

**A Summary of the  
138th MEETING OF THE SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY  
May 13, 2008**

Hosted by the Hebron Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia

The 138th Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at Hebron Presbyterian Church near Staunton. After nearly a week of substantial rainy weather, the clouds broke for bright sunlight as some 225 pastors, commissioners and guests traveled to the meeting. Vice Moderator Ann Held called the meeting to order in the absence of Moderator Ron Wilkes who was providing care and comfort as his wife was to have surgery.

Some highlights from the meeting included:

- Worship lead by Highland Augusta Mission Community members
- Election of the new Stated Clerk, the Rev. Jan Owen, pastor of the Buffalo Gap and Craigsville churches, to serve through February 14, 2009.
- Approved the distribution of excess operating funds from the 2007 Presbytery Budget as follows: \$10,000 goes toward helping fund the presbytery youth to the 2008 Montreat Youth Conference, \$6,500 for office equipment upgrades, and \$3,500 used by Office and Personnel for flexibility on staffing needs
- Approved Worldwide Ministries Committee request that Presbytery's portion of the 2008 Peacemaking Offering be allocated toward the work of the presbytery's Living Waters Team
- After meeting in Executive Session, upheld the Recommendation of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry that Will Vaus be removed from the roll of candidates and that the covenant relationship be dissolved.
- Approved the Commissioning of Elders Bobby Spurgeon as Lay Pastor of the Parish of the Pastures, Joan Wilson as Lay Pastor of the Round Hill and Second Opequon churches, and Tony Wilson as Lay Pastor of the Ivanhoe and Wardensville churches.
- Approved the terms of call of the Rev. Kerry Foster to the Bridgewater Church
- Approved the terms of call of the Rev. Scott Conrad to the Glen Kirk church.
- Approved examination of the Rev. Lanny Howe and enrolled him as at-large member of Shenandoah Presbytery.
- Heard report from Elder Mary Lou McMillin on behalf of House Church group receiving a Lyle Moffett Grant for 2008
- Received the annual report from the presbytery Disaster Response Team by Dave Thalman, director
- Homer Cornish from Worldwide Ministries reported on progress of mission survey responses and announced the 2008 Mission Fair to be held on Tuesday, November 11 at the Keyser Church.
- Bestowed the title of "Honorably Retired" upon the Rev. Pat Donohoe
- Received statistical reports showing there are 17,642 members in Shenandoah Presbytery as of the end of 2007 reflecting a loss of 357 members in the 2006-2007 period

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Stated Clerk*

Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Shenandoah is  
Saturday, August 23, 2008,  
at the Falling Waters Church in Hedgesville, West Virginia at 9:30 a.m.