**Total:** $26,700.00

## Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care
- Miscellaneous Expenses: $75.00
- Mission Trip Assistance: $3,000.00
- Travel to Supervise Churches: $700.00
- Urbana Delegates: $1,000.00
**Total:** $4,775.00

## Board of Ministry
- Background Checks: $100.00
- Miscellaneous Expenses: $25.00
- Ordination Gifts: $50.00
- Postage: $25.00
- Retreat: $1,000.00
- Testing of Candidates: $360.00
**Total:** $1,560.00

## Board of Heritage and Witness
- Denominational Historical Foundation: $500.00
**Total:** $500.00

## Board of Judiciary and Session Records
- Postage: $25.00
**Total:** $25.00

**Total Budget Expenses:** $63,110.00
**Investment Funds Applied to Budget:** $10,000.00
**Total to be Apportioned:** $53,110.00

## Apportionments
- Bethany: $4,275.24
- Burnt Prairie: $796.02
- Campground: $621.01
- Casey: $711.40
- Christ: $748.91
- Comunidad Cristiana: $918.11
Cumberland Chapel  $477.79
Ebenezer       $1,608.55
Elm River       $2,284.64
Fairfield       $6,876.64
Faith          $1,052.77
Fullerton       $1,111.10
Georgetown      $1,160.89
Good Prospect   $4,681.38
Grace           $865.12
Knights Chapel  $1,208.32
Lebanon North   $2,931.47
Lebanon South   $300.87
Lincoln First   $1,896.65
Monroe City     $623.80
Morningside     $3,364.70
Mt. Gilead      $1,078.69
Mt. Olivet      $669.37
Mt. Oval        $290.83
New Hope        $1,156.73
Pleasant Grove  $1,597.19
Shiloh          $1,372.51
Shinar          $1,295.44
Spring Hill     $283.19
Union North     $1,552.95
United          $2,033.72
Willow Creek    $3,264.00

TOTAL OF APPORTIONMENTS  $53,110.00

Respectfully Submitted,

North Central Presbytery’s Board of Finance and Trustees

APPENDIX “E” REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HERITAGE AND WITNESS

To: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Trilla IL, October 11-12, 2013.

The Board of Heritage and Witness met at Willow Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church on August 24, 2013. Priscilla Wilson, Marilyn Tisdale, Gay Thomas, and Glenn Austin were present. Mary Gard was excused. Opening prayer was given by Gay Thomas.

By consent, Priscilla Wilson will serve as Secretary in the absence of Mary Gard.

On motion by Priscilla Wilson and seconded by Gay Thomas, the 2014 Budget of $500 was approved.

Comunidad Christiana failed to give their scheduled Heritage Report at the Spring 2013 Presbytery. Priscilla Wilson has contacted the following churches to give their reports:

Mary Gard will be asked to send follow-up communications to these churches reminding them of their commitment.

Lincoln North will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in September – invitations are being sent. Bethany has started a new program for seniors – a luncheon once a month; their first one had 10 attendees.

Social concerns: Bill for approval of same sex marriage in Illinois is still pending; a Bill was passed to begin sex education in grade school covering everything, not just abstinence, and including same sex information.

Prayer concerns were asked for: Casey Church pastor Ron Juenger - pancreatic cancer; Lincoln North Church: Sally – brain tumor, Sheryl, and Steve Blaum; Bethany Church: Susie Woodard – lung cancer; a revival for our government leaders; and the need for additional Cumberland Presbyterian pastors. Prayer for these concerns was given by Glenn Austin.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Marilyn Tisdale.

Submitted by Priscilla Wilson, Secretary Pro Tem

APPENDIX “F” REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PASTORAL CONGREGATIONAL CARE

To: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Trilla, Illinois October 11-12, 2013.


Meeting opened with prayer by: Adam McReynolds

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Letter from Julio Roman advising the board that he was resigning from his role as candidate and would be quitting within 90 days.

Letter from Tom West, clerk of Oak Grove C.P. church asking the Board to cease services.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the request to close be granted and members be transferred to Norris City United Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Letter from Rev Jessie Thornton requesting to transfer to Covenant Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Rev Thornton’s request be granted.

Letter from Good Prospect that their pastoral relationship with Rev Davis be dissolved.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That request to dissolve the pastoral relationship be granted.
Received a letter from Rev Robert Davis requesting that his letter be transferred to Trinity Presbytery.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:** That Rev Davis’ request to transfer be granted.


Letter from Gail & Karen Allen be given assistance for a mission trip to Moore OK. They have not had assistance in the past year.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:** That request be granted in the amount of $300 each.

Terry Gordon brought up the revitalized GA program of Lay Minister. Originally proposed and adopted in 1988. Copies of this program are to be secured and reviewed by the committee for consideration by North Central Presbytery in the future.

**Appointed Moderator Reports** were received from:
J. B. Gates -- New Hope, Georgetown, and Norris City
Eduardo Montoya -- Comunidad Cristiana

**Non Cumberland Presbyterian Ordained Ministers serving as Stated Supply Report:**
Shane McCampbell - Shinar

The Board thanked Elder Terry Gordon for the great job he has done on the Board. His expertise and guidance will be missed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jerry Pataki

**APPENDIX “G” REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATIONS**

The Board of Nominations of North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met at the Willow Creek Church near Martinsville, IL, on August 24, 2013.

Members present were Sara McCawley and Nancy Gordon.

Each board was visited and roll was taken.
We wish to thank the members of the Chandler CPC, both past and present, who have served on the Boards of North Central Presbytery.

The Board of Nominations makes the following recommendations:

**Recommendation One:** That the resignation of Robert (Toby) Davis from the Board of New Church Development be accepted.

**Recommendation Two:** That the following board members with two unexcused, three excused, or a combination of three absences be removed:
Amy Richardson – Board of Judiciary and Session Records,
Durant Axton – Board of Ministry, and
Rodney Richardson – Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care.

**Recommendation Three:** That the following individuals be placed in nomination for the Boards and Terms as listed.

**Presbyterial Officers:**
1) Ralph Blevins - Stated Clerk – (16-4)
2) Ms. Ruth Gates – Recording Clerk (16-4)
3) Ms. Debra Shanks – Treasurer (16-7)

Board of Christian Education
1) Scott Price (16-2)
2) Priscilla Wilson (16-1)
3) Rhonda Clark (16-1)
4) Samuel Alvarez (16-2)

Board of Finance and Trustees
1) Jack Thomas (16-2)
2) Glenadean Garrison (16-2)
3) Debbie Shanks (16-7)

Board of Heritage and Witness
1) Sara McCawley (16-1)
2) Marilyn Tisdale (16-3)

Board of Judiciary and Session Records
1) J.C. McDuffee (16-2)
2) Kim Wheeler (16-2)
3) Jerry Pataki (15-1)
4) Gail Allen (15-1)

Board of Ministry
1) James Messer (16-3)
2) Shirley Topar (16-3)
3) Eduardo Montoya (16-1)

Board of Nominations
1) Sandra Stence (16-1)
2) Carolyn Austin (15-1)

Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care:
1) Steven Hughes (16-1)
2) Karen Tolen (16-1)
3) Jeannie McCutchan (16-1)

Recommendation Four: That the following individuals be placed in nominations as delegates and alternates to the Synod of the Midwest for 2014:

Pastor Delegates: Pastor Alternates:
1) Carroll Richards 1) Kevin Vanderlaan
2) James Messer 2) JB Gates

Elder Delegates: Elder Alternates:
1) Roy Shanks 1) Priscilla Wilson
2) Jeannie McCutchan 2) Adam McReynolds

Recommendation Five: That the following individuals be placed in nominations as commissioners and alternates to General Assembly for 2014:

Pastor Commissioners: Pastor Alternates:
1) James Messer 1) JB Gates
Recommendation Six:
That the invitation to meet at Willow Creek in the Fall of 2014 be accepted. (Presbytery will meet at Elm River in Spring ’14.

The Board of Nominations wishes to thank those who have faithfully served:
Board of Christian Education: Kathleen Fischer and Carla Harnacke
Board of Judiciary and Session Records: Donna Heller
Board of Heritage and Witness: Priscilla Wilson
Board of Nominations: Sara McCawley
Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care: Terry Gordon and Jerry Pataki
Board of New Church Development: Nancy Heim, Toby Davis and Jesse Thornton

The Board of Nominations requests names be submitted of those willing to serve on boards and as commissioners. We would be happy to communicate with those you feel would be good servants of the Presbytery and the Lord. The pastors and seated elders wishing to be considered for attendance in Colombia, SA in 2015 must submit their names no later than the end of this Presbytery meeting. A written report given to Presbytery is expected of commissioners each year. If you have verbally give us your name, please speak to Sara or Nancy to make sure your name is on the list of those requesting to go.

We are also seeking invitations to host Presbytery’s meeting in 2015.

Respectfully submitted:
Sara McCawley and Nancy Gordon

Appendix “H” BOAD OF JUDICIARY AND SESSION RECORDS

North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Minutes of the Board of Judiciary and Session Records of North Central Presbytery
August 24, 2013, at the Willow Creek Church

Present: David Parman and Kim Wheeler
Absent: Steve Blaum, Donna Heller, J.C. McDuffee (Excused), and Amy Richardson

It was established that quorum was not met for the Board of Judiciary and Session Records. The meeting was opened in prayer by Kim Wheeler.

It was recommended that the budget be decreased from $50.00 to $25.00.

Minutes were received and reviewed from the following churches: Bethany, Casey, Cumberland Chapel, Ebenezer, Elm River, Fairfield, Faith, Fullerton, Georgetown, and Good Prospect.
Minutes were not submitted from the following: Burnt Prairie, Campground, Chandler, Christ, Comunidad Cristiana, Grace, and Knights Chapel.

Correspondence was received from the Session of Good Prospect CPC, Trilla, IL, asking for guidance on the Defense of Marriage Act and how this may affect our churches. Ralph Blevins, Stated Clerk, met with the Board and reported his findings from Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk, Office of the General Assembly, CPC.

Rev. Sharpe sought legal counsel and this is his response: “It is of our opinion that a church could not be forced to host a gay marriage and a clergyman could not be required to perform one in a church. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution absolutely prohibits the state from ordering or forcing a minister to perform any marriage. The Confession of Faith (COF) contains an adequate expression of the church’s theological position on marriage and family issues (COF - 6.00 Christians Live and Witness in the World; Marriage and the Family, 6.15-6.22; pages 20-21. COF – Directory For Worship, III. Liturgical Rites and Occasional Worship; B. Christian Marriage; pages 107-109.) The COF upholds our stance and protects our churches and ministers.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by David Parman.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Wheeler, Secretary

APPENDIX “I” Report 2 BOARD OF MINISTRY

To: North Central Presbytery in session with the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Trilla, Illinois on October 11-12, 2013.

The Board of Ministry met on October 11, 201 at Good Prospect CP Church. Present were board members Rev. James Messer, Rev. Kevin Small, Rev. Eduardo Montoya, Elders Victory Moore and Roy Shanks.

Rev. Small opened the meeting with prayer.

A request was received from Shinar CP Church, requesting that elders Joyce Fischer and Ken Richard be approved for serving communion after being trained.

Recommendation 1: After receiving training Elders Joyce Fisher and Ken Richard be approved to serve communion.

A letter was received from Georgetown CP Church requesting that elder Stephen Hughes be recertified to serve communion.

Recommendation 2: Elder Stephen Hughes be recertified to serve communion.

Joe Shephenson met with Board to discuss his progress toward ordination. The Board had a time of prayer for Joe.

Ron Fell met with the Board to discuss his progress toward ordination. The Board had a time of prayer for Ron. Rev. Messer closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. James Messer, Chr.

APPENDIX “J” Report 2 BOARD OF PASTORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE
TO: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Trilla, Illinois October 11-12, 2013.

The Board of Congregational and Pastoral Care met on October 11, 2013 with members Terry Gordon, Jerry Pataki, Adam McReynolds, and J. B. Gates present. Absent Rodney Richardson. Also present were Jean McCuthan, Karen Tolen and Steve Hughes. The meeting opened with prayer by Terry Gordon.

A letter of dismissal from Del Cristo Presbytery to North Central Presbytery was received for Geoff Bunting.

**Recommendation 1:** That Geoff Bunting be entered on the roll of North Central Presbytery.

A letter from Rev. Gail and Karen Allen stating they will not be able to go on the mission trip to Moore, OK.

**Recommendation 2:** Since the New Church Development Board has only one member, that the function of that Board be returned to the oversight of the Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care.

An application has been received for Presbyterial Pastor from Rev. Gail Allen. After talking with Gail we make the following recommendation:

**Recommendation 3:** That Rev. Gail Allen be hired for the pastoral position of the Shepherding Program.

**Recommendation 4:** That Presbytery pay for lodging as required for the Presbyterial Pastor and $100.00 for postage and office supplies annually.

Guidelines for Congregational Care were presented to the committee for review and implementation.

The meeting closed with prayer by Jerry Pataki.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Gordon, Chair, Adam McReynolds, Jerry Pataki and J. B. Gates

**APPENDIX “K” Report 2 BOARD OF NOMINATIONS**

TO: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Trilla, Illinois October 11-12, 2013.

The Board of Nominations wished to thank John Baird for his service on the Board of Pastoral and Congregation Care.

**Recommendation:** That Ron Fell (15-1) be placed in nomination for the Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Gordon, Chair

**APPENDIX “L” Report of the Select Committee on Overtures, Resolutions, and Excuses**

To: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church meeting in session with the Good Prospect CP Church, Trilla, IL on 11-12 October 2013.

The members of the committee were Rev. Kevin Small (chairman), Roy Shanks, Stephen Hughes, Raphael Leyba, and Christopher McMacken. The 11 October 2013 meeting was opened with prayer by Roy Shanks.
The committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the gracious hospitality of the Good Prospect CP Church in hosting this meeting of presbytery.

Requests for excuses were received from the following church sessions for non-attendance at this meeting of presbytery:

- Burnt Prairie
- Lincoln 1st
- Mt. Olivet
- Spring Hill
- Union North (Friday only)
- Willow Creek (verbal request via Rev. Kevin Small)

Requests for excuses were received from the following ministers for non-attendance at this meeting of presbytery:

- Rev. Durant “Peck” Axton
- Rev. Jeff Biggs
- Rev. Steve Blaum
- Rev. Robert “Toby” Davis
- Rev. Diane Dill
- Rev. J. C. McDuffee
- Rev. Shirley Topar
- Rev. Bob Watkins
- Rev. Kevin Vanderlaan

Requests for excuses were received from the following ministerial candidates for non-attendance at this meeting of presbytery:

- Samuel Alvarez
- Holton Sandiford (verbal request via Roy Shanks)

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend that these excuses be granted.

The committee wishes to encourage all church sessions, ministers, and ministerial candidates to more fully participate in the activities of presbytery.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Kevin Small.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Kevin Small, Roy Shanks, Stephen Hughes, Raphael Levy, and Christopher McMacken.

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Guidelines for North Central Regional Women’s Ministry

1. The North Central Regional Women’s Ministry shall meet in the spring on a date and place set by the Regional Executive Committee for the Spiritual Celebration, meeting on a Friday and Saturday; and in the fall a Saturday meeting at a time and place chosen by the executive committee.

2. Election and installation will be held at the fall meeting to fill vacancies because of expiration of term or a vacated office. The officers shall be president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and past president/historian. In the event the president cannot fulfill her term, the president-elect shall preside. This will not interfere with her full term as an elected president. The president, and president-elect, will each serve a three (3) year term. The past president/historian will serve a one (1) year term. The secretary and treasurer will each serve a three (3) year term with an option of being elected to a second term.

3. The financial budget is to be prepared by the executive committee and presented to the spring meeting for approval.

4. When the budget allows, the president shall be the voting delegate to Convention each year of her presidency with the president-elect as the alternate.

5. The delegate to synod retreat will alternate between the secretary, the treasurer, and the vice-president.

6. The expense of the regional delegates to Convention and to Synod Retreat shall be paid according to actual cost of room, board, registration, and fuel.

7. The Guidelines shall be included with the minutes. The annual minutes for each presbytery meeting must be sent to the Stated Clerk within 10 days after spring Presbytery, in order to be printed at no cost by the board of Finance. One copy sent to each local CPWM president and to each regional officer.

8. An auditing committee will be appointed at the spring meeting. The State of Work shall be a sharing of the ladies present. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed in the spring and report at the fall meeting.

9. The Regional CPWM shall have a Second Mile Project to be supported by the local CPWMs. Project chosen for this “Blessing Box” offering will be evenly chosen from home and global missions. The local CPWMs will choose their own methods of raising the offering.

10. When the past-president does not possess a perpetual membership, one will be presented at the fall meeting of her retiring year. When the past-president does possess a perpetual membership, she will be honored by being allowed to choose another recipient or a second mile project to receive the funds. The executive committee may choose another person to be honored at the spring retreat.

11. These Regional Guidelines are based on the Denominational Women’s Ministry Guidelines but allow for officer discretion. They replace the former standing rules of North Central Presbyterial CPWM.
Report of North Central Cumberland Presbyterian Women’s Ministry

North Central CPWM has neglected to send minutes since the current officers were installed in March 2011. The officers are President – Pat White, Secretary – Jan McReynolds, and Treasurer – Susan Smith. There is no President-elect at this time.

September 9-10, 2011 North Central CPWM hosted Synod of Midwest CPWM for a retreat held at New Harmony, Ind. Evaluations indicated that it was successful with over 70 in attendance. Highlights of the event included speakers Pam Phillips Burke, president of Convention; RheAnn White, a missionary to Japan for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Melissa Goodloe, comedienne and worship leader.

October 22, 2011 Fairfield CPWM hosted Salad Saturday with the theme, “Show Me Your Ways.” It was June Smith’s last meeting with North Central CPWM and she led a song fest. The Bible study was led by President Elect Jill Wieland, and closing worship was led by Janet Davis. The afternoon allowed for sharing and group discussion.

March 16-17, 2012 the Fairfield Inn in Effingham, Ill., became the new home for Spring Retreat. The facilities proved to be excellent, and the location allows for groups to travel by Amtrak to reach this destination. Again the theme was, “Show Me Your Ways.” Highlights of Spring Retreat included worshipful prayer centers on the Lenten theme created and directed by Melissa Goodloe and a morning devotion that was inspirational and endearing led by Jill Wieland.

October 6, 2012 was the beginning for the 2012-2013 theme, “Meeting People Where They Are.” Salad Saturday was held with the Bethany CPWM and only 13 women attended. Jan McReynolds and Susan Smith led Bible Study. The theme was developed by thinking of people we knew and meet who wear aprons, common everyday people who make a difference in our lives and in whose lives we can make a difference.

March 15-16, 2013 at the Fairfield Inn in Effingham, Ill., North Central concluded development and study on “Meeting People Where They Are,” with key note speaker, CPWM President Carla Bellis. Musical entertainment, crafts, food, fellowship and worship comprised this inspiring weekend.

September 28, 2013 Lincoln CPWM hosted Salad Saturday with 31 women present to enjoy Bible study led by Susan Smith and Norma Moreland, worship led by Diane Dill, and development of this year’s theme, “Telling Your Story.” Key note speaker Dana Pfeiffer, executive director of Grounds of Grace, shared her story of overcoming abuse to help free women and men from human trafficking.

North Central CPWM will be hosting the spring retreat at Fairfield Inn, Effingham, Ill., on March 14 – 15, 2014 and the fall retreat at New Harmony on September 5-6, 2014.

Reported by President Pat White