

Minutes of the Stated Meeting Presbytery of Transylvania August 16, 2025

Opening

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania was held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 North Vine Street, Somerset, KY. The roll of attendance (see Appendix A) for this meeting was formed. Moderator David Whiteman called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Host pastor David Holden welcomed the presbytery to Somerset and spoke an opening prayer. Various workshops were offered and presbytery members attended a workshop of their choice. Lunch followed in the church fellowship hall. At 12:30 PM, the presbytery reconvened in the sanctuary for worship with the sacrament of Communion, led by members of the Transformation and Innovation Commission. An offering was collected to support tornado relief efforts in Somerset and Pulaski County.

Business Items

Following worship, the moderator opened the business portion of the meeting. A quorum was present. First-time commissioners were recognized and welcomed. The stated clerk moved the docket and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

The Stated Clerk moved the consent agenda: a) Stated Clerk's report, with recommendations to approve requests for excused absences, motion to seat corresponding members and grant privilege of the floor, approve the minutes of the stated meeting of May 20, 2025, accept resignation of Linda Kurtz as presbytery vice-moderator and member of Coordinating Commission, and accept resignation of Josh Akers from leadership commission of Faith Presbyterian Church; b) Commission on Preparation for Ministry report; c) Urban Village report; d) A Gathering Place report; and e) Pastoral Transitions Commission report. Motion passed.

Announcements: Comings and Goings

Philip Lotspeich invited members of the presbytery to share announcements. Pastors beginning or ending calls were recognized.

Board of Pensions Representative

Keenan Rodgers, church consultant from the Board of Pensions, shared information with the presbytery about the pension plan and medical coverage changes for 2026. Mr. Rodgers encouraged plan members to utilize Spring Health for mental well-being and EAP benefits. Annual enrollment will open soon and he offered his assistance in completing employer agreements.

Presbyterian Women

Ruling elder Karen May reported. The annual fall gathering will take place at Camp Burnamwood on Saturday, October 11, 2025. The PW Bible study is called “Finding Resilience.” Presbyterian Women in the Synods of Living Waters and South Atlantic are cohosting a gathering on October 17-19, 2025, and travel scholarships are available.

Triennium Report

Teaching elder Hannah McIntyre and others reported on their experiences at Youth Triennium, which was held July 28-31, 2025, in Louisville, KY.

Commission on Transformation and Innovation

Chair Keith Benze reported. Mr. Benze offered the commission’s assistance as churches seek to adapt to community needs today and in the future. A brief video showcasing the ministry at Urban Village was shown to the presbytery.

Administration Commission and Treasurer’s Report

Chair Bill Reed reported. Mr. Reed updated the presbytery on the commission’s work and informed the presbytery that all pending sales of property have been completed. An elder from Stanford Presbyterian Church spoke on an outreach ministry called Barley Baskets, funded by unified mission giving. Teaching elder Jim Garrett spoke about his work as disaster coordinator and pastoral supply for four Eastern Kentucky congregations.

Congregational Issues Commission

Chair Mike Ward reported, highlighting the work of the commission and sharing positive feedback from the May meeting, when presbytery members discussed certain scenarios around common areas of potential church conflict. The commission hopes to assist churches, as needed, and prevent problems, if possible, by providing resources and education, in the hopes of building healing and wholeness.

Camp Burnamwood

Summer director Griffin Ryan shared a recap of the summer camping season.

Mission Ministry

Chair Brad Napier reported, encouraging churches to support unified mission giving, and informing the presbytery of the deadlines for hunger grant applications.

Commission on Representation

Chair Mary Reed reported. The commission nominated delegates to the Kentucky Council of Churches Assembly on October 23-24, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, Frankfort: ruling elder Hank Graddy (Pisgah, Versailles); ruling elder Larry Monroe (First, Hazard); ruling elder Ginny Shanda (First, Lexington); and teaching elder Griffin Ryan (at-large member). There were no nominations from the floor and those named were elected as delegates.

Coordinating Commission

Chair Philip Lotspeich reported. The Coordinating Commission moved that the presbytery create a presbytery-wide Disaster Preparedness and Response Commission that will create an effective disaster response plan for the presbytery that involves a structured strategy that emphasizes preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

The Disaster Response Commission will be composed of six members divided into three classes. The purpose of the commission is to create an effective disaster response plan for the presbytery that involves a structured strategy that emphasizes preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

The commission has these responsibilities:

1. Preparedness-Formation of a Response Task Force
 - Assemble a diverse team from within the presbytery including individuals with expertise in logistics, communication, and emergency management.
 - Designate a Disaster Response Coordinator as the point of contact.
2. Response-Risk Assessment and Planning
 - Identify potential disasters relevant to each area (e.g., natural disasters like floods, tornadoes, etc.).
 - Develop a communication plan that includes updated contact lists for presbytery leaders and members.
3. Recovery-Training and Drills
 - Conduct regular training sessions and practice response scenarios for churches, leaders, and volunteers.
 - Include first aid, basic disaster response activities, and specific drills relevant to potential risks.
4. Mitigation-Resource Inventory
 - Coordinate with churches to help them maintain updated lists of community and regional resources such as shelters, medical supplies, food, and water for their county and surrounding areas.
 - Help congregations identify partnerships with local emergency services, non-profits, and other organizations.
 - Periodically share resources on disaster risk reduction and harm reduction strategies with congregations.

Motion passed.

General Presbyter

Presbytery executive Philip Lotspeich reported. Mr. Lotspeich expressed thanks to First Presbyterian Church, Somerset, for their great hospitality in hosting the meeting. Mr. Lotspeich reflected on his ten years of service as presbytery executive and expressed hope for what God might do with creativity and new partnerships in the years to come.

Closing Business

With no further business, and on motion, the presbytery adjourned at 2:55 PM. The moderator spoke a closing prayer at the conclusion of the meeting.

Submitted:

The Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II

Stated Clerk

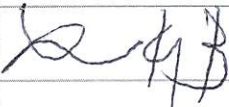

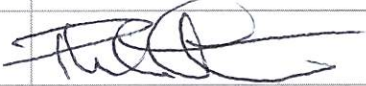
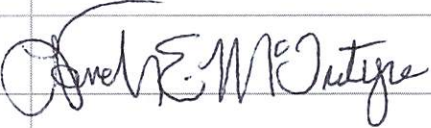
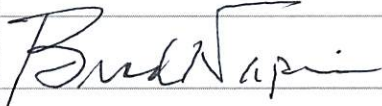
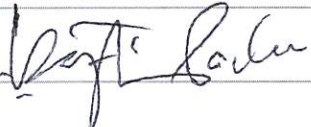

Attendance Sheets
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Ministers	
*Honorably Retired Status	
Anderson, The Rev. Rachel	
*Baker, The Rev. Darryl	<i>Darryl Baker</i>
Barkley, The Rev. Shawn	<i>SA</i>
*Bean, The Rev. Michael	<i>Michael Bean</i>
*Benze, The Rev. Dr. Keith	<i>Keith Benze</i>
*Bright, The Rev. Peggy	
*Brooks, The Rev. Dr. Gary	
Brothers, The Rev. Michael	
*Butler, The Rev. Angie	
Carver, The Rev. Martin	<i>excused</i>
Cervas, The Rev. Scott	
*Chamberlian, The Rev. Mike	Excused
*Chamberlain, The Rev. Pat	
Christian, The Rev. Curtis T.	<i>Curtis T. Christian</i>
*Chumney, The Rev. David	
Clark, The Rev. Patterson	
Culpepper, The Rev. Dr. Lisa	<i>Lisa Culpepper</i>
*Davis, The Rev. Mark	<i>Mark Davis</i>
Denney, The Rev. Michael	Excused
Dermody Jr., The Rev. Roger	Excused
*Deutsch, The Rev. William L	

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Ehlert, The Rev. Kristy	Excused
*Ensminger, The Rev. Douglas	
*Erwin, The Rev. James	
*Eyster, The Rev. Bert	
Falco, The Rev. Matt	Excused
Foehse, The Rev. Caitlin	
*Gailey, The Rev. Carol	
Garrett, The Rev. Jim	<i>Jim Garrett</i>
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth	<i>Beth Garrod-Logsdon</i>
*Gilbert, The Rev. James	
*Gnatuk, The Rev. Wayne A	
*Griffie, The Rev. Dr. L. Fred	
*Haga, The Rev. R. Jackson	
Hallberg, The Rev. Jennifer	<i>Jennifer Hallberg</i>
*Henery, The Rev. Dr. James	
Herrinton-Hodge, The Rev. Elizabeth Beth	<i>Beth Herrinton-Hodge</i>
Hofmeister, The Rev. Jake	
Holden, The Rev. David	
*Howard, The Rev. Scott	
Howie-Kipphut, The Rev. Lorilyn	Excused
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	
Johnson, The Rev. Julie	
*Jones, The Rev. Jon F.	
Kilpatrick, The Rev. Kara	

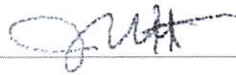
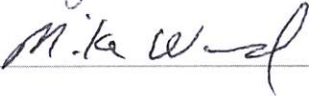
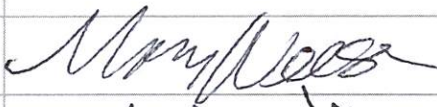
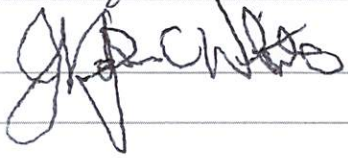
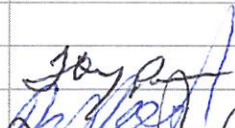
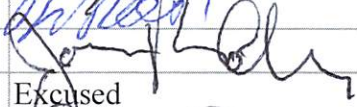

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Kim, The Rev. Yongwha	
*Kupar, The Rev. Greg	Excused
Kurtz, The Rev. Linda	
Lattimore, The Rev. John	
Lee, The Rev. Dr. Hyeon Gu	
Leggett, The Rev. Dr. John	
*Lindberg, The Rev. Jackie	
Lotspeich, The Rev. Philip	
*Matthews, The Rev. Griffith	
*McAtee, The Rev. Dr. William M.	
McIntyre, The Rev. Hannah	
*Mesta, The Rev. Edward Hugh	
Miller, The Rev. Emily	
*Moffett, The Rev. Howard W.	
*Mount, The Rev. Dr. C. Eric Jr	
Napier, The Rev. Bradley	
*Noel, The Rev. Dr. Tim	
Olive, The Rev. Wanda B.	
*Pace, The Rev. Steve	Excused
Pachau, The Rev. Dr. Kima	
*Pettijohn, The Rev. Bonnie	
Pottorff, The Rev. Frank	
Powell, The Rev. Jennifer Jones	Jennifer J. Powell

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*Prewitt, The Rev. Janet	
*Redmond, The Rev. Katherine	
*Reed, The Rev. Mary	<i>Mary Reed</i>
*Rhodes, The Rev. Dr. Steve	
Riley, The Rev. Kathy	Excused
*Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan	
*Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack H	
Robinson, The Rev. Scot	<i>Excused</i>
*Rouse, The Rev. Erin	
Rucker Jr., The Rev. Dr. Jim	
Rucker, The Rev. Pamela C.	
Ryan, The Rev. Griffin Phillips	<i>Griffin Ryan</i>
*Scott, The Rev. Dr. Geary Neal	
*Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	
*Smith, The Rev. Joanne	
Smith, The Rev. Sarah	
*Spickler, The Rev. Harry	
Stamper, The Rev. Janice	Excused
*Stanley, The Rev. Donald	
*Steiner, The Rev. Betsy	
*Stone, The Rev. Elizabeth	Excused
*Stricklin, The Rev. Dr. Ernest	
*Tarter, The Rev. Dr. Rollin	

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Thompson, The Rev. Gene	
*Thro, The Rev. Julie Urback	
Utt, The Rev. Jerry L. II	
*Ward, The Rev. Dr. Michael	
*Warren, The Rev. Susan	
Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger	
White, The Rev. John C.	
*Wilhelm, The Rev. Jack	
Williams, The Rev. Susan	
*Woodring, The Rev. James	
Corresponding Members	
Carey, The Rev. Dale	
Mendenhall, The Rev. Ray	
Commissioned Pastors	
Akers, Josh	
Bradish, Susan	
Carter, Sylvia	
Dougans, Jim	Excused
Hampton, Mikkle	
Kerns, Darnaby	
McIntyre, Pat	
Poe, Tommy	
Reed, Bill	
Roller, Jon	
Schonblom, Eric	Excused
Wilson, Sarah	

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Ruling Elder Commissioners	
Ashland, First (1)	
Ashland, First (2)	
Augusta	
Augusta, Sharon	
Bellefonte, Community	
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial	
Berea, Whites Memorial	
Blackey, Doermann Memorial	
Booneville, First	
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake	
Canada, Highland	
Carlisle	
Cawood	
Corbin	
Cow Creek	
Cynthiana (1)	
Cynthiana (2)	
Danville (1)	<i>Carla Purdon</i>
Danville (2)	<i>Scott Whits</i>
Danville (3)	
Ezel, United	<i>Cynthia Carlisle</i>
Flemingsburg, First	
Georgetown, First	<i>Rachel Schmidt</i>
Grayson, Bayless Memorial	<i>Eng Carroll</i>
Greenup	
Harlan, First	
Harrodsburg, United	
Hazard, First	
Isom	
Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	
Lancaster, First	
Lawrenceburg, First	
Lexington, Beaumont	<i>Linda Julianis</i>
Lexington, Bethel	
Lexington, Eastminster	
Lexington, First (1)	<i>Dwight Baker</i>
Lexington, First (2)	<i>HENRY WATSON</i>
Lexington, First (3)	

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Lexington, First (4)	
Lexington, Hunter (1)	
Lexington, Hunter (2)	
Lexington, Lex. Korean	
Lexington, Maxwell Street (1)	
Lexington, Maxwell Street (2)	
Lexington, Maxwell Street (3)	
Lexington, Maxwell Street (4)	
Lexington, Meadowthorpe	
Lexington, Mt. Horeb	
Lexington, Second (1)	Karen May
Lexington, Second (2)	
Lexington, Second (3)	
Lexington, Second (4)	
Lexington, Walnut Hill (1)	
Lexington, Walnut Hill (2)	
London, First	Kathy Ackerman
Maysville, First (1)	
Maysville, First (2)	
McAfee, New Providence	
Middlesboro, First	Excused
Midway	
Millersburg, First	
Morehead, Faith	
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	Jennifer J. Arnold
Mt. Sterling, First (2)	
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	
Paris, First	Debra Kamm
Paris, Hopewell	
Pikeville, First	
Prestonsburg, First	
Richmond, First (1)	Lorain Jones
Richmond, First (2)	
Somerset, First (1)	
Somerset, First (2)	
Somerset, Pisgah	
Stanford	(Kendi J. Carns)
Versailles (1)	

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Versailles (2)	<i>Lalochkimi Sarki</i>
Versailles, Pisgah (1)	
Versailles, Pisgah (2)	
Versailles, Pisgah (3)	
Versailles, Troy	
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	
Wilmore	<i>John Logan</i>
Winchester, First (1)	
Winchester, First (2)	
Winchester, Salem	
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions and Ministries of the Presbytery	
Auvenshine, Steve	
Bolton, Anne	
Burnside, Mike	<i>Mike Burnside</i>
Campbell, Richard	
Fegenbush, Nik	
Fish, Kathy	
Gaines, Lois	Excused
Harney, Jean	
Hatton, Angie	
Hoskins, David	
Jaeckels, Linder	<i>Linder Jaeckels</i>
Kelly, Steve	
Lamb, Penny	
Lang, Candace	<i>Candace Lang</i>
Magee, Jim	
Pratt, Mike	
Purdom, Candace	
Rogers, Barbara	Excused
Rogers, Gabe	
Shanda, Ginny	<i>Ginny Shanda</i>
Spangler, Juanita	<i>Juanita Spangler</i>
Strauch, A.J.	
Whiteman, David	<i>David Whiteman</i>
Wood, Andrew	

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Visitors

Robyn Justus - Presbytery Staff	
Jimmy Salmons - First Somerset	
Emily Wilson - Eastminster	
Keenan Rodgers - BOP	
Jarah McElroy - BPC	
Logan Kidwell - BPC	
Sharon Mandt - Somerset	

Summary of Attendance

Ministers	25
Corresponding Members	0
Commissioned Pastors	4
Non-Presbyterian Supply	0
Ruling Elders Commissioners from Churches	14
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions/Ministries of Presbytery	6
Visitors	7
Total Attendance	56