

Minutes
Covenant Presbytery – October 4, 2008
Meeting at Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Fredonia, KY

Prelude: Medley of hymns played by Elaine York.

Opening Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 was read by Rev. Paul Stone.

Opening Hymn: "When We All Get to Heaven" led by Reese Baker.

Sermon: Rev. Paul Stone spoke on Matthew 18:15-20. Rev. Stone pointed out we are gathered together today as a church congregation. We are the body of Christ and are to be in harmony. There is much power when Christian people pray together, work together, and worship together. He left us to ponder the question, "Do we really know what we have?"

Communion: Pastor host, Rev. Curtis Franklin, led in the service of the Lord's Supper. The following assisted:

1. Elder Sandra Boaz, Camp Ground Church
2. Elder Sharon Resch, Mt. Zion Church
3. Elder Don Koch, Mt. Sterling Church
4. Elder Brenda Bugg, Fredonia Church
5. Elder Gerrold Doom, Piney Fork Church
6. Elder Jerry Fuller, Piney Fork Church
7. Elder Anthony Rowland, Good Spring Church
8. Elder Harold Cannon, Piney Fork Church

Call to Order: Covenant Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Stone.

Report of the Credentials Committee: Rev. Victor Hassell presented the Credentials Committee report with an enrollment of 27 ministers, 8 probationers, 27 elders, and 1 denominational representative for a total enrollment of 63.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to receive the report. The motion carried, and a record of the enrollment was filed as *Appendix "A."*

Quorum Declared: The moderator declared a quorum was present, and Covenant Presbytery was ready to conduct business.

Constituting Prayer: The moderator recognized Rev. Hillman Moore, who led in the constituting prayer.

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda as the order of the day. The motion was seconded and passed.

Election of Moderator: Moderator Stone declared the floor open for the nomination of persons to serve as moderator for this meeting of Covenant Presbytery. The following person was nominated:

I. Elder Raymond Nelson, Flat Lick Church

Nominations ceased, and we proceeded to elect Elder Nelson as moderator by acclamation.

Moderator Nelson led the presbytery in prayer.

Election of Vice-Moderator: Moderator Nelson declared the floor open for the nomination of persons to serve as vice-moderator for this meeting of Covenant Presbytery. The following person was nominated:

I. Rev. Hillman Moore

Nominations ceased, and we proceeded to elect. Rev. Moore was elected vice-moderator by acclamation.

Welcome: Pastor host, Rev. Curtis Franklin, gave words of welcome to the presbytery from the Fredonia Church and made appropriate announcements on behalf of the host church.

Seating of Advisory Members: No advisory members were present.

Visitors: The following were present but not seated as advisory members:

1. Rev. Dwight Kaylor, Camp Ground Church, OD
2. Rev. Robert Boggs, Marion Church
3. Chris Fleming, Margaret Hank Church

Recognition of First Time Elder Delegates:

1. Andrew Gates, Madisonville Church
2. Howard Pulley, Milburn Chapel

Reading of Communications: The clerk presented the following communications which were disposed of as indicated.

1. Excuses were received. It was approved by the body that they be referred to the Overtures and Resolutions Committee.
2. Letter received from Dr. J. David Hester regarding the Capital Funds Campaign.
3. Letter from Rev. Robert Rush, Stated Clerk of General Assembly, on the constitutional amendments. Rev. Chester Cannon made a motion that this vote be postponed until further information is received and made known. Motion seconded and passed. Rev. Bert Owen made a motion to refer this to the Committee on Ministry. Motion was seconded and passed.

Announcements by the Stated Clerk:

1. Travel vouchers, information forms, scholarship forms, and intercessory prayer forms are available at the clerk's desk.
2. The Hopkinsville Church will be added to Covenant Presbytery January 1, 2009.

Special Presentations:

1. Gift of Appreciation: The stated clerk presented a gavel of appreciation to the retiring moderator, Rev. Paul Stone.
2. Memorial donation to MTS in memory of Rev. Morris Clark.
3. Memorial donation to MTS in memory of Rev. Cordis Womack.
4. Memorial donation to MTS in memory of Rev. Cortis Hill.

Recess (15 minutes)

The moderator called the presbytery to order at 10:20 a.m.

Hearing from Denominational Representatives and other Visitors:

1. Licentiate April Watson, Children's Home
2. Sherry Henson, MTS
3. Bro. Harrell Riley, HR Ministries

Presbyterial Business:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the resignations of Rev. Jeff Biggs and Rev. Louella Lively from the Committee on Ministry.

Permanent Nominating Committee Report: The report was presented by Rev. Dare Aden. The floor was open for further nominations. None were received.

Motion: A motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the report be concurred in and its recommendations be adopted.

The report was marked *Appendix "B"* and filed.

Permanent Nominating Committee Supplemental Report: The report was presented by Rev. Dare Aden. The floor was open for further nominations. None were received.

Motion: A motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the report be concurred in.

The report was marked *Appendix "C"* and filed.

Committee on Ministry Report: The report was presented by Rev. Chester Cannon. Rev. Cannon called attention to the fact that all eight probationers were present.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that recommendation #1 be amended to read that it be referred to the Board of Finance.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in and its recommendation as amended be adopted.

The motion carried, and the report as amended was marked *Appendix "D"* and filed.

Stated Clerk's Report: The report was presented by the stated clerk.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "E"* and filed.

Board of Christian Education Report: The report was presented by Susan Baker.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "F"* and filed.

Board of Finance Report: The report was presented by Rev. Gary Carlton.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the recommendation be deleted because funds were not needed at this time.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report as amended be concurred in.

The motion carried, and the report as amended was marked *Appendix "G"* and filed.

Judiciary Committee Report: The report was presented by Rev. Wendell Ordway.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "H"* and filed.

Disciplinary Commission Report: The report was presented by Rev. Steve Guarneros.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "I"* and filed.

Heritage Committee Report:

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "J"* and filed.

Committee on Ministry Supplemental Report: The report was present by Rev. Chester Cannon.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the report be taken seriatim.

Noah Quinton was presented to presbytery to be added to the list of probationers. Noah gave his testimony. Many spoke on behalf of Noah and gave recommendations. Rev. Cannon asked the appropriate questions for candidacy, and all were answered in the affirmative.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that recommendation #2 of the report be adopted.

Rev. Cannon gave the declaration of candidacy.

Philip Brown was presented to presbytery to be added to the list of probationers. Many spoke on behalf of Philip and gave recommendations. Rev. Cannon asked the appropriate questions for candidacy, and all were answered in the affirmative.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that recommendation #3 of the report be adopted.

Rev. Cannon gave the declaration of candidacy.

Gary Elrod was presented to presbytery to be added to the list of probationers. Many spoke on behalf of Gary and gave recommendations. Rev. Cannon asked the appropriate questions for licentiate, and all were answered in the affirmative.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that recommendation #4 of the report be adopted.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that Gary Elrod be allowed to attend PAS.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the remainder of the report be presented immediately at the beginning of business following lunch.

Noon Recess: The presbytery recessed for lunch according to the agenda at 12:00 noon. Rev. Curtis Franklin gave instructions regarding lunch and led in the blessing.

1:15 p.m. Devotional: The afternoon devotional was given by Candidate Terry Fortner. He read Matthew 21:18-22 for the message, "Missed Opportunities."

Intercessory Prayer: A list of names was submitted to the recording clerk for inclusion in the prayer of intercession. They included:

Rev. James Lively	David & Dillon Davenport
Shirley Griffith	Todd Ragsdale
Rev. Fred Fahl	Shirley Lentz
Unspoken	Rev. Boyce Wallace
Virgil & Rebecca Kearney	Pastor Arcadio Solis
Hermar Tinsley	C. J. Jamison
Nellie Helfin	

Susan Baker led the presbytery in the prayer of intercession.

Resume Presbyterian Business: Presbyterian business was resumed at the point the noon recess occurred.

Committee on Ministry Supplemental Report (continued):

Licentiate Terry Fortner was asked to stand before presbytery as recommendation #5 was read. Recommendation #5 was changed by editorial correction.

The body was given time to ask Terry questions. Questions were called, and the presbytery was ready to vote.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that recommendation #5 of the report be adopted, with editorial changes.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to concur in the report and adopt its recommendations with the editorial change.

Time was given for presbytery to welcome, congratulate, and encourage these men and their families.

The report was marked *Appendix "K"* and filed.

Motion: A motion was made that a commission consisting of Rev. Paul Stone, Rev. Chester Cannon, Rev. John Shoulta, and Elder Roger Hayes, Rose Creek, be formed to ordain Terry Fortner.

Board of Missions Report: The report was presented by Rev. Danny York.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in and its recommendations be adopted.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "L"* and filed.

Presbyterian Business:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive Rev. David LeNeave as a member of Covenant Presbytery and that his name be added to the roll of ministers.

Board of Missions Supplemental Report: The supplemental report was also presented by Rev. Danny York.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in and its recommendation adopted.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "M"* and filed.

Commission to Install Rev. Dale Williams Report: The report was presented by Rev. Paul Stone.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to concur in the report and accept its recommendation.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "N"* and filed.

Commission to Install Rev. Victor Hassell Report: The report was presented by Rev. Paul Stone.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to concur in the report and accept its recommendation.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "O"* and filed.

Commissioners to 2008 G.A. Report: The report was presented by Elder Sandra Boaz.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to concur in the report.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "P"* and filed.

Committee on Overtures and Resolutions Report: The report was presented by Rev. Steve Guarneros.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to concur in the report and adopt its recommendation.

The original motion carried, and the report was marked *Appendix "Q"* and filed.

Invitations to Host the April 4, 2009, Meeting of Presbytery: The moderator opened the floor for invitations for the next meeting of presbytery. An invitation was received from the Wheatcroft Church.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the spring meeting of presbytery at the Wheatcroft Church.

Other Business/Announcements: Announcements of events happening throughout the presbytery were made.

Reading and Approving the Minutes: The minutes of the meeting were read and approved by motion and unanimous vote.

Final Roll Call: The final roll call cards were collected and placed on the clerk's desk with the record of this roll call being included in *Appendix "A."*

Candidates	Open	Close
Philip Brown	R	P
Donna Davenport	P	P
Robert Goodman	P	P
Paulino Impastato	P	P
James Thomas Mitchell	P	P
Noah Quinton	R	P

P = Present
 A = Absent
 E = Excused
 E* = Permanently
 Excused
 R = Received
 LI – Lettered In
 LO = Lettered Out
 D = Dropped

Roll Call of the Churches

Church	Delegate	Open	Close
Bayou de Chine	Howard Lawrence	P	P
Benton		E	E
Bethel	Jackie Keyser	P	A
Calvary		E	E
Camp Ground	Sandra Boaz	P	P
Ebenezer		A	A
Ebenezer Hall		E	E
Flat Lick	Raymond Nelson	P	P
Fredonia	Brenda Bugg	P	P
Galatia		A	A
Gilead		E	E
Good Spring	Anthony Rowland	P	P
Highland	Jimmy Finnell	P	P
Hopewell	Michael Heneisen	P	P
Liberty	Lee Furst	P	P
Lisman	Narvin Darnall	P	P
Macedonia		A	A
Madisonville	Andrew Gates	P	P
Margaret Hank	Randy Morgan	P	P
Marion	Wayne Keeling	P	P
Milburn Chapel	Howard Pulley	P	P
Mt. Carmel		E	E
Mt. Hebron	Debra Russell	P	P
Mt. Pleasant	Harvey Cowan	P	P
Mt. Sterling	Donald Koch	P	P
Mt. Zion	Sharon Resch	P	P
New Hope		A	A
North Pleasant Grove		E	E
Oak Grove		E	E
Oak Grove Union	Richard Plum	P	P
Oakland		A	A
Piney Fork	Robert Hill	P	P
Pleasant Valley		E	E
Providence (IL)		E	E
Providence (KY)	Paul Northern	P	P
Rose Creek	C. D. Burden	P	P
Rozzell Chapel	Barry Clapp	P	P
Sturgis	Donnie Hunt	P	P
Sugar Grove	David Travis	P	P
Union Chapel		A	A
Unity	Wayne Hopkins	P	P
Vaughn's Chapel	Harry Fuller	P	P
Wheatcroft	Ruthie Parker	P	P
Woodlawn	Dean Terry	P	P

Appendix "B"
Permanent Nominating Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The Permanent Nominating Committee submits the following names for nomination to the boards, agencies, and positions of Covenant Presbytery:

RECORDING CLERK

Term Expires 2011

Sidney Milton, 287 Golden Acres Loop, Calvert City, KY 42049 (270) 898-2113

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Term Expires 2011

- (1) Charlotte Guarneros, 506 Clifton Court, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (270) 869-7544
(2) Susan Baker, 1175 Rowland Cemetery Road, Fredonia, KY 42411 (270) 545-3483
(3) Cindy Logan, 211 Colony Drive #14, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 554-3750

BOARD OF FINANCE

Term Expires 2009

- (1) Rev. Steve Guarneros, 506 Clifton Court, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (270) 869-7544
(to fill the remaining term of Rev. Cortis Hill)

Term Expires 2011

- (1) Cindy Cruce, U.S. Highway 641 South, Marion, KY 42064 (270) 9654520
(1) Linda Rushing, 7550 SR 506, Marion, KY 42064 (270) 965-3055
(2) Marilyn Gates, 220 Hollis Lane, Madisonville, KY 42431 (270) 821-1218

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Term Expires 2011

- (3) Rev. Danny Potts, 8784 State Route 2422, Wingo, KY 42088 (270) 376-2901
(2) Rev. Charles Westfall, 94 Honeysuckle Drive, Gilbertsville, KY 42044 (270) 362-0816
(1) Greg Collins, 926 North Washington, Sturgis, KY 42459 (270) 333-4294

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Term Expires 2011

- (1) Bill Flynn, 535 Broadway, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 443-8223
(1) Dr. Jennifer Williams, 3156 State Route 2837, Clay, KY 42404 (270) 664-2044
(1) Ercel "Eddie" Rushing, 7550 State Route 506, Marion, KY 42064 (270) 965-3055

DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Term Expires 2011

- (1) Daniel Heady, 120 Park Street, Clay, KY 42404 (270) 748-6848

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Term Expires 2011

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| (2) Sidney Milton, 287 Golden Acres Loop, Calvert City, KY 42049 | (270) 898-2113 |
| (2) Sarah Ford, 220 South Weldon, Marion, KY 42064 | (270) 965-3833 |

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Term Expires 2009

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| (1) Rev. Victor Hassell, 510 North Main Street, Sturgis, KY 42459
(to fill the remaining term of Rev. Louella Lively) | (270) 333-9170 |
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Term Expires 2010

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| (1) Marlene Wallace, 1856 Elmdale Road, Paducah, KY 42003
(to fill the remaining term of Rev. Jeff Biggs) | (270) 554-9176 |
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Term Expires 2011

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| (2) Rev. Chester Cannon, 1026 West Center St., Madisonville, KY 42431 | (270) 821-7602 |
| (2) Martha Darnall, 18030 Beulah Road, Princeton, KY 42455 | (270) 797-8534 |
| (1) Rev. R. B. Mays, 110 Cindy Lane, Mayfield, KY 42066 | (270) 247-0070 |

INSURANCE COMMISSION

Term Expires 2011

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| (1) Bud Stalion, 51 Lakeview Drive, Marion, KY 42064 | (270) 965-3612 |
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PERMANENT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Term Expires 2011

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| (1) Brenda Shoulta, 11504 Mount Carmel Road, White Plains, KY 42464 | (270) 676-3563 |
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Recommendation #1: That the above names be elected to the respective boards and agencies of Covenant Presbytery.

The Nominating Committee had quite a bit of difficulty finding persons willing and/or available to serve our presbyterial boards and committees this time. We would like to have a list of people willing to serve along with phone numbers and addresses. Therefore, we would like to submit the following recommendation to presbytery:

Recommendation #2: That presbytery send information request forms to each church asking for people to volunteer to serve on boards/agencies or in other presbyterial positions when the need arises.

Respectfully submitted,
Permanent Nominating Committee

Appendix "C"
**Permanent Nominating Committee Supplemental
Report**

Commissioners to General Assembly
2009 Memphis, TN

On the Part of the Ministry

Rev. Danny York, 5420 State Route 902 West, Fredonia, KY 42411	(870) 833-2856
Rev. James Lawson, 1003 West Third Street, Fulton, KY 42041	(270) 472-5272
Rev. John Shoulta, 11504 Mount Carmel Road, White Plains, KY 42464	(270) 676-3563

Minister Alternates

Rev. Fred Fahl, 500 Third Street, Fulton, KY 42041	(270) 472-1476
Rev. Victor Hassell, 510 North Main Street, Sturgis, KY 42459	(270) 333-9170
Rev. James Fulton, 1520 Oak Grove Road, Benton, KY 42025	(270) 354-8883

On the Part of the Elders

Sharon Resch, (Mt. Zion), P. O. Box 383, Dongola, IL 62926	(618) 827-4463
Bud Stalion (Fredonia), 51 Lakeview Drive, Marion, KY 42064	(270) 965-3612

3. Elder

Elder Alternates

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Youth Delegates

Jeremy Sneed, 6140 Springbrook Road, Paducah, KY 42001	(270) 442-9886
Torey Baker, 1175 Rowland Cemetery Road, Fredonia, KY 42411	(270) 545-3483

Appendix "D"
Committee on Ministry Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

Your Committee on the Ministry submits the following report and recommendation:

The probationers of Covenant Presbytery continue to make progress toward their ordination. We are proud of the effort each seems to be making, and we share with you some information about each candidate.

1. Donna Davenport.....Donna is enrolled in our seminary and preaching whenever the opportunity presents itself.
2. Terry Fortner.....Terry has only a few reports (papers to be graded) left to turn in, and he will be finished with his work.

3. Robert Goodman.....Has really done a lot of work since the last meeting of presbytery. Seems to be a fine pastor.
4. Marcus Hayes..... Is enrolled in seminary and doing a fine job with the NEW church. Just got married.
5. Paulino Impastato..... Has a great upside and no limit to his abilities.
6. Thomas Mitchell.....Is enrolled in Madisonville Community College.
7. April Watson.....Is enrolled in seminary and preaching every Sunday.
8. Patrick Wilkerson.....Is enrolled in seminary and is newly married.

The committee had a request from Bethel for a donation to their fund raiser, and since we are not budgeted for extra funds we respond with

Recommendation #1: That Covenant Presbytery refer to the Board of Finance the request to makes a one time donation of \$500.00 to Bethel's fund raising drive.

Respectfully submitted,
 Chester E. Cannon, Chair
 Committee on Ministry

Appendix "E" **Stated Clerk's Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

Your stated clerk submits the following report:

Everything is going well in the clerk's office. I wish to thank everyone for the promptness and cooperation given to me. It is a privilege to work with such fine people. My lawyer is finalizing our incorporation. By the time we have our presbytery meeting, Covenant Presbytery should meet all the guidelines for incorporation set forth by the Office of General Assembly now located in Cordova, TN.

The one request that I have is that churches would take the time to inform this office whenever there is a change in session clerk, treasurer, or pastor. Often we find out the information late or second-hand. It is very helpful if our information is up-to-date for correspondence purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
 Reese Baker, Stated Clerk

Appendix "F"
Board of Christian Education Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

Your Board of Christian Education submits the following report:

The committee commends this year's camp directors for an outstanding job. Upping the age of the juniors seemed to help that particular camp with the overcrowding and homesickness. The junior high was still overcrowded, but everything went well. The senior high had a record number of youth this year with 108 in attendance, and things went well within that camp also. Senior high had 5 salvations; junior high had 1 salvation and ~ 7 rededications; and there was no report from the junior camp.

Camp dates and directors for next year have not been settled as of yet. An update will be given at the spring presbytery.

A number of places (11) have been looked into for either an additional camp location or moving camp to help alleviate the overcrowding. The facilities that have been researched are either already booked, not enough room, or more than 3 hours away.

The CE Board handed out a survey at spring presbytery pertaining to the interest in an adult retreat. The returned results showed that there is an interest within the presbytery for a Friday night/Saturday retreat. The CE Board is asking for anyone who is interested in spearheading an event like this to please see a Board of Christian Education member.

The board hopes to send two representatives to the Christian Education Conference in Memphis, November 4th – 7th. Several people have expressed interest in attending.

The board encourages churches and individuals to become involved in the fall retreat. The retreat this year will be October 31st through November 2nd at Jonathan Creek Group Camp. The retreat will involve youth 4th grade through young adults. Essentially, two separate retreats are held simultaneously with Keri and Mary Barlow as co-directors of the 4th – 6th grades and Cindy Logan and Reese Baker as co-directors of the 7th grade through young adults. Anyone with questions or wishing to work in any capacity can contact Reese Baker or Cindy Logan.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Christian Education

Appendix "G"

Board of Finance Report

To Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The Board of Finance regrets the passing of one of our board members, Rev. Cortis Hill, deceased August 20, 2008.

Proposed Budget 2009:

The Board of Finance has received budget requests from all presbyterial boards and committees and submits to you the following proposed budget:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bethel Scholarship	\$ 6,000.00
Conferences	1,000.00
Camp	26,000.00
Committee Travel	500.00
Youth Retreat	6,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 39,500.00

FINANCE

Presbytery Host Church	\$ 400.00
Board Travel	500.00
Deceased Minister's Spouses Aid	12,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,900.00

HERITAGE

Committee Travel	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$ 300.00

JUDICIAL CONCERNS

Committee Expenses	\$ 150.00
Committee Travel	450.00
TOTAL	\$ 600.00

MISSIONS

Church Growth	\$ 1,000.00
New Church Development	3,000.00
LBL Ministry	400.00
Office Expense	100.00
Travel	900.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,400.00

MINISTRY

Judiciary Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The Judiciary Committee submits the following report:

Your Judiciary Committee met with all members present on August 23, 2008.

It was suggested that all members reread and study the stated clerk's report from the April 2008 minutes regarding Mr. James Jordan's explanations of presbyterial responsibilities under the new rules of discipline.

The committee reviewed session minutes that were before it. A supplemental report will be submitted after reviewing the remainder of the records at the October 4th meeting.

The committee considered a question submitted by Rev. Chester Cannon about synod's authority to review presbyterial records on probationers who are ordained. No official recommendation came from the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Judiciary Committee

Appendix "I" **Disciplinary Commission Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The Disciplinary Commission submits the following report:

Rev. Wendell Ordway, Rev. Hillman Moore, Rev. Stephen H. Guarneros, and Elder Russ Milton talked on the phone prior to regular scheduled meetings of boards and agencies of Covenant Presbytery. There being no business before the commission we didn't met in August of 2008.

Respectively submitted,
Disciplinary Commission

Appendix "J"

Heritage Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The Heritage Committee submits the following report:

Committee members in attendance: Sidney Milton, Rev. Hillman Moore, and Sarah Ford.

There was no business to conduct. The committee members desire to make presbytery aware of the possibility of a presbytery wide event to be held in February 2010 to celebrate the 200th birthday of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We will welcome your suggestions and contributions to this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Sidney Milton, Rev. Hillman Moore, Sarah Ford, Sharon Resch, and Heath Adams

Appendix "K"

Committee on Ministry Supplemental Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

We met with Noah Quinton and received his letter of recommendation from his church, Sturgis Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was asked to share with us (1) his testimony concerning his journey of faith, (2) his call to the ministry, (3) his intent regarding the type of ministry he foresees, and (4) his formal education.

Recommendation #2: That Noah Quinton be added to the list of probationers of Covenant Presbytery.

The committee met with Phillip Brown and received his letter of recommendation from his church, Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was asked to share with us (1) his testimony regarding his journey of faith, (2) his call to the ministry, (3) his intent regarding the type of ministry he foresees, and (4) his formal education. The committee asked that Mr. Brown be enrolled in PAS.

Recommendation #3: That Phillip Brown be added to the list of probationers of Covenant Presbytery.

The committee met with Gary Elrod and received his letter of recommendation from his church, Milburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Douglas Hughes; and Dr. J. Earheart-Brown. The Rev. Gary Elrod was asked to share with us (1) his testimony regarding his journey of faith, (2) his call to the ministry, (3) his intent regarding the type of ministry he foresees, and (4) his formal education. The Rev. Mr. Elrod is an ordained minister from an independent congregation and has his degree from Memphis Theological Seminary.

Recommendation #4: That Gary Elrod be received by Covenant Presbytery and that his name be placed on the roll of licentiates.

Your committee has been informed by Dr. Thomas Campbell that Terry Fortner is very near completion of his prescribed studies.

Recommendation #5: That Covenant Presbytery ~~appoint~~ elect a commission, consisting of members of Covenant Presbytery, to ordain Terry Fortner to the full work of the Gospel Ministry; and by order of said presbytery that his name be placed on the roll of ordained ministers and also, that this commission be given the authority to grant and receive letters. This recommendation is to be valid when Dr. Campbell informs the chairman of the Committee on the Ministry that Terry Fortner has indeed finished his work.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on the Ministry

Appendix "L" **Board of Missions Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The Board of Missions of Covenant Presbytery submits the following report and recommendations:

Board officers for 2008: President – Rev. Danny York, Vice President – Rev. Danny Potts, Secretary – Pat Clark

Communication was received from the Covenant Presbytery Fellowship reporting a great meeting at Vaughn's Chapel. After a delicious fellowship meal, a program of singing was presented by Judge Shea Nichols. The next meeting will be held at the Highland Church on October 27, and the program will be presented by Renaissance of Bethel College.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Rev. Cortis Hill, pastor of the Piney Fork Church. Our prayers are with his family and the Piney Fork congregation. The board makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1: That Rev. Danny York be appointed moderator of the Piney Fork Church.

The board has received communication from Rev. Danny York and the Mt. Sterling Church requesting that the pastoral relationship be dissolved.

Recommendation #2: That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Danny York and the Mt. Sterling Church be dissolved.

FOCUS ON EVANGELISM

1. That GA set as the church's priority focus for the next 5 years to be evangelism with an emphasis on leading congregations in how to do personal evangelism that is appropriate to the congregation's cultural context.
2. That each presbytery be encouraged to set aside one day each 6 months for the next 5 years to pray, fast, and review what the Lord would have them do in focusing on evangelism.
3. That every agency and institution of the church adjust its overall mission to support this five year priority focus by identifying how it can help the church accomplish this, and report to GA each year of its activities in support of evangelism.
4. That every ordained clergy be asked to refresh their training in how to lead a congregation in doing personal evangelism and to lead their congregation in doing evangelism.
5. That the GAC or whatever its replacement report the church's progress of this focus to GA over the next five years.

This is a reminder to all the churches of Covenant Presbytery of what was approved a year ago regarding evangelism. In the spring meeting, there was a training program entitled *The Way of the Master Basic Training Course* that was proposed by the BOM. We have received one phone call inquiring about the course. There has been no other response. The fourth point of the focus states, "That every ordained clergy be asked to refresh their training in how to lead a congregation in doing personal evangelism and to lead their congregation in doing evangelism." As the Board of Missions, we can only make proposals or suggestions and offer leadership. It is up to individual pastors and churches to act on what needs to be done. If you have another method of training in personal evangelism that has been effective for you and your church, please pass on the idea to the BOM; and we will pass it on to everyone else.

Evangelism Opportunity

If presbytery permits, the BOM would like to introduce Mr. Harrell Riley from Hell is Real Ministries and allow him to briefly share about this ministry.

Finally, the Board of Missions' responsibility is the care of the churches, and we encourage you to join us in prayer for the following:

- The churches in our presbytery that are without pastors.
- The NCD in Marion, IL, and Cadiz, KY.
- That we may have the concern as God's people to seek and save the lost.
- To disciple those who get saved.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Missions

Appendix "M" **Board of Missions Supplemental Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The board received communication from the Mt. Sterling Church and Rev. David LeNeave requesting that a pastoral relationship be approved.

Recommendation #3: That a pastoral relationship between the Mt. Sterling Church and Rev. David LeNeave be approved and a commission to install Rev. LeNeave as pastor of the Mt. Sterling Church be appointed. The commission will be comprised of Rev. John Shoulta, Rev. Stan Gerard, Rev. Danny Potts, Rev. Paul Tucker, and Elder Bobby Williams from the Hopewell Church. The installation service will be held Sunday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Missions

Appendix "N"
**Commission to Install Rev. Dale Williams
Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The commission to install Rev. Dale Williams submits the following report:

The commission met at the Wheatcroft Church, April 20, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. and at the Mt. Pleasant Church at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Dale Williams was installed as pastor of these congregations according to the *Confession of Faith*.

Having completed its task, the commission makes the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1: That the commission to install Rev. Dale Williams be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Stone, Rev. Ray Board, Elder Jackie Gass, Elder Harvey Cowan

Appendix "O"

Commission to Install Rev. Victor Hassell Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

The commission to install Rev. Victor Hassell submits the following report:

The commission met at the Sturgis Church, June 1, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. and installed Rev. Victor Hassell as pastor of the Sturgis congregation according to the *Confession of Faith*.

Having completed its task, the commission makes the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1: That the commission to install Rev. Victor Hassell be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Stone, Rev. John Shirey, Rev. Curtis Franklin, Elder Roger Hayes

Appendix "P"

Commissioners to 2008 General Assembly Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

We, your commissioners to the 178th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Tokyo, Japan, would like to thank you for allowing us to be your representatives at this historical meeting of our denomination and hope that we fulfilled your expectations and expressed your wishes through the various committees on which we served.

Committees we served on were:

Judiciary: Rev. Dare Aden, Elder David Copeland

Missions/Ministry/Chaplains: Rev. Jeff Biggs

Christian Education/Stewardship: Rev. Danny Potts

Children's Home/Bethel College: Elder Reese Baker

Program Planning: Elder Sandra Boaz [co-chair], Youth Advisory Delegate Noah Quinton

With your permission, we would like to present a brief video collage of images from the week as produced by our host, Japan Presbytery. [show video]

Sincerely,

Rev. Dare Aden, Dongola, IL

Rev. Jeff Biggs, Paducah, KY

Rev. Danny Potts, Water Valley, KY

Elder Reese Baker, Fredonia, KY

Elder Sandra Boaz, Anna, IL

Elder David Copeland, Marion, KY

Youth Advisory Delegate, Noah Quinton, Sturgis, KY

Appendix "Q"

Committee on Overtures and resolutions Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with the Fredonia Church, October 4, 2008

Recommendation #1: We respectfully ask presbytery to grant excuses to 9 churches and 6 ministers who sent in excuses for their reason of absence.

Presbytery would very much like to extend its appreciation to Fredonia C. P. Church for its warm welcome and fine meal provided by the ladies of the congregation. You have been a great example of the gift of hospitality to this presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Overtures and Resolutions Committee: Rev. Danny York; Rev. Stephen Guarneros; and Providence C. P. Church elder, Paul Northern