

March 3, 2008

Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Dear Cliff,

The National Capital Presbytery enthusiastically endorsed the Reverend William "Bill" Teng, Pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia, to stand for the office of Moderator of the 218th General Assembly at its Stated Meeting on November 27, 2007.

Bill has served as the Moderator of the Presbytery and the chair of the Presbytery Council. His remarkable abilities with cross cultural conflict management and decision-making were particularly evident. While he decidedly comes from a more evangelical position on most issues, he gained and maintained the trust of progressives and evangelicals both in his service. He continues to serve on the Permanent Judicial Commission and Nominating Committee of the Presbytery, as well as on the Planning and Evaluation Committee. Even now the Planning and Evaluation Committee is proposing a new leadership structure to pursue the Presbytery's vision of strengthening and transforming its congregations to be Missional, Pastoral and Prophetic.

Bill has served non-PCUSA congregations as a pastor before becoming and as a Presbyterian. From that experience he brings a deep appreciation for the points of order, accountability and community at the heart of being Christian with a Presbyterian polity. He also has a background as an orchestra conductor. He brings to the church an ear for dissonance and resolution, harmony and timing, dynamic control. He knows how to direct various parts and move them toward a coordinated experience such that beauty might be manifest.

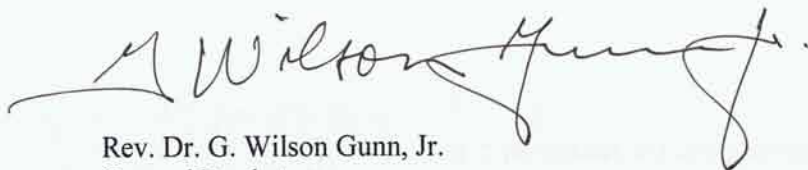
We believe Bill's gifts and experiences as well as his servant spirit will benefit our church in a time such as this when we need to have more joy and harmony in our services to the One from whom all blessings flow!

We commend to you Bill Teng as Moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Sincerely,



Rev. Richard McFail
Stated Clerk



Rev. Dr. G. Wilson Gunn, Jr.
General Presbyter



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