

Presbytery of Arkansas
Evaluation Form

We, the General Council, want to serve you, the commissioners of the Presbytery of Arkansas. To be responsive to your ideas and wishes, we need your input and suggestions. Please take a few minutes to prayerfully evaluate your experience at this Presbytery meeting and respond by submitting the attached evaluation form.

109th Stated Meeting – First Presbyterian, Harrison

1=Poor 2=Below Average 3=Average 4=Above Average 5=Good
(Please circle the appropriate number reflecting your ranking)

1. How useful/valuable was the **business** portion of the meeting? 1 2 3 4 5
2. How clear & helpful was the **business** as it was conducted? 1 2 3 4 5
3. How moving was the **worship** experience? 1 2 3 4 5
4. How meaningful were the **fellowship** times at the meeting? 1 2 3 4 5
5. How helpful did you find the **pre-presbytery** workshops? 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

You may e-mail your comments to General Council member Wendell Phillips at wengail@cebridge.net.

CONSENT AGENDA
109th Stated Meeting—October 9-10, 2008
First Presbyterian Church, Harrison, Arkansas
Presbytery of Arkansas

1. Minutes have been received from the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Susan Gray as pastor at the Mountainburg Presbyterian Church. I move that the Commission be dissolved with thanks from the Presbytery.
2. Request has been received and reviewed with favorable approval by the Committee on Administration that the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista be allowed to borrow and encumber its property up to \$240,000.00 for the expansion of their building. I move that permission be granted once minutes of the congregational meeting authorizing the indebtedness have been received by the Stated Clerk.
3. There presently exist two vacancies on the Hispanic NCD Commission leaving the following members: Elder Susan Anderson, MWS Breck Castleman, MWS Jerry Rice, Elder Jane Scroggs and MWS Georgia Senor. I move that Elder Ila Wolfe (First, Bentonville) and Elder Kim Dewey (First, Eureka Springs) be added as members on the Commission.
4. Permission is requested by the Committee on Christian Education and Nurture for the Sacrament of Holy Communion to be celebrated each day of the annual Cursillo Renewal Weekends (April 15-19 and October 14-18, 2009) and at other official ARPC events with the celebrants being Presbyterian Ministers of Word and Sacrament. I so move.
5. Permission is requested by the Committee on Christian Education and Nurture for the Sacrament of Holy Communion to be celebrated at the 2009 Youth Quakes (Senior High on March 13-15 and Junior High on September 25-27, 2009) with the celebrants being Presbyterian Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. I so move.
6. Based on a Motion to change days of Presbytery meetings approved at the 108th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (June 2008), General Council has recommended and I move the following changes to:
 1. *The Manual of Operations*, Part I, page 1 titled “Stated Meetings of Presbytery”. The line to be changed currently reads: “The third meeting shall ordinarily be held on the second Thursday and Friday of October.” The line will be replaced with the following: “Beginning in 2010, the third meeting shall ordinarily be on the second Friday and Saturday in October.”
 2. *The Standing Rules*, page 3, Article III, Meetings of the Presbytery, Section 3.3 which is titled “Attendance at Presbytery Meetings.” The last line of A. currently reads, “As special meetings of the Presbytery may be called from time to time, only those ministers and elders who are within 75 miles of the place of meeting will be expected to attend.” The change will add a phrase to read (additions are underlined): “As special meetings of the Presbytery may be called from time to time, beginning in 2010 these shall be held on Saturdays. Only those ministers and elders who are within 75 miles of the place of meeting will be expected to attend.”

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
109th Stated Meeting—October 9-10, 2008
First Presbyterian Church, Harrison Arkansas
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1. Received and accepted an invitation from First, Searcy to host the 111th stated meeting of the Presbytery on June 6, 2009.
2. Received and accepted an invitation from First, Malvern to host the 114th stated meeting of Presbytery on June 5, 2010.
3. Minutes have been received from the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Susan Gray as pastor at Mountainburg Presbyterian. **
4. Received a request from the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista that it be allowed to borrow and encumber its property up to \$240,000.00 for the purpose of a building. **
5. Received a report from the Permanent Judicial Commission which met on July 19, 2008 and restored MWS Ashley Griffith to the exercise of the office of Minister of the Word and Sacrament since she had been temporarily excluded from the exercise for a period of twelve months and completed a rehabilitation program supervised by the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Arkansas including the regular attendance at the public worship of Almighty God and twelve months of pastoral or other counseling.
6. Received a written statement of an alleged offense(s) against a minister member of the Presbytery and referred the statement to an Investigating Committee consisting of: MWS Charles “Chip” Andrus, First, Harrison, MWS Debbie Spangler, First, Walnut Ridge, Elder Mike Easley, Graham Memorial, Forrest City, Elder Beth Highsmith, Second, Little Rock and Elder Bill Fisher, First, Paragould.

** These items have been moved for consideration in the Consent Agenda.