

North Central Presbytery  
of the  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
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TO: Ministers, Probationers, and Stated Clerks of Sessions  
FROM: Stated Clerk Ralph E. Blevins  
RE: Spring meeting of North Central Presbytery

North Central Presbytery will convene with the Fairfield CPC congregation in Fairfield, Illinois on Friday, April 9th, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. local time. Sessions will continue through Saturday, April 10th to the conclusion of business.

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

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

Questions may be addressed to me as Stated Clerk. A map, directions, and a listing of lodging near the church are included in the back of this booklet

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**REB**

Program for  
**NORTH CENTRAL PRESBYTERY**

*Synod of the Midwest*

*Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

April 9-10, 2010

Meeting with the Fairfield C. P. C., Fairfield, Illinois

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 pm

Opening Worship Rev. Melissa Goodloe, Retiring Moderator

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Order of Presbytery Moderator

Organization of Presbytery

Roll Call (Sign-in Lists) Ralph Blevins, Stated Clerk

Constituting Prayer

Election of Moderator

Election of Vice-Moderator

Adoption of Program

Recognition of Visitors

Recess for Appointment of Committees

Announcement of Committee appointments Moderator

Communications Stated Clerk

Hearing of Denominational Representatives

Board and Standing Committee reports

Recess for Committee work and evening meal

FRIDAY EVENING

7:00 pm

Call to Order Moderator

Consecration Service CPWM President

Speaker Elder Sam Suddarth,

Moderator of the General Assembly

Communion Service Rev. Durant Axton

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Announcements and Adjournment

SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 am

Devotional	TBA
Heritage Report	Chandler
Call to Order	Moderator
Roll Call	Stated Clerk
Reading of minutes to date	Ruth J. Gates, Recording Clerk
Communications	Stated Clerk
Stewardship Report	Debbie Shanks
Board and Standing Committee reports	
Select Committee reports	
Other business	
Final Reading of the Minutes	Recording Clerk
Final Roll Call	Stated Clerk

Adjournment to meet October 8th, 2010, 1:30 p.m. local time with the Good Prospect CPC in Trilla, Illinois.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board meetings will be August 28th 2010, 9:00 am local time at Willow Creek.

## **Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care**

To: North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is session with the Fairfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Fairfield, Illinois, April 9, 2010.

The Board of Pastoral and Congregational Care met on February 27, 2010 with Terry Gordon, Adam McReynolds, Eduardo Montoya, Stanley Kline, Jerry Pataki, and J. B. Gates present. The meeting opened with prayer by Jerry Pataki

Absent: Sue Strause

Last Presbytery a motion was approved to pay for the expenses of Ministers to attend the Ministers Conferences. However, no funding source was identified.

**Recommendation One:** Funds to pay for expenses of ministers wishing to attend the Minister's Conference be paid out of the cash management fund.

### **Communications:**

Moderators reports from Rev. Richard Shugert regarding the congregations of Bethany and Georgetown.

No other reports were sent by appointed moderators.

A letter from a pastor was received asking for assistance and the board took action.

Subject to a review of the contract between Fairfield CPC and Rev. Durant Axton this board makes the following recommendation.

**Recommendation Two:** Rev. Durant Axton be installed as pastor of Fairfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The meeting closed with prayer by Adam McReynolds.

Terry Gordon, Chair, Adam McReynolds, Eduardo Montoya, Stanley Kline, Jerry Pataki and J. B. Gates

## Board of Judiciary and Session Records

To North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with the Fairfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Fairfield, Illinois, April 9th and 10<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The Board of Judiciary and Session Records of North Central Presbytery met February 27, 2010, at the Willow Creek church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Roger Dallwig.

Rev. David Parman requested to be excused due to a schedule conflict. The excuse was accepted. Members present were Chairperson Roger Dallwig, Secretary Mary Gard, Nelda Kline, Rev. David West, Rev. Carroll Richards.

For the current year Rev. Dallwig was nominated as Chairperson and Mary Gard as Secretary. There were no other nominations. On motion they were elected.

The Treasurer's Report was received for review as well as a contact information list for the current board members. Both were accepted by consent.

The board discussed procedure for future notification regarding presentation of minutes to be reviewed in a timely manner. By consent, the Secretary will send a letter by mail to all session clerks as well as an e-mail notice to clerks, pastors and appointed moderators on or about the first day of the month of the board meeting. This should allow sufficient time for those who wish to mail copies of their minutes. The notification letter will provide the address of the Stated Clerk and request any mailed minutes be sent to him at least 10 days prior to Board meeting date.

Minutes were received from the following churches: Monroe City, Mt. Olivet, New Hope, Shiloh, and Willow Creek. Spring Hill reported that they have not had a session meeting in the past year.

Minutes were not received from: Lebanon North, Lebanon South, Lincoln 1<sup>st</sup>, Morningside, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Oval, Oak Grove, Petersburg, Pleasant Grove, Shinar, Union North, United and Village.

On motion, meeting was adjourned with closing prayer by Rev. David West.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Roger Dallwig, Chairperson  
Mary Gard, Secretary  
Rev. Carroll Richards  
Rev. David West  
Nelda Kline

### **Board of Finance and Trustees**

To North Central Presbytery in session at the Fairfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Fairfield IL on April 9 and 10, 2010, the Board of Finance and Trustees submits the following report:

The Board of Finance and Trustees of North Central Presbytery met on February 27, 2010 at Willow Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Martinsville IL.

Present were Stephen Hughes, Don Findley, Ruth Louder, Terry Titus, Dean McReynolds, Mike Zoll, and Debbie Shanks. Unexcused was Rita Vaught.

Chairman Mike Zoll opened the meeting with prayer.

Thank you letters were read from Praise Worship Center, Warren MI, and from Brittany Meeks, Fairfield IL. Praise Worship Center shared their joy at making the final payment on the property formerly owned by First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Warren MI. Brittany expressed her thanks to the Presbytery for her scholarship to Bethel.

A letter from the Session of Chandler Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Chandler IN, was shared and discussed. The letter was addressed to the Presbytery and will be presented at the April meeting of Presbytery.

The following were elected as officers of the Board: Chair, Stephen Hughes; Vice-Chair, Dean McReynolds; Secretary, Debbie Shanks.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed, discussed, and approved.

The following were named as a sub-committee to audit the Stated Clerk's books: Mike Zoll and Dean McReynolds. The books were examined and found to be in order.

The following were named as a sub-committee to audit the Treasurer's books: Don Findley, Ruth Louder, Terry Titus, and Stephen Hughes. The books were examined and found to be in order.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer, led by Terry Titus.

### Treasurer's Report

<b>2009 Treasurer's Report</b>		
<b>Balance on Hand 1/1/2009</b>		<b>\$35,701.60</b>
<b>Synodic Budget</b>		<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>Board of Christian Education.</b>		<b>\$21,485.33</b>
Camps	\$15,111.59	
Camp Staff Training Event	\$0.00	
Convocation	\$1,000.00	
Insurance	\$5,233.00	
Medical Expense	\$56.74	
Misc. Expenses	\$84.00	
<b>Stated Clerk's Fund</b>		<b>\$5,250.00</b>
Office Expense	\$800.00	
Printing of Minutes	\$1,200.00	
Stated Clerk	\$2,500.00	
Stated Clerk's Conference	\$750.00	
<b>Presbyterial Fund</b>		<b>\$28,889.18</b>
Board Mtg. Expense	\$5,421.47	
Commissioners to GA	\$4,131.02	
Host Church to Presbytery	\$984.00	
Insurance	\$500.00	
Memorials	\$100.00	
Miscellaneous	\$115.10	
Office Expense	\$1,228.96	
Recording Clerk	\$600.00	
Scholarships	\$8,596.27	
Travel	\$1,712.36	
Treasurer	\$5,500.00	
<b>Bd. of Pastoral and Congregational Care</b>		<b>\$5,143.65</b>

Appalachian Broadcasting	\$300.00		
Coalition Appalachian Min.	\$300.00		
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00		
Mission Trip Assistance	\$0.00		
Postage	\$0.00		
Presbyterial Pastor	\$3,543.65		
Urbana Delegates	\$1,000.00		
<b>Board of Ministry</b>		<b>\$1,220.41</b>	
Gifts	\$0.00		
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00		
Postage	\$0.00		
Retreat	\$1,220.41		
Testing of Candidates	\$0.00		
<b>Board of Finance</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Board of Heritage and Witness</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>	
Historical Foundation	\$500.00		
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00		
Postage	\$0.00		
Web Page Maintenance	\$0.00		
<b>Board of Nominations</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
Phone Calls	\$0.00		
<b>Health and LTD Insurance</b>		<b>\$22,787.93</b>	
<b>Judiciary and Session Records</b>		<b>\$12.93</b>	
Postage	\$12.93		
<b>Fund to Assist Pastors/Churches</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Donation to GA Debt Retirement Campaign</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>	
<b>Transfer to Loan Investment Fund</b>		<b>\$192,000.00</b>	
<b>Support for Missions Ministry Team</b>		<b>\$4,500.00</b>	
<b>Support for Comunidad Cristiana</b>		<b>\$21,295.08</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$314,284.51</b>
<b>Apportionments Received</b>		<b>\$43,410.36</b>	
<b>Niner Fund/BKK</b>		<b>(\$462.70)</b>	
<b>Urbana Delegate Fund</b>		<b>(\$2,090.00)</b>	
<b>Sale of Petersburg CP Church</b>		<b>\$37,028.41</b>	
<b>Sale of Warren First CP Church</b>		<b>\$227,500.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$305,386.07</b>
<b>Balance on Hand 12/31/2009</b>			<b>\$26,803.16</b>

**INVESTMENT LOAN FUNDS**

**North Central Presbytery**

Balance on 1/1/2009		\$308,418.20
Deposits	\$192,462.70	
Interest Earned	\$14,266.22	
<b>Balance on 12/31/2009</b>		<b>\$515,147.12</b>

**Niner Fund**

Balance on 1/1/2009		\$2,012.06
Withdrawals	\$462.70	
Interest Earned	\$92.11	
<b>Balance on 12/31/2009</b>		<b>\$1,641.47</b>

**2009 APPORTIONMENT REPORT**

<b>Church</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>	<b>2009 Actual</b>	
Albion	\$181.79	\$181.79	
Bethany	\$3,874.82	\$3,874.82	
Burnt Prairie	\$659.82	\$0.00	
Campground	\$577.34	\$0.00	
Casey	\$833.21	\$0.00	
Chandler	\$4,777.43	\$6,947.28	
Christ	\$1,111.39	\$831.36	
Comunidad Cristiana	\$501.54	\$0.00	
Cumberland Chapel	\$458.57	\$458.57	
Ebenezer	\$1,105.12	\$1,017.48	
Elm River	\$1,757.54	\$0.00	
Fairfield	\$8,233.38	\$2,821.92	
Faith	\$887.11	\$887.11	
Fullerton	\$948.67	\$948.67	
Georgetown	\$1,403.44	\$2,239.17	**
Good Prospect	\$3,715.73	\$4,225.68	
Grace	\$1,034.52	\$1,034.52	
Knight's Chapel	\$1,115.28	\$0.00	
Lebanon North	\$1,995.43	\$1,995.43	
Lebanon South	\$280.36	\$0.00	
Lincoln First	\$1,881.82	\$1,725.24	
Monroe City	\$779.81	\$700.00	
Morningside	\$3,153.74	\$0.00	
Mt. Gilead	\$929.48	\$932.48	
Mt. Olivet	\$519.74	\$346.50	
Mt. Oval	\$270.57	\$0.00	
New Hope	\$2,128.67	\$2,128.67	
Oak Grove	\$170.69	\$0.00	

Petersburg	\$241.90	\$0.00
Pleasant Grove	\$1,262.64	\$1,202.00
Shiloh	\$1,518.42	\$1,518.42
Shinar	\$782.11	\$1,368.20
Spring Hill	\$347.15	\$0.00
Union North	\$545.43	\$300.00
United	\$2,167.48	\$2,202.22
Village	\$565.51	\$565.51
Willow Creek	\$2,957.32	\$2,957.32
	<b>\$55,674.97</b>	<b>\$43,410.36</b>

\*\* 2008 & 2009 apportionments sent in 2009

### **Board of Heritage and Witness**

To North Central Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in session with Fairfield CP Church in Fairfield IL, April 9-10, 2010.

The Board of Heritage and Witness met at the Willow Creek Church on February 27, 2010. All members except Rev. Albert Smith were present.

By consent, Priscilla Wilson led the meeting in the absence of Rev. Smith. The meeting was opened with prayer by Kevan Stum.

Letter received from Rev. Smith stating he would not be attending due to health problems.

Election of Officers: President, Rev. Albert Smith(pending his acceptance); Secretary, Priscilla Wilson.

Reviewed the Treasurers Report.

Stella Pryor reported she had called several churches in regard to giving their church heritage report. Chandler CP has agreed to give their report at Spring Presbytery. Casey CP Church has agreed to give their report in Spring 2012. She will be contacting more churches to set up reports for the next 3-4 years.

Discussed new programs. Stella reported Elm River's youth group is now being led by younger members of that group. They have approximately 30 members. Priscilla reported Casey CP had instituted a "Prayer Church." This is a small wooden church the congregation can put written prayers in. Congregational prayer is done over the church every Sunday. On the first Sunday of each month the church is emptied and new prayer requests are inserted. Several have reported answers to their requests.

Rev. Roger Dallwig gave the committee a copy of a paper written and presented by Gerald Morgan at the 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2010, in Farming Hills MI. The paper concerns the involvement of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the Great Revival of 1800 and the World Missionary Conference. Stella will review to see if it needs to be kept for the archives.

We recommend that all Session Clerks of the churches keep accurate records of their church's history. We also recommend that the Clerks try to find a member of their congregation to help them compile and maintain their church's history.

Prayer Concerns: Albert Smith, Lucy Becker, Melissa and Tim Goodloe. Stella Pryor led us in prayer.

Priscilla Wilson made the motion to adjourn and Kevan Strum seconded. Priscilla Wilson gave the closing prayer.

Submitted by: Priscilla Wilson, Secretary

### **Board of Christian Education**

The North Central Presbytery Board of Christian Education met Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> at Willow Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Justin Wallace, Youth Moderator, Cheryl Allison, Terra Sisco, Kathleen Fischer, Carla Harnacke, and Jesse Thornton.

Absent were Melissa Goodloe, Kim Wheeler, and Lisa Ozier.  
Also present was Sandra Stence.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Terra Sisco.

An election of officers was held with Melissa Goodloe being elected to serve as Moderator.

Cheryl Allison was elected to serve as Secretary.  
A resignation letter was read and accepted by Lisa Ozier.

Old Business was then discussed. Justin Wallace gave a report about Fall Youth Convocation which was hosted by the Willow Creek Church. It was reported that there was a good attendance and a great time was had by the participants. Also being discussed was the possibility of a Family Spiritual Retreat. We decided to further discuss this at our Fall meeting.

New Business was then discussed. The following names were sent to the nominating committee regarding service on our Board: Chet Snyder, Beverly Bencher, and Anna Ruth Long. We also discussed the upcoming Spring Youth Convocation that is being held by the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Casey, Illinois on March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

Upcoming events were reviewed. Junior/Junior High Camp will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Brush Creek Campground in Xenia, IL with staff day starting on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Big Kids Kamp (BKK) will be held at the same location on June 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. We do not currently have locations for Fall Convocation 2010 or Spring Convocation 2011.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jesse Thornton.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Allison, Secretary

## Board of Ministry

To North Central Presbytery in session with the Fairfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church on April 9 and 10, 2010, the Board of Ministry submits the following report:

The Board of Ministry met for the annual spring retreat at the Comfort Inn in Casey IL on February 26-27, 2010. Members present were Rev. James Messer, Rev. Rich Shugert, Rev. Kevin Small, Rev. Shirley Topar, Andy Pottorff, and Roy Shanks. Unexcused was board member Nick Ashley. Probationers present were Gail Allen and J.C. McDuffee. Excused was probationer Tim Goodloe. Visitors Jerry Middleton and Mrs. Karen Allen also attended the retreat.

Rev. Topar opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

Rev. Messer presented a workshop on confidentiality and the legal responsibilities associated with the ministry, then closed the workshop with prayer.

The election of Board officers was held and the following were elected: Chair, Rev. Rich Shugert; Vice-Chair, Rev. James Messer; and, Secretary, Roy Shanks.

Rev. Ralph Blevins conducted a training class for the elders who will serve communion to their congregations in the absence of an ordained minister.

**RECOMMENDATION ONE - That the following elders be approved to serve communion to their respective congregations, in accordance with our Confession of Faith: Charlotte McMacken (Faith), Jerry Middleton (New Hope), Scott Smothers (Burnt Prairie), Stephen Hughes (Georgetown), and Adam McReynolds (Bethany).**

On Saturday morning, Rev. Small led the opening worship, using Luke 15:11-32 as his text, then presided over the Lord's Supper. Following communion, those in attendance sang "Amazing Grace", then Rev. Shugert closed the worship service with prayer.

Rev. Eduardo Montoya appeared before the Board and introduced Julio Roman, who

has been filling the pulpit at Comunidad Cristiana Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Julio came to the Board with a letter from the Comunidad Cristiana session, recommending that he be received by the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. The Board heard Julio's testimony and the description of his call to the ministry. A time of prayer was held for Julio Roman, with Rev. Messer leading the prayer. Pending a successful background check and an examination by Presbytery, the Board makes the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION TWO - That Julio Roman be received by North Central Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.**

The Board met with Candidate Gail Allen. He shared the definition of his call to the ministry and gave an update on his schooling. Gail is filling pulpits whenever, and wherever, he has the opportunity and is making satisfactory progress in his schooling. The Board asked Gail to write a 5-page sermon on the topic, "What Does It Mean To Be Called", using Isaiah 6:1-8 as his sermon text. This assignment is to be completed by the April meeting of Presbytery. A time of prayer was held for Gail Allen, with Roy Shanks leading the prayer.

The Board met with Licentiate J.C. McDuffee. He reported that he has 3 more PAS courses to finish and that he hopes to complete his coursework by July 2010. J.C. said that God continues to confirm his call to the ministry as he serves the congregation of Lebanon North Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Board asked J.C. to write a 5-page evangelistic-style sermon, using Matthew 28:18-20 as his sermon text. This assignment is to be completed by the April meeting of Presbytery. A time of prayer was held for J.C. McDuffee, with Andy Pottorff leading the prayer.

Candidate Tim Goodloe was unable to attend the meeting due to emergency surgery on Friday evening. The Board said a prayer for Tim's healing and recovery.

As directed by Presbytery, background checks and psychological/social evaluations will be performed on all probationers and ordained ministers seeking to unite with North Central Presbytery.

**RECOMMENDATION THREE - That the funds for the background checks and psychological/social evaluations come from the budget of the Board of Ministry.**

A time of evaluation of the retreat was held and, after discussion, the Board decided to schedule a two-day retreat in February 2011, with the program to include a workshop on moral and ethical issues.

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Rev. Small.

**Board of Nominations**

No report received

**PRESBYTERIAL LODGING**

Below is a list of two of the hotels that are relatively near Fairfield Il. This is by no means an exhaustive list, there are also several hotels in and around Mt. Vernon which are within 35 miles of the church.

**Briarwood Inn**

116 N. Market Ave  
Fairfield, Il

Hotel is approx. 16.5 miles South West of church

Tel (618) 842-3667  
\$68.00 + tax

**Best Western Lorson Inn**

201 Hagen Drive  
Flora, Il

Inn is approx. 25 miles North West of church

Tel( 618) 622-3054  
\$65.95 + tax

**Directions**

The physical address of the Fairfield CPC is 1700 Outer West Delaware Street in Fairfield, Illinois.

If you are approaching from the north on US 45, simply follow US 45 South into Fairfield as it merges with Route 15 East. The church is on the south side of the road next to Walmart.

If you are entering Fairfield from Interstate 64 take exit 110 and follow US 45 North into town, approximately 8 miles. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> red light, turn west on main street and continue westbound about 1.5 miles and turn left toward Walmart and left again onto US 45 South and Route 15 east. The church is visible on your right.

If you need further directions please contact the church at 618-847-5281.

