

# North Central Presbytery

of the

## Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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TO: Ministers, Probationers, and Stated Clerks of Sessions  
FROM: Stated Clerk Carroll R. Richards  
RE: Fall meeting of North Central Presbytery

North Central Presbytery will convene with the Good Prospect congregation Trilla, Illinois on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. CDT. Sessions will continue through Saturday, October 13 to the conclusion of business.

All ministers (except those officially designated as retired) and probationers (candidates and licentiates) are required to be present. All congregations are required to be represented by an elected elder presently serving on the church session. Those who are hindered from attending must send a request to presbytery asking for an excused absence. Those requests should be sent to me at the above address.

**Session Clerks, please give these preliminary minutes to your elder representative to presbytery.**

Questions may be addressed to me as Stated Clerk. A map, directions, and a listing of lodging near the church are included in the back of this booklet. **No homes will be available.**

**IF YOU RECEIVE THIS AS REGULAR USPS MAIL AND HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO THE PRESBYTERY E-MAIL ADDRESS SO WE MAY USE THAT FOR FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS.**

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Program for  
**NORTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY**  
*Synod of the Midwest*  
*Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

October 12-13, 2007  
Meeting with the Good Prospect C. P. C., Trilla, Illinois  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
1:30 pm CDT

Opening Worship Dr. Bob Watkins, Retiring Moderator  
Welcome and Announcements  
Recess for CPWM Withdrawal

Call to Order of Presbytery Moderator  
Organization of Presbytery  
Roll Call (Sign-in Lists) Carroll R. Richards, Stated Clerk  
Constituting Prayer  
Election of Moderator  
Election of Vice-Moderator  
Adoption of Program  
Recognition of Visitors  
Recess for Appointment of Committees

Announcement of Committee appointments Moderator  
Communications Stated Clerk  
Hearing of Denominational Representatives  
Board and Standing Committee reports  
Recess for Committee work and evening meal

FRIDAY EVENING  
7:00 pm

Call to Order Moderator  
Consecration Service Ms. Lucy Becker, CPWM President  
Speaker Rev. Lynn Thomas  
Consecration Offering for Box Truck for Beth-El Farm worker Ministry in Florida  
Communion Service Rev. Dr. Carroll R. Richards

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Recognition of the service of the Retiring Stated Clerk  
Announcements and Adjournment

SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 am

Devotional	Rev. Ralph Blevins
Memorial Service	Revs. Geoff Bunting and David Parman, Elder Harriet Nale
Heritage Report	Willow Creek CPC
Recess for CPWM Withdrawal	
Call to Order	Moderator
Roll Call	Stated Clerk
Reading of minutes to date	Ruth J. Gates, Recording Clerk
Communications	Stated Clerk
Board and Standing Committee reports	
Select Committee reports	
Other business	
Final Reading of the Minutes	Recording Clerk
Final Roll Call	Stated Clerk
Adjournment to meet April 4, 2008, 1:30 p.m. CDT with the Chandler CPC in Chandler IN	
Benediction	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board meetings will be February 23, 2008, 9:00 am CST at Willow Creek.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TO: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect C. P. Church, Trilla IL, October 12-13, 2007

The August 25, 2007 meeting was called to order by Ch. Kevin Small, with Cheryl Allison leading the opening prayer. All board members were present. New member, Nathan Brendal, moderator of the youth cabinet was welcomed. Cindy Martin, representative from the Denominational BCE was also welcomed to the meeting.

Cindy Martin spoke with us regarding resources available through the denomination, and there was a time of question and answer.

A scholarship application for Bethel College from Levi Ross Erwin of Fairfield was reviewed and approved.

Reports were given regarding this summers youth camps by Margaret Allison Co-Director of Jr. / Jr. High Camp and Cheryl Allison Co-Director of NCPYC respectively. Both reported very successful camps with the number of youth attending up significantly at both camps.

Upcoming events were discussed as follows:

1. Fall Convo is being planned and will be held Nov. 9-11 at Brush Creek. The sponsoring church has yet to be determined.

2. A Camp Staff Training Event for the 2008 camping season will be held on April 5, 2008 starting at 9am. The event will be held at Fairfield, with lunch being provided. Someone from the Denominational BCE will be present to assist with the training. It is hoped that anyone planning on serving at either camp, this year or in years to come will plan on attending.

3. 2008 Camps: Junior/Junior High camp will again be held at Brush Creek, June 1-5, with staff expected to be present on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The directors will be Margaret Allison and Kevin Small. By consent it was decided to ask Joey Edwards and Sandra Stence, both of Fairfield, to also serve in the Co-Director positions as Kevin Small will be unable to attend camp in 2008, and with the increased numbers in recent years it was felt more administrative help was needed.

NCPYC will also be held at Brush Creek, July 27-Aug 2. The directors will be Cheryl Allison and Chet Snyder. The Bible study is being written by Geoff Bunting with the theme being "Where You Are", based on Romans 5:6-8.

Rev. Eduardo Montoya asked to speak to the committee regarding the dates of Junior / Junior High Camp. He noted that Chicago schools remain in session through the first week and June and they had been unable to attend in recent years. He was thanked for speaking to the committee and it was noted that we are on a waiting list to obtain a later week at Brush creek.

4. Spring Convo will be held at United, in Norris City, IL. A short report was given by Tera Cisco and plans are well underway. Much discussion took place regarding the financial difficulty

possibly placed on smaller churches who agree to have convo, as no monies are budgeted for assistance with the Convos held at individual churches. A motion was made by Cheryl Allison and seconded by Nathan Brendal that a recommendation be made to the Fall Presbytery to remedy this problem. See recommendation as stated below.

5. A Young Adult Conference was discussed. Cheryl Allison stated that some interest had been expressed to her about having one. She will do some more checking and possibly try to plan one before the years end. It was noted that there is money budgeted for this.

The board decided that \$100 will be sent to the Denominational BCE to help defray the traveling costs of Cindy Martin to this meeting. Cindy graciously accepted in behalf of the board. We thanked her for coming.

**RECOMMENDATION ONE: That the 2008 Spring Convo will be budgeted a maximum of \$500 to be used by the sponsoring local church towards hosting the event. Any unused monies will be reallocated to be used towards the fall Convo, plus the remaining budgeted \$500.**

**RECOMMENDATION TWO: That all Convos once again be hosted by local churches, both Fall and Spring.**

Kevin Small adjourned the meeting and led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Fischer, Secretary

#### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY**

TO: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect C. P. Church, Trilla IL, October 12-13, 2007

The Board of Ministry met August 25, 2007 at the Willow Creek CP Church.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rev. Ralph Blevins, then opened with prayer by Andy Pottorff. Present were Rev. Robert Watkins, Nick Ashley, Andy Pottorff, Rev. Ralph Blevins, Tom McReynolds, and Roy Shanks. Rev. Shirley Topar was excused.

Rev. Blevins has been elected to serve the presbytery as Stated Clerk, effective January 1, 2008. An election of new officers was held and the new officers of the board are: Rev. Shirley Topar, Chairperson; Rev. Robert Watkins, Vice-Chairperson; Roy Shanks, Secretary.

The board met with Chris Parr, a young man who is serving as lay pastor for New Hope CP Church. Chris shared his testimony with the board and the board had a time of prayer with him.

We received a letter of recommendation for Tim Goodloe from the Morningside CP congregation. Tim has moved to the Evansville area and is now a member of the Morningside CP Church. Tim is a candidate for the ministry under the care of Murfreesboro Presbytery, but is seeking to come under the care of North Central Presbytery. We will contact Murfreesboro Presbytery and ask for a letter of transfer.

On December 31, 2007, Dr. Carroll Richards will be retiring as the Stated Clerk of North Central Presbytery, after 12 years of service in this capacity. After the Friday evening worship service on October 12, we will set aside a time to honor Carroll and celebrate his ministry to North Central Presbytery.

The Spring Retreat will be February 22 and 23, 2008, at the Casey Comfort Inn in Casey IL. The retreat will begin at 6pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will plan to adjourn in time for lunch at Willow Creek CP Church on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The communion workshop for designated elders will be held from 7-9pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Churches need to contact the board in regard to certification/re-certification of elders who may serve communion in the absence of an ordained minister.

Kevin Vanderlaan took his final sessions of the Program of Alternate Studies this summer and is seeking ordination this fall. We will examine Kevin at the fall meeting of North Central Presbytery.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Andy Pottorff.

Respectfully submitted, Roy Shanks, Secretary

#### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND TRUSTEES**

TO: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect C. P. Church, Trilla IL, October 12-13, 2007

The Board of Finance and Trustees met in regular session on August 25, 2007 at the Willow Creek CPC. Members present were Stephen Hughes, Dean McReynolds, Terry Titus, Vivian Fessenbeck, Mike Zoll, Rita Vaught and Debbie Shanks. Absent and excused was Chairman Don Findley. Opening prayer was by Rita Vaught.

On motion travel expense reimbursement will remain at 40¢ per mile. However we note that any reimbursements over actual expense is considered income by IRS.

We note that the Hebron CPC has been closed with no members remaining. By action of presbytery in October 1997 the church property had been transferred to the Cemetery Association.

**RECOMMENDATION ONE: That presbytery approve the closing of the Hebron CPC.**

**RECOMMENDATION TWO: That we establish an endowment fund of \$10,000.00 to Bethel College and an endowment fund of \$10,000 to Memphis Theological Seminary in the name of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Warren, Michigan.**

**RECOMMENDATION THREE: That the support for Hanover Park that was approved in April 2007 come from Cash Management Funds.**

**RECOMMENDATION FOUR: That retiring Stated Clerk Richards be allowed to buy the presbyterial laptop he has been using for \$1.00**

**RECOMMENDATION FIVE: The Stated Clerk Elect Blevins be instructed to purchase a new laptop for his use with funds from Cash Management.**

**RECOMMENDATION SIX: That the following 2008 Budget and Apportionments be approved.**

**2008 BUDGET**

<b>I. Synodic Budget</b>		<b>\$1,100.00</b>
<b>II. Board of Christian Education</b>		<b>\$13,700.00</b>
Camp Staff Training	\$500.00	
Camps	\$8,000.00	
Convocation	\$1,000.00	
Insurance	\$2,500.00	
Medical Expense	\$400.00	
Misc. Expenses	\$100.00	
Young Adult Conference	\$1,200.00	
<b>III. Stated Clerk's Fund</b>		<b>\$5,250.00</b>
Office Expense	\$800.00	
Printing of the Minutes	\$1,200.00	
Salary	\$2,500.00	
Stated Clerk's Conference	\$750.00	
<b>IV. Presbyterial Fund</b>		<b>\$35,200.00</b>
Board Meeting Expense	\$5,000.00	
Commissioners to General Assembly	\$12,000.00	
Host Church to Presbytery	\$1,000.00	
Insurance	\$500.00	
Memorials	\$100.00	
Office Expense	\$500.00	
Recording Clerk's Salary	\$600.00	
Scholarships	\$9,000.00	
Travel	\$1,500.00	
Treasurer's Salary	\$5,000.00	
<b>V. Board of Congregational and Pastoral Care</b>		<b>\$3,250.00</b>
Appalachian Broadcasting	\$300.00	
Coalition for Appalachian Ministries	\$300.00	
Misc. Expenses	\$100.00	
Mission Trips	\$1,500.00	
Postage	\$50.00	
Urbana Delegates	\$1,000.00	
<b>VI. Board of Ministry</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Gifts	\$150.00	

Misc. Expenses	\$25.00	
Postage	\$25.00	
Retreat	\$1,100.00	
Testing of Candidates	\$200.00	
<b>VII. Board of Heritage and Witness</b>		<b>\$600.00</b>
Historical Foundation	\$500.00	
Misc. Expenses	\$50.00	
Postage	\$50.00	
<b>VIII. Board of Nominations</b>		<b>\$25.00</b>
Phone Calls	\$25.00	
<b>IX. Board of Judiciary and Session Records</b>		<b>\$50.00</b>
Postage	\$50.00	
<b>X. Health and LTD Insurance</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Total Budget for 2008</b>		<b>\$65,675.00</b>

**2008 APPORTIONMENTS**

Albion	\$236.58	Lebanon South	329.66
Bethany	3847.54	Lincoln, 1st	2034.98
Burnt Prairie	752.63	Monroe City	910.05
Campground	614.50	Morningside	3695.81
Casey	904.71	Mt. Gilead	1241.08
Chandler	6217.80	Mt. Olivet	622.15
Christ	1390.76	Mt. Oval	343.52
Cumberland Chapel	808.35	New Hope	2204.69
Ebenezer	1657.91	Oak Grove	233.06
Elm River	1706.52	Petersburg	306.76
Fairfield	11287.70	Pleasant Grove	1321.04
Faith	968.94	Shiloh	1581.35
Fullerton	1214.40	Shinar	924.59
Georgetown	1671.45	Spring Hill	409.03
Good Prospect	\$4225.61	Union North	612.35
Grace	1208.88	United	2549.51
Hanover Park	0.00	Village	793.46
Knight's Chapel	937.61	Willow Creek	3490.08
Lebanon North	2419.98		

Respectfully Submitted, Vivan Fessenbeck, Secretary

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HERITAGE AND WITNESS**

TO: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect C. P. Church, Trilla IL, October 12-13, 2007

The Board of Heritage and Witness met at the Willow Creek Church on August 25, 2007. The following members were present: Priscilla Wilson, Lisa Small, Chris Blevins and Ruth Louder. Albert Smith was excused. He was hospitalized in Springfield, IL. We opened with prayer by Lisa Small. The first order of business was to elect a Chairman Pro Tem. Priscilla Wilson was elected.

It was discussed that we would have to start having updated Histories of the churches since most of them who will report have. Willow Creek is in the process of updating their History for Homecoming in Sept. so they will give that report at Presbytery this time--Fall - 2007.

Letters will be send to all churches regarding History Reports for our History Book. Lisa Small will make copies of some old histories that Karen Peel has from Ellen Roberts Estate. Some of them are from the old presbyteries before we realigned.

We discussed in depth our concerns about the problems in our churches. We recommend that the people of our presbytery be in prayer concerning the issues that need to be addressed. Chris Blevins led us in our closing prayer and for Albert Smith and Mrs. Dave Parman.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Louder, secretary

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF JUDICIARY AND SESSION RECORDS**

TO: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Good Prospect C. P. Church, Trilla IL, October 12-13, 2007

The Board of Judiciary and Session Records of North Central Presbytery met August 25, 2007, at the Willow Creek church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Roger Dallwig. Members present were Roger Dallwig, Mary Gard, David Parman, Bud Hannaford and Nelda Kline.

Communication was received from the Mt. Gilead Church requesting a correction of the review performed February 24, 2007 of their minutes. The board incorrectly marked that no report was made by the delegate to presbytery. The report was included in their November 5, 2006 minutes and was overlooked during the review of the minutes. The report has been corrected with apologies to Mt. Gilead church.

The board received Morningside minutes out of rotation. The minutes will need to be presented for review again at the spring Board meeting in February 2008.

The board would like to remind sessions to make proper record in the minutes of elder election and ordination.

Minutes were received for review by the following churches: Bethany, Burnt Prairie, Casey, Chandler, Cumberland Chapel, Ebenezer, Elm River, Fairfield, Faith, Georgetown, and Grace.

Minutes were not received from: Albion, Campground, Christ, Fullerton, Good Prospect, Hanover Park, Hebron and Knight's Chapel. Christ and Fullerton were not received in 2006 and Albion and Knights Chapel were not received in 2005 or 2006. Also, it was noted that the following churches have not presented their minutes in 2001 through 2007: Campground, Hanover Park and Hebron. The board requests the presbyterial appointed Moderators of these sessions take responsibility to see that the Minutes from these churches are submitted for review on schedule.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Gard, Secretary

**STATED CLERK'S NOTE:** Christ CPC Minutes were sent to the wrong address and retrieved after the board meetings, too late to be examined.

#### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATIONS**

No report was received from this board.

#### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL CARE**

No report was received from this board.

#### **PRESBYTERIAL LODGING**

All motels listed are on the east edge of Mattoon IL, accessible at or near I 57 Exit 190. From the church travel north on US 45 to I 57 Exit 184 and on to Exit 190. All prices are plus tax and except for the Ramada include breakfast. We are told it is advisable to make reservations ASAP.

<b>Comfort Suites</b> (1408 Broadway E) Mattoon IL	Tel. (217) 235-6745 Double \$104.95
<b>Ramada Inn</b> (300 Broadway E) Mattoon IL	Tel. (217) 235-0313 Double \$59.00
<b>Hampton Inn</b> (1416 Broadway E) Mattoon IL	Tel. (217) 234-4267 Double \$94.00
<b>Fairfield Inn</b> (206 McFall Rd) Mattoon IL	Tel. (217) 234-2355 Double \$74.00
<b>Super 8</b> (205 McFall Rd) Mattoon IL	Tel. (217) 235-8888 Double \$59.00

## MAP AND DIRECTIONS TO GOOD PROSPECT CPC, TRILLA IL

Trilla, Illinois is located in East Central Illinois just a mile off US 45, four miles south of the I 57 Exit 184 at the south edge of Mattoon. The church is in the main road in Trilla.

