

**MINUTES of the
82nd MEETING of the PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST
October 5-6, 2007
Parker EPC
9100 E. Parker Rd., Parker, CO 80138**

FRIDAY, October 5, 2007

82-1: Call to Order

Moderator Lou Angone called the 82nd meeting of the Presbytery of the West to order at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Angone opened in prayer for the meeting.

82-2: Introduction of Guests and Welcome

Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, Stated Clerk, General Assembly Office, was announced as our special guest.

Rev. Erik Ohman, Pastor, Parker, EPC, welcomed the Presbyters and introduced the members of the team that helped with the Presbytery meeting: Mike Work, Rev. Ken Glasier, Pat Russell, Vicki Mowery, Andy Gerhardt, Bob Maier, Royal Benjamin, and others. Thanks and acknowledgments were extended to the team and to all the additional volunteers for their help and hospitality.

82-3: Determination and Declaration of Quorum

Interim Clerk Huebl declared there was a quorum of the Presbytery in attendance, as evidenced by the following attendance record:

<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
<u>Arvada Community Church</u>		
Pulpit Open		
<u>Bear Creek EPC</u>		
Dr. James Coleman	Present	Ted Brandsma, Steve Anderson, Bill Jones, Mark
Rev. Bruce Spear	Present	Newberry, "Butch" Pritchett, Steve Ketcham
<u>Celebration Community Church</u>		
Rev. Steve Garcia	Present	
<u>Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church</u>		
Dr. Don Sweeting	Present	Jan Bole, Barron Weeks, Loy Oakes, Chuck Collins
Rev. Bruce Finrock	Excused	Tom Whitten, Al Johnson, Paula Shira,
Rev. Marty Martin	Excused	John Peper, Candy McCune, Ken Roberts
<u>Cherry Hills Community Church</u>		
Dr. James Dixon	Present	Barb Matthews, Cecil Matthews,
Rev. Ramona Spilman	Present	Howie Miller, Dutch Franz, Gary Fields, Ted Blank
Dr. Michael Anderson	Unexcused	Gene Kissinger, Sam Searcy, Kevin Whitley
Rev. Brett Garretson	Present	
Rev. Todd Schmidt	Present	
Rev. Scott Grabendike	Present	
<u>Christ Covenant Church</u>		
Rev. Bob Everest	Present	
<u>Christ Fellowship Church</u>		
Rev. Ed Davis	Present	Donna Davis
<u>Christ the King Presbyterian Church</u>		
Rev. Dan Weidman	Present	

<u>Clayton Community Church</u>		
Dr. Shawn Robinson	Excused	
Rev. Rick Nylund	Excused	
Rev. Scott Downing	Excused	
<u>Community Church of Ephrata</u>		
Rev. Robert Hock	Present	
<u>Cornerstone Community Church</u>		
Rev. George Carey	Present	
Rev. Robert Mossman	Present	
<u>Covenant Community Church</u>		
Rev. Marc Huebl	Present	
<u>Covenant Presbyterian - Omaha</u>		
Rev. Jeremy Grant	Excused	Gene Meyer, Randy Samson
Dr. Kevin McDonald	Present	
<u>Covenant Presbyterian - San Diego</u>		
Rev. David Fenska	Unexcused	
<u>Covenant Presbyterian - Vail</u>		
Pulpit Open		
<u>Faith Evangelical Church</u>		
Rev. James Murphy	Present	Scott Nuffer, Robert Kuseski, Lester C. Farwell,
<u>Faith Presbyterian Church</u>		
Rev. Douglas L. Klein	Present	Ned Davis, Paula Kendrick, Bobbie Mays, Paul Erdmann, Stephen Hill, Leila Robnett
Rev. Fred Stifel	Present	
<u>First Evangelical Pres. Church</u>		
Rev. Tommy Allen	Present	Davis Nichols, Scott Griffin
<u>Grace Community Church</u>		
Rev. Cooper McWhiter	Excused	
<u>Grace Presbyterian Church</u>		
Rev. Larry Carlson	Present	
<u>GracePoint Community Church</u>		
Dr. Fred Lian	Excused	Marlin Williams, Fred Joseph
<u>Greenwood Community Church</u>		
Dr. Tom Melton	Present	Rich Pilon
Rev. Anthony Vartuli	Present	
<u>Heritage EPC</u>		
Rev. Dave Brogren	Present	
<u>Highline Community Church</u>		
Rev. Mel Conant	Present	
<u>Lookout Mountain Community Church</u>		
Rev. Peter Hiett	Present	Andrew Trawick, Erick Ebzzing, Jim Moxon, David Schumacher, Randy Hinds, David Chamberlain, John Busch, Weston Eden, Dan Georgopoulos, Todd Lowther, Michael Cusick
Rev. Aram Haroutunian	Present	
Rev. Michael Klassen	Present	
<u>Morningside Presbyterian Church</u>		
Rev. David Zook	Present	
<u>Northwest Presbyterian Church</u>		
Rev. Steve Wilkinson	Excused	
<u>Parker Evangelical Pres. Church</u>		
Rev. Erik Ohman	Present	Bob Maier, Doug Boone, Royal Benjamin, Gerald McGowan, Stephen Brown, Donna Bower, Marshall Ekhoﬀ, Bern Draper
Rev. Ken Glasier	Present	
<u>Sanger Community Church</u>		
Rev. David Long	Present	
<u>San Ramon Presbyterian Church</u>		
Pulpit Open		

<u>Thai Evangelical Presbyterian Church</u>		
Rev. Chaluay Ruangchan	Unexcused	
<u>The New Community Christian Church</u>		
Dr. Louis Angone	Present	Steve Cox
<u>Valley Community Church</u>		
Rev. Guy Boyer	Excused	
Military Chaplains on Active Duty		
LTJG Brian Hill	Excused	
Major Mark Ingles	Excused	
Capt. Russ Ragon	Excused	
Other Chaplains		
Dr. James Bidderman	Present	
Evangelists		
Dr. Ehud Garcia	Present	
Rev. Windsor Stough	Unexcused	
Rev. Robin Kelley	Present	
Rev. Bob Barrett	Excused	
Serving Outside the Boundaries		
Rev. David Baer	Present	
Dr. Bob Beltz	Excused	
Dr. Bruce Demarest	Excused	
Rev. Dan Gardinier	Present	
Rev. Dr. Daniel Gilbert	Unexcused	
Rev. Marc Gronholz	Excused	
Rev. Steve Haas	Unexcused	
Rev. Duncan Howard	Present	
Dr. Andrew Jackson	Excused	
Rev. Donald Kearby	Unexcused	
Rev. Jason Kim	Excused	
Rev. Tom Leavitt	Present	
Dr. Henry Lederle	Excused	
Rev. Setan Lee	Excused	
Rev. Phil Legal	Excused	
Rev. Dave Meserve	Present	
Rev. David Newsham	Present	
Rev. Doug Neunke	Excused	
Dr. Gil Odendaal	Excused	
Rev. Torry Olsen	Unexcused	
Rev. Brian Post	Excused	
Colonel Robert Ralston	Unexcused	
Rev. James Rosenquist	Unexcused	
Rev. Richard Savidge	Present	
Rev. Bill Springston	Unexcused	
Rev. Bradley Strait	Present	
Rev. John C. Taylor	Present	
Rev. Stan Van Den Berg	Unexcused	
Rev. Jack Van Ens	Excused	
Rev. Richard Van Pelt	Present	
EPC Missionary		
Dr. Greg Livingstone	Excused	
Pastors Without a Call		
Rev. David Boswell	Unexcused	
Rev. Ed Blake	Excused	
Rev. David Flaig	Unexcused	

Rev. Jon Hokama	Unexcused	
Rev. Chris Istrati	Unexcused	
Rev. Timm Jackson	Unexcused	
Dr. James Martin	Unexcused	
Dr. Joel Olson	Unexcused	
Rev. Scott Rash	Unexcused	
Rev. Eugene Scott	Unexcused	
Rev. Richard Vroon	Present	
Rev. Tim Wilbanks	Present	
Chap. M. Bradley Yorton	Excused	
Retired Pastors		
Rev. Jerry Autry	Excused	
Rev. Bruce Ferry	Unexcused	
Dr. John Cedar	Excused	
Rev. Bob Merriman	Unexcused	
Rev. Gerald Kelly	Unexcused	
Rev. Frank Meyer	Unexcused	
Rev. Ed Randal	Unexcused	
Rev. Gary Reddish	Unexcused	
Dr. Charles Wickman	Unexcused	
Rev. George Wood	Excused	
Dr. Paul Johnson	Excused	
Rev. Mark Moore	Excused	
Rev. Chris Smith	Present	
Dr. Dean Wolf	Excused	
Rev. Bud Sparling	Present	
Guests		
Rev. Dr. Jeff Jeremiah	Present	Stated Clerk General Assembly Office
Candidates (Present at meeting)		
Adam Long	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
P J Werner	Present	Faith Presbyterian
Nate Johnson	Present	Christ the King
Alison Fall	Present	Cherry Hills Community Church
Gary McCusker	Present	Parker EPC
Brad Beall	Present	Greenwood Community Church
Sharon Beekman	Present	Cherry Hills Community Church
Observers/Others		
Mike Bonser	Present	Faith Presbyterian Aurora
Wanjiru Mukunga	Present	Greenwood Community Church
Brian Kleager	Present	Greenwood Community Church
Bryan Craig	Present	Parker EPC
Monty Brecheen	Present	Parker EPC
Ruth Baer	Present	Covenant Family Ministries
Rose Brandsma	Present	Bear Creek EPC
Madeleine Huebl	Present	Covenant Community Church
Paul Thompson	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Evelyn Hiett	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Bob Page	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Jeranne Walker	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Joel Schalla	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Stuart Sipkin	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Colette Standen	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Dick and Julie Jones	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Lo Mielke	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church

Jack Rasmusson	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Brian Newman	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Nancy Sipkin	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Wm G. Baldry, Jr	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Craig Lyons	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Tanya Lyons	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Corine Sweeny	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Elaine Storck	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Alaina Nickerson	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Amy Sheveland	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Jim Capen	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Denise Thompson	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Dave Linton	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Jason Sheveland	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Jill Howard	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Bruce Maher	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Ginny McCready	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Sally Lansig	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Carl Lansig	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Lenore Reed	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Brenda Georgopolos	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Kara Wynn	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Dana Brereton	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
William Brereton	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Rita Powell	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
John Pycr	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Jeff Hardison	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Erica Johnson	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Mike Mullin	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Brian and Mary Herack	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
D. Mare	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Dale Ehre	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
David Wright	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Sky Brishol	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Milinda Morris	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
John and Margaret Moyer	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Mack Moore	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Susan Hiett	Present	Lookout Mountain Community Church
Bill Suhunen	Present	Parker EPC
Judy Fields	Present	Cherry Hills Community Church
Norm Shaw	Present	Cherry Hills Community Church
Pat Russell	Present	Parker EPC
Mike Williams	Present	Cornerstone Community Church
Carla Vieregg	Present	Cherry Hills Community Church
Sue Bailey	Present	Cherry Hills Community Church
Shelly Cox	Present	New Community
Wendy Oakes	Present	Greenwood Community Church
Rhonda Reedy	Present	Greenwood Community Church
Jerry Kirk	Present	College Hill
John Moorhead	Present	Christ's Body
Cathy Strait	Present	South Fellowship
Calvin McKinney	Present	Morning Glory Church
Deborah McKinney	Present	Morning Glory Church
Wanda Pritchett	Present	

Todd Taylor	Present	Parker EPC
Randy Jordal	Present	ODF
JoAnne Croff	Present	
Ben Sallin	Present	Denver Seminary student
Donna Hanson	Present	
Hector Villalobos	Present	Greenwood Community Church

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Unexcused</u>	<u>Total on Rolls/Parity</u>
Teaching Elders	51	35	28	114
Ruling Elders	63			228
Candidates/Visitors/Guests/ Others	85			
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	<u>203</u>			<u>342</u>

Changes in Rolls

Removed from Rolls

New to Rolls

Mike Bonser	Candidate Under Care, Faith Presbyterian, Aurora, Colorado
Wanjiru Mukunga	Candidate Under Care, Greenwood Community Church, Colorado
Brian Kleager	Candidate Under Care, Greenwood Community Church, Colorado
Bryan Craig	Candidate Under Care, Parker EPC, Colorado
Monty Brecheen	Candidate Under Care, Parker EPC, Colorado

82:4 Approval of Docket

Motion was sustained to approve the docket with the following changes:

- Typo error, 2007 Proposed Budget to read 2008 Proposed Budget, on page 2.
- A time for Dr. Jeremiah to address the Presbytery was added before lunch on Friday’s agenda.
- An item of business to be added to Saturday’s agenda which was a petition from First United Presbyterian Church, Greeley, CO, to be received by the Presbytery of the West.

Motion was sustained to approve the docket as amended.
 (The original docket follows without the original attachments)

Proposed Docket
82nd Meeting of the Presbytery of the West
 October 5-6, 2007
 Parker EPC 9100 E. Parker Road
 Parker, CO 80138
 303.841.2125 Fax: 303.841.2076

Friday, October 5, 2007

Registration at Parker EPC starting at 9:15am
Call to order by Moderator Angone 9:55am
Business session begins 10:00am
Introduction of Guests Moderator Angone
Determination and Declaration of Quorum Interim Stated Clerk Huebl
 Attendance Register
 Approval of Docket and Remarks
 Clerk's Comments and Items

Omnibus/Consent Motion Moderator Angone
 A. Minutes of 81st Meeting be approved with a correction for the calls to Rev. Jeremy Grant and Rev. Kevin McDonald to be identified as an Outside the Boundaries Call as they are serving in an independent church. (These Minutes have been previously distributed.)
 B. Excuse those ministers with valid reasons for not attending the Presbytery meeting.
 C. That the commission to examine the officers and receive the membership of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Omaha, be dissolved with appreciation for having completed their assignment from the Presbytery. The Commission Report can be found under "Presbytery Committee/Staff Summaries of Activity and Updates" section of this Proposed Docket;
 D. That the Treasurer's Report be received. A copy of this report can be found as Attachment #1 to this Proposed Docket.

Motion to approve the entire Omnibus/Consent Motion

Presbytery Committee/Staff Summaries of Activity and Updates
 This is a new element to our meeting. This is for our permanent committees that do want to give a summary of activities or information to the Presbytery which has determined that a floor presentation is not necessary. For this meeting, this includes:
 Presbytery Ambassadors' Report which can be found as Attachment #2 to this Proposed Docket;
 The report of the Administrative Commission for Covenant Presbyterian Omaha, Nebraska, can be found as Attachment # 3 to this Proposed Docket;
 The Session Review Committee wants to remind all Pastors and Clerks of Session from each church to send a copy of your Session Meeting Minutes to your designated reviewer on our committee either monthly or quarterly. Please do not wait until year-end. If you have misplaced the list of churches assigned to each reviewer, please pick up a copy at the registration table today. (Thanks from the review committee: Bev Havens, Ken Glasier, Jack Nelson) Please find the Committee's review list as Attachment #4 to this Proposed Docket;

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MISSION BUDGET

Church Development (mission churches)	48,000	48,000	52,800
National Outreach Committee support	4,800	4,800	4,800
Total Mission Budget	\$52,800	\$52,800	\$57,600
Total Combined Budget	\$123,950	\$125,950	\$138,250

The Treasurer's narrative and comments to this 2008 Proposed Budget are as follows:

2008 Proposed Budget

By Bob Maier, Treasurer (303) 841-0498 (303) 246-7131 cell bob@tactile.com

This proposed budget for 2008 has been reviewed by the General Council and is presented for Presbytery consideration. It will be submitted for approval at the Presbytery meeting in February 2008.

Comments and Explanations

Stipends

Stipend for the Stated Clerk is increased 15% over the 2007 amount. This brings the amount a little closer to an equitable amount based on the required duties and responsibility of that position. The Stated Clerk did not receive an increase in 2007 even though it appears that way on the year to year budget comparison. The appearance of an increase in 2007 results from a change in the way payroll taxes were recorded. The net amount to the Stated Clerk was the same in 2007 as it was in 2006.

The Stated Clerk's Assistant and Treasurer remain at the same level as 2007.

Stated Clerk's Expenses

The Stated Clerk's budgeted expenses for 2008 are the same as 2007. That is possible in spite of increased travel expense because of new cost saving procedures installed by the Stated Clerk. Year to date (August 2007) that budget item is 25% under budget.

Nominating Committee

Once again for 2008 the Nominating Committee members are absorbing all of their committee expenses. They have our thanks and appreciation.

Officers and Directors Insurance Premium

This expense, previously shown as a line item, was included in the Treasurer's expense line item in 2007 and is included there for 2008.

Presbytery Meetings

Previously there were two line items for the cost of Presbytery meetings; Presbytery Dinners and Presbytery Meeting Hosting Help. These have been combined into one account titled Presbytery Meetings. Also, the amount has been reduced. During the past two years host churches have absorbed most of the cost for the Presbytery meetings making it possible for the budget amount to be reduced for 2008. We are very grateful to those churches.

On a Personal Note from the Treasurer

In preparing the budget for 2008 your General Council was faced with some difficult decisions and also many opportunities to praise the Lord. It is exciting to see the many ways God is using the people in these committees and commissions to further His plan. Much of this is accomplished without a dollar of Presbytery funds. This work could not be done without the hours and hours of volunteer service by the men and women of this Presbytery. It is truly a pleasure to see Godly people from all across our western states using their gifts to further God's kingdom. We are very grateful for their willingness to

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Presbytery Committee Presentations

The following are items that the Permanent Committees are presenting to the Presbytery which require action of the Presbytery. These items have been acted upon at the Committee level before being presented at this Presbytery meeting:

Ministerial Committee, part 1 Chair, TE Brad Strait
 Matters requiring Presbytery action to be presented with accompanying paperwork at the meeting.
Nominating Committee Chair, RE Paul Erdmann
 The Nominating Report will be distributed at the time of the meeting
2007 Proposed Budget RE Bob Maier, Treasurer

**Presbytery of the West
 2008 Proposed Budget**

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	2006	2007	2008
Moderator/Moderator Elect	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Ambassadors for the Presbytery	1,000	2,000	5,000
Stated Clerk	20,000	21,400	24,600
Clerk's stipend	6,600	7,200	7,200
Clerical Assistant stipend	13,000	11,000	11,000
Clerk's expenses			
Director of Outreach & Development	1,000	1,000	1,000
Director's expenses			
Treasurer	2,400	2,600	2,600
Treasurer's stipend		1,650	1,850
Treasurer's expenses	3,800	2,900	4,000
Ministerial Committee			
Church Development Committee	2,500	2,500	5,000
Assessment Center	3,000	3,000	3,000
Committee expenses	1,000	1,000	1,500
Care of Candidates Committee	0	0	0
Nominating Committee	600	600	600
World Outreach Committee	250	250	250
Session Review Committee	1,000	1,000	1,000
Women's Ministries	600	600	2,000
Presbytery Meetings			
Travel Expense	1,500	1,500	
Candidates' travel assistance			
General Assembly travel assistance	5,000	5,000	4,000
Presbytery travel assistance		1,000	3,000
Travel to inquiring churches			
Officers and Directors Insurance premium	900	3,000	1,000
Retreats/Seminars/Workshops	3,000	3,000	
Presbytery Dinners	3,000	3,000	
Total Administrative Budget	\$71,150	\$73,150	\$80,650

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serve God's kingdom through their gifts of time and skills.

The difficult part comes when we see needs that we don't have the finances to support. When after much prayer doors are opened and we are invited to follow His lead through that door. Then, we are held back by our financial life-line that will not stretch that far. Is that a lesson in persistence or is it a lost opportunity?

In any case, we are so very grateful to that group of churches that continually support this Presbytery year after year. Perhaps the lesson is "keep looking for those opportunities and when the time is right, I will provide as I away have." And He has, and we are grateful.

A Time for Inspiration 11:15am
 There will be a time for prayer, devotions, and inspiration before lunch.

LUNCH 12 noon
 Be sure to RSVP to Parker EPC your lunch reservations.

Dialogue with Rev. Peter Hiett and his exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith 1:00pm

Break 3:00pm

Meeting continues 3:15pm

Discussion regarding Rev. Peter Hiett's exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith.

World Outreach Committee Chairs, RE Gene Kissinger
 RE Paula Kendrick

The General Council of the Presbytery asked the World Outreach Committee to present to the Presbytery some of the exciting missional and transformational projects they are developing and have been working on this past year.

Ministerial Committee con't Chair, TE Brad Strait

Matters requiring Presbytery action to be presented with accompanying paperwork at the meeting.

Break 5:30pm

Dinner hosted by Parker EPC 5:45pm
 Reservations requested

Evening Worship and Prayer service 7:00pm
 Speaker

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Saturday, Oct 6, 2007

Continental breakfast and registration 7:15am
Meeting reconvenes 8:00am
Moderator's comments
Stated Clerk's Items

Presbytery Committee Presentations

Women's Ministries Chair, Ruth Baer

Chair Baer will be updating the Presbytery on:

1. The progress of the EPC Women in Ministry programs, with a report on the Charis Conference happening Sept 21-22 in Nashville, TN.
2. POW Women Ministries initiatives, including the reminder of special offering for EPC Women in Ministry to be taken 2nd weekend in Oct (ref May minutes)
3. Josna Azim from Pakistan will give an update on the literacy program that many of our EPC WM have supported. Her program is part of the Women's Development Association, which was started by Greenwood women. Josna's presentation will be the main part of the report. Educating Pakistani Christian women is a way to reach the Muslim Pakistani population by nationals. Josna had often said, "Teach a man to read, he gets a job; teach a woman to read, she changes her entire family."

Care of Candidates' Committee part 1 Chair, TE Dave Baer

Matters requiring Presbytery action to be presented with accompanying paperwork at the meeting.

Break 9:15am

Workshop on Prayer for Our Cities 9:25am
Moderator Angone

Care of Candidates' Committee part 2 11:20am

Matters requiring Presbytery action to be presented with accompanying paperwork at the meeting.

New Business
(Any items of New Business must be presented in writing, along with any supporting documentation in sufficient copies for all attendees, to the Stated Clerk before the start of business on Friday, February 2, 2007, and they must not be items that are already included in the Docket.)

Important Dates for 2007-2008

February 1-2, 2008	Sanger Community Church Sanger, California
May 2-3, 2008	NEED HOST CHURCH
June 19-21, 2008	General Assembly 4 th Presbyterian Church Bethesda, Maryland
October 3-4, 2008	NEED HOST CHURCH

Evaluation forms returned to Clerk

Appreciations to the host church Moderator Angone

Closing prayer and adjournment

List of Attachments:

1. Treasurer's report dated August 31, 2007 3 pages
2. Presbytery Ambassadors' Report
3. Omaha Commission Report
4. Session Review Committee's reporting information 2 pages

82:5 Clerk's Comments

Interim Clerk Huebl reminded all commissioners to be sure to sign the attendance register both days and to give the Presbytery office any changes of personal information for the upcoming revised directory. Also noted was the Clerk's office endeavors to go "electronic" as the primary source of correspondence and communication, and the need for current email address information.

82:6 Omnibus/Consent Motion

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- D. The Treasurer's Report be received. A copy of this report can be found as **Attachment #1** to the record of these minutes.

Motion was sustained to approve the entire Omnibus/Consent Motion

On a Matter of Privilege, Rev. Dr. Kevin McDonald, Covenant Presbyterian, Omaha, NE, told of the favorable settlement of their property with their previous presbytery, the PCUSA. A vote had just been taken at 4:30 p.m. by the PCUSA Presbytery to dismiss their property with the approval of the settlement offer made by the session of Covenant, Omaha, of \$125,000 upfront and \$30,000 for seven years, to go to local PCUSA missions. This allows Covenant, Omaha, to continue working with some of the local missions they have sponsored. Covenant, Omaha, also offered to host (with approval from their session) the May, 2008 Presbytery meeting. The Presbytery joined with Dr. McDonald, in giving thanks for their answered prayer!

82:7 Presbytery Committee/Staff Summaries of Activities and Updates

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- Administrative Commission Report for Covenant Presbyterian Omaha, NE, can be found as **Attachment #3** to the record of these Minutes.
- Session Review Committee's new mailing information can be found as **Attachment #4** to the record of these Minutes.

These summary of activities and information were received by the Presbytery.

82:8 Presbytery Committee Presentations - Part 1

82:8-A: Acted on a change in call status to Rev. Gordon Thompson Allen, First EPC, Renton, WA, from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor.

Rev. Brad Strait, Chair, Ministerial Committee, opened in prayer and presented Rev. Tommy Allen to the Presbytery. Rev. Allen was approved by First EPC, Renton, WA, by the required majority vote for a change in status from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor. Rev. Allen spoke to the Presbytery about what God is doing at First EPC, and about Session's great job at leading the church.

Elder Scott Griffin, First EPC Renton, advocated this change in status before the Presbytery.

Members of the Presbytery offered prayer on his behalf.

Motion was sustained to approve Rev. G. Thompson Allen's change of call from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor at First EPC, Renton, WA.

The terms of call for Rev. Allen are an annual salary of \$46,583, plus a housing allowance, the denominational retirement plan, insurance, education, automobile allowance, standard vacation, study leave and other miscellaneous benefits as per the EPC Terms of Call form. This form is on file in the Stated Clerk's office.

Motion sustained to approve the terms of call for Rev. G. Thompson Allen.

Motion was sustained to approve an Administrative Commission to install Rev. Allen at 1st EPC, Renton, WA. The membership of this commission is Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, Presbytery of the West, Rev. Ed Randall, Retired, Renton, WA, and Elders Scott Griffen, Davis Nichols, Glenn Boeschar and Gary Jensen from First EPC, Renton WA, for Oct. 28, 2007 at First EPC, Renton, WA.

82:8-B: Nominating Committee

Chair, Elder Paul Erdmann, spoke on behalf of the committee that they are always looking for those who are willing to serve. Also mentioned was the change in the sign in sheet at the registration table which now has space available to indicate an interest in serving on a Presbytery committee. The Nominating Report and list of Nominations and Membership of Permanent Committees can be found as **Attachment #5** to the record of these Minutes.

Motion was sustained to approve the Nominating Committee Report.

82:8-C: 2008 Proposed Budget

Treasurer, Elder Bob Maier, presented the 2008 proposed budget of \$138,250 for the Presbytery to review and take back to their sessions, with comments to be directed to Mr. Maier. The 2008 budget will vote for ratification at the February, 2008, Presbytery meeting. No questions were asked of Mr. Maier. The 2008 Proposed Budget can be found as **Attachment #6** to the record of these Minutes.

82:8-D: World Outreach Committee

Co Chair, Elder Gene Kissinger, told the Presbytery about what the World Outreach Committee has been doing and is planning to do. He stated the goal of the committee is to not do outreach on behalf of the Presbytery, but to encourage all of our churches to work together to do the outreach. He told of how our communities are changing and that we need to be equipped to deal with the changes as many of our neighbors are not native English speakers. Mr. Kissinger outlined four areas of ministry the committee is working towards in effectively reaching out to our communities:

- Communication and Resources - Internet website development.
- Muslim Outreach focus along the front range of Denver; Seminars to equip, train and encourage EPC churches in how to accomplish this outreach to the Muslim community.
- Presbytery based church planting team to plant a church in an un-reached people group.
- What does it mean for our churches to be missional and how can the world outreach committee come alongside our churches to help?

82:9 Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, Stated Clerk, General Assembly Office

Dr. Jeremiah began with prayer and gave a brief update on post General Assembly status of the transitional Presbyteries which have been in contact with us since the Assembly meeting. October 14, 2007, is to be a big “vote” date for some of these churches - as many as 20 churches we know about, but many others we do not know about, which are voting to affiliate with the New Wineskins transitional Presbytery.

The Presbytery was told that there was not a lot happening in the Presbytery of the West that Dr. Jeremiah was aware of, except maybe one possible church in Oregon that was interested in affiliating with the EPC. There will be more known at the end of October from the results of the New Wineskins Convocation at Sacramento, CA. Dr. Jeremiah also cited six realities we as a denomination are facing:

1. We do not have a strategic 5 year plan but are trusting the Lord and stepping out in faith that God will lead and provide for us.
2. Leadership in some presbyteries are unhappy about our GA leadership speaking in PCUSA churches.
3. Some PCUSA Presbyteries are refusing to dismiss their churches into our transitional Presbyteries.
4. We reiterate that we **do not** recruit, solicit, or initiate any contacts for churches outside the EPC. We only respond once we have been contacted.
5. We need to be aware that the Global Church is watching what is going on in the EPC and in American Presbyterianism.
6. We are in a time of change and transition, and a time of testing of our leadership, faith and courage.

Dr. Jeremiah concluded that a time of future opportunity awaits us as we face these challenges.

After some questions and answers, Dr. Kevin McDonald thanked the Stated Clerk and the Presbytery and told of Rev. Jeremy Grant and Covenant, Omaha’s journey. Prayer was also offered by Rev. Marc Huebl for First Presbyterian Church, Levelland, Texas, and their journey to the EPC, as their PCUSA Presbytery was voting this morning on First Presbyterian’s request to be dismissed with their property to the EPC.

82:10 A Time for Inspiration

Moderator Angone talked about spending time with those who attended the Pastor’s retreat. He told of taking some time for silence and meditation. We were given opportunity to do the same while music quietly played. We began with prayer, a time of quiet, and then prayer for one another.

Lunch Break

A wonderful buffet lunch was provided by host church, Parker, EPC. Presbyters were also treated to ice cream sundaes and a great time of fellowship with each other. Thanks and appreciations were extended to the volunteers and all who had provided a great meal!

While waiting to reconvene the meeting, Interim Stated Clerk Huebl thanked the Presbytery for those who had helped support his one week long 500 mile fundraising bicycle ride from Covenant, Aurora, to Covenant, Omaha.

82:11 Meeting Reconvened

Moderator Angone reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m with prayer. Moderator Angone, distinguished between voting and non voting members, and gave instructions about what was to transpire, informing the Presbytery that the upcoming dialogue with Rev. Peter Hiatt regarding his exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith was not a trial, theological debate, or a discussion on due process. Moderator Angone also thanked the Ministerial Committee Chair, Rev. Brad Strait and the Ministerial Committee for all of their hard work.

82:12 Acted upon Rev. Peter Hiett's Exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith

Ministerial Committee Chair Rev. Brad Strait opened with prayer for the Lookout Mountain Community Church community that was present. Prayer was also led by Rev. Ken Glasier, Parker EPC, on behalf of the leaders and congregation of LMCC, asking God to watch over them, help them, encourage and strengthen them, and for wisdom and grace to prevail among them and their church.

Rev. Strait then explained to the Presbytery that the purpose of the meeting was to hear Rev. Hiett's five exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith and to determine if Rev. Hiett's exceptions fit within the EPC Doctrine of Theology, and to take action whether to allow or disallow the five exceptions. Rev. Hiett's exceptions can be found as **Attachment #7** to the record of these Minutes.

Rev. Strait gave an overview of the process that led up to this meeting stating that the Ministerial Committee was initially contacted by Rev. Hiett and some parishioners from Lookout Mountain Community Church regarding Rev. Hiett's theology and teachings. Rev. Strait also noted that the Ministerial Committee had been in communication with Rev. Hiett and the session of Lookout Mountain Community Church for the last year and a half regarding these issues.

Rev. Hiett was given one half hour to present his discourse which included a review of his summary and highlights of what his document states and his thoughts on some of his key points - Time, Eternity, Hell, Hades, Gehenna, Salvation Comes to All, Inscrutable Judgment, Hope, God has one purpose, Calvinist Theology, Limited Atonement, Theologians (on the left) and the EPC.

Moderator Angone did open the floor for discussion and comments. Questions were asked by commissioners and responded to by Rev. Hiett in a question and response format.

Elder Ted Brandsma moved "having heard Rev. Peter Hiett's five exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith that this body votes to either allow or disallow these exceptions." There was a second. Discussion on this motion followed, a call for the question, and Moderator Angone asked all in favor to stand. Counters counted 68 in favor and 28 against.

Motion was sustained to vote to either allow or disallow Rev. Peter Hiett's five exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith.

The Presbytery then proceeded to vote on Rev. Hiett's exceptions.

*Votes were taken by ballots which were numbered one through five corresponding to each exception. Ballot counters did sequester themselves to tally ballots, with the results being read to the Presbytery as follows:

Exception #1 - 24 allow - 57 disallow
Exception #2 - 22 allow - 59 disallow
Exception #3 - 66 allow - 13 disallow
Exception #4 - 53 allow - 24 disallow
Exception #5 - 45 allow - 34 disallow

Chair, Rev. Brad Strait, then notified the Presbytery that Exceptions #1 and #2 were disallowed and that the Presbytery would respond in writing to Rev. Hiett with sufficient time being given to Rev. Hiett to respond. A called meeting of the Presbytery would be scheduled to consider Rev. Hiett's response.

**While votes were being counted, the Presbytery commenced with the work at hand. Also, Rev. Aram Harutunian, LMCC spoke on behalf of Lookout Mountain church and Rev. Hiett and how they were doing. There was also a time for prayer and then information was given on potential church plants in our Presbytery and some upcoming events - John Stott and Conflict Management Training at Cherry Creek Pres.*

82:13 Update on Covenant Presbyterian Church of the Vail Valley, Vail, Colorado

Rev. Ed Davis also updated the Presbytery on what has been happening at Covenant Presbyterian, Vail, Colorado, and the need for pulpit supply while the church searches for a new pastor. Rev. Davis asked for names of those interested in helping fill the preaching need. He also asked for prayers for their previous pastor Rev. Eugene Scott and his need for a new position. **Motion was sustained to approve Rev. Ed Davis to serve as the Interim Moderator for Covenant Presbyterian, Vail, Colorado.**

Dinner Break/ Evening Worship Service and Communion

Hosting church Parker, EPC, provided a superb barbeque dinner buffet followed by a time of praise and prayer for the Presbytery at the evening worship service. Dr. Jeff Jeremiah gave the Scripture reading out of Matthew 22 and 28. Dr. Craig Williford, President, Denver Seminary, shared a message on "Mobilizing Citizens for the Kingdom of Heaven" based on I Peter 2:4-12. Communion was served as well as the Pastor's benevolence offering taken.

SATURDAY, October 6, 2007

82:14 Call to Order

Moderator Angone called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. and opened with prayer committing the work at hand to the Holy Spirit.

82:15 Presbytery Committee Presentations - Part 2

82:15-A: Women's Ministry

Chair, Ruth Baer, began her report with prayer, expressing thanksgiving for the Lord's love and care. Chair Baer updated the Presbytery about the ministry task the committee is addressing, as there are not only women's ministries within our churches, but also women *in* ministry in our churches.

Chair Baer did talk about the Faith Focus this next year to Croatia to participate in "Caring Abundantly for Our Missionary Women." This event is going to be Feb 26-March 12, 2008. \$15,000 is still needed for sending EPC Missionary women to one of two retreats.

Chair Baer also introduced Karen Overton from Greenwood Community Church, Colorado, Director of Women's Development Association who in turn introduced Josna Azim, Director of Life Impact Classes in Pakistan. These women told the Presbytery about how this ministry in partnership with Women's Development Association is helping impact the women in Pakistan through education and literacy and Bible classes.

Motion was sustained to approve the Women's Ministry Report.

82:15-B: Acted to receive Mr. Monty Brecheen, Parker EPC, Parker, Colorado; Mr. Bryan Craig, Cherry Creek Presbyterian, Englewood, Colorado; Mr. Mike Bonser, Faith Presbyterian, Aurora, Colorado, as Candidates Coming Under Care of the Presbytery of the West.

Chair, Rev. Dave Baer, began the Care of Candidates Committee report with prayer; thankful for those men and women the Lord is bringing to the Presbytery to pursue their ordinations.

Rev. Baer told about the work of the committee and it's commitment to do a thorough and complete job of preparing these candidates for ordination and ministry. He mentioned that the committee is working on a new brochure which is being designed for churches that have or will have candidates and how the church is involved in this process.

Rev. Baer also told Presbytery about how thoroughly the committee has interviewed these candidates who were being presented to the Presbytery today, asking them about their faith in Christ, their sense of call to vocational ministry and their interest in ordination in the EPC.

Candidates Mr. Monty Brecheen, Mr. Bryan Craig, and Mr. Mike Bonser were presented to the Presbytery as having met all the requirements for coming under care.

Mr. Monty Brecheen is endorsed by the session of Parker EPC; a student at Denver Seminary; and a member of Parker EPC for over 4 years. Mr. Brecheen told the Presbytery about some of his mission trips and how meaningful they have been to him and his Christian faith, learning how truly blessed it is to just be able to serve others. Rev. Ken Glasier, Parker EPC, told how the Lord is using Monty at Parker EPC, and heartily and highly recommended to the Presbytery to approve him for candidacy without any reservation.

Mr. Bryan Craig is endorsed by the session of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church; is a student at Denver Seminary, and a member of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church for more than a year. Mr. Craig told the Presbytery about how the Lord has cultivated a desire to nurture and teach the gospel to all people, and his sense of call to plant a church in downtown Denver, hoping to bring some spiritual renewal in the Five Points area of Denver. He told about the church plant, Denver Mosaic Church, and where it is in its process. Cherry Creek Presbyterian is the mother church. Elder Al Johnson, Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, was pleased to recommend Bryan to the Presbytery for reception as a candidate. He told of how Bryan has been working with Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church and the way God is using him.

Mr. Mike Bonser is endorsed by the session of Faith Presbyterian, Aurora; a 2005 graduate of Michigan Theological Seminary, and a member of Faith Presbyterian for the past seven years. Mr. Bonser has also served on the SWYAM at the General Assembly. Mr. Bonser stated, "I only want to be as available to God and Faith Church as I can possibly be." He told the Presbytery about his excitement to work with the vision of Faith Presbyterian Church to plant seven new churches on the east side of the Aurora, Colorado area. Elder Ned Davis from Faith Presbyterian Church, told the Presbytery about Mike's ministry to the youth at Faith, highly endorsing him to the Presbytery for approval.

An opportunity for questions was presented to the Presbytery by Chair Baer.

Motion was sustained to approve Mr. Monty Brecheen, Parker EPC, Parker, Colorado; Mr. Bryan Craig, Cherry Creek Presbyterian, Englewood, Colorado; Mr. Mike Bonser, Faith Presbyterian, Aurora, Colorado, as Candidates for Ordination Under the Care of the Presbytery of the West.

82:16 Workshop: Prayer for Our Cities

Dr. Lou Angone and his wife, Ginger, led a prayer workshop on the need for strategic prayer for our cities, using Scripture and testimony, after which, the Presbyters got into small prayer teams and prayed for their cities represented by the churches of the Presbytery.

82:17 Presbytery Committee Presentations - Part 3

Acted to receive Mr. Brian Kleager, Greenwood Community Church, Englewood, Colorado; Ms. Wanji Mukunga, Greenwood Community Church, Englewood, Colorado as Candidates Coming Under the Care of Presbytery of the West.

Chair, Rev. Dave Baer, Care of Candidates Committee, presented two additional candidates to the Presbytery with prayer, these candidates having met all the requirements for coming under care.

Mr. Brian Kleager, is endorsed by Greenwood Community Church; a Masters of Divinity student at Denver Seminary with intended graduation May, 2008 and a member at Greenwood CC for two years. Greenwood session said Mr. Kleager is uniquely qualified to minister to military personnel, working with Cadence International. Mr. Kleager told the Presbytery about how the Lord has used him and his wife to minister to people enlisted in the military. He also told how he and his wife fit with this pastoral ministry.

Ms. Wanji Mukunga, Kenyan, is endorsed by Greenwood Community Church. Ms. Mukunga graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Denver Seminary, and is currently serving as chaplain at the Christian Living Communities in Denver. Ms. Mukunga told the Presbytery about how she came to Christ and her Christian journey. She also told about her work with the senior citizens at Christian Living Communities and how excited she is about the EPC, its values, the Reformed Faith, and the relationships the EPC has.

Rev. Anthony Vartuli, Greenwood, Community Church, spoke on behalf of both of these candidates, having gotten to know them as they have become involved at the church, highly endorsing both candidates and encouraging the Presbytery to approve these candidates.

There were no questions for either of these candidates from the Presbytery.

Motion was sustained approve Mr. Brian Kleager, Greenwood Community Church, Englewood, Colorado; Ms. Wanji Mukunga, Greenwood Community Church, Englewood, Colorado as Candidates for Ordination Under the Care of Presbytery of the West.

The Candidates Questions from the Book of Order, 12-2, were asked all five candidates by Moderator Angone which all the candidates answered affirmatively. A charge and a prayer were offered by the Moderator as the candidates kneeled.

The newly declared candidates were offered the right hand of fellowship by the Presbytery of the West. Moderator Angone declared their names to be placed on the Candidate's Roll of the Presbytery of the West.

Advisors assigned to these new Candidates were:

Mr. Monty Brecheen: Rev. Ken Glasier, Parker EPC
Mr. Bryan Craig: Rev. Brad Strait, Outside the Boundaries
Mr. Mike Bonser: Rev. Doug Klein, Faith Presbyterian Church
Mr. Brian Kleager: Rev. Anthony Vartuli, Greenwood Community Church
Ms. Wanjiru Mukunga: Rev. Anthony Vartuli, Greenwood Community Church

82:18 Acted upon request of petition to be received by First United Presbyterian Church, Greeley, Colorado.

Rev. Doug Brown, Elder Roy Otto, First United Presbyterian Church, Greeley, Colorado, told the Presbytery about their journey and process to affiliate with the Presbytery of the West, EPC. The vote was 98% to affiliate, 320 yes and 7 no.

The Presbytery was told about the length of time the session and membership has been praying about what the Lord would have them to do. They determined that the Lord wanted them to come directly into the Presbytery of the West.

Rev. Brown said what a delight and how refreshing it was to come to a Presbytery meeting and hear discussion about church planting and evangelism. He also asked for prayers in their exiting process from the PCUSA to the Presbytery of the West, EPC.

Moderator Angone led the Presbytery in prayer for Rev. Brown, the session and membership of First United Presbyterian Church and their transferring to the EPC.

Petition to be received is on file at the Stated Clerk's office and available for the commission's use.

Motion was unanimously sustained for Ministerial and Church Development Committees to act as a Commission, to work with First United Presbyterian Church, Greeley, Colorado, in the reception process and requirements, to be coordinated through the Clerk's office.

82:19 New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

82:20 Important Dates for 2008

February 1-2, 2008	Presbytery Meeting Sanger Community Church Sanger, California
May 2-3, 2008	Presbytery Meeting
June 19-21, 2008	General Assembly 4 th Presbyterian Church Bethesda, Maryland
October 3-4, 2008	Need Host Church

82:21 Appreciation and Adjournment

Moderator Angone expressed thanks and appreciation to Reverends Bob Everest and Eugene Scott for the Pastor's Retreat and their work to put it together. Thanks and appreciations were also given to Parker EPC for the great job in hosting the Presbytery.

Adjournment with prayer by Moderator Angone was at 12:04 p.m.

Moderator

Interim Stated Clerk

Attachments:

#1	Treasurer's Report	3 pages
#2	Ambassador's Report	
#3	Administrative Commission Report	
#4	Session Review Information	
#5	Nominating Committee Report	

#6	2008 Proposed Budget	2 pages
#7	Rev. Hiatt's Exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith	2 pages

EPC Presbytery of the West
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2007

	Aug 31, 07
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - 1st United	7,224.26
Money Market - 1st United	189,103.75
Total Checking/Savings	196,328.01
Other Current Assets	
Church Development Loans	30,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	30,000.00
Total Current Assets	226,328.01
TOTAL ASSETS	226,328.01
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Capital One	2,766.83
Total Credit Cards	2,766.83
Other Current Liabilities	
Church Development Allocations	
E-470 Church Plants	67,790.40
Eagle Valley - 2007	4,000.00
Eagle Valley - 2008/09/10	30,000.00
Five Points Church - 2007	4,000.00
Five Points Church - 2008/09	18,000.00
Total Church Development Allocations	123,790.40
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal	35.86
FICA	248.52
State	22.78
Total Payroll Liabilities	307.16
Total Other Current Liabilities	124,097.56
Total Current Liabilities	126,864.39
Total Liabilities	126,864.39
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	112,856.12
Retained Earnings	-25,666.69
Net Income	12,274.19
Total Equity	99,463.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	226,328.01

Profit & Loss Budget – All Funds January through August 2007

	Jan – Aug 07	Budget
Income		
Contributions – Regular Support		
Bear Creek EPC	1,516.69	
Cherry Creek Presbyterian Ch.	6,333.35	
Cherry Hills Community Church	17,500.00	
Christ Covenant Church	2,100.00	
Christ Fellowship Church	5,130.00	
Clayton Community Church	700.00	
Community Church of Ephrata	1,700.00	
Cornerstone Community Church	400.00	
Covenant Community Church	525.00	
Covenant Presbyterian	380.00	
Faith Evangelical Ch. Loveland	2,000.00	
Faith Presbyterian Aurora	1,550.00	
First EPC Renton	1,638.00	
Grace Community Church	1,930.94	
GracePoint Community Church	1,168.00	
Greenwood Community Ch	6,848.00	
Individual Contributions	1,050.00	
Lookout Mt. Community Ch.	8,000.00	
Morningside Presbyterian Church	500.00	
New Community Christian Church	1,600.00	
Parker EPC	6,916.00	
San Ramon Pres. Church	1,050.00	
Sanger Community Church	2,000.00	
Santa Maria Community Ch	695.00	
Valley Community Church	900.00	
Contributions – Regular Support – Other	0.00	83,966.68
Total Contributions – Regular Support	74,130.98	83,966.68
Designated Contributions Pastors' Benevolence Fund		
	1,118.00	
Total Designated Contributions	1,118.00	
Interest Income	4,801.22	
Miscellaneous Income	535.00	
Total Income	80,585.20	83,966.68
Expense		
Administrative Budget		
Ambassadors' Expense	2,334.48	1,333.32
Care of Candidates Com	1,325.82	666.68
Church Development Committee		
CD Training, Assessment Center	5,909.06	1,666.68
Committee Expenses	1,004.44	2,000.00
Total Church Development Committee	6,913.50	3,666.68
Dir. Of Outreach & Development	227.07	666.68
Ministerial Committee	2,939.59	1,866.68
Moderator/ModeratorElect	1,152.67	666.68
Presbytery Meeting dinners	819.67	2,000.00
Presbytery Meetings	1,078.35	400.00
Retreats/Seminars/Workshops	89.02	2,000.00
Session Review Committee	0.00	166.68
Stated Clerk's Office		
Clerical Assistant's stipend	4,764.48	4,800.00
Clerk's Expenses	5,725.79	7,366.68
Stated Clerk's stipend	13,567.92	14,266.68
Total Stated Clerk's Office	24,058.19	26,433.36
Travel		
Candidates' Travel Help	0.00	1,000.00
General Assembly Assistance	0.00	666.68
Presbytery Assistance	905.20	2,666.68
Travel to Inquiring Churches	2,853.09	666.68
Total Travel	3,758.29	5,000.04

**Profit & Loss
January through**

**Budget – All Funds
August 2007**

	Jan – Aug 07	Budget
Treasurer		
Payroll Taxes	497.04	500.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,109.70	860.00
Treasurer's stipend	1,732.56	1,733.32
Total Treasurer	3,339.30	3,093.32
Women's Ministries	544.06	666.68
World Outreach Committee	0.00	400.00
Total Administrative Budget	48,580.01	49,026.80
Designated Expense		
Pastors' Benevolence Disburseme	931.00	
Total Designated Expense	931.00	
Missions Budget		
Church Development		
Covenant Pres. – San Diego	5,000.00	
Eagle Valley Outreach – 2007	7,000.00	
Five Points Church Plant – 2007	2,000.00	
Church Development – Other	0.00	32,000.00
Total Church Development	14,000.00	32,000.00
National Outreach Support	4,800.00	4,800.00
Total Missions Budget	18,800.00	36,800.00
Total Expense	68,311.01	85,826.80
Net Income	12,274.19	-1,860.12

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September 30, 2007

Ambassadors' Report for Presbytery of the West, EPC

The following is a report of the activities of the Presbytery of the West Ambassadors, Cecil and Barb Matthews, from April to September, 2007. The goals and responsibilities of the Ambassadors are as follows:

1. To visit Presbytery of the West churches, pastors and members of the congregations.
2. To communicate information to the churches about the Presbytery of the West.
3. To encourage church members and pastors in their ministries
4. To pray with and for the pastors and their families as well as for their ministry.
5. To communicate to the General Council and Presbytery the needs as addressed by the churches and pastors visited and how the Presbytery may assist or encourage.

Visits and Communications from January to April 10, 2007:

Churches Attended:

1. Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Castle Rock, CO
2. Christ Covenant EPC, Leoti, Kansas
3. Covenant Presbyterian Church of the Vail Valley, Vail, CO
4. Lookout Mountain Community Church, Golden, CO
5. New Community Christian Church, Littleton, CO

Pastors and Leaders visited and/or communicated with via e-mails, phone calls, or in person.

1. Rev. Lou Angone and wife Ginger, New Community Christian Church, Littleton, CO
2. Rev. Peter Hiatt and wife Susan, Lookout Mtn. Community Church, Golden, CO
3. Rev. Eugene Scott, Covenant Presbyterian Church of Vail Valley, Vail, CO
4. Rev. Rev. Jon Hokama, Without a Call
5. Rev. Gil Odendaal, Saddleback Ministries, CA
6. Rev. Bud Sparling, Retired, CO
7. Rev. Scott Rash, Arvada Community Church, Arvada, CO
8. Rev. Larry Carlson, Grace Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor, WA
9. Rev. Dave Long, Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA
10. Rev. Brad Yorton, Without a Call, Oak Harbor, WA
11. Rev. Dan Gilbert, Professor, King's College & Seminary, Van Nuys, CA
12. Rev. Phil Legal, Missionary, Bogata, Columbia
13. Rev. Dave Newsham, Missionary, China
14. Mr. Keith Becker, Candidate Under the Care of the Presbytery of the West, Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Englewood, CO
15. Mr. Nate Johnson, Candidate Under the Care of the Presbytery of the West, Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Castle Rock, CO
16. Rev. Robin Kelley, Clayton Community Church, church planter, Clayton, CA
17. Mrs. Susan Kiely, Candidate under the Care of the Presbytery, Lookout Mountain CC. Working with the Dalit Freedom Network with women in India.
18. Rev. Mark Shaver and wife Angie, Harvest Valley Christian Church, Weldona, CO
19. Mrs. Sharon Beekman, Candidate Under the Care of the Presbytery of the West, Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch, CO
20. Rev. Bruce Ferry, retired, Tehachapi, CA
21. Rev. Jerry Autry, retired, San Francisco, CA
22. Rev. Bob Everest and his wife Angie, Christ Covenant EPC, Leoti, Kansas

Respectfully Submitted,
Cecil and Barb Matthews,
Ambassadors, Presbytery of the West

Attachment # 2

August 24, 2007

Covenant Presbyterian Church Commission Report

The Administrative Commission to receive Covenant Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska, did complete its assignment given to them by the Presbytery of the West on August 20, 2007. The Commissioners in attendance were REs Bob Maier, Parker EPC, Parker, Colorado, Jack Nelson, Cornerstone Community Church, Aurora, Colorado, TEs Winsor Stough, Eagle Community Church, Eagle, Colorado, alternate Dan Weidman, Christ the King, Castle Rock, Colorado, and Marc Huebl, Covenant Community Church, Aurora, Colorado. REs Loy Oakes, Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Englewood, Colorado, and Ted Brandsma were not able to attend. The Commission did have a quorum present to travel to Omaha and examined the officers of the church, active and non-active, as well as reviewed the terms of call for TE's Jeremy Grant and Kevin McDonald, having previously received Covenant Presbyterian Church's petition to be received and membership rolls.

The Commission followed the provisions from the Book of Government 5-4 to receive this independent church since it has a similar form of government and its ministers had been previously examined and approved by the Presbytery of the West at its May, 2007, stated meeting. The Commission received the officers' list, reviewed the ministers' Terms of Call, and duly declared all officers and the ministers duly installed and that Covenant Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska, to be received as a particular church in the Presbytery of the West, EPC. The Commission then charged the newly installed session to continue to receive members and write their names on the membership roles. The Commission also reminded the session to review their civil articles of incorporation to make any changes necessary now that they are an Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commission,

Rev. Marc Huebl

**Presbytery of the West, EPC
2007 Session Review Committee**

September 2007 – Revised

To: EPC Pastors and Clerks of Session
From: Jack Nelson, Chairman
Subject: **Session Minutes for Committee Review**

Last year, you received a letter indicating where each church in the Presbytery was to send a copy of their Session meeting minutes for review on either a monthly or quarterly basis throughout the year. Please include appropriate items from the attached EPC Review Checklist in your minutes. This will help when we make our annual report to Presbytery each spring.

To better balance the number of churches that each of the 3 reviewers work with, some churches were given a different person in which to send their Session minutes. **Please make sure you are sending a copy of the minutes of each Session meeting to the correct person listed below.** Thanks for your help!

Bev Havens: Mail Session minutes to:
13747 A East Marina Drive, Aurora, CO 80014-5546 303-751-6892 HavensB@aol.com

<i>Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church</i> , Englewood, CO	<i>Faith Presbyterian Church</i> , Aurora, CO
<i>Clayton Community Church</i> , Clayton, CA	<i>First EPC</i> , Renton, WA
<i>Cornerstone Community Church</i> , Aurora, CO	<i>Grace Community Church</i> , Surprise, AZ
<i>Covenant Community Church</i> , Aurora, CO	<i>Highline Community Church</i> , Centennial, CO
<i>Covenant Presbyterian Church</i> , San Diego, CA	<i>Parker EPC</i> , Parker, CO

Jack Nelson: Mail Session minutes to:
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<i>Christ Covenant EPC</i> , Leoti, KS	<i>Morningside Presbyterian Church</i> , Phoenix, AZ
<i>Christ the King Presbyterian Church</i> , Castle Rock, CO	<i>Northwest Presbyterian Church</i> , Woodinville, WA
<i>Community Church of Ephrata</i> , Ephrata, WA	<i>Santa Maria Community Church</i> , Santa Maria, CA
<i>Covenant Presbyterian Church of Vail</i> , Vail, CO	<i>San Ramon Presbyterian Church</i> , San Ramon, CA
<i>Faith Evangelical Church</i> , Loveland, CO	<i>Valley Community Church</i> , San Jacinto, CA
<i>Lookout Mountain Community Church</i> , Golden, CO	<i>*Covenant Presbyterian Church</i> , Omaha NE (new 8/07)

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<i>Bear Creek Presbyterian Church</i> , Lakewood, CO	<i>GracePoint Community Church</i> , Littleton, CO
<i>Celebration Community Church</i> , Denver, CO	<i>Sanger Community Church</i> , Sanger, CA
<i>Cherry Hills Community Church</i> , Highlands Ranch, CO	<i>Thai EPC</i> , Cerritos, CA
<i>Christ Fellowship Church</i> , Ft. Collins, CO	<i>New Community Christian Church</i> , Littleton, CO
<i>Greenwood Community Church</i> , Englewood, CO	

If you have questions, please contact your assigned reviewer directly. Thanks!
Jack Nelson
Chairman, Session Review Committee

NOMINATING REPORT – OCTOBER 2007
 PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST
 NOMINATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Please note: * on second term, not eligible for third term
 ** extended to class of 2009
 *** elected to class as indicated

1. Moderator
 RE Cecil Mathews Cherry Hills
2. Past Moderator
 TE Louis Angone New Community
3. Moderator Elect (1 year term)
 TE for 2009 To be Elected in 2008
4. Stated Clerk, Interim Class 2008
 TE Marc Huebl Covenant Comm.
5. Director, Outreach/Development, Class of 2009
 RE Ted Brandsma Bear Creek
6. Treasurer, Class of 2008
 RE Bob Maier Parker EPC
7. The Nominating Committee
 Class of 2010
 TE George Carey Cornerstone
 Class of 2009
 RE Paul Erdmann** Faith EPC
 Class of 2008
 RE Sam Searcy Cherry Hills
8. The Session Review
 Class of 2010
 Vacant _____
 Class of 2009
 TE Ken Glaiser Parker EPC
 Class of 2008
 RE Bev Havens*** Faith EPC
9. The Church Development Committee
 Class of 2010
 RE Al Johnson* Cherry Creek
 TE Dan Weidman* Christ the King
 Class of 2009
 TE Eugene Scott Covenant Vail Valley
 RE Ken Roberts Cherry Creek
 RE Ted Brandsma Bear Creek
 Class of 2008
 TE Mel Conant*** Highline Comm.
 RE Steve Dunn*** Parker EPC
 RE Jim Klassen Lookout Mt.

*Note: Vacancies
 Self nominations are permitted. Please call / email
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 Sam Searcy 303.617. 6272 dcmi@ix.netcom.com
 Bud Sparling 303.766.1836 desparling@aol.com*

10. The Ministerial Committee
 Class of 2010
 TE D.E. (Bud) Sparling Parker EPC
 RE Marlys Devries Cherry Hills
 vacant _____
 Class of 2009
 TE Fred Lian GracePoint
 TE Ed Davis* Christ Fellowship
 RE Jan Bole Cherry Creek
 RE David Shahan* GracePoint
 Class of 2008
 TE Bruce Spear* Bear Creek
 TE Aram Haroutunian Lookout Mt.
 RE Jim Bacon* Cherry Creek
 RE Royal Benjamin Parker EPC

11. The World Outreach Committee
 Class of 2010
 RE Gene Kissinger Cherry Hills
 RE Bob Kuseski* Faith Evangelical
 Class of 2009
 TE Gil Odendaal Outside bounds
 RE Bern Draper* Parker EPC
 Class of 2008
 TE Rich Vroon Cherry Creek
 RE Jim Hill Cornerstone

12. The Women's Ministry Committee
 Class of 2010
 Vacant _____
 vacant _____
 Class of 2009
 Ruth Baer* Parker EPC
 vacant _____
 Class of 2008
 Devon Campbell** Greenwood
 Lynn Brogren*** Santa Maria

13. The Care of Candidates Committee
 Class of 2010
 TE Fred Stifel** Faith EPC
 vacant _____
 vacant _____
 Class of 2009
 TE David Baer* Outside bounds
 RE Barbara Mathews Christ the King
 TE Bob Mossman Cornerstone
 Class of 2008
 TE David Long*** Sanger
 RE David Sorenson*** Cherry Hills
 RE Alice Rydberg*** Cherry Creek

October 4, 2007

Attachment # 5

**Presbytery of the West
2008 Proposed Budget**

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Moderator/Moderator Elect	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Ambassadors for the Presbtery	1,000	2,000	5,000
Stated Clerk			
Clerk's stipend	20,000	21,400	24,600
Clerical Assistant stipend	6,600	7,200	7,200
Clerk's expenses	13,000	11,050	11,050
Director of Outreach & Development			
Director's expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000
Treasurer			
Treasurer's stipend	2,400	2,600	2,600
Treasurer's expenses		1,650	1,850
Ministerial Committee	3,800	2,800	4,000
Church Development Committee			
Assessment Center	2,500	2,500	5,000
Committee expenses	3,000	3,000	3,000
Care of Candidates Committee	1,000	1,000	1,500
Nominating Committee	0	0	0
World Outreach Committee	600	600	600
Session Review Committee	250	250	250
Women's Ministries	1,000	1,000	1,000
Presbytery Meetings	600	600	2,000
Travel Expense			
Candidates' travel assistance	1,500	1,500	
General Assembly travel assistance	5,000	5,000	4,000
Presbytery travel assistance			
Travel to inquiring churches		1,000	3,000
Officers and Directors Insurance premium	900		
Retreats/Seminars/Workshops	3,000	3,000	1,000
Presbytery Dinners	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	
Total Administrative Budget	\$71,150	\$73,150	\$80,650

MISSION BUDGET

Church Development (mission churches)	48,000	48,000	52,800
National Outreach Committee support	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total Mission Budget	\$52,800	\$52,800	\$57,600
Total Combined Budget	\$123,950	\$125,950	\$138,250

Comments and Explanations

Stipends

Stipend for the Stated Clerk is increased 15% over the 2007 amount. This brings the amount a little closer to an equitable amount based on the required duties and responsibility of that position. The Stated Clerk did not receive an increase in 2007 even though it appears that way on the year to year budget comparison. The appearance of an increase in 2007 results

from a change in the way payroll taxes were recorded. The net amount to the Stated Clerk was the same in 2007 as it was in 2006.

The Stated Clerk's Assistant and Treasurer remain at the same level as 2007.

Stated Clerk's Expenses

The Stated Clerk's budgeted expenses for 2008 are the same as 2007. That is possible in spite of increased travel expense because of new cost saving procedures installed by the Stated Clerk. Year to date (August 2007) that budget item is 25% under budget.

Nominating Committee

Once again for 2008 the Nominating Committee members are absorbing all of their committee expenses. They have our thanks and appreciation.

Officers and Directors Insurance Premium

This expense, previously shown as a line item, was included in the Treasure's expense line item in 2007 and is included there for 2008.

Presbytery Meetings

Previously there were two line items for the cost of Presbytery meetings; Presbytery Dinners and Presbytery Meeting Hosting Help. These have been combined into one account titled Presbytery Meetings. Also, the amount has been reduced. During the past two years host churches have absorbed most of the cost for the Presbytery meetings making it possible for the budget amount to be reduced for 2008. We are very grateful to those churches.

On a Personal Note from the Treasurer

In preparing the budget for 2008 your General Council was faced with some difficult decisions and also many opportunities to praise the Lord. It is exciting to see the many ways God is using the people in these committees and commissions to further His plan. Much of this is accomplished without a dollar of Presbytery funds. This work could not be done without the hours and hours of volunteer service by the men and women of this Presbytery. It is truly a pleasure to see Godly people from all across our western states using their gifts to further God's kingdom. We are very grateful for their willingness to serve God's kingdom through their gifts of time and skills.

The difficult part comes when we see needs that we don't have the finances to support. When after much prayer doors are opened and we are invited to follow His lead through that door. Then, we are held back by our financial life-line that will not stretch that far. Is that a lesson in persistence or is it a lost opportunity?

In any case, we are so very grateful to that group of churches that continually support this Presbytery year after year. Perhaps the lesson is "keep looking for those opportunities and when the time is right, I will provide as I away have." And He has, and we are grateful.

PETER HIETT'S EXCEPTIONS TO THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

Dear Friends,

I still “sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith... as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.” Furthermore, I do not “find myself out of accord with any of the *Essentials of the Faith*.” I’m also unable to articulate a change in my views since the “assumption of my ordination vows.” Since my ordination I have become more convinced of certain things, yet have always had reservations in the areas which I will articulate below.

Having said this, I understand that it is now my duty to inform you of any statements in the Westminster Confession to which I cannot subscribe. Below are some areas of the Confession with which I struggle and some statements with which I cannot completely subscribe:

1. Chapter 3.7 states, “...it **pleased** God not to call the rest of mankind and to ordain them to dishonor and wrath for their sin...” I am unclear as to who “the rest of mankind” are, but whoever they are, Scripture states that “he (The Lord) does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men” (Lam. 3:33). Ezekiel 18:23, “Have I any **pleasure** in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?” Chapter 35.2 of our confession states that God desires “that all men should be saved.” I realize that there are great mysteries here and that the English language has changed since the seventeenth century, but it seems misguided to use the word “pleased” in a confessional document in reference to God’s internal state regarding the act of damning the wicked.
2. Chapter 10.4 reads, “Others, not elect, may be called by the ministry of the word, and the Spirit may work in them in some of the same ways He works in the elect. However, they never truly come to Christ and therefore **cannot** be saved.”

IF the statement above means that only those elect for salvation can be saved, I wholeheartedly agree.

IF the statement above means that there is a group of people that “cannot be saved,” as some have argued, I would have to object. If there is a group of people that “cannot be saved,” it means that God “cannot save them,” for He is the only one who saves. In Matthew 19:25-26, the disciples ask Jesus “Who then, **can** be saved?” Jesus replies, “With man this is impossible, but with God **all things are possible**.” I do not see how one could affirm that there is a group of people that God “cannot save” without denying Christ’s meaning in Matthew 19:26.

Furthermore, if 10.4 of the Westminster Confession means that there is a group of people that “cannot be saved” and I am to subscribe to chapter 35 of the same confession, it appears to me that I must affirm that God desires the “impossible.” Chapter 35 reads, “God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the **whole lost race of man**, doth freely offer this salvation to **all men** in the gospel. In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his **desire that all men should be saved**; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and **commands all to embrace the offered mercy**; and by his Spirit accompanying the word pleads with men to accept his gracious invitation” (35.1-2). I affirm chapter 35 of the Confession and therefore must object to a reading of Chapter 10.4 that would necessitate postulating a group of people that God cannot save.

3. Chapter 21.3 states, “In order for prayer to be accepted it must be made... if vocal, in a known tongue.” I believe that worshipers may pray vocally in unknown tongues if someone with the gift of translation of tongues is present and willing to offer translation.

4. Chapter 22 appears to be misguided to me. I do not understand how the concept of “Lawful Oaths and Vows” can be justified biblically in light of Matt. 5:33-37 and James 5:12, “But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.” (ESV)
5. Chapter 29.8 states: “Therefore, just as the ignorant and ungodly are not fit to enjoy communion with Christ, neither are they worthy to come to the Lord’s table, and, as long as they remain ignorant and ungodly, they cannot and must not be allowed to partake of the holy mystery of communion without committing a great sin against Christ.” This is a confusing statement and perhaps I do not understand it. However if “unworthiness” consists of “ignorance and ungodliness,” it appears that Jesus violated the Westminster Confession of Faith on the night he instituted the Sacrament. He commanded his disciples to eat and drink, yet that night they would all fail him. Peter would deny him and be “sifted by Satan.” Judas (who appears to have been present) would betray him. They certainly may have drunk “judgment on themselves,” but they were still told to drink. Furthermore, if the Sacrament is indeed a mystery, doesn’t that necessitate “ignorance” by definition? I certainly believe that Paul’s instructions to the church in 1 Corinthians 11 should be followed with care; however I don’t believe they contradict the actions of Jesus on the night he inaugurated the Sacrament.

These are the objections to The Westminster Confession of Faith that I am aware of at this time. I believe that what I’ve communicated in sermons and other places is in compliance with and indeed even mandated by my subscription to the system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession as it is presented in the EPC handbook. Indeed, the Westminster Confession, as we have received it, appears to mandate more than I have preached or am comfortable in preaching. Chapters 34 and 35 were added at the turn of the century. Chapter 35 appears to at least question the doctrine of limited atonement.

Chapter 10.1 states, “God effectually calls all those and only those whom he has predestined to life.” That means if God calls a person, they will be saved (Romans 8:30). Chapter 35.2 states, “(God) invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy.” The “all” in chapter 35 is defined as “the whole lost race of man (35.1).” If God effectually calls, and indeed “commands all to embrace the offered mercy,” then the confession as received certainly implies that “all” will “embrace the offered mercy.” I would suggest that the WCF, as received by the EPC, has internal inconsistencies that make an entirely “subscriptionist” position impossible. If any in the Presbytery renounce a doctrine of “limited atonement” or “limited call,” as Chapter 35 seems to require, and do not renounce the doctrine of “effectual calling” as Chapter 10 clearly requires, they have embraced a position that goes beyond anything I have preached.

It is my understanding that I am being questioned regarding my exceptions to the WCF. However, I also realize that some have taken issue with other things that I have said or written; therefore, I will include some additional material: first a short summary of things that I’ve said and haven’t said, and secondly a longer summary of exegetical, theological and pastoral concerns. If the additional material is problematic for some, I hope the Presbytery will remember that this material is NOT the substance of my exceptions to the WCF.

Thank You Very Much,
Peter Hiatt
9-25-07