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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY



Providence Presbytery
Winter Stated
Meeting

February 11, 2024

Registration: 1:30 pm
Call To Order: 2:30 p.m.

Questions - Contact the
Providence Presbytery
Office at 803-328-6269

Winter Stated Meeting Tirzah Presbyterian Church, York, SC Sunday, February 11, 2024

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Ministers, please make sure that your Ruling Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery meeting has a copy of the Handbook prior to the meeting. Handbooks are being sent by email. We are not mailing any copies because of the cost of postage. We will have 15 printed Handbooks available at the meeting. If you want a printed copy, please call the Presbytery office at 803-328-6269 or lemmonsberry@providencepres.org to request a copy to be available at the registration desk at the Presbytery meeting.



Tirzah Presbyterian Church

180 Tirzah Road

York, SC 29745

Established July 4, 1915
www.tirzah.church

Seeking to love the Lord with all our heart, soul,
and mind and our neighbors as ourselves.

Directions to Tirzah Presbyterian Church

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Welcome!

At Tirzah **All** are welcome to worship, serve, learn, and grow together in God's love. We are a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and believe we can love and serve Jesus even if we don't agree on every point of theology.

We hope that all who gather here feel warmly welcomed as a part of God's family and the Tirzah family.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am

Serve The Lord With Gladness...

We encourage everyone to find a way to use their unique gifts
to serve God & others.

Below you'll find links to some of the ministries
we support with offerings & our time.

[Bethel Shelters](#)

[Pathways Community Center](#)

[Path](#)

[HOPE](#)

[Pilgrims' Inn](#)

[Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen](#)

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Greetings friends and family of Providence Presbytery!

Truth be told, I don't often pay attention to the turning of the pages on a calendar. I do pay attention to the opportunities and obligations noted on those pages, and I use them to remember the past and to plan for the future. Sure, I need to know when birthdays and Christmas and Easter and Presbytery meetings are arriving. Still, the turning of the pages on calendar do not really change anything. I find little difference in the transition from the last day of one month to the first day of another.

At the same time, for Providence Presbytery, the metaphor of the transition from December 31 to January 1 is powerful this year. It is powerful because 2024 is a year of transition.

The beginning of a new year enacts a new Presbytery structure and a new Presbytery operating manual.

The beginning of the new year initiates a brand-new staffing model.

The beginning of a new year challenges us to minister without a central building.

The beginning of a new year allows us to welcome a brand-new Bridge Executive Presbyter.

The beginning of a new year challenges us to tolerate a brand-new Stated Clerk.

The beginning of a new year brings transition to other staffing positions.

The beginning of a new year challenges Presbytery churches to explore new ways to partner in ministry.

So, the metaphor of the New Year is strong in 2024. At this our first Presbytery meeting, we begin walking into this new year, into this new beginning, into this new opportunity for service...together.

May God lead us on this journey. May God bless us on this journey.

Peace,

David

Rev. Dr. David M. Bender
Stated Clerk, Providence Presbytery

Installation Service For The Presbytery Moderator Rev. Marty Simmons

Current Moderator: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling Elders, as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Marty Simmons, in baptism you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service in Jesus' name. You have been elected by this body to serve as the Moderator of Providence Presbytery. This service is for one year, unless called upon by the body to be moderator appointed if future moderators cannot serve. Today we gather to install you in this office.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

- a. Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**
- i. Will you be a faithful Moderator, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service, and will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Question to the presbytery:

- a. Do we, the members of the church, accept Marty Simmons as the Moderator of Providence Presbytery, chosen by God through the voice of this presbytery to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
- b. Do we agree to pray for her to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Let us pray:

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Throughout the ages and in every place, you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace. We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone— for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace; for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth; for leaders and teachers in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness. Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant, Marty, whom you called by baptism as your own. May she continue in the ministry to which you have called her. May she rely on the gifts of your Spirit, following Christ faithfully in this calling. Empower her to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Welcome, Madam Moderator. Be faithful and true to your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Amen

Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery DOCKET

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

Tirzah Presbyterian Church
York, SC

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Providence Presbytery is to equip, support, and connect our congregations as they faithfully serve Jesus Christ in a changing world

- 2:30 pm** **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** Moderator, Elder Mike Conn
Ruling Elder, Tirzah (Y) Presbyterian
- Land Acknowledgement of Providence Presbytery**
"We are gathered on the land of the Cherokee and Catawba Nations. The congregations of Providence Presbytery inhabit the ancestral homes of the Catawba, Cherokee, Congaree, Wateree, Lumbee, Waxhaw, Cheraw, and Sugaree. I ask you to join me in acknowledging these first nations, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. Providence Presbytery also acknowledges that its existence resulted in the exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples. This acknowledgement demonstrates a commitment to the ministry of reconciliation made possible through Jesus Christ. We hold in prayer the indigenous peoples in our community and, through prayer and discernment, seek ways to mend, repair, and renew a relationship with these peoples."
- 2:35 pm** **Welcome** Moderator, Elder Mike Conn
Tirzah (Y) Presbyterian
- A. Greetings From Tirzah Presbyterian Church CRE Carrie Blanchard
Tirzah (Y) Presbyterian
- B. Joys and Concerns
- 2:40 pm** **Election & Installation of Moderator-in-Nomination** Retiring Moderator, Mike Conn
Tirzah (Y) Presbyterian
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- Rev. Marty Simmons**
Grace Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, SC
- 2:45 pm** **Stated Clerk's Report** Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. David Bender
- A. Enrollment and Quorum
- B. Recognition of New Ruling Elder Commissioners
and Guests
- 2:50 pm** **Adoption of the Docket & Consent Agenda** Moderator, Marty Simmons
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- 2:55 pm** **Installation of Stated Clerk** Moderator, Marty Simmons
Rev. Dr. David Bender **Page D: 1**

3:00 pm	<u>Worship</u> (Candidate Paul Smith Preaching) <i>2023 In Memoriam Report</i>	The Worship Team Page E: 1
3:30 pm	<u>Introduction of Bridge General Presbyter & Report</u>	Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller Page F: 1
3:40 pm	<u>Presentation From Implementation Team Regarding Providence Presbytery's New Structure</u>	
4:00 pm	<u>ORDER OF THE DAY</u> Conversation with Rev. Shavon Sterling-Lous Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) 225 th General Assembly (2022)	
4:25 pm	FIVE MINUTE BREAK	
	<u>Ministries of Communities of Care</u>	
4:30 pm	A. Community of Love	Ruling Elder Mike Conn Moderator Tirzah Presbyterian Pages G: 1 – 4
	1. Presbytery E-mail Voting Policy	Page G: 3
	2. Basic Structure of Providence Presbytery	Page G: 4
	3. Approval of Administrative Commission For Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Camden, SC	
4:35 pm	B. Community of Faith	Ruling Elder Dr. Eric Robinson Moderator Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Appendix 3
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4:50 pm	D. Community of Witness – Ministerial	CRE Paul Smith Co - Moderator Old Waxhaw & Wade Presbyterian Ruling Elder Susan Bullard Co - Moderator Unity Presbyterian Pages H: 1 - 11

1. The Honorable Retirement of the Rev. Jane Summey Mullennix Pages H: 4 - 5
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3. Examination of Candidate For Ordination Pages H: 6 - 7
Paul Smith, CRE serving Old Waxhaw & Wade Churches
4. 2024 Temporary Pastoral Relationships Pages H: 8 - 9
5. 2024 Salary Compensation and Benefits Packages (to be handed out) Pages H: 10 – 11

5:30 pm E. Community of Witness - CPM

Rev. Dr. John White
Moderator
Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church
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*Following Your Call: Coming Under The Care of the
Committee on Preparation For Ministry of Providence Presbytery”
Second Read*

5:35 pm F. Community of Witness – Mission & Advocacy

Ruling Elder Dr. Dave Keely
Moderator
Rock Hill First Presbyterian
[Appendix 5](#)

Neighborhood Reports:

1. Bethelwoods Report

Stephen McDonald
Bethelwoods Director

5:40 pm Attendance Report

Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. David Bender

5:45 pm Resolution of the Day

Resolutions Team

5:50 pm Adjournment & Prayer

Moderator Marty Simmons

2024 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

Type of Meeting

Called:	Sunday, January 14, 204	3:00 pm	Virtual
Stated:	Sunday, February 11, 2024	2:30 pm	Tirzah (Y) Presbyterian Church
Stated:	Sunday, May 5, 2024	2:30 pm	Douglas Presbyterian Church
Stated:	Sunday, August 11, 2024	1:30 pm	Virtual
Stated:	Sunday, November 10, 2024	2:30 pm	Lancaster First Presbyterian Church

INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERY STATED CLERK

Rev. Dr. David Bender

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

David Bender, you have been chosen by this governing body to be its Stated Clerk.

Questions to Bridge Stated Clerk:

David, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service.

Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Question to Presbytery:

Will you, the members of this governing body, promise to support David, who has been chosen to serve in the office of Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery, as together we seek to serve Jesus Christ? Will you?

We will.

David, by this action and the prayer following your installation as Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery, I declare that you are duly installed as the Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery.

The rights, privileges, and responsibilities of this office are outlined in the Book of Order and in the manual of Presbytery. You will have these duties as listed, which you have committed yourself to in the Providence Presbytery community. All of your work as Stated Clerk should provide opportunities to learn and to serve.

You are not alone. Those who chose you need to support you with their prayers and their full cooperation. Through your service, may this part of the body of Christ come to realize its own responsibilities and to participate more fully in the glorious mission entrusted to the Church by its head, Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Elder Jim Rowell to this time and place. Establish *him* in your truth, and guide *him* by your Holy Spirit, that in your service *they* may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen

CONSENT AGENDA (OMNIBUS MOTION)
Report to Providence Presbytery
February 11, 2024

For Information:

1. Regarding balance of ministers and elder commissioners at presbytery meetings

NOTE: The stated clerk is instructed by the *Book of Order*, G 3.0301 to report annually the balance of elder commissioners and ministers attending Presbytery meetings.

As of January 1, 2024, Providence Presbytery had 32 active ministers, plus 23 retired ministers for a total of 55. We have 59 elder commissioners eligible to vote at each meeting of the Presbytery. In 2023, we had the following representation at the three stated and one called meetings.

<u>2023 Meetings:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder Commissioners</u>	
<u>Ministers</u>			
Called Winter: (Virtual)	January 29	26	29
Stated Spring: (Virtual)	March 26	28	30
Stated Summer: (In Person)	June 25	28	28
Stated Fall: (In Person)	October 22	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>
Total		110	119

2. That the Community of Faith: Faith Formation Report be received as information. **(See Appendix 3: Pages 1 - 2)**
3. That the following Community of Hope Report be received as information:
 Community of Hope Report **(See Appendix 4: Page 1 – 2)**
 2024 Church Mission Partnership Acceptance Giving **(See Appendix 4: Pages 3 - 4)**
 2024 Mission Partnership Fair Share Acceptances – vs – 2023 Acceptances **(See Appendix 4: Page 5)**
 2024 Per Capita Assessments **(See Appendix 4: Pages 6 - 7)**
4. That the Community of Witness: Mission & Advocacy Report be received as information, which includes the 2023 Dimes For Hunger Report, Dimes For Hunger Summary, Donation For Support of Cataract Surgery For Individuals From The Municipality of Trinidad Flyer, and the New Vision in Honduras Report. **(See Appendix 5: Page 1 - 5)**

5. That Providence Presbytery churches gave \$1,450 for Theological Education in 2023. This is a \$100 decrease from 2022.
6. **REMINDER:** Last year Providence approved a new Manual of Operations for Providence Presbytery that changed the criteria for the number of Voting Elder Commissioners for Presbytery from each session, they are as follows:
(See Appendix 2)

0 – 125 members	1 ruling elder
126 – 300 members	2 ruling elders
301 – 750 members	3 ruling elders
751+ members	4 ruling elders

7. **REMINDER:** For all of you (especially pastors) to attend an antiracism workshop led by [The Revered Dr. W. Benjamin Boswell](#) who is a preacher, pastor, author, civil rights leader, and public speaker who facilitates anti-racist spiritual formation courses.

Rev. Dr. Boswell spoke at the October 22, 2023 meeting of Providence Presbytery. The workshop will be offered on two different dates; choose the one best for you:

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Purity Presbyterian Church
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Click this link to register and pay for the workshop: [Register for the Anit-Racism Workshop](#)

For Action:

1. That excused absences for those requesting to be excused from this Presbytery meeting be granted.
2. That the following individual be seated as a Corresponding Member and be granted the privilege of the floor to address the Presbytery at the appropriate time on the docket.

Rev. Shavon Sterling-Louis,
Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly (2022)

3. That the Providence Presbytery Nominations Committee Report for 2024 be approved **(See Appendix 4: Pages 8 - 15)**
4. That the minutes of the Providence Presbytery Fall Stated Meeting held in person on October 22, 2023 hosted by Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina be approved by the Presbytery. **(See Appendix 6: Pages 1 – 7)**
5. That the minutes of the Providence Presbytery Virtual Called Winter Meeting on January 14, 2024 be approved by the Presbytery **(See Appendix 7: Pages 1 – 4)**
6. That the minutes of the Administrative Commission elected to Install the Rev. Dr. A. Lee Zehmer as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC. Be approved as presented and to dismiss the Administrative Commission with thanks.

Installation of the Rev. Dr. A. Lee Zehmer

The Commission, according to the appointment of Providence Presbytery, met at the First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill on January 21, 2024. The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo presided, and called the meeting to order, and led the opening prayer. The following ministers: the Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo, the Rev. Letarshia Robinson, and elders: Tim Cureton, Paul Smith, Paul Horne and Iris Rose were present, which constituted a quorum. Elder Paul Smith served as Clerk. By a special invitation to share in the installation service, the Rev. Dr. Stan Ott of National Capital Presbytery was present and given a cordial welcome to serve with the Commission.

The presiding officer led the congregation in a worship service with the Rev. Dr. Stan Ott preaching and members of the Commission participating in the worship service. The presiding officer recited the proceedings of Presbytery leading up to the service, and elder Paul Smith propounded the constitutional questions to the minister which he answered in the affirmative; then elder Paul Horne propounded the questions to the congregation which they also answered in the affirmative.

The Rev. Dr. A. Lee Zehmer was installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill. As a part of the installation, a charge to the minister was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Stan Ott, and to the congregation by elder Iris Rose. The service was concluded with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Zehmer, and the congregation gave him the hand of fellowship in token of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

The minutes were approved, and the commission adjourned with a benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Joanne C. Sizoo, Chairperson
Rev. Paul Smith, Clerk

IN MEMORIAM REPORT

Elders of Churches in Providence Presbytery Who Died in 2023

Allison Creek

Lula Covington: December 20

Bethesda (K)

James Roqumore: November 23

Betty N. Coombs: November 26

Beth Shiloh

Dorothy "Dot" Berry: September 10

Covenant

Phillip Griffith: July 29

Edward "Ed" Kelley: October 25

Doby Bridge

Buddy Bryant: February 15

Jane Watkins: December 5

Faith

Jane Fredericks.: August 8

Grace (Y)

Rachel Tripp: January 12

Jon Miller: May 20

Unity

Manly Storme Young III: February 10

Zeta Garnder Sistare: September 22

Unity

Manly Storme Young III: February 10

Zeta Garnder Sistare: September 22

Van Wyck

Kevin Fullerton: July 18

Betty Broome: August 28

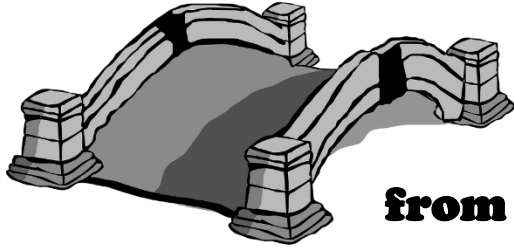
Ministers & Commissioned Ruling Elders of Providence Presbytery Who Died in 2023

CRE William Gaither: October 12

Rev. Harold Eller: November 9

Rev. Dr. W. T. Holmes: November 28

(Dr. Holmes served in Providence Presbytery but was a member of Trintiy Presbytery)



from the Bridge...

A Report to the Stated Meeting of Presbytery, February 2024

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By the time you receive this, I will have been at work with you for three months. Not a long time, by any stretch of the imagination, but long enough to begin getting to know you!

One of the ways I'm working to get to know you is through 'county coffees.' I've set up, most Tuesdays, opportunities in each county for you to swing by and say hello, sit down and introduce yourself. Another avenue is through worshiping with you. Most Sundays I'm out and about (and post about it on our Facebook page!) worshiping with the saints of Providence Presbytery. I've worshiped at Camden Second Presbyterian, and Unity Fort Mill. I've been to First Rock Hill, and Fishing Creek PC. Sometimes I get to lead worship (Allison Creek so far) which I love to do as well.

Another way is through our Community meetings, mostly via Zoom. I'd like to see the Communities commit to at least a couple of meetings in person in 2024, to begin reconnecting and enjoying one another's company. I've joined Zoom meetings with other Synod execs – but we also met in person in early January.

Most importantly, though, is our work to help you get to understand our new way of operating. The presbytery office is no longer on Oakland Avenue. The business administrator works out of a small space in the Tirzah church (thank you!!) and your new Stated Clerk (thanks, David Bender!) and I both do our presbytery work remotely. Committees are now Communities, and YOU are encouraged to plug in where your passions lead you, because YOU are Providence Presbytery!

Questions? Contact me! 256-425-3181 is the best way, or toby@providencepres.org My work hours (due to family needs) are Mondays-Thursdays, 8am-2pm.

I continue serving in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller– Bridge Executive Presbyter, Providence Presbytery

**Providence Presbytery Community of Love
Coordinating Team
Report to Providence Presbytery
February 11, 2024**

Items for Information

- On November 2, 2024, the Coordinating team approved Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller as Bridge Executive Presbyter of Providence Presbytery. Her first day of work was November 6, 2024. Her terms of call include a salary of \$40 per hour and not more than \$4,000 per month, which averages 20-25 hours per week. She brings a vast array of experience working in several positions in a variety of church settings, and she has served at the Presbytery level. She has worked with ministries in transition, and she brings a package of experience, energy and expertise that is serving Providence Presbytery very well. Welcome Toby!
- The Coordinating team approved a Presbytery E-mail Voting Policy which can be used by Presbytery Communities of Care and ministry teams. This policy can be found in this packet. **(See Page G: 4)**
- The team reviewed and agreed with a document outlining the basic structure of Providence Presbytery and the names by which the Communities of Care, ministries etc. will be called. That chart can be found in this packet. **(See Page G: 5)**
- For the PC(USA) General Assembly, the following geographical boundaries of Providence Presbytery were approved: *“The geographic district of the Presbytery of Providence consists of the counties of Lancaster, Union, Chester, Kershaw, and York; the township of Blacksburg (within Cherokee County) all in the state of South Carolina; and Union (the portion delimited by Waxhaw Highway, Old Waxhaw Monroe Road, South Providence Road, Lancaster Highway, and the North Carolina/South Carolina border), in the state of North Carolina.”*
- Providence Presbytery received two overtures to General Assembly, one from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and the other from Greater Atlanta Presbytery. The Coordinating team approved the appointment of the commissioners from the 2022 GA and those who are going to the 2024 GA as a Committee on Bills and Overtures to study these overtures and to recommend action by Providence Presbytery on them.
- Updates on Administrative Commissions

- **Fort Lawn and Cedar Shoals**

The Administrative Commission members for Cedar Shoals Presbyterian Church and Fort Lawn Presbyterian Church are Megan Watson, Dickie Harper and Robert Folks. They are charged with respectfully closing those two churches.

Cedar Shoals

The commission is in conversation with the last remnants associated with that congregation. They have reviewed the property and assets. They are in conversation with a Cemetery Association located across the street from the church property that is interested in acquiring it. They are making good progress.

- **Fort Lawn**

The commission is in conversation with the last members of Fort Lawn. They are gathering information regarding the church ministry and assets, and they are aware of a Community Center who is interested in acquiring the property. Their work continues.

- **Oakdale**

The Administrative Commission members for Oakdale Presbyterian Church are Steve Austin, Linda Kennedy, Marty Simmons, Tim Cureton, Geoff Dunn, Shirnetha Belk and David Bender. The commission has met with the Oakdale session and congregation and has exchanged many correspondences. The commission unanimously agrees that the Oakdale congregation believes they can no longer remain a part of the PC(USA), and the commission is working towards transferring them to ECO. The administration presented the session with proposed terms for a Covenant Agreement which includes Terms of Dismissal. Negotiations with Oakdale continue.

- **Mt. Tabor**

The Administration Commission members for Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church are Christina Trimble, Paul Smith, Mike Conn and Doug Macdonald. They have met several times with the Mt. Tabor session. The commission has come to the conclusion that the Mt. Tabor congregation believes they can no longer remain a part of the PC(USA). The commission has asked Mt. Tabor to proceed with their conversation towards acceptance into another Reformed denomination. The commission has also asked Mt. Tabor for further information necessary to begin to form Terms of Dismissal. As of the date this report was submitted, they await Mt. Tabor's response.

- **Bethesda in Camden**

Presbytery staff has received a letter signed by what we believe to be all of the ruling elders of Bethesda (K) Presbyterian Church seeking to disassociate with the PC(USA) and Providence Presbytery and to become a congregation of another as of yet unnamed Reformed denomination. Presbytery staff has acknowledged receipt of that letter and begun gathering an Administrative Commission to work with the Bethesda (K) church.

Items for Action

1. The Community of Love moves the approval of these ruling and teaching elders to serve on an Administrative Commission to work with the Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden regarding their desire to disaffiliate with the PC(USA):

Joanne Sizoo (TE from Grace (Y))
Hope Moore (RE from Tirzah (Y))
Tim McCullough (RE from Pleasant Ridge)
Tom Robinson (retired TE--member of Presbytery)
Dannie Vaughn (RE from Unity)

2. The Community of Love moves that this Administrative Commission be granted the following authority:

This commission is entrusted with the following authority: (1) to enter conversation with the Bethesda (K) session to determine their reasons for seeking disaffiliation (2) to determine whether the denomination with which the church seeks to affiliate meets the Book of Order criteria for transferring membership (3) to determine whether the church congregation membership supports the desire to disaffiliate from the PC(USA) (as determined by a vote of their active membership of 75% or higher) (4) to determine whether any church members desire to remain members of the PC(USA) and, if so, to work with them to allow them to do so (5) to determine whether there is a schism within the membership of the church congregation and, if so, to take action as set out in G-4.0207 (Book of Order) (6) to inquire into the value of the Church property and assets in order that we do due diligence in our fiduciary responsibility to the PC(USA) (7) to negotiate terms of dismissal with the church session which will be included in a Covenant agreement between Providence Presbytery and Bethesda (K) Presbyterian Church (8) to determine whether the Bethesda congregation accepts the terms of the Covenant agreement (as determined by a vote by their active membership of 75% or higher) (9) if the terms are approved by the congregation, to bring said terms before the body of the Presbytery for vote (10) to take original jurisdiction only if it is determined that the “session of the congregation is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs.”

Voting By Electronic Means

When a motion needs to be voted on between meetings of expediency, The Moderator of the Committee shall first acquire a Committee mover of the motion and a second, then shall write out the motion in full with rationale and send it to the Committee Members.

Committee and subcommittee matters may be acted upon by email or text message vote, so long as the following criteria are met:

1. Only one item or subject is put forward for a vote by the Moderator of the committee;
2. The committee member who makes the motion and the committee member who provides the second to the motion are both named in the communication;
3. This policy is included in the body of the communication;
4. The item for action does not go beyond the bounds of the approved committee budget; and,
5. The item does not include information of a sensitive nature that requires confidentiality.
6. The motion is put forward for a defined voting period (*typically 3 days*);
7. Voting may be conducted using a polling system (*like Doodle Poll for email or PollEverywhere for text messages*) for the collecting and recording of the votes;
8. An abstention is recorded by either an ‘abstain’ vote in the polling system or by an automated ‘out of office reply’ which would be counted as a vote to abstain;
9. If any member raises a question or objects to the motion, e-voting ceases and a called meeting is required (*may be by electronic means*);
10. A quorum must be present among voting members. A simple majority is required for vote completion and must meet the requirements of a quorum for passage or failure;
11. The results of the e-vote are reported by the Moderator to the members of the committee once voting has ended;
12. The vote tally is recorded in the minutes of the closest committee meeting under the appropriate sub-committee or section.

Providence Presbytery Basic Structure	
Manual of Operation	Names/Abbreviations for Communication Purposes
Community of Love	Community of Love
Coordinating Team	Coordinating Team
Community of Faith	Community of Faith
Faith Formation Team	Faith Formation Team
Technology and Communications Team	Tech/Com Team
Presbyterian Women	PW
Community of Hope (Admin/Support)	Community of Hope
Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team	Finance Team
Personnel Ministry Team	Personnel Team
Nomination And Representation Team	Nominations/Representation Team
Permanent Judicial Commission	PJC
Trustees of Presbytery	Trustees
Community of Witness (Ministers)	Community of Witness (Ministers)
Committee on Ministry	COM
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	CPM
Community of Witness (Mission and Advocacy Team)	Community of Witness (Mission)
Current Neighborhoods	
Committee on Racial and Religious Reconciliation	CRRR
Anti-racism Team	Anti-Racism Team
Living Waters	Living Waters Team
Central American Task Force	Central American Task Force
Hunger Action Team	HAT
Syria/Mid East Action Team	Syria/Mid East Team
Bethelwoods Ministry Team	Bethelwoods Ministry Team
Another team	
Review and Evaluations Team	Session Records Review Team

**Committee on Ministry Report
Report to Providence Presbytery
February 11, 2024**

Items for Information:

1. Approved the following covenants/contracts:

- CRE Carrie Blanchard and Tirzah Presbyterian Church (Y) to serve as Stated Supply Pastor (Covenant dates: 1/1/24-12/31/24)

Terms of Annual Contract

Salary \$37,260 per annum
Mileage and expenses \$1,500

3 Weeks of Vacation

- CRE Phillip Wright and Beersheba Presbyterian Church to serve as Stated Supply Pastor (Covenant dates: 10/22/23-3/22/24)

Terms of Annual Contract

Preaches 3 times/month \$400/month

Preaches 4 times/month \$550/month

Mileage reimbursement

Continuing education: 1 out of every 6 weeks

- CRE Max Russell and Woodlawn Presbyterian Church to serve as Stated Supply pastor. (covenant dates: 1/1/23-12/31/23)

Terms of Annual Contract

Salary \$38,000

Mileage and Expenses \$2,000

- CRE Paul Smith and Wade Memorial Presbyterian Church to serve as Stated Supply pastor (Covenant dates: 1/1/24-12/31/24)

Terms of Annual Contract

Salary \$3,840

Housing \$3,840

Board of Pension \$768 (minister's choice)

Ministry and travel reimbursement

Vacation and Continuing education

- CRE Paul Smith and Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church to serve as Stated Supply pastor (Covenant dates:1/1/24-7/31/24)

Terms of Annual Contract

Salary	\$300/month
Housing	\$700/month
Board of Pension	\$100/month (minister's choice)

Ministry and travel reimbursement
 Vacation and Continuing education

2. Transitions:

Rev. Dr. Lee Zehmer was installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, on January 21, 2024 in a beautiful worship service. His installation commission is dismissed with thanks. **(See Consent Agenda Page D: 4)**

After 23 years of service, Rev. Sam McGregor has completed his ministry with Allison Creek Presbytery Church, and they have parted ways. His final day was January 14, 2024.

Jason Myers has submitted his letter of resignation to the session of Purity Presbyterian Church. His last day as their pastor is February 14, 2024.

Items for Action:

1. That the Reverend Jane Summey Mullennix be granted the status of Honorably Retired, effective January 31, 2024. **(See Pages H: 4 - 5)**
2. That the Reverend Edgar N. McCall be granted the status of Honorably Retired, effective February 11, 2024. **(See Pages H; 4 - 5)**
3. That the examination of Paul Smith, a Candidate of Providence Presbytery, to be examined for ordination as a Teaching Elder (Minister of the Word and Sacrament) in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a member of Providence Presbytery. **(See Pages H: 6 - 7)**

The Service of Ordination for Paul E. Smith, Jr. will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, 2814 Old Hickory Road, Lancaster, SC with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY ORDINATION COMMISSION for Paul Smith:

Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller, Bridge Executive Presbyter, Providence Presbytery
 Rev. Dr. David Bender, Stated Clerk, Providence Presbytery
 Rev. Robert Jones, Douglas Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Edgar McCall, Honorably Retired
 Rev. Carson Montgomery, Van Wyck Presbyterian Church
 Rev Marty Simmons, Grace Presbyterian Church Lancaster
 Elder Shirenta Belk, First Presbyterian Church Lancaster
 Elder Teresa Johnson, Wade Memorial Presbyterian Church
 Elder Vernie Plyler, Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church

4. That the Temporary Pastoral Relationships for 2024 be approved. **(See Pages H: 8 - 9)**
5. That the 2024 Salary Compensation and Benefits Packages Report be approved. **(See Pages H: 10 – 11) For online privacy purposes, this report will be given out at the Presbytery meeting.**

NOTE: COM's February meeting was scheduled after reports for this Presbytery meeting were due. Therefore, we might need to add items to our report from our February meeting.

***Recognition of
HONORABLE RETIREMENT
From
The Order of Teaching Elder
For***

**Rev. Edgar McCall
Rev. Jane Summey Mullennix
February 11, 2024**

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

(Ps. 90:1-2)

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

(Ps. 103:1-5)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits,**

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

who satisfies you with good things,

and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

(The moderator addresses Reverends Edgar McCall and Jane Summey Mullennix)

Edgar and Jane, you have completed your active service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. Your sisters and brothers in Providence Presbytery rejoice with you in the evidence of the Holy Spirit in your work. We thank God for your

dedicated ministry in the church of Jesus Christ, and we praise God for the grace that has allowed your ministry to touch many lives.

Now we come to mark with you the fulfillment of your calling, as Providence Presbytery confers upon you the status, Honorably Retired. While we know this begins a time of rest and the enjoyment of other callings, we value the experience you have gained and the skills you have acquired throughout your years of ministry. Therefore, we welcome your continued participation in the life of the church, using your gifts in meaningful ways. You remain a colleague in ministry, and we will continue to seek your wisdom and your fellowship.

Together with the whole church, you will find new opportunities to fulfill your baptismal calling, as one marked by the Holy Spirit, a disciple of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bring joy and peace to your life, just as you have blessed the Presbyterian Church with your ministry and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, through all the years of our lives your love protects and guides us. By your Spirit you call us to varied ministries in the service of Jesus Christ. We praise you for your gifts to your servants, Edgar and Jane, for their faithful proclamation of your Word, their administration of the holy sacraments of Jesus Christ, and their pastoral care and leadership in the church.

Grant to Edgar and Jane time for refreshment and rest, reflection and rejoicing, and the fullness of your peace. Through your Holy Spirit bless each of us that we may remember the love of Jesus Christ which unites us in the service of our Lord. In the name of Christ we pray.

AMEN.

Paul E. Smith, Jr. Candidate for Ministry

My name is Paul Smith, and I am humbly seeking ordination to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). I grew up in Pageland, SC, and am a cradle Presbyterian. I am currently a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster and was previously a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pageland.

I am a second career pastor, having served in Public Safety for nearly 30 years. In 2016, I retired from the Lancaster Police Department as a Police Captain over the Support Services Division. Post retirement, I worked for nearly five years, part time, as a Quality Assurance Specialist and Policy Writer for Lancaster County 911 Dispatch Center.

Throughout my life, I have had the privilege of serving in various capacities, including roles as a deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher. After completing the Commissioned Lay Pastor training at Presbyterian College in 2012, I was commissioned by the Presbytery to serve as Stated Supply Pastor at Wade Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lancaster and am still actively serving that congregation. In July 2016, I began serving as the Stated Supply Pastor at Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. I am also still actively serving that congregation, too.

In 2018, I had the honor of serving as the Ruling Elder Commissioner from Providence Presbytery to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, MO, where I served on the 'Way Forward' committee. Currently, I am honored to serve on the Presbytery's Coordinating Team and as the co-chair of the Committee on Ministry. I have served previously on the COM, classes of 2019 and 2022.

Academically, I graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia College. In June 2023, I earned a Master of Divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte. In November 2023, I received a Graduate Certificate in Christian Counseling from Grand Canyon University with a 4.0 GPA. This is a program I pursued to enrich my pastoral care skills. Additionally, I completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Atrium Health Union and have successfully passed all five of my prescribed Ordination Exams.

For leisure, I enjoy daily walks on the Lindsay Pettus Greenway in Lancaster, engaging in reading, and traveling when time permits.

Faith Statement

Paul E. Smith, Jr.

I believe in one sovereign, omnipotent, and benevolent God, who is triune in nature. I hold that God is both the Creator and the Redeemer of the world. My faith in God is rooted in the Scriptures of the Holy Bible and is renewed daily through my study of these sacred texts. I affirm that God is the Creator of all things, and that all creation is inherently good.

Humans, I believe, were made in the image of God. However, we strayed from God's will through acts of arrogance and disobedience. This continued disobedience creates a separation from God, a gap we are unable to close by ourselves. Despite our fallibility, I believe that the image of God still resides within us, and God's love continually beckons us back, welcoming us through grace.

I affirm that the triune God eternally exists in three persons: God the Creator (Father), God the Redeemer (Jesus Christ), and God the Sustainer (Holy Spirit). All three share the same power, love, and eternal existence, acting in unison on our behalf.

I believe that God entered humanity through Jesus Christ, the child of the Virgin Mary. Christ's earthly presence provided us with an unprecedented understanding of God's law and grace. His teachings serve as the most potent testimony of the life we should lead as followers. The crucifixion and subsequent resurrection of Christ bridge the separation caused by human sin, reuniting us with God in a unique and transformative way.

Because of the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, I believe we are called to be disciples and to imitate his life. We are instructed to seek justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. This discipleship compels us to feed the poor, seek justice for the marginalized and the 'least of these,' provide water for the thirsty, clothe the naked, and love both our neighbors and enemies.

I believe that the Church serves as an instrument for this discipleship, facilitating the study of Christ's teachings and the worship of God. The Church is responsible for proclaiming God's benevolence and grace, encouraging continual study and prayer, and service to others. We connect with God through the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, which serve as visible signs and assurances of God's undeserved love and grace.

Although written by fallible humans, I regard the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit. These Scriptures are authoritative guides for our faith and lives, demonstrating God's unbounded love and grace even in the face of our neglect and insolence.

I believe that, in due time, Jesus will complete the redemption of the world. Humanity will continue to grapple with sin and suffering until Christ returns, ushering in a new Heaven and a new Earth. With this act, creation will be restored to perfection, and the victory of Jesus Christ will be finalized.

**Temporary Pastoral Relationships Report
To Providence Presbytery
February 11, 2024**

Church	Supply	Kind	Moderator of Session
Allison Creek	Vacant		forthcoming
Beaver Creek	Rodney A Foster	Stated Supply	Rodney A Foster
Beersheba	Phillip Wright	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Phillip Wright
Bethlehem First	Vacant		Derek Marotta
Bethune	Guy Oliver	Stated Supply	Guy Oliver
Blackstock	Vacant		
Bowling Green	Lisa Johnson	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Lisa Johnson Supervised by: Sam McGregor
Camden 2 nd	Vacant		
Carmel	Vacant		Jason Myers
Catholic	Wayne Pruitt	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Wayne Pruitt Supervised by: Carson Montgomery
Cedar Shoals	Vacant		
Community	Tom Sherer	Stated Supply	Tom Sherer
Cornwell	Tim Foster	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Tim Foster Supervised by: James Platt
Fishing Creek	Vacant		
Fort Lawn	Vacant		
Grace (L)	Marty Simmons	Stated Supply	Marty Simmons
Great Falls	James M. Williams	Temporary Supply	James M. Williams
Hebron	James M. Williams	Temporary Supply	James M. Williams
Hermon	Jonathan Davis	Temporary Supply	Jonathan Davis
Hopewell	Donnell White	Stated Supply	James Platt
Lancaster, First	Vacant		
Liberty Hill	David Leininger	Stated Supply	David Leininger
Lockhart	Vacant		
Messiah	Vacant		
Morningside	Vacant		
Mt. Pleasant	Ed Melvin	Stated Supply	Ed Melvin
Mt. Tabor	Jonathan Cantrell	Stated Supply	
Oakdale	Denver Parker	Stated Supply	Steve Simon
Old Waxhaw	Paul E. Smith	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Paul E. Smith Jr. Supervised by: Edgar McCall

Church	Supply	Kind	Moderator of Session
Pleasant Grove (C)			
Pleasant Grove (Y)	Vacant		Lisa Johnson
Pleasant Ridge	Vacant		
Purity	Vacant (as of 2/14/24)		
Ramah	Vacant		Nick Setzer
Riverview	Tom Sherer	Stated Supply	Tom Sherer
St. Paul's	Steven "Max" Russell	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Steven "Max" Russell Supervised by: James Platt
Tirzah (L)	John Gerstenmier	Stated Supply	John Gerstenmier
Tirzah (Y)	Carrie Blanchard	Commissioner Ruling Elder	Carrie Blanchard Supervised by:
Uriel	Vacant	Mike Shaffer Preaching	
Wade	Paul E. Smith, Jr.	Commissioner Ruling Elder	Paul E. Smith, Jr. Supervised by: Edgar McCall
Woodlawn	Steven "Max" Russell	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Steven "Max" Russell Supervised by James Platt

Laboring Outside the Bounds Of Providence Presbytery

Church	Minster
Beth Hutton-Muse	Ruby Presbyterian Church - Ruby, SC

**2024 Salary Compensation & Benefits
Packages Report**

To Be Handed Out At the Presbytery Meeting

**Following Your Call:
Coming Under the Care of the
Committee on Preparation for Ministry
of Providence Presbytery**

Steps to Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament

The care process is a covenant between three partners- you, your session, and the Presbytery. We will work together throughout your time as an inquirer and candidate, but in many regards, you are required to take ownership of this process. Ministry is a profession where pastors are called to recognize what needs to be done and then make sure it happens. Most of what you will be asked to do by the Presbytery is asked of everyone going through the process to become a Ministry of Word and Sacrament, but Presbytery may have some specific requirements for you as an individual. These individual requirements will be geared toward helping you develop your sense of call and your gifts.

The first two steps, Inquiry and Candidacy, are distinct phases in which you grow in listening to and responding to God's potential call for you to ministry. The Book of Order requires that Inquiry and Candidacy together last at least two years, one year of which must consist of Candidacy (G-2.0604). The last two steps are procedural in nature and serve to certify you for a call in the Presbyterian Church (USA) as discussed below. In addition to this letter, you will want to become familiar with section G-2.06, "Preparation for Ministry," in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the resources on Preparation for Ministry provided on our denomination's webpage. Links to both are included here... *Advisory Handbook* at [[Resources - Advisory Handbook for Preparation for Ministry in the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)] and *Book of Order* at [[2023-2025 Book of Order](#)]

Pre-Inquiry Time Frame

To begin the process of Inquiry, you will need to be a member of a church in Providence Presbytery and active in that church for 6 months. You will also need to complete [1A-D](#) as well as [2B](#). These forms require that you be endorsed by the Session of the congregation of which you are a member. (You can also find these forms and all necessary forms for the ordination process on our Presbytery's website). It cannot be overemphasized that strong communication between you and your Session is important during the whole ordination process. An active elder on the Session will act as your Session Liaison to be a connector for communicating with you and where you are in the process and to communicate updates to your Session.

After your Session endorsement and after completing the required paperwork, you will appear before CPM. If you are approved by the CPM, the Presbytery will officially vote to enroll you as an Inquirer at its next stated meeting. (Please note that you do not need to attend that meeting.)

Inquiry

The purpose of the inquiry phase for you, as you are discerning God's call to serve as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, includes exploring your sense of call in community in service to the church. The Presbytery in process with the Committee on Preparation for ministry joins you as together we discern your suitability and, finally, your readiness for ordered ministry.

Once you become an Inquirer, the CPM will appoint a liaison to assist you. The liaison's responsibility is to be a guide, coach, and helpful resource for you throughout the ordination process. You should feel comfortable going to your liaison should you need answers to specific questions, general advice in the ordination process, or someone to be a sounding board for any issue you encounter as a part of the care process. They will be praying for you throughout this process, so feel free to share specific prayer requests.

During Inquiry, you will also need to:

- immediately provide transcripts showing graduation from a regionally accredited college or university and any other graduate course work;
- schedule your psychological evaluation and assessment. This must be done before you become a candidate. It is our hope that your church's session will help pay this fee;
- upon completion of Old and New Testament introductory classes, take the Bible Content Exam.
- complete a background check- contact Presbytery office for release form
- provide a certificate of completion of boundary training, which includes the topic of sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse prevention training with recertification at least every thirtysix months. The presbytery shall determine which trainings are approved to meet the criteria of these two requirements. (G-2.0603)

Candidacy

When should you apply to move from Inquiry to Candidacy? The short answer is, when you:

- have been an Inquirer for at least one year,
- have successfully completed your career and psychological testing,
- further discerned your call and your gifts for ministry is validated by yourself, by the CPM, and by others when you have had enough course work and experiences in church and church-related settings to have refined your sense of call,
- concluded that you believe that in order to respond to God's call to service, you need to be ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. (Many people may help you discern when you are ready to become a Candidate – your pastor and other ordained clergy, your seminary professors, internship supervisors, friends, family, and your liaison, to name a few.)

The purpose of the Candidacy phase is to provide for the full preparation necessary to be a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, and for the Presbytery to assess your fitness for ordered ministry. While the Inquiry phase was a time for exploring many possibilities and directions (while evaluating your strengths and growth areas), the move to Candidacy reflects a clarifying of focus, more certainty about purpose, direction, and self-awareness. In fact, the move calls for a recommitment with your partners in the covenant: your congregation and the CPM.

When you and your liaison feel ready to move to Candidacy, you will need to:

- arrange for an appointment with the CPM

- complete forms [5A & 5B](#), some of which again require Session endorsement;
- submit a brief Statement of Faith no more than one typed page). Students should treat this as their “Apostles’ Creed” type statement. It should address the Trinity (God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), the authority of Scripture, both sacraments, and the significance of the church;
- and submit a current, official copy of your academic transcript to the Presbytery Office.

Upon Session endorsement and completing the required paperwork, you will appear before the CPM.

In addition to the forms above, you will also need to provide thoughtful, written responses to the following questions. Your responses should articulate a clear understanding of Reformed Theology.

1. Articulate an understanding of Christian vocation in the Reformed Tradition and how it relates to your own personal sense of call.
2. Express your personal faith in a manner that demonstrates an understanding of the Reformed Tradition.
3. Expound upon at least one concept from your personal faith statement (Question #2) at greater depth, explaining what your faith means about God, humanity, and their interrelationships.
4. Explain what it means to be Presbyterian, indicating how that awareness grows out of participation in the life of a particular church.
5. Discuss your personal and cultural background as it relates to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, including concern for maintaining your own spiritual, physical, and mental health.
6. Express your understanding of the tasks that Ministers of the Word and Sacrament perform, including expression both of your specific gifts for this particular ministry and areas in which further growth is needed.

Please remember that all required paperwork, including that from third parties, should be in the hands of the CPM co-chairs one week prior to your meeting with CPM.

If you are endorsed by both your Session and the CPM, the Presbytery will vote to enroll you as a Candidate at its next stated meeting. You must present a written statement of faith to be printed in the packet for the Presbytery and deliver an oral statement of call before the Presbytery. The moderator will then open the floor for questions, which will be related to your sense of call. Since you must be physically present at the Presbytery meeting, please plan on coordinating your appearances before your church’s Session, CPM, and the next stated meeting of Providence Presbytery. Dates of Presbytery meetings are on the [Providence Presbytery website](#) or your Session liaison can share those dates with you.

Once you become a Candidate:

1. Fill out forms [5C & 5D](#)
2. Pass the standard ordination exams (Theology, Polity, Worship and Sacraments, and Exegesis). We do require students to become a Candidate before taking these ordinations exams. You are responsible for paying the fees for these exams. [Register here](#) and one of the Co-Moderators of CPM will be notified in order to grant permission for you to take the exams.

Required Courses

You must graduate from and provide a final, official transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Your classes must include:

- 1.) Greek and Hebrew Languages
- 2.) Exegesis in Greek and Hebrew
- 3.) Introductions to the Old and New Testaments
- 4.) Reformed Theology
- 5.) Worship and Sacraments
- 6.) Preaching
- 7.) Polity
- 8.) Supervised Ministry
- 9.) Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

If you are not attending a seminary of the PC (USA), you may be required to take Reformed Theology, Polity, Worship and Sacraments, and Preaching at a seminary of the PC (USA). You will also need to provide the CPM with copies of all supervised ministry (parish and/or non-parish) assessments. These are the core requirements. In some cases, based on the individual, CPM might require additional classes or experiences.

Annual Consultations

In addition to meeting with the CPM for approval as an Inquirer and a Candidate, you will also need to meet with the CPM for annual consultations. You will need to complete [Form 3](#) for this consultation and submit a current, non-official copy of your academic transcript to the Presbytery Office. These meetings do not require Session endorsement, but they are required to remain under care. If scheduling and travel are an issue, these consultations may be done online through a program such as Zoom or Skype. To arrange your annual consultation with the CPM, please email the CPM co-chairs.

Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training - (*Developing Healthy Boundaries Training*)

All active ministers, Commissioned Local Pastors (CLPs), certified educators, Candidates/Inquirers under our care, Committee on Ministry (COM), CPM, and Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) members are required to attend sexual misconduct training. To ensure participation, COM will not attest or re-attest Ministry Discernment Profiles (MDP's), CLPs will not be commissioned nor will qualified Candidates/Inquirers be allowed to serve congregations. This training may be done at your seminary or through the Presbytery. Certification as to the date, location, and time that you took the training should be given to the CPM chair for inclusion in your file.

Seeking Any Position in a Church or Non-parish Setting as an Inquirer or Candidate

While the CPM believes that service in a local church or non-parish setting can be a valuable experience, it is required that students under the care of this Presbytery inform their CPM Liaison of such conversations before negotiating and accepting a position. Members of the CPM are here

to guide you in these opportunities for your own protection and for the good of the church or agency you are seeking to serve.

Final Assessment

After you have been a Candidate for at least one year, passed the standard ordination exams, and have completed all other requirements for ordination, you will once again meet with the CPM for a final assessment during which you will be certified ready to receive a call. This is an oral exam that covers Theology, Worship and Sacraments, Polity, and Biblical Knowledge (G-20607c). This meeting with the CPM does not require Session endorsement. No paperwork is required unless it has been over a year since the Candidate met with the Committee. If it has been over a year, the Final Assessment will be combined with an Annual Consultation and [Form 3](#) will be required. It is essentially a review to ensure that you have completed (with the exception of your theological degree) and have submitted all requirements for certification as ready to receive a call. Only after you are certified ready to receive a call may you distribute your Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), enter into formal conversations, and accept a call from a church or validated ministry (G-2.0503a; G-3.0306 at [\[2023-2025 Book of Order\]](#))

The CPM shall record when it has certified you ready for ordination, pending a call. In addition to this final assessment, you will also need to be approved by your calling Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). Contact the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the calling Presbytery, so that they too may interview you regarding the call and approve the terms of call prior to the Presbytery meeting at which you will be examined. The Presbytery placing the call to the candidate for ministry shall ordinarily examine, ordain, and install the candidate.

After you have met these requirements, you will preach a sermon, 10 minutes in length, before the Presbytery, or representatives thereof, in which you are receiving your call and be further examined on your sermon and Statement of Faith on the floor of that Presbytery meeting. The CPM's part of your journey ends, and you will arrange with the Committee on Ministry the details for your ordination and installation.

Important Additional Information

As we partner together in support of students and for the good of the church as a whole, it is expected that a student under care of the CPM complete the pathway to ordination in no more than a 10-year time span. Please also be aware that the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations advises presbyteries that ordination exams cannot provide meaningful information about an individual's current "readiness to begin ministry" for a period of more than five years. Consequently, it may be advisable to have candidates repeat ordination examinations in order to ascertain their current "readiness to begin ministry." Those taking longer than 10 years to complete the care process and those who passed ordination exams more than 5 years ago may be asked to partner with the pastor and Session of their home church, their CPM liaison, and the CPM as a whole to engage in an intentional time of discernment to gain a clearer understanding of God's calling to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. If a student chooses to withdraw from the care process and reengage at a later time, the student may be required to start the care process over beginning with the Inquirer phase.

In order to fully support, care for, and pray for one another, students are expected to stay in

regular contact with the CPM through their assigned liaison. A failure to stay in regular communication with the CPM at a minimum of a yearly basis may result in that student being removed from the care process.

RESOURCE LINKS

Providence Presbytery:

[Providence Presbytery](#)

Book of Order:

[2023-2025 Book of Order](#)

Preparation for Ministry Handbook:

[Resources - Advisory Handbook for Preparation for Ministry in the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

Application Forms to Enroll as an Inquirer (Forms 1A-D and 2B):

[Preparation for Ministry - Application forms](#) & [Form 2B](#)

Forms for Candidacy (Forms 5A-D):

[Preparation for Ministry - Forms for advancing to Candidacy](#)

Forms for Annual Consultation (Form 3):

[Preparation for Ministry - Forms for annual consultations](#)

Register for Ordination Exams:

[Preparation for Ministry - Standard Ordination Exams](#)

Presbytery Meeting Dates:

[Providence Presbytery Calendars](#)

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HELPFUL HINTS FOR PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS

Congratulations on being chosen to be a commissioner to this Presbytery meeting from your congregation! Below are some thoughts and observations that you may find helpful as you prayerfully prepare to fulfill your responsibility.

- Our Presbyterian system is a very simple system: It assumes that Christians meeting in representative bodies, which we now call **councils**, can seek, and know the will of God and that, through these councils, the whole church can be governed in ways that are just, decent, and orderly.
- Officers elected to serve as commissioners to a meeting of the Presbytery cannot be told how to vote. Our Book of Order reminds us that “Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills.” (F-1.0202)
- Officers must be free to listen for the word of Christ to his church. As commissioners you are independent decision makers and cannot be bound to vote according to the wishes of those who elected you. Again, our Book of Order reminds us that “Presbyters are not simply to reflect the will of the people, but rather to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ.” (F-3.0204)
- A meeting of Presbytery is a deliberative body open to the give-and-take of discussion and to the free working of the Holy Spirit.

Providence Presbytery Meeting Policies

Persons who have the privilege of the floor are:

- Teaching Elder members of Providence Presbytery
- Commissioned Ruling Elders
- Ruling Elder Commissioner(s) of each church
- All Moderators of the five Communities of Care:
 - Community of Love (Coordinating Team)
 - Community of Faith (Faith Formation and Christian Education)
 - Community of Hope (Administration and Support)
 - Community of Witness (Ministerial Services)
 - Community of Witness (Mission and Advocacy)
- Presbytery PW provided they are ordained as either a ruling elder or a teaching elder
- All members of the Community of Love
- Certified Christian Educators (G-2.1103b)
- All Candidates under care of Providence Presbytery not otherwise enrolled in the Presbytery
- Persons certified in church service (Certified Church Service, G-2.11)

Persons who are eligible to vote are:

- Teaching Elder members of Providence Presbytery
- Commissioned Ruling Elders
- Ruling Elder Commissioner(s) of each church
- All Moderators of the five Communities of Care:
 - Community of Love (Coordinating Team)
 - Community of Faith (Faith Formation and Christian Education)
 - Community of Hope (Administration and Support)
 - Community of Witness (Ministerial Services)
 - Community of Witness (Mission and Advocacy)
- Presbytery PW provided they are ordained as either a ruling elder or a teaching elder
- Certified Christian Educators who are ordained as a ruling elder or a teaching elder (G-2.1103b)

Membership and Representation:

Presbytery is a cooperate expression of the church consisting of all churches and teaching elder members within its bounds. When Providence Presbytery meets, each church shall be represented by ruling elders commissioned by the session as follows:

0 – 125 members	1 ruling elder
126 – 300 members	2 ruling elders
301 – 750 members	3 ruling elders
751+ members	4 ruling elders

From *Providence Presbytery Manual of Administrative Operations*, Pages 1 -2, Approved 3-26-23.

**Community of Faith
Faith Formation Report
To Providence Presbytery
February 11, 2024**

The 2024 Confirmation cluster will be hosted by Bethelwoods beginning in January 2024, with a retreat at Bethelwoods and continue through the spring. If your church has youth – 8th grade and above – that are interested in going through the confirmation process, please reach out to Parker Lucas at parker@bethelwoods.org. More details will be forthcoming.

Leadership Development Scholarships are available to support continuing education and training for **ALL** members in our presbytery and churches (lay and clergy). Scholarship recipients are just asked to share the knowledge gained with in the presbytery in some way. The Application Form is available online at <https://form.jotform.co/73313868774872> or at the QR code to the right.



others

The SC-5 Leader of Leaders Event will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. Rev. Dr. Becky Davis will keynote on Social Media Policies and Best Practices. Registration Information forthcoming.

Educator Gatherings are coordinated by Edye Bender each quarter and we hope to have one at Bethelwoods at the first of November. If you, your educator, or anyone in your church leading education ministries would like to receive updates on these gatherings, please email Edye at dcedye@aol.com

Resource consultants listed below are available if you are looking for guidance on curriculum or Christian Education materials. Contact:

Edye Bender, Faith Presbyterian (dcedye@aol.com),
Sarah Childers, Bethesda (Y) Presbyterian (schilders@comporium.net),
and Kathryn McGregor, Unity Presbyterian (KmcGregor@UnityFortMill.org)

Resource Center resources: The following resources from the Resource Center are still available to be borrowed from these churches:

Grace (Fort Mill): Sarah Childers

- Youth Curriculum: Echo, Reform, & Faith Questions
- Children Curriculum: Godly Play
- Grief books for Children
- Things to Make & Do at Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter

Unity (Fort Mill): Kathryn McGregor

- Recreation Resources
- What Will You See Children's Series of 3 books
- Adult: Lent for Everyone Series by N.T. Wright
- Commentaries:
 - Feasting on Worship Companion Series,
 - Feasting on the Word Gospel Companion Series

Rock Hill-First: Kara Wheeler

- Adult Curriculum: Being Reformed Series, Companions in Christ, Animate Series, Various DVD Studies
- Officer Training Materials
- Two Different Hunger Curriculum for Children, Youth, and Adults
- Adult Women's Bible Study: Namesake by Jessica LaGrone

Faith (Indian Land): Edye Bender

- Adult Series: Various Video Series by Adam Hamilton, A Bird's Eye View of the Bible study
- Children: Flyaway Books, What's in the Bible DVD

Oakland Avenue: Lisa Gallagher

- Various children's books

Leaderfest 2024 was held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center. Camp-For-A-Day was led by Bethelwoods staff for children and sixty-six adults attended Mental Health First Aid to assist individuals in crisis was led by Robyn Ellison.

Community of Hope (Administration & Support) Report
February 11, 2024
To Providence Presbytery

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team

1. **Bethelwoods 2023 Year-End Shortfall:** As of November 30th Bethelwoods, was experiencing a shortfall of **-\$75,105.36**. Shortfall is mainly due to resident camps not meeting budget due to economic conditions. Summer program resident camp income was \$146,750.83 and was budgeted to be \$197,665.00 shortfall of **-\$50,914.17**. The shortfall here was in overnight camps. They've also had approximately \$19,300.00 in unanticipated expenses with maintenance of camp. As of 11/30/23 a total of \$22,823.52 in Bethelwoods designated accounts will be used to help cover this shortfall. The designated accounts are Online Donations and Annual Fund donations. Realizing that Bethelwoods is a ministry of Providence Presbytery we are responsible to cover any remaining budget shortfalls.
2. **Bethelwoods Update:** Bethelwoods board begins 2024 with a retreat week-end in January to continue working towards becoming an independent 501C3. The Stewardship & Finance team along with others are working on a land agreement between Providence and Bethelwoods that is part of this process. The hope is to complete this process in 2024.
3. **Year-End Financial Report:** not available at handbook deadline will be added to handbook when it's completed. As of 1/22/24 we still have churches that have not completed pledges for 2023 and churches that have not returned their 2024 Mission Partnership form. There will be an appendix report listing outstanding churches for both 2023 and 2024. **(See Appendix 4: Pages 3 – 7)**

Personnel Committee
For Your Information

Posting of staff jobs ended on December 31, 2023. Jobs were posted on Indeed.com, Synod website and emailed to In the Know subscribers, and all ministers and clerks of session. Personnel Interview groups have begun interviews in January for Mission Consultant, Technology & Communications Coordinator and Business Administrator/Treasurer. They anticipate completing interviews and having staff in place by the end of February 2024.

Nominations Committee

An email has gone out to ministers with a list of committees with vacancies requesting names to contact. The Nominations committee will begin seeking volunteers to fill the Class of 2027 in the coming months. If you are anyone you know who has a willingness to serve please contact the Rev. Rob Jones. **(See Appendix 4: Pages 8-15)**

**Community of Hope (Administration & Support) Report
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Permanent Judicial Commission

No report

Trustees

No report

Hope Moore,
Administrative Ministry – Moderator

Providence Presbytery
2023 Mission Partnership Giving Y-T-D
01/01/23 to 12/31/23

Church	Assessment	Assessment PD Y-T-D	Pledge	Pledge Received	Non-Budget Y-T-D	Total Received	Over or Under Pledge	% Given on Pledge
Allison Creek	\$1,771.00	\$1,771.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$785.62	\$4,556.62	\$0.00	100.00%
Beaver Creek	\$227.70	\$227.70	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$2,910.25	\$8,337.95	\$0.00	100.00%
Beersheba	\$328.90	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$531.00	\$531.00	(\$700.00)	0.00%
Beth Shiloh	\$1,530.65	\$1,530.65	\$6,000.00	\$6,261.00	\$620.91	\$8,412.56	\$261.00	104.35%
Bethesda (K)	\$4,516.05	\$4,516.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,720.37	\$10,236.42	\$0.00	
Bethesda (Y)	\$2,011.35	\$2,011.35	\$6,175.00	\$6,175.00	\$3,745.69	\$11,932.04	\$0.00	100.00%
Bethlehem First	\$316.25	\$316.25	\$1,734.00	\$1,734.00	\$300.00	\$2,350.25	\$0.00	100.00%
Bethune	\$189.75	\$189.75	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,620.46	\$4,810.21	\$0.00	100.00%
Blackstock	\$25.30	\$25.30	\$893.00	\$893.00	\$20.00	\$938.30	\$0.00	100.00%
Bowling Green	\$974.05	\$974.05	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,460.12	\$11,434.17	\$0.00	100.00%
Camden Second	\$126.50	\$126.23	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$583.50	\$949.73	\$0.00	100.00%
Carmel	\$113.85	\$113.85	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$231.50	\$845.35	\$0.00	100.00%
Catholic	\$113.85	\$113.85	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,070.00	\$2,083.85	\$0.00	100.00%
Cedar Shoals	\$25.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,437.40	\$0.00	
Clover	\$1,948.10	\$1,948.10	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,437.40	\$5,378.10	\$2,000.00	300.00%
Community	\$290.95	\$290.95	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00	\$430.00	\$2,425.85	\$0.00	100.00%
Cornwell	\$619.85	\$619.85	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$814.90	\$4,527.04	\$0.00	100.00%
Covenant	\$1,075.25	\$1,075.25	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,516.00	\$6,196.75	\$0.00	100.00%
Doby's Bridge	\$1,454.75	\$1,366.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,107.19	\$12,471.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Douglas	\$923.45	\$923.45	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$675.50	\$10,583.45	\$0.00	100.00%
Faith	\$2,125.20	\$2,125.20	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,121.50	\$23,477.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Fishing Creek	\$695.75	\$695.75	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$4,105.00	\$13,154.20	\$0.00	100.00%
Fort Lawn	\$25.30	\$25.30	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$2,160.00	\$1,765.75	\$0.00	100.00%
Grace (L)	\$923.45	\$923.45	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$3,477.00	\$20,355.30	\$0.00	100.00%
Grace (Y)	\$3,415.50	\$0.00	\$11,008.00	\$10,008.00	\$4,029.00	\$11,511.45	(\$1,000.00)	90.92%
Great Falls	\$531.30	\$531.30	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$520.00	\$4,431.50	\$0.00	100.00%
Hebron	\$177.10	\$177.10	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$330.00	\$2,611.30	\$0.00	100.00%
Hermon	\$670.45	\$670.45	\$5,720.00	\$5,800.00	\$580.00	\$6,557.10	\$80.00	101.40%
Hopewell	\$506.00	\$506.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$431.50	\$2,351.95	\$0.00	100.00%
Lancaster First	\$1,353.55	\$1,353.55	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$3,435.50	\$21,941.50	\$0.00	100.00%
Liberty Hill	\$759.00	\$7.59	\$11,860.00	\$11,860.00	\$8,886.85	\$22,100.40	\$0.00	100.00%
Lockhart	\$189.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.59	\$0.00	
Messiah	\$37.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Morningside	\$88.55	\$88.55	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$405.00	\$1,405.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Mt. Pleasant	\$404.80	\$404.80	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$366.63	\$955.18	\$0.00	100.00%
Mt. Tabor (U)	\$177.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$404.80	\$0.00	
Oakdale	\$1,859.55	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$5,661.00	\$6,161.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Oakland Avenue	\$9,133.30	\$9,133.30	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$28,791.56	\$65,791.56	\$0.00	100.00%
Old Waxhaw	\$278.30	\$278.30	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.03	\$239.25	\$10,572.58	\$0.03	100.00%

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2023 Mission Partnership Giving Y-T-D
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Pleasant Grove (C)	\$442.75	\$442.75	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,039.20	\$4,717.50	\$0.00	100.00%
Pleasant Grove (Y)	\$366.85	\$366.85	\$535.00	\$535.00	\$400.00	\$1,377.75	\$0.00	100.00%
Pleasant Ridge	\$328.90	\$328.90	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$728.82	\$2,595.67	\$0.00	100.00%
Purity	\$986.70	\$986.70	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$9,132.90	\$12,011.80	\$0.00	100.00%
Ramah	\$328.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$1,246.70	\$0.00	
Riverview	\$771.65	\$771.65	\$5,000.00	\$5,128.35	\$8,026.00	\$13,154.35	\$128.35	102.57%
Rock Hill First	\$4,629.90	\$4,629.90	\$23,200.00	\$23,370.10	\$9,259.09	\$33,400.84	\$170.10	100.73%
St. Paul's	\$202.40	\$202.40	\$200.00	\$225.30	\$168.50	\$5,023.70	\$25.30	112.65%
Tirzah (L)	\$366.85	\$366.85	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,718.00	\$2,920.40	\$700.00	333.33%
Tirzah (Y)	\$1,176.45	\$1,176.45	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,039.00	\$14,405.85	\$0.00	100.00%
Union First	\$139.15	\$139.15	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	\$7,444.67	\$14,421.12	\$0.00	100.00%
Unity	\$13,763.20	\$13,763.20	\$67,200.00	\$67,500.00	\$18,819.88	\$86,459.03	\$300.00	100.45%
Uriel	\$265.65	\$265.65	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$265.40	\$15,528.60	\$0.00	100.00%
Van Wyck	\$1,125.85	\$1,050.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,867.60	\$12,133.25	\$0.00	100.00%
Wade	\$240.35	\$240.35	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$300.00	\$2,140.35	\$0.00	100.00%
Woodlawn	\$961.40	\$961.40	\$4,239.00	\$4,239.00	\$2,204.31	\$7,404.71	\$0.00	100.00%
York First	\$2,618.55	\$2,618.55	\$6,500.00	\$6,547.46	\$1,843.58	\$11,009.59	\$47.46	100.73%
	\$70,650.25	\$63,371.02	\$334,824.00	\$336,836.24	\$169,637.15	\$567,944.41	\$2,012.24	100.60%

Providence Presbytery 2024 Fair Share Askings Acceptances

Church	2023 Pledge	2024 Pledge	2023 Undesignated	2024 Undesignated	+ or - over 2023 Undesignated	2024 Presby Homes	2024 Thornwell
Allison Creek	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		
Beaver Creek	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$4,500	\$5,200	\$700		\$700
Bersheba	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$0		
Beth Shiloh	\$6,000	\$4,500	6000	\$4,500	-\$1,500		
Bethesda (K)	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0		
Bethesda (Y)	\$6,175	\$6,175	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$0	\$900	\$2,025
Bethlehem 1st	\$1,734	\$1,734	1734	\$1,734	\$0		
Bethune	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		
Blackstock	\$893	\$893	\$793	\$793	\$0	\$50	\$50
Bowling Green	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	-\$3,000		
Camden 2nd	\$240	\$250	\$240	\$250	\$10		
Carmel	\$500	\$300	\$500	\$300	-\$200		
Catholic	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$0		
Cedar Shoals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Clover	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		
Community	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$0		
Cornwell	\$2,800	\$2,800	2800	\$2,800	\$0		
Covenant	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0		
Doby's Bridge	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0		
Douglas	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0		
Faith	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0		
Fishing Creek	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0		\$1,500
Fort Lawn	\$550		\$550		#VALUE!		
Grace (L)	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	-\$5,000		
Grace (Y)	\$11,008	\$10,008	\$10,008	\$10,008	0		
Great Falls	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0		
Hebron	\$1,750	\$1,000	1750		#VALUE!		
Hermon	\$5,720	\$5,900	\$5,720	\$5,900	\$180		
Hopewell	\$1,250	\$1,275	\$1,250	\$1,275	\$25		
Lancaster 1st	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$16,000	-\$2,000		
Liberty Hill	\$11,860	\$11,000	\$11,860	\$11,000	-\$860		
Lockhart	\$0	\$0	\$0.00		#VALUE!		
Messiah	\$0	\$0	\$0.00		#VALUE!		
Morningside	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		
Mt. Pleasant	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	-\$500		
Mt. Tabor (U)	\$0	\$0	\$0		#VALUE!		
Oakdale	\$500		\$0.00		#VALUE!		
Oakland Avenue	\$37,000		\$36,500		#VALUE!		
Old Waxhaw	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0		
Pleasant Grove (C)	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$0		
Pleasant Grove (Y)	\$535	\$535	\$535	\$535	\$0		
Pleasant Ridge	\$1,500		1500		#VALUE!		
Purity	\$2,550	\$2,500	\$2,550	\$2,500	-\$50		
Ramah	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500		
Riverview	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,900	\$5,000	\$100		
Rock Hill 1st	\$23,200	\$24,000	\$23,200	\$24,000	\$800		
St. Pauls	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	-\$200		
Tirzah (L)	\$300	\$1,000	\$300	\$1,000	\$700		
Tirzah (Y)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0		
Union First	\$5,800	Closed	\$5,800	Closed	Closed		
Unity	\$67,200	\$68,800	\$65,400	\$66,000	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,800
Uriel	\$1,500		\$1,500		#VALUE!		
Van Wyck	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	-\$3,000		
Wade	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0		
Woodlawn	\$4,239		\$4,239		#VALUE!		
York 1st	\$6,500	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$5,700	-\$800		\$300
Total	\$334,824	\$268,990	\$325,699	\$260,365	-\$65,334	\$1,950	\$6,375

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - 2024 ASSESSMENTS		
Churches	2022 Members	ASSESSMENTS \$12.60 (GA \$9.80), (Synod \$1.50), (Presbytery \$1.30)
Allison Creek	120	\$1,512.00
Beaver Creek	18	\$226.80
Beersheba	25	\$315.00
Beth Shiloh	127	\$1,600.20
Bethesda (K)	309	\$3,893.40
Bethesda (Y)	145	\$1,827.00
Bethlehem First	25	\$315.00
Bethune	15	\$189.00
Blackstock	2	\$25.20
Bowling Green	83	\$1,045.80
Camden Second	9	\$113.40
Carmel	8	\$100.80
Catholic	8	\$100.80
Clover	150	\$1,890.00
Community	23	\$289.80
Cornwell	49	\$617.40
Covenant	83	\$1,045.80
Dobys Bridge	115	\$1,449.00
Douglas	74	\$932.40
Faith	203	\$2,557.80
Fishing Creek	55	\$693.00
Fort Lawn	2	\$25.20
Grace (L)	75	\$945.00
Grace (Y)	276	\$3,477.60
Great Falls	37	\$466.20
Hebron	14	\$176.40
Hermon	56	\$705.60
Hopewell	40	\$504.00
Lancaster 1st	91	\$1,146.60
Liberty Hill	57	\$718.20
Lockhart	15	\$189.00
Messiah	2	\$25.20
Morningside	6	\$75.60
Mt. Pleasant	32	\$403.20
Mt. Tabor (U)	14	\$176.40
Oakdale	146	\$1,839.60
Oakland Ave.	720	\$9,072.00
Old Waxhaw	27	\$340.20

Nominations Committee Report – Revised February 1, 2024

MODERATORS OF PRESBYTERY MEETINGS: 2024

2024 Presbytery Moderator	2024 Presbytery Vice Moderator
Rev. Marty Simmons (Grace-L)	Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta

2024 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

Month / Type	Date:	Method	Location	Time:
February/Stated	Sunday, February 11, 2024	In-Person	Tirzah (Y) Church	2:30 PM
May/Stated	Sunday, May 5, 2024	In-Person	Douglas	2:30 PM
August/Stated	Sunday, August 11, 2024	Virtual	Virtual	1:30 PM
November/Stated	Sunday, November 10, 2024	In-Person	Lancaster First Church	2:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS TO or MEMBERS OF PC(USA) HIGHER COUNCILS

Commissioners to Synod of South Atlantic (Class of 2024)

Teaching Elder Commissioner	Ruling Elder Commissioner
Vacancy	Tim Cureton (Pleasant Ridge)

2024 General Assembly Commissioners

June 25 – July 4, 2024 - Salt Lake City, Utah

Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder	Young Adult Advisory Delegate
Steve Austin (Doby's Bridge)	Gwen Cunningham (Messiah)	Will Shillington (Grace-Y)

Synod Permanent Judicial Commission

Classes rotate between the Presbyteries of Synod of South Atlantic.
(Providence Presbytery's next rotation class is in 2030)

**COMMUNITY OF LOVE
(Coordinating Team)**

12 members plus two staff members, as noted below.

Mike Conn – Chair

Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta – Co-Chair

Members:	Position
Mike Conn	Moderator of Community of Love
Eric Robinson	Moderator of Community of Faith
Hope Moore	Moderator of Community of Hope
Paul Smith / Susan Bullard	Moderator of Community of Witness (Ministerial Services)
Dr. Dave Keely	Moderator of Community of Witness (Mission & Advocacy)
Rev. Marty Simmons	2024 Moderator of Presbytery
Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta	2024 Vice-Moderator of Presbytery
Vacancy	Synod Commissioner. TE
Tim Cureton	Synod Commissioner. RE
Gwen Cunningham	General Assembly Commissioner
Rev. Steve Austin	General Assembly Commissioner
Lee Barnwell	Moderator of Presbyterian Women
Rev Dr. Toby Mueller	Executive Presbyter – Voice but No Vote (Staff)
Rev. Dr. David Bender	Stated Clerk - Voice but No Vote (Staff)

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH
Eric Robinson, Moderator**

(Faith Formation, Technology, and Communication)

Moderator and at least 9 other members divided into two sub-committees.

Faith Formation Team (Community of Faith Sub-Committee)

6 members

Eric Robinson, Moderator

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	Class of 2026	Term
Lisa Johnson (CRE--Bowling Green)		Jennifer Ancrum (Hermon)			
Edye Bender (Faith)		Kathy Blackwelder (First—Rock Hill)			
Holly Hartsoe Frisk Shames (Clover)		Eric Robinson (Allison Creek)	1		

Staff: Rev. Dr. David Bender, Stated Clerk
 Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller
 Stephen McDonald, Bethelwoods Director

Technology and Communications Team – (Community of Faith Sub Committee) (new for 2024)
 3 Members

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	Class of 2026	Term
Rhett Eckhardt (Grace – Y)	1	John Baker, RE (Old Waxhaw)	1	Rev. Rob Jones (Douglas)	1

COMMUNITY OF HOPE
(ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT)

Moderator and a representative from the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team, Personnel Ministry Team, Nominating and Representation Committee, the Permanent Judicial Commission, and the Trustees of the Presbytery.

Hope Moore – Moderator, Community of Hope

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM – (Community of Hope)
 6 members

Hope Moore – Moderator

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	Class of 2026	Term
Clarke Moore (Budget) (Unity)		Rev. Beth Hutton-Muse (New Harmony Pres-Ruby)		Hope Moore (Budget) (Tirzah-Y)	2
Eddie Lee (Budget) (First-York)		Rev. Steve Simon (Honorably Retired)		Tim Cureton (Pleasant Ridge)	2

Staff: Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller
 Rev. Dr. David Bender
 Business Administrator/Treasurer

PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM – (Community of Hope)
 3 members

Iris Rose – Moderator

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	2026	Term
Iris Rose (First-Rock Hill)		Rev. Dr. Jeff Bryan (Oakland Avenue)		Vacancy	

Staff: Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller
 Rev. Dr. David Bender

NOMINATING and REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE (Community of Hope)
6 Members
Rev. Rob Jones, Moderator

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	Class of 2026	Term
Doug Macdonald (Liberty Hill)	1	Rev. Rob Jones (Douglas)	2	Vacancy	
Leland Summers (Grace – L)		Letarshia Robinson (Pleasant Ridge)	1		
		Karen Holt (First-Rock Hill)			

Staff: Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller
Rev. Dr. David Bender

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION – (Community of Hope)
9 Members
Tyre Lee, Moderator

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2026	Term	Class of 2028	Term
Iris Rose (First – Rock Hill)		Brian Wilson (Grace – Y)		Kay Nivens (First - York)	
Ann White (First - Union)		Clarkson McDow (Oakland Avenue)		Adrienna Witherspoon (Douglas)	2nd
Tyre Lee (Purity)		Freddy Faircloth (First—Rock Hill)		Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo (Grace - Y)	2nd

Staff: Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller
Rev. Dr. David Bender

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY TRUSTEES - (Community of Hope)
3 Members

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	Class of 2026	Term
Tyre Lee (Purity)		Spratt White (Unity)		Robert Folks (Lancaster--First)	2

**COMMUNITY OF WITNESS
(MINISTERIAL SERVICES)**

Moderator and twenty members who are divided as needed into two sub-committees.

Paul Smith/Susan Bullard – Co-Moderators
Community of Witness (Ministerial Services)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – (Community of Witness – Ministerial Services Subcommittee)
15 Members

Paul Smith/Susan Bullard – Co-Moderators

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	2026	Term
Shirnetha Belk (First- Lancaster)		Paul Horne (First – Rock Hill)		Paul Smith (Wade-Old Waxhaw)	1
Rev. Christina Trimble (Member-at-Large)	1	Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta (Bethesda-Y)		Spratt White (Unity)	2
Rev. Jason Davenport (Member-at-Large)		Keith McGuire (Oakland Avenue)		Carson Montgomery (Van Wyck)	
Rev. James Platt (Honorably Retired)		Susan Bullard (Unity)		Vacancy	
Karen Bonds (Unity)		Vacancy			
Rev. Marty Simmons (Grace-L)					

Staff: Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller
Rev. Dr. David Bender

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
(Community of Witness – Ministerial Services Subcommittee)
6 Members

Rev. Dr. John White – Moderator

Class of 2024	Term	Class of 2025	Term	Class of 2026	Term
Mica Jones (Liberty Hill)	1	Rev. Letarshia Robinson (Pleasant Grove)	1	Robbin Ingram (Douglas)	1
Rev. Dr. John White (Beth-Shiloh)	1	Sue Williams (Oakland Avenue)	1	Rev. Nick Setzer (First – York)	1

COMMUNITY OF WITNESS (MISSION AND ADVOCACY)

Dave Keely – Moderator

Moderator and the Chair or Coordinator of each Mission Neighborhood

Leadership and Membership of Mission Neighborhoods

(chosen by the Mission Neighborhoods and not by the Presbytery)

Committee on Racial & Religious Reconciliation (CRRR)

Linda Kennedy – Moderator

Jessalyn Anderson (Community Member)	Linda Kennedy (Hermon)	Diane Schultz (Allison Creek)
Jackie Orr Anthony (Bethlehem First)	Anna Melvin (Nazareth Baptist)	Rev. Dr. Tom Sherer (Riverview & Community)
Jennifer Bryan (First--Lancaster)	Rev. Jane Summey-Mullennix (Oakland Avenue)	Gay Tanis (Covenant)
		Fred Smith (Oakland Avenue)

Central America Task Force

Geoff Dunn - Moderator

Dr. Jason Prescott (Unity)	Sarah Childers (Grace – Y)
Jimmy Jurado (First – Rock Hill)	Geoff Dunn (Purity)
Dr. Susan Collins (Allison Creek)	Dr. George Hook (Oakland Avenue)

Staff: Mission Coordinator

Hunger Action Team (HAT)

Arlene Harder (Ramah)
Kathryne “Tat” Perrill (Bethune)

Staff: Mission Coordinator

Living Waters Committee

Dan Rogers - Moderator

Sarah Childers (Bethesda-Y)	Carson Overstreet (Van Wyck)
Ed Fritz (Community Member)	Tom Robinson (Honorably Retired)
Garland Hart (Member at Large)	Dan Rogers (Unity)
Joe-Ken Hill (Unity)	Marty Simmons (Grace-L)
Jimmy Jurado (First-Rock Hill)	Fred Smith (Oakland Ave)
Barbara Kurz (Presbytery Staff)	Rev. Jane Summey Mullennix (Oakland Ave)
Kathryn McGregor (Unity)	Mark Verdery (Unity)
Cathy Miller (Unity)	Ann White (First-Union)

ADDITIONAL TEAMS of PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
Ellen Mays, Lee Barnwell – Co-Moderators

2023 – 2024 Officers	
Ellen Mays	Co-Moderator
Lee Barnwell	Co-Moderator / Historian
Debbie Lowe	Treasurer
Kay Nivens	Secretary
Pat Ancrum	Member-at-Large
Shirnetha Belk	Member-at-Large
Trici Davis	Member-at-Large
Arlene Harder	Member-at-Large
Pat Oglesby	Member-at-Large
Arlene Harder	Member-at-Large
Elizabeth Schrum	Member-at-Large

TRANSITION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TEAM – Tim Cureton & Edey Bender, Co-Moderators

Edey Bender , Certified Educator	(Faith), Co-Moderator
Tim Cureton , Ruling Elder	(Pleasant Ridge), Co-Moderator
Rev. Steve Austin	(Doby’s Bridge)
Ann Barnwell , Ruling Elder	(Beth Shiloh)
Rev. Dr. Matt Rich	(Unity)
Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo	(Grace-Y)
Ann White , Ruling Elder	(First, Union)
Patrick White , Ruling Elder	(Unity)
Ad Hoc Transition Team Members:	
Shirnetha Belk , Ruling Elder	(First, Lancaster)
Rev. Jason Myers	(Purity)

Staff: Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller
 Rev. Dr. David Bender



RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Bethelwoods Board of Directors

Members of the Bethelwoods Board of Directors who are members of Providence Presbytery or Churches in Providence Presbytery will be submitted by Bethelwoods to the Presbytery for approval at the time of each Director's election. The Bethelwoods Board of Directors may request assistance from the Presbytery's Nominating and Representation Committee in finding suitable Presbytery members to serve as Directors. Those serving in 2024 from Providence Presbytery include:

Nate Mallard (First-Rock Hill)
Bobby Williams (First-Rock Hill)
Mark Nichols (First – York)
Stephen McDonald (Bethelwoods Director)

Thornwell Home for Children Board of Trustees

Providence Presbytery Appointed Member	
Holly Furr	(First - Lancaster)

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina Board of Directors

To be selected by Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

South Carolina Inn at Montreat Board

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	2026
Rev. Sam McGregor (Allison Creek)	Barbara Kurz (First—Rock Hill)	John Thompson (Liberty Hill)

South Carolina Lay School of Theology Committee

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Max Russell (Woodlawn)	(ineligible)	

New Vision in Honduras:

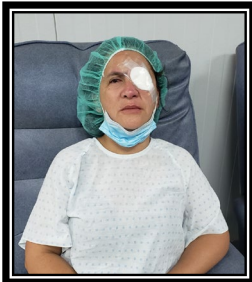
*"...his sight was restored and he saw everything clearly"
Mark 8:25*

**Partnership with Serving at the Crossroad / Manos Amigas Clinic,
Municipality of Trinidad, and the Presbytery's Eye Clinic Project**

Manos Amigas was started about 20 years ago by a group of Presbyterians in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We have had many conversations with Mike Tysowsky, the Chairman of the Board of Serving at the Crossroad [SATC]. Manos Amigas is registered with the Honduran government. At first, the clinic provided general medical care. Over the years dental and eye care have been added. There are now three rooms for eye surgery. Most of the staff at Manos Amigas are Hondurans. Teams of doctors from the US come during the year. Usually a group of ophthalmologists come three times a year to do eye surgery. **SATC website: <https://www.servingatthecrossroads.org>**



The optometrist on the staff at Manos Amigas will go to Trinidad once a month to examine eyes in the eye clinic there. Those individuals identified as needing cataract surgery will be referred to Manos Amigas where visiting ophthalmologists will do the surgery. Funds provided by Providence Presbytery's "New Vision for Honduras" will pay for the optometrist's time and transportation to and from Trinidad.



A team of ophthalmologists was at Manos Amigas Clinic in January. They performed eye surgeries for more than 80 individuals. Four of those scheduled for surgery were from the Municipality of Trinidad. A team from Wake Forest Medical School faculty is scheduled to do cataract surgeries in May. Funds from "New Vision for Honduras" will pay for the cataract surgery for those from the Municipality of Trinidad who need assistance.

We are grateful to the individuals, families, and churches that have contributed to "New Vision in Honduras" since 2014. We have sent the balance of donated funds, \$27,093.25, to Serving at the Crossroad for a designated account to pay for expenses related to identification of cataracts and cataract surgery for residents of the Municipality of Trinidad. SATC will send us quarterly reports about the services provided and the amount used from the fund designated to help those from the Municipality of Trinidad.

We will contact donors to "New Vision in Honduras" and encourage them to continue to support this mission by giving through Serving at the Crossroads, a 501C3 organization. We will ask SATC to note that donations from within the area of Providence Presbytery be designated for fees related to examinations and cataract surgeries for residents of the Municipality of Trinidad so that our original plan may continue.

Questions or more information: contact Dr. Bill Oliver [803-325-5366 or Barbara Kurz [803-329-7362]

2023 DIMES FOR HUNGER REPORT



Churches and friends contributed \$55,754.11

You have heard Christ's words
"YOU give them something to eat"

Mark 6:37

50% of our Dimes
will help our neighbors in the 5 counties
in Providence Presbytery: Chester,
Kershaw, Lancaster, Union, & York

50% of our Dimes
Will help our neighbors in
Guatemala & Honduras in Central
America & Malawi in Africa

The total for Dimes for Hunger since it began is now

\$2,002,525.78!!!

There are 56 churches in Providence Presbytery

49 churches gave to DFH in 2023

9 churches have given every year since 1986

[first year with individual church records]

Beaver Creek, Bethesda-Y, Cornwell, Grace-L, Oakland Avenue, Tirzah-Y, Unity, Wade Memorial, and Woodlawn

Faith has given every year since it started [2008]

33 churches met the goal of \$9.30 per member in 2023

Beaver Creek, Beersheba, Bethesda-Y, Bethlehem First, Bethune, Blackstock, Bowling Green, Camden Second, Carmel, Catholic, Community, Cornwell, Fishing Creek, Fort Lawn, Grace-L, Grace-Y, Great Falls, Hebron, Hermon, Hopewell, Lancaster First, Liberty Hill, Morningside, Pleasant Grove-C, Pleasant Ridge, Purity, Tirzah-L, Tirzah-Y, Union, Uriel, Van Wyck, Wade Memorial, and Woodlawn

47 churches have met the goal at least one time since 1986

5 churches have met the goal more than 30 times since 1986

Cornwell & Tirzah-L have met the goal 34 times, Beaver Creek 32 times, and Hebron and Tirzah-Y 31 times

2 churches met the goal for the first time in 2023

Bethesda-Y and Grace-Y

9 churches gave their highest per member gift in 2023

Bethesda-Y, Bethune, Camden Second, Catholic, Clover, Fort Lawn, Grace Y, Morningside, and Tirzah-L

**Thank you
for sharing your
DIMES and your LOVE!**

You are helping to feed many who are hungry.

DIMES FOR HUNGER PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>2022 mem.</u>	<u>2023 DFH</u>	<u>per mem.</u>	<u>TOTAL DFH</u>	<u>#yrs</u>	<u>#goal</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>DFH Offering</u>
Allison Creek	120	\$ 775.12	\$6.46	\$ 36,959.30	37	6		
Beaver Creek	18	\$ 395.00	\$21.94	\$ 14,515.37	38	32	1978	\$32,707.95
Beersheba	25	\$ 271.00	\$10.84	\$ 5,925.04	35	5	1979	\$30,963.38
Beth Shiloh	127	\$ 421.41	\$3.32	\$ 23,614.51	36	2	1980	\$16,897.69
Bethesda-K	309	\$ 1,414.44	\$4.58	\$ 58,247.68	36		1981	\$18,178.18
Bethesda-Y	145	\$ 1,626.16	\$11.21	\$ 50,026.86	38	1	1982	\$18,832.77
Bethlehem First	25	\$ 300.00	\$12.00	\$ 3,306.99	20	3	1983	\$20,256.86
Bethune	15	\$ 1,123.00	\$74.87	\$ 10,423.11	32	14	1984	\$27,171.19
Blackstock	2	\$ 20.00	\$10.00	\$ 1,939.15	33	17	1985	\$28,319.74
Bowling Green	83	\$ 1,476.12	\$17.78	\$ 32,750.09	37	17	1986	\$33,708.84
Camden Second	9	\$ 100.00	\$11.11	\$ 3,639.95	32	4	1987	\$27,834.55
Carmel	8	\$ 150.00	\$18.75	\$ 2,065.56	23	2	1988	\$39,476.91
Catholic	8	\$ 335.00	\$41.87	\$ 8,734.79	37	13	1989	\$35,807.49
Cedar Shoals	0	\$ -		\$ 1,642.00	26	15	1990	\$32,755.47
Clover	150	\$ 1,297.40	\$8.65	\$ 29,020.55	35		1991	\$41,486.69
Community	23	\$ 350.00	\$15.22	\$ 9,984.82	35	22	1992	\$40,662.80
Cornwell	49	\$ 460.00	\$9.39	\$ 43,913.10	38	34	1993	\$42,914.37
Covenant	83	\$ -		\$ 21,592.36	35		1994	\$41,851.19
Doby's Bridge	115	\$ 916.89	\$7.97	\$ 15,137.40	37		1995	\$42,488.57
Douglas	74	\$ -		\$ 13,876.43	26	2	1996	\$43,096.78
Faith [org. 2008]	203	\$ 1,006.00	\$4.95	\$ 16,799.12	16	5	1997	\$56,810.48
Fishing Creek	55	\$ 2,500.00	\$45.45	\$ 40,809.74	35	27	1998	\$46,158.87
Fort Lawn	2	\$ 1,100.00	\$550.00	\$ 4,032.60	33	24	1999	\$53,269.39
Grace-L	75	\$ 1,977.00	\$26.36	\$ 55,466.09	38	12	2000	\$56,134.08
Grace-Y [org. 1995]	276	\$ 2,798.00	\$10.14	\$ 29,373.82	26	1	2001	\$52,855.25
Great Falls	37	\$ 445.00	\$12.02	\$ 22,949.24	37	11	2002	\$51,693.46
Hebron	14	\$ 330.00	\$23.57	\$ 22,669.74	37	31	2003	\$57,430.68
Hermon	56	\$ 580.00	\$10.36	\$ 8,640.73	32	9	2004	\$58,878.46
Hopewell	40	\$ 400.00	\$10.00	\$ 7,696.20	28	12	2005	\$52,433.75
Lancaster First	91	\$ 1,373.50	\$15.09	\$ 48,457.58	36	8	2006	\$52,535.52
Liberty Hill	57	\$ 2,591.82	\$45.47	\$ 55,905.35	32	15	2007	\$51,470.38
Messiah	2	\$ -		\$ 1,009.67	9	4	2008	\$49,394.45
Morningside	6	\$ 230.00	\$38.33	\$ 4,142.94	32	7	2009	\$44,366.68
Mt. Pleasant	32	\$ 66.63	\$2.08	\$ 9,400.81	36	1	2010	\$45,639.60
Mt. Tabor & Lockhart	29	\$ -		\$ 3,875.00	12	5	2011	\$42,972.32
Oakdale	146	\$ 865.00	\$5.92	\$ 56,869.46	36	8	2012	\$51,174.12
Oakland Avenue	720	\$ 2,989.46	\$4.15	\$ 182,132.41	38		2013	\$50,120.12
Old Waxhaw	27	\$ 239.25	\$8.86	\$ 7,316.41	37	9	2014	\$48,270.12
Pleasant Grove-C	39	\$ 549.20	\$14.08	\$ 29,806.59	36	18	2015	\$56,100.00
Pleasant Grove-Y	29	\$ 150.00	\$5.17	\$ 4,556.37	31		2016	\$52,461.78
Pleasant Ridge	21	\$ 477.82	\$22.75	\$ 4,671.82	14	4	2017	\$51,205.15
Purity	61	\$ 1,041.17	\$17.07	\$ 58,800.78	37	2	2018	\$43,071.38
Ramah	25	\$ -		\$ 7,373.29	36	3	2019	\$48,695.00
Riverview	54	\$ 459.60	\$8.51	\$ 20,529.68	37		2020	\$51,300.00
Rock Hill First	378	\$ 1,669.90	\$4.42	\$ 72,823.29	37	1	2021	\$52,719.21
St. Paul's	17	\$ 85.00	\$5.00	\$ 5,587.72	37	2	2022	\$54,200.00
Tirzah-L	29	\$ 1,435.00	\$49.48	\$ 53,390.50	37	34	2023	\$55,754.11
Tirzah-Y	92	\$ 7,354.00	\$79.93	\$ 87,921.13	38	31	TOTAL	\$2,002,525.78
Union First	11	\$ 3,413.07	\$310.28	\$ 76,658.44	36	22		
Unity	1119	\$ 3,185.65	\$2.85	\$ 139,327.09	38			
Uriel	21	\$ 265.40	\$12.64	\$ 16,822.26	36	16		
Van Wyck	92	\$ 1,552.60	\$16.87	\$ 39,698.93	36	29		
Wade Memorial	18	\$ 300.00	\$16.67	\$ 14,987.70	38	27		
Woodlawn	73	\$ 1,254.31	\$17.18	\$ 65,583.92	38	17		
York First	211	\$ 1,459.58	\$6.92	\$ 39,659.39	36			
<i>miscellaneous</i>		\$ 178.61						
TOTAL 2023 EFH		\$ 55,754.11						

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Providence Presbytery Meeting Minutes

Covenant Presbyterian Church

October 22, 2023 at 2:30 P.M.

The Fall Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery met in person at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC on **October 22, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.**, in diaspora. Registration opened at 1:30pm.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was Called to Order by the Moderator, **Elder Mike Conn** at 2:30 p.m. with an opening prayer, and he shared the Land Acknowledgement.

INSTALLATION OF BRIDGE STATED CLERK

Elder Gwen Cunningham, Moderator of the Coordinating Team and from Messiah Presbyterian Church conducted the installation of the **Elder Jim Rowell as Bridge Stated Clerk** for Providence Presbytery.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The Bridge Stated Clerk, Jim Rowell, declared that there was a quorum for the meeting, stating that the Presbytery requirement of three teaching elders who are members of the presbytery and three ruling elder commissioners from three different churches.

The following were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Elder Commissioner</u>
Allison Creek	Sam McGregor	
Beaver Creek	(Rodney Foster) Excused	Donna Sawyer
Beersheba	Vacant	Unexcused
Beth Shiloh	John White	Lee Barnwell
Bethesda (K)	(Mike Kelly) Unexcused	Unexcused
Bethesda (Y)	Derek Marotta	Todd Russell
Bethlehem First	Vacant	Unexcused
Bethune	Guy Oliver Unexcused	Unexcused
Blackstock	Vacant	Unexcused
Bowling Green	Lisa K. Johnson, CRE-Excused	Chris Farris
Camden Second	Vacant	Unexcused
Carmel	(W.T. Holmes) Excused	Unexcused
Catholic	Wayne Pruitt, CRE	Unexcused
Cedar Shoals	Vacant	Excused
Clover	John Muse	Unexcused
Community	Tom Sherer* Excused	Unexcused
Cornwell	Tim Foster, CRE--Unexcused	Unexcused
Covenant	John Nowaczewski	Unexcused
Doby's Bridge	Steve Austin	Chris Luther
Douglas	Rob Jones	Unexcused
Faith	David Bender	Unexcused
Fishing Creek	(Della Hunsucker) Excused	Unexcused
Fort Lawn	Vacant	Excused
Grace (L)	Marty Simmons	Unexcused

Grace (Y)	Joanne Sizoo	Unexcused
Great Falls	(James M. Williams*)	Unexcused
Hebron	(James M. Williams*)	Unexcused
Hermon	(Jonathan Davis)	Unexcused
Hopewell	(Donnell White) Excused	Unexcused
Lancaster First	Edgar McCall	Tim Rumph
Liberty Hill	David Leininger	Mary Etta Taylor
Lockhart	(Jonathan Cantrell)* Excused	Unexcused
Messiah	Vacant	Unexcused
Morningside	Vacant	Unexcused
Mt. Pleasant	Vacant	Unexcused
Mt. Tabor	(Jonathan Cantrell)* Excused	Unexcused
Oakdale	(Den Parker) Excused	Unexcused
Oakland Avenue	Jeff Bryan	David Hyatt
	Jane Summey Mullennix.	Sue Williams
Old Waxhaw	Paul Smith*, CRE Excused	John P. Baker
Pleasant Grove (C)	Vacant	Unexcused
Pleasant Grove (Y)	Vacant	Unexcused
Pleasant Ridge	Letarshia Robertson	Sandra Jones-Izzard
Purity	Jason Myers	Dr. Bill Altman
Ramah	Vacant	Excused
Riverview	Tom Sherer* Excused	Cathy Phillips
Rock Hill First	(Fred Grosse) Unexcused	RW Ballard
St. Paul's	Max Russell CRE	Unexcused
Tirzah (L)	(John Gerstenmier) Unexcused	Unexcused
Tirzah (Y)	Carrie Blanchard CRE Excused	Hope Moore
Union First	Vacant	Ann White
Unity	Matt Rich	Jennifer Brindisi
	Molly Spangler-Excused	Dave Johnson
	Mark Verdery-Excused	Peter Olinger
Uriel	Vacant	Unexcused
Van Wyck	Carson Montgomery	Holly Massey
Wade Memorial	Paul Smith* CRE	Unexcused
Woodlawn	Max Russell, CRE	Unexcused
York First	Nick Setzer-Unexcused	Midge McAfee

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Other Ministers:

The Reverends James Gable, Garland Hart, Beth Hutton-Muse, Barry Lambert, Mia Levetan, Parker Lucas, James Platt, Holly Hartsoe Frisk Shames were present.

Presbytery CRE:

Timothy B. McCullough, Pleasant Ridge

Guests:

Rev. Parker Lucas, Grace Presbytery to transfer into Providence Presbytery

The Reverends Jeannie Bickett, Jason Davenport, Christina Trimble,

Ronald A. Bradley, Craig Butler, Harold Eller, John Hallman, Jesse W. Hegler, R. Dan Holloway, DC Horne, Stephen Kisslinger, James H. McGill, Tom McPhail, Bob Moss, Larry Richards, Winifred Rinehart, Tom Robinson, Eugene Rollins, Betty Salmond, Steve Simon, Don C. Simpson, Martin Stokes, and Christina Trimble were excused.

The Reverends Janet Alford, Richard Carr, Jason Davenport, James Davis, Charles F. Jones, Mike Shaffer, and Megan G. Watson were unexcused.

Coordinating Team and Ministry Team Moderators:

Mike Conn, Moderator of Presbytery; Gwen Cunningham, Moderator Coordinating Team; Iris Rose, Vice Moderator Administrative Ministry Team; Tim Cureton, Implementation Team; Dave Keely, Mission and Outreach Team; Linda Kennedy, Committee on Racial & Religious Reconciliation

Staff: Rose Lemmons-Berry, Stephen McDonald, Jim Rowell.

Educators: Edye Bender (Certified) Faith; Kathryn McGregor (Certified) Unity; Kara Wheeler, Rock Hill First; Eric Robinson, Oakland Ave.

Seminary Graduates: Remi Flaherty-Grace (Y)

Representatives of Institutions and Agencies: William McConnells, Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina; Rebecca Boland Cox, Thornwell Home for Children; Olanda Carr, Presbyterian Foundation; Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Myers Park Baptist Church.

Guest from Churches: Beaver Creek (1), Bethlehem First (1), Clover (1), Covenant (8), Liberty Hill (1), Oakland Avenue (1), Rock Hill First (2), First Presbyterian-Union (2).

Please note: The names of Ruling Elder Commissioners David Hyatt and Gale DiGiorgio, both of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, were misspelled in the minutes of June 25, 2023. The spellings have been corrected in the record of the meeting.

Moderator Conn called on the Bridge Stated Clerk, Elder Jim Rowell, to Welcome all in attendance.

WELCOME

- a. The Bridge Stated Clerk called on Rev. John White Nowaczewski who brought greetings from Covenant Presbyterian Church.
- b. The Bridge Stated Clerk called for the Pastors of all first time Elder Commissioners to introduce themselves to the Presbytery.
- c. The Bridge Stated Clerk called for all Corresponding Members and guests to stand and introduce themselves. Those Corresponding Members present were Rebecca Cox, Thornwell Home for Children, Olanda Carr, The Presbyterian Foundation, William McConnell, Presbyterian Communities of SC, and Mark McCain, PDA. A guest in Attendance was Rev. Dr. Benn Boswell, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC.
- d. The Bridge Stated Clerk shared prayer concerns and made a recognition statement and prayer for Paster Appreciation Sunday.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

Moderator Conn called attention to the proposed docket. Motion was properly made to adopt the Docket. The motion was seconded and approved.

WORSHIP

Moderator Conn recessed the body for worship. Worship was led by the Worship Team of Rev. Rob Jones, Candidate Holly Hartsoe Shames, and Rev. Jonathan Davis. Candidate Holly Hartsoe Shames led the body in the Call to Worship with a sermon titled "Wholehearted Gratitude," based on Psalms 138:1-8 and Philippians 4:4-9.

THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS PRESENTED

Action Items 1 through 9 were approved.

New Bridge Stated Clerk recognized the departure of the Rev. Dr. Hoover and Rev. Olivia Haney as Co-GPs/Stated Clerks and thanked them for their service to Providence Presbytery.

COORDINATING TEAM.

Moderator Conn called on Elder Gwen Cunningham, Chair of the Coordinating Team for their report. Elder Cunningham called on Elder Paul Horne to give a report of the Administration Commission of First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC. Elder Horne gave a brief history of 177 years of dedicated service and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ of First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC. Elder Horne reported that all things required for the closing of the church and how remaining funds were distributed has been completed.

A Service of Dissolution was held.

Moderator Mike Conn issued the Call to Worship and read scripture from Psalm 36:7 and Hosea 14:7. Elder Paul Horne, Moderator of the Administrative Commission, led the Presbytery in a Liturgy of Praise for the Life and service of First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC. Moderator Conn then asked the remaining members of the Church that were present to please stand so that Providence Presbytery could recognize their presence and their faithful service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC. Moderator Conn then declared the church and congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Union, SC, be hereby dissolved.

The following actions were presented.

1. **Motion** to approve Ruling Elder Shirnetha Belk as the 5th member of the Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee. Motion was approved.
2. **Two-part Motion** to approve a request of the session of Faith Presbyterian Church (1) to authorize the mortgage their church building and property at 7520 Charlotte Hwy, Indian Land, SC, to build an extension to their sanctuary building and (2) to authorize the Executive Presbyter and/or Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery to sign all documents necessary for Presbytery to act as guarantor of the loan as requested by PILP were approved.
3. **Two-part Motion** to approve recommendations from the Implementation Team (1) That Providence Presbytery use proceeds from the pending sale of the property at 515 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, SC to support creative Mission opportunities that may include grants, new partnerships, serving underserved population, etc. and not use proceeds for operational or staffing costs; (2) that the Coordinating Team be authorized to form a task force, when the time is right, to recommend the specific uses of these proceeds within the proposed criteria passed without objection.

4. **Motion** to approve the following locations for Presbytery meetings for 2024:

February 11, 2024: Tirzah Presbyterian Church (Y).

May 5, 2024: Location pending, TBD.

August 11, 2024: Virtual

November 10, 2024: First Presbyterian Church Lancaster.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Moderator Conn called on Elder Linda Kennedy, Moderator of the Committee on Racial & Religious Reconciliation, introduced the Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church, author of the curriculum *Confronting Whiteness: A Spiritual Journey of Reflection, Conversation, and Transformation*. Rev. Dr. Boswell share excerpts from his book.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

Moderator Conn called on Elder Ellen Mayes, Co-moderator of the Presbyterian Women introduced Elder Mark McCain, South Carolina Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team. Elder McCain gave a report and shared a power-point presentation showing the many things that PDA is involved with and the many ways members of the Presbytery may join in to help the PDA, not only in their own communities but nationally as well.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Moderator Conn called on Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, to present their report. **Item 1;** Ruling Elder Phillip Wright was examined in all parts as a whole as a Commissioned Ruling Elder to serve as Stated Supply, including authority to officiate and perform the sacraments at Beersheba Presbyterian Church. After the examination, it was moved to approve and commission RE Phillip Wright to the Presbytery. The motion carried. **Item 2;** Ruling Elder Max Russell was examined in all parts as a whole as a Commissioned Ruling Elder to serve as Stated Supply including authority to officiate and perform the sacraments at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church. After the examination, it was moved to approve and commission RE Max Russell to the Presbytery. The motion carried and Moderator Conn offered a Prayer of Commissioning for both Phillip Wright and Max Russell. **Item 3;** Examination of Holly Hartsoe Shames, Candidate of Providence Presbytery for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament to the validated ministry of Hospice chaplain at Gastonia Hospice, Gastonia, NC. After the examination, the motion was made to sustain the examination of Holly Hartsoe Shames. Motion was approved. **Item 4;** Rev. Dr. Lee Zehmer, a member in good standing of the Presbytery of the James, was examined in all parts of the whole for membership into Providence Presbytery and installation as Pastor of First Presbyterian, Rock Hill, SC, beginning on November 15, 2023. Motion was made to receive Rev. Dr. Zehmer and to approve his terms of call. The Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Moderator Conn called on Rev. Rob Jones, Moderator of the Nominations Committee to present their report. Rev. Jones reported that there are still some positions to be filled, but stated that the report. Rev. Jones made one correction to the report that Rev. Steve Austin would be serving as the Teaching Elder Commissioner to the 226th General Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Moderator Conn called on Rev. Dr. John White who presented the revised “Steps to Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament” document for approval as a First Reading. The document was approved as a First Reading as presented. The Document will require a Motion (Second Reading) at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery for final adoption.

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Moderator Conn called on Elder Hope Moore to present the report of the Administrative Ministry Team. **Item 1;** Elder Moore presented the 2024 Operating Budget for approval. This is the second reading, the first reading was approved at the June 25, 2023 Meeting of Presbytery. Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center was included in the proposed 2024 Budget. Motion was approved. **Item 2;** Elder Moore presented the 2024 Fair Share Asking for Mission Partnership Giving Form and churches were reminded to please return their forms as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Moderator Conn called on Rev. Hoover Haney for the day’s attendance report.

33 Teaching Elders
21 Ruling Elders
0 Seminary Graduates, Candidates, Inquirers
7 Coordinating Team/Ministry Team/ Committee Moderators
4 Church Educators
3 Staff
1 Institutions/Agencies Representatives
16 Church guests (various Congregations)
84 Total Attendees

Moderator Conn called on the Resolutions Team for the Resolution of the Day.

RESOLUTION TEAM

Rev. Steve Austin

Whereas, this meeting was held in-person with the warm hospitality of the Rev. John Nowaczewski, the Session and the many wonderful volunteers of Covenant Presbyterian Church, that worked very hard to welcome Providence Presbytery... Whereas, we thank Rose Lemmons-Berry for her wonderful assistance in preparing for the Stated meeting, Outgoing Moderator Mike Conn and Incoming Moderator Rev. Dr. David Bender...Whereas, Elder Jim Rowell was elected Bridge Stated Clerk...Whereas, Candidate Holly Hartsoe Shames led the body in Worship with a sermon titled “Wholehearted Gratitude”...Whereas, the Bridge Stated Clerk recognized the departure of the Rev. Dr. Hoover and Olivia Haney as Co-GPs/Stated Clerks and thanked them for their service to Providence Presbytery...Whereas, a Service of Dissolution was held for First Presbyterian Church, Union...Whereas, the Presbytery voted to use proceeds from the pending sale of the property at 515 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC to support creative Mission opportunities that might include grants, new partnerships, serving underserved populations, etc....Whereas, the Presbytery heard from Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell on “Whiteness”...Whereas, the Presbytery heard from Elder Mark McCain, PDA...Whereas, Ruler Elders Phillip Wright and Max Russell were Commissioned to Beersheba and Woodlawn Presbyterian Churches...whereas Holly Hartsoe Shames was approved as a Candidate for Ministry for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament as a Chaplain...Whereas, Rev. Dr. Lee Zehmer was received as Pastor for First Presbyterian

Church, Rock Hill, SC...Whereas, the 2024 Budget was approved...Whereas, we celebrate another successful meeting of Providence Presbytery!
With no further business, a motion was made and approved to adjourn, and Moderator Conn closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Rowell
Bridge Stated Clerk

Providence Presbytery
Called Virtual Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2024, 3:00 P. M.

Providence Presbytery met in a virtual form on Zoom on January 14, 2024.

Moderator, Elder Mike Conn, Tirzah(Y) Presbyterian Church, called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

Moderator Conn Stated the Purposes for the Meeting:

1. To receive a report from the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee and take action accordingly.
2. If approved, to Install the New Stated Clerk.
3. To approve adjustments to the Stated Clerk Job Description.

QUORUM AND ATTENDANCE

Moderator Conn asked the Bridge Stated Clerk, Jim Rowell, if a quorum was in attendance. The Bridge Stated Clerk stated that Providence Presbytery requires that there be Three Teaching Elders and three Elder Commissioners from three different church be present. Those qualification being met, there was a quorum present.

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Beaver Creek	(Rodney Foster) Excused	Donna Sawyer
Beersheba	Vacant	Unexcused
Beth Shiloh	John White Excused	Lee Ann Barnwell
Bethesda (K)	(Mike Kelly) Unexcused	Unexcused
Bethesda (Y)	Derek Marotta	John Nettles
Bethlehem First	Vacant	Unexcused
Bethune	Guy Oliver Unexcused	Unexcused
Blackstock	Vacant	Unexcused
Bowling Green	Lisa K. Johnson, CRE	Chris Farris
Camden Second	Vacant	Genola Baynard
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Cornwell	Tim Foster, CRE--Unexcused	Unexcused
Covenant	John Nowaczewski	Carolyn Garland
Doby's Bridge	Steve Austin	Unexcused
Douglas	Rob Jones Unexcused	Unexcused
Faith	David Bender	Mellisa Wellman
		Ted Tozer
Fishing Creek	Vacant	Millan Hamilton
Fort Lawn	Vacant	Unexcused
Grace (L)	Marty Simmons	George Crawford
Grace (Y)	Joanne Sizoo	Karen Blackhurst
Grace (Y)	Jason Davenport	Cole Kessell
Great Falls	(James M. Williams*) Unexcused	Mike Vaughn

Hebron	(James M. Williams*) Unexcused	Unexcused
Hermon	(Jonathan Davis) Unexcused	Unexcused
Hopewell	(Donnell White) Unexcused	Mike Bolin
Lancaster First	Edgar McCall	Unexcused
Liberty Hill	David Leininger	Doug Macdonald
Lockhart	(Jonathan Cantrell)* Unexcused	Unexcused
Messiah	Vacant	Unexcused
Morningside	Vacant	Unexcused
Mt. Pleasant	Vacant	Unexcused
Mt. Tabor	(Jonathan Cantrell)* Unexcused	Unexcused
Oakdale	(Den Parker) Unexcused	Rob Marr
Oakland Avenue	Jeff Bryan	Jamie Brannon
	Jane Summey Mullennix.	Clarkson McDow
		Lyle Back
Old Waxhaw	Paul Smith*, CRE	Unexcused
Pleasant Grove (C)	Vacant	Unexcused
Pleasant Grove (Y)	Vacant	Unexcused
Pleasant Ridge	Letarshia Robinson	Sandra Jones-Izzard
Purity	Jason Myers	Andrew Myers
Ramah	Vacant	Sherri Christmus
Riverview	Tom Sherer* Unexcused	Cathy Phillips
Rock Hill First	(Lee Zehmer) Unexcused	Chris Wheeler
		Susan Roberson
		Beverly Keely
St. Paul's	Max Russell CRE	Unexcused
Tirzah (L)	(John Gerstenmier) Unexcused	Unexcused
Tirzah (Y)	Carrie Blanchard CRE	Hope Moore
Unity	Matt Rich	Unexcused
	Molly Spangler	Unexcused
	Mark Verdery-Excused	Unexcused
Uriel	Vacant	Unexcused
Van Wyck	Carson Montgomery	Unexcused
Wade Memorial	Paul Smith* CRE	Rebecca Lyon
Woodlawn	Max Russell, CRE	David White
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Other Ministers:

Presbytery CRE:

Timothy B. McCullough, Pleasant Ridge

Guests:

Dr. Ernestine Adams – Camden Second

Mike Conn - Moderator

Coordinating Team and Ministry Team Moderators:

Gwen Cunningham, Moderator Coordinating Team; Iris Rose, Vice Moderator Administrative Ministry Team; Linda Kennedy, Committee on Racial & Religious Reconciliation

Staff: Rose Lemmons-Berry, Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller, Jim Rowell, Barbara Kurz.

Educators:

Seminary Graduates: Remi Flaherty-Grace (Y)

Representatives of Institutions and Agencies:

Bridge Stated Clerk Rowell reminded everyone how to register for the meeting by using the Chat Box. At the recommendation of the Bridge Stated Clerk a motion was made to elect Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller as Assistant Recording Clerk for the meeting. Voting was conducted by Zoom Polling and the motion approved.

Bridge Stated Clerk recommended that Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller be elected as Assistant Recording Clerk for the meeting since this was an electronic meeting. Moderator Conn received a motion and a second from the floor to approve the recommendation. The Motion was approved by Zoom Polling.

WELCOME

Elder Jim Rowell

1. First Time Ruling Elder Commissioners were introduced by their Pastors.
2. Elder Rowell recommended approval of the Communications and Consent Agenda as presented.
Moderator Conn received a motion and second from the floor, Motion was approved without objection.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

Moderator Conn

Gwen Cunningham, Moderator of the Coordinating moved the adoption of the Docket. Moderator Conn received a motion and a second from the floor to approve the motion. The Motion was approved without objection.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK SEARCH COMMITTEE

Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo, Moderator
Grace (Y) Presbyterian Church

1. To receive the Report from the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee and take action accordingly.

Rev. Dr. Sizoo noted that their report was in the Docket.

Motion: Rev. Dr. Sizoo moved that Rev. Dr. David Bender, pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church, Indian Land, SC, be elected as Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery with a start date of January 14, 2024.

Moderator Conn stated that the motion required no second and asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Motion was approved by Zoom Polling.

2. If approved, to Install the New Stated Clerk.

Moderator Sizoo moved to postpone the Installation of Rev. Dr. David Bender until the February 11, 2024 Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery so that it may be done in person and in a more personal way.

Moderator Conn stated that the motion required no second and asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Motion was approved by Zoom Polling.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE (Formerly Administrative Ministry Team)

Ruling Elder Hope Moore, Moderator

1. To approve the adjustments to the Stated Clerk Job Description.

Elder Moore stated that the Revised Job Description for the Stated Clerk was Appendix 2 of the handbook.

Elder Moore moved that the Revised Stated Clerk Job Description for Providence Presbytery be approved as revised.

Moderator Conn stated that the motion required no second and asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Motion was approved by Zoom Polling.

Moderator Conn, at the request of Rev. Dr. Sizoo asked Rev. Dr. David Bender if he had any remarks to make to the Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Bender stated that it was an honor to be chosen and looked very much forward to serving as the Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery. He expressed appreciation to Elder Jim Rowell for filling in as Bridge Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Moderator Conn asked for motion to adjourn. The Motion was made and seconded from the floor. Moderator Conn asked if there was any objection and the motion was approved without objection.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. Moderator Conn closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Rowell
Bridge Stated Clerk