

HANDBOOK

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY



Stated Meeting
Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
421 Oakland Avenue
Rock Hill, SC
Sunday, May 17, 2026

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Providence Presbytery Spring Stated Meeting

May 17, 2026

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

Questions - Contact the Providence Presbytery Office at 803-328-6260

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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 will have 15 printed Handbooks available at the meeting. If you want a printed copy, call the Presbytery office at 803-328-6260 or email lemmonsberryprovidencepres.org



Directions to Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
421 Oakland Avenue
Rock Hill, SC 29730
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Registration and Refreshments will be in Oakland Hall

[Click This Link For Directions to Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church](#)

**Parking is located behind the church off of Park Avenue.
(Put address 412 Park Avenue in your GPS to take you to the back of the church)**

When Winthrop College opened in 1895, First Presbyterian Church Rock Hill realized that the time would soon come when it would be necessary to have a new church in the rapidly growing Oakland section of Rock Hill. This new church was to be organized “not as a secession; not as a competitor but a new organization – the two to work in harmony for a common end – the good of the community.” Thus, Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church (OAPC) was built adjacent to Winthrop to be a place where Winthrop students could find a church home.

The first service at OAPC was held on December 1, 1912. Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church was formally organized on September 14, 1913, with 181 members, all of whom united with the church from our sending church.

Today OAPC is a thriving PC(USA) congregation of over 600 members. All are welcome to join us as we strive to LOVE GOD and LOVE NEIGHBOR.

Check Us Out: Website: www.oapc.net and on Live Stream: www.oapc.link/live

[Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

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May 5, 2026

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Greetings Friends of Providence Presbytery,

On this the last Sunday of Easter and one week removed from the Pentecost celebration, Providence Presbytery will gather within the warm confines of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church for our Spring meeting. The meeting promises to be a celebration. We will enjoy an address by Valerie Young, Executive Presbyter of the Synod of the Southeast. She will bring greetings and updates from that governing body. Additionally, the Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College and moderator of the SC5 discernment team, will bring enlightening information.

Our worship will include a sermon by Liz Corsig, who has been declared "ready to receive a call" by Charlotte Presbytery. Later in the meeting, Liz will be examined for ordination as a PC(USA) Minister of the Word and Sacrament and for installation as Associate Pastor of the Unity Pres. We will be inspired by a Living Waters presentation by Kathryn McGregor and Susan Benfield. We will hear good news about our Presbytery finances and that some of our budgets are increasing.

We will hear exciting news about new congregational transformation grants that will help our congregation engage in innovative and life-giving ministry. As we celebrate new potential ministry for our congregations, we will also have the distinct honor of celebrating the conclusion of ministry of one of our sister churches, Blackstock Presbyterian Church, as it officially concludes their ministry. We look forward to seeing you.

Peace,

David

Rev. Dr. David M. Bender
Stated Clerk

Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery DOCKET

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.
Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, 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 Tim Cureton
Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian
- 2:35 pm** **Welcome From Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church** Rev. Dr. Jeff Bryan
Pastor Oakland Avenue Presbyterian
- 2:40 pm** **Executive Presbyter Report** Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley
Executive Presbyter
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- 2:50 pm** **Stated Clerk's Report** Rev. Dr. David Bender
Stated Clerk
- A. Enrollment and Declaration of Quorum
- B. Recognition of New Ruling Elder Commissioners
- C. Recognition of Corresponding Members & Guests
- D. Joys and Concerns
- E. Adoption of the Docket **Pages A: 1 - 3**
- F. Consent Agenda **Pages B: 1 - 2**
- 2:55 pm** **Commissioning Service to the 227th General Assembly** Moderator Tim Cureton
Pages C: 1 - 3
- Kate Roberson: Young Adult Advisory Delegate
Sue Williams: Ruling Elder Commissioner
Joanne Sizoo: Teaching Elder Commissioner
- 3:00 pm** **Worship** **The Worship Team**
Rev. Rob Jones
Candidate Liz Corsig Preaching Rev. Letarshia Robinson
Rev. Paul Smith

3:30 pm **Institutional Representatives**

A. Synod of South Atlantic

Ruling Elder Valerie Young
Executive & Stated Clerk Synod of South Atlantic
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B. South Carolina Inn at Montreat

Rev. Dr. Lee Zehmer
SC Inn at Montreat Board Member
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C. SC 5 Discernment Team

Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon
Chaplin and Dean of Spiritual Life
Presbyterian College

Ministries of Communities of Care

4:25 pm **A. Committee on Missions & Advocacy**

Ruling Elder Dr. Dave Keely
Moderator
Rock Hill First Presbyterian
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1. Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center Update

Ralph Sweeney
Executive Director
Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center

2. Living Waters Update

Ruling Elder Susan Benfield
Unity Presbyterian

Ruling Elder Kathryn McGregor
Educator - Unity Presbyterian
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4:45 pm **B. Ministry Support Committee - COM**

Rev. Paul Smith
Co-Moderator
Old Waxhaw & Wade Presbyterian

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich
Co - Moderator
Unity Presbyterian
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Examination of Candidate Elizabeth “Liz” Corsig
Motions:

1. To approve and sustain Liz’s sermon preached during worship
2. To approve Liz for Ordination to the Office of Minister of the Word And Sacrament (Teaching Elder) in the Presbyterian Church (USA)
3. To approve her call as Associate Pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church
4. To approve her terms of call as set out on **Page D: 3**
5. To approve August 30, 2026 as the date for her ordination, and to approve Her following Ordination Commission as set forth on **Page D: 3**

- 5:05 pm A. Administration Committee** Ruling Elder Hope Moore
Moderator
Tirzah (Y) Presbyterian
Pages E: 1 - 17
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1. **Motion: To approve the Providence Presbytery Transformation Grant Initiative** **Pages E: 4 – 8**
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- 5:15 pm D. Coordinating Team** Rev. Dr. David Bender
Stated Clerk
Pages F: 1 - 7
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1. Motion to dismiss the Administrative Commission who worked with Blackstock Presbyterian Church in the closing of the church. Providence Presbytery gives thanks for their work and express our thanks to their members: Robert Folks, Dickie Harper, and Rev. Megan Watson.
 2. Service of Dissolution of Blackstock Presbyterian Church **Pages F: 5 - 6**
- 5:25 pm D. Faith Formation and Technology Committee** Ruling Elder Edye Bender
Moderator
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- 5:30 pm Attendance Report** Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. David Bender
- 5:35 pm Thanks to Host Church & Adjourn With Prayer** Moderator Tim Cureton

2026 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

<u>Type of Meeting/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Stated: Sunday, February 15, 2026	2:30 pm	Faith Presbyterian Church (Indian Land)
Stated: Sunday, May 17, 2026	2:30 pm	Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church (Rock Hill)
Stated: Sunday, August 16, 2026	1:30 pm	Virtual
Stated: Sunday, November 8, 2026	2:30 pm	Riverview Presbyterian Church

CONSENT AGENDA (OMNIBUS MOTION)
Report to Providence Presbytery
May 17, 2026

For Information:

1. That the Providence Presbytery Membership 2021 – 2025 Report be received as information.
(See Appendix 3: Pages 1 - 2).
2. That the 2025 Providence Presbytery Statistical Report be received as information.
(See Appendix 3: Page 3)
3. That the Synod of South Atlantic Spring Stated Meeting Highlights be received as information.
(See Appendix 4: Page 1)
4. That the Committee on Mission & Advocacy Report be received as information, which includes: **(See Appendix 6: Pages 1 - 5)**
 - Living Waters Team Update on Water Purification System Installation at La Esperanza Elementary School in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. **(See Appendix 6: Page 1)**
 - New Vision Eye Clinic in Honduras: Serving at the Crossroads Report **(See Appendix 6: Pages 2 - 3)**
 - Join Us For An Engaging Conversation with Dr. Martin Accad, President of Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon: Friday September 18th at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC. **(See Appendix 6: Page 4)**
 - **23rd annual Migrant Trail Walk Flyer:** Ginger Williams is doing this week-long trek (May 25 - 31) to bring awareness to the deaths at the U. S. - Mexico border, and to raise funds for Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian mission on the Arizona- Mexico border, and our local Carolina Immigrant Alliance here in Rock Hill, SC. **(See Appendix 6: Page 5)**

Migrant Trail Mission: The precarious reality of our borderlands calls us to walk. We are a spiritually diverse, multi-cultural group who walk together on a journey of peace to remember people, friends, and family who have died, others who have crossed, and people who continue to come. We bear witness to the tragedy of death and of the inhumanity in our midst. Lastly, we make the sacred journey as a community, in defiance of the borders that attempt to divide us, committed to working together for the human dignity of all people.

[Click This Link to Donate to the Migrant Walk Trail Fundraiser](#)
5. That the Board of Pensions 2027 Benefits Plan Subsidies and Updates be received as information. **(See Appendix 7: Pages 1 - 10)**
6. That the Faith Formation and Technology Committee Report be received as information.
(See Appendix 8: Pages 1 - 3)
7. That the SC5 Leader of Leaders Event Flyer: Awed by All the Things be received as information.
(See Appendix 10: Page 1)

8. That the 2026-2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendar Order Form be received as information. **(See Appendix 11: Page 1)**

For Action:

1. That excused absences for those requesting to be excused from this Presbytery meeting be granted.
2. That the South Carolina Inn at Montreat, Incorporated Montreat, North Carolina By-Laws be approved. This is a recommendation to the five SC Presbyteries. The Bylaws revisions proposes to place the EP appointee in the Bylaws, voice no vote, and to be a part of the Executive Committee was unanimously approved by the Montreat Board. These now need to be acted upon by each of the five SC presbyteries. However, as you see, the bylaws will not be effective until January 1, 2027 in order for every presbytery to get their two, instead of three, elected reps in alignment. **(See Appendix 5: Pages 1 - 3)**
3. That the minutes of Providence Presbytery's Stated Meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church on February 15, 2026 be approved by the Presbytery. **(See Appendix 12: Pages 1 - 3)**

**Commissioning Service
For Providence Presbytery Commissioners
and Youth Advisory Delegate
to the 227th Meeting of General Assembly (2026)**

Worships of Scripture

Moderator

As many of you as were baptized into Christ *Gal. 3:27–28*
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ
Jesus.

Lead a life worthy of the calling *Eph. 4:1–6*
to which you have been called,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one
body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord,
one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and
in all.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The moderator continues:

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel
for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The moderator continues:

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.

Form of Service

This Presbytery has discerned a call to Kate Roberson to serve as Young Adult Advisory
Delegate and Elder Sue Williams and Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo to service as our
Commissioners to the 227th meeting of our General Assembly in 2026.

Question: Kate, Sue, and Joanne, do you come now today to answer God's call and to accept the duties of Commissioner?

Answer: I do

Gwen and Steve,

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 that serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service.

Show your purpose by answering these questions. Who is your Lord and Savior?

Answer: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

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

Answer: 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?

Answer: 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?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Do we, members of Providence Presbytery, accept Kate Roberson as our Young Adult Advisory Delegate and Sue Williams and Joanne Sizoo as our Commissioners to the 2026 meeting of General Assembly, chosen by God through the voice of the church, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Answer: We do.

Do we promise to support and encourage *them* as *they* seek to fulfill *their* responsibilities in this ministry?

Answer: We do.

COMMISSIONING 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 Kate, Sue, and Joanne to this time and place. Establish *them* in your truth, and guide *them* by your Holy Spirit, that in your service *they* may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be (a) faithful disciple(s) of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you.

Be with members of the General Assembly.
Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world
and to respect old things you keep and use.

In their deliberation, bring about what is best for us
and for all people. As they meet, let your Holy Spirit
guide so that the whole church may be joined in love
and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us,
is coming to meet us
in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

CHARGE

Sue, Joanne, and Kate also, you are commissioned to service
as Commissioners and the Young Adult Advisory Delegate
to the 2026 meeting of General Assembly.

Whatever you do, in word or deed, *Col. 3:17*
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God
through him.

BLESSING

May the God of peace *1 Thess. 5:23*
make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being,
spirit, soul, and body,
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Amen.

Committee on Ministry
Report to Providence Presbytery
May 17, 2026

Items For Information:

1. Change in Call at Unity Presbyterian Church

Received a report that Associate Pastor Rev. Molly Spangler, Unity Presbyterian, requested that her terms of call be adjusted to three-quarter time to better balance her call to family and ministry. The Session and Congregation have approved this change.

2. Parish Associate at Unity Presbyterian Church

Approved a Covenant between Rev. Jeannie Bickett and Unity Presbyterian Church to serve as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care. Rev. Bickett is Honorably Retired, and the Board of Pensions has granted a one-year exception to permit her to serve the congregation from which she retired.

Covenant Terms:

Approximately 15 hours/week (60 hours/month)

Compensation: \$27/hour

Housing: Not provided

Board of Pensions: Not listed

Reimbursable Expenses: Up to \$100 per month (travel, resources, etc.)

Vacation: Not listed

Continuing Education: Not listed

Travel included within monthly expense reimbursement

Contract Period: 04/01/2026–03/31/2027

3. Labor Outside of Bounds

Approved the Rev. Dr. Sam McGregor to labor outside the bounds of Providence Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor/Head of Staff Southport Presbyterian Church, Southport, North Carolina, (Salem Presbytery) beginning April 1, 2026.

4. Board of Pensions Child Care Support Grant

A new Child Care Support Grant through the Board of Pensions will be available beginning April 1, 2026, to assist ministers with young children. Information has been distributed through the "In the Know" newsletter and is available through the Board of Pensions.

(See Appendix 7: Pages 1 & 3)

5. Approved the following Covenant Agreements

Covenant Approval between Rev. Edward Brown & Bethlehem First Presbyterian Church

Approximately 4–5 hours/month (preaching on the first and third Sundays)

Salary: \$225 per Sunday served Housing:

Manse not provided

Board of Pensions: N/A

Vacation: 1 week annually

Continuing education: Not provided

Travel and ministry expenses: Not reimbursed

Contract period: 01/01/2026–01/01/2027

Covenant Approval between Rev. Lisa Johnson and Bowling Green Presbyterian Church

Approximately 30 hours/week

Salary: \$57,291 annually (including \$25,596 designated as housing allowance)

Housing: Included in salary (manse not provided)

Board of Pensions: Not listed

Vacation: 5 weeks annually

Continuing education: 2 Sundays annually for renewal/continuing education

Travel and ministry expenses reimbursed

Contract period: 01/01/2026–12/31/2026

Covenant Approval between Rev. Jason Myers and Clover Presbyterian Church

Approximately 20 hours/week

Salary: \$32,000 annually for the term of the covenant

Housing: A portion of the salary may be applied to housing (manse not provided)

Board of Pensions: Covenant Plan at 10% of salary

Health Insurance: Not applicable

Professional Expenses: \$1,700 (\$1,200 estimated travel at IRS rate and \$500 continuing education)

Vacation: One week per quarter

Continuing education: One week every six months

Travel reimbursed at IRS approved rate

Contract period: 04/01/2026–06/30/2026

Covenant Approval between Rev. Donnell White and Hopewell Presbyterian Church

Approximately 16 hours/week (2 days)

Salary: \$19,500 annually for the term of the covenant

Housing: Not provided (manse not provided)

Board of Pensions: Not listed

Vacation: One week per quarter

Continuing education: One week every six months

Travel reimbursed at IRS approved rate (ministry expenses reimbursed)

Contract period: 01/01/2026–12/31/2029

Covenant Approval between Rev. Robert Watkins and Clover Presbyterian Church

Approximately 30 hours/week

Salary: \$44,671 annualized for the term of the covenant

Housing: A portion of the salary may be applied to housing not to exceed \$41,000 (manse not provided)

Board of Pensions: Covenant Plan at 10% of salary (\$4,467)

Health Insurance: Medical insurance coverage for pastor and spouse (\$20,267)

Professional Expenses: \$1,700 (\$1,200 estimated travel at IRS rate and \$500 continuing education)

Vacation: One week per quarter

Continuing education: One week every six months (Sundays avoided if possible)

Travel reimbursed at IRS approved rate

Contract period: 07/01/2026–06/30/2027 (See Pages D; 4 - 8)

Items For Action:

1. Motion to approve, after examination, Elizabeth “Liz” Corsig for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, installation as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults at Unity Presbyterian Church, and approval of her terms of call as presented. (Bio and Statement of Faith attached). Service of ordination and installation is scheduled for August 30, 2026, at 4:00 PM at Unity Presbyterian Church. The commission to ordain and install is pending and will be presented to the Presbytery.
(See Pages D: 9 - 10)

Terms of Call between Elizabeth “Liz” Corsig and Unity Presbyterian Church – Effective August 30, 2026:

Total Effective Salary: \$65,200

Salary: \$32,600

Housing Allowance: \$32,600 (no manse provided)

Travel and Ministry Expenses Reimbursement: \$3,000

Continuing Education Reimbursement: \$3,000

SECA Reimbursement: \$4,988

Cell Phone Stipend provided

Board of Pensions: Full congregational package (medical, pension, death and disability, temporary disability)

Vacation: 4 weeks (including Sundays)

Continuing Education: 2 weeks annually (including Sundays)

Sabbatical: Eligible in the seventh year of service (2031)

Providence Presbytery Commission to Ordain and Install Elizabeth “Liz” Corsig as Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults at Unity Presbyterian Church on August 30, 2026 at 4 PM

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich, Unity Presbyterian Church

Rev. Molly Spangler, Unity Presbyterian Church

Rev. Letarshia Robinson, Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church

David Keely, ruling elder, First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill

Caroline Hoffman, ruling elder, Unity Presbyterian Church

Guests of the Commission:

Rev. Michelle Thomas-Bush, Charlotte Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Rebecca L. Davis, Charlotte Presbytery

Bruce McIntyre, ruling elder, Myers Park Presbyterian Church

Also participating in worship:

Elizabeth Watson, ruling elder, Unity Presbyterian Church

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich, COM Co-Chair

Rev. Paul Smith, Co-Chair

Rev. Robert M. Watkins Biographical Statement

I am 62 years old, married to a Presbyterian pastor, Alison Messick-Watkins, with two grown children, Perry (34), a teacher in New York City, and Chelsea Sinkovich (33), a clinical social worker in Waynesville, NC. I grew up in Statesville, NC, where my dad was a Presbyterian pastor and my mom was public librarian. I have been an ordained Presbyterian pastor since 1990.

During my 35 years as a pastor, I have served small congregations—my first call was as solo pastor of the Ludlow Presbyterian Church, now closed, in Ludlow, KY, across the river from Cincinnati, OH; large congregations—my second call was as an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church-Gastonia, and my third call was as associate pastor at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church-Charlotte—both congregations were around 700 folks at the time of service; and midsize congregations—my fourth call was as solo pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church-Augusta, GA. I served at the Mid-Council level of our denomination, serving as Transitional General Presbyter, for the then Sacramento Presbytery of California (now named the Presbytery of the North Central Valley of California). Most recently, I served as pastor of Mallard Creek, an unusual return call to a church previously served.

In that diverse ministry arc, I have seen the PC(USA) at nearly every level, learning that we are a church in transition across the board, learning to adapt and adjust to an ever-shifting landscape culturally and religiously. It has been that work of transition that I have found the most exciting, despite the uncertainty and instability of being in a context that constantly shifts. Yet, God is good and grace abounds, and when we are open to the Spirit, I have seen the extraordinary possibility and promise as we work to nurture, nourish, and be the people of God where we are.

Rev. Robert M. Watkins

CREDO

God is

God is love

Jesus is God's paradigm for what it is to be human

The goal is communion—

our communion with God

our communion with one another

The Holy Spirit is God's eternal presence with us and creation to bring that goal into being

My experience of God is PRESENCE—God is constantly here and now, within and without.

God is our breath—

we live through God

yet, like the air we breathe, God remains beyond our grasp, control, or full knowledge

yet, like the air we breathe, God is always there

Because of that, we can know several things about ourselves and the world in which we live—

the cosmos exists because of God's presence—

God breathed it into being

God sustains it through God's presence

the cosmos exists because God wanted it to—

Jesus reveals that God is other-centered, self-sacrificial compassion

that love is the ground of being

thus, the purest form of existence is communion

the cosmos exists to push us into being what God made us to be—

it is imperfect

God made us to be God's presence within it

we are to transform it and transcend it so it might be the kingdom of God

it's end is the Seventh Day—the day of perfect communion—

all in God; God in all

Jesus reveals what it is to live as God made us to be—

the embodiment of the love that is God

God's presence is communion—

the twining of beings irrevocably woven together in wholeness

Jesus lived as such through the praxis of radical hospitality

all were welcome, all were seen as they were—

children of God

—even those opposed to him

everything he said or did was done to create communion

the Cross is the ultimate act of this love—an act of radical generosity

Christ becomes one with even the nadir of existence

Christ offers himself to make all others whole

Christ directs us to 'Go and do likewise.'

The Great Commandments are mandates for doing so—

love God with one's whole being

love one's neighbor as oneself

love them as Christ loved us

do unto others what we would have them do to us

Sin is anything that thwarts communion with God or one another
sin can be a moral issue
but sin can also be a natural issue
that 'anything' truly means anything, so even something presumably good or
neutral can have the same impact as something inherently evil if it results in our being
alienated or isolated

The scriptures are the story of our awakening to the reality of God, our attempts to live by what we learned, and God's constant abiding presence reforming both of the above.

The Hebrew bible reveals our origins and the first awakening to God's presence
But it also reveals our struggle to live in communion, including our many failures when we claimed knowledge we did not have, or tried to make God manageable, or made something up when we could not figure out the truth

The New Testament tells the story of Jesus, and how the community that arose around him attempted to build a community of communion within the world, and like the Hebrew bible, includes our failures to do so for all the same reasons seen in the Hebrew bible

But the Bible is ultimately hopeful, for it finds the promise of salvation realized when we realize the great work of grace found in Jesus Christ—

God reclaims us from the alienation and isolation of sin

God restores us as the image of God within creation through grace

God reconciles us through grace with one another and God himself

God redeems us from the oppression of sin and human willfulness

God raises us to new life through the promise of resurrection, a gift not only for eternal life, but one we are to work for and seek here and now

The Bible calls us to embody the way of Jesus in our own lives, bringing to fruition these 5 R's of God's redeeming work and will for us

THE GOSPEL

The good news of Jesus Christ as revealed in the gospels is the revelation of the five R's of Christ's redeeming grace—

RECLAMATION

RESTORATION

RECONCILIATION

REDEMPTION

RESURRECTION

While they could be seen as a process of living into the redeeming grace of Jesus, they can also be experienced individually as one encounters the presence of Christ with them. The result is that one experiences a deep transformation in which one's life becomes recentered on Christ, reorienting one's life to be accord with the way of Jesus. The term *repentance* captures this transformation well when one considers the Greek root word that we translate into English as 'repent'—*metanoia*. *Metanoia* means a complete change of direction—a 180-degree turn. As the gospels proclaim the message of Jesus, it is this radical change of direction that comes through acceptance of Christ as savior.

We see shadows of this concept in Paul, especially if we consider his own autobiography. Paul

was schooled in a rabbinical tradition that formed him as a committed and dedicated Pharisee. As a result, he condemned the nascent movement surrounding Jesus as utterly heretical. Jesus—the dying messiah—fit none of the expectations of the messiah as conquering king who would liberate Israel from all forms of oppression, restoring them to the glory of the Solomonic reign a thousand years earlier. But through a visionary mystical encounter with

Christ, Paul converted, moving from being the greatest persecutor of the Jesus movement into becoming its greatest missionary. So total was his transformation that he literally was no longer the person he had been prior to his conversion.

Paul then uses that transformative experience as the foundation for his own proclamation of Jesus as the Christ of God. In Christ, Paul sees the confirmation of God's promises in creating humanity to be the image of God within the created order—if we live according to the way of Jesus, then we fulfill the purpose to which we were made. Paul sees that in Abraham, God redeems humanity from the fall of Adam, once again assuring that the covenant community will thrive and serve as witness to the world of God's saving grace—Jesus becomes the confirmation of that promise in that Jesus expands the invitation to be in God's covenant community to all the people, not simply the Jews. Paul picks up that work of proclaiming the revelation of Jesus so God's purposes can be achieved here and now—no less than the transformation not only of humanity from its fallen state, but the transformation of the entire created order to become once again the place where the communion of sabbath—God with us; us with God—can be fully realized.

The gospels, written decades after Paul, pick up this message and flesh it out with narratives of Jesus' life. In their telling of who Jesus was, what Jesus did, and what it all means, they reveal the depth of God's transformation of human beings as they experience for themselves each of the five R's as Jesus engages them. As we examine the gospels closely we can see each of the R's at work.

But is there something even before Jesus that Jesus embodies?

Once one realizes the five R's are the core of the Gospel, that core becomes apparent in the entire scriptural narrative, beginning in Genesis.

The Bible preaches a basic understanding of human history in relation to God. There is a continuous cycle of fall and redemption. So foundational is this cycle that even creation itself arises out of it.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, all was formless and void. God's Spirit hovered over the waters. God spoke, 'Let there be light; and there was light. God separated the light from the darkness...

And on it goes through the seven days of creation—God reclaims something, restores it as it is meant to be, reconciles it, etc. Creation is a reordering of chaos—a redemption, if you will. It comes as no surprise then that human beings—a sentient ordered chaos—will exist within this cycle of fall and redemption, either through our own self-will or through our inherent frailty in being created. We will make decisions with devastating consequences—e.g., eating the apple; Cain murdering Abel; etc. We will fall ill and break down, requiring repair and restoration. The first eleven chapters of Genesis show how this cycle dominates human existence, until finally, God, in exasperation, decides to start over again. God recreates the world, sparing a single family from which human will arise anew. But the human character remains as frail as ever. Noah and his kin experienced the five R's, but are unable to live into them. Humanity remains locked in the cycle of fall and redemption.

God then chooses to work through Abraham, standing in for all humanity. Symbolically, Abraham stands for humanity in our existential state—he is as good as dead, homeless, and more or less hopeless. Yet, God promises through him to reveal God’s intention and purpose for humanity—one that has not changed since the creation of humanity—to be the image of God within the created order. His descendants will be the living examples of how God continues to work with and for humanity, continually meeting our propensity for fall and failure with the five R’s.

We see that play out in the history of Israel. All the patriarchs become living examples of God’s work of saving through the five R’s. Israel itself comes to be through the five R’s as Moses leads them from slavery to the Promised Land, giving them the rules by which to live as the redeemed (the Torah). But collectively, they simply repeat the cycle of fall and redemption, experiencing a cataclysmic fall into exile and non-being because of their refusal to abide by God’s covenantal terms. The Restoration becomes a communal experience of the five R’s, but one that still does not bring to fruition the promises entailed in them.

Then comes Jesus. We now see a human being embodying the five R’s in his way of being. We now live in the time when we are to embody his embodiment.

But the cycle continues...

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Human beings created in the image of God to be the stewards of creation
but pride leads them to want to be like God
knowledge does not bring godlike power, but rather failure, distrust, and dishonesty
God preserves them, offering reconciliation, redemption, and new life
In Cain, we see the consequences of self-focus
wounded pride leads to murderous rage
God redeems him, preserving even the murderer
Cain gains new life, albeit an altered one
This becomes the paradigm all through the stories up to Babel

Candidate Liz Corsig Biographical Information

My name is Liz Corsig and I have been called by Unity Presbyterian Church to serve as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults. I am a candidate under care of Charlotte Presbytery seeking ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). As I reflect on my life now, it is clear to me that God was calling me to ministry from as early as I can remember. In rare moments of quiet stillness, I knew that to be true, even as I did not yet have the courage to admit it. I was born and raised in Charlotte, NC to a long line of Presbyterians and spent many of my happiest days at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, tagging along with my mom to meetings and roaming the halls of a building that felt like home. My early Christian education experiences shaped my life, as I came to understand discipleship as the active following of the risen and living Christ.

In each of these experiences, I felt more like myself than I had ever felt before. As Fredrick Buecher writes, I felt that my deep gladness and the world's deep hunger had met in and through the work of the church. Even as I attended Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with big dreams of becoming a professional ballet dancer, the still, quiet voice of the Holy Spirit continued to buzz. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I one day found myself walking down the street and into the sanctuary of Myers Park Presbyterian Church. It was in that holy place, as I turned to God in prayer, that I knew God was calling me to ministry. I knew that I could attempt to run from that call, but that in doing so I would be running from the person that God created me to be. I began seminary at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, while working part-time as the High School Ministry Coordinator at Myers Park. This work energized and challenged me more than I could have imagined. I discovered my own voice as a theologian and student of scripture, while learning how to translate the academic concepts of seminary into accessible language for congregations. Each semester of seminary crystallized the truth that I had always known: God was calling me to be a pastor.

In 2024, I was called to serve as the Director of Youth Ministry at Unity Presbyterian Church. From my first conversations with the search committee, I knew that God was calling me to this congregation and these people. This call was the greatest challenge I'd faced yet, as I now had the opportunity to craft and implement the kind of relational youth ministry program that I had experienced and learned about, but had never led on my own. In my first weeks at Unity, I experienced the beauty of shared leadership in the church, and I quickly realized that I would *not* be pursuing this task alone. At Unity, God has called some of the most faithful, compassionate leaders that I have ever had the privilege of working alongside. I quickly learned the truth of the saying I'd often heard: the best teachers and preachers we know are often sitting in our pews. This is particularly true of the young people that I walk alongside at Unity. They teach me more about God than any classroom I've been in, and they see God in places I would never think to look. They challenge me, make me laugh, and hold me accountable. They have a deep yearning for that which is real, authentic, and true. They are hungry for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and I am grateful to walk alongside them as we discover it together.

As I look forward to graduation from Union Presbyterian Seminary in June, I am grateful to be called by Unity Presbyterian Church to serve as their Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults. I pray for God's guidance and discernment as I seek to serve God and God's people in all that I do.

Candidate Liz Corsig Statement of Faith

I believe in the Holy Trinity: God, our creator, Jesus Christ, our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our sustainer. Out of abiding love, God created the world and all that is in it, divining order out of chaos. God set humanity apart from the rest of creation, creating human beings in God's own image and instructing them to serve as responsible stewards of creation. Through Abraham and Sarah, God created and sustains a covenant which blesses all the families of the earth. Through this covenant, God is intimately bound to God's people, hearing their cries, liberating them from oppression in Egypt, and continuing to do the same for us now and always.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Messiah, who is both fully human and fully divine. In Jesus Christ, our God chose to take on weak, fragile human flesh and enter into our broken, sinful world so that it might be redeemed. Jesus Christ preached the good news of God's sovereignty, healing the sick, eating with the marginalized, and proclaiming liberation for the poor and captive. Despite Christ's goodness, his ministry threatened the accepted systems of power, leading to his crucifixion on the cross. He suffered immense pain and gave his life out of his steadfast love for humanity. Jesus died but was resurrected, defeating the powers of sin and death, and restoring all of creation to new life with Christ.

The Holy Spirit is our sustainer and guide, whose presence we rely on as we read and interpret the Word of God and seek to be faithful disciples of Christ. The Holy Spirit engages with us through the sacraments: the waters of baptism and the bread and cup of communion. We disobey God, fail to be faithful stewards of creation, and ignore the divine image of God in others. Despite these failures, the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, calling and equipping us to follow Christ.

The Holy Spirit binds the church together as the body of Christ as we bear witness to the unfailing love and sovereignty God. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we read, interpret, and preach the Word of God. The Bible is the authoritative witness to the Word of God as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. The church has an obligation to approach Scripture with historical and literary understanding and guidance from the Holy Spirit. The church administers the sacraments as outward signs of inward grace. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's claim on our lives. In baptism, we are engrafted into the Body of Christ and commissioned to the life of discipleship. In communion, God is present with us in the gifts of bread and wine through divine mystery and we are nourished as disciples of Christ. Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and all ministries of the church seek to bear witness to the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Administration Committee
(A Community of Hope)
Report to Providence Presbytery
May 17, 2026**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team

Financial Update as of 03/31/26:

- Mission Pledges received as of 3/31/26 is **\$66,498.82** (21.82% the amount pledged)
(See Appendix 9: Pages 1 - 2)

As of 03/31/26 Net total (Revenue-Expense) is **-\$ 52,112.16** This is fairly normal for this time of year when Bethelwoods has normal monthly expenses but does not have as many retreat groups in the 1st Quarter. (See Appendix 9: Pages 3 - 7)

Bethelwoods as of 3/31/26 is **-\$116,412.91** expenses include additional maintenance staff for clearing debris from trails and preparing property for Spring/Summer season, rising food cost, repairs and refinishing floor of Horton Lodge, replacing one desktop, purchase of an iPad. They've increased the cost per meal to retreat groups as well as retreat rates to help offset these additional costs. Bethelwoods has \$ 87,561.32 in designated accounts. (See Appendix 9: Pages 3 - 7)

- **Bank Balances as of 03/31/2026: (See Appendix 9: Pages 3 - 10)**

Wells Fargo Operating Account:	\$167,534.03
Wells Fargo Designated Account:	\$169,014.83
Fidelity Investments:	\$545,616.97
New Covenant Fund Presbytery:	\$340,866.20
New Covenant Church Development:	\$380,281.05
Bethelwoods Note Receivable (Dam Repair)	\$158,000.00
Bethelwoods Endowment	<u>\$ 22,343.66</u>
Total Current Assets:	\$1,783,656.74

- **Mission Partnership Pledges 2026** - Total pledges for 2026 are \$304,726 (See Appendix 9: Pages 11 - 12)

Thank you to all our churches for their continued support of the Presbytery and Bethelwoods!

Undesignated Pledges of \$297,901

4002-10	Presbytery	\$254,534.00
4022-10	Bethelwoods	\$38,000.00
4002-20	General Assembly	\$594.00
4002-30	Synod	<u>\$4,773.00</u>
	Total	\$297,901.00

Designated Pledge of \$6,825

4005-10	Presbyterian Communities	\$1,050.00
4004-40	Thornwell	<u>\$5,775.00</u>
	Total	\$6,825.00

For Action:

- **Changes to the 2026 Presbytery Operating Budget (does not include Bethelwoods)**
With the generosity from the churches we have increase revenue of \$33,991.27 for 2026. With that the Admin/Finance team and Coordinating team have approved the following expense increases for the 2026 Presbytery budget. There were no changes to the Bethelwoods portion of the budget. (See Pages E: 9 - 15)
- **Approval is needed to increase the following expense lines of the 2026 operating budget for Presbytery (See below)**

Motion: To Approve Providence Presbytery’s Revised 2026 Budget (*New item for 2026)

- 2.9% salary increase for all staff: \$4,780.24
- * Faith Formation – addition of Leaderfest: \$2,000.00
- Faith Formation - accrue for Triennium 2028: \$2,000.00
- Mission & Advocacy - SC Inn at Montreat: \$1,500.00 (increased from \$700 in 2025)
- Mission & Advocacy - Presbyterian College: \$1,000.00
- Mission & Advocacy - SC Christian Action Council: \$550.00
- Mission & Advocacy - Villa International: \$250.00
- Mission & Advocacy - SC Campus Ministry Cabinet: \$375.00
- Mission & Advocacy - Presbyterian Communities of SC: \$150.00 (designated monies)
- *Mission & Advocacy - Frontera de Cristo - Mark Adams Mission from Clover 1st : \$1,500.00
- Mission & Advocacy - Thornwell Pledge increased (designated monies) \$577.25
- *Mission & Advocacy - Presbyterian Per Capita \$2,106.66 (New Account – 3 Way Split for Per Capita)
- Mission & Advocacy - General Assembly Mission Partnership Giving: \$89.10 (Same as 2025)
- Community of Hope - Committee Expense: \$100.00 (increased from \$500 to \$ 600 for 2026)
- Community of Hope - Payroll Service Expense: \$1,000.00 (cost increasing yearly)
- Community of Hope - Telephone/Internet: \$500.00 (increase in rates)

Total Expense Increased \$18,478.25 (\$727.25 are designated from churches)

We anticipate profit at the end of 2026, if not needed by Bethelwoods will be reinvested in the Providence Presbytery New Covenant Fund.

- **Approval is needed for the following:**

Motion: to approve the Providence Presbytery Transformation Grant Initiative.

Note: Applications will be forthcoming. (See Pages E: 4 - 8)

Hope Moore
Moderator
Administrative MT a Community of Love

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

Transformational Grant Initiative

Program Description & Guidelines

Purpose

The Transformation Grant exists to assist congregations who are taking on a transformative initiative that responds to a changing ministry context and develops innovative programs or projects that lead to community transformation, increased outreach, and vitality for the congregation.

Transformational Grants are "seed money." They are designed to help a congregation start something new — not to sustain it indefinitely. All applicants must demonstrate a credible plan for how the initiative will continue beyond the grant period.

These grants are not designed to prop up existing ministries or supplement church operating budgets. They exist to help congregations do something genuinely new — something they could not or would not do without this encouragement and investment.

What This Grant Is — and Is Not

Eligible Initiatives May Include:

A transformational initiative is one that is genuinely new to the congregation and responds to the Spirit's leading in the congregation's specific context. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Fresh expressions of worship or community (dinner church, outdoor worship, café-based ministry)
- Outreach to underserved or overlooked populations in the congregation's surrounding community
- Bilingual or multicultural ministry development
- Community engagement programs (food security, tutoring, health ministry, housing advocacy)
- Creative use of church facilities to serve the community (co-working space, farmer's market, after-school programs)
- Social enterprise ministries that combine mission and sustainability
- Collaborative initiatives with neighboring congregations or community organizations
- Experimental, pop-up, or prototype ministries with permission to learn from failure

This Grant May NOT Be Used For:

- Building maintenance, repairs, or capital improvements (e.g., roof, HVAC, parking lots)
 - Supplementing or sustaining an already-existing ministry or program
 - Staff salaries or compensation for current employees
 - Initiatives previously funded by another Presbytery grant (non-renewable)
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Grant Details

Maximum Grant Amount	Up to \$10,000 per grant, per church. Multiple churches may apply for a collaborative grant with a maximum of \$25,000.
Application Frequency	A congregation may apply for a grant in subsequent years for another project that meets the criteria
Staff Expenses	Grant funds may not be used for staff-related expenses.
Financials	Applicants will be asked to provide a budget of how the grant funds will be used in the initiative, as well as the most recent copy of the church's budget. Churches will also be asked whether their congregation currently supports the Presbytery financially.
Administration	All grants will be received, reviewed, and approved by the Transformation Grant Team under the Coordinating Team. For more information, consult the TGT overview document.

How Applications Are Evaluated

Applications will be reviewed with the following criteria in mind:

- Does this initiative represent something genuinely new for this congregation?
 - Does it respond faithfully to the congregation's ministry context and community?
 - Is there evidence of prayerful discernment — that the Holy Spirit is leading this?
 - Does it have clear, realistic goals and a plan to assess impact?
 - Is the financial plan credible, including a sustainability path beyond the grant?
 - Does it extend the church's witness beyond its walls into the surrounding community?
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Accountability & Reporting

Congregations receiving a Transformational Grant are expected to:

- Provide a progress update, including financials, to the Transformation Grant Team approximately one year after receiving the grant.
- Share their story at a Presbytery meeting, giving the wider body an opportunity to celebrate and learn from the work

These stories of risk and faithfulness strengthen the whole Presbytery. Time will be set aside on the Presbytery docket for grant recipients to share briefly what God is doing in their midst.

For More Information

Questions about the Transformational Grant program, eligibility, or the application process may be directed to the Transformation Grant Team, the committee responsible for administering this grant.

A Note on the Origins of This Grant

The funds that originally started the Transformation Grant came from the sale of the former Presbytery office building on Oakland Avenue. During the sale process, both the transition and implementation teams engaged in careful discernment about how the proceeds should be used — and their recommendation to the Presbytery was clear: these funds should fuel new mission opportunities.

It was decided that the proceeds would not be directed toward operational or staffing costs — whether for the Presbytery itself or for any congregation. After studying the Presbytery's history and current practices, the teams concluded that using these funds for operational purposes would stifle the creative, forward-looking work that congregations and the Presbytery need to thrive.

As congregations close, we anticipate their assets being added to this fund — a reflection of our conviction that new life can emerge from death, and that God's renewing work in congregations and communities is worth investing in.

Grants from these funds will be made available with a particular focus on congregations within the Presbytery that partner together to serve underserved communities.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

Transformational Grant Team Overview

About the Transformational Grant Team

The Transformational Grant Team (TGT) is a six-member body appointed by the Coordinating Team to receive, evaluate, and approve Transformational Grant applications from congregations within Providence Presbytery. The TGT operates as a sub-team under the Coordinating Team.

Membership	Six (6) members appointed by the Coordinating Team from the membership of Providence Presbytery. CT should seek a balance of teaching elders, ruling elders, educators, and other perspectives.
Reporting	Sub-team under the Coordinating Team (CT)
Terms	Members serve three-year staggered terms. Two members rotate off each December; CT appoints two new members each January.
Leadership	TGT selects its own chair from among its members
Contact	transformationgrant@providencepres.org (TBD)

Annual Grant Cycle

The TGT operates on a two-cycle calendar each year. Applications are accepted and reviewed twice annually, with grants announced at Presbytery meetings. The team takes a break between cycles to allow for review, rest, and planning.

CYCLE 1 — Spring		CYCLE 2 — Fall	
Month	Activity	Month	Activity
February	Grants promoted; application window opens	August	Grants promoted; application window opens
April 1	Application deadline	October 1	Application deadline
April	TGT reviews and evaluates applications	October	TGT reviews and evaluates applications
May	Grant recipients notified; announced at Presbytery	November	Grant recipients notified; announced at Presbytery
June–July	TGT recess	December	TGT recess; CT considers new members for January

Membership & Rotation

To ensure continuity and fresh perspective, TGT membership rotates on a staggered basis. Members serve three-year terms. Each January, the Coordinating Team appoints two new members to the TGT, while four continuing members carry institutional knowledge forward into the new grant year. TGT members must recuse themselves from deliberation and voting on any application submitted by their home congregation.

Team Size 6 members	New Each January 2 members (3-yr terms)	Leadership Chair selected by TGT
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Grant Approval Process

The following governs how applications move from submission to decision within each grant cycle:

	Step 1: Congregation submits completed application and required financials to the TGT email address by the cycle deadline (April 1 or October 1).
	Step 2: TGT chair confirms receipt and conducts an initial completeness check. Incomplete applications are returned for correction within one week of the deadline.
	Step 3: All TGT members independently review complete applications against the grant criteria before the group convenes.
	Step 4: The team meets to discuss applications and make final funding decisions. TGT members must recuse themselves from voting on any application from their home congregation. The TGT has full authority to approve or decline grants.
	Step 5: TGT communicates all funding decisions to the Coordinating Team. The CT receives these decisions; final approval authority rests with the TGT.
	Step 6: Grant recipients are notified directly. Awards are announced and celebrated at the next Presbytery meeting.
	Step 7: Recipients provide a progress update (including financials) approximately one year after receiving funds and share their story at a future Presbytery meeting.

Proposed 2026 Budget #2 Revised

Date Range: Jan 1st 2026 - Dec 31st 2026

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget % Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested	Budget \$ Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested
Revenues						
PRESBYTERY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400210 Mission Partnership Pledges - Presbytery	224,800.35	237,899.58	191,080.30	254,534.00	13.23 %	29,733.65
400510 Presbyterian Communities Support	900.00	1,043.75	765.00	1,050.00	16.67 %	150.00
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	225,700.35	238,943.33	191,845.30	255,584.00	13.24 %	29,883.65
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400110 Presbytery Per Capita Assessments 33%	2,221.80	2,117.59	2,047.62	2,047.92	(7.83 %)	(173.88)
400111 Presby Per Capita - Missions 34%	2,289.10	2,181.73	2,109.66	2,109.66	(7.84 %)	(179.44)
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	4,510.90	4,299.32	4,157.28	4,157.58	(7.83 %)	(353.32)
Total PRESBYTERY	230,211.25	243,242.65	196,002.58	259,741.58	12.83 %	29,530.33
BETHELWOODS (Mission Advocacy Neighborhood)						
SUMMER PROGRAM FEES						
402000 Summer Program On-Site	177,235.00	120,807.14	150,000.00	150,000.00	(15.37 %)	(27,235.00)
403000 Camp In A Van	17,350.00	6,395.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	(59.65 %)	(10,350.00)
403011 Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Day Camp	4,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(4,650.00)
Total SUMMER PROGRAM FEES	199,235.00	127,202.14	157,000.00	157,000.00	(21.20 %)	(42,235.00)
RETREAT FEES						
404000 Retreat Fees	202,617.00	204,789.98	200,000.00	200,000.00	(1.29 %)	(2,617.00)
Total RETREAT FEES	202,617.00	204,789.98	200,000.00	200,000.00	(1.29 %)	(2,617.00)
FOOD SERVICE						
401700 Meals	77,328.00	62,133.21	78,000.00	78,000.00	0.87 %	672.00
Total FOOD SERVICE	77,328.00	62,133.21	78,000.00	78,000.00	0.87 %	672.00
YEAR ROUND PROGRAM FEES						
402010 Christmas Retreat	9,450.00	553.08	5,000.00	5,000.00	(47.09 %)	(4,450.00)
402100 Adult Program Fees	1,350.00	135.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	11.11 %	150.00
402110 Christmas At Camp	0.00	1,720.10	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00 %	4,000.00
402111 Kids Night Out	1,600.00	1,579.25	2,000.00	2,000.00	25.00 %	400.00
402112 Spring Break Day Camp	4,625.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	8.11 %	375.00

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget % Change	Budget \$ Change
					To 2026 Suggested	To 2026 Suggested
Total YEAR ROUND PROGRAM FEES	17,025.00	3,987.43	17,500.00	17,500.00	2.79 %	475.00
OTHER INCOME						
402300 Camp Store	7,000.00	6,166.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	14.29 %	1,000.00
403700 Facilities Rental	4,050.00	51,155.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	23.46 %	950.00
403710 Timber Sales	0.00	53,511.13	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total OTHER INCOME	11,050.00	110,832.13	13,000.00	13,000.00	17.65 %	1,950.00
PRESBYTERY SUPPORT						
402200 Charleston Atlantic Presbytery	21,000.00	21,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	19.05 %	4,000.00
402210 Providence Presbytery	34,245.00	34,245.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	10.97 %	3,755.00
402213 Donations	0.00	7,291.14	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00
402214 Fundraising	25,000.00	10,253.44	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(25,000.00)
402215 Presbytery Per Capita - BWoods 33%	2,221.80	2,117.59	2,047.62	2,047.62	(7.84 %)	(174.18)
402216 Bethelwoods & Bowties	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00 %	15,000.00
402217 ASK Solicitation	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00 %	15,000.00
402218 Grants	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00 %	35,000.00
Total PRESBYTERY SUPPORT	82,466.80	74,907.17	130,047.62	130,047.62	57.70 %	47,580.82
Total BETHELWOODS (Mission Advocacy Neighborhood)	589,721.80	583,852.06	595,547.62	595,547.62	0.99 %	5,825.82
SYNOD						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400230 Synod - Mission Partnership Giving	5,179.00	5,179.00	4,773.00	4,773.00	(7.84 %)	(406.00)
400440 Thornwell - Pledge	6,115.00	6,075.00	5,197.75	5,775.00	(5.56 %)	(340.00)
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	11,294.00	11,254.00	9,970.75	10,548.00	(6.61 %)	(746.00)
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400130 Synod Per Capita Assessments	7,768.50	7,071.00	9,546.00	9,546.00	22.88 %	1,777.50
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	7,768.50	7,071.00	9,546.00	9,546.00	22.88 %	1,777.50
Total SYNOD	19,062.50	18,325.00	19,516.75	20,094.00	5.41 %	1,031.50
GENERAL ASSEMBLY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400220 General Assembly - Mission Partnership Giving	594.00	594.00	504.90	594.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	594.00	594.00	504.90	594.00	0.00 %	0.00
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400120 General Assembly Per Capita Assessments	56,140.36	50,979.00	53,743.98	53,743.98	(4.27 %)	(2,396.38)
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	56,140.36	50,979.00	53,743.98	53,743.98	(4.27 %)	(2,396.38)
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY	56,734.36	51,573.00	54,248.88	54,337.98	(4.22 %)	(2,396.38)

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget % Change	Budget \$ Change
					From 2025 To 2026 Suggested	From 2025 To 2026 Suggested
Total Revenues	\$ 895,729.91	\$ 896,992.71	\$ 865,315.83	\$ 929,721.18	3.79 %	\$ 33,991.27
Expenses						
PERSONNEL						
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR						
605034 Business Administrator - Salary	51,000.00	51,000.00	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605046 Business Administrator - BOP/Annuity	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00	0.00 %	0.00
605114 Business Administrator - Payroll Taxes	3,901.50	3,946.12	3,901.50	3,901.50	0.00 %	0.00
Total BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR	60,001.50	60,046.12	60,001.50	60,001.50	0.00 %	0.00
COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR						
612900 Communication/IT Coordinator - Salary	11,250.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	11,250.00	0.00 %	0.00
612911 Communication/IT Coordinator - Payroll Taxes	860.63	860.63	860.63	860.63	0.00 %	0.00
Total COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	12,110.63	12,110.63	12,110.63	12,110.63	0.00 %	0.00
MISSION CONSULTANT						
618730 Mission Consultant - Salary	11,750.00	11,750.00	11,750.00	11,750.00	0.00 %	0.00
618731 Mission Consultant - Payroll Taxes	898.88	898.88	898.88	898.88	0.00 %	0.00
Total MISSION CONSULTANT	12,648.88	12,648.88	12,648.88	12,648.88	0.00 %	0.00
PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE						
603800 Presbytery Executive - Conference & Expenses	2,000.00	1,857.42	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605035 Presbytery Executive - Salary	50,000.00	44,316.88	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605116 Presbytery Executive - SECA	3,825.00	3,390.30	3,825.00	3,825.00	0.00 %	0.00
605117 Presbytery Executive - Travel	4,175.00	832.53	4,175.00	4,175.00	0.00 %	0.00
605118 Presbytery Executive - Cont. Ed.	0.00	635.22	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00
605119 Presbytery Executive - BOP	0.00	3,907.31	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE	60,000.00	54,939.66	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
STATED CLERK						
605036 Stated Clerk - Salary	26,250.00	26,250.00	26,250.00	26,250.00	0.00 %	0.00
605122 Stated Clerk - Travel	750.00	0.00	375.00	375.00	(50.00 %)	(375.00)
Total STATED CLERK	27,000.00	26,250.00	26,625.00	26,625.00	(1.39 %)	(375.00)
Total PERSONNEL	171,761.01	165,995.29	171,386.01	171,386.01	(0.22 %)	(375.00)
ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (A Community of Hope)						
602500 Presbytery Insurance	4,000.00	3,351.41	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
602600 Committee Expenses	500.00	576.76	500.00	600.00	20.00 %	100.00
602700 General Office	750.00	501.24	750.00	750.00	0.00 %	0.00
602710 Payroll Service	3,500.00	4,893.31	3,500.00	4,500.00	28.57 %	1,000.00
602715 Computer Maintenance	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00 %	0.00

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget	Budget
					% Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested	\$ Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested
602720 Maintenance Contracts	12,000.00	10,153.47	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
602800 Office Repairs & Supplies	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	0.00
603000 Telephone & Internet	5,100.00	5,570.41	5,100.00	5,600.00	9.80 %	500.00
603100 Office Supplies	2,500.00	1,044.01	1,500.00	1,500.00	(40.00 %)	(1,000.00)
603200 Postage	1,500.00	615.42	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
603300 New Equipment Purchases	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
603410 Contribution Bldg Usage - Tirzah (Y) Church	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	50.00 %	600.00
604112 Attorney Fees - Closing Churches	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	0.00
604113 PJC Expenses	3,000.00	300.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	(33.33 %)	(1,000.00)
Total ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (A Community of Hope)	37,800.00	27,006.03	34,800.00	38,000.00	0.53 %	200.00
BETHELWOODS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER						
UTILITIES						
606100 Duke Power	22,000.00	32,265.20	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
606200 Fuel Oil & L. P.	12,000.00	12,252.05	9,500.00	9,500.00	(20.83 %)	(2,500.00)
606400 Phone/Cable/Internet	15,000.00	16,905.23	13,000.00	13,000.00	(13.33 %)	(2,000.00)
Total UTILITIES	49,000.00	61,422.48	44,500.00	44,500.00	(9.18 %)	(4,500.00)
PERMANENT STAFF						
DIRECTOR						
605410 Director - Salary	53,040.00	54,004.14	65,000.00	65,000.00	22.55 %	11,960.00
605422 Director - Continuing Education/Books	750.00	730.46	500.00	500.00	(33.33 %)	(250.00)
605432 Director - Conference & Expenses	750.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	6.67 %	50.00
605441 Director - Travel	750.00	1,413.53	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00 %	750.00
607230 Director - BOP/ Annuity	8,302.00	9,594.86	8,300.00	11,198.16	34.89 %	2,896.16
607614 Director - Payroll Taxes	4,057.56	4,173.40	4,972.50	4,972.50	22.55 %	914.94
Total DIRECTOR	67,649.56	69,916.39	81,072.50	83,970.66	24.13 %	16,321.10
OFFICE MANAGER						
605411 Office Manager - Salary	22,863.36	18,540.76	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(22,863.36)
607616 Office Manager - Payroll Taxes	1,749.05	1,418.37	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(1,749.05)
Total OFFICE MANAGER	24,612.41	19,959.13	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(24,612.41)
MAINTENANCE						
605412 Maintenance - Salary	18,096.00	13,306.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	10.52 %	1,904.00
Total MAINTENANCE	18,096.00	13,306.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	10.52 %	1,904.00
HOUSEKEEPING						
605416 Housekeeping - Salary	13,440.00	8,535.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	4.17 %	560.00
Total HOUSEKEEPING	13,440.00	8,535.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	4.17 %	560.00
FOOD SERVICE MANAGER						

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget % Change	Budget \$ Change
					From 2025 To 2026 Suggested	From 2025 To 2026 Suggested
605417 Food Services Manager - Salary	25,692.80	28,110.80	26,000.00	26,000.00	1.20 %	307.20
607618 Food Service Manager - Payroll Taxes	1,965.50	2,150.48	1,989.00	1,989.00	1.20 %	23.50
Total FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	27,658.30	30,261.28	27,989.00	27,989.00	1.20 %	330.70
PROGRAM COORDINATOR						
605419 Program Coordinator - Salary	34,000.00	47,722.57	40,000.00	40,000.00	17.65 %	6,000.00
605423 Program Coordinator - Continuing Education/Books	750.00	150.00	500.00	500.00	(33.33 %)	(250.00)
605431 Program Coordinator Conferences & Expenses	750.00	1,130.00	800.00	800.00	6.67 %	50.00
605442 Program Coordinator - Travel	750.00	291.20	1,000.00	1,000.00	33.33 %	250.00
607236 Program Coordinator - BOP & Annuity	7,350.00	4,544.46	4,500.00	4,500.00	(38.78 %)	(2,850.00)
607619 Program Coordinator - Payroll Taxes	2,601.00	4,082.11	3,060.00	3,060.00	17.65 %	459.00
Total PROGRAM COORDINATOR	46,201.00	57,920.34	49,860.00	49,860.00	7.92 %	3,659.00
STAFF						
605433 Staff - Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	500.00
605434 Staff - Travel	0.00	2,005.56	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	500.00
605435 Staff - Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	500.00
Total STAFF	0.00	2,005.56	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %	1,500.00
PROGRAM ASSISTANT						
605414 Program Assistant Salary	34,952.40	2,912.70	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(34,952.40)
607237 Program Assistant - Insurance	2,400.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(2,400.00)
607620 Program Assistant - P/R Taxes	2,673.86	241.95	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(2,673.86)
Total PROGRAM ASSISTANT	40,026.26	3,404.65	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(40,026.26)
Total PERMANENT STAFF	237,683.53	205,308.35	194,421.50	197,319.66	(16.98 %)	(40,363.87)
OCCASSIONAL HELP & SUMMER STAFF						
OCCASSIONAL HELP						
607300 Occasional Help	3,000.00	11,776.83	5,000.00	5,000.00	66.67 %	2,000.00
607400 Occasional Help - Payroll Taxes	229.50	1,145.99	382.50	382.50	66.67 %	153.00
Total OCCASSIONAL HELP	3,229.50	12,922.82	5,382.50	5,382.50	66.67 %	2,153.00
SUMMER STAFF						
607610 Summer Staff	62,000.00	42,788.38	62,000.00	62,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
607611 Summer Staff - Payroll Taxes	4,743.00	2,700.53	4,743.00	4,743.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total SUMMER STAFF	66,743.00	45,488.91	66,743.00	66,743.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total OCCASSIONAL HELP & SUMMER STAFF	69,972.50	58,411.73	72,125.50	72,125.50	3.08 %	2,153.00
FOOD SERVICE						
605413 Food Service Staff	22,000.00	18,551.50	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
606000 Equipment & Repair	5,000.00	3,714.13	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00 %	5,000.00

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget % Change	Budget \$ Change
					From 2025 To 2026 Suggested	From 2025 To 2026 Suggested
606020 Staples	34,000.00	26,779.80	35,000.00	35,000.00	2.94 %	1,000.00
606021 Raw Food Costs	8,000.00	11,069.62	8,500.00	8,500.00	6.25 %	500.00
606025 Supplies	6,500.00	2,447.25	7,000.00	7,000.00	7.69 %	500.00
607617 Food Service - Payroll Taxes	1,683.00	1,411.44	1,683.00	1,683.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total FOOD SERVICE	77,183.00	63,973.74	84,183.00	84,183.00	9.07 %	7,000.00
HOUSEKEEPING						
606050 Housekeeping Equipment	500.00	144.33	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	0.00
606054 Housekeeping Supplies	4,000.00	5,779.55	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total HOUSEKEEPING	4,500.00	5,923.88	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
MAINTENANCE - BUILDINGS						
605920 Main Lodge (Lake)	2,500.00	1,253.46	3,000.00	3,000.00	20.00 %	500.00
605921 Hopkins Lodge	1,000.00	80.19	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605923 Horton Lodge	2,000.00	381.84	12,000.00	12,000.00	500.00 %	10,000.00
605925 Cabins	5,000.00	11,626.77	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605927 Picnic Shelter	500.00	184.35	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	0.00
605929 Program Shelter - Crafts	500.00	202.21	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	0.00
605932 Program Coordinator's House	1,000.00	1,029.82	1,500.00	1,500.00	50.00 %	500.00
605933 Director's House	1,000.00	12,699.24	1,500.00	1,500.00	50.00 %	500.00
605940 Pool Expenses	5,000.00	1,533.11	4,500.00	4,500.00	(10.00 %)	(500.00)
605943 Tree House	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00 %	0.00
605944 Pool House	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %	1,500.00
Total MAINTENANCE - BUILDINGS	18,800.00	28,990.99	31,300.00	31,300.00	66.49 %	12,500.00
MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS						
605910 Maintenance Services	9,000.00	15,580.59	6,500.00	6,500.00	(27.78 %)	(2,500.00)
605922 Grounds Maintenance	11,000.00	21,695.31	12,000.00	12,000.00	9.09 %	1,000.00
605924 Maintenance Equipment & Repairs	2,500.00	6,352.06	3,500.00	3,500.00	40.00 %	1,000.00
605926 Maintenance Supplies	4,000.00	5,491.47	3,500.00	3,500.00	(12.50 %)	(500.00)
605935 Tools	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 %	1,000.00
Total MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS	26,500.00	49,119.43	26,500.00	26,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
MAINTENANCE - VEHICLES						
605950 Truck & Van Expenses	2,500.00	2,104.87	2,000.00	2,000.00	(20.00 %)	(500.00)
605961 Bus Expense	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00 %	2,500.00
605970 Tractor Expenses	2,000.00	3,984.13	3,519.36	3,519.36	75.97 %	1,519.36
605973 Riding Mowers	1,500.00	660.82	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
606300 Gasoline	2,500.00	2,621.09	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total MAINTENANCE - VEHICLES	8,500.00	9,370.91	12,019.36	12,019.36	41.40 %	3,519.36

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget	Budget
					% Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested	\$ Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested
OFFICE EXPENSES						
605515 Program Registration Fees	2,000.00	993.33	1,500.00	1,500.00	(25.00 %)	(500.00)
605560 Camp Store	5,000.00	5,036.01	3,500.00	3,500.00	(30.00 %)	(1,500.00)
605610 Postage	200.00	229.42	500.00	500.00	150.00 %	300.00
605620 Office Supplies	1,500.00	2,012.49	1,200.00	1,200.00	(20.00 %)	(300.00)
605621 Office Equipment & Repair	1,500.00	2,249.09	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
605631 Conference Center Expense	2,000.00	6,720.77	2,500.00	2,500.00	25.00 %	500.00
608100 Bethelwoods Marketing	10,000.00	7,326.78	9,000.00	9,000.00	(10.00 %)	(1,000.00)
608200 Credit Card Fees	4,500.00	5,123.42	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
608214 Bethelwoods Insurance	61,000.00	58,950.62	59,000.00	59,666.00	(2.19 %)	(1,334.00)
608216 Consulting	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00 %	6,000.00
608217 Bethelwoods & Bowties/Open House	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00 %	2,500.00
Total OFFICE EXPENSES	87,700.00	88,641.93	91,700.00	92,366.00	5.32 %	4,666.00
NON-SUMMER PROGRAM						
605552 Youth Program Expenses	0.00	1,219.56	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	500.00
605700 Adult Program Expenses	1,000.00	11.97	500.00	500.00	(50.00 %)	(500.00)
605710 Christmas At Camp	0.00	93.76	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	500.00
Total NON-SUMMER PROGRAM	1,000.00	1,325.29	1,500.00	1,500.00	50.00 %	500.00
SPRING BREAK/SUMMER						
605510 Craft Supplies	1,000.00	358.57	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605512 Summer Staff Meals	1,000.00	1,171.68	800.00	800.00	(20.00 %)	(200.00)
605514 Camper & Staff Shirts	3,000.00	3,372.42	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605555 Camp In A Van	2,000.00	53.55	1,000.00	1,000.00	(50.00 %)	(1,000.00)
605565 Recreation Equipment	3,000.00	724.17	1,000.00	1,000.00	(66.67 %)	(2,000.00)
605590 Staff Training	2,000.00	2,880.64	2,500.00	2,500.00	25.00 %	500.00
605930 Theme Days	3,000.00	328.31	2,000.00	2,000.00	(33.33 %)	(1,000.00)
607130 Bus & Van Rental	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	500.00
Total SPRING BREAK/SUMMER	15,000.00	8,889.34	11,800.00	11,800.00	(21.33 %)	(3,200.00)
HEALTH SERVICES						
605520 Medical Supplies	1,000.00	1,237.30	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
605800 Medical Services	1,000.00	1,236.69	1,200.00	1,200.00	20.00 %	200.00
Total HEALTH SERVICES	2,000.00	2,473.99	2,200.00	2,200.00	10.00 %	200.00
Total BETHELWOODS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER	597,839.03	583,852.06	576,749.36	580,313.52	(2.93 %)	(17,525.51)
COORDINATING TEAM (A Community of Love)						
619300 Older Adults	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00 %	0.00
619410 Executive Search Committe	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(500.00)

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619411 Leader Formation Program	250.00	500.00	250.00	500.00	100.00 %	250.00
Total COORDINATING TEAM (A Community of Love)	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	750.00	(25.00 %)	(250.00)
FAITH FORMATION /TECHNOLOGY (A Community of Faith)						
611500 Training Events	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
611510 Leaderfest	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00 %	2,000.00
611800 Training Scholarships	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
612200 Confirmation Cluster	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	0.00
612400 Triennium	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00 %)	(2,000.00)
Total FAITH FORMATION /TECHNOLOGY (A Community of Faith)	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (A Community of Witness)						
608610 Lay School Of Theology	500.00	80.55	500.00	500.00	0.00 %	0.00
608700 Preparation For Ministry Scholarships	2,000.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
608810 Continuing Education Events	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00
619311 Pastoral Support	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (A Community of Witness)	2,800.00	680.55	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00 %	0.00
MISSION & ADVOCACY (A Community of Witness)						
617600 Hunger Action Team	1,000.00	160.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
618110 Other Mission Projects	1,500.00	2,150.13	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %	0.00
618111 Presbytery Per Capita - Mission 34%	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,109.66	0.00 %	2,109.66
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT						
618500 Presbyterian Communities	900.00	1,043.75	900.00	1,050.00	16.67 %	150.00
618600 South Carolina Inn At Montreat	700.00	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00 %	0.00
618700 Presbyterian College	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00 %	0.00
618800 SC Christian Action Council	550.00	550.00	0.00	550.00	0.00 %	0.00
619000 Villa International	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00 %	0.00
619100 SC Campus Ministry Cabinet	359.78	359.78	0.00	359.78	0.00 %	0.00
Total INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	3,759.78	3,903.53	900.00	3,909.78	3.99 %	150.00
Total MISSION & ADVOCACY (A Community of Witness)	6,259.78	6,213.66	3,400.00	8,519.44	36.10 %	2,259.66
GENERAL ASSEMBLY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
600120 General Assembly - Mission Partnership Giving	594.00	594.00	504.90	594.00	0.00 %	0.00
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	594.00	594.00	504.90	594.00	0.00 %	0.00
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
600020 General Assembly - Per Capita Assessments	56,140.36	50,979.00	53,743.98	53,743.98	(4.27 %)	(2,396.38)
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	56,140.36	50,979.00	53,743.98	53,743.98	(4.27 %)	(2,396.38)

Accounts	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Original Budget	2026 Suggested Budget	Budget	Budget
					% Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested	\$ Change From 2025 To 2026 Suggested
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERY	56,734.36	51,573.00	54,248.88	54,337.98	(4.22 %)	(2,396.38)
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
60010 Presbytery Per Capita Assessments	6,732.70	0.00	6,732.70	0.00	(100.00 %)	(6,732.70)
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	6,732.70	0.00	6,732.70	0.00	(100.00 %)	(6,732.70)
Total PRESBYTERY	6,732.70	0.00	6,732.70	0.00	(100.00 %)	(6,732.70)
SYNOD						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
600130 Synod - Mission Partnership Giving	5,179.00	5,179.00	4,773.00	4,773.00	(7.84 %)	(406.00)
600340 Thornwell - Pledge	6,115.00	6,075.00	5,197.75	5,775.00	(5.56 %)	(340.00)
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	11,294.00	11,254.00	9,970.75	10,548.00	(6.61 %)	(746.00)
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
600030 Synod Per Capita Assessments	7,768.50	7,071.00	9,546.00	9,546.00	22.88 %	1,777.50
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	7,768.50	7,071.00	9,546.00	9,546.00	22.88 %	1,777.50
Total SYNOD	19,062.50	18,325.00	19,516.75	20,094.00	5.41 %	1,031.50
Total Expenses	\$ 905,989.38	\$ 860,145.59	\$ 874,133.70	\$ 882,200.95	(2.63 %)	(\$ 23,788.43)
Net Total	(\$ 10,259.47)	\$ 36,847.12	(\$ 8,817.87)	\$ 47,520.23	6.42 %	\$ 57,779.70

**Coordinating Team
(A Community of Love)
Report to Providence Presbytery
May 17, 2026**

Items for Information:

- **Providence Presbytery Transformation Grant Initiative:** The Administrative team presented this grant initiative, which uses the proceeds of the sale of the old Presbytery building on Oakland Avenue to allow congregations to do creative ministry. The Coordinating team approved this program, and it will be presented to the Presbytery for vote in the Administrative team report. **(See Pages E: 4 - 8)**
- **Nominations focus:** We seek to support the Executive Presbyter's idea to actively identify ruling/teaching elders not yet tapped for Presbytery service to broaden participation beyond frequent volunteers.
- **Survey Re: Meeting dates:** The coordinating team is addressing questions about whether to change the meeting days for Presbytery meetings from Sunday afternoons. We approved a survey to be made available throughout the Presbytery to help us gather data to assist in making that decision. **(See Page F: 7)**

Item for Action:

- **Administrative Commission for Blackstock** will present its final report and be dismissed at the May 17th meeting with prayer. **(See Pages F: 2 - 6)**

Motion: Providence Presbytery acknowledges the work of the Administrative Commission who worked to close Blackstock Presbyterian Church and dismisses that commission: Robert Folks, Rev. Megan Watson, and Dickie Harper with thanks and gratitude for their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta
Moderator CT

FINAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

BLACKSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 17, 2026

At its meeting on November 9, 2025, Providence Presbytery named an administrative commission to conclude and close the ministry of the Blackstock Presbyterian Church located in rural Chester County, South Carolina. The Blackstock Church was organized in 1915 by members of Concord Presbyterian Church who lived in the Blackstock community. Up until then services had been alternated between the Concord and Blackstock locations. For most of its years the Blackstock church was an active congregation in our presbytery, serving its members in the community and by outreach, the church universal. The church's membership is currently only two persons, one of whom, Wilbur S. Douglas, with the consent of the other, Alma S. McWaters, asked for presbytery assistance to close the church.

The church building and cemetery are located on three plus acres of land in Blackstock east of US Highway 321. It fronts on state road S-12-151 named Roof Road and the parcel is bounded on two sides by Mt. Tabor Church Road (formerly named Church Street) and Shannon Road (formerly named John Street). A plat of the property is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Chester County in Plat Cabinet C, Slide 47, page 9A. The plat outlines a survey of the cemetery within the parcel. An adjoining property within the block is the former manse, at one time owned jointly by the Blackstock and Concord churches, sold in December 2013.

The church was last served by a lay minister in 2014 after which there have been no worship services. Since then, the church has been effectively vacant. There has not been a meeting of Session for years. Its last recorded minutes date to 2010 when the last, long serving elected clerk died. The church's property insurance was cancelled for lack of use and occupancy. Wilbur Douglas, resident in Winnsboro, has served as caretaker and overseer of the property. He pays the few bills for utility service and lawn maintenance. Notably, the church recently paid current its benevolent contribution commitment to presbytery from meager operational resources.

The church building is a single-story brick structure constructed in 1953 after a fire destroyed the original facility. It is a modest and attractive structure for its time. In recent years the building has suffered damage from a collapse of the interior ceiling into the sanctuary seating area. Lack of use has led to the intrusion of squirrels which have chewed wiring and caused further damage. There is electric power in the building though

the function of receptacles and fixtures not always reliable. Water is provided by a shared well with the adjacent former manse property.

The cemetery on the grounds of the property is fenced, well maintained and attractive in appearance. The graves are of persons distinguished in the community over the decades of the last century and before. A burial service was most recently held there last year.

The operation and maintenance of the cemetery have been overseen by a nonprofit corporation organized in South Carolina in 1988, the Blackstock Presbyterian Church Memorial Cemetery, Inc. with which Wilbur Douglas, our commission's principal contact with the Blackstock church, has long been associated. The cemetery corporation at our commission's urging has reconstituted itself by amending and restating its bylaws. Up to five persons who have relatives buried in the cemetery are eligible to provide corporation governance, oversee its assets, and operate and maintain the cemetery. Wilbur Smith holds the office as Chairman. An attorney instrumental in the reorganization, John I. Sanders, who grew up in the church, serves as Treasurer, and Justin R. Dixon, closely connected to relatives buried in the cemetery, is Secretary. All three of them have met personally with the commission.

The cemetery nonprofit corporation has requested that title to all the church property, both the cemetery and the church building and grounds, and other assets, be transferred to it. We as Providence Presbytery's commission concurred with that request, for both a transfer of title to the real estate, and transfer of the church's personal property and monetary assets.

We found the cemetery corporation capable of taking the reins of ownership and management due to its past performance and its recent reorganization. We examined the corporation's financial capacity to undertake that responsibility. The church's financial assets of approximately twenty-six thousand dollars when added to almost twice that the cemetery corporation has on deposit gives us confidence that the organization will have sufficient funds for cemetery maintenance and operations. The church building in its current state of disrepair poses potential safety and environmental issues for there to be any restoration to productive use. The cemetery organization is in our view the most interested entity to address that subject with a reasonable expectation that the building can become usable again for cemetery and other functions. The location of the cemetery at the center of the parcel effectively forecloses the potential for other viable uses of the property.

We also concluded that all the contents of the church should go with the building to the cemetery corporation. Those include pews and modest pulpit furniture which could be

used if the space becomes operative for services of any kind, as well as folding tables and chairs of the kind ordinarily used for church fellowship activities. There is a kitchen with nonfunctioning equipment and minimal serving dishes and utensils.

The church's historical records to include minutes and other records of the Session and Women of the Church have been collected and after some editing will be sent to denominational archival depositories.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Folks

Richard C. Harper, Jr.

Rev. Megan G. Watson

Supporting Documents:

Plat of Blackstock church property, inclusive of cemetery, prepared by W.D. Bozard, RLS, recorded in Plat Cabinet C, Slide 47, page 9A, Office of the Clerk of Court, Chester County

Deed of Blackstock church property to Blackstock Presbyterian Church Memorial Cemetery, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to be recorded in Office of the Clerk of Court, Chester County.

Certificate of Incorporation of the Blackstock Presbyterian Church Memorial Cemetery, Inc. by the Secretary of State for the State of South Carolina, recorded May 5, 1989, in Deed Book 566 Page 105 in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Chester County

Certificate of Existence dated April 6, 2026, issued by the Office of the Secretary of State of South Carolina certifying the Blackstock Presbyterian Church Memorial Cemetery, Inc. duly organized on October 17, 1988, under the laws of the State of South Carolina as a nonprofit corporation

Unanimous Consent dated February 14, 2026, and Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Blackstock Presbyterian Church Memorial Cemetery, Inc.

Account of the history of the Blackstock Presbyterian Church for a span of years from the History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina since 1850, page 514, published 1926 by the R.L Bryan Company, Columbia, SC

For those who would like to review copies of these documents, please contact either the Stated Clerk or the Presbytery business office.

SERVICE OF DISSOLUTION OF BLACKSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CURCH

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (Moderator)

As we gather for worship, let us acknowledge with solemn joy God's gift of Blackstock Presbyterian Church, remembering with gratitude all who have worshiped there, the faith professed at their baptismal font, the gospel proclaimed from their pulpit, the assurance received at their table. Let us also reaffirm our faith in our sojourning God as we celebrate the life of this special congregation. That which we have received from God let us now return to God with thanksgiving.

CALL TO WORSHIP GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7

They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon. Hos. 14:7

LITANY OF PRAISE (Moderator)

Eternal God, whom the highest heaven cannot contain, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church universal, of which this congregation has been a symbol, **we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who, in times past and present, have formed a congregation of your people to offer their prayers and praise to you, **we praise you, O God.**

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this congregation were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life, **we praise you, O God.**

For your presence whenever your Word has been proclaimed and your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received, **we praise you, O God.**

For your blessing upon each of your children, welcomed and nurtured in this congregation, **we praise you, O God.**

For all who came to ask your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love, **we praise you, O God.**

For faithful stewards who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors, **we praise you, O God.**

For all who were gathered from this place, having lived this life in faith, who now live eternally with you, **we praise you, O God.**

For the knowledge that your church and your ministry among us will continue today, tomorrow, and forever, **we praise you, O God,** through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Moderator asks any remaining members present to stand and acknowledges their presence and their faithful service to our Lord through Blackstock Presbyterian Church.

(Moderator) In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Providence Presbytery, I declare the church and congregation of Blackstock Presbyterian Church in Chester County, SC to be hereby dissolved.

CHARGE

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Presbytery Meeting Survey

The Presbytery Coordinating Team is exploring a possible change to the meeting day and time to better serve our members. Providence Presbytery currently holds four stated meetings per year, typically on Sunday afternoons. You are invited to take a brief survey to help the Coordinating Team make a well-informed recommendation to the body relating to this matter.

Your input is valued — this should take about 3 minutes. To access the survey, please either scan the QR code below or [click here](#).

Responses will be collected until May 31st.



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Providence Presbytery

May 17, 2026

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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 Communities of Care of Providence Presbytery, the Committee on Ministry, the Preparation for Ministry Committee, and the Presbyterian Women Moderator provided they are ordained as either a ruling elder or a teaching elder, if not listed as members of Providence Presbytery shall be enrolled as members of Presbytery with voice and vote for the length of their term as Moderator.
- All members of the Community of Love (Coordinating Team) of Providence Presbytery
- All full-time Christian Educators and all Certified Christian Educators employed by Providence Presbytery churches (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 Communities of Care of Providence Presbytery, the Committee on Ministry, the Preparation for Ministry Committee, and the Presbyterian Women Moderator provided they are ordained as either a ruling elder or a teaching elder, if not listed as members of Providence Presbytery shall be enrolled as members of Presbytery with voice and vote for the length of their term as Moderator.
- 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 2 - 3, approved 3-26-23.
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Providence Presbytery Membership 2021 - 2025

CHURCHES	2021 Membership	2022 Membership	2023 Membership	2024 Membership	2025 Membership	Membership Difference 2024 - vs - 2025
Allison Creek	140	120	117	123	104	-19
Beaver Creek	18	18	10	9	10	1
Beersheba	26	25	15	15	13	-2
Beth Shiloh	121	127	127	118	124	6
Bethesda-K *	357	309	254	268	Dismissed	0
Bethesda-Y	159	145	149	158	134	-24
Bethlehem First	25	25	25	25	24	-1
Bethune	15	15	11	11	10	-1
Blackstock	2	2	2	2	2	0
Bowling Green	77	83	87	88	84	-4
Camden Second	10	9	9	9	8	-1
Carmel	9	8	7	7	7	0
Catholic	9	8	8	8	8	0
Cedar Shoals **	2	0	0	0	0	0
Clover	154	150	148	148	146	-2
Community	23	23	23	23	23	0
Cornwell	49	49	49	42	40	-2
Covenant	85	83	85	82	80	-2
Doby's Bridge	115	115	109	108	103	-5
Douglas	73	74	74	65	65	0
Faith	168	203	222	211	210	-1
Fishing Creek	55	55	56	56	56	0
Fort Lawn***	2	2	2	2	0	-2
Grace-L	73	75	69	63	52	-11
Grace-Y	270	276	285	298	301	3
Great Falls	42	37	31	30	30	0
Hebron	14	14	14	14	14	0
Hermon	53	56	55	55	56	1
Hopewell	40	40	40	42	42	0
Lancaster First	107	91	85	85	81	-4
Liberty Hill	60	57	45	48	49	1
Lockhart	15	15	15	15	15	0
Messiah	3	2	2	2	2	0
Morningside ****	7	6	6	5	0	-5
Mt. Pleasant	32	32	32	29	29	0
Mt. Tabor (U)	14	14	14	14	14	0
Oakdale *****	147	146	146	0	Dismissed	0
Oakland Avenue	722	720	659	597	613	16
Old Waxhaw	22	27	27	30	29	-1
Pleasant Grove-C	35	39	39	38	38	0
Pleasant Grove-Y	29	29	29	28	27	-1
Pleasant Ridge	26	21	21	21	18	-3

Providence Presbytery Membership 2021 - 2025

CHURCHES	2021 Membership	2022 Membership	2023 Membership	2024 Membership	2025 Membership	Membership Difference 2024 - vs - 2025
Purity	78	61	52	52	41	-11
Ramah	26	25	11	9	8	-1
Riverview	61	54	51	51	48	-3
Rock Hill First	366	378	314	331	362	31
St. Paul's	16	17	17	17	16	-1
Tirzah-L	29	29	31	31	24	-7
Tirzah-Y	93	92	92	89	91	2
Union First *****	11	11	11	Closed	Closed	0
Unity	1,088	1119	1148	1026	1091	65
Uriel	21	21	24	27	27	0
Van Wyck	89	92	92	102	124	22
Wade Memorial	19	18	16	12	12	0
Woodlawn	76	73	70	102	102	0
York First	207	211	204	207	208	1
TOTAL	5,585	5,546	5,336	5,048	4,815	-233
* Bethesda (K) Church was dismissed 2-23-25						
** Cedar Shoals Church was closed 5-18-25						
*** Fort Lawn Church was closed 5-18-25						
**** Morningside Church was closed 2-23-25						
***** Oakdale Church was closed 5-5-24						
***** Union First Church was closed 10-22-23						

2025 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery	Providence		
Address	PO Box 2601, Rock Hill, SC 29732		
Phone	803-328-6269	Fax	803-328-8701
Email	lemmonsberry@providencepres.org		
Web Site	www.providencepres.org		



Membership

Prior Active Members	5048	Adjusted membership	5027
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	108	Certificate	38
Youth Professions	38	Deaths	88
Professions & Reaffirmations	105	Deleted for any Other Reason	62
Total Gains	251	Total Losses	188
Total Ending Active Members	5090		

Baptisms

Presented by Others	46	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	2327
At Confirmation	2	Friends of the Congregation	591
All Other	7	Ruling Elders on Session	278
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	7 / 31

Age Distribution of Active Members

17 & Under	262
18 - 25	321
26 - 40	550
41 - 55	819
56 - 70	1106
Over 70	1365
Total Age Distribution	4423

People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment	114
Sight impairment	16
Mobility impairment	113
Other impairment	144

Gender Distribution

Women	2507
Men	1970
Non-Binary	2

Youth in Congregation

Age 4 and under	176	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	174
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	355	High School (9th – 12th grade)	226
		Total Youth	931

Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	14	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	0
Black/African American/African	189	White	2893
Middle Eastern/North African	1	Multiracial	9
Hispanic/Latino-a	16		
		Total Racial Ethnic	3122

Budgeted Income	8,095,731
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Budgeted Expense	8,301,691
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Receipts

Regular Contributions	9,853,100	Bequests	463,179
Capital Building Fund	2,221,335	Other Income	955,909
Investment Income	1,487,557	Subsidy or Aid	0

Expenditures

Local Program	7,823,132	Investment Expenditures	359,633
Local Mission	672,156	Per Capital Apprt	86,574
Capital Expenditures	3,184,821	Other Mission	168,827



Synod of South Atlantic Spring Stated Meeting

March 14, 2026

Meeting Highlights Include:

- The assembly gathered in worship, with a homily from R.E. Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri, M.Ed., Global Ecumenical Liaison-US
- RE, Jacquelyn Rembert was installed as Moderator for 2026
- Welcomed 16 new Synod Commissioners!
- Report on the successful Georgia Presbyteries Gathering that occurred in February 2026
- Updated on ongoing South Carolina boundary conversations
- 1st Wednesday SACK Lunch gatherings continue
- COM network has begun a 3rd Wednesday SACK Lunch to gather around topics specific to traditional Committees on Ministry
- Church Property Insurance Study continues with report to presbyteries forthcoming
- Received 2025 Financial Reports and an explanation of the synod's move towards a cash-based budget and how that impacts financial decisions

Embody Committee:

- Elected Synod Moderator
- New commissioners assigned to committees
- Updated on Embody Leader Formation Cohort 2026
- Continuing work on updating policies

Cultivate Committee:

- Covenant with Presbyterian College formally signed in December 2025
- Continuing work updating synod's covenants and connecting intentionally with ministry partners
- Updated on Seedling Networks and watched [video](#) that explains what they are and how to apply for funding

Inspire Committee:

- Approved Youth & Young Adult Grant
- Approved Final 2026 Budget
- Getting ready to receive and review scholarship applications

Coordinating Committee:

- Approved amendment to synod Manual of Operations related to filling the office of Moderator in the event of a vacancy
- **Approved the next in-person Synod meeting/ Journey event to be held February 25-27, 2027 at Epworth by the Sea**

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2026 · 6 pm – 8 pm on Zoom

Our Journey

The Synod of South Atlantic, PC(USA) embodies the grace and love of Jesus Christ, cultivates authentic community within and across presbyteries, and inspires impactful ministry, developing leaders so that the Church becomes united in faith, hope, love, witness, and service.

RECOMMENDED TO THE SC PRESBYTERIES

(Effective January 1, 2027 if adopted by all five SC presbyteries)

The South Carolina Inn at Montreat, Incorporated Montreat, North Carolina

By-Laws

ARTICLE I: Name

- Section 1 The official name of the property shall be The South Carolina Inn at Montreat located at 400 South Carolina Terrace in Montreat, North Carolina. The South Carolina Inn consists of the William Brearley Home and the Kirk Apartments. The William Brearley Home was given by Mr. McIver Williamson of Darlington, South Carolina, to South Carolina Presbyterians in 1912 and was named in honor of his boyhood pastor, the Reverend William Brearley, 1801 – 1882. The first unit of the Kirk Apartments was completed in 1972 and named in honor of Mrs. Amanda Kirkpatrick, the first hostess of the Inn. The second unit of the Kirk Apartments was completed in 1986.

Article II: Purpose

- Section 1 This property shall be under the care of all concurring Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or its successors, the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.
- Section 2 This property serves as a 501c3 non-profit retreat and lodging facility serving the congregations and its leaders and members in the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina Others may make use of the facility If rooms are available. All receipts from these uses shall apply to the operational and management costs of the Inn.

In accordance with the request of the original donor, the William Brearley Home provides lodging for ministers of Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina without charge within certain limitations, including a one-time service fee for each reservation, as specified by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III: Trustees

- Section 1 The South Carolina Inn shall be under the supervision of a Board of Trustees elected by Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.
- Section 2 The Board of Trustees shall consist of two persons (one minister member and one ruling elder) from each Presbytery the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. All trustees must be a minister member or member of a congregation of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. All trustees should be knowledgeable and/or experienced in one or more of the following areas: non-profit management, property management, strategic planning, finance, fundraising, and marketing. Additionally, the Board shall consist of a Trustee with voice, no vote, who is an Executive Presbyter from one of the South Carolina presbyteries, appointed by the Executive Presbyters of the South Carolina Presbyteries the major portion whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.

- Section 3 The term of office for each shall be two years. No Trustee shall serve more than three successive terms, but will be eligible for re-election after having been off of the Board for at least one year. Terms shall be staggered for each presbytery. This shall be determined by the Presbyteries.
- Section 4 If the lines of Presbyteries within the State of South Carolina are redrawn, the Presbyteries shall be required to make the necessary adjustments to the Board of Trustees.
- Section 5 Vacancies on the Board of Trustees may be filled as needed by the remaining Trustees until the next meeting of the Presbytery from which the vacancy occurs. It shall be the duty of the moderator of the Board to notify Presbyteries concerned when a vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE IV: Meetings

- Section 1 The Board of Trustees shall meet at least twice annually. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the moderator, or by petition of $\frac{1}{4}$ (one-fourth) of the membership of the Board.
- Section 2 Members of the Board are to be notified at least ten days prior to all meetings, except in emergencies when three days are required.
- Section 3 Members who miss two consecutive meetings and whose absences are unexcused by the Board shall be considered to have resigned and the moderator of the Board shall notify the respective presbytery.
- Section 4 At the first meeting of a new Board, the following shall be presented by the Moderator and reviewed by the Board: the history of SC Inn at Montreat; the Bylaws; and other important documents, policies, procedures, contracts, etc. that assists the Board in being informed.

ARTICLE V: Officers

- Section 1 Officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a moderator, vice-moderator, and clerk.
- Section 2 These officers, along with the EP appointee who has voice, no vote, comprising the Executive Committee, is authorized to act between meetings. The moderator, vice-moderator and clerk shall come from the membership of the Board.

Moderator: The moderator shall call and conduct meetings of the Board of Trustees, prepare the agenda, in consultation with others as needed, provide orientation at the first meeting of the new year and throughout the year for new members of the Board, and notify Presbyteries when there is a vacancy with their respective Board members.

Vice-Moderator: The vice-moderator shall function as moderator in the absence of the moderator.

Clerk: The clerk shall send notices of meetings, take and record minutes, distribute the minutes to the Board and Presbytery Executives, and provide new members of the Board the past year's minutes for their edification.

- Section 3 No officer of the Board shall serve more than three consecutive years in a specific office but may be eligible for re-election after one year.

ARTICLE VI: Effective Date and Ownership

- Section 1 The By-Laws of the South Carolina Inn became effective on June 30, 1973, and at that time the Synod of South Carolina divested itself of any and all legal interests in the South Carolina Inn at Montreat.

- Section 2 All properties, both real and personal, including funds, are under the joint membership of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that concurred as of June 30, 1973, or their successors, the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.
- Section 3 Legal transactions concerning the sale of property or major building programs shall be initiated by the Board of Trustees but must be approved by a majority of the Presbyteries, the major portion of whose boundaries lie within the State of South Carolina.

ARTICLE VII: Corporation

- Section 1 The Board of Trustees, named in these By-Laws, are the Board of Trustees of the corporation known as the SOUTH CAROLINA INN AT MONTREAT, NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED under the laws of the State of South Carolina. This Board of Trustees is therefore the legal instrument to carry out all directives of a majority of the Presbyteries, the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments

- Section 1 The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote or at a called meeting of the Board provided notice of the proposed amendment is stated in the call of such meeting; such amendment to be subject to the approval of a majority of the concurring Presbyteries, the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.

ARTICLE IX: Manual of Operations

- Section 1 A Manual of Operations concerning matters of operation of the South Carolina Inn which may include, among other things the cost of meals, cost of rental, hiring of personnel, maintenance, upkeep, salaries, etc. may be developed and adopted, as needed, by a majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE X: Quorum

- Section 1 A duly constituted quorum for conducting business of the Board of Trustees shall be a majority of the membership of the Board.

ARTICLE XI: Financial Support

- Section 1 The Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina, ordinarily incorporate into their annual budgets an allocation of funds which is in addition to the income derived by the Inn, to assure the continuance of the operation of the South Carolina Inn at Montreat, North Carolina. The amount of these allocations will be requested annually by the Board of Trustees when they determine the operating budget at the spring meeting.

ARTICLE XII: Rules of Order

- Section 1 All business shall be transacted in accordance with these By-Laws.
- Section 2 All cases that may arise, not provided for by the By-Laws, shall be governed by The Book of Order and then by the general principles of parliamentary law as found in the most recent addition to Roberts Rules of Order.

Approvals: September 9, 1987; March 2, 2000; November 2, 2004; Changed Home to Inn February 14, 2013; May 8, 2018; Feb. 2, 2026 draft

The Living Waters Team thanks all the Presbytery churches that helped make our November installation in Guatemala a success!



The Providence Presbytery Living Waters for the World Team recently completed a water purification system installation at La Esperanza Elementary School in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

Team members who made this mission trip were Susan Benfield, Kathryn McGregor, Bill Lehman, and Dan Rogers. While Bill and Dan worked with volunteers from the school to help install the system, Susan and Kathryn worked with nine teachers from the school to teach them about what to use the pure water for, how to care for the bottles, how the system

works, and the importance of proper hand washing to improve the health of the community. We celebrated with a dedication service on our last day of our weeklong trip - where we all drank water from the newly installed system.

Thank you to all the churches that helped us raise the necessary funds to provide clean water to the students, staff, and parents in this community. All our new friends at the school send their sincere appreciation to those of you who helped to make this project possible.

Our Living Waters Team is currently making plans to install another water purification system in Guatemala. We hope to complete this project in late 2026 or early 2027. We welcome anyone who may want to join our team to help in any way as we prepare for this next project.

We hope to be contacting as many churches as possible to arrange a "Minute for Mission" - or other ways that may be recommended -- to seek donations to allow us to raise the funds needed to complete this future planned installation. We welcome donations at any time; and these can be sent to the Presbytery indicating they are provided for the "Living Waters Fund."

Please contact either Eric Robinson at the Presbytery or Dan Rogers at 864-245-3122 if you know of any individuals at your church who may have an interest in joining our team or have any questions on Living Waters for the World.

With your help, we can work toward fulfilling the motto of Living Waters for the World – *All God's Children Deserve Clean Water.*



Providence Presbytery Partners to Provide Vision Care for the Municipality of Trinidad

Providence Presbytery has partnered with Serving at the Crossroads to provide vision care [especially cataract surgery] at the Manos Amigas Clinic in La Entrada for residents in the municipality of Trinidad. It is approximately a 35-minute drive from the center of Trinidad to Manos Amigas. The *New Vision* program provides free cataract surgeries at the Manos Amigas clinic for residents of Trinidad who cannot financially afford eye examinations, surgery, and glasses.

Update on Manos Amigas

The **Manos Amigas** clinic is a privately owned charity medical clinic in La Entrada, Copan, Honduras, that was started by an American non-profit organization called ***Serving at the Crossroads***. This clinic provides free or low cost medical and dental care to the poor and underserved people in the area. In recent years it has expanded its facilities by building an eye clinic and three operating rooms. While they have an excellent optometrist who provides basic eye care for the people of La Entrada, there are many people in need of cataract surgery who cannot afford to travel to larger cities for surgery. Organizations such as Vision Health International (VHI) have done an admirable job bringing cataract and ophthalmology surgical brigades to Manos Amigas, but the operating rooms are unused for much of the year.

The clinic has a long list of patients needing eye surgeries and is very dependent upon periodic visiting brigades. Until the clinic has its own eye surgeons, surgeries cannot be performed on a daily basis.

The entire country of Honduras has only 104 eye surgeons, most of whom work on affluent patients in larger cities. SATC and Manos Amigas have decided to try and create scholarships for two Honduran physicians, who will receive their medical degrees from the National University of Honduras. They hope to enroll in a surgical eye program somewhere in Latin America. In return, they will work full-time at the Manos Amigas upon degree completion. That will take 4 more years of advanced studies.

So, for the next 4 years Manos Amigas will work at a similar pace, handling about 1,300 surgeries annually, until they have their own well-qualified and highly trained physicians who can perform surgeries daily at the clinic. At that time, they expect to perform 3 -5 thousand surgeries annually. Currently Manos Amigas has more than 3,500 patients per year for a myriad of eye conditions with only about one third receiving surgery.

Much has been happening in vision care at the Manos Amigas Clinic: new equipment, continuing existing partnerships, and fostering of new ones like Providence Presbytery's New Visions project in support of the community of Trinidad. All are contributing to better vision care for people struggling with their eyesight. SATC is excited to be working with Wake Forest University Medical School Department of Ophthalmology and the Fraternidad Hospital in San Pedro Sula. A team from Wake Forest worked at the clinic in January and May 2025 performing cataract surgeries and plans to work at the clinic this year as well.

THE PEOPLE IN TRINIDAD, COPAN, HONDURAS, WHO HAVE CATARACTS OR OTHER VISION PROBLEMS, NEED OUR HELP.

**PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO CONTINUE THE SUPPORT FROM
PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIANS:**

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, & Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

Specify that your gift is coming from a member / resident / friend of Providence Presbytery so that funds will go to the designated fund to aid those from the Trinidad community who need eye surgery.

Mail to:

Serving at the Crossroads

1048 W. Baltimore Pike H306

Media, PA 19063

To make a donation on line go to the website: www.servingatthecrossroads.org

YOUR GIFT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

For more information, pictures, and stories browse the website.

Questions – contact Barbara Kurz – bkurz@comporium.net

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us for this special event as we welcome Dr. Martin Accad, President of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon and hear stories of how God's work is alive and thriving in Christian and Presbyterian communities in Lebanon and Syria. Learn how the current crisis in Lebanon is affecting Christians and people of other faiths.

The Near East School of Theology (NEST) is a vibrant seminary in the heart of Beirut. Come learn how this seminary not only educates people for ministry but also reaches out into its local community as the hands and feet of Jesus, especially in times of uncertainty and war.

Providence Presbytery has a long-standing relationship with NEST, spanning thirty years of connection. Come discover how we can share the story of Christian service with our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and at NEST.

Join us as we experience an engaging conversation with Dr. Accad

Friday evening, September 18th at 7:00 pm.

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1830 Celanese Road, Rock Hill, SC.



***Near East School of Theology faculty and students
reaching out to displaced Lebanese in their neighborhood***



Please consider supporting Ginger Williams as she walks the 23rd annual Migrant Trail! She will do this week-long trek (May 25 - 31) to bring awareness to the deaths at the U. S. - Mexico border, and to raise funds for Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian mission on the Arizona- Mexico border, and our local Carolina Immigrant Alliance here in Rock Hill, SC.

The purpose of the 75-mile trek is to bear witness to the migrant deaths on the U.S.-Mexico border.

All donations will be shared between Frontera de Cristo, on the U.S.-Mexico Border, and our local Carolina Immigrant Alliance.

Why Walk the Migrant Trail?

The precarious reality of our borderlands calls us to walk. We are a spiritually diverse, multi-cultural group who walk together on a journey of peace to remember people, friends and family who have died, others who have crossed, and people who continue to come. We bear witness to the tragedy of death and of the inhumanity in our midst. Lastly, we make this sacred journey as a community, in defiance of the borders that attempt to divide us, committed to working together for the human dignity of all peoples. For more information on the Migrant Trail go here:

www.azmigranttrail.com<<http://www.azmigranttrail.com>>

Thank you in advance for your support!

To make a donation scan on the QR code at the top





2027 Benefits Plan Subsidies and Updates

Support for congregations and ministers with dependent children

To help congregations care for their pastoral leaders, and to promote wholeness for ministers and their families, the 2027 Benefits Plan introduces expanded support.

- **An additional dues subsidy** will be available to congregational pastoral leaders enrolled in the Congregational Pastors Package to help alleviate the cost of dependent child medical coverage. Effective Jan. 1, 2027, the subsidy will be 50% of the national, community-rated coverage cost for dependent children. This subsidy will reduce the flat rates for both Child(ren) and Family coverage levels.
- **Transitional Pastor's Participation** and its inherent subsidies will be extended through 2029, giving congregations and ministers already enrolled in this package two more years to transition to the Congregational Pastors Package.

2027 dues for the Congregational Pastors Package and Transitional Pastor's Participation will be available in July.



New Child Care Support grant

Effective April 1, 2026, this new grant through the Assistance Program helps offset the cost of child care for children ages 0-6 years. Child Care Support provides \$500 per child per month (up to \$1,500 per family per month) to eligible PC(USA) ministers of the Word and Sacrament and commissioned pastors during the initial pilot phase of this grant.

Additional Medical Plan options

For staff not enrolled in benefits through the Congregational Pastors Package or Transitional Pastor's Participation, three additional Medical Plan options have been introduced: a second PPO, EPO, and HDHP. These options will be available in addition to the three options currently offered, for a total of six options, effective Jan. 1, 2027. More details will be shared this summer.

Ministers and dependents enrolled in the Congregational Pastors Package or Transitional Pastor's Participation will continue to be offered the current PPO plan.



For more information about these benefits and Assistance Program updates, visit pensions.org/2027resources or scan this QR code.

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This is not a full description of benefits and limitations of the plan. If there is any difference between the information presented here and the provisions of the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the plan terms will govern.



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

2026 Assistance Program

Support for Every Step

As the agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that administers benefits and provides assistance and education, the Board of Pensions is keenly aware of unmet financial needs among members, ministers, and retirees. The Assistance Program is one way we express care for one another.

Grants for All Members

Eligibility varies by grant and includes members who serve the Church, members who work for a PC(USA)-affiliated organization — such as senior housing and care facilities, colleges and universities, and camps and conference centers — retired members, and surviving spouses.

Adoption Assistance — \$9,000

You may receive assistance at the completion of an adoption to help with a portion of adoption-related expenses. Your adopted child must be a dependent under age 21 and can be adopted domestically or internationally.

Transition-to-College Assistance — Up to \$3,000

Any dependent up to age 26 may be eligible to receive \$2,000 for expenses, such as a computer, if pursuing a college, university, community college, or technical or trade school education (excludes postbaccalaureate). And, if the child attends a PC(USA) college or university, they may be eligible for an additional \$1,000.

Emergency Assistance — Up to \$5,000

If you need financial help because of an emergency, you may be eligible for a one-time grant for financial relief from a natural disaster or unexpected expense.

Do You Qualify?

Eligibility for several grants has been updated for 2026 to better support members. We encourage all Benefits Plan members to review eligibility requirements to see if they may qualify to receive a grant. While requirements vary, they are typically based on income and other factors. For applications and more details, see pensions.org/assistance.



**Adoption
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THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
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Grants Designed for Ministers

The following grants are available to PC(USA) ministers enrolled in the Medical Plan of the PC(USA) and/or the Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Eligibility varies by grant.

Clergy Wellness Support — Up to \$5,000

This grant is for respite and vocational support and helps to foster renewal and wholeness. Grants are offered to ministers in partnership with approved programs that address vocational, spiritual, mental, and physical wellness.

Child Care Support — Up to \$1,500 monthly

Child Care Support provides \$500 per month per child (up to \$1,500 per month per family) for the care of children ages 0-6 years.

Minister Debt Relief — Up to \$10,000

For many ministers, personal matters, such as financial planning, often take a back seat to serving the Church. Minister Debt Relief helps ministers pay down debt — and achieve greater financial well-being — through financial planning and a grant of up to \$10,000.

Minister Educational Debt Assistance — Up to \$25,000

Student loan debt can make it challenging for ministers to accept a wide range of positions and wholly commit their best gifts to ministry. This grant helps eligible ministers repay educational debt through debt coaching and grants of up to \$25,000.

Sabbath Sabbatical Support — Up to \$10,000

This grant provides approved applicants with a portion of the support needed to engage in planned activities for personal and professional renewal, up to \$5,000. An additional travel grant of up to \$5,000 is available for ministers returning to their country or territory of origin or that of an adopted dependent.

Grants for Retirees

The following grants are available to retirees who receive a retirement or survivor's pension from the Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Eligibility varies by grant.

Housing Supplements — Amount Varies by Need

Housing Supplements help eligible retirees and surviving spouses with the cost of remaining in their homes or moving to retirement or memory care facilities.

Income Supplements — Amount Varies by Need

This assistance helps eligible retirees and surviving spouses by raising the monthly income to certain levels for those who earned modest wages. Supplements are ongoing unless financial circumstances change.

Retiree Medical Grants — Up to \$2,500

These grants reimburse retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses who are age 65 or older for dental services and/or hearing aids once every three years. Grants are provided for documented, eligible expenses after services are rendered.



Reverend Dr. Frank Clark Spencer

A final reflection on service and hope for the Church

Dear friends in Christ,

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is ever-reforming, and the Board of Pensions is always evolving to meet the needs of this changing denomination. This is my last letter here before I [retire as President](#), and I've been thinking about the opportunities presented to the Church and this PC(USA) agency.

The Board of Pensions has written about [Christianity in the U.S.](#) and asked: What does it mean for congregational rebirth? We've [spotlighted PC\(USA\) congregations](#) that remain focused on building the body of Christ and staying faithful to the renewing message of the Gospel. But many congregations struggle with finding [missional direction](#). For many, their focus is concerns over declining membership and resources. I've proposed a path to missional direction using the six Great Ends of the Church that might support congregations in bringing the vision of Jesus Christ to life: *the exhibition of the kingdom of Heaven to the world*.

Carrying out this vision relies on the leadership of an ordained minister. In supporting congregational ministry, the Board of Pensions has been able to provide [dues](#)

[incentives](#) that support pastoral positions and programs that foster the well-being of those called to fill them, including the [Assistance Program](#) and [Lifelong Learning](#). Congregations and their ministers benefit further from the subsidy support that is inherent in the dues packages.

Supporting congregations, pastoral leaders, and their families remains a priority for the Board. Over the last decade, the Board has helped create over 150 new full-time calls with benefits through three innovative programs: Pathways to Renewal, [Benefits Grants for Organizing Pastors and Evangelists](#), and the [Shared Ministry Program](#). Our Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations initiative provided education for over 4,000 ruling elders and \$8.3 million in financial stability grants for pastors.

At its recent meeting, our Board of Directors expanded subsidy support for congregational pastoral leaders and approved a [Child Care Support grant](#). Please read [The Board Bulletin](#) for details on this and other actions taken at the meeting, including the granting of a good experience apportionment for the Defined Benefit Pension Plan for the 14th consecutive year.

Finally, with the Board's offices in Philadelphia, we feel the celebration of the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding perhaps more than anywhere else. It is a reminder that this agency has supported the call for a national healthcare system for more than 30 years. But until the U.S. has a system that supports wholeness for all its citizens, we must deal with the healthcare system as it exists, not as we wish it were.

I want to say again how honored I am to have served the Church as President of this agency. With the support of a dedicated staff and a committed Board of Directors, the Board of Pensions is positioned to continue serving the PC(USA) for years to come.

Grace and peace,

The Reverend Dr. Frank Clark Spencer
President, Board of Pensions

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BOARD UPDATES

Highlights from the March Board of Directors meeting

The Board of Directors of the Board of Pensions held its spring meeting March 5-7. To further support the needs of congregations, pastors, and families, Directors approved several updates and enhancements to the Benefits Plan.

Support for small congregations and pastors with children

- An additional dues subsidy will be available for congregational pastoral leaders enrolled in the [Congregational Pastors Package](#) to help alleviate the cost of dependent child medical coverage. Effective Jan. 1, 2027, the subsidy will be 50% of the national, community-rated medical coverage cost of dependent children.
- [Transitional Pastor's Participation](#) and its inherent subsidies will be extended through 2029, giving congregations and their ministers already enrolled in this package two more years to transition to the Congregational Pastors Package.
- A new [Child Care Support grant](#) from the Assistance Program will be available April 1, 2026, to offset a portion of child care needs for children ages 0-6 years. This grant supports ministers of the Word and Sacrament and commissioned pastors employed by PC(USA) congregations who meet the [eligibility requirements](#).
- Three additional Medical Plan options for lay members and non-installed ministers who are not enrolled in the Congregational Pastors Package or Transitional Pastor's Participation will be available beginning Jan. 1, 2027. Ministers and dependents enrolled in these packages will continue to be offered

the Board's current PPO option. The three additional options include a second PPO, second EPO, and second HDHP and will have the same features as the existing options with different out-of-pocket costs.

Experience apportionment granted

- Directors approved a 7.2% experience apportionment, the largest granted since 1999. [This article](#) discusses how the pension plan works, how it is funded, and why careful stewardship of its resources is essential.

[Read The Board Bulletin](#) to learn more about actions taken at the March Board of Directors meeting.

Continued collaboration to support small congregations and pastors with families

The Board of Pensions continues its collaboration with representatives from the Association of Mid Council Leaders (AMCL) in response to the 226th General Assembly (2024) call (item GAEC-28). Several gatherings were held in 2025 and 2026 to discuss support for small congregations and pastors with families, including a virtual town hall for all mid council leaders in February. [Read the joint statement](#) about this collaboration from the Reverend Susan C. McGhee, Executive Presbyter, Ohio Valley, and President, AMCL, and Andrew J. Browne, Executive Vice President, Engagement & Church Relations, Board of Pensions.

Benefits Regional Summits: **SUPPORT FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS**



Benefits Regional Summits return this spring

The Benefits Regional Summits return April through May at 14 locations across the nation. These informative town halls will provide pastoral leadership and congregational decision-makers with updates and insights about the Benefits Plan.

Among topics, attendees will learn more about Medical Plan cost trends and changes in the healthcare system, as well as dues package subsidies and support approved at the Board of Directors meeting in March. Pastors, Personnel Committee chairs, and church business administrators will especially find value in these events. [Registration is now open](#), and we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

Understanding medical trend and why it matters

The Board of Pensions recently launched a thought leadership article series discussing how the Board navigates the healthcare market to offer a high-quality Medical Plan. In the [first article](#), Todd Ingves, Vice President, Health & Well-Being, shared how the Board balances risk, rising costs, and member care in a fragmented healthcare system. In his latest article, [Understanding medical trend and why it matters](#), Todd shares how the Board of Pensions works with actuaries to project *medical trend*, the expected year-over-year increase in healthcare costs, and its driving factors. These projections

help determine dues for packages while ensuring the sustainability of the Medical Plan amid ongoing challenges in the healthcare system.



LIFELONG LEARNING

A guide to Lifelong Learning in 2026

2026 brings new and expanded educational opportunities through Lifelong Learning. Returning programs focused on retirement, health and wholeness, and minister well-being will be available in addition to new programming focused on women's financial wellness, sabbatical planning for ministers, and leveraging the full value of the Benefits Plan to achieve holistic well-being.



WHY WE SERVE



Board staff express commitment to serving our members

At the heart of our work here at the Board of Pensions is a team of people dedicated to serving plan members like you with care, expertise, and compassion. In the video Who We Are, Why We Serve, employees share how they bring the Board's values to life to help support members' well-being. [Watch the video.](#)



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**Faith Formation and Technology Committee
(A Community of Faith)
Report to Providence Presbytery
May 17, 2026**

Community of Faith Report

Dear friends and colleagues in ministry,

Welcome to the latest update from your Community of Faith committee. This report highlights a number of key opportunities for connection, leadership development, and resource sharing across the Providence Presbytery. We are excited about the work being done and invite all members, from clergy to lay leaders, to explore these initiatives designed to strengthen our collective ministry.

Opportunities for Connection & Growth

- **Stephen Ministry Leaderfest Event**

Our Stephen Ministry event was held at Unity Presbyterian on March 28. Leaders from Stephen Ministries led participants in a full day of training on ways to increase empathy, address the mental health crisis in today's world, minister to those on a journey of grief, and more. Tools were shared for churches who currently have a Stephen Ministry, as well as congregations who do not, but are looking for ways to care for those both in and outside of their congregations, in a more effective way.

- **Leaderfest 2027**

The Community of Faith is beginning to make plans for a larger LEADERFEST event in 2027. If you have suggestions for workshops that would be helpful for your church or volunteers OR if you have a workshop that you would be willing to lead, please contact Edye Bender (dcedye@aol.com). We look forward to a multi-workshop format and would love to have participation from all of our Providence Presbytery congregations!

- **Educator Gatherings: Building Our Network**

Our regular Educator Gatherings serve as a vital forum for both paid staff and volunteer leaders to share ideas, find support, and access valuable educational resources. The committee is particularly encouraged by the positive trend of increasing attendance from lay

leaders, who are dedicating their time and talent to the educational ministry of their churches. These gatherings are a cornerstone of our effort to build a stronger, more connected network of educators.

We invite you to join us for our upcoming event, where we'll hear from those who attended APCE:

- **Main Educator Gathering:** Monday, May 18, 10:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill.

For more information about these well-attended gatherings, please contact Kara Wheeler at kwheeler@fpcrockhill.org or Edye Bender at dcedye@aol.com. As we continue to strengthen our network of educators, we are also focusing on creating new points of connection for the youth of our presbytery.

Youth Engagement & Youth Council

Our Presbytery is looking to increase engagement and opportunities for our youth through the creation of a youth council. Any churches with youth interested in serving on the council should contact Nick Setzer (nsetzer@fpcyorksc.org).

The committee is focused on building stronger connections among the presbytery's youth. This strategic initiative aims to foster a greater sense of community that will encourage participation in large-scale events like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Our experience shows that when youth build these relationships early, it becomes much easier and more natural for them to participate in larger presbytery events, creating a stronger and more vibrant youth community for years to come.

We celebrate the success of our 2025 Triennium delegation, which attended the event in partnership with Foothills Presbytery.

Looking ahead, the committee is planning to organize a presbytery-wide youth gathering at Bethelwoods to help youth connect. These efforts to engage our youth are part of a broader commitment to supporting ministry across all age groups.

We would Love Your Feedback!

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey below about your interest in educational opportunities: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScL1V-ZH-49S-GGgNbhqt3SmKzeRm80sXG8XOEJsJBGvJ8dbA/view_form?usp=dialog

Leadership Development Scholarships

Providence Presbytery is committed to the continuing education and spiritual formation of all its members. These scholarships are available to support continuing education and training opportunities for **ALL** members of our presbytery and churches, both lay and clergy.

As a core component of this program, scholarship recipients are asked to share the knowledge they gain with others in the presbytery, ensuring that the entire community benefits from their learning.

The online application form is available at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.co/73313868774872>

These scholarships can help members attend a wide range of educational events, including the excellent regional and national conferences offered by the wider church.

Shared Resources & Support

- **Accessing Curriculum & Guidance**

The Community of Faith committee acts as a connector and facilitator for churches seeking educational materials. We are particularly focused on providing easy-to-use, effective resources for smaller churches and lay leaders who are faithfully coordinating their church's educational ministries. A recent successful effort involved providing a local church with a curriculum on Genesis, demonstrating the tangible benefit of our resource network.

Ask Our Resource Consultants

If you are looking for guidance on curriculum or other Christian education materials, please contact one of our experienced consultants:

- **Edye Bender**, Resource Consultant, Faith Presbyterian: dcedye@aol.com
- **Sarah Childers**, Resource Consultant, Bethesda (Y) Presbyterian:
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- **Kathryn McGregor**, Resource Consultant, Unity Presbyterian:
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Providence Presbytery								
2026 Mission Partnership Giving Y-T-D								
01/01/26 to 03/31/2026								
Church	2026 Assessment	2026 Assessment PD Y-T-D	2026 Pledge	2026 Pledge Received	2026 Non-Budget Y-T-D	2026 Total Received	Over or Under Pledge	% Given on Pledge
Allison Creek	\$1,790.88	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	0.00%
Beaver Creek	\$131.04	\$131.04	\$3,000.00	\$5.36	\$100.00	\$236.40	(\$2,994.64)	0.18%
Beersheba	\$218.40	\$204.60	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,304.60	\$0.00	100.00%
Beth Shiloh	\$1,718.08	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$492.00	\$0.00	\$492.00	(\$4,008.00)	10.93%
Bethesda (Y)	\$2,300.48	\$575.13	\$6,175.00	\$1,543.74	\$0.00	\$2,118.87	(\$4,631.26)	25.00%
Bethlehem First	\$364.00	\$0.00	\$1,734.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,734.00)	0.00%
Bethune	\$160.16	\$160.16	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$385.00	\$2,545.16	\$0.00	100.00%
Blackstock	\$29.12	\$29.12	\$893.00	\$893.00	\$20.00	\$942.12	\$0.00	100.00%
Bowling Green	\$1,281.28	\$1,281.28	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$2,531.28	(\$1,000.00)	50.00%
Camden Second	\$131.04	\$116.48	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$366.48	\$0.00	100.00%
Carmel	\$101.92	\$101.92	\$300.00	\$91.96	\$0.00	\$193.88	(\$208.04)	30.65%
Catholic	\$116.48	\$116.48	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.48	(\$900.00)	0.00%
Clover	\$2,154.88	\$1,954.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$2,254.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Community	\$334.88	\$0.00	\$1,320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,320.00)	0.00%
Cornwell	\$611.52	\$575.75	\$2,800.00	\$468.00	\$80.00	\$1,123.75	(\$2,332.00)	16.71%
Covenant	\$1,193.92	\$1,193.92	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.03	\$0.00	\$2,193.95	(\$2,999.97)	25.00%
Doby's Bridge	\$1,572.48	\$273.20	\$4,400.00	\$610.00	\$53.00	\$936.20	(\$3,790.00)	13.86%
Douglas	\$946.40	\$0.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,400.00)	0.00%
Faith	\$3,072.16	\$3,072.16	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	\$9,322.16	(\$18,750.00)	25.00%
Fishing Creek	\$815.36	\$815.36	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$815.36	(\$6,000.00)	0.00%
Grace (L)	\$917.28	\$917.28	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$950.00	\$5,617.28	(\$11,250.00)	25.00%
Grace (Y)	\$4,338.88	\$4,189.88	\$10,008.00	\$2,502.00	\$0.00	\$6,691.88	(\$7,506.00)	25.00%
Great Falls	\$436.80	\$436.80	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.03	\$0.00	\$1,436.83	(\$2,999.97)	25.00%
Hebron	\$203.84	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	0.00%
Hermon	\$800.80	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,000.00)	0.00%
Hopewell	\$611.52	\$550.00	\$1,260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	(\$1,260.00)	0.00%
Lancaster First	\$1,237.60	\$1,237.60	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,737.60	(\$4,500.00)	25.00%
Liberty Hill	\$698.88	\$698.88	\$14,000.00	\$2,348.90	\$936.93	\$3,984.71	(\$11,651.10)	16.78%
Lockhart	\$218.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Messiah	\$29.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mt. Pleasant	\$422.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mt. Tabor (U)	\$203.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Oakland Avenue	\$8,692.32	\$8,692.32	\$36,500.00	\$9,124.50	\$3,450.00	\$21,266.82	(\$27,375.50)	25.00%
Old Waxhaw	\$436.80	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,200.00)	0.00%
Pleasant Grove (C)	\$553.28	\$553.28	\$3,400.00	\$853.00	\$0.00	\$1,406.28	(\$2,547.00)	25.09%
Pleasant Grove (Y)	\$407.68	\$0.00	\$535.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$535.00)	0.00%
Pleasant Ridge	\$305.76	\$305.76	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$193.00	\$1,998.76	\$0.00	100.00%
Purity	\$757.12	\$189.30	\$606.00	\$151.41	\$25.00	\$365.71	(\$454.59)	24.99%
Ramah	\$131.04	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	0.00%
Riverview	\$742.56	\$742.56	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$742.56	(\$6,000.00)	0.00%
Rock Hill First	\$4,819.36	\$4,630.00	\$30,630.00	\$6,500.01	\$0.00	\$11,130.01	(\$24,129.99)	21.22%
St. Paul's	\$247.52	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
Tirzah (L)	\$451.36	\$451.36	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$621.36	(\$1,000.00)	0.00%

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Tirzah (Y)	\$1,295.84	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,000.00)	0.00%
Unity	\$14,938.56	\$14,938.56	\$70,200.00	\$17,350.00	\$4,941.00	\$37,229.56	(\$52,850.00)	24.72%
Uriel	\$393.12	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	0.00%
Van Wyck	\$1,485.12	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,000.00)	0.00%
Wade	\$174.72	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,500.00)	0.00%
Woodlawn	\$1,485.12	\$1,485.12	\$4,015.00	\$4,014.88	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	(\$0.12)	100.00%
York First	\$3,013.92	\$0.00	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$966.32	\$966.32	(\$6,300.00)	0.00%
	\$69,494.88	\$50,619.30	\$304,726.00	\$66,498.82	\$12,620.25	\$129,738.37	(\$238,227.18)	21.82%

Providence Presbytery
2026 Detailed Analysis of Revenues & Expenses**

Date Range: Mar 1st 2026 - Mar 31st 2026

Accounts	Current		% Of		2026 Budget	Year To Date (Last Year)
	Month (This Year)	Year To Date (This Year)	Annual Budget Used	Annual Budget Remaining		
Revenues						
PRESBYTERY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400210 Mission Partnership Pledges - Presbytery	20,979.88	65,711.44	25.82 %	188,822.56	254,534.00	66,009.91
400510 Presbyterian Communities Support	0.00	300.00	28.57 %	750.00	1,050.00	275.00
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	20,979.88	66,011.44	25.83 %	189,572.56	255,584.00	66,284.91
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400110 Presbytery Per Capita Assessments 33%	967.16	2,564.79	125.26 %	(517.17)	2,047.62	2,473.47
400111 Presby Per Capita - Missions 34%	0.00	1,646.04	78.02 %	463.62	2,109.66	1,810.85
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	967.16	4,210.83	101.29 %	(53.55)	4,157.28	4,284.32
Total PRESBYTERY	21,947.04	70,222.27	27.04 %	189,519.01	259,741.28	70,569.23
BETHELWOODS (Mission Advocacy Neighborhood)						
SUMMER PROGRAM FEES						
402000 Summer Program On-Site	8,890.07	21,367.89	14.25 %	128,632.11	150,000.00	19,132.66
403000 Camp In A Van	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
Total SUMMER PROGRAM FEES	8,890.07	21,367.89	13.61 %	135,632.11	157,000.00	19,132.66
RETREAT FEES						
404000 Retreat Fees	17,128.00	17,228.00	8.61 %	182,772.00	200,000.00	52,959.75
Total RETREAT FEES	17,128.00	17,228.00	8.61 %	182,772.00	200,000.00	52,959.75
FOOD SERVICE						
401700 Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	78,000.00	78,000.00	35,500.69
Total FOOD SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	78,000.00	78,000.00	35,500.69
YEAR ROUND PROGRAM FEES						
402010 Christmas Retreat	0.00	(1,325.16)	(26.50 %)	6,325.16	5,000.00	888.08
402100 Adult Program Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
402110 Christmas At Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	4,000.00	4,000.00	691.10
402111 Kids Night Out	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	199.26
402112 Spring Break Day Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total YEAR ROUND PROGRAM FEES	0.00	(1,325.16)	(7.57 %)	18,825.16	17,500.00	1,778.44
OTHER INCOME						
402300 Camp Store	440.00	440.00	5.50 %	7,560.00	8,000.00	500.00
403700 Facilities Rental	740.00	3,640.00	72.80 %	1,360.00	5,000.00	995.00
Total OTHER INCOME	1,180.00	4,080.00	31.38 %	8,920.00	13,000.00	1,495.00
PRESBYTERY SUPPORT						
402200 Charleston Atlantic Presbytery	0.00	3,500.00	14.00 %	21,500.00	25,000.00	5,250.00
402210 Providence Presbytery	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	38,000.00	38,000.00	9,397.54
402213 Donations	0.00	75.00	0.00 %	(75.00)	0.00	2,625.00
402214 Fundraising	100.00	5,400.00	0.00 %	(5,400.00)	0.00	0.00
402215 Presbytery Per Capita - BWoods 33%	0.00	1,597.63	78.02 %	449.99	2,047.62	1,810.85
402216 Bethelwoods & Bowties	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
402217 ASK Solicitation	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
402218 Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
Total PRESBYTERY SUPPORT	100.00	10,572.63	8.13 %	119,474.99	130,047.62	19,083.39
Total BETHELWOODS (Mission Advocacy Neighborhood)	27,298.07	51,923.36	8.72 %	543,624.26	595,547.62	129,949.93
SYNOD						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400230 Synod - Mission Partnership Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	4,773.00	4,773.00	1,894.77
400440 Thornwell - Pledge	0.00	487.50	8.44 %	5,287.50	5,775.00	2,056.25
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	0.00	487.50	4.62 %	10,060.50	10,548.00	3,951.02
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400130 Synod Per Capita Assessments	0.00	7,054.62	73.90 %	2,491.38	9,546.00	5,939.10

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	Month (This Year)	Year To Date (This Year)	Budget Used	Budget Remaining	2026 Budget	Year To Date (Last Year)
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	0.00	7,054.62	73.90 %	2,491.38	9,546.00	5,939.10
Total SYNOD	0.00	7,542.12	37.53 %	12,551.88	20,094.00	9,890.12
GENERAL ASSEMBLY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400220 General Assembly - Mission Partnership Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	594.00	594.00	215.33
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	594.00	594.00	215.33
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400120 General Assembly Per Capita Assessments	0.00	37,756.10	70.25 %	15,987.88	53,743.98	40,064.18
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	0.00	37,756.10	70.25 %	15,987.88	53,743.98	40,064.18
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY	0.00	37,756.10	69.48 %	16,581.88	54,337.98	40,279.51
Total Revenues	\$ 49,245.11	\$ 167,443.85	18.01 %	\$ 762,277.03	\$ 929,720.88	\$ 250,688.79
Expenses						
PERSONNEL						
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR						
605034 Business Administrator - Salary	4,250.00	12,750.00	24.30 %	39,729.00	52,479.00	12,750.00
605046 Business Administrator - BOP/Annuity	425.00	1,275.00	24.30 %	3,972.90	5,247.90	1,343.67
605114 Business Administrator - Payroll Taxes	357.63	1,007.89	22.82 %	3,408.22	4,416.11	975.38
Total BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR	5,032.63	15,032.89	24.19 %	47,110.12	62,143.01	15,069.05
COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR						
612900 Communication/IT Coordinator - Salary	937.50	2,812.50	24.30 %	8,763.75	11,576.25	2,812.50
612911 Communication/IT Coordinator - Payroll Taxes	71.71	215.16	24.30 %	670.43	885.59	215.16
Total COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	1,009.21	3,027.66	24.30 %	9,434.18	12,461.84	3,027.66
MISSION CONSULTANT						
618730 Mission Consultant - Salary	979.18	2,937.54	24.30 %	9,153.21	12,090.75	2,937.54
618731 Mission Consultant - Payroll Taxes	74.90	224.72	24.30 %	700.23	924.95	224.72
Total MISSION CONSULTANT	1,054.08	3,162.26	24.30 %	9,853.44	13,015.70	3,162.26
PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE						
603800 Presbytery Executive - Conference & Expenses	36.84	897.65	44.88 %	1,102.35	2,000.00	983.12
605035 Presbytery Executive - Salary	3,916.68	11,750.04	22.84 %	39,699.96	51,450.00	12,500.04
605116 Presbytery Executive - SECA	299.64	898.92	22.84 %	3,037.01	3,935.93	956.22
605117 Presbytery Executive - Travel	0.00	681.50	16.32 %	3,493.50	4,175.00	591.03
605118 Presbytery Executive - Cont. Ed.	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	381.16
605119 Presbytery Executive - BOP	391.67	1,175.01	0.00 %	(1,175.01)	0.00	0.00
Total PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE	4,644.83	15,403.12	25.02 %	46,157.81	61,560.93	15,411.57
STATED CLERK						
605036 Stated Clerk - Salary	2,187.50	6,562.50	24.30 %	20,448.75	27,011.25	6,562.50
605122 Stated Clerk - Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	375.00	375.00	0.00
Total STATED CLERK	2,187.50	6,562.50	23.96 %	20,823.75	27,386.25	6,562.50
Total PERSONNEL	13,928.25	43,188.43	24.46 %	133,379.30	176,567.73	43,233.04
ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (A Community of Hope)						
602500 Presbytery Insurance	0.00	949.07	23.73 %	3,050.93	4,000.00	808.49
602600 Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	600.00	600.00	81.01
602700 General Office	0.00	101.89	13.59 %	648.11	750.00	138.34
602710 Payroll Service	1,162.09	1,220.09	27.11 %	3,279.91	4,500.00	1,518.90
602715 Computer Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	750.00	750.00	0.00
602720 Maintenance Contracts	698.41	2,400.13	20.00 %	9,599.87	12,000.00	2,119.68
602800 Office Repairs & Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
603000 Telephone & Internet	435.09	1,306.81	23.34 %	4,293.19	5,600.00	1,339.55
603100 Office Supplies	0.00	79.49	5.30 %	1,420.51	1,500.00	188.26
603200 Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	146.00
603300 New Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
603410 Contribution Bldg Usage - Tirzah (Y) Church	0.00	200.00	16.67 %	1,000.00	1,200.00	300.00
603411 Rent - Lancaster First Church	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	300.00
604112 Attorney Fees - Closing Churches	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
604113 PJC Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Total ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (A Community of Hope)	2,295.59	6,257.48	17.19 %	30,142.52	36,400.00	6,940.23
BETHELWOODS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER						

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UTILITIES						
606100 Duke Power	3,142.98	8,794.59	39.98 %	13,205.41	22,000.00	6,265.85
606200 Fuel Oil & L. P.	4,931.27	7,358.07	77.45 %	2,141.93	9,500.00	7,229.92
606400 Phone/Cable/Internet	1,339.05	4,398.66	33.84 %	8,601.34	13,000.00	4,203.47
Total UTILITIES	9,413.30	20,551.32	46.18 %	23,948.68	44,500.00	17,699.24
PERMANENT STAFF						
DIRECTOR						
605410 Director - Salary	0.00	5,416.68	8.33 %	59,583.32	65,000.00	10,254.06
605422 Director - Continuing Education/Books	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605432 Director - Conference & Expenses	160.50	889.31	111.16 %	(89.31)	800.00	0.00
605441 Director - Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	137.20
607230 Director - BOP/ Annuity	933.18	2,799.54	99.98 %	0.46	2,800.00	0.00
607614 Director - Payroll Taxes	5,834.88	12,087.95	243.10 %	(7,115.45)	4,972.50	792.09
Total DIRECTOR	6,928.56	21,193.48	28.04 %	54,379.02	75,572.50	11,183.35
OFFICE MANAGER						
605411 Office Manager - Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	5,588.77
607616 Office Manager - Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	427.54
Total OFFICE MANAGER	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	6,016.31
MAINTENANCE						
605412 Maintenance - Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	20,000.00	20,000.00	4,456.00
Total MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	20,000.00	20,000.00	4,456.00
HOUSEKEEPING						
605416 Housekeeping - Salary	1,153.60	1,153.60	8.24 %	12,846.40	14,000.00	4,335.00
Total HOUSEKEEPING	1,153.60	1,153.60	8.24 %	12,846.40	14,000.00	4,335.00
FOOD SERVICE MANAGER						
605417 Food Services Manager - Salary	2,730.00	7,828.00	30.11 %	18,172.00	26,000.00	6,771.00
607618 Food Service Manager - Payroll Taxes	208.85	598.85	30.11 %	1,390.15	1,989.00	517.98
Total FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	2,938.85	8,426.85	30.11 %	19,562.15	27,989.00	7,288.98
PROGRAM COORDINATOR						
605419 Program Coordinator - Salary	3,583.34	10,750.02	26.88 %	29,249.98	40,000.00	12,031.49
605423 Program Coordinator - Continuing Education/Books	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605431 Program Coordinator Conferences & Expenses	460.07	833.90	104.24 %	(33.90)	800.00	805.00
605442 Program Coordinator - Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	121.80
607236 Program Coordinator - BOP & Annuity	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,544.46
607619 Program Coordinator - Payroll Taxes	277.95	833.84	27.25 %	2,226.16	3,060.00	895.22
Total PROGRAM COORDINATOR	4,321.36	12,417.76	24.91 %	37,442.24	49,860.00	16,397.97
STAFF						
605433 Staff - Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605434 Staff - Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	35.00
605435 Staff - Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total STAFF	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	35.00
PROGRAM ASSISTANT						
605414 Program Assistant Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	2,912.70
607237 Program Assistant - Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	250.00
607620 Program Assistant - P/R Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	241.95
Total PROGRAM ASSISTANT	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	3,404.65
Total PERMANENT STAFF	15,342.37	43,191.69	22.86 %	145,729.81	188,921.50	53,117.26
OCCASSIONAL HELP & SUMMER STAFF						
OCCASSIONAL HELP						
607300 Occasional Help	1,783.50	2,597.67	51.95 %	2,402.33	5,000.00	372.00
607400 Occasional Help - Payroll Taxes	136.44	215.23	56.27 %	167.27	382.50	26.15
Total OCCASSIONAL HELP	1,919.94	2,812.90	52.26 %	2,569.60	5,382.50	398.15
SUMMER STAFF						
607610 Summer Staff	0.00	(2,000.00)	(3.23 %)	64,000.00	62,000.00	0.00
607611 Summer Staff - Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	4,743.00	4,743.00	0.00
Total SUMMER STAFF	0.00	(2,000.00)	(3.00 %)	68,743.00	66,743.00	0.00
Total OCCASSIONAL HELP & SUMMER STAFF	1,919.94	812.90	1.13 %	71,312.60	72,125.50	398.15

Accounts	Current		% Of		Annual	
	Month (This Year)	Year To Date (This Year)	Budget Used	Annual Budget Remaining	2026 Budget	Year To Date (Last Year)
FOOD SERVICE						
605413 Food Service Staff	3,514.70	7,737.70	35.17 %	14,262.30	22,000.00	3,198.75
606000 Equipment & Repair	112.01	112.01	1.12 %	9,887.99	10,000.00	1,127.93
606020 Staples	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	35,000.00	35,000.00	11,316.90
606021 Raw Food Costs	4,580.03	12,525.77	147.36 %	(4,025.77)	8,500.00	2,284.31
606025 Supplies	112.88	473.62	6.77 %	6,526.38	7,000.00	1,005.09
607617 Food Service - Payroll Taxes	263.24	586.30	34.84 %	1,096.70	1,683.00	237.00
Total FOOD SERVICE	8,582.86	21,435.40	25.46 %	62,747.60	84,183.00	19,169.98
HOUSEKEEPING						
606050 Housekeeping Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	144.33
606054 Housekeeping Supplies	282.56	1,385.39	34.63 %	2,614.61	4,000.00	1,277.93
Total HOUSEKEEPING	282.56	1,385.39	30.79 %	3,114.61	4,500.00	1,422.26
MAINTENANCE - BUILDINGS						
605920 Main Lodge (Lake)	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.48
605921 Hopkins Lodge	0.00	600.00	60.00 %	400.00	1,000.00	0.00
605923 Horton Lodge	7,860.00	7,860.00	65.50 %	4,140.00	12,000.00	0.00
605925 Cabins	0.00	4,009.11	80.18 %	990.89	5,000.00	418.67
605927 Picnic Shelter	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605929 Program Shelter - Crafts	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605932 Program Coordinator's House	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	209.92
605933 Director's House	0.00	15,651.18	1,043.41 %	(14,151.18)	1,500.00	88.67
605940 Pool Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	4,500.00	4,500.00	732.89
605943 Tree House	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	300.00	300.00	0.00
605944 Pool House	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total MAINTENANCE - BUILDINGS	7,860.00	28,120.29	89.84 %	3,179.71	31,300.00	1,525.63
MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS						
605910 Maintenance Services	5,060.74	13,108.02	201.66 %	(6,608.02)	6,500.00	949.75
605922 Grounds Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	12,000.00	12,000.00	791.21
605924 Maintenance Equipment & Repairs	27.24	27.24	0.78 %	3,472.76	3,500.00	1,625.63
605926 Maintenance Supplies	6,097.53	10,465.45	299.01 %	(6,965.45)	3,500.00	984.86
605935 Tools	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS	11,185.51	23,600.71	89.06 %	2,899.29	26,500.00	4,351.45
MAINTENANCE - VEHICLES						
605950 Truck & Van Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	393.80
605961 Bus Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
605970 Tractor Expenses	293.28	894.99	25.43 %	2,624.37	3,519.36	879.84
605973 Riding Mowers	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
606300 Gasoline	85.24	246.40	9.86 %	2,253.60	2,500.00	137.68
Total MAINTENANCE - VEHICLES	378.52	1,141.39	9.50 %	10,877.97	12,019.36	1,411.32
OFFICE EXPENSES						
605515 Program Registration Fees	368.66	1,138.48	75.90 %	361.52	1,500.00	321.33
605560 Camp Store	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,066.94
605610 Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	130.85
605620 Office Supplies	205.86	439.17	36.60 %	760.83	1,200.00	127.00
605621 Office Equipment & Repair	1,751.44	2,209.25	147.28 %	(709.25)	1,500.00	490.35
605631 Conference Center Expense	385.59	1,132.46	45.30 %	1,367.54	2,500.00	1,049.62
608100 Bethelwoods Marketing	0.00	1,297.93	14.42 %	7,702.07	9,000.00	4,265.05
608200 Credit Card Fees	568.26	691.13	15.36 %	3,808.87	4,500.00	573.74
608214 Bethelwoods Insurance	4,596.17	20,573.10	34.48 %	39,092.90	59,666.00	23,144.07
608216 Consulting	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
608217 Bethelwoods & Bowties/Open House	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Total OFFICE EXPENSES	7,875.98	27,481.52	29.75 %	64,884.48	92,366.00	32,168.95
NON-SUMMER PROGRAM						
605552 Youth Program Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	1,111.05
605700 Adult Program Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605710 Christmas At Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	93.76
Total NON-SUMMER PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,204.81
SPRING BREAK/SUMMER						
605510 Craft Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
605512 Summer Staff Meals	475.01	652.36	81.54 %	147.64	800.00	0.00
605514 Camper & Staff Shirts	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
605555 Camp In A Van	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00

Accounts	Current		% Of		Annual	
	Month	Year To Date	Annual	Annual	2026	Year To Date
	(This Year)	(This Year)	Budget	Budget	Budget	(Last Year)
605565 Recreation Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
605590 Staff Training	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
605930 Theme Days	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
607130 Bus & Van Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total SPRING BREAK/SUMMER	475.01	652.36	5.53 %	11,147.64	11,800.00	0.00
HEALTH SERVICES						
605520 Medical Supplies	(61.82)	(36.70)	(3.67 %)	1,036.70	1,000.00	0.00
605800 Medical Services	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,200.00	1,200.00	222.00
Total HEALTH SERVICES	(61.82)	(36.70)	(1.67 %)	2,236.70	2,200.00	222.00
Total BETHELWOODS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER	63,254.23	168,336.27	29.43 %	403,579.09	571,915.36	132,691.05
COORDINATING TEAM (A Community of Love)						
619300 Older Adults	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	250.00	250.00	0.00
619411 Leader Formation Program	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	250.00	250.00	0.00
Total COORDINATING TEAM (A Community of Love)	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
FAITH FORMATION/TECHNOLOGY (A Community of Faith)						
611500 Training Events	0.00	1,150.00	76.67 %	350.00	1,500.00	0.00
611510 Leaderfest	400.83	400.83	20.04 %	1,599.17	2,000.00	0.00
611800 Training Scholarships	0.00	183.00	9.15 %	1,817.00	2,000.00	0.00
612200 Confirmation Cluster	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
612400 Trilennium	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Total FAITH FORMATION/TECHNOLOGY (A Community of Faith)	400.83	1,733.83	21.67 %	6,266.17	8,000.00	0.00
MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (A Community of Witness)						
608610 Lay School Of Theology	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
608700 Preparation For Ministry Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
619311 Pastoral Support	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (A Community of Witness)	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
MISSION & ADVOCACY (A Community of Witness)						
617600 Hunger Action Team	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	80.00
618110 Other Mission Projects	0.00	40.00	2.67 %	1,460.00	1,500.00	0.00
618111 Presbytery Per Capita - Mission 34%	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,109.66	2,109.66	0.00
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT						
618500 Presbyterian Communities	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,050.00	1,050.00	275.00
618600 South Carolina Inn At Montreat	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	175.02
618700 Presbyterian College	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	250.02
618800 SC Christian Action Council	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	550.00	550.00	80.59
619000 Villa International	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	250.00	250.00	62.52
619100 SC Campus Ministry Cabinet	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	375.00	375.00	89.97
619200 Frontera de Cristo - Mark Adams	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	6,225.00	6,225.00	933.12
Total MISSION & ADVOCACY (A Community of Witness)	0.00	40.00	0.37 %	10,794.66	10,834.66	1,013.12
GENERAL ASSEMBLY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
600120 General Assembly - Mission Partnership Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	594.00	594.00	161.07
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	594.00	594.00	161.07
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
600020 General Assembly - Per Capita Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	53,743.98	53,743.98	14,460.56
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	53,743.98	53,743.98	14,460.56
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	54,337.98	54,337.98	14,621.63
SYNOD						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
600130 Synod - Mission Partnership Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	4,773.00	4,773.00	1,894.77
600340 Thornwell - Pledge	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	5,775.00	5,775.00	2,056.25
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	10,548.00	10,548.00	3,951.02
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
600030 Synod Per Capita Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	9,546.00	9,546.00	5,939.10
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	9,546.00	9,546.00	5,939.10
Total SYNOD	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	20,094.00	20,094.00	9,890.12
Total Expenses	\$ 79,878.90	\$ 219,556.01	24.91 %	\$ 661,893.72	\$ 881,449.73	\$ 208,389.19
Net Total	(\$ 30,633.79)	(\$ 52,112.16)			\$ 48,271.15	\$ 42,299.60

Providence Presbytery Operating Acct - Designated

Date Range: Mar 1st 2026 - Mar 31st 2026 | *Inactive Account | Filtered by: Core Account

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Restricted Net Assets				
GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
800610 Joy Gift	3,941.00	0.00	0.00	3,941.00
800630 Easter Offering	25.00	180.00	0.00	205.00
800650 Theological Education Fund	1,050.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00
800660 Peacemaking Offering - GA	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS	5,016.00	230.00	0.00	5,246.00
SYNOD - SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
800751 Thornwell - Over & Above	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Total SYNOD - SPECIAL OFFERINGS	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
PRESBYTERY - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS				
PRESBYTERY EVENTS				
800894 Legacy Events - Presb Home	836.36	0.00	0.00	836.36
Total PRESBYTERY EVENTS	836.36	0.00	0.00	836.36
PRESBYTERY PROJECTS & GIVING				
800858 Central American Medical Missions	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
800859 Central American Mission Trips	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
800881 Syria Education Funds	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
800885 Minister Emergency Needs Fund	3,768.39	0.00	0.00	3,768.39
800887 Jewelry	340.60	0.00	0.00	340.60
800891 Living Waters Projects	5,873.03	0.00	0.00	5,873.03
800912 Preparation For Ministry Scholarships	3,744.99	0.00	0.00	3,744.99
818028 Anti-Racism Workshop	116.63	0.00	0.00	116.63
818036 Mexican Border Ministry	10,816.00	0.00	9,800.00	1,016.00
818043 PDA Assistance Grant	771.46	0.00	0.00	771.46
818048 Leaderfest	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total PRESBYTERY PROJECTS & GIVING	32,431.10	2,100.00	9,800.00	24,731.10
PRESBYTERY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
800860 Dimes For Hunger	2,067.99	857.26	53.00	2,872.25
Total PRESBYTERY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS	2,067.99	857.26	53.00	2,872.25
PRESBYTERY OTHER - DESIGNATED				
800260 Planning Calendars	1.13	0.00	0.00	1.13
818014 Other Non-Budgeted	(1,595.46)	0.00	0.00	(1,595.46)
818025 Boundary Training	113.07	0.00	0.00	113.07
818077 Fort Lawn Church - Closing Payout	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
818079 Bethesda (K) Church - Dismissal Payout	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
818081 Gun Violence	734.10	0.00	0.00	734.10
818082 Louise Mickle Harvey Memorial Fund	3,485.77	0.00	0.00	3,485.77
818083 Margaret B. Pitts Memorial Fund	748.08	0.00	0.00	748.08
Total PRESBYTERY OTHER - DESIGNATED	68,486.69	0.00	0.00	68,486.69
Total PRESBYTERY - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	103,822.14	2,957.26	9,853.00	96,926.40
BETHELWOODS - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS				
BETHELWOODS DEPOSITS				
818039 Bethelwoods Retreat Deposits	19,119.25	0.00	0.00	19,119.25
Total BETHELWOODS DEPOSITS	19,119.25	0.00	0.00	19,119.25
BETHELWOODS DONATIONS/PROJECTS				
800830 Bethelwoods	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
818026 Bethelwoods Online Donations - Stripe	456.64	148.91	0.00	605.55

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
818076 Timber Sales	12,956.13	0.00	0.00	12,956.13
818080 Church Donations - Bethelwoods	53,880.39	0.00	0.00	53,880.39
Total BETHELWOODS DONATIONS/PROJECTS	68,293.16	148.91	0.00	68,442.07
Total BETHELWOODS - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	87,412.41	148.91	0.00	87,561.32
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$ 196,430.55	\$ 3,336.17	\$ 9,853.00	\$ 189,913.72

Providence Presbytery RESERVE Accounts-Designated

Date Range: Mar 1st 2026 - Mar 31st 2026 | *Inactive Account | Filtered by: Core Account

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Restricted Net Assets				
PRESBYTERY - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS				
PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - RESERVE ACCOUNTS				
850100 Assessments - Presbytery	13,194.17	0.00	0.00	13,194.17
850200 Review	3,775.00	0.00	0.00	3,775.00
850410 Lemmons-Berry Cont. Ed.	1,804.04	0.00	0.00	1,804.04
850800 Leaderfest	3,935.52	0.00	0.00	3,935.52
851000 Triennium	5,168.64	0.00	0.00	5,168.64
851100 Racial Ethnic Scholarships	1,050.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00
851310 Dimes For Hunger - Domestic	55,795.71	0.00	0.00	55,795.71
851320 Dimes For Hunger - Foreign	49,320.38	0.00	0.00	49,320.38
851410 Peacemaking Offering	209.50	0.00	0.00	209.50
851420 Pentecost Offering	17,831.98	0.00	0.00	17,831.98
851500 Queen & John Miller Scholarship	16,929.89	0.00	0.00	16,929.89
Total PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - RESERVE ACCOUNTS	169,014.83	0.00	0.00	169,014.83
Total PRESBYTERY - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	169,014.83	0.00	0.00	169,014.83
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$ 169,014.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 169,014.83

Providence Presbytery 2026 Fair Share Askings Acceptances

Church	2025 Pledge	2026 Pledge	2025 Undesignated	2026 Undesignated	+ or - over 2025 Undesignated	2026 Presby Homes	2026 Thornwell
Allison Creek	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		
Beaver Creek	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,300	\$3,000	-\$300		
Bersheba	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0		
Beth Shiloh	\$4,500	\$4,500	4500	\$4,500	\$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	\$893	\$793	-\$100	\$50	\$50
Bowling Green	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		
Camden 2nd	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0		
Carmel	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0		
Catholic	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$0		
Clover	\$500	\$100	\$500	\$0	-\$500	\$50	\$50
Community	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$0		
Cornwell	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0		
Covenant	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0		
Doby's Bridge	\$7,000	\$4,400	\$7,000	\$4,400	-\$2,600		
Douglas	\$6,075	\$4,400	\$5,985	\$4,400	-\$1,585		
Faith	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$5,000		
Fishing Creek	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$4,500	-\$1,000		\$1,500
Grace (L)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0		
Grace (Y)	\$10,008	\$10,008	\$10,008	\$10,008	0		
Great Falls	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0		
Hebron	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		
Hermon	\$5,900	\$6,000	\$5,900	\$6,000	\$100		
Hopewell	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$0		
Lancaster 1st	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0		
Liberty Hill	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$0		
Lockhart	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Messiah	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Mt. Pleasant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Mt. Tabor (U)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Oakland Avenue	\$36,500	\$36,500	\$36,500	\$36,500	\$0		
Old Waxhaw	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200		
Pleasant Grove (C)	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$0		
Pleasant Grove (Y)	\$535	\$535	\$535	\$535	\$0		
Pleasant Ridge	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0		
Purity	\$2,000	\$606	\$2,000	\$606	-\$1,394		

Church	2025 Pledge	2026 Pledge	2025 Undesignated	2026 Undesignated	+ or - over 2025 Undesignated	2026 Presby Homes	2026 Thornwell
Ramah	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0		
Riverview	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000		
Rock Hill 1st	\$25,347	\$30,630	\$25,347	\$30,630	\$5,283		
St. Pauls	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0		
Tirzah (L)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		
Tirzah (Y)	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	-\$1,000		
Unity	\$68,760	\$70,200	\$66,960	\$68,400	\$1,440		\$1,800
Uriel	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0		
Van Wyck	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000		
Wade	\$1,600	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$1,500	-\$100		
Woodlawn	\$6,000	\$4,015	\$6,000	\$4,015	-\$1,985		
York 1st	\$6,000	\$6,300	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0		\$300
Total	\$300,457	\$304,626	\$293,442	\$297,901	\$4,459	\$1,000	\$5,725



SC5 Leader of Leaders Event
September 3, 2026
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.*

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church
530 St Andrews Rd
Columbia, SC



In the description of the early Church in Acts 2:43-47, the word *all* is used more than once. The *whole* church was part of the awe-inspiring work being done by the Holy Spirit through the apostles and church members. *All* means everyone -- from the youngest to the oldest, across generations. Join us for a day focused on engaging *all* the church -- the *whole* church -- in ministry.

*Registration, refreshments, and fellowship from 9:00 to 9:30.

The five Presbyteries of South Carolina will host a workshop on Intergenerational Ministry on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at Seven Oaks Presbyterian in Columbia. The workshop will be led by the Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller. Lynn Miller holds degrees in graphic design, art history, and studio art. She also holds a MFA in Creative Writing, creating a poetry collection about church architecture as her MFA thesis. A native of Mississippi, she currently serves as pastor of the Limestone Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, South Carolina.

Event fee: \$40 per participant for workshop, including lunch.

Registration deadline – Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Space is limited.

Register today through the QR code or
by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/awedbyall>



It's Time to Order Your 2026-2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendar

The 2026–2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendar is an invaluable resource for the whole church that includes photographs of Presbyterians living out their faith across the country and around the world. This 19-month calendar contains planning aids for pastors and other church leaders, including:

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- Color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps

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**Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery
Sunday, February 15, 2026**

Providence Presbytery gathered for their Stated Meeting on February 15, 2026 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Indian Land, SC. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Derek Marotta at 2:30 pm. Rev. Marotta then placed the name of Ruling Elder Tim Cureton in nomination to serve as Presbytery Moderator in 2026. The floor was open for other nominations. Motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and to unanimously elect Tim Cureton for the position. The motion passed enthusiastically, with a time of celebration thereafter. Rev. Marotta then led the service wherein we commissioned Tim Cureton to this position.

Moderator Cureton then called upon Rev. Dr. David M. Bender, pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, to bring greetings on behalf of the host church, which he did. Moderator Cureton then called upon Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley, Executive Presbyter of Providence Presbytery, for the Executive Presbyter's report. Rev. Lindsley reminded the body about the Ministry Toolbox Series he is initiating on Zoom. He has met with many of the Presbytery Executives and Stated Clerks of the Synod of the Southeast for an exchange of collegiality and ideas. Rev. Lindsley, along with Rev. Letarshia Robinson and Rev. Matt Rich, attended a meeting of representatives of the SC 5 as they continue discussions that could lead to the redrawing of the SC Presbytery lines.

Moderator Cureton then called upon Rev. Dr. David M. Bender, Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery, for the Clerk's Report. Rev. Bender declared the presence of a quorum, which consists of at least 3 Ruling Elders and 3 Teaching Elders from different congregations. New Ruling Elder Commissioners were recognized and welcomed. Joys and concerns were shared, and Rev. Bender led a prayer. He announced two additions to the docket: (1) a report on the SC Inn at Montreat by Rev. Lee Zehmer and (2) a report from the Syria-Lebanon Coalition from Rev. Edgar McCall. With these additions, the Stated Clerk moved the adoption of the docket. After receiving a second, the motion passed. Rev. Bender then moved adoption of the consent agenda, which consists of 11 items for information and 4 items for action. Moderator Cureton asked whether any item needed to be removed from the consent agenda. Hearing none, he called for the vote, and it passed unanimously.

Moderator Cureton then suspended the meeting for a time of worship. Commissioned Pastor Tim McCullough, serving at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, offered the message. He joined Paul Smith, Letarshia Robinson and Rob Jones in leading our celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Following the worship service, Stated Clerk Bender read the In Memoriam Report and offered a prayer for those Ruling and Teaching Elders who completed their baptisms and entered the church triumphant in 2025.

Moderator Cureton then called upon Rev. Lee Zehmer, who gave an update from the SC Inn at Montreat. Rev. Zehmer reported that the board of directors has signed a 3-year contract with the William Black Lodge to manage and run the Inn. They have updated the bylaws and amended the policy regarding pastors staying free at the Inn for 5 days during a year. They are seeking help funding a repair of the retaining wall that runs under the apartments.

Ministry Team Reports

Administration Committee. Moderator Cureton then called the meeting to order again. He called forward Ruling Elder Clarke Moore, who serves as Presbytery Treasurer. Treasurer Moore turned the attention of the body to the financial reports, including our 2025 mission giving report and Mission partnership pledges. He brought the good news that pledges from the congregations increased by over \$4,000 from the 2025 pledges and that, in 2025, we collected more money than we spent.

Community on Ministry. Moderator Cureton then called upon Rev. Paul Smith, Co-Moderator of COM, for the report. Rev. Smith referred the body to the COM information in their report. He then called upon Rev. Beth Olker and allowed her to introduce herself to the body. She has been ordained for 5 years and served churches in several capacities, and she will serve as transitional pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster. The COM has approved her to labor within the bounds of our presbytery, and, upon motion from the COM, the body approved her compensation package.

Rev. Smith then turned the attention of the body to the Temporary Pastoral Relationships Report for 2026 and moved to approve them. After opening the floor for discussion, the report was approved. Rev. Smith then turned the attention of the body to the 2026 Salary Compensation and Benefits Packages Report and moved its approval. After opening the floor for discussion, the packages were approved.

Committee on Missions and Advocacy—Moderator Cureton then called on Ruling Elder Dr. Dave Keely, moderator of this committee. Dr. Keely updated the body on the Mission Newsletter on the website, on a Matthew 28 video series, on the continued Guns to Gardens efforts, on a border ministry trip scheduled for May 23-29, and on workplace justice advocacy and the eye clinic in Honduras. Following that address, Greg Hammill, Ruling Elder at the Faith church, was recognized and offered his testimony along with more good information about the eye clinic, the founding of the school, and other ministry efforts focused on the area. Dr. Keely then invited Rev. Edgar McCall to address the body on behalf of the Syria-Lebanon Coalition. Rev. McCall joined others from the coalition in traveling to these regions for 10 days. They saw villages destroyed in the recent war, visited a Palestinian refugee camp, met and supported pastors from Lebanon and Syria. The experience was eye-opening and enriching. Dr. Keely then recognized Ralph Sweeney, Executive Director of Bethelwoods, who provided a report on the ongoing and upcoming ministries of our camp and conference center. Ralph introduced the body to the recently hired program director, EJ Hart. He shared the energy and increased participation in camp and conference center programs and invited the body to participate and support the Bowties and Bethelwoods event.

Coordinating Team. Moderator Cureton then called upon the Moderator of the Coordinating Team, Rev. Dr. Derek Moratta. Rev. Moratta turned our attention to the Congregation Separation Policy, which comes to the body for second reading and final approval. He moved approval of the policy. The floor was opened for questions and comments. Moderator Cureton then called for the question, and the motion passed.

Rev. Marotta then made a motion to dismiss the Administrative Commission that had been working with Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, and previously with Lockhart Presbyterian Church, due to the lack of communication and cooperation of the Mount Tabor Session. The floor was opened for questions and discussion. Upon call for the vote, the body voted unanimously to dismiss the commission with thanks to their members, Paul Smith, Christina Trimble, Doug Macdonald and Mike Conn.

Faith Formation Team. Moderator Cureton then called upon Eric Robinson to report for the Faith Formation Team. Eric reminded the body of some of the good educational opportunities outlined in the written report. He reported that our 2025 Dimes for Hunger collection yielded \$97,850.67, and the team will meet about distributing those monies. He reported on the Honduras Eye Clinic, Living Waters for the World (with a goal of providing a water system for a church in Guatemala in 2026) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Moderator Cureton then called on the Stated Clerk for the attendance report, which is as follows:

Teaching elders	27
Ruling elders	25
Ministry Team Reps	4
Educators	1
Presbytery Staff	6
Visitors	<u>16</u>
Total	79

Moderator Cureton then expressed thanksgiving to Faith Presbyterian Church and acknowledged the team that worked hard to host this event. He then received a motion to adjourn, which motion was quickly and enthusiastically approved. Moderator Cureton then closed the meeting in prayer at 4:37 pm.

Submitted by



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