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Stated Meeting – October 10, 2006

Shiloh Church, Lancaster, SC

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Catawba Presbytery
Stated Meeting
October 10, 2006
Shiloh Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Lancaster, South Carolina
10:00 a.m.

Catawba Presbytery met for its stated meeting October 10, 2006 at Shiloh Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, South Carolina. The Moderator, Robert E. Patrick, Jr., called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Following the singing of the hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”, Mr. Patrick constituted the meeting with prayer.

Melvin M. Wines, a Middler at Reformed Seminary, Charlotte, was introduced and preached his Middler sermon using as his scripture John 1:12-13. The Moderator thanked him for his message.

David H. Lauten, pastor of the Shiloh Church, conducted the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The elders from Shiloh assisted.

Elder Charles Walden from Shiloh welcomed the Presbytery. The Moderator made an appropriate response.

A motion was made and ADOPTED to approve the Minutes of the Stated meeting of June 6, 2006, the Recessed meeting of June 11, 2006 and the Called meeting of June 25, 2006 as mailed.

Mark E. Ross, Reading Clerk, presented the program as printed that was ADOPTED as follows:

**Call to Order	Robert E. Patrick, Jr., Moderator
**The Hymnbook “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”	92
**Presbytery Constituted with Prayer	Robert E. Patrick, Jr., Moderator
Student Sermon	Melvin Wines
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper	David H. Lauten
Welcome	Charles Walden, Elder, Shiloh
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	Robert E. Patrick, Jr., Moderator
Greetings and Remarks	Mrs. Ann Aheron, Interim Administrator ARP Women’s Ministries
Greetings and Remarks	Frank van Dalen, Executive Director of World Witness
Unfinished Business	
1. Special Committee on Worship	Andrew Putnam, Chairman
2. Committee on Church Extension: Rules Revision Referred from October 14, 2003 meeting	
3. Committee on Church Extension: Agreement for the Providence Mission	
4. Committee on State of the Church report on declining membership in churches deferred from March, 2006 meeting	
11:45 a.m.	Student Sermon
New Business	Juan Carlos Bonilla

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| 1. | Report of the Stated Clerk/Administrator | |
| 2. | Report of the Treasurer of Catawba Presbytery | |
| 12:15 p.m. | | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | | Reconvene |
| 3. | New Business: [To be Continued in Order in the Business Session] | |
| | Reports of the Standing Committees: | |
| a. | Christian Education | |
| b. | Church Extension | |
| c. | Commitment And Finance | |
| d. | Nominations | |
| e. | State Of The Church | |
| 4. | Commission on the Minister and His Work | |
| 5. | Other New Business | |
| a. | Reading of the Overtures from Synod | |
| b. | Other new business | |
| | Announcement of Place for Spring Meeting | Guy H. Smith, Stated Clerk |
| | Announcements | |
| **Bible Song | "Christian Unity" | 280 |
| **Closing Prayer and Benediction | | Clyde T. McCants |
| Presbytery Adjourns | | |
| | **Presbytery Stands | |

The Stated Clerk/Administrator, Guy H. Smith, constituted the roll from the enrollment cards. [Appendix A] A quorum was declared present. Visitors were encouraged to register.

The Moderator introduced Mrs. Ann Aheron, Interim Administrator of Women's Ministries for the General Synod. Mrs. Aheron spoke briefly on the work of the Women's Ministries since its re-organization. She also spoke of how God was working through the Women's Ministries throughout the Synod and in working where they are in the local church.

The Moderator introduced Frank van Dalen, Executive Director of World Witness. Mr. van Dalen spoke of the work of World Witness around the world. He reported on candidates and funding for the various programs. He reported that Dr. John Carson had been appointed as a full time member of the training team. Mr. van Dalen reported that in spite of challenges the work is progressing.

A motion was made and ADOPTED that the Rules of Procedure be set aside to consider those matters the changes in the Rules sent to the Presbytery in the mailing for the meeting.

Matters of unfinished were considered.

Andrew Putnam, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Book of Worship charged with receiving input from members of the Presbytery, reported orally on the process the Committee will follow. Members were asked to send in suggestions prior to December 31, 2006.

The Committee on Church Extension reported on the revision of the Rules of Procedure referred to that Committee by the October 2003 meeting of the Presbytery. The Committee report was presented AMENDED AND ADOPTED as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

The Committee on Church Extension has met and revised the Rules of Procedure in the area of its work. We recommend the adoption of the revision as found below:

**Respectfully,
John Basie, Chairman**

H. CATAWBA PRESBYTERY CHURCH EXTENSION, INC.

The Vision of Catawba Presbytery for the advance of the Gospel through the work of Church Extension

Catawba Presbytery seeks to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory and honor of our God and the extension of His kingdom on earth.

For the heralding of a Biblically sound and distinctively Reformed witness to the gospel throughout our bounds; that sinners would come to faith and be made disciples of Jesus Christ; that the worship of God would increase on the earth and His name be hallowed forevermore; the Church Extension Committee will strive to:

- Develop new congregations through the work of church planting
- Provide training and encouragement in outreach and evangelism
- Assist established congregations in need of renewal

I. Developing New Congregations through the Work of Church Planting

Section 1: Composition of the Committee

- a. The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members constituted as follows:
 - 1) Nine (9) elected by the Presbytery who shall serve on a three (3) year rotation;
 - 2) One (1) ex-officio member, the Chair Catawba Women's Ministry Witness and Outreach; and
 - 3) A Chairman who shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Presbytery for a term of four (4) years.
- b. The Chairman may appoint other advisory members as needed.
- c. A quorum for meetings shall be 50% of the voting members of the Committee

Section 2: Officers of the Committee

- a. Chairman
 - 1) He shall preside at all meetings of the Committee.
 - 2) He shall represent the Committee before the Presbytery.
 - 3) He shall keep the Presbytery informed of all developments in church extension.
 - 4) He shall provide a written report for each stated meeting of the Presbytery.
 - 5) He shall serve as the liaison between Committee and Mission Developers and Provisional Sessions.

- 6) He shall represent the Presbytery as a member of Synod's Board of Outreach North America, and shall make reports to the Board as required.
- b. Vice Chairman
 - 1) He shall assume all the duties of the chairman in the event the chairman cannot fulfill his responsibilities.
 - 2) He shall be elected annually by the Committee and may succeed himself.
- c. Secretary
 - 1) The Secretary shall be responsible for recording accurately the minutes of each meeting and preparing them for distribution to members of the Committee.
 - 2) Any member of the Committee is eligible to serve in this office and will be elected annually by the Committee.

Section 3: Duties of the Committee

- a. Oversee the work and ministry of church extension in the bounds of Catawba Presbytery.
- b. Prepare an annual budget for the ministry of church extension to the Presbytery Committee on Commitment and Finance in accord with The Rules of Procedure, ARTICLE VI, General, Section 1.
- c. Identify suitable areas for new church development within the bounds of Catawba Presbytery and conduct the necessary demographic studies of the area.
- d. Seek qualified mission developers called to the work of church planting.
- e. Oversee the work of mission developers in Catawba Presbytery by:
 - 1) Approving mission strategies and goals of the mission developers.
 - 2) Meeting with each mission developer prior to each stated meeting of Presbytery and at other times as necessary.
 - 3) Received monthly reports from the mission developer as to the progress and advancement of the mission toward the goals set.
- f. Present to the Presbytery detailed plans for each new mission work. The plan shall include:
 - 1) Completing a demographic study of the area to be developed
 - 2) Coordinating with the mission developer the specific location for the mission
 - 3) Appointing a Provisional Session or an oversight committee from the Committee on Church Extension to work with the Mission Developer. These names shall be submitted to the Presbytery for approval.
 - 4) Securing funding for the proposed mission including, but not limited to, funds available from Outreach North American and the Presbytery.
 - 5) Presenting the plan for funding to the Presbytery for approval.
 - 6) Serving as a Nominating Committee to call the Mission Developer and presenting the call to the Presbytery for approval in accord with the provisions of the Form of Government and the Rules of Procedure of Catawba Presbytery.
 - 7) Signing the Call for the Mission Developer to a particular work.

Section 4: Establishing the Mission Congregation

- a. Definition and Purpose of the Mission Congregation
 - 1) A mission is a company of Christians, with their children, who are meeting together with the intention of forming an organized congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. It is

distinguished from an organized congregation in that it is not governed by its own session, but is governed through a provisional session or oversight committee appointed by the presbytery.

- 2) The goal of a mission congregation is to become an organized congregation with its own session.
 - 3) Mission congregations shall maintain membership rolls consisting of active, inactive, and non-communicant members as well as the names of those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism and the marriages and deaths of members. The mission shall maintain members on behalf of presbytery until such time as the mission becomes an organized congregation with its own session.
- b. Structure of the Mission Congregation.
- 1) The structure of the Mission Congregation shall be according to the Form of Government of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.
 - 2) Title to all church property of missions and congregations that are non-self supporting shall be acquired, mortgaged, held and transferred by the Presbytery.
- c. Procedure for Organizing a New Congregation
- 1) It is also lawful and expedient to spread the Gospel by developing new congregations in geographical areas that lack a sufficient witness to the Gospel.
 - 2) Prior to organization, a presbytery may upon its own initiative establish a mission, or grant mission status at the request of a group of Christians who are working toward developing an organized congregation. Until such time as the group is organized and officers are elected in the regular manner and a pastor is elected and installed, the presbytery shall:
 - (a) Appoint for the mission a provisional session of Associate Reformed Presbyterian ruling elders from neighboring congregations or an oversight committee of the Committee on Church Extension, and
 - (b) Appoint through the Commission on the Minister and His Work an ordained minister to serve as moderator, or
 - (c.) Issue a call to an ordained minister to serve as the mission developer. Such a call shall be issued in accordance with the provisions for calls to particular congregations, chapter X.E, sections 11-16. The mission developer shall serve as moderator of the provisional session.
 - 3) Prior to organization, the presbytery may, upon the request of an organized congregation within the presbytery, grant mission status to a group that this sponsoring church is developing. Until the mission is organized and officers are elected in the regular manner the presbytery shall
 - (a) Appoint the session of the sponsoring church to oversee the work on behalf of presbytery, or
 - (b) Appoint a provisional session of Associate Reformed Presbyterian ruling elders or an oversight committee from the Committee on Church Extension, and

(c) Appoint through the Commission on the Minister and His Work an ordained minister to serve as moderator, or

(d) Issue a call to an ordained minister to serve as mission developer. Such a call shall be issued in accordance with the provisions for calls to particular congregations, chapter X.E, sections 11-16. The mission developer shall serve as moderator of the provisional session. The Presbytery shall consider input from the sponsoring church in the selection of the mission developer.

4) If both the provisional session and the members of the mission desire the mission developer to be installed as the pastor on the day of organization of the mission as a particular congregation, then they shall follow the same procedure to call a pastor as outlined in chapter X. E, 6-11. If the mission developer is not being called at this time as pastor, then the presbytery shall appoint a moderator of the session until such time as a pastor is called.

5) At the time of organization, ruling elders shall immediately be elected in the regular manner. These officers shall immediately be ordained and installed by the presbytery or its commission. Deacons may be elected in the regular manner.

Section 5: Concerning the Provisional Session/Oversight Committee

- a. The Presbytery shall appoint a Provisional Session or oversight committee to oversee the mission on behalf of the presbytery. The Provisional Session or Oversight Committee shall report to the Committee on Church Extension of the Presbytery.
- b. If an organized ARP congregation is sponsoring a mission, the Presbytery may appoint the session of the sponsoring church as the provisional session to oversee the mission on behalf of the Presbytery. The sponsoring church session may choose to exercise its oversight through a subcommittee of the session. The Provisional Session or Oversight Committee shall report to the Committee on Church Extension of the Presbytery.

Section 6: The Authority and Responsibility of the Provisional Session/Oversight Committee

a. The provisional session or oversight committee of a mission has the same responsibility as a session, but is a transitory authority aimed at preparing the mission to be governed under its own session. Presbytery has the primary oversight responsibility for the mission. This responsibility is usually exercised through the presbytery committee charged with the responsibility for new church development. The provisional session or oversight committee has secondary oversight and is accountable to the presbytery committee. Elders on the provisional session or oversight committee must be careful to allow the mission to develop its distinct identity and direction.

b. Acting on behalf of presbytery and in order to carry out its responsibility to the presbytery, the provisional session or the oversight committee has the power:

- 1) To receive applicants into communicant church membership upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or upon transfer of membership.
- 2) To encourage parents who are communicant members to present their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

- 3) To grant the appropriate certificate of transfer for any member in good standing upon proper request.
- 4) To admonish, rebuke, suspend, or exclude from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper any member of the congregation found delinquent, according to the Rules of Discipline.
- 5) To instruct and examine potential ruling elders and deacons.
- 6) To work with the mission developer in setting the time and place of the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, and all other religious services.
- 7) To ensure that the mission is submitting required reports to presbytery and synod.
- 8) To encourage and advise the mission developer. It is important that mutual trust be established between the mission developer and the session. He should look to the session as his strong supporters and encouragers. He should feel free to share his concerns and frustrations with them. The session should advise and counsel him concerning his work and ways to most effectively develop the mission.
- 9) To provide care and nurture to the people attending the mission. The provisional session members should attend the mission often enough so that they know and are known by the members of the mission.
- 10) To ensure proper oversight and stewardship of financial resources.
- 11) To keep the presbytery committee informed of concerns that may need the presbytery's attention.
- 12) To call a congregational meeting of the mission in order to elect a pulpit search committee and vote upon the terms of a call to a pastor prior to the organization of the mission as a particular congregation.
- 13) To oversee all organizations within the mission, and in its discretion to require stated reports.

Section 7: The Organization of the Provisional Session/Oversight Committee

- a. The Mission Developer of a mission congregation, by virtue of his office, is the moderator of the provisional session or chairman of the oversight committee.
- b. The Provisional Session/Oversight Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as the Clerk of Session who shall:
 - 1) Keep accurate records of the meetings of the Provisional Session/Oversight Committee
 - 2) Maintain all the rolls for the mission as set forth in the Form of Government.
- c. The Provisional Session/Oversight Committee shall hold at least one regular meeting each month.

II. Providing Training and Encouragement in Outreach and Evangelism

The Committee shall provide training and encouragement for outreach and evangelism by:

- a. Encouraging congregations and missions to make use of Outreach North America approved tools.
- b. Offering training opportunities in conjunction with the Committee on Christian Education.
- c. Providing or recommending those who may assist local congregations with outreach and evangelism.

III. Assisting Established Congregations in Need of Renewal

The Committee on Church Extension shall work with the Committee on The State of the Church to determine congregations that may need renewal and determine ways to cooperate with the local session to bring about renewal of that congregation.

The Committee shall also consider resources that may be available from Synod's Board of Outreach North America and determine ways to cooperate with the local session to bring about renewal of that congregation.

IV. Organizing a Mission as a Particular Congregation

Section 1: The Plan for Organization

- a. The Committee on Church Extension shall present to the Presbytery a recommendation that a mission become organized as a self-supporting church.
- b. After approval by the Presbytery, the Moderator of Presbytery shall appoint an organizing Commission to plan, oversee and conduct the Service of Organization. The Commission shall be no less than six (6) member of Catawba Presbytery consisting equally of teaching and ruling elders. The quorum for the Commission shall be four (4) members.
- c. The Service of Organization
 1. A Service of Worship is held at the appointed time and shall include a sermon.
 2. At the conclusion of the worship service, the Chairman of the Organizing Commission shall:
 - (a) Call to order the meeting of the congregation.
 - (b) Ask the constitutional questions from the Form of Government.
 - (c) Declare the mission to be a congregation and officially organized.
 - (d) Appoint a temporary congregational chairman and secretary.
 3. The temporary Congregational Chairman shall:
 - a. Conduct the election of elders and of deacons, if applicable.
 - b. Conduct the election of congregational officers.
 - c. Conduct the signing of the Membership charter for those desiring to become members of the congregation.
 - (e) Hear a report of the Pulpit Nominating Committee provided that the Pulpit Nominating Committee has been elected and all the normal processes set forth by the Commission on the Minister and His Work have been followed. The Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work shall have declared that all the required procedures have been followed.
 - 4) The Installation of the Pastor shall be conducted by the Commission of the Presbytery following the guidelines set forth by the Commission on the Minister and His Work and the Form of Government.

An amendment was offered and ADOPTED as follows: That F 3) be amended to remove the words "or an oversight committee from the Committee on Church Extension," and that the Stated Clerk removed all other references to Oversight Committee in the other sections."

The Rules changes were ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

The Lease Agreement for the Providence Mission was not submitted for consideration.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported on the declining membership in many of Presbytery churches referred to them from the March 2006 meeting. The Committee using a power point presentation presented to the Presbytery statistics and information that may be of help to churches in understanding the matter of declining membership. [APPENDIX C]

The order of the day prevailed at 11:45 a.m. Commission member Seth Yi introduced Juan Carlos Bonilla, a Middler at Erskine Seminary. Mr. Bonilla preached his Middler sermon using as his scripture James 1:1-5. The Moderator thanked him for his message.

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

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Information:

- The letter was sent to the Erskine College Search Committee informing them that the Presbytery had prayed and would continue to pray for them as they searched for the next President of Erskine College.
- Letters were written to Reformed Theological Seminary and Erskine Theological Seminary as adopted by Presbytery that “Erskine and Reformed Seminaries to offer a thorough course on A.R.P. History and Polity for our students.” A response was received from each Seminary and forwarded to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.
- At the instruction of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, Brian Phipps was removed from the roll on June 22, 2006 and Billy R. Babson was removed from the roll on June 30, 2006. The ARP Center was informed that Mr. Phipps and Mr. Babson were removed without censure and without their ordination.
- At the instruction of the Chairman of the Commission Andrew S. Kornreich was transferred to the Palmetto Presbytery, PCA effective July 31, 2006.
- At the instruction of the Chairman of the Commission Stephane Cobbert was transferred to Second Presbytery effective August 4, 2006
- The Presbytery was informed of the death of Frank N. Kik on August 1, 2006. Dr. Kik was a member of the Presbytery. A note was sent to Mrs. Kik in behalf of the Presbytery. A tribute for Dr. Kik is being prepared by Mark E. Ross and will be forwarded to the General Synod for inclusion in the Minutes of General Synod.
- At the instruction of the Chairman of the Commission John A. Basie was transferred to Fellowship Presbytery, PCA effective October 1, 2006.
- At the instruction of the Chairman of the Commission Michael J. Basie was transferred to First Presbytery effective September 13, 2006.
- A Commission of the Presbytery installed Rev. Robert B. Elliott, III as associate at Tirzah on September 24, 2006. The Commission consisted of Teaching Elders, Andrew Putnam, Robert J. Robinson and Guy H. Smith along with Ruling Elders Robert Alexander and Robert Lesslie from First Rock Hill and Cecil Pruette from Tirzah. [APPENDIX B]

Recommendation:

That the report be received and information and printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery.

Respectfully,
Guy H. Smith, Stated Clerk/Administrator

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

**CATAWBA PRESBYTERY
INCOME AND EXPENSE
YEAR TO DATE AUGUST 2006**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance by Area
INCOME			
4025 Presbytery Fees	\$ 22,408	\$ 20,067	
4026 Receipts Presbytery events	1,222	-	
Presbytery Interest	<u>2,323</u>	<u>1,067</u>	
	\$ 25,953	\$ 21,133	
Presbytery Income			
4030 Presbytery Church Extension	57,233	55,183	
4050 ONA - Endowment	-		
	<u>\$ 57,233</u>	<u>\$ 55,183</u>	
Church Extension Income			
	\$ 83,187	\$ 76,317	
TOTAL INCOME			
PRESBYTERY EXPENSES			
Senior High	3,850	5,133	
Middle School	3,850	5,133	
Leadership Training	2,438	1,333	
Adult Ministries	1,413	500	
Children's Work	750	500	
STATED CLERK/ADMIN			
Honorarium	1,800	1,800	
Office Expense	60	667	
Printing & Mailing	171	1,200	
Internet	<u>210</u>	<u>320</u>	
Subtotal	14,541	16,587	

OTHER EXPENSES

Telephone - all other committees	641	867
Treasurer – Supplies	156	333
Travel - All other Committees	2,031	1,333
Support "Old Brick Church"	-	820
Seminary Student Aid	-	667
State of the Church	-	<u>200</u>
Subtotal	2,827	4,220
TOTAL PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS	17,369	20,807
TOTAL PRESBYTERY INCOME	25,953	21,133
PRESBYTERY NET	8,584	327

**CHURCH EXTENSION OPERATIONS:
IGLESIA BIBLICA LATINO**

Property Insurance	1,224	1,178	
Retirement	1,215	1,553	
Health Insurance	10,744	9,573	
Presbytery Support	<u>15,273</u>	<u>15,273</u>	
Subtotal	28,456	27,576	
Church Extension			
Public Relations, Promotion	246	-	
Committee Expense	933	-	
Contingencies	<u>400</u>	<u>6,000</u>	
Subtotal	1,579	6,000	
TOTAL CHURCH EXTENSION OPERATIONS	30,035	33,576	
TOTAL CHURCH EXTENSION INCOME	57,233	55,183	
CHURCH EXTENSION NET	27,198	21,607	<u>\$ 5,591</u>

Church Extension Volunteer donations

4035 Carpenter's Fund Churches	12,398	17,333
4040 Carpenter's Fund Individuals	1,970	2,667
	\$	\$
	<u>14,368</u>	<u>20,000</u>

Church Extension - Support

5610 Christ Church of Habersham	8,000	8,000
5612 Mt Pleasant – Providence Hope (from ONA Endow. Int Dec 5614 2005)	20,000	20,000
	4,499	
	<u>32,499</u>	<u>28,000</u>

Synod Pass Thru

5711 Mt Pleasant	6,664	6,664
5713 Christ Church of Habersham	6,666	9,165
5714 Hope Mission		<u>2,500</u>
	<u>13,330</u>	<u>18,329</u>

TOTAL FUNDS REPORT - income & pass thru

110,885	94,646
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Net Church Extension

\$
5,591

OTHER INFORMATION:

Church Extension Designated from 2005	35,296
ONA Endowment Interest received Dec 2005 not designated	3,758
Senior High Checking	1,860
Middle School Checking	576
Children Checking	345
Reserved Account Money Management	21,419
Reserved Account – 13 month CD @ 6%	25,000

Respectively submitted
TCS Lever, Jr. Treas.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education Committee of Catawba Presbytery met on August 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Rock Hill Church. Your committee received reports from the various directors, including the following plans from the Middle School and Senior High planning teams for the fall season:

Middle School Retreat – November 3-5, 2006

Theme: Young Heroes of the Bible-Speaker: Ben Smith
Music – Sons of Zion, Director: Ben Smith

Senior High Super Retreat – September 29-October 1, 2006

Theme: Islam, Christianity and You – speaker: Joseph Alghrary
Music – Josh Bales, Director: Andrew Shoger along with
Counterparts from First and Second Presbyteries

The budget for the various ministries of Christian Education was discussed and the following ratified:

Senior High Work	8,000
Middle School Work	8,000
Children’s Work	750
Senior Adult Work	900
Workshops/Training	<u>2,000</u>

Total \$ 19,650

The committee also discussed Women’s Ministries representation on the committee. Information provided stipulated that the previous *Youth* and *Christian Higher Education* representative positions had been consolidated into one representative labeled *Christian Education Ministry*. Your committee voted to recommend the proper change to the Manual of Procedure concerning the committee’s representation from Women’s Ministries.

Recommendations:

1. That the plans for the fall Senior High and Middle School Retreats be approved.
2. That a change be made to the Manual of Procedure to bring the committee make-up into conformity with the new method of Women’s Ministries representation.

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

The Committee on Church Extension met twice since the last Presbytery meeting. The first meeting was for the purpose of hearing the report of Mike Basie, A Demographic Study of the Beaufort, SC area. A second report was given by Bill Fleming, A Demographic Study of the Indian Land area. Both reports were excellent and contained helpful information for the committee’s consideration. Both studies are available for viewing upon request.

At the meeting of July 19th, the committee reviewed the work at Habersham. Since the decision to move the work out of the Habersham community, there has been no interest on the part of the people. Mike Basie offered a Bible Study for 4 weeks, with only two participants. The Committee made a

decision to cease activity of the mission as of August 30 and recommend that the Presbytery close the mission at its next meeting.

With many thanks to some unnamed individuals not on the Church Extension Committee (at the Committee's request), the Rules of Procedure for Church Extension are now complete and presented to the Presbytery for approval.

Recommendations:

- That the work in the Habersham and Beaufort, SC area be closed effective August 30, 2006.

Respectfully,
Jack Basie, Chairman

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITMENT AND FINANCE

The Committee met to consider the requests for the 2007 budget. The Committee recommends approval of the 2007 budget as printed below:

CATAWBA PRESBYTERY PROPOSED 2007 BUDGET

	2006 Budget	2007 Budget
INCOME		
PRESBYTERY		
Presbytery Fees (27%) 7891 @ \$4	\$30,100	\$30,364
Presbytery Interest	1,600	3,531
Subtotal – Presbytery	\$31,700	\$33,895
CHURCH EXTENSION		
Presbytery Fees (73%) 7591 @ \$11	\$ 82,775	\$ 83,501
ONA - Endowment interest	9,000	9,000
Subtotal - Church Ext.	\$ 91,775	\$ 92,501
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 123,475	\$ 126,396
PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
Senior High Work	\$ 7,700	\$ 8,000
Middle School Work	7,700	8,000
Christian Education Workshop	2,000	2,000
Children's Work	750	750
Senior Adult Retreat	750	900
Subtotal	\$ 18,900	\$ 19,650
STATED CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR		
Honorarium	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Office Expense	1,000	1,000
Office equipment	-	-

Printing & Mailing	1,800	1,800
Internet	480	525
Subtotal	\$ 6,880	\$ 6,925
OTHER EXPENSES		
Telephone - all other committees	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Treasurer – Supplies	500	500
Travel - All other Committees	2,000	3,400
Support "Old Brick Church"	820	820
Seminary Student Aid	1,000	1,000
Subtotal	\$ 5,620	\$ 7,020
STATE OF THE CHURCH	\$ 300	\$ 300
TOTAL PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS	\$ 31,700	\$ 33,895
VARIANCE TO INCOME - fav/(unfav)	\$ -	\$ -
CHURCH EXTENSION		
CE OPERATING EXPENSES		
Public Relations, Promotion	\$ -	\$ -
Committee Expense	-	-
Contingencies	9,000	9,000
Professional Fees & Studies	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
IGLESIA BIBLICA LATINO		
Property Insurance	\$ 1,178	\$ 1,178
Retirement	2,329	2,478
Health Insurance	14,359	15,077
Presbytery Support – Salary	22,909	13,267
Subtotal	\$ 40,775	\$ 32,000
Christ Church of Habersham	\$ 12,000	
Hope		\$ 24,000
Providence Mission, Mt. Pleasant	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000
TOTAL CHURCH EXTENSION OPERATIONS	\$ 91,775	\$ 89,000
VARIANCE TO INCOME - fav/(unfav)	\$ -	\$ 3,501

Presbytery approved reduction of \$8,000 per year support to IBL over next 5 years. (Vol 1, 2005-2006 minutes page 12)

ONA Endowment added above line in 2006 as \$9,000 and added offset in expense under Contingencies. Likewise for 2007

Church Extension Pass Through

INCOME:

Carpenter's Fellowship	7,500
Special Gifts	5,000
Variance from Presbytery fee	3,501
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	\$ 16,001

ONA pass Through

ONA For Hope (source?)	7,200
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The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented and ADOPTED as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Fathers and Brothers,

Your Committee on Nominations met on September 9.

We recommend the following nominations:

1. For the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work (effective July 2007):
David Lauten [2010]
2. For the Chairman of the Church Extension Committee to fill the unexpired term [to replace John Basie]: Bill Fleming [2009]
3. For a position on Presbytery’s Committee on Nominations [to replace Robert Collins]: W. Penn Colvin [2007]

Respectfully,
Andrew Putnam, Chairman

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was presented and RECEIVED as information as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

At our April and August meetings, the Committee has focused its attention on the issue we highlighted in our last report to Presbytery, the apparent widespread and ongoing decline in the “active” membership of many of the churches of the Presbytery. For example, 26 of the current 45 churches and missions of this presbytery reported a reduction of at least 5% in their active membership over the last ten years (1995 vs. 2005 Annual Reports) and 16 have declined 10% or more. This trend is affecting congregations across the board, whether large or small, rural or city. [A table summarizing this data will be available at the meeting of Presbytery.] You probably already realize that this issue impacts most churches across America, but we believe it is helpful to know how we fit into this picture and where evangelical churches are in fact growing. The Committee therefore requests to have 15 minutes on the docket of “unfinished business” to make a PowerPoint presentation to the court summarizing trends in population growth and church attendance nationally and here in SC (even down to the county level), as well as how we compare to some of our sister ARP presbyteries.

The Committee hopes that Clerks of Session will continue to cooperate with the process of submitting electronic or hard copies of their Sessional Records for review prior to the upcoming meeting of Presbytery. Eighteen churches did so last Spring and their cooperation greatly assisted our committee

members in being able to participate in the meeting of Presbytery. The Committee will report on our review of Sessional Records at the meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee is still developing a “list of resources for the care of pastors and their families” and continues to welcome suggestions of other resources (various professionals, web-sites, books, conferences, etc.) for helping pastors and their families dealing with various types of crises.

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 in this ministry.

The Committee has no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory C. Slater, Chairman

Presbytery recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch prepared by the Women of Shiloh Church. Glenn Welsford, former pastor of the Moderator, gave thanks for the meal.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

New business was considered.

A motion was made and ADOPTED to set aside the Rules to consider the Agreement for the Providence Mission. Discussion followed.

A motion was made and ADOPTED that the paper be re-written to state that the option is to be held by the Trustees of the Presbytery in behalf of the Presbytery.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Commission met on June 22, 2006 at First Rock Hill, on August 17, 2006 at Effingham, and on September 7 at Sharon to handle several items of business.

Items:

A. As instructed by the June 6, 2006 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission met with Rev. Brian Phipps and Rev. Bill Babson concerning their request to be removed from the Roll of Presbytery. It was explained to both men that they could not be removed from the Roll of Presbytery without censure and retain their ordination. The Commission thoroughly discussed with them the ramifications of them being removed from the Roll without their ordination.

Both men remained firm in their desire to be removed from the Roll of Presbytery without censure and without their ordination. Therefore, Mr. Phipps was removed from the Roll effective June 22, 2006, (the date of the Commission meeting), and Mr. Babson was removed effective June 30, 2006 (the date of his previously filed resignation).

B. The Commission discussed a needed change to the Rules of Presbytery that would clarify procedures concerning the transfer of ministers. The Commission would like Presbytery to amend the Rules of Procedure in G; 3; d; 2 to read as follows:

2. The chairman may authorize the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to grant letters of transfer to other presbyteries or comparable judicatories. ***If there is not another Presbytery or comparable judicatory, their name shall be removed from the Roll of Presbytery without censure and they shall be divested of their office and their ordination removed.*** The chairman shall report his action to the Commission at its next meeting. (The bold italics to be added.)

C. The Commission appointed Rev. John Rogers as the moderator of the Sherwood Forest Session.

D. In accordance with direction from the Presbytery at its June 6 meeting, the Commission met on August 17, 2006 as a Judicial Commission to act on behalf of Presbytery concerning the actions of a member of Presbytery. The rules laid out in the Book of Discipline were followed for this Judicial Commission meeting.

Two charges were brought against the particular member of Presbytery.

1. The minister was charged with the violation of his Ordination Vows contained in Chapter 10, D, 2, g, 4. (Question 4)
2. The minister was charged with the violation of his Ordination Vows contained in Chapter 10, D, 2, g, 6. (Question 6)

The member of Presbytery pled guilty to both charges.

After due deliberation the Judicial Commission imposed sentence upon the member of Presbytery as follows: “That the member of Presbytery be suspended from the ministry for at least a year; and that he continue with his counseling sessions; and that the counselor file quarterly reports with the Judicial Commission; and that the member meet with the Judicial Commission prior to the Fall 2007 meeting of Catawba Presbytery to review the progress made in his situation; and that he shall meet with the Judicial Commission prior to the one year meeting if requested to do so; and that he meet periodically with two members of the Commission in order for them to provide pastoral care and concern.” The sentence became effective on August 17, 2006.

E. The Minister and His Work Commission, for a long period of time, has been concerned about the inability of very small churches to afford a full time pastor. Almost two years ago we introduced to the Presbytery a recommendation that Chapter 10; E; 11 of the F.O.G. be amended. This recommendation was approved by the Presbytery and sent to the General Synod as a Memorial. The memorial was approved by the General Synod and sent to the Presbyteries for approval at their Spring 2006 meetings.

At the June 2006 meeting of the General Synod it was announced that Amendment No. 35 and Amendment No. 36 both passed and were added to the F.O.G. This change will now allow a presbytery to issue a Call to an Evangelist, as outlined in Chapter 10; B; 3, to perform the duties of a pastor in churches that can not afford a full time pastor. With the change in Amendment No. 35 there is no longer a conflict with the wording in our retirement plan.

Also, G; Appendix A; 2; g of the Rules of Procedure allow the Commission to “determine available alternatives for courses of action to be taken in cases where churches desiring to tender a call cannot meet the above basic compensation requirements.” Since the Commission has already been given permission to “determine available alternatives” it would not be necessary to vote to set aside the Rules of Presbytery in order to consider a Call as an Evangelist to a particular congregation.

Small congregations now have an opportunity to call a part time minister to perform the duties of a pastor, which they have not had before.

F. Rev. Meredith Cavin has submitted his resignation to the Session of the Sharon A.R.P. Church to become effective September 24. At a called Congregational Meeting on September 3 the congregation voted to accept his resignation, and is requesting the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective September 24.

The Commission has appointed Rev. William H. Elder, Jr. as the Moderator of the Session beginning September 25.

G. The Commission has appointed Rev. Glenn C. Welsford as the Moderator of the Session of the Sherwood Forest A.R.P. Church beginning September 8.

H. In August the Commission Chairman mailed letters to all ministers, clerks of Session and chairmen of the board of Deacons in all of the churches in Catawba Presbytery concerning the Mandatory Minimum Pay Increase for 2007. The minimum increase for 2007 is 4.1%.

Recommendations

1. That this report be received as information.
2. That items A, C, D, E, G and H be received as information.
3. That G; 3; d; 2 of the Rules of Procedure be revised to read as outlined in item B. above.
4. That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Meredith Cavin and the Sharon A.R.P. Church be dissolved effective September 24.

Respectfully,
William Roberts, Chairman

Recommendation 1 was ADOPTED.
Recommendation 2 was ADOPTED.
Recommendation 3 was ADOPTED.
Recommendation 4 was ADOPTED.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Commission has met two additional times September 20, 2006 at Calhoun Presbyterian Church in Calhoun, LA and on September 28 at Arsenal Hill since filing our original report with the Clerk of Presbytery.

Items:

I. The Presbytery has received an application from the Calhoun Presbyterian Church requesting that they be received into Catawba Presbytery as a self-supporting congregation. The church consists of 35 people, 14 adults and 21 children. Calhoun Presbyterian was incorporated by the State of Louisiana on December 3, 2004 as a Non-profit Corporation. They have completed the necessary requirements for reception contained in Chapter 13 of the Form of Government.

The Commission met with the newly elected elders and deacons at the Calhoun Church for the purpose of examining them concerning their reasons for desiring to become an Associate Reformed Presbyterian congregation, and to their acceptance of the Stands of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. At a congregational meeting held on September 20, the Commission met with the entire congregation and examined them in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 13 of the F.O.G. The entire congregation gave an affirmative answer when read the required question from the F.O.G.

The Commission met separately for a few minutes and voted to recommend that the Calhoun Church be received as a self supporting congregation of Catawba Presbytery.

J. Rev. John Basie has resigned as Associate Pastor at the Ebenezer Church effective September 30, 2006. The congregation, at a called meeting on August 27, 2006, voted to accept his resignation.

K. The Commission met with Mr. David Huffman, a member of First Columbia, concerning his request to come under care of Catawba Presbytery as a Student of Theology. The Commission voted to request that Presbytery receive him as a student.

L. The Commission met with Mr. Joseph Crump, a member of First Columbia, concerning his request to come under care of Catawba Presbytery as a Student of Theology. The Commission voted to request that Presbytery receive him as a student.

M. The Commission met with the Pulpit Search Committee from the New Hope Church concerning a Call as an Evangelist for Mr. Peter Rambo, their present student supply. The Commission discussed the Call, as well as their financial records, with the Committee. The Commission concluded that they were unable to issue a minimum call for a Pastor under the Rules of Procedure and that their Call for an Evangelist was in order. Mr. Rambo said that he was willing to accept a Call as an Evangelist if approved by the Presbytery.

N. The Commission met with the Pulpit Search Committee from the Carolina Covenant Church concerning a Call as an Evangelist for Mr. Steve Reynolds. The Commission discussed the Call, as well as their financial records, with the Committee. The Commission concluded that they were unable to issue a minimum call for a Pastor under the Rules of Procedure and that their Call for an Evangelist was in order.

The Commission examined Mr. Reynolds concerning his request that his ordination be restored in order to accept the call as an Evangelist at Carolina Covenant. Mr. Reynolds had previously requested that his name be removed from the rolls of Catawba Presbytery without censure effective March 14, 2000. After a thorough examination of Mr. Reynolds concerning his demitting the ministry, the Commission voted with a split decision to request Presbytery to restore his ordination.

Recommendations:

5. That the Calhoun Presbyterian Church be received as a self-supporting congregation and that the Church be entered on the rolls of the Presbytery effective today, and that a committee be appointed by the Commission to conduct a service of reception at the Calhoun Church, and that the newly elected officers be ordained and installed during the service.

6. That the Associate Pastoral relationship between Rev. John Basie and the Ebenezer congregation be dissolved effective September 30, 2006.

7. That Mr. David Huffman be received as a Student of Theology under care of Catawba Presbytery and that the Moderator conduct the proper service of reception for him, and that his name be entered on the roll of students of theology for Catawba Presbytery.

8. That Mr. Joseph Crump be received as a Student of Theology under care of Catawba Presbytery and that the Moderator conduct the proper service of reception for him, and that his name be entered on the roll of students of theology for Catawba Presbytery.

9. That the Call as an Evangelist from New Hope Church to Mr. Peter Rambo be read and approved, and that a date and time be set for a Called Meeting of Presbytery to conduct an Ordination Service at New Hope A.R.P. Church for Mr. Rambo and that call be presented to him at that time.

10. That Mr. Steve Reynolds' ordination be restored, and that his name be entered on the rolls of Presbytery as an ordained minister.

11. That the Call as an Evangelist from the Carolina Covenant Church to Mr. Steve Reynolds be read and approved, and that the Call be presented to him.

12. That the Middler sermon of Melvin Wines be received as a specimen of his progress.

13. That the Middler sermon of Juan Carlos Bonilla be received as a specimen of his progress.

Respectfully,
William Roberts, Chairman

Recommendation 5 was ADOPTED. The Calhoun Church was officially welcomed into membership of the Presbytery. Mr. Billy Alexander, a member of the Calhoun session, spoke to the Presbytery giving a brief history of the church.

Recommendation 6 was ADOPTED.

Recommendation 7 and 8 were ADOPTED.

Mr. Joseph Crump and Mr. David Huffman spoke briefly to the Presbytery and shared their faith journey.

The Moderator conducted the Service of Recognition for them and instructed that their names be entered on the roll of Presbytery.

Recommendation 10 was ADOPTED.

The call for Mr. Rambo was read and APPROVED with the following terms:

1. Basic Compensation: \$4200
2. Travel Allowance: \$0
3. Pay your moving expenses if applicable.
4. Housing arrangements – Not applicable
5. Medical and Hospitalization Insurance – Not Applicable
6. 0 weeks to be away for evangelistic or other church related meetings.
7. Grant you an annual vacation of 0 weeks.
8. Expenses for the meeting of General Synod.
9. Review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.
10. The Evangelist shall not perform more than 29 hours of ministerial duties per week.

The Call will be presented to Mr. Rambo at the time of his ordination.

James Barker moved that a Special Committee be appointed to determine a formula to determine the ability of a church to meet the conditions for the call of an evangelist.

An amendment was made and ADOPTED that the Moderator appoint a committee consisting of ministers and elders to conduct the study and bring a recommendation to Presbytery at the Spring meeting.

The motion was ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Recommendation 10 was presented concerning the restoration of Mr. Reynolds' ordination.

A motion made and ADOPTED to move to Executive Session.

Discussion continued.

The question was called. The motion failed 24-48.

Discussion continued.

A motion was made that the Moderator appoint a special committee to which the motion regarding Mr. Reynolds be referred and that the Committee meet with Mr. Reynolds and report back to the Presbytery at the earliest possible date.

Kyle Sims led the Presbytery in prayer.

The motion failed 29-45.

The call for the question to end debate was made and ADOPTED.

A motion was made and DEFEATED to vote by secret ballot.

Prayer was offered prior to the vote.

The motion to restore the ordination of Mr. Reynolds was ADOPTED.

The Presbytery ended the Executive Session.

It was reported to the Court that recommendation 10 was proved.

The call for Mr. Reynolds was read and APPROVED with the following terms:

1. Basic Compensation \$ 18,000
2. Travel Allowance of \$3,000
3. Pay your moving expenses if applicable.
4. Housing arrangements
5. Medical and Hospitalization Insurance provided by
6. 4 weeks to be away for evangelistic or other church related meetings.
7. Grant you an annual vacation of 2 weeks.
8. Expenses for the meeting of General Synod.
9. Review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.
10. The Evangelist shall not perform more than 29 hours of ministerial duties per week

The call was presented to Mr. Reynolds and he accepted the call.

Allen Derrick spoke the Presbytery concerning our need to practice forgiveness and reconciliation.

Recommendations 12 and 13 were ADOPTED.

The supplemental report from the State of the Church Committee concerning the examination of the session records was RECEIVED INFORMATION as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

Your Committee received 23 session minute books for review, including 5 not on hand at the spring meeting. Our work today was made significantly easier by the fact that 11 churches responded to the request to submit copies of the minutes to the Committee early.

The following records were reviewed as noted:

- a. With no exceptions: Westminster, White Oak
- b. With exceptions: Carolina Covenant, Hope Mission, Hope, IBL, Living Waters, Mayesville, New Hope, Oak Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Providence Mission, Rock Hill First, Rogers Memorial, Rowan, Scots Kirk, Sharon, Sherwood Forest, Shiloh, Smyrna, Tirzah, Union, Unity
- c. The following churches did not submit official records and are to bring them to the Spring meeting: Neely's Creek, York

A motion was made and ADOPTED that the distribution of the overtures from Synod be considered as the presentation of them to the Presbytery. The vote on the overtures will be at the Spring meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO *FORM OF GOVERNMENT*

SUMMARY

Amendment No. 45

Shall the *Form of Government*, **CHAPTER X, Section E.11.** be amended to read:

11. The call shall clearly state the amount of salary and other allowances, and shall include information as to manse, vacation, moving expense, medical 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 provisions 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.

Amendment No. 46

Shall the following sections of the *Form of Government* be amended:

a. **Chapter III, CONCERNING A PARTICULAR CONGREGATION OF THE CHURCH**

1. Add Section B, DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF A MISSION CONGREGATION (“MISSION”) and reletter the current B - G to C - H:

B. DEFINITION AND PURPOSE OF A MISSION CONGREGATION (“MISSION”)

1. A mission is a company of Christians, with their children, who are meeting together with the intention of forming an organized congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. It is distinguished from an organized congregation in that it is not governed by its own session, but is governed through a provisional session appointed by the presbytery.

2. The goal of a mission congregation is to become an organized congregation with its own session.

3. Mission congregations shall maintain membership rolls consisting of active, inactive, and non-communicant members as well as the names of those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism and the marriages and deaths of members. The mission shall maintain members on behalf of presbytery until such time as the mission becomes an organized congregation with its own session.

2. Amend Section “B” (Re-lettered “C”, **THE STRUCTURE OF A CONGREGATION, Non-Self-Supporting Churches**):

a. Change Heading to read: **Missions and Non-Self-Supporting Churches**

b. Change Section “(a)” to read:

(a) Title to ~~all~~ local church property of missions and congregations that are non-self-supporting shall be acquired, mortgaged, held and transferred by the Presbytery in which such property is located.

3. Amend Section “C” (Re-lettered Section “D”), **PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING A NEW CONGREGATION** as follows:

a. Add the following sentence to Section 1: It is also lawful and expedient to spread the Gospel by developing new congregations in geographical areas that lack a sufficient witness to the Gospel.

b. Change Section 2 to read:

2. Prior to organization, a presbytery may upon its own initiative ~~or upon~~ establish a mission, or grant mission status at the request of a group of Christians who are working toward the development of developing an organized congregation. grant mission status to the group. ~~The Presbytery shall 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, with an ordained minister to serve as moderator until the congregation is organized and officers are elected in the regular manner and a pastor is elected and installed. See X.E.15. Until such time as the group is organized and officers are elected in the regular manner and a pastor is elected and installed, 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. appoint an ordained minister to serve as moderator, or

c. issue a call to an ordained minister to serve as the mission developer. Such a call shall be issued in accordance with the provisions for calls to particular congregations, chapter X.E, sections 11-16. The mission developer shall serve as moderator of the provisional session.

- c. Add new Section 3 and renumber present Sections 3-12.

3. A presbytery may, upon the request of an organized congregation within the presbytery, grant mission status to a group that this sponsoring church is developing. Until the mission is organized and officers are elected in the regular manner the presbytery shall

a. Appoint the session of the sponsoring church to oversee the work on behalf of presbytery, or

b. Appoint 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

c. Appoint an ordained minister to serve as moderator, or

d. Issue a call to an ordained minister to serve as mission developer. Such a call shall be issued in accordance with the provisions for calls to particular congregations, chapter X.E, sections 11-16. The mission developer shall serve as moderator of the provisional session. The Presbytery shall consider input from the sponsoring church in the selection of the mission developer.

d. Amend Current 11, which will become the new 12, to read:

~~12. Ruling elders shall immediately be elected in the regular manner. Until these officers are ordained and installed, the presbytery or the commission shall appoint a Provisional Session. These officers shall immediately be ordained and installed by the presbytery or its commission.~~ Deacons may be elected in the regular manner.

e. Add new number 13 and renumber the remaining paragraph.

13. If both the provisional session and the members of the mission desire the mission developer to be installed as the pastor on the day of organization of the mission as a particular congregation, then they shall follow the same procedure to call a pastor as outlined in chapter X. E, 6-11. If the mission developer is not being called at this time as pastor, then the presbytery shall appoint a moderator of the session until such time as a pastor is called.

b. **Chapter X – Concerning Ministers**, Section B.1 to read:

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

Amendment No. 47

Shall the following sections of the *Form of Government* be amended:

a. **Chapter III, CONCERNING A PARTICULAR CONGREGATION OF THE CHURCH**, Section C, PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING A NEW CONGREGATION, add new Section 4 and renumber Sections 4-14.

4. A presbytery may, upon its own initiative or at the request of Synod's Board of Outreach North America, call an evangelist to

a. do preparatory work within the bounds of the presbytery toward establishing new missions,
or

b. develop missions outside the bounds of the presbytery with the approval of the presbytery, provided that this work receives prior approval from General Synod, and provided that any work within the bounds of another presbytery must receive the prior approval of that presbytery.

b. **Chapter X – CONCERNING MINISTERS, RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MINISTER**, Amend Section B.3. to read as follows:

3. As an evangelist.

a. A minister may serve as an evangelist as long as he is a member in good standing of some Presbytery.

~~b. He shall preach the Word, administer the sacraments, and perform the duties of a pastor in new fields or in congregations which are unable to support a pastor. He may also devote himself~~

~~entirely to preaching the Word in special evangelistic services under the supervision and direction of the pastor in whose charge he may be laboring.~~

b. A presbytery may issue a call to a minister as an evangelist in order to:

(1) do preparatory work within the bounds of the presbytery toward establishing new missions,

(2) develop missions outside the bounds of the presbytery with the approval of the presbytery, provided this work receives prior approval from the General Synod,

(3) perform the duties of a pastor, without being installed as pastor, in a congregation that is unable to support a pastor, or

(4) devote himself entirely to preaching the Word in special evangelistic services under the supervision and direction of the presbytery, or of the pastor in whose charge he may be laboring.

The evangelist shall always have as his primary duty the faithful sowing of the seed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

c. A presbytery may give an evangelist authority to preach the Word and administer the sacraments without the oversight of a session or provisional session. In special cases, the presbytery may also entrust the evangelist with authority to examine, receive, and dismiss members in a mission, and to train and examine potential ruling elders and deacons. The presbytery shall specify in writing the authority given to the evangelist, and may also specify the particular field and the time period in which this authority may be exercised.

d. When a presbytery calls an evangelist to develop missions outside the bounds of the presbytery, the evangelist shall work only with the approval of General Synod and in close cooperation with the presbytery's committee charged with new church development and Synod's Board of Outreach North America.

Amendment No. 48

Shall the Form of Government, **Chapter X.E., PROCEDURE FOR CALLS TO PARTICULAR CONGREGATIONS**, be amended as follows:

a. Amend Section E.2 to read:

2. The relationship between a minister and a congregation may be that of pastor, associate pastor, stated supply, ~~or~~ occasional supply, evangelist or, in the case of a mission congregation, mission developer.

b. Add new 15 and 16, and renumber current 15 – 18.

15. The presbytery may call a minister to serve as an evangelist. The presbytery committee charged with the responsibility for new church development, church revitalization, or evangelism will serve as the nominating committee to submit the name of a nominee to the presbytery, along with the terms of call, for approval or rejection by the presbytery.

16. The presbytery may call a minister to serve as mission developer of a mission. The presbytery committee charged with the responsibility for new church development will serve as the nominating committee to submit the name of a nominee to the presbytery, along with terms of call, for approval or rejection by the presbytery.

Amendment No. 49

Shall the Form of Government, **Chapter XI.A., CONCERNING THE SESSION**, be amended as follows:

a. Section A, ITS PURPOSE – Add Section 3 and Section 4

3. The presbytery initiating a mission may appoint a provisional session to exercise oversight of the mission on behalf of the presbytery. The provisional session will report to the appropriate committee of presbytery that is charged with responsibility for new church development.

4. If an organized ARP congregation is sponsoring a mission, the presbytery may appoint the session of the sponsoring church as the provisional session to oversee the mission on behalf of the presbytery. The sponsoring church session may choose to exercise its oversight through a subcommittee of the session.

- b. Section B, ITS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES – Add Sections 3 and 4 and renumber the present 3 as 5:

3. The provisional session overseeing a mission has the same responsibility as a session, but is a transitory authority aimed at preparing the mission to be governed under its own session. Presbytery has the primary oversight responsibility for the mission. This responsibility is usually exercised through the presbytery committee charged with the responsibility for new church development. The provisional session has secondary oversight and is accountable to the presbytery committee. Elders on the provisional session must be careful to allow the mission to develop its distinct identity and direction.

4. In order to carry out its responsibility to the presbytery, the provisional session has the power:

a. To receive applicants into communicant church membership upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or upon transfer of membership.

b. To encourage parents who are communicant members to present their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

c. To grant the appropriate certificate of transfer for any member in good standing upon proper request.

d. To admonish, rebuke, suspend, or exclude from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper any member of the congregation found delinquent, according to the Rules of Discipline.

e. To instruct and examine potential ruling elders and deacons.

f. To work with the mission developer in setting the time and place of the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, and over all other religious services.

g. To ensure that the mission is submitting required reports to presbytery and synod.

h. To encourage and advise the mission developer. It is important that mutual trust be established between the mission developer and the session. He should look to the session as his strong supporters and encouragers. He should feel free to share his concerns and frustrations with them. The session should advise and counsel him concerning his work and ways to most effectively develop the mission.

i. To provide care and nurture to the people attending the mission. The provisional session members should attend the mission often enough so that they know and are known by the members of the mission.

j. To ensure proper oversight and stewardship of financial resources.

k. To keep the presbytery committee informed of concerns that may need the presbytery's attention.

l. To call a congregational meeting of the mission in order to elect a pulpit search committee and vote upon the terms of a call to a pastor prior to the organization of the mission as a particular congregation.

m. To oversee all organizations within the mission, and in its discretion to require stated reports.

3. Section C – ITS ORGANIZATION

a. Add 2, and renumber present 2 -9.

2. The mission developer of a mission congregation, by virtue of his office, is the moderator of the provisional session.

b. Add new 11

11. A provisional session should hold at least one regular meeting each month.

James Barker moved that a Committee be appointed and that the Committee study carefully the matter of re-instating ordination and that guidelines be established for making the proper determination when a request is received for re-ordination. During the discussion it was pointed out to the Presbytery that the Special Committee of Synod to revise the Form of Government would be considering similar matters. The motion was DEFEATED.

There was no other new business.

The Stated Clerk announced plans for the Spring meeting to be held March 13, 2007 at the Smyrna Church, Smyrna, SC.

Announcements were made.

Following the singing of Bible Songs 280, Clyde T. McCants closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

Respectfully,
 Robert E. Patrick, Jr., Moderator
 Guy H. Smith, Stated Clerk/Administrator

APPENDIX A

CATAWBA PRESBYTERY OFFICIAL ROLL

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Faith	VACANT	[a]
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APPENDIX B

**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR
REV. ROBERT B. ELLIOTT, III
Tirzah A. R. Presbyterian Church
September 24, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

Invocation	Dr. Robert Lesslie
Scripture	Dr. Robert J. Robinson
Sermon	Dr. Robert J. Robinson
Constitutional Questions	Rev. Andrew K. Putnam
Declaration of Installation	Rev. Andrew K. Putnam
Installation Prayer	Dr. Robert J. Robinson
Charge to the Pastor	Dr. Guy H. Smith
Charge to the Congregation	Dr. Robert M. Alexander
Benediction	Rev. Robert B. Elliott, III

A reception followed the service.

Statistical Report on Growth in Catawba Presbytery

Overview

In order to understand the trends that are affecting our denomination and presbytery it is necessary to get an overall picture of what is happening in our country.

Recent polls by the Gallup and Barna organizations have shown levels of church attendance above 40%. These figures were based on individuals being asked if they attended church. These polls do not take into account that people exaggerate positive behavior when asked. In other words, they lie. Recent studies cited by David Olson of www.TheAmericanChurch.org have approached the question differently. Instead of polling individuals, they relied on attendance records for more than 60,000 churches. These studies yielded very different results.

According to church records 1990, 20.4% of the American population went to church on a typical weekend. By 2000, that number dropped to 18.4%. By 2003, the figure was at 17.8%. By 2050, if these trends continue only 11.7% of Americans will be in church on a given weekend. The number of “regular attenders” (3 out of 8 Sundays) was 24%.

Of those attending church, approximately two-thirds attended evangelical churches, about a fourth attended Catholic churches, and less than a sixth (14%) were in mainline churches. All three of these groups reached a smaller percentage of the American population in 2004. Evangelicals went from 9.3% to 9%, mainlines went from 3.9% to 3.4%, and Catholics went from 7.2% to 6.2%.

Overall, the trend for Christian churches in America is downward. While those attending Protestant churches *did* post a statistical gain of 7.8%, this growth seems to be entirely due to starting *new* churches. It does not keep up with the overall population of the United States population, which grew at the rate of 12.4% during the same period. This growth comes almost entirely from Evangelical churches. While the top three mainline churches shrank 6% from 200-2003, six Evangelical churches grew 1% above population growth in the same period.

The Christian church in America is numerically declining relative to the population. This decline is not limited to one denomination, but is felt across the spectrum of Christianity. In such a situation, it should not surprise us that a majority of our churches are also declining.

South Carolina

The state of South Carolina has grown rapidly. In 1990-2000, South Carolina grew 15.1%. Between 2000-2005 it grew 6.1%. All but four counties in South Carolina grew during this period. The largest growth was in Beaufort County (40%), followed by Horry (36.5%), Jasper (33.5%), Lexington (28.9%) and York (25.2%).

At the same time, church attendance has *decreased* as a percentage of population in all but ten counties. In 2000, the percentage of South Carolinians in church was 23.3%. However, by 2004, the church population had dropped to less than 22.9%. Not surprisingly, the largest denominational group in South Carolina is Baptist, making up 44% of churchgoers. Presbyterian-Reformed make up 7%, which makes us one of the most Reformed areas of the country. The national average is 1.7%.

Catawba Presbytery.

The following is a table of ARP Presbyteries that have existed from 1990-2000, and their growth rates:

Presbytery	Catawba	First	Florida	Miss Valley	Northeast	Second	Tn-Al	Va
Active 1995	8111	6536	3307	1522	1070	3257	626	994
Active 2005	7525	8003	3887	1336	960	3460	698	962
Total 1995	9659	8481	3754	2174	1420	5066	1079	2003

Total 2005	9283	9895	4545	2149	1300	4429	1116	1923
Percent change in active 1995-2005	-0.072	0.224	0.175	-0.122	-0.103	0.062	0.115	0.032
Percent change in total 1995-2005	-0.039	0.167	0.211	-0.011	-0.085	-0.126	0.034	-0.04

Our Presbytery has lost 7.2% of its active membership and 3.9% of its total membership in ten years.

Compare this with First and Florida Presbyteries.

First Presbytery added 22% of its active membership in the same period, and 16% of total. Granted, North Carolina has a higher growth percentage (21% to South Carolina's 15%) but even so, the difference is striking. First Presbytery actually *exceeded* by 1% the growth of its state, while we fell behind by 22.3%.

Florida Presbytery grew by 21% of its total membership and 17% of its active membership. This does not keep up with Florida's growth, which is similar to North Carolina's growth, but it is close.

Why did we shrink relative to the growth of our state, while First and Florida grew so well? It is worth noting that First Presbytery added 21 new churches or missions this time, while Florida added 9. Since 1990, Florida has more than doubled its number of churches. In First Presbytery, those new churches and missions added 764 active members to the presbytery roles. In addition, three churches—Christ Community, First Gastonia, and Back Creek added together a total of 624 members. These three churches are all led by pastors who had been successful mission developers.

At the same time, Catawba Presbytery has added five churches, three of which are out of South Carolina. Only Living Waters and Providence are the only ones on our current list of South Carolina churches that were not there ten years ago.

It seems clear from the example of First and Florida Presbyteries that planting new churches is the surest and best means of presbytery growth. Older churches tend to level off and die. An aggressive program of church planting is necessary for the survival of our presbytery.

TheAmericanChurch.org makes this additional observation about new church planting: The denominations that close the *most* churches are the fastest-growing ones. The denominations that close the *least* are the most declining. This would seem counterintuitive at first. However, it makes sense when we consider the risks involved with church planting.

Like the sower in Jesus' parable, not all the seeds grow. Many, if not most, church plants fail. Many who do become established will remain relatively small. Nevertheless, some new churches will grow and produce strong, vital churches who will share their prosperity with Presbytery. If we fail to sow by starting new churches, we also fail to reap.

Our Successes

Of the churches that are in continuous existence for these ten years, 10 have shown growth. They are:

- Rogers Memorial 84%
- IBL 31%
- Edgemoor 31%
- First Rock Hill 21%
- Maysville 17%
- Smyrna 16%
- Oak Ridge 14%
- Long Creek 11%
- First Columbia 6%
- Shiloh 3%

Of these ten churches, five of them have exceeded the growth of their counties—Rogers, Edgemoor, Oak Ridge, IBL and Maysville.

These churches are young and old, sociologically different, traditional, contemporary, with new pastors and old. Nevertheless, these churches have been able to increase their influence in the community by keeping up with community growth. Nevertheless, there are four principles we see operating in churches that grow.

1. *Theological integrity.* The failure of the mainline churches reveals the necessity of remaining true to our beliefs. When the ARP church has struggled with inerrancy and theological integrity, it has declined. When we have been theologically sound, we have prospered. The growth of other denominations bears this out as well.

2. *Spiritual Passion.* Another way of saying this would be *Heart Revival*. Even the best theology does no good unless we have the passion to sacrifice for it. A church or presbytery that is passionate about Christ will make any sacrifice to reach the lost. They will pray, work, give, and share their spiritual gifts. Without heart revival, good theology makes little difference.

3. *Church Health.* One characteristic shared by all the churches that are growing is that they are emotionally and spiritually healthy. They are comfortable with their pastors, and their pastors are comfortable with them. They are able to discuss differences of opinion freely without splitting the church. The people feel comfortable being themselves. They are not always harmonious, but they do love one another. Their members want to bring their friends, and they do not look on strangers with suspicion.

4. *Cultural Relevance.* A church that grows is not concerned so much with its own growth as with making an impact on its community. They see themselves as the bridge between the Word of God and contemporary society. Instead of focusing on their internal wants and needs, they focus on outward opportunities. They seek to remove cultural barriers and attitudes that keep visitors from hearing the Gospel. A church that wants to grow will study to understand the surrounding culture with equal fervency as they study to know and understand the Bible. This does not mean they are willing compromise essential doctrines, of course. It does mean, however, that they care about the people around them enough to seek ways of communication in a language that unbelievers will understand.

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Chart #1

**Projected Percentage of the Population Attending Christian Churches
on any Given Weekend**

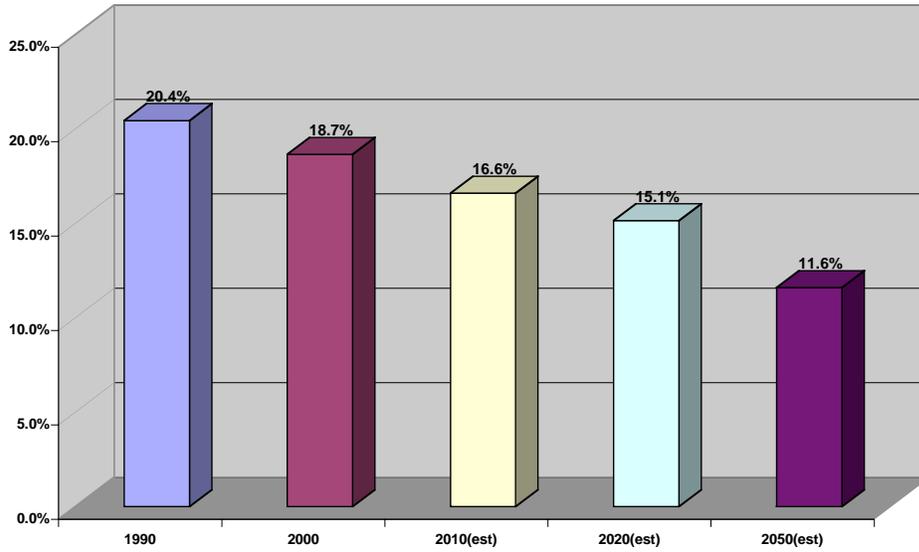
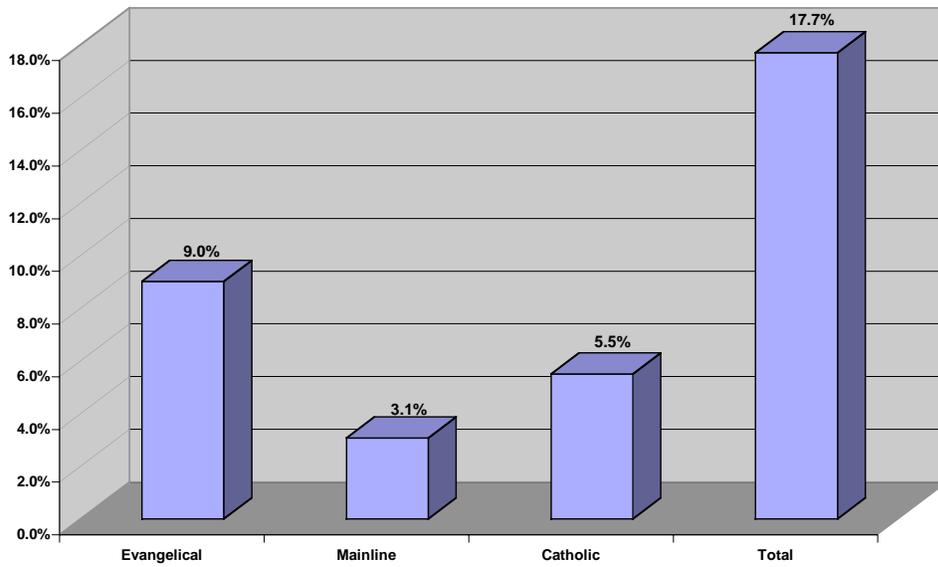
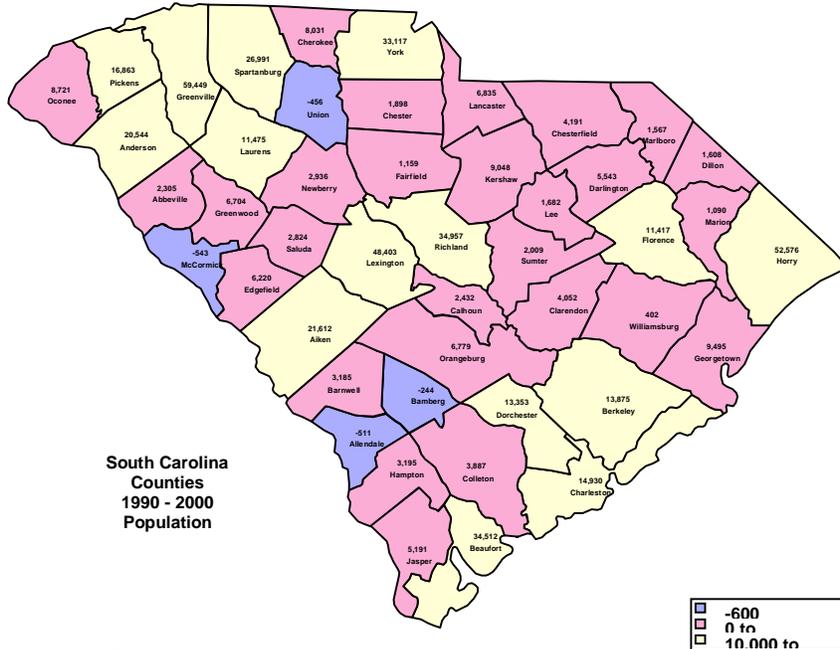
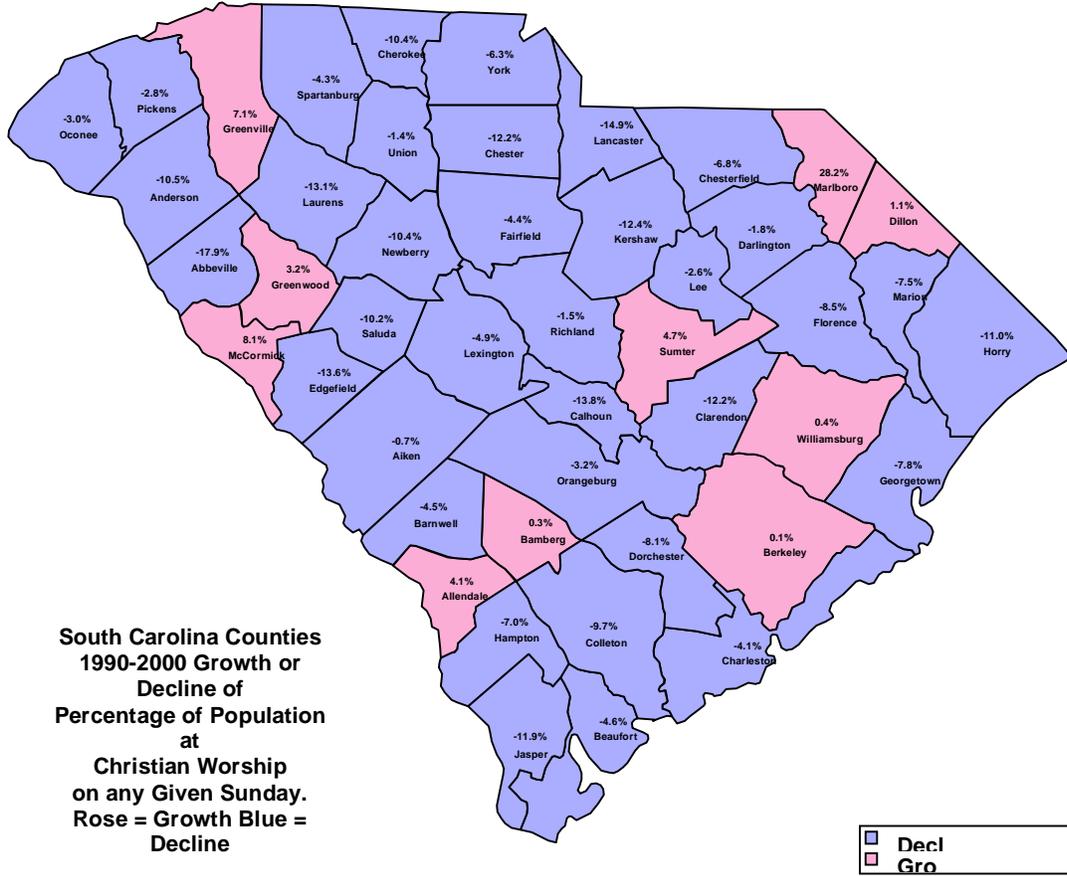


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**2004 Percentage of the Population Attending
a Christian Church on Any Given Weekend**

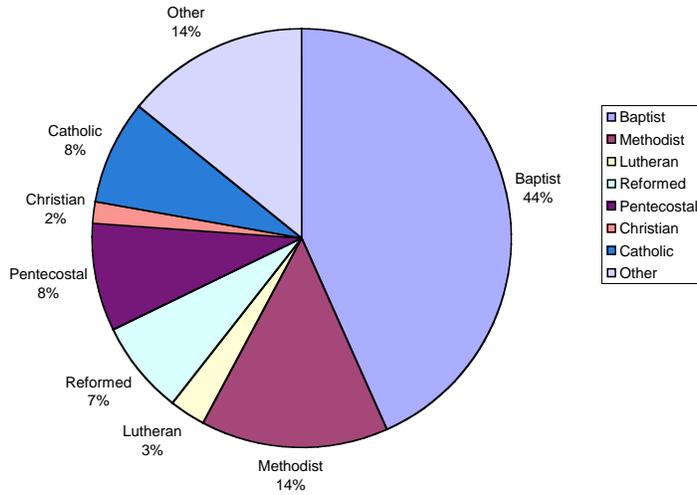


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Chart#4

South Carolina 2000 Church Attendance by "Denominational Group"



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Chart #6

South Carolina 2000 Weekly Worship Attendance

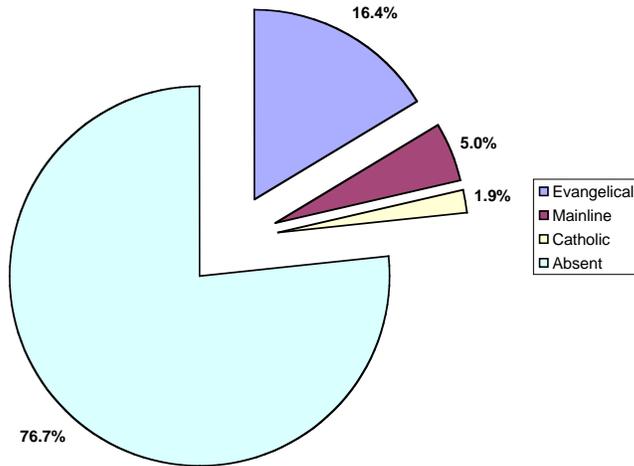
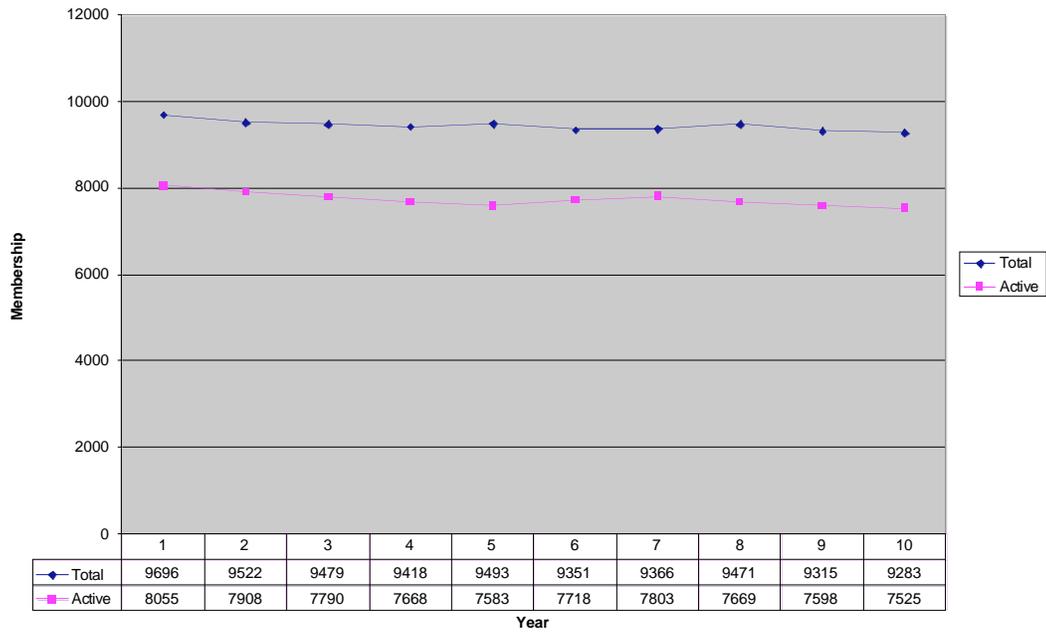


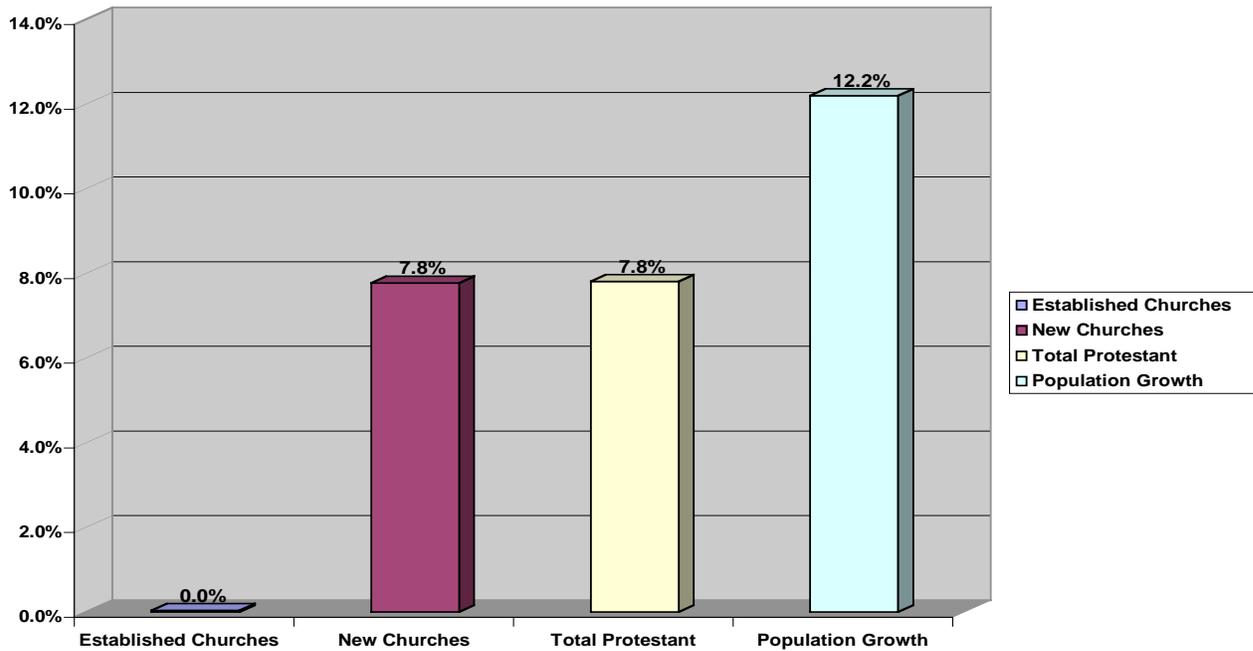
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Presbytery Losses 1996-2005



Chart#8

Attendance Growth Percentage of Protestant Churches 1994 - 2004



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1919	ORGANIZED	J. S. Moffatt		1945	April	T. B. McBride
1920	April	W. A. Kennedy			October	S. A. Boyce
	October	W. W. Parkinson		1946	April	A. J. Ranson
1921	April	R. C. Grier			October	D. B. Pressly
	October	R. D. Byrd		1947	April	R. M. Kerr
1922	April	S. J. Hood			October	M. W. Griffith
	October	R. A. Lummus		1948	April	C. E. Edwards
1923	April	A.K. Whitesides			October	R. A. Lummus
	October	E. B. Hinson		1949	April	W. P. Grier
1924	April	P. A. Pressly			October	J. R. Love
	October	W. H. Stephenson		1950	April	A. B. Love
1925	April	N. E. Smith			October	L. M. Allison
	October	W. S. Patterson		1951	April	C. E. Edwards
1926	April	R. W. Bell			October	J. H. Snell
	October	J. A. McKeown		1952	April	A. M. Rogers
1927	April	O. W. Carmichael			October	J. M. Bigham
	October	H. T. Patterson		1953	April	P. P. Patterson
1928	April	R. A. Willis			October	G. S. Lauderdale
	October	J. R. Miller		1954	April	F. L. Shannon
1929	April	R. A. Rabb			October	J. F. Heinsohn
	October	R. C. Betts		1955	April	W. J. Wylie
1930	April	R. L. Robinson			October	J. C. Smith
	October	R. M. Stevenson		1956	April	J. G. Brawley

1931	April	B. D. White		October	J. M. Bell
	October	J. P. Johnson		1957 April	B. L. Hamilton
1932	April	R. C. Grier		October	H. S. Mace
	October	E. Gettys		1958 April	J. E. Pressly
1933	April	A. S. Rogers		October	F. W. Sherrill
	October	J. G. Brawley		1959 April	T. S. Watt
1934	April	R. M. Stevenson		October	R. E. Sherer
	October	Oliver Johnson		1960 April	R. E. Beckham
1935	April	A. R. Lotts		October	R. B. Elliott, Jr.
	October	R. A. Lummus		1961 April	J. T. Stephenson
1936	April	J. L. Maloney		October	W. P. Grier
	October	E. B. Hunter		1962 April	J. N. Bigger
1937	April	W. S. Patterson		October	J. B. Hendrick
	October	J. L. Grier		1963 April	C. E. Linderman
1938	April	R. C. Betts		October	W. O. Ragsdale
	October	S. W. Rabb		1964 April	J. R. Moss
1939	April	F. B. Edwards		October	D. L. Pearson
	October	J. H. Snell		1965 April	W. F. Blakely
1940	April	W. R. Echols		October	B. E. DeWitt
	October	R. M. Bell		1966 April	J. C. Barker
1941	April	R. C. Grier		October	F. B. Edwards
	October	K. H. Patrick		1967 April	V. F. Latham
1942	April	W. O. Ragsdale		October	R. J. Robinson
	October	Oliver Johnson		1968 April	W. M. Kennedy
1943	April	R. A. Whitesides		October	C. M. Coffey
	October	R. W. Carson		1969-1970	C. R. Beard
1944	April	Joseph Lindsay		1970-1971	F. L. Shaoon
	October	F. W. Sherrill		1971-1972	J. A. Derrick
	1973	G. F. Johnson		1992-1993	J. W. McKeown
	1974	R. W. Dickson		1993-1994	R. E. Herrmann
	1975	D. L. Pearson		1994-1995	Z. W. Abernathy
	1976	C. A. Steele		1995-1996	W. M. Wardlaw
	1977-1978	N. E. Parks		1996-1997	W. L. Heinsohn
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1978 [Jan-June]		S. J. Anderson		1998-1999	T. G. Earle
1979-1980		G. H. Smith, Jr.		1999-2000	W. R. Roberts
1980-1981		J. D. Lesslie		2000-2001	M. W. Chappell
1981-1982		J. H. Boyce		2001-2002	R. B. Wilson
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1983-1984		F. J. Musselman		2003-2004	A. K. Putnam
1984-1985		J. P. Gettys		2004-2005	W. T. Clary
1985-1986		C. W. Todd		2005-2006	D. H. Lauten
1986-1987		E. C. McNair		2006-2007	R. E. Patrick, Jr.
1987-1988		J. R. Blevins			
1988-1989		F. H. Riley			
1989-1990		R. E. Beckham			
1990-1991		C. R. Burrell			
1991-1992		R. A. King			

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Principal Clerk

1919-1923	Dr. D. G. Phillips
1923	Dr. W. W. Parkinson
1923-1951	Dr. W. P. Grier, Sr.
1951-1958	Rev. W. P. Grier, Jr.
1958-1962	Rev. John S. Banks

Stated Clerk

1962-1970	Rev. Frank L. Shannon
1970-1973	Dr. James C. Barker

Stated Clerk/Administrator

1974-1980	Mr. Bruce P. Robinson
1980-	Dr. Guy H. Smith, Jr.

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J. Rogers White	June 7, 1966
Robert J. Robinson	January 17, 1967
J. Allen Derrick	July 7, 1968
James C. Barker	September 16, 1969
Edward F. Franze, III	July 16, 1972
Guy H. Smith, Jr.	June 15, 1976
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Mark E. Ross	March 24, 1985
Leland R. Beaudrot	March 21, 1987
Douglas O. Jones	January 26, 1988
David W. Setzer	March 19, 1988
R. Marion Canfield	October 10, 1988
Paul A. Pepin	April 9, 1989
David L. Rowe	September 5, 1989
Charles L. Mitchell	March 13, 1990
Andrew E. Basham	June 11, 1990
Andrew K. Putnam	June 10, 1991
David H. Lauten	June 23, 1991
Glenn C. Welsford	October 8, 1991
Alan A. Morrow	June 8, 1992
John H. Hopkins	June 8, 1992

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John M. Rogers	June 7, 1993
Clyde T. McCants	June 30, 1993
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L. Charles Hammond	June 7, 2005
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March 13, 2007
June 5, 2007
October 9, 2007

Smyrna Church, Smyrna , SC
Bonclarken – Convocation, Flat Rock, NC
Tirzah Church , York, SC

March 11, 2008	Union Church, Richburg, SC
June 3, 2008	Bonclarken – Convocation, Flat Rock, NC
October 14, 2008	Unity Church, Lancaster, SC
March 10, 2009	Westminster Church, Conway, SC
June 2, 2009	Bonclarken – Convocation, Flat Rock, NC
October 13, 2009	White Oak Church, White Oak, SC
March 9, 2010	York Church, York, SC

**CATAWBA PRESBYTERY CALENDAR
2006**

October 24, 2006	Catawba Presbytery Elders’ Association– Effingham Church, Effingham, SC – 7:00 p.m.
November 3-5, 2006	Catawba Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken
November 17-19, 2006	Catawba Presbytery Senior High Retreat at Bonclarken

2007

March 9-11 , 2007

Catawba Presbytery Middle School Retreat
at Bonclarken

March 13, 2007

Catawba Presbytery at Smyrna Church, Smyrna, SC
10:00 a.m.

March 23-25,2007

Catawba Presbytery Senior High Retreat
at Bonclarken

April, 2007

Catawba Children’s Retreat
10:00 A.M.
Place & date to be announced

May 3, 2007

Catawba Presbytery Senior Adult Retreat
10:00 a.m. – Place to be announced

June 5, 2007

Catawba Presbytery meets at Convocation Center, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC
2:00 p.m.

October 9, 2007

Catawba Presbytery meets at Tirzah Church, York, SC
10:00 a.m.

October 23, 2007

Catawba Elders' Association
7:00 p.m.
Place to be announced

November 2-4, 2007

Catawba Middle School Retreat
At Bonclarken

November 16-18, 2007

Catawba Senior High Retreat
At Bonclarken