



### Update on Executive Presbyter Nominating Team

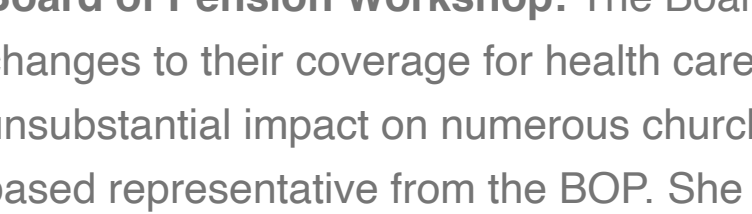
In a strange turn of events, our EP search team has disbanded without being able to bring forth a nomination for the next Executive Presbyter. Their team worked very well together and had no internal problems at all. They did very good work and should be commended. After a strange set of circumstances that were beyond their control, our good and capable Synod Exec., Valerie Young, who had been working with the team since its inception, recommend that the best way forward for the Presbytery is by beginning anew with a new search team. Mike Conn, chair of the Community of Love, and our Stated Clerk engaged conversations with various team members, after which the they decided to follow her suggestion. Again, that team is to be commended for their work.

The Community of Love, wherein the personnel team lies, is busy forming a team to search for another bridge Executive Presbyter.

When the Community of Love meets in a couple of weeks, we will discuss a way forward, prayerfully towards the formation of another EP search team.

-- Rev. David Bender, Stated Clerk

### Current Presbytery Announcements:



**Board of Pension Workshop:** The Board of Pension has just approved big changes to their coverage for health care. These changes will have a not unsubstantial impact on numerous churches. Elizabeth Little is our Charlotte-based representative from the BOP. She will give a short presentation during our May 5th Presbytery meeting at Douglas Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. She will also present a workshop immediately following the Presbytery meeting to further explain and answer questions about these changes. Your church representatives are welcome to attend. View details of the new benefits plan [here](#).

First Presbyterian in Lancaster is looking to purchase a quality baby grand piano. If you or your church has one that you would be willing to sell, then contact Rev. Sam McGregor at [mgregorsk@comporium.net](mailto:mgregorsk@comporium.net).

### Upcoming Events

- April 30th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Leader of Leaders
- May 1, 12 p.m - 1:30 p.m. | Synod: 1st Wednesday SACK Lunch

### Save The Date

- May 11th, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Bethelwoods Pancake Fundraiser @ Unity

Never miss a Presbytery event!  
[Click here](#) to view our calendar.

**1st Wednesday SACK Lunch**  
*South Atlantic Community Knowledge*

A monthly zoom for sharing across the synod!  
Join, learn and share: experience, resources, and best practices on a new topic each month.

April 3 - Young Ministry  
May 1 - Presbytery Leadership  
June 5 - Women in Ministry  
July 3 - Peacemaking  
August 7 - Campus Ministry

To register, follow the QR code or visit [synodofsouthatlantic.org](http://synodofsouthatlantic.org)

### Scholarships Available

Applications for **The John C. and Queen Miller Scholarship** are now open! The Committee on Racial and Religious Reconciliation invites high school seniors who meet the criteria to apply. Please [click here](#) for more information.

**Reminder:** There are **Presbytery Leadership Scholarships** available for continuing education. Scholarship recipients are asked to share the knowledge gained at training events with others in the Presbytery in some way. To apply, please fill out [this form](#).

### SC 5 Leader of Leaders Event

**Imaginable: Christian Education in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous World**

How do we offer Christian Education opportunities when people aren't engaged?  
I can't even imagine what Christian Education programming looks like in today's world.  
What new trends in Christian Education can help us reach children, youth and adults today?  
It is such a challenge to find curriculum how do I know where to look?

Calling all Pastors, Educators, Youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, Christian Education committees:

The challenges facing Christian Education today are more than we've ever known in our lifetime. What was once unimaginable must now become imaginable. Emerging trends in educational ministry can help us meet these challenges with vision, understanding, creativity, and agility. Let's explore together an imaginable mindset through new patterns, models, and approaches in Christian education so that faith formation shapes identity, nurtures meaning-making and engenders faithful living in the world.

Cost for the event is \$30. Scholarships are available from your Presbytery.

Tuesday, April 30  
10:00 am-3:00 pm  
Seven Oaks Presbyterian  
530 St Andrews Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29210

Register today:  
<https://tinyurl.com/imaginableSC5>

Sponsored by the five Presbyteries of South Carolina: Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity

### Job Opportunities Within The Presbytery

- **Unity Presbyterian Church** in Fort Mill is currently hiring a Nursery Coordinator position. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Bowling Green Presbyterian Church** in Clover is searching for a new Director of Music. If you're interested in learning more please [click here](#).

### Sponsors Needed

Our friends at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center are hosting a Pancake Brunch fundraiser at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill on Saturday, May 11 from 9 to 11 AM. All you can eat for whatever you can pay! All proceeds from this event will benefit the ministry of Bethelwoods. Walk-ins welcome but pre-registration is preferred. Register [here](#).

They are seeking sponsors for this fundraising event. To be a sponsor at either \$100, \$200 or \$300 levels please contact Rev. Mia Levetan at [mlevetan@gmail.com](mailto:mlevetan@gmail.com).

**BETHELWOODS PANCAKE BRUNCH**  
Saturday May 11th from 9-11 A.M.  
AT UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
303 TOM HALL ST, FORT MILL

All are invited to attend brunch to support the Bethelwoods Ministry! Walk-ins are welcome; registration is preferred using the QR Code or our Website.

All proceeds will go to the Bethelwoods Annual Fund to help improve camp for all guests and campers!

Call to Find Out More (803) 366-3722

Visit our Website [Bethelwoods.org](http://Bethelwoods.org)



The Yale Youth Ministry Institute is pleased to offer the Yale Divinity School Certificate in Youth Ministry Leadership.

Youth ministry practitioners will gather for education and networking in a cohort-based model for learning. Together, the group will read important literature, hear from the nation's leading scholars and talk together about three key topics:

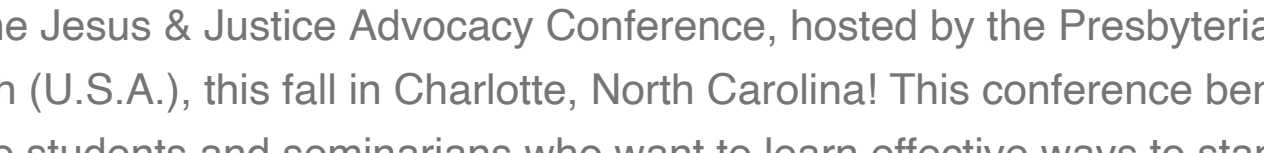
- Leadership Theory in Church Organizations (10 weeks)
- Theological and Spiritual Care for Youth (8 weeks)
- Empowerment, Liberation, and Justice Work with Youth (8 weeks)

The program is designed with youth pastors, committed volunteers, part-time workers, and laypeople in mind.

Applications for the program are open and close May 15, 2024. Program begins September 2024.

[Click To Learn More](#)

### JESUS & JUSTICE advocacy conference



Join the Jesus & Justice Advocacy Conference, hosted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), this fall in Charlotte, North Carolina! This conference benefits college students and seminarians who want to learn effective ways to stand up for causes they believe in, build networks and engage with advocacy topics in meaningful ways. Taking place from October 18-20 at the Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte Campus, this free event will be held annually across the country in the coming years.

College students, seminarians, and young adults in or near Charlotte are invited to attend in person.

Learn more [here](#).

Advocacy is one of the #1 priorities for young people today.

[Click To Register](#)

### Apply Now For The YAV Program:

Jessica  
Young Adult Volunteer  
New Orleans

Applications are now open for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. The program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people (ages 19-30) in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. For additional information and to apply, [click here](#).

**THE PRESBYTERIAN PROMISE**  
An \$80,000 Scholarship over 4 years for all students who are Presbyterian.

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by Presbyterian College (PC) to recognize students for their merit and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. PC seeks to develop students academically and spiritually in this signature scholarship. Students who are of members of Presbyterian churches, or who attend Presbyterian/Reformed secondary schools, will receive a scholarship for a minimum of \$20,000 per year for up to four years. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Do you have content or announcements for the Presbytery Newsletter? It will be published the first and third Tuesday of each month. Please send items to be included to [Katie](mailto:Katie) no later than the Friday before publication.

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