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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S HOME AND HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

I. REFERRALS

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home and The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Reverend Richard Brown, President, CEO and General Counsel of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home; Mr. Mickey Shell, member of the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home; Ms. Susan Knight Gore, Executive Director of the Historical Foundation; and Reverend Tommy Jobe, member of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation.

III. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home had no recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home be concurred in.

A. COMMENDATION OF THE STAFF OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The committee was impressed with the descriptions of the hard work and excellence of the Children's Home staff. It is clear that they do a difficult and necessary job under sometimes unsupportive and ever-changing legal and social climates and with resources insufficient to their vision, and that they do so with great professionalism and to great effect. For this reason, the committee would like to express our gratitude to the staff of the Children's Home, and, even more, to ask General Assembly to express the gratitude of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a whole.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the General Assembly express its gratitude to the staff of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home for the excellence with which they perform their jobs.

B. SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The committee makes the following recommendations in support of the work of the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home.

1. Children's Home Sunday

More universal participation in the special offering taken for the Children's Home each April would be beneficial to their ministry. For this reason, the Children's Home produces materials such as bulletin inserts to educate congregations and prepare members for this special offering.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That the General Assembly encourage all its congregations to participate in Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home Sunday (April 10, 2016) by using the resources provided by the Children's Home to educate their congregations and promote the ministry of the Children's Home.

2. Tours and Work Teams

It is beneficial to both the Children's Home and to the denomination at every level for individuals and groups to become more involved and familiar with their ministry. The Children's Home offers opportunities for work teams, tours, and other volunteer services, so that relationships can be formed and strengthened with the Church at large.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That the General Assembly encourage churches and presbyteries to send teams of youth and adults to visit or volunteer at the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home.

IV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

A. HISTORY INTERPRETATION AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. 1810 Circle

RECOMMENDATION 5: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation, “that the General Assembly make congregations and presbyteries aware of the 1810 Circle and encourage new members to support this endeavor annually,” be adopted.

2. Denomination Day Offering

RECOMMENDATION 6: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation, “that congregations be encouraged to have a special offering on the Sunday designated as Denomination Day to help support the special project designated for that year,” be adopted.

B. PUBLICATIONS

1. Publication Series

RECOMMENDATION 7: That Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation, “that the General Assembly make presbyteries, congregations, and individuals aware that the Historical Foundation is interested and has funds to publish books on topics concerning the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America,” be adopted.

2. Online Promotions

RECOMMENDATION 8: That Recommendation 4 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation, “that the General Assembly encourage presbyteries, congregations, and individuals active on the internet to join the Historical Foundation of the CPC & CPCA Facebook group,” be adopted.

C. ACQUISITIONS

RECOMMENDATION 9: That Recommendation 5 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation, “that the General Assembly encourage all congregations to preserve their session records by depositing them in the Historical Foundation,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 10: That Recommendation 6 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation, “that the General Assembly instruct each synod and presbytery to deposit their minutes in a timely fashion with the Historical Foundation,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 11: That Recommendation 7 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Foundation, “that the General Assembly instruct presbyteries to locate the session records when closing a church and then deposit them in the Historical Foundation,” be adopted.

D. COMMENDATION OF HISTORICAL FOUNDATION STAFF

The committee was impressed with the dedication displayed by the Historical Foundation staff and Board to the heritage of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Their efforts in preserving our historical records and artifacts and in educating our churches and individuals about their heritage are to be commended. For that reason, the committee makes the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION 12: That the General Assembly express its gratitude to the Historical Foundation for their work in preservation and education of the heritage of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Committee on the Children’s Home/Historical Foundation

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY COUNCIL/COMMUNICATIONS/DISCIPLESHIP

I. REFERRAL

Referral to this committee is as follows: The Report of the Ministry Council, except shaded sections which are referred to Champlains/Missions/Pastoral Development.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Ms. Edith Old, Director of Ministries; Mr Ken Bean, Representative from Ministry Council; Reverend Elinor Brown, Discipleship Ministry Team; Reverend Nathan Wheeler, Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry; and Mr. Mark Davis, Communications Ministry Team.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRAL

A. REPORT OF THE MINISTRY COUNCIL EXCEPT SHADED SECTIONS

We commend the Ministry Council and their hard work of good stewardship with the funds that God and his church have entrusted to them and make the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “That the General Assembly amend the Bylaws of The Ministry Council, ARTICLE III, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AUTHORITY, AND MEETINGS, Section C. Advisory Members “There shall be six Advisory Members to the board of directors, who shall be the Stated Clerk, the Moderator of General Assembly, the Immediate Past Moderator of the General Assembly, and three youth Advisory Members appointed by the member” to remove the Immediate Past Moderator as an Advisory Member, reducing the number of Advisory Members to five (Stated Clerk, Moderator, and three Youth Advisory Members.)” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Recommendation 8 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “That General Assembly ask every presbytery to appoint a person to serve as a youth and young adult contact person and send this person’s name and pertinent information to the discipleship ministry team coordinator of youth and young adult ministry,” be adopted.

Respectfully submitted:
The Committee on Ministry Council/Communication/Discipleship

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

I. REFERRAL

Referral to this committee is as follows: The Report of the Permanent Committee on Judiciary.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Reverend Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk ; Reverend Milton Ortiz, Missions Ministry Team, and Elder Leon Cole, moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRAL

A. REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

We reviewed the report of the Permanent Committee on Judiciary. The report of the Permanent Committee had no recommendations. We commend the permanent committee on their work.

RECOMMENDATION 1: We strongly encourage them to have the constitutional amendment referred to them by the 184th General Assembly (which read: *That the Permanent Committee on Judiciary work in concert with the Missions Ministry Team, in development of amendment(s) to the constitution, empowering the Missions Ministry Team (or its successor) to develop new churches outside of the United States.*) ready for the 186th General Assembly to review and vote for referral to the Presbyteries for ratification. Further, if the amendment is not ready, a detailed progress report must be provided to the 186th General Assembly.

With regard to the review of presbytery minutes we concur in the permanent committee's request for the synods to be more diligent in following the Cumberland Presbyterian Digest 8.5b Interpretive 1892, 1973 and 8.5b Advisory, 1964.

8.5b INTERPRETIVE, 1892, 1973.

Whereas, the Constitution of our church prescribes the standard of literary attainment to be reached by licentiates preparatory to ordination and emphatically states that a knowledge of the branches of literature therein enumerated is indispensable to ordination; and whereas, it is the habit of many of our presbyteries to disregard often this requirement of the Constitution, and, by laying hands on men who have not reached the standard required, to thrust into the ranks of the ministry incompetent men; therefore be it

Resolved: That we recommend to this General Assembly that it instruct the synods under its jurisdiction to make careful observation of the work of presbyteries touching this matter, and where presbyteries are found acting in violation of this law of the church to administer to them a severe reprimand and if this fails to correct the evil, to proceed to dissolve said presbytery and distribute their ministers and churches among other presbyteries, according to the wisdom of the synod so acting. 1892, p. 37.

We recommend that synods be instructed to include a statement in their minutes as to whether or not the ordination practices of the presbyteries are in keeping with the directives given in the Assembly of 1968. 1973, p. 180.

Synods to See that Ordination Records Are Complete

8.5b ADVISORY, 1964.

That the synods of the church be instructed to give attention to the examination of presbyterial records to observe that the records of ordination are complete and in order. 1964, pp. 149, 183.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee on Judiciary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP/ELECTED OFFICERS

I. REFERRALS

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Moderator, The Report of the Stated Clerk; The Report of the Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits; The Report of the Our United Outreach Committee; The Report of the Place of Meeting Committee; The Line Item Budgets Submitted by General Assembly Agencies and the Resolution submitted by Reverend Fred Polacek, Minister Commissioner, Nashville Presbytery.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Reverend Robert Heflin, Executive Secretary and Mr. Mark Duck, Coordinator of Benefits from the Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits; Reverend Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk; and Moderator of the 184th General Assembly, Reverend Lisa Anderson.

We wish to express our appreciation to the persons of counsel for their presentations.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

We commend the Moderator, Reverend Lisa Anderson, for her compassionate and insightful leadership, as well as the thoughtfulness of her suggestion. After listening to the Moderator share her observations and points of concern related to the need to improve the knowledge of ministers and congregations on the doctrine, theology and polity of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the committee shares the Moderator's concerns. The report was received and the following recommendations are made.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That SUGGESTION 1 of the Report of the Moderator, "that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church renew commitment to study the *Confession of Faith* in churches, Sunday Schools, Bible Studies and small groups. Throughout the year many of the concerns of people in communication have been based on an inadequate and sometimes absent knowledge of the doctrine of the church. The health of our church depends on our study of scripture and our expression of Christianity spelled out in the *Confession of Faith*," be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the Cumberland Presbyterian Church renew commitment to study the *Confession of Faith* in churches, Sunday Schools, Bible Studies and small groups. Throughout the year many of the concerns of people in communication have been based on an inadequate and sometimes absent knowledge of the doctrine of the church. The health of our church depends on our study of scripture and our expression of Christianity spelled out in the *Confession of Faith*.

B. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

We commend the excellent work of the Stated Clerk, Reverend Michael Sharpe. The Report of the Stated Clerk was received and the following recommendations are made:

RECOMMENDATION 3: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Stated Clerk, "That the 185th General Assembly approve the following dates for the 2015-2016 Church Calendar," be adopted.

CHURCH CALENDAR 2015-2016

July-2015

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| 5-10 | Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference, Bethel, McKenzie, TN |
| 11 | Program of Alternate Studies Graduation |
| 11-25 | PAS Summer Extension School, Bethel, McKenzie, TN |
| 18 | Children's Fest, Bethel, McKenzie, TN |
| 22-26 | Ministers Retreat, Bethel, McKenzie, TN |
| 25-28 | Children's Fest On the Go, Casa de Fe, Malden, MA |

August-2015

22 MTS Fall Semester Begins
 30-Sept 27 Christian Education Season

September-2015

2 MTS Opening Convocation
 13 Senior Adult Sunday
 20 Christian Service Recognition Sunday
 20 International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat

October-2015

Clergy Appreciation Month
 4 Worldwide Communion Sunday
 11 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
 25 Native American Sunday

November-2015

Any Sunday Loaves and Fishes Program
 1 All Saints Day
 1 Stewardship Sunday
 6 World Community Day (Church Women United)
 8 Day of Prayer for People with Aids and Other Life-Threatening Illnesses
 8-11 The Forum, Brenthaven Church, Brentwood, TN
 15 Bible Sunday
 22 Christ the King Sunday
 29-Dec 25 Advent in Church and Home

December-2015

Any Sunday Gift to the King Offering
 24 Christmas Eve
 25 Christmas Day
 27-30 Youth Evangelism Conference, Louisville, KY

January-2016

6 Epiphany
 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day
 11 BU Spring Semester Begins
 11-12 Stated Clerks' Conference
 12-14 Ministers Conference, Brenthaven Church, Brentwood, TN
 15 Deadline for receipt of 2015 Our United Outreach Contributions

February-2016

Black History Month
 1 Annual congregational reports due in GA office
 7 Denomination Day
 7 Historical Foundation Offering
 7 Souper Bowl Sunday
 10 Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent
 10-Mar 27 Lent to Easter
 14 Our United Outreach Sunday
 21 Youth Sunday

March-2016

Women's History Month (USA)
 20 Palm/Passion Sunday
 20 One Great Hour of Sharing
 24 Maundy Thursday
 25 Good Friday
 27 Easter
 27-April 1 National Farm Workers Awareness Week

April-2016

3-9 Family Week
 10 CPCH Sunday
 25-26 30-Hour Famine

May-2016

6 Friendship Day (Church Women United)
 7 BU Commencement
 14 MTS Closing Convocation & Graduation
 15 Pentecost
 15 Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund Offering
 15 World Mission Sunday
 30 Memorial Day Offering for Military Chaplains & Personnel for USA churches

June-2016

20-24 General Assembly, Nashville, TN
 20-24 CPWM Convention, Nashville, TN
 26-July 1 Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference, Bethel, McKenzie, TN

July-2016

9 Program of Alternate Studies Graduation
 9-23 PAS Summer Extension School, Bethel, McKenzie, TN
 19-23 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, Purdue University, Lafayette, IN

August-2016

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 25 Christmas Day

RECOMMENDATION 4: That presbyteries, congregations and individuals should consider the importance of maintaining and reporting accurate statistical reports in a timely manner to General Assembly for accountability and communication concerns.

C. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, FOUNDATION AND BENEFITS

We commend the Board of Stewardship, Foundation, and Benefits for their diligent work. The Report of the Board of Stewardship, Foundation, and Benefits was received. The committee listened to Reverend Robert Heflin, Executive Secretary, and Mr. Mark Duck, Coordinator of Benefits: from the Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits review the report with enhanced commentary. After a time of questions and answers between committee members and counsel, the committee makes the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 5: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits, “that to properly answer the 184th General Assembly’s inquiry pertaining to what is currently covered by the health insurance benefits and to clarify anything that might be in conflict with the *Confession of Faith* and previous General Assembly statements regarding the sanctity of life, the Board of Stewardship requests to refer the matter to Theology and Social Concerns,” be denied.

The committee substituted the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION 6: That the Board of Stewardship and the Committee on Theology and Concerns have joint responsibility to properly answer the 184th General Assembly’s inquiry pertaining to what is currently covered by the health insurance benefits and to clarify anything that might be in conflict with the *Confession of Faith* and previous General Assembly statements regarding the sanctity of life. The jointly tasked responsibilities along with findings will be reported to the 186th General Assembly.

D. REPORT OF THE OUR UNITED OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Reverend Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk, provided the Report of the Our United Outreach Committee. We commend the work of the Our United Outreach Committee and the Development Director for their diligent work. We especially commend their work toward debt retirement. Special recognition will be given during the 186th General Assembly of the council’s debts being paid in full. The committee discussed ways in which presbyteries and congregations could be educated of the importance to turn in statistical reports in a timely manner as well as educate and encourage them to provide in a consistent manner toward the Our United Outreach fund.

RECOMMENDATION 7: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Our United Outreach Committee, “that we ask General Assembly that the following allocation for incoming 2016 for Our United Outreach funds,” be adopted.

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| The allocation is to be as follows: | \$2,800,000.00 | |
| Development Coordinator | | 92,044.00 |
| Evaluation Committee | | 3,500.00 |
| Contingency | | 14,000.00 |
| Unification Task Force | | <u>30,000.00</u> |
| | Sub-total | 139,544.00 |
| (Amount to be allocated) | \$2,660,456.00 | |
| Ministry Council | \$1,330,228.00 | 50% |
| Bethel University | 133,023.00 | 5% |
| Children’s Home | 79,814.00 | 3% |
| Stewardship | 159,627.00 | 6% |
| General Assembly Office | 212,836.00 | 8% |
| Memphis Theological Seminary/ Program of Alternate Studies | 186,231.00 | 7% |
| Historical Foundation | 79,814.00 | 3% |
| Shared Services | 452,278.00 | 17% |

(Next four items total 1%)

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| Comm. on Chaplains | 10,296.00 | .387% |
| Judiciary Committee | 9,710.00 | .365% |
| Theology/Social Concerns | 3,618.00 | .136% |
| Nominating Committee | <u>2,981.00</u> | .112% |
| | \$2,660,456.00 | |

RECOMMENDATION 8: That Presbyteries, congregations and individuals should consider inviting the Our United Outreach Development Director to meetings to educate constituents on the importance of timely, consistent giving to Our United Outreach funds and explain the diverse ministries, missions, and fiscal needs met by such giving across the denomination be adopted.

E. REPORT OF THE PLACE OF MEETING COMMITTEE

We commend the work of the Place of Meeting Committee. The Report of the Place of Meeting Committee was received with calendar corrections. No further actions were required of this committee.

F. LINE ITEM BUDGETS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENCIES

The committee reviewed the line item budgetary items. No actions were required of this committee.

G. RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY REVEREND FRED POLACEK, MINISTER COMMISSIONER, NASHVILLE PRESBYTERY

The 185th General Assembly referred a Commissioner Resolution from Reverend Fred Polacek to the Committee on Stewardship/Elected Officers: The resolution states:

“WHEREAS the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has a Retirement Program (“Plan 2”), administered by the Board of Stewardship, Foundation, and Benefits, and

WHEREAS the Retirement Program includes the provision for disbursements to participants to be counted as a housing allowance and so be tax-free within appropriate guidelines, and

WHEREAS the current investment strategy is a “high level of diversification and a low level of risk” (with no mention of goal for performance/return), and

WHEREAS employers in the public/secular area often provide employees with investment options with varying levels of risk for the employee’s 401k or other retirement options, and

WHEREAS some individual participants in the Retirement Program may be willing to utilize an investment strategy that may be described as “low-moderate” or even “moderate” rather than the current “low-risk strategy,” and

WHEREAS participants in the Retirement Program, in order to keep the housing allowance provision, must currently take the only investment strategy provided by the Board with no other articulated option:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits be directed to provide participants in the Retirement Plan with opportunities to select more than the one investment strategy offered by the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits be directed to develop appropriate mechanisms to allow the participants of the Retirement Program more input in the investment strategy decision-making process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Stewardship, Foundation and Benefits complete these tasks by January 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted, Reverend Fred E. Polacek, Minister Commissioner, Nashville Presbytery,”

The committee met with Reverend Fred Polacek, who is a member of the Committee of Stewardship/Elected Officers, to hear his concerns as related to his resolution. The committee also heard from Reverend Robert Heflin, Executive Secretary from the Board of Stewardship, Foundation, and Benefits, regarding the resolution and Reverend Polacek’s concerns. After hearing from the two individuals and asking many questions and points of clarification, the committee felt many of the points made in the resolution were addressed and answered during the discussion on the resolution. Reverend Polacek abstained from voting on this issue.

RECOMMENDATION 9: That the resolution submitted by the Reverend Fred Polacek, Minister Commissioner, Nashville Presbytery be denied.

We encourage all church employees to actively communicate with the Board of Stewardship, Foundation, and Benefits regarding the Retirement Program.

Respectfully submitted:

The Committee on Stewardship/Elected Officers

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS/MISSIONS/PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT

I. REFERRALS

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Ministry Council (shaded sections only) and the Report of the Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Reverend Larry Greenslit, Director Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel; Reverend Cassandra Thomas, representative; Reverend Chuck Brown, Pastoral Development Ministry Team; Reverend Milton Ortiz, Missions Ministry Team Leader; and Reverend Michael Sharpe, Stated Clerk.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND PERSONNEL

We note that we are a global church and as such we need to respect the position, history and nature of the many members of our global church that may not be a part of the United States. We would encourage the Commission on Military Chaplains and Personnel to be aware and identify needs and possibilities for chaplain service in other countries as we continue to be a more global church.

We commend the members that represent us as a part of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel. We note that Reverend Mary Catherine McCaskey-Benedict's term expires this year and that she is eligible to be re-elected for an additional term.

We encourage the home presbyteries of those chaplains deployed and living outside the bounds of their home presbytery to keep in touch with those chaplains and include them in all information sharing processes.

The endorsement process of chaplains for many communities is important. Since there is an even greater number of people being incarcerated, more and more ministers are seeking a call to ministry in the prison setting. We feel those individuals should have the endorsement of their denomination. We note that the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel has taken the added responsibility of endorsing ministers to serve in the prison setting, making sure to meet the requirements of such ministry.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the Cumberland Presbyterian Church authorize the Stated Clerk of the denomination to designate the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel as the official endorsing agency of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for those seeking to serve as chaplains in the prison setting.

We would ask that this General Assembly recognize Reverend Larry Greenslit (an ordained PCUSA minister) and that the Assembly allow Reverend Greenslit the opportunity to address the Assembly about the work of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel.

B. REPORT OF THE MINISTRY COUNCIL (SHADED SECTIONS ONLY)

We express excitement to both Reverend Chuck Brown who shared with us plans for the Pastoral Development Ministry with plans for Minister's Conferences and leadership development and Reverend Milton Ortiz who offered plans for many concepts of ministry, especially our cross cultural ministry.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Ministry Council, "that the General Assembly encourage all USA presbyteries to explore opportunities for Cross-Culture church starts within their boundaries," be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Ministry Council, "that according to the *Confession of Faith* for Cumberland Presbyterians, and the example of Christ, the General Assembly affirms that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and all its judicatories and agencies are called to minister to all immigrants regardless of their nationality, culture, race, social economics, migration status, and/or political preference, who are coming to live in countries where the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is present," be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That Recommendation 4 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “that the Mission Ministry Team through the Cross-Culture Ministry USA Program assists the judicatories of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church regarding immigration education and/or resources to embrace ministerial opportunities among communities made up of immigrants within all presbyteries and synods,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That Recommendation 5 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “that the Missions Ministry Team engage new immigrants associated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the study of scriptures that ask followers of Christ to obey the laws imposed on society, providing theological guidance to Christian immigrants who may not be in compliant legal status,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That Recommendation 6 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “that the General Assembly pray that God give us wisdom and leads us as a church into places in the world where God can use the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to show the love and compassion of Jesus Christ,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 7: That Recommendation 7 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “that Cumberland Presbyterian Churches everywhere light 19 candles or display 19 Bibles (or some other appropriate symbol) on Mission Sunday (Pentecost Sunday) to recognize the service of these 19 Cumberland Presbyterian Missionaries, and that they set aside special time for prayer for the work of these missionaries who are carrying the light of Christ into our world,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 8: That Recommendation 9 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “that each presbytery’s Committee on the Ministry urge ministers/leaders who may be open to considering a call to create an online profile (<http://ministrycouncil.cumberland.org/leadershipreferral>),” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 9: That Recommendation 10 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “that each presbytery’s Board of Missions urge churches who are searching for a pastor to create an online church profile to maximize the effectiveness of the Leadership Referral Services process (<http://ministrycouncil.cumberland.org/leadershipreferral>),” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 10: We recommend that Recommendation 11 of the Report of the Ministry Council, “that the General Assembly request that all pastors provide brochures and information about the Scott-Wallace Missionary Offering to their churches, explain the importance of the offering, and invite their church to participate in supporting Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries through this offering,” be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 11: That the General Assembly request that all pastors provide brochures and information about the Scott-Wallace Missionary Offering to their churches, explain the importance of the offering, (which helps support Anay Ortega, a layperson from Andes Presbytery; Boyce and Beth Wallace, semi-retired Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries in Cali, Colombia; Carlos and Luz Dary Rivera who are pastors in Andes Presbytery working in Mexico; D and S, missionaries in Laos; Daniel and Kay Jang who are church planters in the Philippines; Phanor and Socorro Pejendino who are church planters in Guatemala; Glen Watts a layperson serving in Hong Kong; John and Joy Park who will deploy to the Philippines as soon as they finish deputation; Kenneth and Delight Hopson in Uganda, Africa; N B a layperson working with an interdenominational organization in China; and T and T G who work with an interdenominational mission in Central Asia) and invite their church to participate in supporting Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries through this offering.

Respectfully submitted:

The Committee on Chaplains/Missions/Pastoral Development

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

I. REFERRAL

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, The Report of the Unification Task Force and the Memorial from Cumberland Presbytery.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: David Phillips-Burk, representative from the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns; Elder Leon Cole, CPCA and Reverend Gloria Villa-Diaz, CPC, representatives of the Unification Task Force.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REFERRALS

A. REPORT OF THE UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

We strongly support unification because we share one confession and should be together as one church body. We commend the work of the Unification Task Force. We recognize that this document is a working document designed for study and discussion over the next year. We encourage every commissioner of the 185th General Assembly to go back to her or his home congregation and presbytery, resolve to study this document and provide feedback to the Unification Task Force. We applaud their efforts to develop a proposal that would allow for ownership on the congregational level. However, we acknowledge that the greatest obstacle to the proposal seems to be a lack of communication at the presbyterial and congregational levels. This can be better accomplished if we all commit to study and discussion concerning this document while supporting the concept. One suggestion is sharing the proposal in the Missionary Messenger, the Cumberland Presbyterian magazine and the Cumberland Flag.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that the Unification Task Force be given time at Summer and Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 presbytery and synod meetings to present updates on unification and to communicate feedback on the plan for union,” be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That presbyteries be directed to allow the Unification Task Force sufficient time at Summer, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 presbytery and synod meetings to present updates on unification and to communicate feedback on the proposal for union.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that joint clusters of churches also schedule a time for a presentation on unification by a member of the task force, unification advocates, and/or other leaders within both denominations,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That Recommendation 3 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that the General Assembly increase its funding for 2016 to \$30,000 to support the programming and travel of the Unification Task Force, legal fees, and subsequent implementation costs that may be incurred,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That the General Assembly add an additional \$5,000 for 2016 to the Unification Task Force budget to be used for communication purposes, such as informational videos, additional mailings to members, session clerks and clergy, press releases, or any other means to maximize the sharing of information.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That Recommendation 4 of the Report of the Unification Task Force, “that clergy, elders and laity make all efforts to attend a regional meeting if geographically possible,” be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 7: That clergy, elders and laity make all efforts to attend a regional meeting.

B. REPORT OF THE UNIFIED COMMITTEE OF THEOLOGY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

1. General Assembly Referral

We note an editorial change. The representatives from Grace Presbytery mentioned in the General Assembly Referral were not “representatives from the Theology and Social Concerns of Grace Presbytery,” but rather an “ad hoc Committee on Universalism from Grace Presbytery.” We commend the Unified Committee of Theology and Social Concerns for their study of the questions regarding section 3.08 of the *Confession of Faith* and their affirmation of the Sovereignty of God, the Authority of Scriptures, and the strength of sections 3.08 and 4.08 of the *Confession of Faith*, which clearly states that (3.08) “Jesus Christ, ... is the only hope of reconciliation between God and sinful persons” and (4.08) “that persons rely solely upon God’s grace in Jesus Christ for salvation.”

2. Study Papers

We commend the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns for their hard work in writing these study papers. We encourage all ministers and presbyteries to spend time with these and use them for study purposes. We do note that there are two titles, one in the report and one on the paper itself. We are assuming (and hoping) that the name for the paper is “*Come Let Us Reason Together, Being Faithful in the Midst of Conflict.*” We do ask that the committee make all papers available online in a format that can be searched in a word processor rather than a picture format. Some are in this format but some are not.

RECOMMENDATION 8: That Recommendation 1 of Report of the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, “that the General Assemblies accept this paper as study paper and that it be used to initiate thought and discussion within the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America,” be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION 9: That Recommendation 2 of Report of the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns, “that the Office of the General Assembly of both denominations make this paper available to churches through the stated clerks of the presbyteries,” be adopted.

C. MEMORIAL FROM CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERY

The committee discussed the memorial from Cumberland Presbytery. With the many concerns listed in this memorial and the fact that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has made statements regarding some of the issues in this memorial, we feel that the best action is to refer it to the appropriate agency.

RECOMMENDATION 10: That the Memorial from Cumberland Presbytery which states:

“WHEREAS, the Church of Jesus Christ, the teachings of our Lord, the principles of the Bible; and the Christian Faith and lifestyle, are under attack by an increasingly diverse group of liberal, secular, agnostic, atheistic, and pagan propagandists; and

WHEREAS, under the influence and relentless anti-Christian polemic of these entities and their promoters, a growing majority of Americans are abandoning the precepts of the Bible and making lifestyle choices that are diametrically opposed to the Word of God; and

WHEREAS an estimated 57,000,000 babies have been aborted since Roe vs Wade in 1973 and this number is increasing by more than 1.2 million babies each year; and

WHEREAS the 2013 National Health Interview Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 4.7 % of the adult population of the United States, or more than 14.5 million Americans, identified themselves as gay, lesbian, or bi-sexual; and

WHEREAS same sex marriages are now legal in thirty-seven states and Washington D. C. and the number of same-sex marriages are increasing dramatically across the nation; and

WHEREAS a 2013 study by the Bowling Green State University’s National Center for Marriage and Family Research reports that traditional marriages have declined by 60% since 1970 which is a leading factor in the decimation of the nuclear family in American society; and

WHEREAS the national debate regarding euthanasia, or physician assisted suicide, is still emerging in popular thought, five states have adopted legislation that approves the action on some level and 71% of Americans have expressed limited support for physicians being allowed to assist terminal patients to die with dignity and without pain; and

WHEREAS applications have already been filed with the FDA to approve a variety of treatments and therapies for diabetes, neuro degenerative disorders, spinal cord injuries, and heart disease using embryonic stem cells; and

WHEREAS our Lord Jesus Christ established His Church to be the advocate of His teachings and the principles of the Bible to the world; and

WHEREAS He commanded the Church to disciple all nations, incorporate them into the Church by the sacrament of baptism, and teach them to observe all His commandments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church shall order its proper agencies to formulate appropriate responses to these issues based upon Christian compassion and Biblical morality,” be referred to the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns for response back to the 186th General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION 11: That the Unified Committee on Theology and Social Concerns find a means to make all theological and social statements from General Assembly easily accessible for anyone to read.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Theology and Social Concerns

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

I. REFERRALS

Referrals to this committee are as follows: The Report of the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary and The Report of the Board of Trustees of Bethel University.

II. PERSONS OF COUNSEL

Appearing before this committee were: Reverend Jay Earheart-Brown, President Memphis Theological Seminary; Reverend Kevin Brantley, Member of the Board of Trustees for Memphis Theological Seminary; and Reverend Michael Qualls, Director of Program of Alternate Studies; Dr. Walter Butler President of Bethel University; Ms. Nancy Bean, Vice President of the College of Arts and Sciences of Bethel University, and Stated Clerk Reverend Michael Sharpe.

III. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The committee gratefully acknowledges that the 185th General Assembly is conducting its work on the campus of the Colegio Americano, Cali, Colombia, a premier educational ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church under the auspices of Cauca Valley Presbytery. From its beginnings in 1928, the school has made a major impact for Christ and in the professional lives of countless young people. Commendation is given to administrator Guillermo Arguello and director Gloria Adrianna Ordoñez.

A. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEMPHIS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board Report expressed appreciation to those members whose terms have been completed or who were unable to continue service. However, since the report was prepared, two additional members resigned due to poor health. For this reason the committee took the following actions:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary, “that the General Assembly express its gratitude to Reverend Jody Hill, Mrs. Jan Holmes, and Mr. David Reed for their faithful service to Memphis Theological Seminary and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church,” be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the General Assembly express its gratitude to Reverend Jody Hill, Mrs. Jan Holmes, Mr. David Reed, Mrs. Pat Meeks and Dr. Robert M. Shelton for their faithful service to Memphis Theological Seminary and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Appreciation is expressed also to Mrs. Cathi Johnson for years of service to Memphis Theological Seminary. Dr. Keith Gaskin is welcomed as the Vice President for Advancement.

Members of the administration, faculty and staff of Memphis Theological Seminary are commended for their fine work. The committee notes with special appreciation that Dr. Earheart-Brown has marked his tenth anniversary as President of MTS. It further celebrates with the seminary community the 50th anniversary of the seminary’s move to Memphis, Tennessee, from McKenzie, Tennessee.

The committee affirms the action of the 183rd General Assembly granting the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary permission to engage in a capital campaign. Cumberland Presbyterians are urged to support this effort which will result in the construction of a new chapel and the expansion of endowments for the seminary.

Gratitude to God is expressed for the estate gifts from Reverend Dr. Virgil Todd and Reverend Walter (Pete) Palmer. The committee was informed that an endowment has been established in the name of Pete Palmer and that contributions are welcome. The endowment is for PAS scholarships. The committee also acknowledged with thanksgiving the publication this year of a new book by Dr. Clinton O. Buck, *Unity and Diversity in Theological Education*, a sequel to the previously published *A History of Memphis Theological Seminary*. Proceeds from the sale of this book are dedicated to help fund the Baird-Buck Chair of Cumberland Presbyterian Studies.

The Memphis Theological Seminary representatives emphasized to the committee the significance of Seminary/PAS Sunday. However, in Recommendation 2 of the report, PAS and the date for the observance were inadvertently not included. Therefore the committee took the following actions:

RECOMMENDATION 3: That Recommendation 2 of the Report of the Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary, “that the General Assembly encourage all churches to recognize and support Seminary Sunday,” be denied.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That the General Assembly encourage all churches to recognize and support MTS/PAS Sunday on the last Sunday in September, which next year is September 25, 2016, or another date of their choosing.

The committee is grateful for the Program of Alternate Studies, and commends the work of Director Dr. Michael Qualls, along with the administrative and teaching team. Since the General Assembly is meeting in Colombia this year, the committee was particularly gratified to hear of the growing work of PAS-Colombia under the administration of Dean Michele Gentry (Moderator of the 185th General Assembly).

RECOMMENDATION 5: That the General Assembly encourage churches and presbyteries to pray for and support PAS-Colombia and that, following the vote on this committee’s report, GA recognize the outstanding progress of PAS-Colombia with standing applause.

The committee observed that several Cumberland Presbyterian work groups have done voluntary service at Memphis Theological Seminary in recent years, and we express appreciation to those congregations and work teams. We encourage other churches to become involved with the seminary in this way.

The committee commends Memphis Theological Seminary and the Ministry Council’s Mission Ministry Team for the initiative in providing “*Advanced CP Studies*,” [p. 43].

B. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BETHEL UNIVERSITY

The committee commends President Walter Butler, the faculty and staff of Bethel University which is completing its 172nd year of service. With strong historical and covenantal ties to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the university is experiencing significant growth, with a total enrollment last fall of 5,906 and more applications for the fall of 2015 than at this time last year.

The committee notes that since the publication of the Trustees Report in the Preliminary Minutes, Cumberland Presbyterian Trustee Reverend Eugene Leslie, a faithful servant of God and devoted supporter of Bethel, has passed away.

It is encouraging that the number of Cumberland Presbyterian students at Bethel has risen significantly since the hiring of a recruiter for Cumberland Presbyterian students. Those who have visited the McKenzie campus in recent years have been gratified to see the addition of new buildings, including dormitories, student center and gymnasium, and football arena. Currently the library is undergoing a \$3.1 million renovation. The construction of The Cumberland Chapel awaits completion of fund raising, with about one-half the goal now raised or committed. A new football fieldhouse is also in the funding stage.

The committee commends Bethel University for its involvement internationally, and particularly with the Colegio Americano through mission work teams and student teachers.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That the General Assembly encourage congregations and individuals to pray and provide financial support for Bethel University, and that names of prospective students from the churches be supplied to the University.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Higher Education

**The
 Proceedings
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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

of the

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

session held in

CALI, COLOMBIA
June 20 - 26, 2015

At Cali, Colombia, South America and within the facilities of the Colegio Americano, there the twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, at the appointed hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, Minister and Elder Commissioners from the various presbyteries, youth advisory delegates and visitors assembled.

FIRST DAY – SATURDAY – JUNE 20, 2015

WELCOME AND OPENING WORSHIP

In the Chapel of the Colegio Americano, the one hundred eighty-fifth General Assembly, the Convention of Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry, and visitors gathered for worship at 3:00 p.m. The Reverend Jairo Rodriguez welcomed the gathering on behalf of Andes and Cauca Valley presbyteries. Following the Call to Worship, Psalm 98:1-3 by Athala Jaramillo, Women's Ministry President, and the singing of the hymn, "How Great Thou Art," Reverend Rodriguez introduced Dignitaries including Elder Leon Cole, Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America; Reverend Lisa Anderson, current Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Reverend Manual Vargas, Association of Christian Churches in Cali, and City Council Member, Sr. Jose Fernando Gil.

Following the introductions, worship continued led by the Reverend Jairo Rodriguez, the Reverend Boyce Wallace, Sr. Guillermo Arguello, and the Reverend Rich Shugert, and with Special Music by the Bethel Quartet. Sra. Javiel Rodriguez served as Translator. The Reverend Lisa Anderson, Moderator, presented the sermon, "Holy Confusion." The Closing Prayer was given by the Reverend Jairo Lopez, after which a fifteen minute break was announced.

THE ASSEMBLY IS CONSTITUTED

The Moderator, the Reverend Lisa Anderson, called the assembly to order at 5:20 pm. Reverend Takehiko Miyai, Japan Presbytery, prayed the constituting prayer. On motion, the program was adopted.

The Reverend Stephanie Brown, Red Presbytery, presented the Report of the Credentials Committee. There were forty-eight (48) ministers, forty three (43) elders, for a total of ninety-one (91) commissioners present at 5:20 p.m. There were seventeen (17) Youth Advisory Delegates present. On motion, the report of the Credentials Committee was concurred in, marked Appendix "A" and filed.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Moderator Anderson declared the floor open for nominations for the office of Moderator of the One Hundred Eighty-fifth General Assembly. The Reverend Michele Gentry, previously endorsed by Andes Presbytery, was nominated by Elder Rene Porras, Andes Presbytery.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

A motion was made that nominations cease and the body move to elect. By election, Moderator Anderson declared that the Reverend Michele Gentry, Andes Presbytery, to be the Moderator of the one hundred eighty-fifth General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Robert Watkins, North Central Presbytery, informed the assembly of Moderator Gentry's qualifications and ministry experience.

Elder Porras escorted Moderator Gentry to the podium. Retiring Moderator Lisa Anderson placed the Moderator's cross on Reverend Gentry, and presented her the gavel.

Moderator Gentry thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to serve the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She introduced her husband, Dr. Adoniran Correal to the body.

VICE-MODERATOR ELECTED

Moderator Gentry opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Moderator. The Reverend Kip Rush, Nashville Presbytery, was nominated. By election, the Reverend Kip Rush was elected as Vice-Moderator of the one hundred eighty-fifth General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

PRESENTATION BY STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk, Michael Sharpe, invited retiring Moderator, Lisa Anderson, to the podium and presented her with a replica of the Moderator's cross and a gavel representing the one used in the one hundred eighty-fourth General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Stated Clerk thanked Reverend Anderson for her dedication and tireless travel cross the denomination during her tenure. The assembly responded with a standing ovation.

Reverend Anderson thanked her husband, The Reverend Barry Anderson, granddaughter Lily, the congregation of Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and the assembly for allowing her to serve as moderator.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk, Michael Sharpe announced that there were no communications.

GREETINGS FROM THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Moderator Gentry recognized Elder Leon Cole, Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. Mr. Cole brought greetings to the assembly in the name of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and expressed his delight in attending the proceedings. He briefly addressed the challenges facing the Cumberland Presbyterian family of churches.

PROGRAM OF ALTERNATE STUDIES PRESENTATION

The Reverend Dr. Michael Qualls, Director of the Program of Alternate Studies spoke of the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a movement whose Founding Fathers found a "new way" to present the Gospel on the Frontier. Moving ahead 200 years later, the Cumberland Presbyterian work in Colombia needed to discover a "new way" to bring theological education to the women and men seeking to serve the church as clergy. In 2012, Andes and Cauca Valley presbyteries began a Program of Alternate Studies to serve Candidates for the Ministry in this area. Dr. Qualls presented a plaque of appreciation to Moderator Gentry who serves as the first Dean of PAS. Dr. Qualls also introduced Consuelo Gutierrez who has completed her PAS studies and will be the first graduate of PAS Colombia.

COMMISSIONER RESOLUTIONS

The Reverend Fred Polacek, Minister Commissioner from Nashville Presbytery, presented a resolution to the assembly dealing with the Retirement Program administered by the Board of Stewardship, Foundations, and Benefits. Following the presentation of the resolution, Moderator Gentry announced that the resolution was received to be referred to the appropriate committee at a later time.

CORRECTIONS TO THE PRELIMINARY MINUTES

The Stated Clerk reported that a copy of all corrections to the preliminary minutes were handed out to all commissioners during orientation and would be reflected in the final printing of the minutes.

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The Stated introduced the following Board/Agency Representatives:

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| Bethel University | Dr. Walter Butler |
| Commission on Chaplains | Rev. Cassandra Thomas |
| Children's Home | Dr. Richard Brown |
| Historical Foundation | Rev. Tommy Jobe |
| Memphis Theological Seminary | Rev. Kevin Brantley |
| Stewardship | Sylvia Hall |
| Theology and Social Concerns | Rev. Gloria Vila-Diaz (CPC) |
| | Elder Leon Cole (CPCA) |

RECESS

On Motion, the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church recessed at 6:10 p.m.

THE EVENING PROGRAM

The General Assembly, the Convention of Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry, and visitors participated in a reception to honor the past Moderator, the Reverend Lisa Anderson and the newly elected Moderator, the Reverend Michele Gentry with a reception on the grounds of the Colegio Americano.