



June 30, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates

[Click here to request Steve join your congregation in worship.](#)

- July 3 | Independence Day Observed -- Presbytery Offices Closed
- July 20 | Faith Formation Meeting

[View our calendar](#)



227th General Assembly Underway

The PC(USA) General Assembly is underway in Milwaukee, WI and we are delighted to see the smiles of our delegates from Providence as their work continues this week.

We thank God for the talents and wisdom our Young Adult Advisory Delegate Kate Robeson, Ruling Elder Commissioner Sue Williams and Teaching Elder Commissioner Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo (left to right) bring to the 227th General Assembly.

The work they are doing is so important as the GA discusses topics ranging from the denomination's stance on Christian Nationalism, its role in social justice issues and discerning God's path forward for us in our reformed identity.

We look forward to hearing their post-GA reports at our August 16th virtual stated meeting and are always grateful for the chance to be **#providentiallytogether**.

If you'd like updates from the GA in real time, please visit:

<https://pcusa.org/.../general.../general-assembly-gathering>

Upcoming Training



COMMUNION TRAINING FOR ELDERS

This special training will equip Ruling Elders to preside over the sacrament of Communion. Elders in smaller congregations or those currently without clergy will find this especially helpful.

SUNDAY, AUG 23 | 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN
421 OAKLAND AVENUE
ROCK HILL, SC 29732

RSVP:

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Please contact Rev. Steve Simon with questions:

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(509) 993-3294 (call/text)

News From Bethelwoods

Dear Friends,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Bethelwoods Camp to invite you to partner with us for this upcoming camp season.

We are seeking pastors who would be willing to volunteer their time to lead our morning watch and/or evening worship for our campers. Your presence and guidance would have a meaningful impact on the spiritual growth of the youth we serve.

If you are available and interested, please let us know what dates might work best for your schedule. Housing will be provided for the days that you are able to help out. We would be grateful for any time you can offer.

For questions about time commitment please reach out to EJ Hart camp Program Director at Elson@bethelwoods.org or call at 704-352-7771 he can give you all the details!

My thought for this year has been to have not just worship leaders but partners so that two people share the responsibilities of the week. Not to say we wouldn't love to have all to our campers for the week. We want it to be a fun enjoyable experience for you as well as the campers and if sharing the load helps we are all in!

Thank you for your continued support of our community and its young people. We look forward to hearing from you.

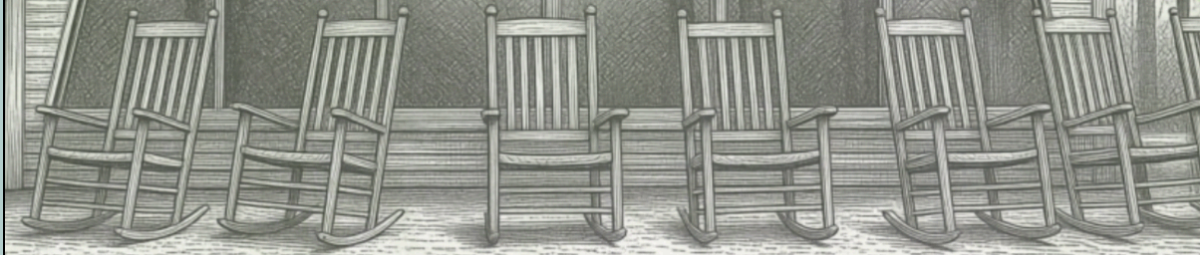
Summer Camp Weeks ([Click here to view current availability and sign up](#))

- July 5-10
- July 12-17
- July 19-24
- July 26-31

Please consider donating some of your time this summer to make an impact that lasts a lifetime!

Peace,
Hope Moore
Chair, Bethelwoods Board of Trustees

Rock-and-Remember Fundraiser



HELP RETIRE OUR ROCKING CHAIRS

The rocking chairs at Bethelwoods have been a camp staple for three decades, and its time they were retired!

Help us purchase new chairs by supporting our Rock-and-Remember fundraiser.

A \$150 donation from your family or small group will provide a rocking chair for the camp's gathering spaces, and Bethelwoods staff will install an engraved dedication plaque on the chair.

Our goal is to purchase 50 chairs for our cabins and lodges.



Use your phone to scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/rockandremember to make a donation. Please contact wendy@bethelwoods.org for more information!

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Scholarship Funds Available

The Community of Faith would like to remind everyone of the Continuing Education scholarship funds that are available for pastors, educators, staff and volunteers within Providence Presbytery.

The funds expire at the end of each year so anyone who might be interested in using them is encouraged to apply via [this form](#) as soon as possible.

Reflections from the Migrant Trail



By [Ginger Williams](#)

As a soon-to-be retired professor of U.S.-Latin American relations I can confidently say immigration and its causes are undeniably central issues 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 to take 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 walk the Migrant Trail to raise money and awareness for Frontera de Cristo and the Rock Hill, SC nonprofit 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](#).) I decided to make 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 what I was doing.

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Register Today!

YOU ARE INVITED!

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

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

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

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

**Friday evening, September 18th at 7:00 pm.
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1830 Celanese Road, Rock Hill, SC.**



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

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New Cemetery Guide

The Presbyterian Foundation is providing a newly created Cemetery Guide as a resource for churches and presbyteries to help guide the operations, preservation, and maintenance of cemeteries. Cemeteries are complex property with extensive regulations and laws that can change from state to state. Additionally, local customs and preferences vary depending on the culture of the region and the congregation.

[View The Guide](#)

From the Synod of South Atlantic

1st Wednesday
SACK Lunch Conversation
(South Atlantic Community Knowledge)
12-1:30 pm Eastern Time



**A monthly zoom for sharing across the Synod!
Learn and share experience, resources, and best practices
on a new topic each month.**

June 3 - Earthcare

July 1 - Youth Ministry

August 5 - Grant Writing

September 2 - New Worshipping Communities

To register: scan the QR Code or visit synodofsouthatlantic.org



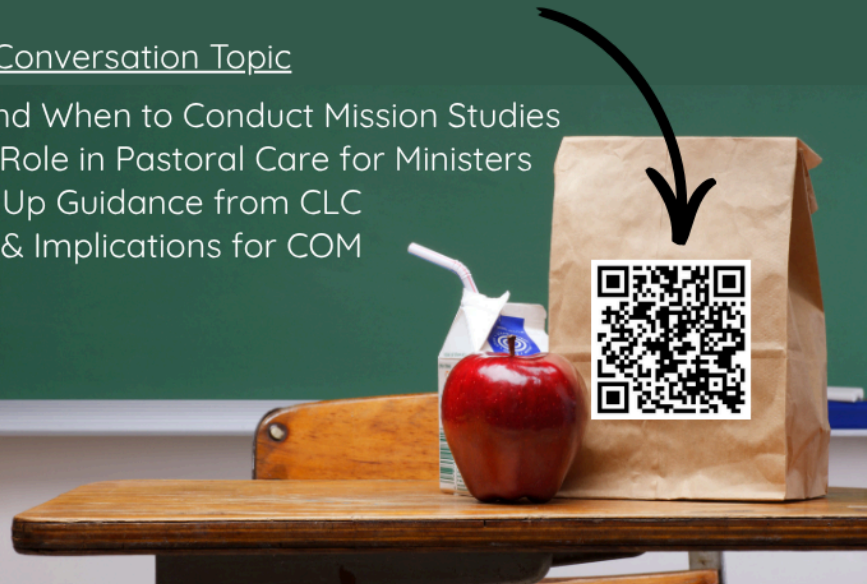
3rd Wednesday COM SACK Lunch Conversation 12-1 pm Eastern Time

A monthly conversation on Zoom for sharing across the Synod on topics related to Committees on Ministry

To register: scan the QR Code or visit synodofsouthatlantic.org

Conversation Topic

June 17	How and When to Conduct Mission Studies
July 15	COM's Role in Pastoral Care for Ministers
Aug 19	Follow Up Guidance from CLC
Sept 16	GA227 & Implications for COM



Employment Opportunities

You can view employment opportunities within the Presbytery, Synod and ministry partners surrounding Providence anytime by [clicking here](#).

- **Co-Director of Children's Ministries** -- Covenant Pres. Church, Charlotte, NC
- **Youth & Family Director** -- Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC
- **Pilot Mountain, NC Ministry Opportunity**

2026 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

- August 16, 2026 | Virtual | 1:30 p.m.
- November 8, 2026 | Riverview Presbyterian, Fort Mill, SC | 2:30 p.m.

Providence Presbytery Staff Members

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