

PRESBYTERY of Western North Carolina

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To: Pastors and Clerks of Session

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to provide information about **the plans for holding the 125th Stated Meeting of Presbytery by Zoom on October 27th**. We will again meet by Zoom, working together, assisting and teaching one another as we go.

Everyone who will be an active participant in the meeting will need to register in advance electronically ASAP and no later than Thursday, October 22, 2020. We welcome all visitors to join the meeting via livestreaming from a link on PWNC's website (<https://www.presbyterywnc.org/>) on the morning of October 27th, no need to register.

Here is the [link](#) for registration. **It is very important that each minister or Clerk of Session share this registration link with the commissioner(s) from your congregation.** If the commissioner does not have a computer available, we ask you (either the minister or Clerk of Session) to confer with your commissioners and complete the registration for them on your computer. Please answer all the questions that apply to the registrant. If a computer is not available to any of you, please call the presbytery office (828-438-4217) no later than October 21st for assistance in registering—but the sooner the better.

Once registered, a return email will provide the link to join the meeting on October 27th. Please save it where you can easily find it to join promptly no later than 9:00 a.m. that morning. If a registrant indicates that they will be joining by telephone rather than by a computer or mobile device, that person will receive a separate communication providing them with instructions. If you think you may need a "practice" session using Zoom before the meeting, contact the Presbytery Office so arrangements can be made. On the morning of the 27th, plan to start joining 10 or 15 minutes before the start time of 9:00 a.m. to make sure your equipment is working as expected.

The **orientation session at the beginning of the meeting is necessary for all participants**. It will show you how to participate fully in the meeting—including how to vote on matters that come before Presbytery. **Also, be especially aware that every individual must enter the meeting on a separate device**, whether computer, tablet, smart phone, or traditional telephone. This is primarily because each device will count as a vote when votes are cast. Secondly, it will avoid multiple people crowding around a single device in a time of social distancing. For optimal experience, a computer equipped with microphone and camera is best—but even a traditional telephone will work for audio only participation.

While a packet of materials with the complete docket for the meeting, along with reports of interest, will be available shortly, here are some notable highlights:

- **a Reformation sermon by Kevin Frederick of Waldensian Presbyterian Church,**
- **the installation of our new General Presbyter, Byron Wade,**
- **the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. [Be sure and arrange for your own elements (some kind of bread and juice, wine, or other beverage) so you can participate in Communion.]**
- **the presentation of four inquirers ready to move to candidacy for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.**
- **The introduction of a candidate for ordination, and two for commissioning.**

All in all, October 27th promises to be another great adventure—as has so much of our church life in recent days. “See” you at the meeting!

Grace and peace,

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D. Cameron Murchison, Jr.
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WNC

P.S. Intercessory prayer requests should be communicated to the Stated Clerk by October 23th by email (cmurc1@gmail.com) for inclusion in the meeting