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HANDBOOK PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY



**Stated Virtual Meeting
Sunday, August 16, 2026**

Providence Presbytery
Stated Meeting

August 16, 2026

Call To Order: 1:30 p.m.

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Greetings Providence Presbytery friends,

As our August 16 Presbytery meeting approaches, I look forward to seeing many of you online as we participate through Zoom. Please remember that, since no one will need to travel, this meeting will begin at 1:30 pm.

Highlights of this meeting will begin with reports from our commissioners and delegate about their experiences at the 227th meeting of General Assembly. Through worship and fellowship, meals and meetings, debates and votes, the decisions of that Assembly will have an impact on the PC(USA). We look forward to hearing from Joanne Sizoo, Sue Williams and Kate Robeson.

The meeting will also highlight some of our continuing mission and advocacy efforts. Edgar McCall will share the message of the Syria/Lebanon coalition of churches.

May God be with you all.

Peace,

David

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

Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery DOCKET

Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

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

- 1:30 pm** **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** Moderator, Elder Tim Cureton
Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian
- 1:35 pm** **Executive Presbyter Report** Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley
Executive Presbyter
- 1:45 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 - 3**
- 1:50 pm** **Worship** The Worship Team
Rev. Rob Jones
Rev. Letarshia Robinson
Rev. Paul Smith
- 2:00 pm** **Reports From Commissioners & Delegate to the 227th General Assembly Reports** **Pages C: 1 – 4**
- Kate Roberson: Young Adult Advisory Delegate
Sue Williams: Ruling Elder Commissioner
Joanne Sizoo: Teaching Elder Commissioner

Ministries of Communities of Care

- 2:20 pm** **A. Faith Formation and Technology Committee** Edye Bender
Moderator
Certified Educator - Faith Presbyterian
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2:25 pm	B. Coordinating Team	Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta Moderator Bethesda (Y) Presbyterian Appendix 5: Pages 1 - 9
	1. Transformation Grant Initiative	Rev. John Nowaczewski Covenant Presbyterian Appendix 5: Page 9
2:35 pm	C. Committee on Missions & Advocacy	Ruling Elder Dr. Dave Keely Moderator Rock Hill First Presbyterian Appendix 6: Pages 1 - 5
	1. Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center Update	Ralph Sweeney Executive Director Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center
	2. Report From the Syria/Lebanon Coalition	Rev. Edgar McCall Honorably Retired– Moderator
	3. Committee on Racial & Religious Reconciliation (CRRR)	Rev. Molly Spangler Moderator Unity Presbyterian
2:55 pm	D. Ministry Support Committee - COM	Rev. Paul Smith Co-Moderator Old Waxhaw & Wade Presbyterian
	<u>Motion:</u> To approve Elizabeth “Beth” Olker’s membership into Providence Presbytery by transfer from the Presbytery of Charlotte	Rev. Dr. Matt Rich Co - Moderator Unity Presbyterian Pages D: 1 - 6
3:05 pm	E. Administration Committee	Ruling Elder Hope Moore Moderator Tirzah (Y) Presbyterian Appendix 7: Pages 1 - 16 Appendix 5: Pages 7 - 8
3:10 pm	<u>Attendance Report</u>	Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. David Bender
3:15 pm	<u>Thanks to Participants & Adjourn With Prayer</u>	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

August 16, 2026

For Information:

1. That the Community of Faith Report be received as information. **(See Appendix 4: Pages 1 - 4)**

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2. That the Coordinating Team Report be received as information, which includes the following:
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3. That the Committee on Mission & Advocacy Report be received as information.
(See Appendix 6: Pages 1 - 5)

New Vision Eye Clinic in Honduras: Serving at the Crossroads Report Pages 1 - 2
Reflections From The Migrant Trail by Ginger Williams Pages 3 - 5

4. That the Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team Report be received as information.
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5. That the Synod of South Atlantic Invitation to Serve Flyer be received as information.
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6. That the Presbyterian Foundation Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program information be received as information. **(See Appendix 9: Page 1)**



A program for pastors

The Presbyterian Foundation recognizes the importance of supporting pastoral leaders and the congregations they serve, particularly in church

financial literacy and leadership. They have established a coaching program to help address the challenges pastors face while promoting sustainability and growth in ministry.



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

The Presbyterian Foundation's Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program is a free, 12-month coaching opportunity designed to walk alongside pastors. The program equips pastors with the essential building blocks to improve church finances, stewardship, and mission.

Visit the Coaching Program Website

Download the Coaching Program Guide

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 South Carolina Inn at Montreat Review Team Final Report be received as information. **(See Appendix 11: Pages 1 - 6)**
9. That the Providence Presbytery Women Report be received as information. **(See Appendix 12: Page 1)**
10. That the SC5 School of Theology 2026 Fall Semester be received as information.



SC5 School of Theology **2026 Fall Semester**

Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17 Presbyterian College Clinton, SC

Fall 2026 Informational Flyer

11. Meet our President-elect: Krysten Carter Holloway

[Krysten Carter Holloway](#)'s election marks a historic milestone for our agency, as she will be the first African American woman and the first person of color to assume the role of President and CEO upon confirmation at the 227th General Assembly (2026). She is uniquely qualified to advance the Board's mission through her strategic vision, governance acumen, and operational discipline, particularly as healthcare becomes increasingly complex.

An accomplished executive with more than 20 years of leadership in healthcare benefits, Krysten brings expertise as a senior enterprise leader with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. She has firsthand understanding of how the agency's offerings shape the day-to-day lives of the plan members and the employers we serve, having served on our Board of Directors for four years before her election as President.

We are excited to welcome Krysten as our President-elect and invite you to [learn more about Krysten](#) and the breadth of her experience.

Check out Krysten on YouTube: [Our President-elect: Meet Krysten Carter Holloway](#)

12. Other items of interest:

- A. **This may affect your church mailings:** The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) implemented a 4.8% average price increase across mailing services on **July 12, 2026**. The cost of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp rose 4 cents, from 78 cents to 82 cents.

Key changes include:

- **Forever Stamps / 1 oz Letters:** Increased to \$0.82 (from \$0.78)
- **Domestic Postcards:** Increased to \$0.65 (from \$0.61)
- **Metered 1 oz Letters:** Increased to \$0.78 (from \$0.74)
- **International Postcards & Letters (1 oz):** Increased to \$1.75 (from \$1.70)
- **Additional Ounce:** Remained unchanged at \$0.2

- B. The IRS standard mileage rates increased mid-year on July 1, 2026. These rate increases affects reimbursement mileage to Ministers and Staff, which affects your church's budget.

New Rates (Effective July 1 – December 31, 2026)

Business: 76 cents per mile (increased by 3.5 cents from the initial 72.5 cents rate).

Medical and Moving: 23.5 cents per mile (increased by 3 cents from 20.5 cents).

Charitable Service: 14 cents per mile (remains unchanged by statute)

For Action:

1. That excused absences for those requesting to be excused from this Presbytery meeting be granted.
2. That the minutes of Providence Presbytery's Stated Meeting at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC on May 17, 2026 be approved by the Presbytery. **(See Appendix 13: Pages 1 - 4)**

PERSEVERING *toward* WHOLENESS

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, addressed constitutional governance, racial justice, gender justice, denominational finances and the direction of the church, laying groundwork for work continuing through the next assembly.

Co-moderators elected, GA228 to be held in Puerto Rico

Commissioners elected the **Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero**, border ministry coordinator for the Tres Rios Border Foundation in Tres Rios Presbytery, and the **Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer**, pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa, as co-moderators. They will preside at GA228, June 11-22, 2028, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Commissioners also **approved full, in-person assemblies**, including an exhibit hall, beginning in 2030.

Budget and per capita

Commissioners approved a **balanced \$188.4 million unified budget** for Presbyterian Life & Witness (PL&W) and the A Corporation for the 2027–2028 biennium, about \$5.8 million more than the previous budget: \$90.45 million for 2027 and \$97.92 million for 2028. Per capita rates were set at \$13.04 in 2027 and \$12.72 in 2028.

General Assembly Relationships

The GAR Committee approved the new Organization for Mission, the structure for the General Assembly as the denomination's highest council, and **established PL&W** and its governing board.

Israel/Palestine

Commissioners approved RIW-04, declaring that the **Israeli government has violated international law** prohibiting genocide in its war in Gaza. As amended, RIW-04 directs the denomination's Office of Public

Witness to advocate against U.S. military sales to Israel and purchases from Israel. It also encourages members to avoid products from Israeli companies linked to violations of international law.

Constitutional interpretation, missiology, and mission co-worker dismissals

Following testimony on staff dismissals during **World Mission's closure**, the assembly approved CON-02, directing PL&W and the A Corporation to revise employment policies to prohibit nondisclosure covenants for employees, with a report due to the 2028 assembly. RIW-01 calls for review of the processes that terminated mission co-worker positions and World Mission. RIW-02 directs the development of a new missiological statement for global engagement.

Pastors will now be required to complete **boundary and abuse-prevention training** at least every three years. An overture to remove the Board of Pensions' medical coverage requirements was rejected.

Commissioners referred CON-10, which seeks an authoritative interpretation of monogamy, for discussion within the theological framework proposed in GEN-09, "Beyond Changing Families."

Gender and Sexuality Justice

The Constitutional Interpretation Committee **rejected a call for a special study of the Olympia Overture amendments**, citing



related proposals GEN-06 and GEN-09. GEN-06 directs the development of a mechanism that would allow congregations to indicate their openness and readiness to call an LGBTQIA+ candidate on their Ministry Discernment Profiles. Candidates would be allowed to view congregational responses. GEN-09, “Beyond Changing Families: Flourishing Relationships and Belonging,” seeks a theological framework and a study guide on human sexuality and gender that reflect the PC(USA)’s commitment to full inclusion.

The assembly reaffirmed support for **access to medically necessary gender-affirming healthcare** and approved development of a survey collecting non-identifying information about sexual misconduct in church settings.

Climate and Environmental Justice

The Climate Justice Committee approved CLJ-02, “Changing Course for a Green Future,” **directing divestment from more than 50 companies** by 2030 and barring new investments in them. All CLJ items were placed on the consent agenda, including a call for education on regenerative farming and prioritizing responses to the climate crisis.

White Christian nationalism

Commissioners voted overwhelmingly to declare White Christian nationalism and similar ideologies “**a theological error**” incompatible with the teachings of Jesus Christ; language changes in the *Book of Order* require presbytery ratification. Commissioners rejected an amendment that would have removed references to White Christian nationalism from the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Race report.

Racial justice

The Racial Justice Committee advanced several recommendations **strengthening**

the denomination’s anti-racism work, including RAC-04, “The Report from the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Race,” directing “PL&W to create a tracking system that displays the progress/completion of all GA business... related to race, racism, and White supremacy...”

RAC-01 calls for PC(USA) entities to report to the 228th GA on implementation of RGJ-13, the 2022 Report from the Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls Task Force. RAC-03, the “Resolution on Liberia Project 180,” explores establishing theological learning and repair, and developing **acknowledgment and apology for Presbyterian involvement** in and support of the American Colonization Society and its lasting effects on Indigenous Liberians.

Ordered ministry

The Theological Education and Ordination Committee approved changes **modernizing preparation for ministry** while preserving Presbyterian ordination standards. ORD-02 clarifies that ministry preparation in G-2.06 and G-2.07 of the *Book of Order* applies to those training for the ministry of Word and Sacrament; it requires a two-thirds presbytery vote. ORD-03, addressing collaborative ministry teams, was approved; ORD-04, seeking removal of the time-of-service requirement for ruling elders in mid council roles, was not.

A new confession

A newly appointed special committee will continue **considering a new confession**. The draft seeks to articulate Christian faith in response to contemporary challenges including racism, economic inequality, environmental degradation, violence and political polarization.



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Report from Providence's Participants 227th Meeting of the General Assembly of the PCUSA

**Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo (Teaching Elder Commissioner)
Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Mill, SC**

I'm grateful to have been able to participate as a commissioner in the 227th General Assembly. We dealt with business related to many issues, about which you can read in the Presbyterian Outlook General Assembly publication. I encourage you to do so. I also encourage you, if you have any questions about any of the actions of the GA, to ask them...don't just rely on things you hear second or twenty-second hand or read on Facebook.

I served on the Reformed Witness in the United States committee, which had a variety of items of business referred to us: overtures, policies from staff and commissioners' resolutions. Commissioners' resolutions are designed to fast-track to the Assembly business related to emerging and time-sensitive issues.

Assembly action related to my committee's business included asking Congress to check executive power to maintain or regain the balance of powers in our democracy.

The assembly also acted related to immigration issues in the US, which have been triggered by ICE and other agencies and their treatment of immigrants. We condemned cruel immigration enforcement and acted to defend the human rights of migrants.

We asked that immigrant detention centers be reformed to bring about justice and oversight to the immigration detention system.

Also related to immigration enforcement, we expressed, on behalf of our entire denomination, deep sadness and concern over all the deaths recorded in the [list of ice victims](#), as well as maintaining a current public list of those who have died while being arrested or detained by ICE, and to extend condolences and prayers to their families and loved ones.

Further, we call, on behalf of our entire denomination, upon appropriate state and federal authorities for a thorough, transparent and accountable investigation into their deaths and the deaths of all people in the custody of agencies of the Department of Homeland Security. We urge on behalf of our entire denomination, federal and state governments to ensure that any person found to have acted unlawfully be held responsible through due process in the appropriate court of law.

As the daughter of a police officer, related to several federal agents and as a pastor of several federal agents, I fully support law enforcement, and fully support these actions of the General Assembly. Properly trained, supervised and responsible law enforcement personnel WANT those who act outside the law to be held responsible for their actions.

As we addressed White Christian Nationalism, the General Assembly asserts that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) repudiates the ideology and practices of white Christian nationalism in all its forms and affirms the PCUSA's historical support for disestablishment of religion as enshrined in the first

amendment and the U.S. Constitution. Christian Nationalism is a political ideology that seeks to merge Christian identity with U.S. civic life and national identity. It asserts that the United States was founded as a Christian nation and should continue to be governed according to what its proponents see as Christian values or biblical principles. “Nationalism” emphasizes the importance of a “homeland” with a shared ethnic identity among its citizens. Christian Nationalism becomes “white” when it suggests that those of northern European ancestry are inherently more capable, intelligent, moral and able to lead – and are thus the only “true Americans” and “true Christians.”

The General Assembly also addressed white Christian nationalism by affirming our calling to bear faithful witness in public life, speaking and acting from the example and teachings of Jesus Christ for justice, peace, mercy and the dignity of all people. We reject any ideology that seeks to establish Christianity as privileged or dominant force through the power of the state or that conflates religious identity with national, racial or ethnic supremacy. Such ideologies, in all their forms, are incompatible with the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, constitute a theological error, undermine the church’s faithful witness, and are contrary to the church. That’s Presby-speak for heresy.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) acknowledges and repents of its historical complicity in white Christian nationalism.

I’m glad to talk with folks about these, or any GA related issues. Again, thanks for the privilege of representing Providence Presbytery at this Assembly meeting.

Joanne Sizoo

**Committee on Ministry
Report to Providence Presbytery
August 16, 2026**

Items For Information:

1. Approved Updated Terms of Call between Rev. Dr. John White and Beth Shiloh.

Approximately 3 days/week in office with additional ministry responsibilities performed remotely as needed
Salary: \$65,649.02 annually (Cash Salary: \$43,931.76; Housing Allowance: \$17,052.00; SECA Offset: \$4,665.26)
Housing: \$17,052.00 housing allowance (manse not provided)
Board of Pensions: Provided according to Board of Pensions guidelines (\$27,105.72)
Professional Expenses: \$3,300 annually (continuing education, books, subscriptions, and professional expenses)
Dental Expenses: Up to \$1,584.96 annually
Vacation: Four weeks annually
Continuing education: Two weeks annually (\$3,300 included in professional expenses)
Sabbatical: Three weeks of unused sabbatical leave carried over from 2025; future sabbatical reviewed annually by Session
Travel reimbursed at IRS approved rate (ministry-related travel only)
Terms of Call effective date: 05/18/2026

2. Approved the following Covenant Agreements

A. Approved a covenant between the Rev. Tim Cheux and Tirzah (L) Presbyterian Church, Waxhaw, NC. However, on June 29, 2026, two days before the covenant was scheduled to begin, the Rev. Cheux notified the Clerk of Session by email that a change in his circumstances would prevent him from fulfilling the agreement. He therefore withdrew from the covenant. No further explanation was provided.

B. Covenant Approval between Rev. Elizabeth Olker and First Presbyterian Church (Lancaster). (See Pages D: 3 – 4)

Approximately 30 hours/week
Salary: \$46,000 annually, including \$26,000 salary and \$20,000 housing
Housing: \$20,000 included in compensation
Board of Pensions: \$1,054.17 per month, based on annual benefits of \$12,650
Health Insurance: Pastor only, through Board of Pensions benefits
Professional Expenses: \$1,500, including mileage at IRS rate
Vacation: Four weeks
Continuing education: \$1,000 and two weeks
Travel reimbursed at IRS approved rate
Contract period: 07/01/2026–06/30/2029

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, decided not to continue its search for an installed pastor. The congregation voted to dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee with gratitude for its faithful service and to remove the church's Ministry Discernment Profile from the Church Leadership Connection. The congregation instead decided to offer the Rev. Beth Olker, who was serving as its Transitional Pastor, a three-year covenant to serve as Stated Supply Pastor.

C. Covenant Approval between Rev. Paul Smith and Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church as Stated Supply Pastor.

Approximately 10 hours/week

Salary: \$1,000 per month, designated as \$300 salary and \$700 housing

Board of Pensions: \$100 per month (Covenant Package)

Ministry Expenses Reimbursed, including mileage at the IRS rate

Vacation: 1 week every three months

Continuing education: 1 week every six months

Weekly Sabbath: Observed on Fridays - pastor will be available for emergencies only.

Contract period: 08/01/2026–12/31/2027

3. First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, decided not to continue its search for an installed pastor. The congregation voted to dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee with gratitude for its faithful service and to remove the church's Ministry Discernment Profile from the Church Leadership Connection. The congregation instead decided to offer the Rev. Beth Olker, who was serving as its Transitional Pastor, a three-year covenant to serve as Stated Supply Pastor.
4. Members of the Committee on Ministry continue to grow into their new roles as liaisons to the congregations of Providence Presbytery. Any congregation that has not yet been contacted by its COM liaison is asked to contact one of the COM Co-Chairs, the Rev. Paul Smith or the Rev. Dr. Matt Rich. **(See Pages D: 5 - 6)**

Items For Action:

1. Motion to receive the Rev. Beth Olker by transfer from the Presbytery of Charlotte into membership in Providence Presbytery, pending a satisfactory examination on the floor of Presbytery as required by G-3.0306. See above for the terms of the covenant previously approved by the Committee on Ministry **(See Item 2B under Items for Information on Page D: 1 & Page D: 3 - 4)**

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich, COM Co-Chair

Rev. Paul Smith, Co-Chair

Statement of Faith

Rev Elizabeth “Beth” Olker

I believe in God. I believe that before the first moments of creation, God was forming in connection, with connection, and through connection. That connection is visible in the movements of the ecosystems, the changing of the seasons, the evolution of change and growth seen around the universe. I believe that God created people to be one inclusive, expansive family. As with any family, throughout the history of our stories, we have gone through the full breadth and depth of the human life and experience. We have known, and will always know joy and grief, wisdom and uncertainty, hope and fear; none of these opposite, but as a range of existence. Throughout it all has been and will continue to be God, the root from which we have our past, our present, and our future.

I believe in Jesus Christ, fully God and yet fully human. I believe that in the incarnation of the divine into the person of Jesus Christ, we have been given the blessed assurance of God's eternal connection, commitment to reconciliation, and loving choice to gather us all home when our paths lead us astray. I believe that in his life and ministry, Jesus taught us how to dwell with each other. He taught us how to accept and extend hospitality, healing, hope and wisdom. Through the good news of the resurrection, God's victory over death, we are given the gift of assurance and accessibility to homecoming.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy breath that flowed over the first moments of creation, the winds that gave life as chaos formed into vitality. The holy breath that continues to sweep over our world today. I believe that the Holy Spirit, who has loved and led the church in every generation, continues to lead, teach, create, and inspire in new ways. This work is intentional and stirs life and growth up like the breeze carrying the leaves from their first home in the trees to their home on the ground as their life forms the soil and nutrients for the next generation of the forest.

I believe that as through the Trinity-Creator, Incarnate Redeemer, and Spirit of Reconciliation and Revelation-we are offered a divine model of the community to which we are called. We are called to live as an inclusive, expansive family, connecting and welcoming, growing and learning. I believe that two of the ways we live out that calling is through the shared moments of sacramental ministry, sacred and shared moments of Baptism and Eucharist. When we gather at the font or around the table, we are provided tangible signs of the incomprehensible love, wisdom, and life that God has placed, does place, and will place in this world until, on God's time alone, we are prepared for what is to be.

Bio for
Rev. Elizabeth “Beth” Olker

Rev. Elizabeth “Beth” Olker is originally from Clemson, South Carolina, and currently lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her 10-year-old son. She earned a BS in Early Childhood Education and a BA in Christian Education from Presbyterian College, an MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Since ordination, Beth has served as pastor of Macedonia Presbyterian Church in Biscoe, North Carolina, and as Director of Christian Education at Matthews Presbyterian Church. She has also worked as a staff member with the Presbyterian Mission Agency and as a Christian Educator. Most recently, she has been serving as pulpit supply across the Presbytery of Charlotte while also working as a substitute teacher in Mecklenburg County Schools.

Outside of her ministry and professional work, Beth enjoys reading, traveling, building Legos with her son, and cheering on Clemson football.

Providence Presbytery's COM Liaisons By Church

Church	Liaison
Allison Creek	Carson Montgomery
Beaver Creek	Rob Jones
Beersheba	Derek Marotta
Beth Shiloh	Derek Marotta
Bethesda	J. Spratt White
Bethlehem First	J. Spratt White
Bethune	Christina Trimble
Bowling Green	John Nettles
Camden 2nd	Rob Jones
Carmel	Christina Trimble
Catholic	Carson Montgomery
Clover	Marty Simmons
Community	John Nettles
Cornwell	Carson Montgomery
Covenant	Matt Rich
Doby's Bridge	David Leininger
Douglas	Steve Simon
Faith	Steve Simon
Fishing Creek	James Platt
Grace (L)	Paul Smith
Grace (Y)	J. Spratt White
Great Falls	Doug Macdonald
Hebron	Jeff Bryan
Hermon	Jeff Bryan
Hopewell	James Platt

Church	Liaison
Liberty Hill	Paul Smith
Lancaster 1st	Paul Smith
Hopewell	James Platt
Lancaster 1st	Paul Smith
Lockhart & Mt. Tabor	Doug Macdonald
Messiah	David Leininger
Mt. Pleasant	Doug Macdonald
Oakland Ave	Matt Rich
Old Waxhaw	Shirnetha Belk
Pleasant Grove (C)	Christina Trimble
Pleasant Grove (Y)	Marty Simmons
Pleasant Ridge	Rob Jones
Purity	James Platt
Ramah	Derek Marotta
Riverview	Marty Simmons
Rock Hill 1st	Matt Rich
St. Paul's	Christina Trimble
Tirzah (L)	Paul Smith & Edgar McCall
Tirzah (Y)	Marty Simmons
Unity	David Leininger
Uriel	James Platt
Van Wyck	Shirnetha Belk
Wade Memorial	Shirnetha Belk
Woodlawn	Rob Jones
York 1st	Steve Simon

Providence Presbytery's COM Liaison Church Assignments

Liaison	Church Assignments
Belk, Shirnetha	Old Waxhaw, Van Wyck, Wade Memorial
Bryan, Jeff	Hebron, Hermon
Jones, Rob	Beaver Creek, Camden 2nd, Pleasant Ridge, Woodlawn
Leininger, David	Doby's Bridge, Messiah, Unity
Macdonald, Doug	Great Falls, Lockhart & Mt. Tabor, Mt. Pleasant
Marotta, Derek	Beersheba, Beth Shiloh, Ramah
Montgomery, Carson	Allison Creek, Catholic, Cornwell
Nettles, John	Bowling Green, Community
Platt, James	Fishing Creek, Hopewell, Purity, Uriel
Rich, Matt	Covenant, Oakland Ave, Rock Hill 1st
Simmons, Marty	Clover, Pleasant Grove (Y), Riverview, Tirzah (Y)
Simon, Steve	Douglas, Faith, York 1st
Smith, Paul	Grace (L), Lancaster 1st, Liberty Hill, Tirzah (L)
Trimble, Christina	Bethune, Carmel, Pleasant Grove (C), St. Paul's
White, J. Spratt	Bethesda, Bethlehem First, Grace (Y)

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Providence Presbytery

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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 cooperative 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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PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS

For Providence Presbytery

ZOOM Stated Meetings

The Providence Presbytery Virtual Stated Meeting is Sunday, August 16, 2026 and will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m., but the virtual meeting room will open at 12:30 p.m.

The Commissioner's Handbook will be emailed approximately ten days prior. Printed copies will be made available upon request. The Stated Meeting will be recorded to assist with minutes.

TO REGISTER FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Katie at katie@providencepres.org or Rose Lemmons-Berry at lemmonsberry@providencepres.org.

If you would like training on how to use Zoom, including Zoom meeting etiquette – check out the Zoom 101 Training:

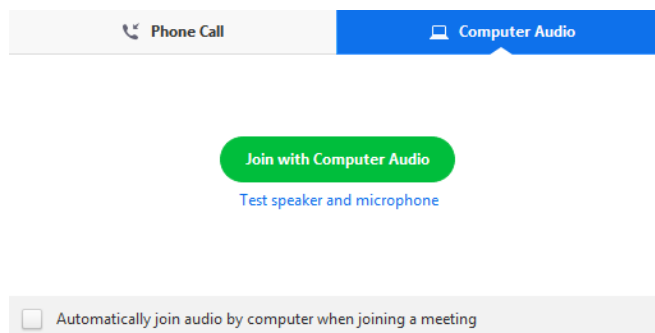
- [Joining A Zoom Meeting](#)
- [How To Use Zoom](#)

1. Downloading the **ZOOM** app onto your preferred electronic device will help make your meeting experience smoother. [Click here](#) to view the download options for your device.

We recommend the day before the PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY ZOOM Stated Meeting, you check to see if there are updates for the ZOOM program on your device and if so, download and install that update. If you need any help, [click here](#).

2. Launching **ZOOM** in **both** audio and video:

- a) In the registration confirmation email from PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY, click the Online Meeting Link in the Event Details section. **The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. sharp and we encourage you to enter early beginning as soon as 12:30 p.m.**
- b) A window like the one below will appear; please click the green box to have **both audio and video** for the meeting.



- c) To start your camera after you enter the PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY ZOOM Stated Meeting, click the video icon at the bottom left of your screen.



3. **Please ensure your display name** is the same as the name you used to register for the PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY Stated Meeting. **We need to know who you are.** To change your name, [please follow these steps](#).

4. **Registering attendance in the Chat Box**

After launching ZOOM, locate the chat menu icon and click it to type in your first and last name, your appropriate role initials (see below), followed by your congregation. For example, “Sandy Smith - RE, XYZ Church.” Then click enter.

TE = Teaching Elder member of Providence Presbytery

TEN = Teaching Elder **NOT** a member of Providence Presbytery (voice, no vote)

CRE = Commissioned Ruling Elder

HR = Honorably Retired Teaching Elder

CE = Christian Educator

RE = Ruling Elder Commissioner(s) from a Church Session

MTM = Ministry Team Moderator – Indicate which Ministry Team

CM = Corresponding Member (voice, no vote)

V = Visitor - If coming from a congregation list the name of your church, if coming from an agency list the agency and your title, if attending in any other capacity please put in a descriptor (i.e. PW, Inquirer, CPM candidate, etc.).

S = Presbytery Staff

5. **Customize your video layout** preferences during your Zoom meetings — see everyone, hide participants, and much more. There are several video layouts available when no one in the meeting is screen sharing: speaker view, gallery view, multi-speaker view, immersive view, and floating thumbnail window. When someone is screen sharing, you can use side-by-side mode or view the screen share with speaker view. [Click here for instructions](#).

6. Access the **REACT BUTTONS**, so you can **RAISE** your **ZOOM HAND** to be recognized to ask a question, ask a point of order, and/or make a motion:

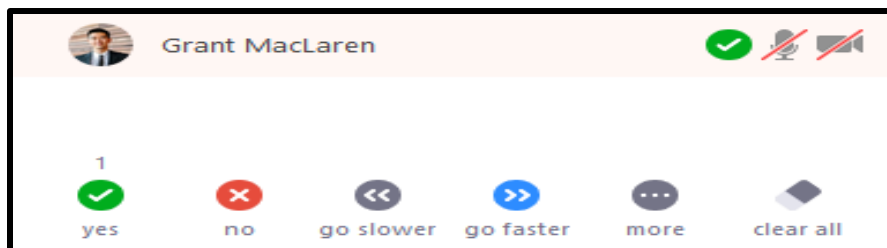
- a) Moving your cursor around your screen, you will see a bar of icons, ordinarily at the bottom of your screen; click the one that says, “REACT.”
- b) When the toolbox opens up, you will see icons.
- c) To raise your hand, click the icon of a RAISED HAND or type “raised” in the search bar. When the RAISED HAND is clicked, you will move to the top of the participants list, and the Moderator will know to call on you. After you have been recognized and your questions answered, Click the Reactions Button again – then Click LOWER HAND icon.

7. Accessing the **REACTION BUTTON** to vote “YES” or “NO:” These icons are on the second row in the toolbox of icons.

- a) To vote, you must click either the green circle with a check mark inside for “YES”  or the red circle with an “X” inside for “NO” .

If you voted “YES,” then a green circle with a check mark inside  will appear next to your name in the PARTICIPANTS window.

If you voted “NO,” then a red circle with an “X” inside  will appear next to your name in the PARTICIPANTS window.



8. Participating in a **POLL vote**

Polling 1: Polling Questions
Edit

1.What is your favorite color?

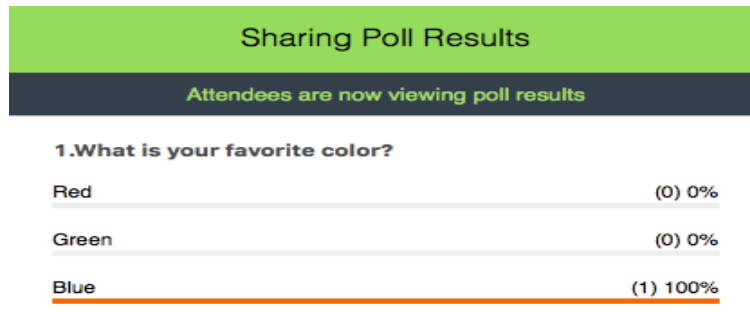
☐ Red

☐ Green

☐ Blue

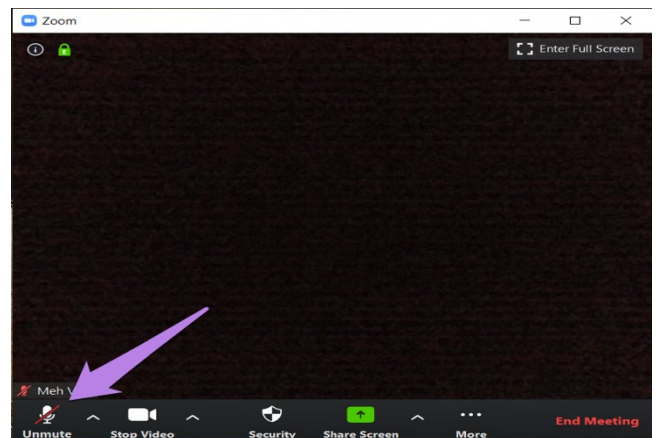
This is the easiest of all. When it’s time to vote in a Poll, it will show up on your screen. The moderator will ask you to vote, sharing that you have about 30 seconds to vote.

After that time, the vote results will be shown and the moderator will declare the results.



9. **MUTE** and **UNMUTE** yourself by clicking the microphone icon on the bottom taskbar or hold down your space bar while muted. **When entering the Zoom meeting, you are automatically muted.**

In order to speak, you must raise your (digital) hand ([#5 above](#)). When you are recognized by the Moderator, unmute yourself to speak. Never UNMUTE unless recognized.



**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 Faith Formation and Technology teams. 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.

Faith Formation Team (Edye Bender (moderator), Sarah Childers, Jennifer Ancrum, Kara Wheeler, Kimberly Long)

Opportunities for Connection & Growth

- **Leaderfest 2027**

The Community of Faith is making plans for a multi-workshop LEADERFEST event on March 7, 2027, at First Presbyterian in Rock Hill. We have been in contact with multiple workshop leaders and are putting together workshop choices that we hope will be helpful to folks in all of our churches (volunteers as well as staff!) 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 hope to resource all of our Providence Presbytery congregations through this event! **(See Appendix 4: Page 4 for "Save the Date Flyer")**.

- **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.

- **Main Educator Gathering:** Tuesday, Sept 15, noon, at First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill.

For more information about these gatherings, please contact Kara Wheeler at kwheeler@fpcrockhill.org or Edye Bender at dcedy@aol.com.

Youth Engagement & Youth Council

We are also focusing on creating new points of connection for the youth of our presbytery. 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.

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: dcedy@aol.com
- **Sarah Childers**, Resource Consultant, Bethesda (Y) Presbyterian:
schilders@comporium.net
- **Kathryn McGregor**, Resource Consultant, Unity Presbyterian:
KmcGregor@UnityFortMill.org

Technology and Communications Team (Rob Jones, Rhett Eckhardt, John Baker, Katie Rutland (staff))

The technology team is available to assist congregations of Providence Presbytery with needs related to audio / visual and computers. In some cases, they can solve a problem your congregation is dealing with; in others they can make a recommendation of what equipment, etc., might be helpful to you. Any needs or questions should be directed to Katie Rutland (Technology and Communications Coordinator) at katie@providencepres.org.

Leaderfest 2027

Save the Date!

March 7,
2027

1:30-5:15 pm

An afternoon event of
workshops and learning for ALL
Providence Presbyterians!



Schedule:

1:30 p	Registration
2 p	Opening in Sanctuary
2:30-3:45	Workshop 1
4 - 5:15	Workshop 2

Workshop and leader details coming soon!

📍 First Presbyterian Church Rock Hill

📄 providencepres.org

Coordinating Team (CT)
(A Community of Love)
Report to Providence Presbytery
August 16, 2026

For Information:

1. **2027 Presbytery Meeting Schedule:** Heard a report from the team who offered a survey to the Presbytery regarding preferences for dates and times for our Presbytery meetings. After discussing the matter, the CT approved a transition from four Sunday afternoon meetings to two Sunday afternoons and two Thursday morning meetings (one virtual); the five-SC-Presbyteries joint Saturday meeting (May 15th) counts as one of the Sunday meetings. **(See Appendix 5: Page 2)**
2. **AC Closure Guidelines:** Approved document outlining responsibilities and process for closing Providence Presbytery churches. **(See Appendix 5: Pages 3 - 6)**
3. **Covenant Presbyterian Deed Restriction:** Approved termination of 1959 Bethel Presbytery deed restrictions on a ~1-acre parcel granted to Covenant Presbyterian Church, authorizing the stated clerk to execute termination documents for the property sale.
4. **Stewardship Initiative ("Better Together"):** Coordinating Team blessed Steve's proposed presbytery-wide holistic stewardship initiative. **(See Appendix 5: Pages 7 - 8)**
5. **Administrative Commission to close the Beaver Creek Congregation:** Coordinating team learned that the Beaver Creek congregation has discerned that their mission and ministry has been completed. They have asked that an Administrative Commission be established to close the Beaver Creek church. The Administrative Commission is working to gather that commission.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta
Moderator CT

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

Presbytery Meeting Schedule Survey — Summary of Results and Recommendation

June 2026

In June 2026, Providence Presbytery distributed a brief survey to gather member input on a possible change to the stated meeting schedule. Forty responses were received from a cross-section of the body, including teaching elders, ruling elders, CREs, stated supply pastors, and others.

Sunday Afternoon Meetings

- Roughly half of respondents indicated that Sunday afternoons work well for them; the other half rated them as challenging, rarely workable, or not workable at all
- The divide fell largely along role lines: ruling elders and CREs tended to find Sundays more workable, while teaching elders more frequently cited conflicts with congregational ministry, youth programming, and sabbath rhythms

Day Preferences

- “Keep Sunday afternoons” received the most individual votes, but combined support for a change to weekday and/or Saturday mornings was considerably higher
- Among alternatives, four weekday mornings and one Saturday/three weekday mornings were the most frequently selected options

Virtual Meetings

- A modest majority expressed a preference for retaining one virtual meeting per year, as currently allowed by the Manual of Administrative Operations
- A significant minority preferred all meetings in person, with several noting that in-person gatherings better foster relationships and connection

Key Themes from Open Comments

- Teaching elders noted that Sunday afternoons conflict directly with their primary vocational responsibilities, making full and consistent participation in presbytery difficult
 - Ruling elders and lay leaders cautioned that weekday morning meetings would be equally difficult for those who work full time, with some expressing concern that such a shift could inadvertently reduce lay participation
 - Saturdays were raised by some as a potential middle ground, though not without reservation
 - A handful of respondents suggested evening meetings as another option worth considering
 - Childcare availability was mentioned by two respondents as an important consideration for any schedule change
 - Several noted that meeting efficiency — regardless of day — would go a long way toward improving the overall experience
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Recommendation

After reviewing the survey results, we recommend moving to **two Sunday afternoon meetings and two Tuesday morning meetings per year, with one of those Tuesday meetings held virtually**. The current all-Sunday schedule places a real burden on teaching elders, while a full shift to weekdays would create barriers for ruling elders and lay leaders who work full time. A blended model honors both concerns and keeps the whole body at the table. We also recommend that **host congregations provide childcare at each meeting**.

NOTE: The five SC Presbyteries will meet in Columbia, SC on Saturday, May 15, 2027, wherein Providence will have our spring meeting. This meeting will replace one of our Sunday meetings.

**THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
WORKING WITH CONGREGATIONS IN THE DISSOLUTION PROCESS**

(NOTE: When possible and appropriate, the AC should execute these responsibilities in consultation with the Session of the congregation.)

I. ARRANGE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS

1. See to the Pastoral Care of the congregation members.
2. Work with the Session to identify where members wish their membership to be transferred.
3. Work with members to transfer their church membership prior to the dissolution, if so desired.
4. Communicate to the members that membership is held by the Stated Clerk for one year if not transferred prior to dissolution of the congregation, during which time the Stated Clerk has the authority to send letters of transfer.

II. PLAN CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE CONGREGATION

1. Determine whether the congregation would like to host a final celebratory worship service and possible reception. If so, assist them in planning, resourcing and advertising that service.
2. Inform the congregation that the Presbytery will have a time of celebration of the congregation during the meeting where the church is dissolved and that church members are encouraged to attend.
3. Acquire a history of the congregation, or, if possible, assist the congregation in creating one. Make certain that Presbytery receives a copy of that history.

III. ASCERTAIN THE FINANCIAL STATUS AND OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE SESSION

1. Conduct a financial review of the Treasurer's records for the last 12 months.
2. Determine location of all accounts, such as checking, savings, investments, endowment, Sunday school, women's group, and any other financial resources.
3. Determine if there are any bequest or donor stipulations related to memorial accounts or an endowment.
4. Have all accounts closed, transferring any balances to the primary checking account of the Session.
5. If it would be helpful, submit new signature card(s) for accounts with at least two members of the AC designated as signatories.
6. Determine any outstanding debts/obligations and publish in local paper a public notice to the effect: "The _____ Presbyterian Church of _____ will cease operation on or about _____. Any outstanding debts/financial obligations must be submitted in writing to the church treasurer (place address here) by the close of business on _____."

7. Oversee the discharge of all financial obligations by the Treasurer.
8. Oversee the provision of a “statement of contribution” to all current year contributors.
9. If the congregation owns any stocks, bonds, certificates, or other financial instruments, have ownership transferred to the Presbytery.
10. Following the dissolution, work with the session to determine (of to present to Presbytery) how remaining funds will be distributed in a manner that honors the ministry of the congregation and the support of the Presbytery.

IV. SECURE THE SESSION RECORDS

1. Locate all Session and congregational minutes, the church register, and any other financial and legal records to be transferred to the Presbytery office and then archived with other archival records of the Presbytery.

V. SECURE THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY

1. Arrange for the disposition of furnishings
 - a. The Session, with the concurrence of the AC, needs to arrange for the disposition of furnishings, communion ware, hymnals, Sunday school supplies, pulpit, lectern, and communion table, etc. if they are not to be sold or included in the sale of the church property. Otherwise, these items may be given away to congregation members, sold by the piece, or bids may be received for the entire lot of furnishings. It is recommended that at least one appraisal by an antiques dealer/estate assessor be obtained before accepting any bids.
 - b. These decisions should be documented in detail in both Session and AC minutes.
2. Ascertain which utilities should remain connected and which may be disconnected and make these arrangements with the proper companies.
3. If the congregation desires to host a final service, electricity and water should remain on until the closing celebration.
4. Arrangements should be made to drain the pipes when utilities are turned off.
5. Secure the building and recover keys from anyone who does not need access.
6. If distribution of keys is widespread and any contents are valuable, consider having locks changed.
7. Make provisions for basic upkeep of the property pending transfer of title.

VI. DISPOSITION OF CHURCH PROPERTY

1. Buildings and Land

- a. Contact the Presbytery trustees and seek their wisdom throughout the disposition of property
- b. Maintain insurance on the property until it is transferred to another party
- c. Have the property surveyed, if this is needed.
- d. If determined to be necessary, obtain an appraisal from at least one real estate agency if any of the property is to be sold, including any manse, to be paid for by church funds.
- e. If the building is to be sold, inquire with the congregation regarding potential buyers, preferably those who continue to use the property and buildings to benefit the community. If the congregation offers no wisdom on potential buyers, determine whether it should be listed with a realtor.
- f. Recommend any preferences regarding the sale of building and property such as first attempting to sell to another congregation or to another agency or organization whose mission will allow for use in a “manner respectful of congregation’s heritage”; the Trustees shall act on behalf of the Presbytery with regards to executing any sale of property.
- g. As the time for final dissolution draws near, work with the congregation to recommend to Presbytery how remaining funds will be distributed in a manner that honors the ministry of the congregation and the support of the Presbytery.
- h. When a suitable buyer is found and the terms of sale determined, contact the Presbytery trustees and work with them to have the appropriate deeds, contracts and other documents prepared, executed, delivered and recorded.
- i. Upon dissolution, remove any identifying signage and the cornerstone, if possible, checking for a time capsule in the process.
- j. At the time of the sale of property, the Presbytery must notify the County Assessor’s Office that the property is no longer used as a church.

2. Cemetery

- a. If there is a church cemetery, ascertain if it is separately incorporated, with its own board, and still operating. If not, the AC might need to find resources to help the congregation gather and incorporate a cemetery association for the perpetual care of the cemetery.
- b. Determine whether the cemetery association has sufficient assets and/or income for the perpetual care of the cemetery.

VII. ATTEND TO MATTERS OF INSURANCE

1. All insurance coverage should be maintained at least until the final closing celebration.
2. Liability coverage should be maintained until the final disposition of the property.
3. Once the congregation is dissolved, if title to the property has not been transferred to a new owner, contact Presbytery about having the property added to the Presbytery’s policy and contact the Presbytery Trustees regarding the status of the title to the property.

VIII. ATTEND TO MATTERS OF INCORPORATION

1. Discover if the congregation is incorporated; if so, locate the Articles of Incorporation.
2. A public Notice to Dissolve a Corporation may need to be published in the local newspaper.
3. The incorporation should be dissolved with South Carolina's Secretary of State. Presbytery trustees should be contacted for assistance.

IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

1. The AC provides a final written report to the Presbytery, submitting its minutes to the Stated Clerk. (Contact the Stated Clerk for a sample final report, if needed).
2. If the property has not yet been transferred to the new owner, the AC will work with the Presbytery trustees as set out in paragraph VI h under the Distribution of Church Property section.
3. Once all matters are completed, the AC requests that the AC be dissolved and the Presbytery ordinarily does so, with deep thanks.

BETTER TOGETHER

A Presbytery Stewardship Initiative

Proposal to the Coordinating Team | Providence Presbytery | 2026

Why Now

The time is right for Providence Presbytery to think strategically about stewardship at a presbytery level. Our churches are navigating a complex and demanding season of ministry, and the connections we share — the mutual support, shared resources, and common witness that make us a presbytery — are worth naming, celebrating, and investing in together.

This proposal builds on that momentum with a structured, year-over-year program rooted in the theology of shared ministry, one that is executable with our current capacity and designed to grow in depth as our Stewardship and Finance Team grows in ownership of it.

Better Together is that program — a stewardship initiative designed to tell our shared story well, invite our churches into deeper participation, and build a culture of generosity that sustains the presbytery's ministry for years to come.

Theme and Theological Rationale

The program name is drawn directly from our presbytery's own identity: "Providentially Together." *Better Together* deepens that conviction: when our churches give together to shared ministry, we become more than the sum of our parts. We do things together that none of us could do alone.

Better Together is a theological claim rooted in the Reformed understanding of the church as a covenant community — one body, many members, called to support one another in mission. The Book of Order charges presbyteries to "support congregations in developing the graces of generosity, stewardship, and service" (G-3.0301c). Better Together is how we live that out among ourselves.

This program is built around two core questions:

- Why should our church give to shared ministry at all?
- Why should our church grow in what we give to Providence Presbytery specifically?

The answers are not budgetary. They are missional. Giving to the presbytery is participation in something larger than any one congregation — a network of support, care, resources, and shared witness that makes every church stronger.

Communications throughout the program will use the language of invitation, not obligation. We will tell the story of what shared ministry has made possible. We will ask churches to prayerfully consider their participation. And we will close every cycle with genuine, personalized gratitude.

Rough Timeline: August – November 2026

The program runs in four phases, woven into the existing calendar of presbytery life:

Phase	Activity
July	Design phase: Coordinating Team (CT) briefed, chairs identified, impact stories gathered, Ministry Participation Estimate (MPE) process built
August	Soft launch at Aug. 16 zoom meeting; vision-casting newsletter from Executive Presbyter (EP) introducing Better Together theme
August–September	Two impact story communications sent to pastors and stated clerks; Committee on Ministry (COM) liaisons briefed (Sept. 10 meeting) on light check-in role
October	Formal invitation and Ministry Participation Estimate sent; COM liaisons do light check-in with assigned churches; CT updated
Nov. 1–3	MPE deadline; thank-you letters sent from EP; CT chair delivers results report at Nov. 8 in-person presbytery meeting
January 2027	CT Team debrief: what worked, what to own in Year Two

The Ask of the Coordinating Team

I'm bringing this proposal to the CT for blessing and feedback before moving into detailed implementation planning. Specifically:

- Affirmation of the *Better Together* program concept and approach
- Encouragement for the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team to take ownership of this program with EP support
- Any guidance on messaging, timing, or approach from CT's perspective

Assuming CT blesses this effort, I'll work with CT and others to build out the rough timeline above.

INTRODUCING...

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY'S

Transformation Grant Initiative

The Transformation Grant exists to assist congregations who are taking on a transformational 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.

**More information
coming this fall**

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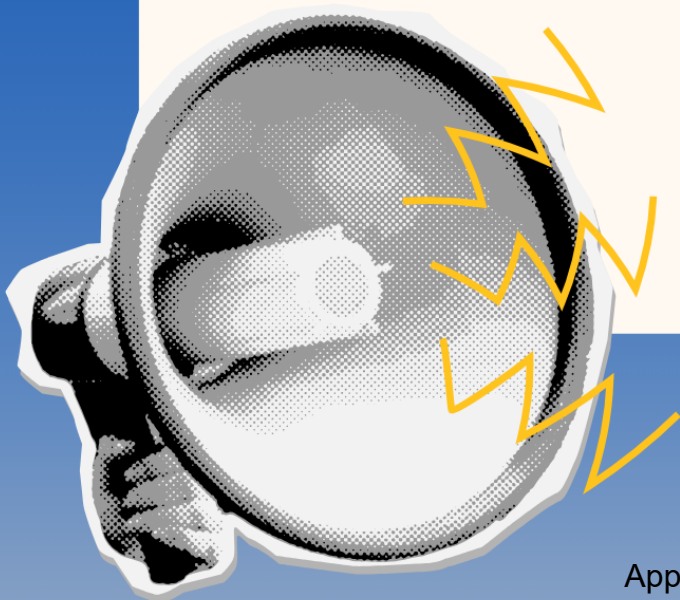
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Providence Presbytery Partners to Provide Vision Care for the Municipality of Trinidad

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 oculoplastics 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 plans to work at the clinic this fall.

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

Reflections from the Migrant Trail, May 25-31

By Ginger Williams



As a soon-to-be retired professor of U.S.-Latin American relations, immigration and its causes, is an undeniable central issue of the past forty years. I studied history in college as the civil wars in Central America and the Dirty Wars in South America were underway. Those wars, and the U.S. complicity in those wars framed my historical lens. Since 2023, I've worked with a local Presbyterian church in taking people to the Arizona/Mexico border through Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian-based ministry located in Douglas, AZ. This year, we didn't have a firm delegation committed, so I decided to do the Migrant Trail as a fundraiser to raise money and awareness for/ about Frontera, and a local, South Carolina nonprofit, the Carolina Immigrant Alliance, which helps immigrants with necessary documents and paperwork. (If you wish to make a donation to this fundraiser to support the two groups mentioned you can do so here: <https://onrealm.org/ProvidencePresb18431/give/migranttrailwalk>.) I made the decision to do this trek in late March and had only scant awareness about what the whole journey would entail. I consider myself a feet-first type of person, though, and decided to jump in and then quickly learn about what I was doing. I signed up for the 23rd annual Migrant Trail, from Sasabe to Tucson, Arizona, the week of May 25-31. I knew nobody, and although I read the participant packet (mostly), I didn't know exactly what to expect. The group of approximately 40 walkers convened at Shalom Mennonite Church in Tucson on Sunday, May 24, for a four-hour orientation/ training session. During the training session, each of us committed to serving on a team, which had daily work assignments. I joined the Food Team, which set up and broke down each meal, daily snacks, and set up washing stations after lunch and dinner each day. We learned at our training that over 8,000 migrants had perished in the landscape where we would walk, and 109 had died since the previous May.

My biggest fear, before starting, was that I didn't have all the things I needed for the seven-day trek. That proved right, and partly because I misunderstood that we needed to pack EVERYTHING in one bag—we didn't—our gear, including tents, folding chairs, and sleeping bags could have been packed separately. For that reason, I ditched my sleeping bag because it took up 1/3 of my duffle bag. That was a mistake as

the first two nights were very cold. Rolande, a colorful, dedicated Tucson activist, who accompanied the group with her own vehicle, lent me a blanket on day 3, which made subsequent nights better. We began our journey with a ceremony and press conference at Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson. This was the most beautiful church I've ever seen outside historic cathedrals in Europe and Latin America. Pure, simplistic beauty. At this service, each of us took a cross with the name of someone who had died crossing the desert. My cross said "desconocido," (unknown male) 2006-2007, representing an unidentified male who had died during that year. Most of our crosses bore the same name because few bodies are ever clearly identified.

We rode in cars from Tucson to Sasabe on Monday morning, which is approximately a 2.5-hour drive (I was captivated by the conversations in the vehicle because everyone was interesting and everyone had a story.) After a moving Native American prayer ceremony, we began our trek in Sasabe, along with people who were hiking with us for the first day only. By the end of the day, it became clearer who was in our group for the week.

I wanted to participate in this journey to deepen my commitment to working on immigration issues/policies in the United States, which most of us understand are deeply problematic. I wanted to learn more about the desert and the terrain that many undocumented are forced to negotiate, and I wanted to deal with some of my own grief that had compounded over several decades. We walked between ten and sixteen miles every day except for the first day, which was barely over seven. We began most days by 6 a.m. but began walking one day at 3:30 a.m. to protect ourselves during the hottest part of the day. I'm very near-sighted and exactly "half blind," which adds an important dimension to waking up in the middle of the night and packing everything quickly. Our journey was mostly a solemn one, but not entirely. Every other "leg" of the trek we walked in silence. This silence grounded us and I grew to look forward to it. Every other stop we would iterate the "Presente" litany, calling out the names of the (dead) people on our crosses and all responding to each name, in unison, "Presente!" – meaning we/they are here with us. We walked single-file on paved roads and highways and two-by-two when off-road. I ended up walking near some of the same people. Ellen is a retired schoolteacher from Chicago, who now lives in Flagstaff, and was usually close by. She pointed out all the "foreign" plants along the way. I had never seen a mesquite plant before but learned to step carefully around them. The Saguaro cacti were majestic. We sometimes had to be reigned in for walking too fast. We were constantly reminded to drink water as it is easy to dehydrate in the desert.

I started out sleep-deprived and squarely rooted on Eastern Standard Time. I didn't sleep at all the first night, so went into day two exhausted. I eventually slept more and felt better as the week wore on. At all times we were accompanied by at least four vehicles carrying food, water, our gear, and port-potties, all the things that migrants themselves do not have access to. We were all aware of the fact that while others do this alone unaided, we had ample support.

Committed groups accompanied us on this journey—churches and various humanitarian organizations. Humane Borders of Tucson brought us a lot of water and sometimes allowed us to spray ourselves with hoses- something I greatly looked forward to. Frontera de Cristo, from Douglas/ Agua Prieta, came and brought us dinner on our first night. A couple of Tucson organizations brought us several meals. On Thursday night we had a real shower and flush toilets, as we stayed in a campground. We were all appreciative of the luxury of a real shower. Buddhist monks from Tucson prepared us a delicious Thai meal on Friday, which we ate in a Baptist church that allowed us to stay inside the sanctuary for the night. Friday happened to be my 62nd birthday. This was the first birthday that I've ever spent with people that I didn't know, but I felt embraced and appreciated by a wonderful group of kindred souls—a diverse group of different people who all shared many of the same values about humanity. We were, in the words of Harvard philosopher and theologian, Josiah Royce, "A Beloved Community." That night, in the church we had a talent show. Several people sang, we all learned a line dance, and several recited words from sage poets and writers.

As we approached Tucson on our last day, many cars beeped at us as we walked along the highway. As far as I could tell, nobody heckled us or jeered us. Border Patrol cars passed by many times during the walk but left us alone. If the Border Patrol had given us a hard time, I was certain that Rolande would have “politely” scolded them and sent them on their way. We finished our walk at Kennedy Park in Tucson, where kindred organizations met us with food and a warm reception. An Episcopal priest washed the feet of twelve of our participants. He kissed the ground before each washing and then kissed the feet of each individual. It was moving-- I was tired; I cried tears of happiness, sadness, and relief.

While the Migrant Trail isn't for everyone, it is a moving experience for those of us concerned about our brothers and sisters who feel compelled to leave their homes because of violence, genocide, war, and climate change. It's a good way to deepen our commitment and understanding of how U.S. policies perpetuate the conditions that compel people to migrate. It's a great experience for those of us who often feel alone with our personal convictions about how to confront the hegemonic powers that wield injustice. It's something we can DO in solidarity with others.

Mohyeddin, a soon-to-be 79-year-old Palestinian and a mainstay on the Migrant Trail, kept us focused on the intersectional issues that compelled our walk. Each time we would recite the Presente litany, he professed loudly: “Desconocido! Desconocida! Desconocido/a! ... Victims of War, Genocide, and Violence Everywhere!” Another world is indeed possible. **For more about the Migrant Trail go here:** <https://azmigranttrail.com>.

With gratitude,

Ginger Williams

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**Administration Committee
(A Community of Hope)
Report to Providence Presbytery
August 16, 2026**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

From Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team

Financial Update as of 6/30/26:

- Mission Pledges received as of 6/30/26 is **\$129,153.59** (42.38% of the amount pledged) plus an additional \$41,773.33 for non-budgeted items. (See Appendix 7: Pages 3 - 4)

As of 6/30/26 Net total (Revenue-Expense) is - **\$ 103,576.92** This is fairly normal for this time of year when Bethelwoods has normal monthly expenses but has not realized summer camp revenues or fall retreat deposits. (See Appendix 7: Pages 5 - 10)

Bethelwoods as of 6/30/26 is -**\$122,651.83** 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, gravel for roads and finish repairs to Director's house. They've increased the cost per meal to retreat groups as well as retreat rates to help offset these additional costs. **Bethelwoods has \$92,341.11 in designated accounts.** (See Appendix 7: Pages 5 – 10 & Appendix 7: Pages 11 - 12)

- **Bank Balances as of 6/30/2026: (See Appendix 7: Pages 13 - 14)**

Wells Fargo Operating Account:	\$136,083.08
Wells Fargo Designated Account:	\$116,607.49
Fidelity Investments:	\$553,160.72
New Covenant Fund Presbytery:	\$372,972.77
New Covenant Church Development:	\$416,100.17
Bethelwoods Note Receivable (Dam Repair)	\$158,000.00
Bethelwoods Endowment	<u>\$ 24,448.23</u>
Total Current Assets:	\$1,777,372.46

- Updated 2026 budget was approved at the May 17, 2026 Presbytery meeting. Staff raises have been done and were retro back to January 1, 2026.
- Eric Robinson has resigned as the Presbytery Mission Consultation as of July 3, 2026. Eric has accepted the position of Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries at Trinity PC in Charlotte, NC. We all wish Eric the best in his new adventure.

Budget Planning for 2027 will begin in September. Any mission neighborhood with new budget request needs to send those to Hope Moore no later than September 15, 2026. **Information will be coming from Steve Lindsley, Presbytery Executive, on Mission Partnership for 2027. (See Appendix 5: Pages 5 - 8)**

2027 Per Capita UPDATE: Per Member Assessments is \$17.09
(See Appendix 7: Pages 15 - 16)

- **General Assembly increasing to \$13.04**
- **Synod increasing to \$2.75**
- **Presbytery remains the same at \$1.30**

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Providence Presbytery								
2026 Mission Partnership Giving Y-T-D								
01/01/26 to 06/30/2026								
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	\$105.36	\$700.00	\$936.40	(\$2,894.64)	3.51%
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	\$1,522.00	\$20.00	\$1,542.00	(\$2,978.00)	33.82%
Bethesda (Y)	\$2,300.48	\$1,150.26	\$6,175.00	\$3,602.06	\$467.98	\$5,220.30	(\$2,572.94)	58.33%
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	\$1,246.00	\$3,406.16	\$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	\$8,253.00	\$10,534.28	(\$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	\$296.50	\$0.00	\$398.42	(\$3.50)	98.83%
Catholic	\$116.48	\$116.48	\$900.00	\$400.00	\$605.00	\$1,121.48	(\$500.00)	44.44%
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	\$936.00	\$160.00	\$1,671.75	(\$1,864.00)	33.43%
Covenant	\$1,193.92	\$1,193.92	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.02	\$607.00	\$3,800.94	(\$1,999.98)	50.00%
Doby's Bridge	\$1,572.48	\$683.00	\$4,400.00	\$1,525.00	\$143.05	\$2,351.05	(\$2,875.00)	34.66%
Douglas	\$946.40	\$946.40	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$946.40	(\$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	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	\$7,315.36	\$0.00	100.00%
Grace (L)	\$917.28	\$917.28	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,830.00	\$10,247.28	(\$7,500.00)	50.00%
Grace (Y)	\$4,338.88	\$4,189.88	\$10,008.00	\$5,004.00	\$0.00	\$9,193.88	(\$5,004.00)	50.00%
Great Falls	\$436.80	\$436.80	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.02	\$0.00	\$2,436.82	(\$1,999.98)	50.00%
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	\$3,000.00	\$635.00	\$4,872.60	(\$3,000.00)	50.00%
Liberty Hill	\$698.88	\$698.88	\$14,000.00	\$7,017.58	\$4,464.20	\$12,180.66	(\$6,982.42)	50.13%
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	\$18,249.00	\$3,450.00	\$30,391.32	(\$18,251.00)	50.00%
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	\$1,702.00	\$0.00	\$2,255.28	(\$1,698.00)	50.06%
Pleasant Grove (Y)	\$407.68	\$0.00	\$535.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	(\$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	\$378.60	\$606.00	\$302.82	\$226.25	\$907.67	(\$303.18)	49.97%
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	\$4,000.00	\$622.00	\$5,364.56	(\$2,000.00)	66.67%
Rock Hill First	\$4,819.36	\$4,630.00	\$30,630.00	\$10,833.35	\$1,260.12	\$16,723.47	(\$19,796.65)	35.37%
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	\$435.00	\$886.36	(\$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	\$34,450.00	\$14,109.00	\$63,497.56	(\$35,750.00)	49.07%
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	\$174.72	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,674.72	\$0.00	100.00%
Woodlawn	\$1,485.12	\$1,485.12	\$4,015.00	\$4,014.88	\$432.00	\$5,932.00	(\$0.12)	100.00%
York First	\$3,013.92	\$0.00	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,194.73	\$1,194.73	(\$6,300.00)	0.00%
	\$69,494.88	\$52,914.65	\$304,726.00	\$129,153.59	\$41,773.33	\$223,841.57	(\$175,572.41)	42.38%

2026 Detailed Analysis of Revenues & Expenses**

Date Range: Jun 1st 2026 - Jun 30th 2026

Accounts			% Of			
	Current Month (This Year)	Year To Date (This Year)	Annual Budget Used	Annual Budget Remaining	2026 Budget	Year To Date (Last Year)
Revenues						
PRESBYTERY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400210 Mission Partnership Pledges - Presbytery	17,672.44	107,365.70	42.18 %	147,168.30	254,534.00	126,819.40
400510 Presbyterian Communities Support	150.00	675.00	64.29 %	375.00	1,050.00	500.00
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	17,822.44	108,040.70	42.27 %	147,543.30	255,584.00	127,319.40
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400110 Presbytery Per Capita Assessments 33%	0.00	1,649.94	80.58 %	397.68	2,047.62	2,628.00
400111 Presby Per Capita - Missions 34%	0.00	1,699.92	80.58 %	409.74	2,109.66	1,961.16
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	0.00	3,349.86	80.58 %	807.42	4,157.28	4,589.16
Total PRESBYTERY	17,822.44	111,390.56	42.89 %	148,350.72	259,741.28	131,908.56
BETHELWOODS (Mission Advocacy Neighborhood)						
SUMMER PROGRAM FEES						
402000 Summer Program On-Site	36,505.03	79,009.03	52.67 %	70,990.97	150,000.00	63,126.66
403000 Camp In A Van	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
Total SUMMER PROGRAM FEES	36,505.03	79,009.03	50.32 %	77,990.97	157,000.00	63,126.66
RETREAT FEES						
404000 Retreat Fees	2,880.00	44,875.75	22.44 %	155,124.25	200,000.00	79,643.75
Total RETREAT FEES	2,880.00	44,875.75	22.44 %	155,124.25	200,000.00	79,643.75
FOOD SERVICE						
401700 Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	78,000.00	78,000.00	47,534.89
Total FOOD SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	78,000.00	78,000.00	47,534.89
YEAR ROUND PROGRAM FEES						
402010 Chrstmas 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	0.00	440.00	5.50 %	7,560.00	8,000.00	1,690.00
403700 Facilities Rental	0.00	14,905.00	298.10 %	(9,905.00)	5,000.00	17,221.00
Total OTHER INCOME	0.00	15,345.00	118.04 %	(2,345.00)	13,000.00	18,911.00
PRESBYTERY SUPPORT						
402200 Charleston Atlantic Presbytery	1,750.00	10,500.00	42.00 %	14,500.00	25,000.00	10,500.00
402210 Providence Presbytery	2,636.91	16,020.07	42.16 %	21,979.93	38,000.00	21,371.65
402213 Donations	30.90	105.90	0.00 %	(105.90)	0.00	2,955.00
402214 Fundraising	0.00	6,550.00	0.00 %	(6,550.00)	0.00	0.00
402215 Presbytery Per Capita - BWoods 33%	0.00	1,649.94	80.58 %	397.68	2,047.62	1,961.01
402216 Bethelwoods & Bowties	0.00	7,753.00	51.69 %	7,247.00	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	4,417.81	42,578.91	32.74 %	87,468.71	130,047.62	36,787.66
Total BETHELWOODS (Mission Advocacy Neighborhood)	43,802.84	180,483.53	30.31 %	415,064.09	595,547.62	247,782.40
SYNOD						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400230 Synod - Mlssion Partnership Giving	330.91	2,010.38	42.12 %	2,762.62	4,773.00	3,745.90
400440 Thornwell - Pledge	1,837.50	2,831.25	49.03 %	2,943.75	5,775.00	2,562.50
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	2,168.41	4,841.63	45.90 %	5,706.37	10,548.00	6,308.40
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400130 Synod Per Capita Assessments	0.00	7,692.00	80.58 %	1,854.00	9,546.00	6,523.50

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Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	0.00	7,692.00	80.58 %	1,854.00	9,546.00	6,523.50
Total SYNOD	2,168.41	12,533.63	62.37 %	7,560.37	20,094.00	12,831.90
GENERAL ASSEMBLY						
UNIFIED & SELECTED						
400220 General Assembly - Mission Partnership Giving	41.37	251.31	42.31 %	342.69	594.00	425.70
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	41.37	251.31	42.31 %	342.69	594.00	425.70
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
400120 General Assembly Per Capita Assessments	254.81	40,222.73	74.84 %	13,521.25	53,743.98	42,819.17
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	254.81	40,222.73	74.84 %	13,521.25	53,743.98	42,819.17
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY	296.18	40,474.04	74.49 %	13,863.94	54,337.98	43,244.87
Total Revenues	\$ 64,089.87	\$ 344,881.76	37.10 %	\$ 584,839.12	\$ 929,720.88	\$ 435,767.73
Expenses						
PERSONNEL						
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR						
605034 Business Administrator - Salary	4,373.26	26,239.56	50.00 %	26,239.44	52,479.00	25,500.00
605046 Business Administrator - BOP/Annuity	437.34	2,624.04	50.00 %	2,623.86	5,247.90	2,550.00
605114 Business Administrator - Payroll Taxes	368.01	2,143.04	48.53 %	2,273.07	4,416.11	1,950.75
Total BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR	5,178.61	31,006.64	49.90 %	31,136.37	62,143.01	30,000.75
COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR						
612900 Communication/IT Coordinator - Salary	964.70	5,788.20	50.00 %	5,788.05	11,576.25	5,625.00
612911 Communication/IT Coordinator - Payroll Taxes	73.81	442.81	50.00 %	442.78	885.59	430.31
Total COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	1,038.51	6,231.01	50.00 %	6,230.83	12,461.84	6,055.31
MISSION CONSULTANT						
618730 Mission Consultant - Salary	1,007.58	6,045.48	50.00 %	6,045.27	12,090.75	5,875.08
618731 Mission Consultant - Payroll Taxes	77.08	462.48	50.00 %	462.47	924.95	449.44
Total MISSION CONSULTANT	1,084.66	6,507.96	50.00 %	6,507.74	13,015.70	6,324.52
PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE						
603800 Presbytery Executive - Conference & Expenses	0.00	897.65	44.88 %	1,102.35	2,000.00	1,634.09
605035 Presbytery Executive - Salary	4,030.28	24,181.68	47.00 %	27,268.32	51,450.00	20,816.80
605116 Presbytery Executive - SECA	308.34	1,819.59	46.23 %	2,116.34	3,935.93	1,592.46
605117 Presbytery Executive - Travel	0.00	681.50	16.32 %	3,493.50	4,175.00	832.53
605118 Presbytery Executive - Cont. Ed.	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	635.22
605119 Presbytery Executive - BOP	391.67	2,350.02	0.00 %	(2,350.02)	0.00	0.00
Total PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE	4,730.29	29,930.44	48.62 %	31,630.49	61,560.93	25,511.10
STATED CLERK						
605036 Stated Clerk - Salary	2,250.94	13,505.64	50.00 %	13,505.61	27,011.25	13,125.00
605122 Stated Clerk - Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	375.00	375.00	0.00
Total STATED CLERK	2,250.94	13,505.64	49.32 %	13,880.61	27,386.25	13,125.00
Total PERSONNEL	14,283.01	87,181.69	49.38 %	89,386.04	176,567.73	81,016.68
ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (A Community of Hope)						
602500 Presbytery Insurance	0.00	2,005.22	50.13 %	1,994.78	4,000.00	1,656.13
602600 Committee Expenses	104.00	165.00	27.50 %	435.00	600.00	241.31
602700 General Office	80.00	309.53	41.27 %	440.47	750.00	368.63
602710 Payroll Service	457.60	2,403.92	53.42 %	2,096.08	4,500.00	2,451.51
602715 Computer Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	750.00	750.00	0.00
602720 Maintenance Contracts	772.52	4,592.83	38.27 %	7,407.17	12,000.00	4,376.54
602800 Office Repairs & Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
603000 Telephone & Internet	433.86	2,609.52	46.60 %	2,990.48	5,600.00	2,782.00
603100 Office Supplies	0.00	272.19	18.15 %	1,227.81	1,500.00	498.13
603200 Postage	0.00	263.00	17.53 %	1,237.00	1,500.00	249.31
603300 New Equipment Purchases	0.00	53.49	5.35 %	946.51	1,000.00	0.00
603410 Contribution Bldg Usage - Tirzah (Y) Church	100.00	600.00	50.00 %	600.00	1,200.00	600.00
603411 Rent - Lancaster First Church	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	500.00
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

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Total ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (A Community of Hope)	1,947.98	13,274.70	36.47 %	23,125.30	36,400.00	13,723.56
BETHELWOODS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER						
UTILITIES						
606100 Duke Power	1,928.44	15,505.90	70.48 %	6,494.10	22,000.00	11,882.53
606200 Fuel Oil & L. P.	218.76	8,551.75	90.02 %	948.25	9,500.00	8,624.83
606400 Phone/Cable/Internet	1,340.79	8,419.13	64.76 %	4,580.87	13,000.00	8,469.11
Total UTILITIES	3,487.99	32,476.78	72.98 %	12,023.22	44,500.00	28,976.47
PERMANENT STAFF						
DIRECTOR						
605410 Director - Salary	1,843.75	26,135.47	40.21 %	38,864.53	65,000.00	24,004.08
605422 Director - Continuing Education/Books	0.00	80.00	16.00 %	420.00	500.00	613.08
605432 Director - Conference & Expenses	0.00	889.31	111.16 %	(89.31)	800.00	0.00
605441 Director - Travel	0.00	322.63	21.51 %	1,177.37	1,500.00	973.63
607230 Director - BOP/ Annuity	0.00	2,799.54	99.98 %	0.46	2,800.00	4,361.30
607614 Director - Payroll Taxes	144.86	2,022.30	40.67 %	2,950.20	4,972.50	1,855.45
Total DIRECTOR	1,988.61	32,249.25	42.67 %	43,323.25	75,572.50	31,807.54
OFFICE MANAGER						
605411 Office Manager - Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	11,524.46
607616 Office Manager - Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	881.62
Total OFFICE MANAGER	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	0.00	0.00	12,406.08
MAINTENANCE						
605412 Maintenance - Salary	720.00	2,110.00	10.55 %	17,890.00	20,000.00	8,986.00
607615 Maintenance - Payroll Taxes	55.08	161.41	0.00 %	(161.41)	0.00	0.00
Total MAINTENANCE	775.08	2,271.41	11.36 %	17,728.59	20,000.00	8,986.00
HOUSEKEEPING						
605416 Housekeeping - Salary	235.00	1,388.60	9.92 %	12,611.40	14,000.00	6,575.00
607621 Housekeeping - Payroll Taxes	17.98	17.98	0.00 %	(17.98)	0.00	0.00
Total HOUSEKEEPING	252.98	1,406.58	10.05 %	12,593.42	14,000.00	6,575.00
FOOD SERVICE MANAGER						
605417 Food Services Manager - Salary	2,990.00	16,408.00	63.11 %	9,592.00	26,000.00	13,860.20
607618 Food Service Manager - Payroll Taxes	228.74	1,255.22	63.11 %	733.78	1,989.00	1,060.30
Total FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	3,218.74	17,663.22	63.11 %	10,325.78	27,989.00	14,920.50
PROGRAM COORDINATOR						
605419 Program Coordinator - Salary	3,583.34	21,500.04	53.75 %	18,499.96	40,000.00	18,662.69
605423 Program Coordinator - Continuing Education/Books	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605431 Program Coordinator Conferences & Expenses	0.00	1,917.56	239.70 %	(1,117.56)	800.00	805.00
605442 Program Coordinator - Travel	0.00	206.97	20.70 %	793.03	1,000.00	291.20
607236 Program Coordinator - BOP & Annuity	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,294.46
607619 Program Coordinator - Payroll Taxes	277.94	1,667.69	54.50 %	1,392.31	3,060.00	5,040.58
Total PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3,861.28	25,292.26	50.73 %	24,567.74	49,860.00	28,093.93
STAFF						
605433 Staff - Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
605434 Staff - Travel	0.00	298.58	59.72 %	201.42	500.00	1,256.84
605435 Staff - Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total STAFF	0.00	298.58	19.91 %	1,201.42	1,500.00	1,256.84
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	10,096.69	79,181.30	41.91 %	109,740.20	188,921.50	107,450.54
OCCASSIONAL HELP & SUMMER STAFF						
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607300 Occassional Help	0.00	3,579.67	71.59 %	1,420.33	5,000.00	3,205.25
607400 Occassional Help - Payroll Taxes	0.00	290.36	75.91 %	92.14	382.50	242.81
Total OCCASSIONAL HELP	0.00	3,870.03	71.90 %	1,512.47	5,382.50	3,448.06

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SUMMER STAFF						
607610 Summer Staff	22,810.00	20,810.00	33.56 %	41,190.00	62,000.00	20,547.75
607611 Summer Staff - Payroll Taxes	1,755.02	1,755.02	37.00 %	2,987.98	4,743.00	1,138.75
Total SUMMER STAFF	24,565.02	22,565.02	33.81 %	44,177.98	66,743.00	21,686.50
Total OCCASSIONAL HELP & SUMMER STAFF	24,565.02	26,435.05	36.65 %	45,690.45	72,125.50	25,134.56
FOOD SERVICE						
605413 Food Service Staff	6,128.00	18,529.95	84.23 %	3,470.05	22,000.00	7,137.50
606000 Equipment & Repair	0.00	112.01	1.12 %	9,887.99	10,000.00	2,642.71
606020 Staples	0.00	32.07	0.09 %	34,967.93	35,000.00	17,566.78
606021 Raw Food Costs	176.03	14,194.36	166.99 %	(5,694.36)	8,500.00	3,381.14
606025 Supplies	146.29	1,057.85	15.11 %	5,942.15	7,000.00	1,465.39
607617 Food Service - Payroll Taxes	469.59	1,412.60	83.93 %	270.40	1,683.00	538.34
Total FOOD SERVICE	6,919.91	35,338.84	41.98 %	48,844.16	84,183.00	32,731.86
HOUSEKEEPING						
606050 Housekeeping Equipment	0.00	1,153.60	230.72 %	(653.60)	500.00	144.33
606054 Housekeeping Supplies	1,153.60	2,940.64	73.52 %	1,059.36	4,000.00	2,374.05
Total HOUSEKEEPING	1,153.60	4,094.24	90.98 %	405.76	4,500.00	2,518.38
MAINTENANCE - BUILDINGS						
605920 Main Lodge (Lake)	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	110.48
605921 Hopkins Lodge	0.00	619.20	61.92 %	380.80	1,000.00	80.19
605923 Horton Lodge	388.75	8,248.75	68.74 %	3,751.25	12,000.00	221.35
605925 Cabins	0.00	4,009.11	80.18 %	990.89	5,000.00	7,391.45
605927 Picnic Shelter	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	143.18
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	1,029.82
605933 Director's House	0.00	15,651.18	1,043.41 %	(14,151.18)	1,500.00	2,132.48
605940 Pool Expenses	0.00	126.00	2.80 %	4,374.00	4,500.00	966.04
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	388.75	28,654.24	91.55 %	2,645.76	31,300.00	12,074.99
MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS						
605910 Maintenance Services	2,560.81	21,337.68	328.27 %	(14,837.68)	6,500.00	1,926.94
605922 Grounds Maintenance	0.00	403.17	3.36 %	11,596.83	12,000.00	11,910.85
605924 Maintenance Equipment & Repairs	0.00	587.77	16.79 %	2,912.23	3,500.00	3,116.50
605926 Maintenance Supplies	769.04	13,512.84	386.08 %	(10,012.84)	3,500.00	1,533.38
605935 Tools	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS	3,329.85	35,841.46	135.25 %	(9,341.46)	26,500.00	18,487.67
MAINTENANCE - VEHICLES						
605950 Truck & Van Expenses	0.00	147.04	7.35 %	1,852.96	2,000.00	792.47
605961 Bus Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
605970 Tractor Expenses	293.28	1,784.79	50.71 %	1,734.57	3,519.36	1,759.68
605973 Riding Mowers	0.00	52.85	3.52 %	1,447.15	1,500.00	71.03
606300 Gasoline	431.30	1,117.27	44.69 %	1,382.73	2,500.00	966.38
Total MAINTENANCE - VEHICLES	724.58	3,101.95	25.81 %	8,917.41	12,019.36	3,589.56
OFFICE EXPENSES						
605515 Program Registration Fees	302.66	2,057.46	137.16 %	(557.46)	1,500.00	757.33
605560 Camp Store	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,110.09
605610 Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	218.13
605620 Office Supplies	604.43	1,180.70	98.39 %	19.30	1,200.00	460.78
605621 Office Equipment & Repair	168.85	3,058.19	203.88 %	(1,558.19)	1,500.00	1,237.05
605631 Conference Center Expense	756.02	3,954.67	158.19 %	(1,454.67)	2,500.00	2,387.32
608100 Bethelwoods Marketing	0.00	1,672.93	18.59 %	7,327.07	9,000.00	4,619.80
608200 Credit Card Fees	564.73	1,991.39	44.25 %	2,508.61	4,500.00	2,193.03
608214 Bethelwoods Insurance	4,596.17	35,309.14	59.18 %	24,356.86	59,666.00	36,571.07
608216 Consulting	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
608217 Bethelwoods & Bowties/Open House	409.41	5,253.48	210.14 %	(2,753.48)	2,500.00	0.00
Total OFFICE EXPENSES	7,402.27	54,477.96	58.98 %	37,888.04	92,366.00	50,554.60
NON-SUMMER PROGRAM						
605552 Youth Program Expenses	0.00	33.14	6.63 %	466.86	500.00	1,150.33
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

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Total NON-SUMMER PROGRAM	0.00	33.14	2.21 %	1,466.86	1,500.00	1,244.09	
SPRING BREAK/SUMMER							
605510 Craft Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	1,000.00	1,000.00	59.89	
605512 Summer Staff Meals	0.00	743.00	92.88 %	57.00	800.00	89.72	
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	53.55	
605565 Recreation Equipment	166.32	364.10	36.41 %	635.90	1,000.00	232.09	
605590 Staff Training	2,380.00	2,380.00	95.20 %	120.00	2,500.00	382.06	
605930 Theme Days	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	26.70	
607130 Bus & Van Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	0.00	
Total SPRING BREAK/SUMMER	2,546.32	3,487.10	29.55 %	8,312.90	11,800.00	844.01	
HEALTH SERVICES							
605520 Medical Supplies	0.00	(36.70)	(3.67 %)	1,036.70	1,000.00	296.74	
605800 Medical Services	0.00	50.00	4.17 %	1,150.00	1,200.00	1,186.69	
Total HEALTH SERVICES	0.00	13.30	0.60 %	2,186.70	2,200.00	1,483.43	
Total BETHELWOODS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER	60,614.98	303,135.36	53.00 %	268,780.00	571,915.36	285,090.16	
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	500.00	
Total COORDINATING TEAM (A Community of Love)	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	500.00	500.00	500.00	
FAITH FORMATION/TECHNOLOGY (A Community of Faith)							
611500 Training Events	0.00	1,150.00	76.67 %	350.00	1,500.00	150.00	
611510 Leaderfest	0.00	574.37	28.72 %	1,425.63	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 Triennium	0.00	0.00	0.00 %	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,015.00	
Total FAITH FORMATION/TECHNOLOGY (A Community of Faith)	0.00	1,907.37	23.84 %	6,092.63	8,000.00	1,165.00	
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	160.00	
618110 Other Mission Projects	0.00	40.00	2.67 %	1,460.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	
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	150.00	675.00	64.29 %	375.00	1,050.00	500.00	
618600 South Carolina Inn At Montreat	125.00	750.00	50.00 %	750.00	1,500.00	350.04	
618700 Presbyterian College	83.34	500.04	50.00 %	499.96	1,000.00	500.04	
618800 SC Christian Action Council	45.84	275.04	50.01 %	274.96	550.00	275.04	
619000 Villa International	20.84	125.04	50.02 %	124.96	250.00	125.04	
619100 SC Campus Ministry Cabinet	31.25	187.50	50.00 %	187.50	375.00	179.94	
619200 Frontera de Cristo - Mark Adams	125.00	750.00	50.00 %	750.00	1,500.00	0.00	
Total INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	581.27	3,262.62	52.41 %	2,962.38	6,225.00	1,930.10	
Total MISSION & ADVOCACY (A Community of Witness)	581.27	3,302.62	30.48 %	7,532.04	10,834.66	4,090.10	
GENERAL ASSEMBLY							
UNIFIED & SELECTED							
600120 General Assembly - Mission Partnership Giving	41.37	251.31	42.31 %	342.69	594.00	306.15	
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	41.37	251.31	42.31 %	342.69	594.00	306.15	
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS							
600020 General Assembly - Per Capita Assessments	13,436.00	26,872.00	50.00 %	26,871.98	53,743.98	28,213.62	
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	13,436.00	26,872.00	50.00 %	26,871.98	53,743.98	28,213.62	
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY	13,477.37	27,123.31	49.92 %	27,214.67	54,337.98	28,519.77	
SYNOD							
UNIFIED & SELECTED							
600130 Synod - Mission Partnership Giving	330.91	2,010.38	42.12 %	2,762.62	4,773.00	3,216.35	

Accounts	Current		% Of		Annual	
	Month	Year To Date	Budget	Budget	2026	Year To Date
	(This Year)	(This Year)	Used	Remaining	Budget	(Last Year)
600340 Thornwell - Pledge	1,837.50	2,831.25	49.03 %	2,943.75	5,775.00	2,562.50
Total UNIFIED & SELECTED	2,168.41	4,841.63	45.90 %	5,706.37	10,548.00	5,778.85
PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS						
600030 Synod Per Capita Assessments	0.00	7,692.00	80.58 %	1,854.00	9,546.00	6,523.50
Total PER CAPITA ASSESSMENTS	0.00	7,692.00	80.58 %	1,854.00	9,546.00	6,523.50
Total SYNOD	2,168.41	12,533.63	62.37 %	7,560.37	20,094.00	12,302.35
Total Expenses	\$ 93,073.02	\$ 448,458.68	50.88 %	\$ 432,991.05	\$ 881,449.73	\$ 426,407.62
Net Total	(\$ 28,983.15)(\$ 103,576.92)				\$ 48,271.15	\$ 9,360.11

Providence Presby Operating & Reserves Designated

Date Range: Jun 1st 2026 - Jun 30th 2026 | *Inactive Account | Filtered by: Core Account

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Restricted Net Assets				
GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
800630 Easter Offering	0.00	880.00	880.00	0.00
800650 Theological Education Fund	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS	0.00	1,380.00	1,380.00	0.00
SYNOD - SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
800751 Thornwell - Over & Above	0.00	1,225.00	1,225.00	0.00
Total SYNOD - SPECIAL OFFERINGS	0.00	1,225.00	1,225.00	0.00
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	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
800883 Project Alternatives	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
800893 Hogar Dimante - Boys Home	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
800912 Preparation For Ministry Scholarships	3,994.99	0.00	0.00	3,994.99
818028 Anti-Racism Workshop	116.63	0.00	0.00	116.63
*818031 Gun Violence Prevention	0.00	1,302.25	1,302.25	0.00
818036 Mexican Border Ministry	3,926.00	165.00	82.60	4,008.40
818043 PDA Assistance Grant	771.46	0.00	0.00	771.46
818081 Gun Violence - Prevention	2,734.10	0.00	1,302.25	1,431.85
Total PRESBYTERY PROJECTS & GIVING	30,525.20	5,467.25	2,687.10	33,305.35
PRESBYTERY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
800810 Mother's Day Offering	0.00	3,338.00	3,338.00	0.00
800860 Dimes For Hunger	0.00	841.08	841.08	0.00
Total PRESBYTERY - SPECIAL OFFERINGS	0.00	4,179.08	4,179.08	0.00
PRESBYTERY OTHER - DESIGNATED				
800260 Planning Calendars	169.88	11.25	0.00	181.13
818014 Other Non-Budgeted	10.00	10.50	88.09	(67.59)
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
818082 Louise Mickle Harvey Memorial Fund	5,250.83	0.00	0.00	5,250.83
818083 Margaret B. Pitts Memorial Fund	1,062.81	0.00	0.00	1,062.81
Total PRESBYTERY OTHER - DESIGNATED	71,606.59	21.75	88.09	71,540.25
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.	1,156.76	0.00	273.04	883.72
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

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
851310 Dimes For Hunger - Domestic	29,771.67	420.54	0.00	30,192.21
851320 Dimes For Hunger - Foreign	23,216.32	420.54	0.00	23,636.86
851410 Peacemaking Offering	209.50	0.00	0.00	209.50
851420 Pentecost Offering	17,631.98	0.00	0.00	17,631.98
851500 Queen & John Miller Scholarship	16,929.89	0.00	0.00	16,929.89
Total PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - RESERVE ACCOUNTS	116,039.45	841.08	273.04	116,607.49
Total PRESBYTERY - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	219,007.60	10,509.16	7,227.31	222,289.45
BETHELWOODS - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS				
BETHELWOODS DEPOSITS				
818039 Bethelwoods Retreat Deposits	23,111.75	2,517.50	0.00	25,629.25
Total BETHELWOODS DEPOSITS	23,111.75	2,517.50	0.00	25,629.25
BETHELWOODS DONATIONS/PROJECTS				
800830 Bethelwoods	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
818026 Bethelwoods Online Donations - Stripe	605.55	410.79	165.00	851.34
818056 Garden Club	0.00	24.00	0.00	24.00
818076 Timber Sales	10,956.13	0.00	0.00	10,956.13
818080 Church Donations - Bethelwoods	53,880.39	0.00	0.00	53,880.39
Total BETHELWOODS DONATIONS/PROJECTS	66,442.07	434.79	165.00	66,711.86
Total BETHELWOODS - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	89,553.82	2,952.29	165.00	92,341.11
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$ 308,561.42	\$ 16,066.45	\$ 9,997.31	\$ 314,630.56

Providence Presby Statement of Financial Position

As of: Jun 30th 2026 | Includes Open Transactions

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS

100000 Wells Fargo - Operating Account - Checking	136,083.08
100010 Wells Fargo - Reserve Account - Checking	116,607.49
100210 Fidelity Investments	553,160.72
100300 New Covenant Funds - Bethelwoods Endowment	24,448.23
100310 New Covenant Funds - Church Development/Redevelop	416,100.17
100320 New Covenant Funds - Providence Presbytery Council	372,972.77
100321 Note Receivable - BW - New Covenant	158,000.00

Total CURRENT ASSETS	1,777,372.46
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Total Assets

\$ 1,777,372.46

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

W/H TAXES

200100 FICA W/H Taxes	(0.05)
200110 FICA - Medicare Tax	0.46

Total W/H TAXES	0.41
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PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

DENTAL INSURANCE

200473 Dental Insurance - Berry	0.09
200477 Dental Insurance - Sweeney	(18.55)
200480 Dental Insurance - Hetherington	18.64

Total DENTAL INSURANCE	0.18
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VISION INSURANCE

200472 Vision Insurance - Berry	0.03
200478 Vision Insurance - Sweeney	(2.23)
200479 Vision Insurance - Lindsley	0.03
200481 Vision Insurance - Hetherington	1.68

Total VISION INSURANCE	(0.49)
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Total PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	(0.31)
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Total Liabilities	0.10
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Net Assets

FUND BALANCE

300000 Fund Balance	96,059.91
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Total FUND BALANCE	96,059.91
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PRESBYTERY - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

800894 Legacy Events - Presb Home	836.36
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Total PRESBYTERY EVENTS	836.36
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PRESBYTERY PROJECTS & GIVING

800858 Central American Medical Missions	5,000.00
800859 Central American Mission Trips	2,000.00
800881 Syria Education Funds	2,000.00
800883 Project Alternatives	2,000.00
800885 Minister Emergency Needs Fund	3,768.39
800887 Jewelry	340.60
800891 Living Waters Projects	5,873.03
800893 Hogar Dimante - Boys Home	2,000.00
800912 Preparation For Ministry Scholarships	3,994.99

818028 Anti-Racism Workshop	116.63
818036 Mexican Border Ministry	4,008.40
818043 PDA Assistance Grant	771.46
818081 Gun Violence - Prevention	1,431.85
Total PRESBYTERY PROJECTS & GIVING	33,305.35
PRESBYTERY OTHER - DESIGNATED	
800260 Planning Calendars	181.13
818014 Other Non-Budgeted	(67.59)
818025 Boundary Training	113.07
818077 Fort Lawn Church - Closing Payout	15,000.00
818079 Bethesda (K) Church - Dismissal Payout	50,000.00
818082 Louise Mickle Harvey Memorial Fund	5,250.83
818083 Margaret B. Pitts Memorial Fund	1,062.81
Total PRESBYTERY OTHER - DESIGNATED	71,540.25
PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - RESERVE ACCOUNTS	
850100 Assessments - Presbytery	13,194.17
850200 Review	3,775.00
850410 Lemmons-Berry Cont. Ed.	883.72
850800 Leaderfest	3,935.52
851000 Triennium	5,168.64
851100 Racial Ethnic Scholarships	1,050.00
851310 Dimes For Hunger - Domestic	30,192.21
851320 Dimes For Hunger - Foreign	23,636.86
851410 Peacemaking Offering	209.50
851420 Pentecost Offering	17,631.98
851500 Queen & John Miller Scholarship	16,929.89
Total PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - RESERVE ACCOUNTS	116,607.49
Total PRESBYTERY - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	222,289.45
MISCELLANEOUS - RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS	
800811 New Covenant Funds - Bethelwoods Endowment	24,448.23
800812 New Covenant Funds - Church Development/Redevelop	416,100.17
800813 New Covenant Funds - Providence Presbytery Council	372,972.77
800814 Fidelity Investments	553,160.72
Total MISCELLANEOUS - RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS	1,366,681.89
BETHELWOODS - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	
BETHELWOODS DEPOSITS	
818039 Bethelwoods Retreat Deposits	25,629.25
Total BETHELWOODS DEPOSITS	25,629.25
BETHELWOODS DONATIONS/PROJECTS	
800830 Bethelwoods	1,000.00
818026 Bethelwoods Online Donations - Stripe	851.34
818056 Garden Club	24.00
818076 Timber Sales	10,956.13
818080 Church Donations - Bethelwoods	53,880.39
Total BETHELWOODS DONATIONS/PROJECTS	66,711.86
Total BETHELWOODS - DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	92,341.11
Total Net Assets	1,777,372.36
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 1,777,372.46

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - 2027 ASSESSMENTS		
Churches	2025 Members	ASSESSMENTS \$17.09 (GA \$13.04), (Synod \$2.75), (Presbytery \$1.30)
Allison Creek	104	\$1,777.36
Beaver Creek	10	\$170.90
Beersheba	13	\$222.17
Beth Shiloh	124	\$2,119.16
Bethesda (Y)	134	\$2,290.06
Bethlehem First	24	\$410.16
Bethune	10	\$170.90
Bowling Green	84	\$1,435.56
Camden Second	8	\$136.72
Carmel	7	\$119.63
Catholic	8	\$136.72
Clover	146	\$2,495.14
Community	23	\$393.07
Cornwell	40	\$683.60
Covenant	80	\$1,367.20
Dobys Bridge	103	\$1,760.27
Douglas	65	\$1,110.85
Faith	210	\$3,588.90
Fishing Creek	56	\$957.04
Grace (L)	52	\$888.68
Grace (Y)	301	\$5,144.09
Great Falls	30	\$512.70
Hebron	14	\$239.26
Hermon	56	\$957.04
Hopewell	42	\$717.78
Lancaster 1st	81	\$1,384.29
Liberty Hill	49	\$837.41
Lockhart	15	\$256.35
Messiah	2	\$34.18
Mt. Pleasant	29	\$495.61
Mt. Tabor (U)	14	\$239.26
Oakland Avenue	613	\$10,476.17
Old Waxhaw	29	\$495.61
Pleasant Grove (C)	38	\$649.42
Pleasant Grove (Y)	27	\$461.43
Pleasant Ridge	18	\$307.62
Purity	41	\$700.69
Ramah	8	\$136.72

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY - 2027 ASSESSMENTS		
Churches	2025 Members	ASSESSMENTS \$17.09 (GA \$13.04), (Synod \$2.75), (Presbytery \$1.30)
Riverview	48	\$820.32
Rock Hill 1st	362	\$6,186.58
St. Paul's	16	\$273.44
Tirzah (L)	24	\$410.16
Tirzah (Y)	91	\$1,555.19
Unity	1,091	\$18,645.19
Uriel	27	\$461.43
Van Wyck	124	\$2,119.16
Wade Memorial	12	\$205.08
Woodlawn	102	\$1,743.18
York 1st	208	\$3,554.72
TOTAL	4813	\$82,254.17
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L:Administrative Ministry Team/Assessments/2027 Assessments		



Synod of South Atlantic Invitation to Serve

Dear Members of the Synod of the South Atlantic Community,



As we look ahead to the second half of the year and plan for the coming year, we are reminded that the strength, vision, and vitality of our regional ministry rely entirely on the diverse gifts of our people. Our Synod is entering a season of exciting opportunities, and we are currently looking for dedicated leaders to step into key roles on our committees, commissions, and leadership teams.

If you have ever wondered how our regional church connects, supports local congregations, or makes a broader impact, **this is your invitation to find out—and to lead.

Why Your Voice Matters;

We are intentionally moving away from the old "shoulder-tapping" method of leadership recruitment. We want to ensure our leadership reflects the full breadth of our community's wisdom, experiences, and backgrounds. Whether you have served on regional committees for years or are looking to step into a Synod role for the very first time, your unique perspective is needed.

Opportunities to Serve Include:

Ministry and Commission Leadership - Providing visionary leadership as the synod continues to grow on our journey together.

Finance and Stewardship - Stewarding our shared resources for future generation ministries.

Representation and Nomination - Helping us connect people to their passion areas across the region.

Here are few of the positions or categories with positions to fill:

- **Synod Committee Leadership:** We are looking for individuals with a heart for service to fill essential roles across our standing committees (including the Embody Committee). If you are passionate about leadership formation, sustainable church development, and fostering community connection, your voice is needed.

- **The Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC):** There are currently five vacancies on the PJC representing our presbyteries, including **Cherokee, Northeast Georgia, Peace River, Providence, and Tropical Florida**. This commission plays a critical role in exercising Church Discipline, requiring individuals committed to discernment, justice, and the constitution of our church.
- **The Journey 2027 Planning Team:** Do you have a passion for event planning, youth and young adult ministry, or program development? We are forming the team to design and organize our upcoming **Journey 2027 Event at Epworth by the Sea**. This is an incredible opportunity to shape spiritual themes, worship, and leadership formation for participants across the region.

How to Step Forward (or Suggest a Peer)

We have simplified our process this year. If you feel called to serve—or if you recognize leadership gifts in someone else that you'd love to encourage—please let us know.

1. **Fill out our brief Interest Form: [Volunteer Interest Form](#)
2. **What to expect next: Once you submit the form, a member of our leadership team will reach out to you just to chat, answer your questions, and explore roles that may be a mutual fit. No pressure, just a conversation.

Please submit your interest by **July 31st** so our teams can begin planning for the upcoming term.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our shared ministry. Your prayers, your gifts, and your leadership are what allow our connectional church to thrive.

With gratitude,
Embody Committee
Synod of South Atlantic

Church Financial Leadership Grants Through The Lilly Endowment Inc. National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders



Church Financial Leadership Grants available now

If you are a pastor, commissioned ruling elder (CRE), a leader of a 1001 New Worshipping Community or a member of a stewardship team we have Church Financial Leadership Grants

available for you. The grants will enable you to institute best practices for church financial leadership, introduce you to new models of giving and stewardship, and offer you new ways to talk about money and form generous disciples within your church.

Who can apply?

PCUSA pastors
Commissioned Ruling Elders
1001 New Worshipping Community leaders
Church member attending the event with their pastor
What do the funds cover?

The grants are matching funds to help cover half of the cost of:

Registration fees
Transportation
Lodging
Meals
Other expenses
The other half of the funds will need to be provided by the church or another source.

What events can I use the funds for?

Stewardship Kaleidoscope
Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) through the Lake Institute
Other church financial leadership events (subject to approval)

What is the deadline?

For Stewardship Kaleidoscope, we are asking that applications be sent in by Monday, August 17 so that we have time to process the application and send out the funds prior to the start of the event. Applications received after the deadline or for the ECRF program will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Once we receive your application, it may take up to six weeks to process.

More Information

Apply Now

The grants were made possible from the Foundation's work as part of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders.

More Information



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>



**South Carolina Inn at Montreat
Review Team**

**Report to the Executive Councils of
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
Foothills Presbytery
New Harmony Presbytery
Providence Presbytery
Trinity Presbytery**

June 2026

Purpose

The South Carolina Inn at Montreat ended its 110th season in the Fall of 2024. The Board of the SC Inn at Montreat determined after the close of the 2024 season that new leadership was needed. The Board transferred the SC Inn's operations to the William Black Lodge via a management agreement. The William Black Lodge would operate under the management agreement from November 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.

The transition to new management created a valuable opportunity for the five South Carolina presbyteries, which collectively own the Inn, to reassess the Inn's ministry and discern its future direction. The executive council of each presbytery was asked to appoint one individual who had never served on the SC Inn Board to serve on a review team. The role of the review team was to reassess the ministry and discern the future direction of the SC Inn at Montreat. The Review Team was instructed to present its findings and make recommendations to the executive councils of each presbytery.

The South Carolina Inn Review Team (SCIRT) consisted of the following individuals:

Charleston Atlantic

Henry Meeuwse – Commissioned Pastor, Bethel Church in Walterboro

Foothills

Pete Roe – Ruling Elder, Westminster Church in Greenville

New Harmony

Johnny Dennis – Ruling Elder, Kingston Church in Conway

Providence

Hope Moore – Ruling Elder, Tirzah Church in York

Trinity

Martha Casto – Ruling Elder, Eastminster Church in Columbia

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Gavin Meek – New Harmony Presbyter and liaison to SC Inn

The South Carolina Inn Review Team held its first meeting via zoom on February 24, 2025. Except for one member, no one had visited SC Inn or was familiar with the operations. On April 6-7, 2025 SCIRT members visited the Inn. They received a tour of the Inn, were given a history of the Inn – both long history and recent history – reviewed the financial records and usage data which were available and talked in-depth with the Board's Treasurer, Stephen Price, and with the director of the William Black Lodge, Rev. Tommy Brown. After the April meeting, SCIRT members left Montreat with a greater understanding of the SC Inn and the new direction being taken under the leadership of William Black Lodge.

SCIRT met again on April 28, 2025, and August 25, 2025. Both meetings were held via zoom. At the August 25, 2025, meeting, SCIRT recognized that reservations had increased, financials had improved and the facility had been winterized to allow for groups during colder months. The William Black Lodge was operating under the management agreement through the end of 2025. The SC Inn Board of Directors would meet in the Fall and would access the improvements and take steps for 2026. SCIRT was satisfied with the progress thus far and agreed to meet again in early January 2026.

Following the SC Inn Board meeting in the Fall of 2025, a new three-year management agreement was signed between the SC Inn Board and the William Black Lodge. The William Black Lodge will now continue operating the SC Inn through 2028. SCIRT met on January 26, 2026. It received a written report, including financials, from William Black Lodge, a draft revision of the by-laws, and a copy of the new management agreement. The South Carolina Inn Review Team held its final meeting on March 2, 2026.

History

The South Carolina Inn Review Team found it important to give a history of the SC Inn in the report. In the early 1900s lots were offered to any Synod of the PCUS who would build a house where their ministers could stay rent-free while attending Montreat conferences. Keep in mind at this time South Carolina consisted of the Synod of South Carolina. McIver Williamson owned the Mont Clare Plantation in Darlington. Mr. Williamson was known for developing the Sea Island-Mont Clare bred of cotton as well as the Williamson method for increasing corn yield. Mr. Williamson was a life-long Presbyterian and wanted to honor his boyhood pastor. He offered to fund the construction of a home in Montreat and requested it be named for his beloved pastor. So began the William Brearley – SC Home for Ministers in 1912. Construction was completed in 1914 at a cost of three thousand dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Kirkpatrick were hired as the host and hostess of the Home. When they arrived for the 1914 season, they found the Home was lacking many details. There were no screens on the windows, no hot water, and in need of furniture and linens. The Kirkpatrick's reached out to the Presbyterian Women for assistance. The Presbyterian Women came through with funds and continued providing funds to run the Home for years. For thirty-five years, Mrs. Kirkpatrick served as hostess each season.

In 1916 the SC Home came into difficult times. They were unable to pay the water and light bill and were in debt to the Montreat Association in the amount of \$166.98.

According to a history of the SC Home, the financial struggles continued. Yet with dedicated hostesses in Mrs. Kirkpatrick and later Miss Frances Gregg, the original mission continued. Occupancy numbers increased and the SC Inn survived and thrived.

The initial phase of the Kirk Apartments opened in the late 1970's. The final apartments opened in the early 1980's. With the increase in occupancy and the opening of the Kirk Apartments, the Board voted to change the name from South Carolina Home to South Carolina Inn at Montreat.

Findings

The South Carolina Review Team reviewed financial documents, occupancy data, SC Inn By-Laws, and the physical plant to make the following findings:

- 1) The SC Inn Review Team had many questions regarding the SC Inn's Endowment Fund. SCIRT was unable to obtain adequate information regarding the Endowment. Though it is repeatedly referred to as an "endowment," the Review Team found that it is a reserve fund. The fund has no rules preventing the use of the corpus and can be accessed with a majority vote by the Board.
- 2) The SC Inn Review Team found that there has been a significant disparity between the financial contributions made by the five South Carolina presbyteries. Ownership of the SC Inn is equally divided among the presbyteries; however, in 2025, contributions from our presbyteries ranged from \$700 to \$8,000.
- 3) The South Carolina Inn Review Team reviewed occupancy data since Fall of 2024. There was no computerized occupancy data prior to the William Black Lodge's management of the Inn. Occupancy was low, the SC Inn was losing money, the facility looked old and outdated. Since the Review Team began its work, an on-line reservation system has been established, housekeeping is provided by the William Black Lodge and there is accountability with the on-line bookkeeping system. SCIRT commends the SC Inn on the improved systems. In January 2026, the SC Inn Review Team found that occupancy rates had increased throughout 2025, the SC Inn had a small surplus, and the SC Inn was winterized.
- 4) SCIRT began this review in January 2025. During the review, SCIRT determined sufficient and meaningful progress had been made to preserve and continue the ministry of SC Inn at Montreat.

Recommendations

The South Carolina Inn Review Team spent sixteen months assessing the ministry and discerning the future of the SC Inn at Montreat. SCIRT makes the following recommendations to the executive councils of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, Foothills Presbytery, New Harmony Presbytery, Providence Presbytery, and Trinity Presbytery.

- 1) The SC Inn Review Team recommends the five presbyteries in South Carolina commend SC Inn Board of Directors for extending the management agreement with the William Black Lodge for their continued management of the SC Inn through December 31, 2028.
- 2) The SC Inn Review Team recommends the executive councils of South Carolina's five presbyteries approve the by-law changes adopted by the SC Inn Board of Directors on February 2, 2026. The by-law changes include the reduction from fifteen to ten board

members. Each presbytery will elect one ruling elder and one teaching elder for a two year term. Board members may serve three terms (six years). As noted in recommendation six, SCIRT recommends additional by-law changes.

- 3) In a memorandum dated January 4, 2020, Rev. Gavin Meek, who serves as the liaison between the presbytery executives and the Inn, asked the SC Inn Board to expand the complimentary week, which ordained ministers in all of South Carolina's five presbyteries receive. SCIRT finds no record where the Board has addressed this request. Therefore, the SC Inn Review Team recommends the benefit include Commissioned Pastors (also known as Commissioned Lay Pastors or Commissioned Ruling Elders), Christian Educators, Youth Directors and Music Directors. If these ministry leaders are part-time, their benefit may be adjusted by the Board.
- 4) The SC Inn Review Team recommends that the Board of the SC Inn address the establishment of a traditional endowment fund. Notwithstanding requirements of a traditional endowment fund, the SC Inn endowment fund should be used for capital improvements and opportunities to enhance and support the ministry of the SC Inn.
- 5) In the event that a surplus is recognized at the end of a calendar year, the SC Inn Review Team recommends that the surplus be deposited into the reserve account. If an Endowment Fund is established, SCIRT recommends that the SC Inn Board determine a percentage of a recognized surplus be deposited into the Endowment Fund.
- 6) The SC Inn Review Team recommends that the SC Inn Board revise the by-law changes adopted on February 2, 2026, to include:
 - a) Amending Article II, Section 2, paragraph 3 to recognize the inclusion of recommendation number 3 to allow for Commissioned Pastors, Christian Educators, Youth Directors, and Music Directors the same benefit as Teaching Elders;
 - b) Amending Article V to allow for an election of the SC Inn's officers.
- 7) The SC Inn Review Team recommends a per capita appropriation from each presbytery. If a per capita assessment is not financially feasible, the SC Inn Review Team recommends each Presbytery increase their funding. By increasing their appropriation, each Presbytery will recognize the SC Inn at Montreat as owned by all PCUSA churches in South Carolina.
- 8) The SC Inn Review Team recommends that the SC Inn Board address the disparity in contributions among the five Presbyteries. To support this effort, SCIRT recommends documenting annual contributions from each Presbytery for the past ten years and maintaining this record going forward. If contribution data for the previous ten years is not available, the SC Inn Board should begin tracking and documenting annual contributions starting immediately.

Closing

When two or three are gathered in Your name, oh Lord, You said You hear us! We have four elders, one commissioned pastor, and one executive presbyter who came together sixteen months ago. No

one had ever met, yet we worked together and made new friends from across the State of South Carolina. We would like to thank Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, Foothills Presbytery, New Harmony Presbytery, Providence Presbytery and Trinity Presbytery for electing us to serve on the South Carolina Inn at Montreat Review Committee.

Charleston Atlantic

Henry Meeuwse – Commissioned Pastor, Bethel Church in Walterboro

Foothills

Pete Roe – Ruling Elder, Westminster Church in Greenville

New Harmony

Johnny Dennis – Ruling Elder, Kingston Church in Conway

Providence

Hope Moore – Ruling Elder, Tirzah Church in York

Trinity

Martha Casto – Ruling Elder, Eastminster Church in Columbia

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Gavin Meek – New Harmony Presbyter and liaison to SC Inn

Providence Presbyterian Women Report to Providence Presbytery August 16, 2026

Presbyterian Women began their year with the annual Fall Gathering at Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church on October 4th, 2025. In addition to a lovely breakfast and inspirational message, articles were given out to remind members of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance(PDA) and Presbyterian Women's role in starting the Commission for our Presbytery.

On December 9th, PDA met by Zoom to finish business for 2025, our organizational year, and plan for 2026. It was decided that our annual luncheon would be February 21st at 11 o'clock at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. This was held and was an excellent meeting. We have received another grant from PDA. The PDA Commission met again on July 14th by Zoom. Eric Robinson, Mission Coordinator for Providence Presbytery, has been instrumental in starting and aiding the Commission. Unfortunately, he has taken a job in Charlotte and has resigned as well as Mark McClain who has finished his term as head of PDA for South Carolina. We set up our other two meetings on September 15th at 6:30 by Zoom and on November 10th at 6 o'clock at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. Our Commission is well attended; they asked that Lee and I remain as Chairmen of the Commission so we can organize the meetings and correspondence. This way the Commission can dedicate themselves to do the real work of the Commission.

Presbyterian Women have been looking at Luncheon Meetings at local restaurants in our Presbytery for the last two years to replace our Fall or Spring Gatherings. They require no set up or cost. People order and pay for what they want yet we have a spiritual moment, prayer, and fellowship. Since the summer of 2025, we have had six of these luncheons all over the Presbytery. Usually, 7 churches are present, which is about the same amount as we have at the Fall or Spring Gatherings. We are allowing ladies to bring their husbands or friends. Our next luncheon is September 10th at 11:30 at The Cake Lady in Fort Lawn.

We attended the Zoom meeting of the Synod of the Southeast held on May 1st at 6 o'clock. We reported for the Presbyterian Women of Providence Presbytery.

On April 18, 2026, the Spring Gathering was held at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church. We discussed the origin of 5 hymns and sang them. Breakfast was served and the annual Memorial Service was held to remember the wonderful Presbyterian Women who died this year.

Our Presbyterian Women Council has met many times when needed to make our programs the best they can be.

We look forward to serving our Lord in the future.

In His Service,
Ellen Mayes and Lee Barnwell
Co Moderators of Presbyterian Women for Providence Presbytery

Minutes Meeting of Providence Presbytery of May 17, 2026

Providence Presbytery gathered at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church for their Spring meeting on May 17, 2026. Moderator Tim Cureton opened the meeting with a welcome and prayer. Moderator Cureton then informed those gathered on the proper means of addressing the presbytery, by first giving their name, church and position. He then called on host pastor Rev. Dr. Jeff Bryan, who brought greetings from the Oakland congregation. The moderator then called on Executive Presbyter Steve Lindsley, who addressed the body regarding: (1) church visitations; (2) quarterly coffees; (3) resource page on website; (4) coaching opportunities; (5) Board of Pension coaching and counseling; (6) Monthly Ministry Toolbox; (7) surveys regarding presbytery meeting dates.

Moderator Cureton then called on Stated Clerk David Bender for a report. Rev. Bender declared the presence of a quorum, which consists of 3 ruling elders and 3 teaching elders from different churches. He recognized first time Ruling Elders, and also Rev. Buz Wilcoxon and Executive Presbyter Elder Valerie Young. He accepted joys and concerns and offered a prayer. He moved that the docket be approved. Upon call for the vote by Moderator Cureton, it was approved. A change in the COM report was announced: Sam McGregor is now serving in Coastal Carolina Presbytery, rather than Salem. Rev. Bender added to the Consent Agenda the following, "Approval of Edye Bender as the moderator of the Faith Formation team." He then moved the Consent Agenda, which consists of eight items for information and three items for action. After asking whether any of those items needed to be pulled from the agenda and hearing no response, the moderator called for the vote, and the motion was passed.

GA Commissioning

Moderator Cureton then called up our delegates to the 227th General Assembly: Kate Robeson (Young Adult Advisory Delegate), Sue Williams (Ruling Elder) and Joanne Sizoo (Teaching Elder). They were introduced to the body, and they were commissioned to serve as our delegates in a commissioning service.

Worship

The Moderator then suspended the meeting and worship commenced. Candidate Elizabeth "Liz" Corsig preached the sermon, with Letarshia Robinson, Paul Smith and Rob Jones also leading.

Institutional Representatives

The meeting was reconvened, and Moderator Cureton invited Synod of the Southeast Executive Valerie Young to address the body. She provided updates and invitations from the synod, including: the Embody Leaders cohort; 1st Wednesday SACK lunches; 3rd Wednesday Zoom for COM leaders; grants and scholarships; and presbyteries in transition. Following her address, the moderator called upon Rev. Dr. Lee Zehmer, who serves on the board of the South Carolina Inn at Montreat. Rev. Zehmer provided an update from the inn and informed the body about the

progress of the inn's retaining wall project. He reminded the body that folks in pastoral positions are welcome to spend one free week at the inn, and other church employees may receive the gift of half off the full rate.

Moderator Cureton then called upon Rev. Letarshia Robinson to introduce Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. Dr. Wilcoxon serves as moderator of a team that is discerning the future of the five South Carolina presbyteries, which might result in the redrawing of presbytery lines. Dr. Wilcoxon addressed the body on the topic of the history of the five South Carolina presbyteries. He stated that the five Executive Presbyters began asking questions about the future of the presbyteries in this state. Dr. Wilcoxon asked, "How did we get to five Presbyteries?" He noted that, "Our memories become the mentors of our hopes," and then continued to provide the following historical details: The original SC Presbyterian pastor was Archibald Stobo, who founded numerous churches in the Lowcountry. Our Presbyterian story includes much uniting and dividing. The denomination split during the Civil War and reunited in 1983. The history of the Presbytery of South Carolina: once there was one Presbytery for both Carolinas and part of Georgia. In 1749, three-quarters of churches had empty pulpits. Attendance at presbytery meetings was inconsistent. Georgia was a part of a union for a while, until they formed a separate presbytery. Boundaries continued to split over time for many different reasons. New presbyteries started forming, and others began diminishing. The history of Black presbyteries was strong in South Carolina. Atlantic Presbytery was the strongest Black presbytery, with its location where New Harmony and Costal Carolina Presbyteries sit now. Fairfield-McClelland was another strong Black presbytery. In 1983, there were seven PCUS presbyteries, with two other Presbyterian presbyteries. After more contemplation and prayer, those nine presbyteries became five. Dr. Wilcoxon stated that the SC 5 is now going through a similar process of questioning and seeking to discern God's will for our ministries together.

Ministries of Communities of Care

Missions and Advocacy

Moderator Cureton called up the Rev. Jason Myers, member of the Member of the Mission and Advocacy Ministry Team. Rev. Myers reported on the strong work of the mission neighborhoods. He encouraged smaller churches and their important work. He encouraged smaller congregations to partner one with the other. He reminded churches of the opportunity to support Mark Adam's border ministry. A group is traveling to the border on May 25. He also reported on the Chester Worker Empowerment Center. The organization empowers workers to help improve their own lives.

Due to the health of one of our participants, Moderator Cureton then interrupted the Missions and Advocacy report, so that the body could engage in the dismissal of Blackstock Presbyterian Church.

Coordinating Team

In the excused absence of Coordinating Team Chair Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta, the moderator called upon Stated Clerk David Bender to report for the Coordinating Team. Rev. Bender turned

the body's attention to the final report of the administrative commission working to close Blackstock Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bender summarized the report. Rev. Bender moved to close Blackstock Presbyterian Church and to dismiss, with the thanks of the presbytery, the members of this administrative commission: Robert Folks, Megan Watson and Dickie Harper. Said motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Bender then called up Ruling Elder Wilbur Douglas, one of the two remaining members of Blackstock Presbyterian. RE Douglas offered a brief overview of his lifelong relationship with the congregation. Rev. Bender then led the body in a Service of Dissolution, at the end of which Moderator Cureton pronounced the closure of Blackstock Presbyterian Church. Following the service, RE Douglas and his wife departed the meeting to the applause, mixed with tears, of the body.

Following this emotional service of dismissal, Moderator Cureton called upon Hope Moore to continue the Mission and Advocacy Team report.

Missions and Advocacy

Ruling Elder Hope Moore, Moderator of the Board of Bethelwoods, reported on the success of the Bethelwoods and Bowties fundraiser. She also stated summer camp staff has been hired, with 154 campers registered, and that much work has been done to the grounds and facilities. However, worship leaders (morning and evening) are still needed. She also presented information on the rocking chair campaign; a \$150 donation will purchase one chair with a commemorative plaque.

Moderator Cureton then called upon Ruling Elder Susan Benfield and Certified Educator Kathryn McGregor to report on behalf of Living Waters and its core values. Our Living Waters team traveled to Guatemala to build a water filtration system to allow for sustainable, clean water. They traveled to a school of 900 children who are served by that system. They partnered with teachers from the school regarding means of attaining better health, especially including the importance of clean water. The body viewed a video of thanksgiving from the families in Guatemala. The body was encouraged to support the next Living Water project through prayer, money and partnership.

Committee on Ministry

Moderator Cureton then called upon Rev. Paul Smith, Co-Moderator of the Committee on Ministry. Rev. Smith called up Elizabeth "Liz" Corsig, who has been certified "ready to receive a call" by Charlotte Presbytery. Ruling Elder Ted Benfield from Unity spoke on behalf of Liz. The body received her biography and faith statement more than a week prior to the meeting. Liz introduced herself to the body. She was then questioned by Rev. Rob Jones, COM member, in four areas: Worship and Sacraments, Reformed Theology, Presbyterian Polity and Leadership/Self-care. After each question and answer, the floor was opened for other questions or clarification. Following the examination, Rev. Smith made motions to approve and sustain Liz's sermon; to approve her for ordination to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder) of the Presbyterian Church USA; to approve her call as Associate Pastor for

Unity Presbyterian Church; to approve her terms of call; and to approve August 30, 2026 as her date of installation, as well as all those to serve on her installation team, as found in the COM report. These motions were each seconded and, without further discussion, they were enthusiastically approved. Spontaneous, celebratory applause arose from the body.

Administrative Team

Moderator Cureton then called upon Ruling Elder Hope Moore, Chair of the Administrative Committee. RE Moore called upon Joanne Sizoo and Steve Lindsley, who, with aid from a power point, presented the initiative to the body. Following the presentation, the Moderator opened the floor for questions or comment. Joanne Sizoo then moved to approve the Providence Presbytery Transformation Grant Initiative, which will support congregations in new and innovative initiatives. When the question was called, the motion passed unanimously.

RE Hope Moore then presented a revised budget. The presbytery had more money to budget than expected, and she presented increases in the budgets of ministry teams and affiliated institutions. The floor was opened for questions or comments. When the question was called, the motion passed unanimously.

Faith Formation and Technology

The team presented their written report to the body without comment.

Moderator Cureton then called upon the Stated Clerk for an attendance report, which was as follows:

Ruling Elders	30
Teaching Elders	24
Educators	2
Ministry Team Reps	6
Presbytery Staff	1
<u>Guests</u>	<u>27</u>
Total	90

The moderator then received motion and second to adjourn the meeting. With no opposition, he closed the meeting with prayer at 5:27 PM.



Rev. Dr. David M. Bender
Stated Clerk