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**Stated Meeting – March 14, 2006 Sherwood Forest, Columbia, SC**

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**Catawba Presbytery**  
**Stated Meeting**  
**March 14, 2006**  
**Sherwood Forest A. R. Presbyterian Church**  
**Columbia, SC**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Catawba Presbytery met for its stated meeting March 14, 2006 at Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina. The Moderator, David H. Lauten, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Following the singing of “The Praises of Heaven and Earth” from the Bible Songs, Mr. Lauten constituted the meeting with prayer.

Commission member Seth Yi introduced Michael Basie, a Senior at Erskine Seminary. Mr. Basie preached his Senior sermon for licensure and ordination using as his scripture Matthew 6:5-15. The Moderator thanked him for his message.

Elder Rick Bradley from the Sherwood Forest Church welcomed the Presbytery. The Moderator made an appropriate response.

A motion was made and ADOPTED to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2005 stated meeting as distributed.

C. R. Beard was appointed by the Moderator as Acting Reading Clerk in the absence of Mark E. Ross.

Mr. Beard, Acting Reading Clerk, introduced the program as printed for the meeting. Mr. Beard moved the adoption of the program. The program was ADOPTED as follows:

*Call To Order	David H. Lauten, Moderator
**Bible Songs “The Praises of Heaven and Earth”	313
**Presbytery Constituted with Prayer	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Student Sermon	Michael Basie
Welcome	Mr. Rick Bradley, Elder, Sherwood Forest
Adoption of the Previous Minutes	Guy H. Smith, Stated Clerk
Presentation of the Program	Mark E. Ross, Reading Clerk
Roll Constituted	Guy H. Smith, Stated Clerk
Visitors Welcomed	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Report from Catawba Women’s Ministries	Mrs. Martha Waldrop, President
Unfinished Business	
1. Report from Church Extension on Changes to the Rules of Procedure Referral from October 14, 2003 meeting	
2. Vote on the Overtures from Synod	
11:45 A. M.: Student Sermon	Steven Isbell
New Business: [Reports will be continued in order during the afternoon business session.]	
1. Report of the Stated Clerk/Administrator	
2. Report of the Treasurer	

- 3. Reports of the Standing Committees:
  - a. Nominations
  - b. Christian Education
  - c. Church Extension
  - d. State of the Church
  - e. Commission on the Minister and His Work
- 4. Other New Business
  - a. Memorial from First Lancaster
  - b. Request from Long Creek for a name change

Paul Pepin  
Lunch  
Reconvene

12:15 P.M.

1:00 P.M.:

New Business Continued

Announcement of Place for Summer Meeting

Guy H. Smith, Stated Clerk

Announcements

\*\*Bible Song "Christian Unity"

280

\*\*Closing Prayer and Benediction

David H. Lauten, Moderator

Presbytery Adjourns

\*\*Presbytery Stands

The Stated Clerk, Guy H. Smith, constituted the roll from the enrollment cards. [APPENDIX A] A quorum was present. Visitors were introduced and encouraged to register.

Mrs. Ben [Martha] Waldrop, President of Catawba Women's Ministries, was introduced to the Presbytery. Mrs. Waldrop presented the annual report of the Women's Ministries. A motion was made and ADOPTED that the report of Mrs. Waldrop be included in the appendix to the Minutes. [APPENDIX B]

Matters of unfinished business were considered.

The first item of business was to vote on the overtures from General Synod [See Minute of Presbytery, Volume 1, 2005-2006].

The vote taken was as follows:

Amendment 35	For	Against
Amendment 36	For	Against
Amendment 36	For	Against
Amendment 37	For	Against
Amendment 38	For	Against
Amendment 39	For	Against
Amendment 40	For	Against
Amendment 41	For	Against
Amendment 42	For	Against
Amendment 43	For	Against
Amendment 44	For	Against

The report of the Stated Clerk /Administrator was presented and ADOPTED as follows:

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Information:

- a. The Presbytery numerous times has discussed the role of tentmakers or part time ministers relative to the local churches without resolving the matter of what qualifies a person to be a tentmaker under our Form of Government which does not speak directly to that issue. A recommendation will be offered below to clarify the role of a part time minister under the Standards of our Church.
- b. George P. Busch, Jr. was officially received from Calvary Presbytery, PCA effective November 25, 2005. The installation service for Mr. Busch as pastor of the Scots Kirk Church was conducted on January 8, 2006 by a Commission of the Presbytery consisting of Teaching Elders James C. Barker, Chairman, Richard A. Brown and L. Craig Wilkes along with Ruling Elders W. T. Clary [Union], Bryan McKown [Centennial] and Joel Reed [Scots Kirk]. A summary of the program will be included in the Appendix of the Minutes. [APPENDIX C]
- c. The installation service for Sinclair B. Ferguson as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian, Columbia was conducted on December 18, 2005 by a Commission of the Presbytery consisting of Teaching Elders David H. Lauten, Chairman, Thomas D. James and Neal R. Mathias along with Ruling Elders Wilmot B. Irvin [First Presbyterian], Harry J. Montgomery, Sr. [Shiloh] and Kenneth B. Wingate [First Presbyterian]. A summary of the program will be included in the Appendix of the Minutes. [APPENDIX C]
- d. A Commission of the Presbytery conducted the Service of Organization for the Living Waters Mission on January 22, 2006. The Commission consisted of Teaching Elders David H. Lauten, Moderator and Chairman, Brian Phipps, Robert E. Patrick, III and R. Boyce Wilson along with Ruling Elders Randy Byrum [Tirzah], Kyle Torreyson [Neely's Creek], Bill Wilson [First Rock Hill], James M. Dickson [Clover]. Following the organization service, a call was extended to Rev. Billy W. Babson and accepted by him. The Service of Installation was conducted. A summary of the program of organization and installation for Mr. Babson as the first pastor of Living Waters will be included in the Appendix of the Minutes. [APPENDIX C]
- e. The Commission informed me that Rev Glenn Welsford had resigned as pastor of White Oak effective January 22, 2006
- f. The Commission informed me that Rev. Brian Phipps had resigned and asked that the relationship as pastor of Rogers Memorial be dissolved effective March 31, 2006.
- g. Reports have been received from the congregations of the Presbytery and tabulated. [APPENDIX D]
- h. A request has been received from the Living Waters Church concerning the possible purchase of property. [APPENDIX E]
- i. As has been pointed out in the past, the Form of Government does not address calls to persons as Mission Developers. A recommendation will be offered to clarify the Mission Developer in regard to the Form of Government.

Recommendations:

1. That the following Memorial be adopted and sent to the General Synod

WHEREAS, the Presbytery numerous times has discussed the role of tentmakers or a similar description relative to a local church being able to call a minister working in an occupation elsewhere and still being able to serve a church; and WHEREAS, our Form of Government does not speak directly to that issue; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Catawba Presbytery does hereby memorialize the General Synod to clarify the role of a minister who serves a church in less than a full time capacity by amending the Form of Government as follows:

**In Chapter X.E.11. Amend First Sentence of X.E.11 as approved by the 2005 General Synod to read as follows and add new paragraph:**

**[Note: Words struck out are to be deleted, new words and paragraphs are underlined]**

The call shall clearly state the amount of salary and other allowances, and shall include information as to manse, vacation, moving expense, and ~~hospitalization~~ group insurance and except for calls to new fields or congregations which are unable to support a pastor (i.e. as an evangelist) shall include provision for the church to make contributions to the General Synod in support of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Retirement Plan (for churches in the United States) or to a locally-accredited and registered retirement plan approved by the presbytery (for churches located outside the United States), according to the guidelines approved by the General Synod. Calls shall provide for an annual review of the terms of the call. Without such a statement the call shall not be approved. The call shall meet all requirements of the Presbytery before approval. A call shall be presented to a pastor-elect by the Presbytery in which the congregation issuing the call is located.

At its discretion, presbytery may approve a call for a minister to serve as pastor without the provision for group insurance when a congregation is unable to support a minister on a full-time basis provided:

(a) the Presbytery has determined that the congregation presenting the call is unable to support a minister on a full-time basis and includes such provision in the printed call, and

(b) the minister works elsewhere at an occupation that has the approval of the Presbytery for labors outside the pastoral ministry (See Chapter XII.B.2); and

(c) the call acknowledges the minister's responsibility for providing acceptable insurance coverage for himself and, if appropriate, his family

2. That items of information b-f be received as information.
3. That the information contained in the reports of the congregation be approved and forwarded to the General Synod.
4. That Presbytery endorse the plans of the Living Waters Church in purchasing property for the future location of the Church.
5. That the following Memorial be adopted and sent to the General Synod:

WHEREAS, there has also been confusion concerning the call to a minister as a Mission Developer; THEREFORE, Catawba Presbytery does hereby memorialize the General Synod to clarify the status of a Mission Developer in regard to the Form of Government by amending the Form of Government as follows:

**[Note: Words struck out are to be deleted, new words and paragraphs are underlined.]  
Amend the Form of Government Chapter III.C.2. to read:**

2. Prior to organization, a Presbytery may upon its own initiative or upon request of a group of Christians who are working toward the development of an organized congregation, grant mission status to the group. Until such time as the group is organized and officers are elected in the regular manner and a pastor is elected and installed, the ~~The~~ Presbytery shall
  - a. appoint for the Mission a Provisional Session of Associate Reformed Presbyterian ruling elders from neighboring congregations, wherever possible, or ruling elders who meet the standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and
  - b. ~~with~~ appoint an ordained minister to serve as moderator, or

c. issue a call to an ordained minister to serve as the mission developer. Such call shall be issued in accordance with the provisions for calls to particular congregations. Chapter X E, Sections 11-14. ~~until the congregation is organized and officers are elected in the regular manner and a pastor is elected and installed. See X.E.15.~~ The Mission Developer shall serve as Moderator of the Provisional Session.

**Chapter X.B.1. Amend to read:**

1. As a pastor of a particular congregation or as a mission developer.

The report of the Treasurer of Catawba Presbytery was presented and RECEIVED AS INFORMATION as follows:

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY  
February 9, 2006**

**CATAWBA PRESBYTERY  
INCOME AND EXPENSE  
2005 Actual to Budget**

	Year '05 Actual	Year '05 Budget	Variance by Area
<b>INCOME</b>			
4025 Presbytery Fees	\$ 30,227	\$ 30,392	
4026 Receipts Presbytery events	261	-	
Presbytery Interest	2,673	1,500	
<b>Presbytery Income</b>	<b>\$ 33,161</b>	<b>\$ 31,892</b>	
4030 Presbytery Church Extension	81,728	83,578	
4049 ONA - Dir. of Church Ext.	3,000	3,000	
ONA – Endowment	10,258	10,000	
<b>Church Extension Income</b>	<b>\$ 94,986</b>	<b>\$ 96,578</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 128,147</b>	<b>\$ 128,470</b>	
<b>PRESBYTERY EXPENSES</b>			
Senior High	7,751	7,696	
Middle School	8,932	7,696	
Leadership Training	1,926	1,500	
Adult Ministries	575	500	
Children's Work	755	750	
<b>STATED CLERK/ADMIN</b>			
Honorarium	3,000	3,000	
Office Expense	143	1,000	
Printing & Mailing	507	3,000	
Internet	420	350	
Subtotal	24,009	25,492	
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Telephone – all other committees	1,045	1,300	
Treasurer – Supplies	298	500	
Travel - All other Committees	1,813	2,800	

Support "Old Brick Church"	500	500
Seminary Student Aid	-	1,000
State of the Church	-	300
Subtotal	3,656	6,400
<b>TOTAL PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS</b>	27,665	31,892
<b>TOTAL PRESBYTERY INCOME</b>	33,161	31,892
<b>PRESBYTERY Cash Flow reserved</b>	5,496	-

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**CHURCH EXTENSION OPERATIONS:  
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Property Insurance	1,178	1,026
Retirement	3,398	2,329
Health Insurance	14,342	14,359
Presbytery Support	22,502	22,455
Subtotal	41,420	40,169

**Church Extension**

Director	30,694	42,000
Office	-	3,000
Public Relations, Promotion	3,626	3,000
Committee Expense	176	4,000
Contingencies	-	1,409
Professional Fees & Studies	-	500
Church Extension Phone card	145	300
Telephone/internet	-	2,200
Retirement - Dutch Fork	1,201	
Subtotal	35,842	56,409

**TOTAL CHURCH EXTENSION OPERATIONS**

**TOTAL CHURCH EXTENSION INCOME**

**CHURCH EXTENSION NET**

77,262	96,578
94,986	96,578
17,724	- \$ 17,724

**Church Extension Volunteer donations**

4035Carpenter's Fund Churches	28,151	-
4040Carpenter's Fund Individuals	3,535	-
4042Church Extension	4,782	-
	\$ 36,468	\$ - \$ 36,468

**Church Extension - Support**

Christ Church of Habersham	30,000	30,000
New Song Fellowship	10,000	3,000
Mt Pleasant – Providence	13,500	-
New Millennium – support	8,396	-

Sub total	61,896	33,000	(28,896)
 <b><u>Synod Pass Thru</u></b>			
4051 New Song Fellowship	30,000	30,000	
4052 Mt Pleasant	16,668	16,668	
4053 New Millennium	25,000	25,000	
4054 Christ Church of Habersham	22,500	22,500	
4055 Hope Mission	2,500	2,500	
Sub-total	96,668	96,668	
TOTAL FUNDS REPORT - income & pass thru	261,283	225,138	

Bank deposit	258,610
Interest	2,673
Total funds	261,283

For Church Extension	\$ 25,296
Synod not pass thru to New Song: Sept-Dec	10,000
<b>Church Extension cash flow reserved</b>	<b>\$ 35,296</b>
Respectively submitted	
TCS Lever, Jr. Treas.	

The Chairman of Commitment and Finance moved that the surplus of \$5496 in the 2005 budget be designated for the Committee on Christian Education for use in 2006. The motion was ADOPTED.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented and ADOPTED as follows:

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

The Committee recommends the following nominees:

Vice Moderator/Moderator Elect:	Rev. Kyle Sims
Parliamentarian: [2009]:	Rev. Andrew Putnam
Christian Education [2009]:	Bill Wilson [First Rock Hill], Dick Burrell [Clover] Rev. Alan Morrow
Church Extension [2009]:	Jerry Knight [Oak Ridge], Sam Huey [First Lancaster], Rev. Paul Pepin
Commission on the Minister and His Work [2009]:	Rev. David Lauten, Hal Stevenson [First Columbia], James Sherrill [Clover]
Commitment and Finance [2009]:	Barry Dotson [Union], Billy Carnes [Unity]
Nominations [2009]:	Rev. Ronald Beard, Robert Alexander [First Rock Hill]
State of the Church [2009]:	Rev. William Elder, David McCain [Union]
Assistant Senior High Director [2010]:	Evan English
Middle School Director [2010]:	Ben Smith [Bethany]
Children's Work Director [2010]:	Tammy McGill [Bethany]
Assistant Children's Work Director (2008):	Keisha Robinson [Clover]
Assistant Senior Adult Director (2010):	John Franklin Locke [Union]

Respectfully,  
Andrew Putnam, Chairman

Andrew Putnam, Chairman of Committee on Nominations, reported that Mr. Robert E. Patrick, III has resigned as Chairman of Church Extension. The Committee recommended that John [Jack] A. Basie be the replacement. The recommendation was ADOPTED.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented and ADOPTED as follows:

### **REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Christian Education Committee of Catawba Presbytery met on January 24, 2006 at the First Rock Hill Church. Your committee received reports from the various directors, including the following statistical reports from the fall Middle School and Senior High Retreats:

**Middle School** – 16 Churches participating, with 200 in attendance

Total Money - \$16,410.52 Total Expenses - \$16,013.73

**Senior High** – 16 Churches participating, with 179 in attendance

Total Money - \$16,183.62 Total Expenses - \$15,741.95

The following reports were received from the various planning teams and are passed on to the Presbytery for approval:

**Middle School** – This retreat is scheduled for March 10-12 at Bonclarken with the theme of a Bible Bootcamp, and the Revs. Brent Turner and Clint Davis will be leading music and worship for the weekend. Cost is \$70.00

**Senior High** – This retreat is scheduled for March 24-26 at Bonclarken with the theme “Our Worldview as a New Creation in Christ”. The Rev. Chad Reynolds will be the guest speaker and will walk the young people through the book of Colossians. Chad Lewis will be leading music. Cost is \$70.00

**Children’s Retreat** – The one-day Children’s retreat is scheduled for April 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Ebenezer Church in Rock Hill, and is open to 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. The theme is “But I Don’t Wanna”, and the theme verse is Philippians 2:14 “Do everything without complaining or arguing.” The speaker is Donna Thomas from Clover, and the music leaders are the group *Surrender*. Cost is \$10.00.

**Senior Adult** – This one-day retreat is scheduled for May 4 at the First Lancaster Church. The main speaker for the day is the Rev. Eddie Spencer, from the First Gastonia Church, and there will be a number of seminar electives from which the participants may choose.

**Christian Education Workshops** – A night seminar is scheduled for Tuesday May 9 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Tirzah Church in Rock Hill. A meal will be offered and seminar electives from which to choose. Cost is \$15.00/adult. The other opportunity is planned for Saturday morning, May 20 at the First Lancaster Church from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. including a noon meal. Programming will be offered for adults as well as children so that the entire family can attend. Cost is \$15.00/adult and a ceiling of no more than \$40.00 regardless of the size of the family.

**Recommendation:** That the plans for Spring 2006 retreats and workshops be approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Barry Dagenhart, Chairman

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was presented and ADOPTED as follows:

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION**

2006 has gotten off to a marvelous start for Catawba Presbytery. On January 22, the Living Waters Mission was organized as a congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. This organization occurred just a little more than five years after the very first meeting of representatives of the Rock Hill area churches to discuss the possibility of a new work. We give all glory to God, along with thanks, for Bill Babson, the folks at Living Waters, the supporting churches, and for the Presbytery’s

constant support and encouragement of this work. We hope this model of church development may prove fruitful in other areas of our Presbytery.

2005 did end with a note of sorrow as your Church Extension Committee received the resignation of Stephane Cobbert as mission developer at New Millennium in Katy, Texas. We greatly appreciate Stephane making a careful assessment of the mission and approaching your committee with the recommendation that the mission be closed. Such assessments are difficult to make, especially for one who has invested much in the life of the mission. But Stephane showed great concern for following the Lord's guidance for his ministry, as well as care for proper stewardship of the Lord's resources, and he is to be commended for this. We are praying that God would lead Stephane to a fruitful field of service.

The remaining missions of the Presbytery are IBL in Columbia led by JJ Diaz, Hope in Pearland, TX led by Gentry McColm, Providence in Mt. Pleasant led by Richard Brown, and Christ Church of Habersham in the Beaufort area. Please pray for all of these missions. Gentry McColm is hopeful that Hope may be organized by the end of the year. We are looking for progress from IBL and Providence this year. Habersham is in a state of transition. Dr. Doug Culver has resigned from the mission and moved to Greenwood so that he may focus his full attention on teaching at Erskine Seminary. Other staff members are also in transition. Mike Basie, a student under care of the Presbytery, is currently on site as an ONA intern and your committee appreciates his filling the pulpit at present. We are currently gathering all data necessary to make a solid recommendation to the Presbytery for the future of the mission, and hope to have such a recommendation ready by the meeting of Presbytery.

In a departure from the schedule of past years, your committee is asking that congregations receive Carpenter's Fellowship Offerings during the month of April. Area dinners will not be planned this year; instead a low-key approach of sending information to churches will be used. We ask that pastors make a special effort to publicize this offering to your people. If any churches have already received an offering for Carpenter's Fellowship, those monies may be so designated and sent to Presbytery's Treasurer.

There is a keen interest being expressed by churches in Lancaster County for consideration of a new work in the Indian Land, or "panhandle" section of that county, which is in close proximity to Charlotte. This is an area of high growth. Those churches have been asked to begin thinking and praying together as to how they might begin laying the groundwork for a mission. Your committee hopes that the presbytery may be in a position to begin a new work in this area early in 2007.

Finally, the committee is about 1/3 of the way through with a complete revision of Presbytery's Rules that pertain to our work. We ask patience as we seek to complete this work.

Following this report you should find written reports from each of our four missions.

Recommendations:

- 1) That a prayer of thanksgiving and supplication be offered for Living Waters and our missions.
- 2) That the Presbytery close the New Millennium mission effective 10/31/05.
- 3) That prayer be made asking God's guidance for Stephane Cobbert.
- 4) That congregations be encouraged to receive Carpenter's Fellowship offerings in April.
- 5) That prayer be made by the Presbytery seeking God's guidance regarding Indian Land.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Patrick, Chairman

Mr. Patrick offered prayer for Living Waters and our Missions.

A motion was made to amend Recommendation 4 to change April to May. The amendment was ADOPTED. The motion was ADOPTED as amended.

Mr. Culver offered prayer for guidance in the work in the Indian Land area.

**FINAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT TO PRESBYTERY  
NEW MILLENNIUM MISSION**

<b>For month of:</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Contributions			
ONA Support			
Presbytery Support			
Other			
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$2496.83</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Salary		<b>\$403.37</b>	
Taxes- Federal, etc.			
Housing Allowance		<b>\$974.77</b>	
Car Allowance		<b>\$115.38</b>	
Health Insurance		<b>\$550.00</b>	
Retirement			
Wages for Staff			
Taxes- Federal, etc.			
Rent-facility		<b>\$43.51</b>	
Supplies			
Utilities			
List Items over \$100 per Month separate		<b>\$315.00 (Website)</b>	
List items under \$100 per Month in total			
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,402.03</b>	
<b>Cash Flow</b> (Income less Expenses)		<b>\$94.80</b> - <b>\$5.00 service charge</b> <b>\$89.80 total</b> <b>(12/1/05)</b>	

**FINAL EXPENSE REPORT OF THE NEW SONG MISSION**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
7/29/05	Starting Balance			\$7,019.63
8/2/05	Steve Sawyer	Rent	\$ (300.00)	\$6,719.63
8/3/05	David Zimmerman	Salary and Housing	\$(3,250.00)	\$3,469.63
8/8/05	USPS	Mail newsletters	\$ (65.95)	\$3,403.68
8/11/05	Deposit	Tithes	\$ 1,348.00	\$4,751.68

8/15/05	Heather Williams	August Salary	\$ (175.00)	\$4,576.68
8/16/05	Jac Mandel	Salary	\$(2,150.00)	\$2,426.68
8/16/05	Metro Screen	Road Signs	\$ (160.50)	<b>\$2,266.18</b>
8/17/05	Credit Card	Pay Church Credit Card	\$ (138.42)	\$2,127.76
8/22/05	David Zimmerman	Wife's Insurance	\$ (360.48)	\$1,767.28
9/1/05	Deposit	Carpenter's Fellowship and ONA	\$ 5,000.00	\$6,767.28
9/1/05	Stickman Graphics	Payment for hand-out cards & move-in cards	\$ (414.40)	\$6,352.88
9/9/05	Jac Mandel	Severance approved by Session	\$(5,000.00)	\$1,352.88
9/12/05	Steve Sawyer	Rent- final month	\$ (300.00)	\$1,052.88
9/13/05	Bell South	Phone and Yellow Page ad	\$ (146.50)	\$ 906.38
9/14/05	Credit Card	Pay church credit card	\$ (185.02)	\$ 721.36
10/14/05	Bell South	Partial-payment outstanding Yellow Pages ad	\$ (236.85)	\$ 484.51
10/17/05	Deposit	Reimbursement from Insurance Company	\$ 156.78	\$ 641.29
10/??/05	Bell South	Final payment Yellow Pages Ad	\$ (259.75)	\$ 381.54

**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT TO PRESBYTERY  
PROVIDENCE MISSION AT MT. PLEASANT**

For month of: January	Actuals	Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Contributions	<b>2200.00</b>	
ONA Support	<b>833.00</b>	
Presbytery Support		
Other		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3033.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Salary	<b>3000.00</b>	
Taxes- Federal, etc.		
Housing Allowance		
Car Allowance		
Health Insurance		
Retirement		

Wages for Staff		
Taxes- Federal, etc.		
Rent-facility		
Supplies		
Utilities		
List items under \$100 per Month in total		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		
<b>Cash Flow</b> (Income less Expenses)	<b>33.00</b>	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Attendance:	30	24	25	29	32
New Faces:			2		1

**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT TO PRESBYTERY  
CHRIST CHURCH AT HABERSHAM**

<b>For month of:</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
ONA Support	<b>2000</b>	
Presbytery Support	<b>2666.67</b>	
Other		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10256.67</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Salary	<b>2000</b>	
Taxes- Federal, etc.	<b>0</b>	
Housing Allowance	<b>0</b>	
Car Allowance	<b>0</b>	
Health Insurance	<b>0</b>	
Retirement	<b>0</b>	
Wages for Staff	<b>4367</b>	
Taxes- Federal, etc.	<b>0</b>	
Rent-facility	<b>1150</b>	
Supplies	<b>94</b>	
Utilities	<b>76</b>	
List Items over \$100 per Month separate		
Advertising	<b>184</b>	
List items under \$100 per Month in total	<b>56</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7927</b>	
<b>Cash Flow</b> (Income less Expenses)	<b>2329.67</b>	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Attendance:	17	9	14	17	22
New Faces:			2		

**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT TO PRESBYTERY  
HOPE MISSION, PEARLAND, TEXAS  
NO REPORT RECEIVED.**

The report of the State of the Church Committee was presented and ADOPTED as follows:

***REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE***

The Committee has met twice since the Fall, 2005, meeting of Presbytery. Having been given permission by the Presbytery at that meeting to make an initial “list of resources for the care of pastors and their families” available online, we hope to have that task accomplished by the Spring meeting. It is important to understand that inclusion of a professional or ministry on that list does NOT constitute endorsement by Catawba Presbytery and we intend to make agreement with such a disclaimer necessary for access to the information. Sometimes the Committee may choose to utilize other professionals and services not on the list in assisting those who contact the Committee directly. The Committee continues to welcome suggestions of other resources (various professionals, websites, books, conferences, etc.) for helping pastors and their families dealing with various types of crises.

The Committee hopes that Clerks of Session will be responsive to the email sent out by our secretary, Kyle Sims, asking that electronic or hard copies of the Sessional Records to be reviewed at the upcoming meeting at Sherwood Forest ARP Ch. be sent to him in February. Seven churches did so last Fall and their cooperation greatly assisted our committee members in being able to participate in the October 11, meeting of Presbytery. The Committee will report on our review of Sessional Records at the meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee has not yet had an opportunity to review the Annual Reports of churches to Presbytery and Synod, but will do so later in February and report if necessary to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Members of the Committee continue to seek to reach out in a pastoral manner to a number of our pastors and churches who are in challenging circumstances. Please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and use us as “sons of encouragement” in this ministry.

The Committee has no recommendations at this time, but will bring a supplementary report to Presbytery concerning our review of Sessional Records and the Annual reports.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory C. Slater, Chairman

Since the order of the day had not arrived, the Moderator asked for items of new business.

A memorial was presented from the Session of First Lancaster as follows:

**MEMORIAL TO CATAWBA PRESBYTERY  
FROM THE SESSION OF FIRST LANCASTER CHURCH**

As our denomination grows and we accept other churches into our Synod, we need to be aware that our Worship Services are in agreement with what we believe in our “Book of Standards”. There has been some discussion about the Advent wreath at Christmas. Each person you ask gives a different narrative of the colors and representation of the candles. We would like to have guidelines for Churches, using an Advent Wreath, within the denomination to use as a whole outlining the colors to be used, and the significance of the candles.

Therefore, the Session of First Lancaster ARP Church does hereby memorialize Catawba Presbytery that Catawba Presbytery request the General Synod through its Committee of Worship to study and recommend a plan for the denomination to use outlining the colors and significance of the candles, the Advent wreath, and their use during Advent.

Adopted by the Session  
January 22, 2006

The Memorial was DEFEATED.

A written request was received from the Long Creek Session [APPENDIX F] concerning a change of their name. Their request is to change the name effective October 1, 2006 to **CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH, Associate Reformed Presbyterian**. A motion was made endorse the recommendation of the Session. The motion was ADOPTED. The order of the day was called at 11:45 a.m.

Commission member Seth Yi introduced Mr. Steven Isbell, a Middler at Erskine Seminary. Mr. Isbell preached his Middler sermon using as his scripture Ephesians 1:1-14. The Moderator thanked him for his message.

The Presbytery recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch provided by the Sherwood Forest Church. Andrew Kornreich, pastor of Sherwood Forest, offered thanks for the meal.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Committee reports were continued.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work and the Supplemental report of the Commission were presented and ADOPTED as follows:

#### **REPORT OF THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK COMMISSION**

The Commission met on December 13, 2005 at First Rock Hill to handle several items of business. The Commission also met at Tirzah on February 13, 2006 to handle several other items of business.

##### **Items:**

**A.** The Commission met with the pulpit committee and Rev. Bill Babson from Living Waters to examine the Call that had been prepared for Rev. Babson. The Call was found to be in order and Rev. Babson expressed his desire to accept the Call.

**B.** The Commission met with Rev. Brian Phipps and the Session of Rogers Memorial A.R.P. Church. Rev. Phipps has expressed his desire to become a mission developer and has asked Presbytery to dissolve his relationship with the Rogers Memorial Congregation. The Session and Rev. Phipps were in agreement that his last Sunday in the Pulpit will be March 5 and the church will continue his pay package until March 31.

**C.** The Commission received a request from Rev. Glenn Welsford that the Pastoral Relationship between him and the White Oak A.R.P. Church be dissolved effective January 31. At a Congregational Meeting held January 15, the congregation voted to accept Rev. Welsford's resignation. The Commission appointed Rev. Clyde McCants to serve as moderator of the Session.

**D.** The Chairman of the commission has been in communication with Rev. David Arthur concerning his transfer to the Tennessee Valley Presbytery of the P.C.A. The transfer was supposed to have been completed in January 2006 but for some reason did not happen. Rev. Arthur sent an email dated February 1, 2006 requesting "being divested of my office without censure" because of the difficulty with the

transfer. He plans to continue working with Generous Giving. On February 2, we received another email from him requesting that his email of February 1 be disregarded and he be given more time to complete the transfer. Two members of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery wanted him to seek more time in order to try to complete the transfer.

This transfer process has been ongoing since July 2005, and under the circumstances Rev. Arthur does not qualify to be listed under any of the categories of F.O.G. 10; B. At the time Rev. Arthur moved from the Presbytery, the Commission discussed his position with Generous Giving and voted to not ask Presbytery for permission to Labor Outside the Bounds. The Commission feels that there has been ample time for the completion of the transfer. The Commission has informed Rev. Arthur that the transfer either needs to be completed by March 13 or we need to have assurance from the Tennessee Valley Presbytery that the transfer will take place at their next meeting. If this does not happen the Commission plans to make a recommendation on March 14 to the Presbytery.

**E.** The Commission Chairman has received an email from Rev. Terry Fox dated February 14, 2006 informing the Presbytery that he is withdrawing his application for transfer to Catawba Presbytery. Presbytery at the October meeting had received Mr. Fox pending his transfer to our Presbytery.

### **Recommendations**

1. That this report be received as information.
2. That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Brian Phipps and the Rogers Memorial A.R.P. be dissolved effective March 31, 2006.
3. That Rev. Brian Phipps be granted permission to Labor Outside the Bounds of Presbytery.
4. That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Glenn Welsford and the White Oak A.R.P. Church be dissolved effective January 31, 2006.
5. That Rev. Glenn Welsford be granted permission to Labor Outside the Bounds of Presbytery.

## **COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK** **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

### **Items:**

**F.** The Commission met with student Mike Basie in order to examine him for Licensure and Ordination. Mike had previously completed his written examination for the review of the Commission. The Commission voted to approve both his written and oral examinations.

**G.** The Commission met with Mr. Juan Carlos Bonilla about coming under care of Presbytery as a Student of Theology. The Commission voted to request that Presbytery receive him as a student.

**H.** Referring back to item D. The Commission chairman received a phone call from Rev. Joe Novemson, Senior Pastor of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian. He informed the chairman that his Session had drafted a Call for Rev. David Arthur as an Associate Pastor and would be immediately presenting it to their Committee.

**I.** The Commission has appointed Rev. Andy Putnam to moderate the Session at Rogers Memorial beginning April 1, 2006.

**J.** The Commission examined the Salary & Benefit Review for 2005, and found that 4 churches did not meet the Presbytery Minimum Salary Increase of 3.3% for their pastors or associate pastors. [APPENDIX D]

**K.** The Commission has received a request from First Presbyterian Hardeeville requesting that Rev. Marion Canfield be approved to serve as their Stated Supply for 2006. The terms of the arrangement are: Base - \$6,000.00; Housing Allowance - \$6,000.00; Travel Allowance - \$1,920.00; Medicare Supplement Insurance and Life Insurance - \$5,200.00; 4 weeks paid vacation.

**L.** The Commission examined and approved the Occasional Supply arrangements for Carolina Covenant, Faith, Hickory Grove, Lemira, New Hope, Pleasant Hill, and Smyrna.

**M.** The Commission examined the reports from Ministers who are Laboring Out of Bounds. They are: Andrew Basham, Jr.; Stephane Cobbert; David Zimmerman; Jerry Berry; Frank Kik; and Michael

Lashley. The Commission has also received requests from Glenn Welsford and Brian Phipps that they be given permission to Labor Outside the Bounds of Presbytery.

N. At the fall meeting of Presbytery the Commission was instructed to study and fill a report with the Presbytery concerning the motion that the Student of Theology written and oral examinations require a passing grade of 80%. After discussion the Commission decided to endorse the motion provided that the 80% be limited to the written examination and the questions asked by the Commission on the floor examinations.

### **Information**

**Vacant Churches:** At the present time the presbytery has eight vacant churches, with two of the number actively searching for a new pastor. The vacant churches and their moderators are: Carolina Covenant, Rev. Jan Senneker - Moderator; Faith, Rev. Philip McCoy - Moderator; Hardeville First, Rev. Marion Canfield - Moderator; Hickory Grove, Rev. David Rowe - Moderator; Lemira, Rev. Brian Peake - Moderator; New Hope, Rev. Clyde McCants - Moderator; Pleasant Hill, Rev. Dwight Pearson - Moderator; Smyrna, Rev. David Rowe - Moderator.

**Students of Theology:** We presently have Joseph Baroody, Michael Basie, Steve Isbell, Stewart Moore, Christopher Parnell, Benjamin Smith, John Davidson, Melvin Wines and Matthew Mantooth as Students of Theology. Brian Howard has been examined, licensed, and is awaiting a Call.

**Military Chaplains:** We presently have Michael Yarman, Michael Kelly, and Lawrence Hamrick serving as Chaplains in the Military.

**Missionaries:** We presently have Scott Moore and Scott Andes serving as missionaries with World Witness.

### **Recommendations**

6. That Mr. Mike Basie preach his Senior Sermon, and be examined by Presbytery for Licensure and Ordination, and if approved, that he be presented a Certificate of Licensure, and that his name be entered on the Roll of Licentiates for Catawba Presbytery.

7. That Mr. Juan Carlos Bonilla be received as a Student of Theology under the care of Catawba Presbytery and that the Moderator conduct the proper service of reception for him.

8. That Presbytery require I.B.L., Providence and Sharon to immediately bring their pastor's pay increase up to the 3.3% required Presbytery minimum, or provide a written explanation to Presbytery by June 5, 2006 as to why they have not.

9. That Rev. Marion Canfield be approved to serve as Stated Supply at First Presbyterian Hardeville for 2006.

10. That Andrew Basham, Stephane Cobbert, David Zimmerman, Jerry Berry, Frank Kik, Michael Lashley, Glenn Welsford, and Brian Phipps be given permission to Labor Outside the Bounds of Presbytery for the coming year.

11. That the minimum 80% passing grade on examinations and questions asked by the Commission on the floor of Presbytery be approved.

12. That Peter Rambo be examined for transfer from Palmetto Presbytery, PCA as a licentiate, and if approved that his name be entered on the Roll of Presbytery as a licentiate on receipt of his transfer.

13. That the Stated Supply arrangement between the White Oak ARP Church and the Rev. Clyde McCants be approved with the following arrangements: Conduct worship service, visit the sick and occasional visitation in the community with the following financial arrangements \$250 per week; 4 weeks off per year; and pay expenses to Synod and Presbytery.

Respectfully,  
William R. Roberts, Chairman

The call for Mr. Babson was approved by the Commission and presented to him at the organization service for Living Waters Mission with the following terms:

1. Total compensation of \$48,654.60 that includes:
  - a. Base Salary \$14,154.60
  - b. Housing allowance \$25,500.00
  - c. Travel allowance \$ 5,000.00
2. Pay your moving expenses.
3. Pay into the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Retirement Plan as prescribed by the Synod.
4. Pay 100% of Synod's life, and health, and dental insurance package for the pastor and his family.
5. One week to be away for evangelistic or other church related meetings.
6. One week and expenses for continuing education.
7. Review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation. As part of the review the congregation shall provide cost of living adjustments based on the amount provided by Synod's Director of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Center..
8. Grant you an annual vacation of 4 weeks.
9. Expenses for the meeting of General Synod.
10. Ministerial Expenses \$2,000.00 per year
11. Un-reimbursed Employee Benefits \$2,000.00
12. In the event of total disability, as defined in the Synod's insurance program, we promise:
  - a. To continue for a minimum of three months the provisions of this call awaiting commencement of benefits from Synod's insurance program.
13. In the event of death during the terms of this call, we promise:
  - a. To continue the provisions of this call dealing with annual salary, housing, and group insurance for a minimum of three months.

The Commission presented Juan Carlos Bonilla as candidate. He is a Middler at Erskine and a member of the Ebenezer Church. Mr. Bonilla gave a brief statement of his faith. The Moderator then conducted the Service of Recognition for him. Boyce Wilson, father-in-law of Mr. Bonilla, offered prayer.

Seth Yi, representing the Commission, examined Mr. Michael J. Basie for licensure and ordination. An opportunity was given for questions from the Presbytery. The examination was sustained.

The Moderator conducted the Service of Licensure for Mr. Basie. A Certificate of Licensure was presented to him. Prayer was offered by John A. Basie, father of Mr. Basie.

A motion was made to delete "on the floor of Presbytery" from recommendation 11. The motion was discussed. A motion was made and ADOPTED to refer recommendation 11 back to the Commission for further study.

The Commission examined Mr. Rambo for transfer as a licentiate. The examination was sustained. Mr. Rambo was received pending receipt of his transfer.

The report of the Supplemental Report of the State of the Church Committee was presented and Received AS INFORMATION as follows:

#### **STATE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

The Committee met and examined the following Session records which were approved without exception: Bethany, Bethel, Centennial, Clover, Edgemoor, Edwards Memorial, First Hardeeville, First Lancaster, and Lemira.

The following records were approved with exceptions:

Arsenal Hill, Blacksburg, Chester, Christ Church of Habersham, First Columbia, Ebenezer, Effingham, Faith, Good Shepherd, Hickory Grove, Hopewell, Long Creek, Smyrna, Sharon, Sherwood Forest.

The following churches did not submit official records and are to bring them to the fall meeting:

Carolina Covenant, Hope Mission [TX], Hope [LA] IBL, Living Waters.

The Committee has no recommendations but would report the following actions to the Presbytery:

- In light of the data in the Clerk of Presbytery's summary of the annual reports:
  - The Committee reminds the churches of the Presbytery to have an elder representative at all stated meetings of the Presbytery and the General Synod.
  - The Committee also reminds the churches of the Presbytery that the Moderator should sign all session minutes regarding his attendance at the meeting.
  - The Committee considers minutes sent ahead electronically or by mail but not brought to the meeting of Presbytery as not being submitted.
  - The Committee reminds the sessions of the Presbytery that according to the Form of Government VII,C,4,c at a joint meeting of the session and deacons no official action can be taken.
  - The Committee is concerned that the active membership figures reported over the last 10 years show significant decline of 5%, 10%, 20% or more in a number of our churches. Plans are to give further analysis and report back in the future.

Respectfully,  
Gregory C. Slater, Chairman

The Stated Clerk announced the next Presbytery Meeting for June 6, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bonclarken Conference Center in the Convocation Center.

Announcements were made.

Following the singing of "Christian Unity", the Moderator offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Respectfully,  
David H. Lauten, Moderator  
Guy H. Smith, Stated Clerk/Administrator

**APPENDIX A**

**CATAWBA PRESBYTERY OFFICIAL ROLL**

[a] Absent

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
Arsenal Hill	Seth Yi	Gregg Hamby
Bethany	A. A. Morrow	Tim Thiessen
Bethel	G. C. Slater	Cecil Johnson
Blacksburg	D. L. Rowe	Joe Ross
Carolina Covenant	VACANT	[a]
Centennial	D. W. Setzer	W. P. Perry
Chester	C. H. Davis	W. H. White
Christ Church at Habersham	VACANT	NONE
Clover	R. E. Patrick III	James Sherrill

Associate	E. B. English	
Columbia, First	S. B. Ferguson	1. E. G. Tyler
Associate	L. C. Wilkes	2. J. H. Haynes, Jr.
Associate	N. R. Mathias [a]	3. Henry Foster
Associate	M. G. Lucas	4. Ken Wingate
Associate	T. D. James	5. C. H. Cate
Ebenezer [Fairfield]	VACANT	NONE
Ebenezer [York]	R. B. Wilson	1. Ed Mobley
Associate	J. A. Basie	2. Mel Wines
Edgemoor	J. A. Derrick	B. F. Waldrop
Edwards Memorial	J. M. Rogers	L. T. Phillips
Effingham	W. R. Roberts	Henry Swink
Faith	VACANT	J. R. Ody
Good Shepherd	J. P. Sattem	W. A. Wolfe
Hardeeville, First	VACANT	Everett Proctor
Hickory Grove	VACANT	D. H. Mitchell, Jr.
Hope, Pearland	G. F. McColm [a]	NONE
Hope, Opelousas	J. W. Uhl [a]	[a]
Hopewell	W. H. Elder, Jr.	T. A. McKeown
Iglesia Latino Biblical	J. J. Diaz [a]	NONE
Lancaster, First	K. E. Sims	S. C. Huey.
Lemira	VACANT	C. W. Warr, Jr.
Living Waters	B. W. Babson	Brian Howard
Long Creek	P. A. Pepin	Allan Hobbs
Mayesville	B. C. Peake	[a]
Mt. Pleasant	R. A. Brown	NONE
Neely's Creek	D. W. Hieber	Kyle Torreyson
New Hope	VACANT	J. A. Lewis
Oak Ridge	B. O. Fleming	Jerry Knight
Pleasant Hill	VACANT	O. B. Rutledge
Providence	R. A. Brown	NONE
Rock Hill, First	J. B. Dagenhart	1. M. L. Marion, III
Associate	B. F. Bult	2. Robert Harper
Rogers Memorial	B. D. Phipps [a]	Bobby Stegall
Rowan	P. R. McCoy	John Floyd
Scots Kirk	G. A. Busch	[a]
Sharon	M. L. Cavin	David Duncan
Sherwood Forest	A. S. Kornreich	Rick Bradley
Shiloh	D. H. Lauten	[a]
Smyrna	VACANT	Ken VanVoorhis
Tirzah	A. K. Putnam	J. C. Adams
Union	J. A. Derrick	J. F. Locke
Unity	L. C. Hammond	J. D. Marsh
Westminster	M. L. Taylor	H. B. Burroughs, Jr.
White Oak	VACANT	J. F. Heilman
York	T. D. Grant	Ronnie Ruth
<b>MINISTERS—OTHER MINISTRIES</b>		
S. P. Andes [a]	<b>LICENTIATES:</b>	<b>VISITORS:</b>

L. E. Beaudrot	Brian Lewis Howard	First Lancaster: T.C.S. Lever
D. J. Culver	Michael James Basie	H. E. McConnell, Jr.
L. E. Hamrick [a]		Robert Dix
J. H. Hopkins		Union: W. T. Clary
M. A. Kelly [a]		Ebenezer: Judy Basie
S. W. Moore [a]		Rogers Memorial: Dale Dove
M. E. Ross [a]		Women's Ministry President:
F. P. van Dalen [a]		Martha Waldrop
M. E. Yarman [a]		Union: Nancy Locke
<b>MINISTERS RETIRED:</b>	<b>CANDIDATES:</b>	White Oak: R. E. Patrick, Jr.
J. C. Barker	Christopher Michael Parnell	Hopewell: Ed Mills
C. R. Beard	Benjamin David Smith [a]	New Hope: Peter Rambo
J. F. Beard [a]	Stuart Michael Moore	
R. E. Beckham [a]	Joseph McKinley Baroody	
M. E. Canfield	John William Davidson, Jr. [a]	
C. M. Coffey [a]	Steven V. Isbell	
J. R. de Witt	Melvin M. Wines	
E. F. Franze [a]	Matthew T. Mantooth [a]	
D. O. Jones [a]	Juan Carlos Bonilla	
R. A. King [a]		
C. T. McCants		
C. L. Mitchell		
D. L. Pearson		
R. J. Robinson [a]		
Jan Senneker [a]		
G. H. Smith		
<b>MINISTERS – OUTSIDE THE BOUND</b>		
A. E. Basham		
J. W. Berry [a]		
Stephane Cobbert [a]		
F. N. Kik [a]		
M. E. Lashley [a]		
G. C. Welsford [a]		
D. A. Zimmerman [a]		

## APPENDIX B

### Report to Catawba Presbytery From Catawba ARP Women's Ministries—Martha S. Waldrop, President March 14, 2006

It is a privilege and honor to represent Catawba ARP Women's Ministries at your Catawba Presbytery's March meeting and to inform you of some exciting changes that are transpiring.

We, the ladies of Catawba Women's Ministries, are going through a transitional period in our organization but we feel it is in the right direction. We have not officially changed our name but to become familiar with it began using it since our annual meeting this past August. It has not been without some misunderstandings, feeling there is no need for change, whether it's the name or structure, or apprehension to change, but mainly misunderstanding what was being presented.

Our annual meeting was held at Shiloh ARP Church in Lancaster County on August 20, 2005. Out of 36 churches, 27 were represented and 4 representatives from one mission church, Iglesia Biblica in Columbia with a total of 182 present.

Our main speaker was Peggy Gray, President of ARP Women's Ministries who presented an over view of the many changes and suggestions for our new organizational structure hoping to ease some minds as any change can be difficult.

Our offering taken at Presbyterial of \$1,055.25 was divided 2 ways, ½ to our two Jubilee Birthday ladies, Judy Hodges & Pam Brunson and ½ for the start up expenses for the ARP Women's Ministries. With our year ending the last of August 2005, the Women gave \$16,949.26 to our Jubilee Birthday ladies. Other organizations benefiting from our Presbyterial funds totaling \$81,069.11 were: Outreach North America, World Witness, Camp Joy, Erskine College & Seminary, Bethany Christian Services, Family Bible Conference, Covenant Discipleship, and many others.

"The ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips the community of ARP women to work together for God's glory and purpose."

Under our new format and the work that is involved a new position has been created called Administrator for ARP Women's Ministries. This person will be under the direction of the Women's Ministries Board and is responsible for training and equipping ARP women at all levels to minister together for God's glory and purpose. I am proud to report that Ann Aheron of Ebenezer ARP Church in Rock Hill, SC is serving as interim Administrator until a full time person can be acquired. Please pray for Mrs. Aheron and her responsibilities in this new position.

The officers and chairmen positions will be changing on the Presbytery level and we, of the executive board, offer encouragement but it is not a required demand. All women at each church will be a member of Women's Ministries, regardless if they are active or not. We would hope they would try to join or form a group for Bible study and fellowship and some have who never attended before and this is very encouraging.

Some churches may not feel the need to change and that is perfectly fine, what we are interested in is to have group Bible study and fellowship. Each church has freedom to organize to suit their individual needs however big or small.

A new Constitution & By-laws has been written to conform to our new structure and will also be presented at our Annual meeting in August along with the Name change. We, of the Catawba Board, felt it most important to conform with the Women's Ministries request in order to have a better relationship and to support their hard work and efforts for restructuring.

Our Women's Organization has been instrumental in preserving, not only our women's history but our church histories as well. Hopefully, since Montreat has closed, we will be successful in locating a permanent place, possible Erskine, for this purpose. There is a library in Synodical Hall at Bonclarken where each year one copy of history from each church is filed in notebooks by the Presbytery name. The other copy had been sent to Montreat.

We completed our study book in August, "Let's Study Philippians" by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson and began a new one in September, "Be Decisive" on the book of Jeremiah by Warren W. Wiersbe. During our Family Bible Conference last July, Rev Stephen Crotts gave a most interesting overview and his insights into the book of Jeremiah. One main point brought out was, "No nation can despise God's law and defy His rule without suffering for it". The prophecy of Jeremiah teaches that very clearly.

I attended the ARP Women's Ministries Board meeting at Bonclarken on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, I have scheduled Catawba ARP Women's Ministries Board meeting for this coming Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Edgemoor ARP Church.

This is a very exciting time in the Women's work of The ARP Denomination and I would ask your prayers for all aspects of our change that we will follow God's command and not our own selfish desires. I would also ask you to pray for The ARP Women's Ministries Annual meeting to be held on July 24, 2006 at Bonclarken and following The Family Bible Conference commencing that night through July 27, 2006.

I thank you for supporting us so faithfully and for giving me an opportunity to speak to you today on just a small part of what Catawba ARP Women's Ministries is all about.

Martha S. Waldrop, CWM President

**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR  
SINCLAIR B. FERGUSON AS  
SENIOR PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COLUMBIA, SC  
December 18, 2005**

A Commission of the Presbytery conducted the service as follows:

Welcome and Purpose	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Call To Worship	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Invocation	L. Craig Wilkes
Reading of the Word of God	Thomas D. James
Evening Prayer	Matthew G. Lucas
Scripture and Sermon	Derek W. H. Thomas
Professor, Reformed Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi	
Questions from the Form of Government	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Declaration of Installation	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Installation Prayer	Neal R. Mathias
Charge to the Pastor	Kenneth B. Wingate
Charge to the Congregation	Wilmot B. Irvin

The Rev. Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson gave the benediction.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR  
GEORGE P. BUSCH  
PASTOR OF SCOTS KIRK A. R. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUMMERVILLE, SC  
January 8, 2006**

A Commission of the Presbytery conducted the service as follows:

Welcome	Joel Reed
Call To Worship	Joel Reed
Invocation and Lord's Prayer	L. Craig Wilkes
Reading of the Word of God	Bryan McKown
Sermon	James Corbitt
Retired Director of Outreach North America	
Questions from the Form of Government	James C. Barker
Declaration of Installation	James C. Barker
Installation Prayer	L. Craig Wilkes
Charge to the Pastor	Richard Brown
Charge to the Congregation	W. T. Clary

The Rev. George P. Busch gave the benediction.

**ORGANIZATION SERVICE FOR LIVING WATERS MISSION  
AND  
INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR  
BILLY W. BABSON  
AS PASTOR OF LIVING WATERS A. R. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LAKE WYLIE, SC  
January 22, 2006**

A Commission of the Presbytery organized the Living Waters Mission, Lake Wylie, SC as a particular congregation on Sunday, January 22, 2006.

The service was conducted as follows:

Welcome and Statement of Purpose	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Reading of the Word of God	R. Boyce Wilson
Sermon	“A Model Church for the Modern Church” R. Boyce Wilson

Presentation of Petitioners	R. E. Patrick, III, Chairman of Church Extension
Questions from the Form of Government to Organize a Church	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Declaration of Organization	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Appointment of a Temporary Congregation Chairman	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Congregational Meeting	W. T. Clary, Temporary Chairman
Report of the Nominating Committee	Randy Byrum, Provisional Session
Election of Elders and Congregation Chairman	
Greetings from Catawba Presbytery	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Greetings from Outreach North America	Alan Avera, Director
Greetings from the General Synod	William B. Evans, Moderator
Report of the Vote to Extend a Call	Randy Byrum, Provisional Session
Presentation of the Call for Acceptance	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Questions from the Form of Government for Installation	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Declaration of Installation	David H. Lauten, Moderator
Installation Prayer for God's Favor	James M. Dickson, Elder from Clover
Charge to the Pastor	Brian Phipps
Charge to the Congregation	Bill Wilson, Elder from First Rock Hill
Benediction	Rev. Billy W. Babson, Pastor of Living Waters

**APPENDIX D**

**Report of CATAWBA Presbytery  
To The General Synod For Calendar Year 2005**

**A. Churches**

- Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery: 47\*\* [Ebenezer, Fairfield included for Historical Purposes]
- Names of Congregations or Missions Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer: Carolina Covenant, Ebenezer [Fairfield] {Historical}, Faith, Hardeeville First, Lemira, New Hope, Pleasant Hill, Scots Kirk
- Names of Congregations Listed in A.2 With Stated Supply: Hardeeville, First; New Hope
- Names of Missions:, Christ Church of Habersham, Hope, IBL, Living Waters, Providence
- Congregations / Missions Added or Deleted From Roll of Presbytery During **Calendar Year** (FOG,XII,B,3(b)(3)):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Category C or M</u>	<u>Date Added</u>	<u>Date Deleted</u>	<u>Date Organized</u>
New Song	M		08/31/05	
New Millennium	M		10/31/05	

**B. Ministers**

- Number of Ministers on Roll of Presbytery:  
Attach official list of ministers to the official report. [ATTACHMENT #7]
- Names of Ministers and Date Received During **Calendar Year**: (NOTE: For ministers received by certificate, use the date received. (FOG, XII,B,3(b)(2)):

<u>FULL NAME</u>	<u>Date Received</u>		<u>Transferring Body</u>
	<u>By Ordination</u>	<u>By Certificate</u>	
Evan Barrett English	01/09/05		

John W. Uhl		02/03/05	South Presbytery,PCA
L. Charles Hammond		06/07/05	First Presbytery
Sinclair Buchanan Ferguson		10/11/05	
George P. Busch, Jr.		11/25/05	Calvary Presbytery,PCA

3. Name of Ministers and Date of Installation or Dissolution of Pastoral Relations During **Calendar Year**(FOG, XII,B,3(b)(2)):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Date Installed</b>	<b>Date Dissolved</b>
Evan Barrett English	Clover	01/09/05	
John W. Uhl	Hope, Opelousa	04/24/05	
Douglas Culver	Habersham Mission		03/09/05
Frank van Dalen	Long Creek		05/31/05
L. Charles Hammond	Unity	06/26/05	
Kyle Sims	Hickory Grove		07/31/05
Kyle Sims	Smyrna		07/31/05
Kyle Sims	Lancaster First	09/25/05	
David Zimmerman	New Song		08/31/05
David Arthur	Columbia First		07/19/05
John R. deWitt	Columbia First		09/15/05
Sinclair Buchanan Ferguson	Columbia First	12/18/05	
Stephane Cobbert	New Millennium		10/31/05

4. Names of Ministers and Date Lost During **Calendar Year** (NOTE: For Ministers Lost by Certificate, use the date the Certificate was received by the Receiving Court) (FOG, XII,B,3(b)(5)):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Lost</b>		
	<b>By Certificate</b>	<b>By Death</b>	<b>Other</b>
James M. Aubey, Jr.	6/4/2005		

5. Names and Date of Ministers Honorably Retired During **Calendar Year**:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Retired</b>
John R. deWitt	09/16/2005

6. Names of Ministers Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
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NONE

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**C. SESSION [Missions answer only part applicable]**

1. Churches Using Rotary System

All churches use the Rotary System **EXCEPT** for the following:

Blacksburg, Chester, Edgemoor, Effingham, Hardeeville First, Hickory Grove, Hope [Opelousas], Hopewell, Lemira, Oak Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Sharon, Union, White Oak, York

**NOT APPLICABLE: Providence Mission, IBL Mission, Hope Mission, Christ Church Mission, Living Waters Mission**

2. Elders Attended All Stated Meetings:

A. General Synod- All churches were represented at Synod **EXCEPT** the following:

Blacksburg, Carolina Covenant, Edwards Memorial, Faith, Hardeeville First, Hope [Opelousas], Rogers Memorial, Scots Kirk, Westminster

**NOT APPLICABLE: Providence Mission, IBL Mission, Hope Mission, Christ Church Mission, Living Waters Mission, York**

B. Spring Stated Meeting - All churches were represented **EXCEPT** for the following:

Hardeeville First, Hope [Opelousas], Rogers Memorial

**NOT APPLICABLE: Providence Mission, IBL Mission, Hope Mission, Christ Church Mission, Living Waters Mission**

C. Summer Stated Meeting - All churches were represented **EXCEPT** for the following:

Bethel, Blacksburg, Edwards Memorial, Faith, Hardeeville First, Hope [Opelousas], Rogers Memorial, Westminster, York

**NOT APPLICABLE: Providence Mission, IBL Mission, Hope Mission, Christ Church Mission, Living Waters Mission**

D. Fall Stated Meeting- All churches were represented **EXCEPT** for the following:

Bethany, Blacksburg, Good Shepherd, Hardeeville, First, Hickory Grove, Hope [Opelousas], Rogers Memorial

**NOT APPLICABLE: Providence Mission, IBL Mission, Hope Mission, Christ Church Mission, Living Waters Mission**

3. Rolls Kept In the following categories:

A. Active, Inactive, Non-Communicant: **All churches and missions kept rolls except Providence Mission, Christ Church Mission at Habersham**

B. Names of Persons Receiving Baptism: **All churches and missions kept rolls except Providence Mission, Christ Church Mission at Habersham**

C. Record of Deaths and Marriages: **All churches and missions kept rolls except Providence Mission, Christ Church Mission at Habersham**

4. Were your Sessional or Provisional Sessional Records Approved by Presbytery? All churches report that records were approved **except** Hope [Opelousas]

5. Names of Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate During **Calendar Year:** (FOG, XII, B, 3(b)(4)) Complete **Attachment #1**

6. Names of Elders Lost by Death (FOG, XII, B, 3(b)(5)) (Complete **Attachment #2**)

**D. DEACONS**

1. Follow Rotary System

All churches use the rotary system **EXCEPT** for the following:

Hickory Grove, Hope [Opelousas], Hopewell, Lemira, New Hope, Sharon

**Have NO deacons:** Blacksburg, Hardeeville First, Pleasant Hill

**NOT APPLICABLE: Providence Mission, IBL Mission, Hope Mission, Christ Church Mission, Living Waters Mission**

**2. Names of Deacons Lost By Death [Attachment 3]**

**E. PRESBYTERY**

1. All Directives of Presbytery followed: All churches and missions indicated Presbytery directives were followed.
2. If no, which directives were not followed?
3. Paid Presbytery Assessment: All churches and missions indicated Presbytery assessment has been paid except for Hope Mission, Christ Church, Hope [Opelousas]
4. Does Session have a Memorial to submit to Presbytery: First Lancaster has a memorial.

**F. SYNOD**

1. All the Directives of Synod followed: All churches and missions indicated Presbytery directives were followed.
2. If no, which ones were not followed?
3. Are you meeting Synod Goals for Denominational Ministry Goal? {See Table 1}
4. If you are not meeting Synod's Goals for Denominational Ministry, what are you doing? {See Table 2}

**TABLE 1 – MEETING THE GOALS OF SYNOD'S 2005 DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY**

Over 20%	20%	1% Increase
	Sherwood Forest	Scots Kirk
	Unity	White Oak

**TABLE 2- NOT MEETING SYNOD'S 2005 DENOMINATIONAL GOALS BUT GIVING**

Increase %	Same %	Increase \$ Level	Maintain Same \$ Level	Decrease % Level	Decrease \$ Amount	Making No Commitment
Carolina Covenant	Arsenal Hill	Bethany	Blacksburg	Neely's Creek	Bethel	Christ Church
Centennial	Ebenezer	Clover	Chester		Edwards Memorial	IBL
Lancaster First	Effingham	Columbia First	Hickory Grove			Hope, Opelousas
Lemira	Good Shepherd	Edgemoor	Long Creek			Hardeeville First
Rowan	Hope Mission	Hope, Opelousas	New Hope			Providence Mission
Union	Hopewell	Oak Ridge	Pleasant Hill			
York	Living Water	Rogers Memorial	Rock Hill First			
	Mayesville		Shiloh			
	New Hope		Tirzah			
	Sharon		Westminster			
	Smyrna					

**E. Students of Theology:**

1. Number of Students Under Care of Presbytery: 7.

- Attach list of students to the official report. [ATTACHMENT #8]  
 2. Names of Students and Date Received/Dismissed During **Calendar Year** (FOG, XII, B, 3(b)(1)):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Date Dismissed</b>
Joseph McKinley Baroody	03/9/05	
Steven Vaughn Isbell	03/09/05	
John William Davidson, Jr.	06/07/05	
Melvin M. Wines	06/07/05	
Matthew T. Mantooth	10/12/05	
Matthew Eusey		3/9/05
Joseph S. Moore		Trans. To 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbytery 05/10/2005

**F. Special Students Under Care of Presbytery:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
NONE		

**DENOMINATION MINISTRY GIVING FOR 2006**

<b>20%</b>	<b>15-19 %</b>	<b>10-14%</b>	<b>5-9%</b>	<b>1-4%</b>	<b>NO PLEDGE</b>
Sherwood Forest	Ebenezer	Bethany	Clover	Arsenal Hill	IBL
Unity	Scots Kirk	Bethel	Columbia First	Blacksburg	Faith
White Oak	Sharon	Chester	Edwards Memorial	Carolina Covenant	Hardeeville First
	Union	Good Shepherd	Effingham	Centennial	Providence Mission
		Hope Mission	Hopewell	Christ Church Mission	
		Lancaster First	Lemira	Edgemoor	
		Living Waters	Neely's Creek	Hickory Grove	
		Mayesville	Rogers Memorial	Hope, Opelousas	
		Rock Hill First	Rowan	Long Creek	
		Smyrna	Shiloh	New Hope	
			Tirzah	Oak Ridge	
			Westminster	Pleasant Hill	
			York		

**ACTIVE CHURCH & MISSION MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 1, 2006**

<b>1-25</b>	<b>26-50</b>	<b>51-100</b>	<b>101-150</b>	<b>151-200</b>	<b>200-299</b>	<b>251-300</b>	<b>301 &amp; UP</b>
Christ Church	IBL	Arsenal Hill	Bethel	Clover	Centennial	Tirzah	Columbia First

Mission							
Faith	Hopewell	Blacksburg	Bethany	Shiloh	Chester		Ebenezer
Hardeeville First	Lemira	Carolina Covenant	Effingham		Edgemoor		Neely's Creek
Hickory Grove	Sharon	Edward Memorial	Lancaster First		Rogers Memorial		Rock Hill First
Hope Mission	White Oak	Good Shepherd	Long Creek		Unity		
New Hope		Hope, Opelousas	Rowan				
Pleasant Hill		Living Waters					
		Mayesville					
		Oak Ridge					
		Scots Kirk					
		Sherwood Forest					
		Smyrna					
		Union					
		Westminster					
		York					

**Attachment 1**

**RULING ELDERS ORDAINED OR RECEIVED BY CERTIFICATE  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005**

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Ordained Or Received</b>
Arsenal Hill	Gregg Hamby	01/15/2005
Blacksburg	Eli Juarez	01/15/2005
Chester	John W. Barrett	02/13/2005
Chester	John R. Lewis	02/13/2005
Chester	H. Neil Love	02/13/2005
Ebenezer	Richard Brashear	12/11/2005
Edgemoor	James F. Hicklin, Sr.	08/14/2005
Edgemoor	Sidney Nunnery	08/14/2005
Good Shepherd	T. A. Hebert	03/ /2005
Faith	Larry Scott	01/30/2005
Long Creek	Allan H. Hobbs	01/16/2005
Rock Hill First	George T. Barron, Jr.	01/02/2005

Rogers Memorial	Randy Saverance	01/09/2005 -Received
Smyrna	Preston Ramsey	01/02/2005

**Attachment 2**

**RULING ELDERS LOST BY DEATH  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005**

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Ordained</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Arsenal Hill	Floyd A. Glasser	01/10/1999	06/11/2005
Arsenal Hill	Frances H. "Frank" Riley	01/23/1963	08/26/2005
Bethany	Robert Elmer Biggers	11/07/1971	09/11/2005
Blacksburg	Gene W. Perry	10/13/1996	08/03/2005
Centennial	Norman Wilson	01/01/1989	11/27/2005
Clover	Max Jenkins	12/ /1998	7/23/2005
Columbia First	Robert L. Dargan II	Unknown	03/09/2005
Columbia First	Kermit H. Potts, Jr.	Unknown	08/21/2005
Ebenezer	J. Thomas Willaims, Sr.	01/11/1953	3/30/2005
Edgemoor	Eugene Delaine Robbins	02/ /1994	10/01/2005
Edgemoor	Calvin Thompson Hicklin	09/ /1984	11/09/2005
Effingham	Gene Williams	12/26/1976	08/09/2005
Hickory Grove	Lloyd Wells	11/13/1966	04/15/2005
Hope, Opelousas	Re Burton Angelle	Unknown	10/05/2005
Neely's Creek	Joe Simpson Faris, Sr.	Unknown	03/14/2005
Neely's Creek	Jerry Wayne Settlemeier	11/11/1984	12/23/2005
Rock Hill First	Asbury D. Hoke	01/02/1972	04/24/2005
Rogers Memorial	Jerry Stroupe	01/ /2001	08/07/2005
Smyrna	David McGill	Unknown	05/29/2005
Smyrna	John Scoggins	Unknown	12/10/2005
Unity	William G. Hallman	12/15/1985	08/12/2005

**ATTACHMENT # 4**

**NAMES AND CHURCHES OF DEACONS LOST BY DEATH**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF ORDINATION</b>	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>
Columbia First	Edgar H. Kleckley, Jr.		06/11/2005
Columbia First	George D. Haimbaugh		07/18/2005
Columbia First	William H. Mapp, Jr.		11/15/2005
Columbia First	Ray A. Sineath		12/14/2005
Ebenezer	Raymond D. Hunnicutt	12/03/2000	05/31/2005
Neely's Creek	John Edwin White, Jr.		Unknown
Rowan	Barry Stanley		Unknown
Rowan	Wilson McCreight		Unknown
Shiloh	William Robinson, Jr.		Unknown
Unity	W. Kenneth Melton, Jr.		03/09/2005

**ATTACHMENT #8**

**ROLL OF LICENTIATES, SEMINARY STUDENTS AND SPECIAL STUDENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Seminary</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Year</b>
Michael James Basie	Erskine	Enrolled	Senior
Christopher Michael Parnell	Erskine	Enrolled	Middler
Benjamin David Smith	Reformed-Charlotte	Enrolled	Middler
Stuart Michael Moore	Erskine	Enrolled	Middler
Steven Vaughn Isbell	Erskine	Enrolled	Junior
Joseph McKinley Baroody	Erskine	Enrolled	Junior
John William Davidson, Jr.	Reformed-Charlotte	Enrolled	Middler
Melvin M. Wines	Reformed-Charlotte	Enrolled	Middler
Matthew T. Mantooth		Graduated	
Brian L. Howard		Graduated	

**APPENDIX E**

**LETTER FROM LIVING WATERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LAKE WYLE, SC 29710**

Dear Guy,

For some time, Living Waters has been in discussions with Crescent Properties about the purchase of 22 acres in the Lake Wylie area on the Hwy 49 corridor. Recently we have approached the YMCA of York County to explore their interest in co-developing the property with us. They have shown an initial interest and are pursuing approval with their board to move forward.

Assuming all goes well with the YMCA partnership, we anticipate the need to put down several thousand dollars to buy an option on the land. This will not obligate us to a mortgage, but would secure our right to purchase the property while allowing us time to raise more money for the purchase. At this time, we only have informal estimates of what the land will cost. We think we will be able to purchase 6-7 acres for around \$150,000.00. As of

January 2006, we have over \$58,000.00 in our land fund, and ONA has approved a matching grant of \$30,000.00 at the time of purchase. Our goal would be to have all, or nearly all, the money for the land in hand by the time of closing.

We would like Presbytery's approval to move forward with the option when the time comes.

Thank you,  
Bill Babson

## APPENDIX F

### LETTER FROM THE LONG CREEK SESSION

To Catawba Presbytery,

In consideration of the desire we have to continue to fulfill the Great Commission by reaching people in our community for Christ, the session at Long Creek Presbyterian Church has unanimously approved a motion to begin the process of changing our name to “**CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH, Associate Reformed Presbyterian.**” This decision is based on our efforts to more effectively reach and minister to unchurched and minimally-churched individuals and families in Northeast Columbia.

The name change is one of many steps we have been considering as we work to reorganize and reprioritize the different ministries to which God has called us. The focus of our efforts has been to identify our target audience and, with this target in mind, to structure our ministries in a way that best communicates Christ's message and meets their needs.

Christ's example of meeting people where they are has led us to begin a study of the demographics of the area in the immediate vicinity of our physical location. This study has helped us to develop a strategy for effectively piquing interest in what Christ's Church has to offer in today's world of isolationism, relativism and ambiguity. We ask for your prayers in that regard.

We would like for the official name change to coincide with the completion of our new building on a new campus located on the Clemson Road extension that was recently completed. The occupancy date could be as early as October.

With this letter we respectfully submit a request that Catawba Presbytery approve the adoption of the new name proposed herein.

In the service of Christ and His Church,  
On behalf of the session of Long Creek Presbyterian Church  
Allan Hobbs, Clerk.