



October 7, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates

- November 8 | Stated Meeting of Providence Presbytery
- December 4 | Mission Partnership Pledges Due

[View our calendar for full details](#)

From The Committee on Ministry

The Salary Studies and Minimum Compensation Report for 2027 has been approved by the COM for circulation to the churches and recommended to the Presbytery for approval at the November 8th stated presbytery meeting.

Thanks to Rev. Matt Rich (Unity), Rose Lemmons-Berry (Presbytery Staff), Rev. Megan Watson (Member at Large), Keith McGuire (Oakland Ave), Carrie Blanchard (Tirzah-Y), and Terry Swanner (Clover) for their assistance and insights in the creation of this year's report and recommendations.

The report for 2027 includes some changes from previous years, including:

- Basing minimum terms of call on years of experience in the particular call as opposed to size of church
- Being more explicit about compensation expectations for Stated Supply Pastors and Commissioned Lay Pastors/Commissioned Ruling Elders
- Clearly laying out minimum terms of call for Christian Educators based on years of experience in a particular call and education/certification.
- Strongly encouraging, but not requiring, churches to provide health insurance coverage for a pastor's spouse and eligible dependents through the Board of Pensions or another insurance provider.
- Encouraging churches to consider a 3.4% cost of living increase, but not raising the minimum compensation (\$62,000 with no years of service in a particular call) by that amount.

Dimes For Hunger 2026

Providence Presbytery's 2025 Dimes for Hunger collection begins this weekend! Since 1977 participants in our Presbytery have donated one dime, per meal, per day in the month of October. The collection has raised more than \$2.1 million to feed hungry people.

The 2026 "challenge" from the Presbytery Hunger Action Team [HAT] is to raise your congregation's Dimes For Hunger Special Offering total by 10% over the 2025 total.

The 2026 "10% increase" challenge is ***intended to be most motivating at the individual church level.***

That said, the overall DFH Special Offering from our churches for the year 2025 for the Presbytery was \$47,850.67 (a 23% increase from the 2024 DFH Special Offering total from our churches that was \$38,897.06).

The Hunger Action Team's Challenge Goal for 2026 is to at least exceed \$47,850.67 + \$4,785.07 = **\$52,635.74.**

Click below to download the 2026 Dimes For Hunger document that contains the following:

- Page One: A "Minute for Mission" script from the Hunger Action Team [HAT] suitable for reading in Sunday Worship by the lead minister or his/her designee.
- Page Two: A "split-page" message suitable to be printed and used (half-page) as a Sunday Morning Worship bulletin insert.

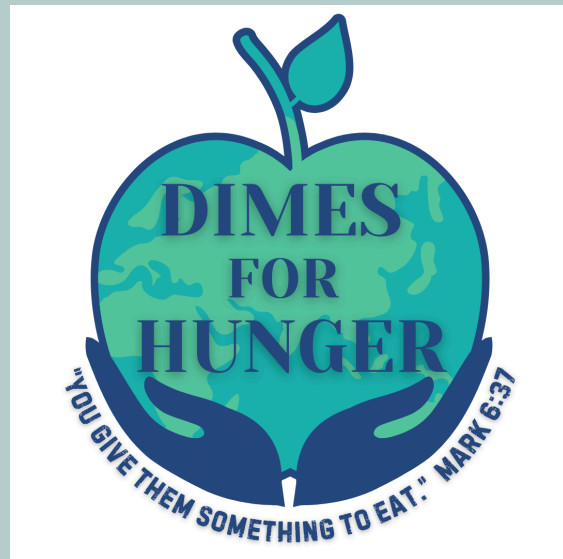
Next year we'll mark our Presbytery's Golden Anniversary of the Dimes For Hunger Special Offering!

[Download The PDF](#)

Half the annual collection is sent to feeding programs within Providence Presbytery. The other half is sent to international programs.

We are grateful for the work of the following recipients:

- Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen (York)
- Greater New Hope Soup Kitchen (Lancaster)
- Plentiful Harvest Kitchen At Covenant Presbyterian (York)
- Catawba Area Agency On Aging (Serves All Counties)
- Union Meals On Wheels (Union)
- Chester Community Food Pantry (Chester)



- Christian Community Ministry (Kershaw)
- Clover Area Assistance Center (York)
- Fort Lawn Community Center Food Pantry (Chester)
- Fort Mill Care Center (York)
- Great Falls GRASP (Chester)
- HOPE In Lancaster (Lancaster)
- Hope In Rock Hill (York)
- KARE - Kershaw Area Resources Exchange (Lancaster)
- York PATH (York)
- Bethesda Food Distribution (York)
- Society of St. Andrews (Serves All Counties)

International Partners:

- Project Alternatives/Marketplace Ministry (Honduras)
- Diamante Boys Home (Honduras)
- Heifer Project International (Guatemala)
- Fundación la Mision (Guatemala)
- Miniatry of Hope (Malawi)

If you are interested in helping with this project as a member of the Hunger Action Team, please contact **Dave Keely**.



What a blessing it was to gather as a presbytery and honor the people who have shaped it through their faithful dedication to serving God. The Legacy of Faith award luncheon is a longstanding tradition that offers congregations the opportunity to recognize their outstanding members for their Kingdom work. Twenty-one people were nominated for the honor. We invite you to [click here](#) to read their nominations and learn why their legacy is one worth honoring.

Our thanks to our hosts at Beth Shiloh Presbyterian in York and the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina for their sponsorship for the memorable event! More photos to come!



From The Committee on Racial and Religious Reconciliation



York County Community
Remembrance Project &
Western York County NAACP

Present

Say Their Names

The Story of the Lynching of
Five Black Men in York

Advancing the work of the Equal Justice Initiative

FEATURED SPEAKERS

**Zach Lemhouse
Melissa Rouse
Kh'Mani Gilliam**

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY

**Jubilee Singers
&
Emmett Scott Drummers**

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

**Will share the National organization's history
and work with local
Community Remembrance Projects**

<https://eji.org/projects/community-remembrance-project/>

October 10, 2026 10:00am - 12:00pm

New Home AME Zion Church

3290 Charlotte Hwy., York, SC 29745



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/i4cYvsjMwm>

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3,000 Pounds Collected For Neighbors

On September 29, Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church delivered more than 3,000 pounds of food to HOPE in Lancaster's Food Bank. Throughout the month of September, members of the congregation donated food to help meet the needs of neighbors in the community.

The congregation took to heart Jesus' call to "feed my sheep" and responded with remarkable generosity. Members also helped load, transport, and deliver the donations to HOPE, offering a wonderful example of the church being the church and serving others in Christ's name.





VENDOR FAIR

BETH SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1184 N SHILOH RD, YORK SC 29745

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+
HOT DOG
LUNCH

FAMILY
LIFE
CENTER
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9AM-
2PM

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Leaderfest is Coming

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY LEADERFEST EQUIPPED 20 TO 27 BUILD 27

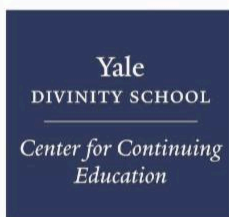
For many years, Providence Presbytery's education team has hosted Leaderfest or E3 (Educating, Empowering, & Equipping) workshops for folks in our churches to come together, explore new ideas, share what's working in our churches and think about ministry in new ways!

Coming March 7, 2027, there will be another great opportunity to do all those things! Hosted at First Presbyterian in Rock Hill, Leaderfest '27 will feature more than 15 workshops for leaders of ALL types in our presbytery - youth leaders, Sunday school teachers, clerks of session, small group organizers, mission team members, pastors, educators, youth, music ministry leaders and MORE. There will be something for everyone - including childcare for preschoolers and "Camp for a Day" for elementary schoolers!

We will be highlighting some of the many exciting topics in this "In the Know" newsletter each issue, and a full list of workshops will be available at the November 8 presbytery meeting. Be on the lookout also for a bulletin insert that you can include in your church's weekly bulletin, and visit [this space](#) for more info and the registration link!

We hope that YOU will leave Leaderfest '27 more equipped to build up the body of Christ in each of our churches!

You are Invited to our FREE event....



From Mission to Momentum: Strategic Planning for Faith Communities

with the Rev. Jean-Fritz Guerrier

Zoom | October 14 | 12 – 1:30 pm Eastern

This interactive webinar will help participants distinguish strategic leadership from routine operations; assess institutional strengths, assets, stakeholders, and emerging needs; translate mission into priorities; and much more.v



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Current Job Openings

- Bethelwoods Food Service Staff (Part-Time)

2026 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

- November 8, 2026 | Riverview Presbyterian, Fort Mill, SC | 2:30 p.m.

Providence Presbytery Staff Members

Executive Presbyter: Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley

Stated Clerk: Rev. Dr. David Bender

Business Administrator: Rose Lemmons-Berry

Technology & Communications Coordinator: Katie Rutland

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