



PEVA PACKET
PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA
145th STATED MEETING
"Come to the Table"
Tuesday, April 28, at 10:00 am
Second Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, VA

***We build bridges across divides to deepen connection
to Christ and one another to serve the world.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CHILD CARE – Childcare will be provided for this Presbytery Meeting with the following requirements:

- a. **Only children age 7 and under.**
- b. **Parent is to provide bag lunch for child.**
- c. **No medications or special needs to be met by caregivers.**

Must contact **Second Church** by Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 757-423-2822.

2. NOTE TIME - MEETING BEGINS AT **10:00 A.M** on April 28, 2026, at Second Presbyterian Church, 7305 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk.

3. MEAL –COST FOR PRE-MEETING & RECESS SNACKS IS \$5.00. Cash and checks accepted. Please make checks out to PEVA. Five dollars, payable to PEVA. There will be a **30-minute break by rule.**

4. REGISTRATION – Registration for those who do not pre-register will be of Minister Commissioners, Ruling Elder (RE) Commissioners, Commissioned Pastor Commissioners (CP) and Visitors at Presbytery Meetings using three lists -

- A roster of Minister Members, CP, CCE and RE Officers of Presbytery to initial.
- A list of churches for Ruling Elder Commissioners.
- A sheet for all others to print name, organization, and indicate position (alternate ruling elder commissioners, DCEs, visitors, etc.). Persons will be available to assist you.

5. REPORTS – Recommended actions of Commissions/Ministry Teams/Committees are listed first in the reports with other information following. Those actions recommended for the Consent Agenda are indicated with an asterisk (*).

6. ACTIONS: By action of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, at its stated meeting of January 23, 1999, held at First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, in matters in debate before Presbytery, each speaker is limited to three minutes, with speakers alternating between those in favor of the motion and those opposed. Presbytery is reminded that, according to Robert's Rules of Order, speakers may not speak more than twice on an issue, and the second time only after everyone has had an opportunity to speak once.

7. MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS – Motions or amendments to motions are to be provided to the Clerks in writing, via email. **This rule will be enforced.** Forms are available from the Stated Clerk via email before the meeting.

8. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS – Any papers or other documentation not included in the Presbytery Packet or Pick-up Packet must be approved by two-thirds vote of the members present to be distributed at the meeting.

9. SPEAK OUT – Speak out has been discontinued. Any announcements may be provided in writing to the Journal Clerk for publication in PEVA News & Events around the Presbytery.

10. DISPLAYS – Will be presented in the hallway adjacent to the narthex.

11. SESSION RECORDS – Clerks will be given their records by the Chair of Sessional Records Committee, Community (Portsmouth), Denbigh United, Christ, First (Portsmouth), Franklin, Green Acres. The congregations records will be returned at the registration desk for commissioners to the presbytery meeting.

12. NEXT STATED MEETING: The next stated meeting of Presbytery is at, **Hilton Presbyterian Church**, on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 10:00 am. **As presently scheduled, this meeting will be in person.**

DIRECTIONS

Second Presbyterian Church
7305 Hampton Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23505
(Telephone 757-423-2822)

- ** ***From Peninsula*** – Take I64 east from the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. Take exit 274 to I564. Go approximately 200 yards to the ramp to Terminal Blvd. Proceed on Terminal Blvd. approximately 1.5 miles and turn left on Hampton Blvd. Proceed west on Hampton Blvd approximately 1.5 miles to the church on the right side. Be ready to turn! If you cross over the Lafayette River Bridge, you have gone too far.

- ** ***From Downtown Tunnel or Downtown Norfolk*** – Take Waterside Drive to Boush Street. Go right on Boush Street and proceed to East Brambleton Avenue. Turn left on East Brambleton Avenue. Go approximately 2 miles to the intersection with Hampton Blvd. The intersection is adjacent to EVMS and Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Take a right and proceed north to Second Church. You will go through the campus of Old Dominion University. As you cross the Lafayette River Bridge, Second Church is on the left just beyond the Norfolk Yacht Club.

- ** ***From Eastern Shore*** – Cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Continue on Northampton Boulevard to I64 west (about 4 miles). Take the ramp to I64 West. Go west to I264 towards Hampton. Take exit 274 to I564 (Naval Station and Terminal Blvd.). Go approximately 200 yards to the ramp to Terminal Blvd. Proceed on Terminal Blvd. approximately 1.5 miles and turn left on Hampton Blvd. Proceed west on Hampton Blvd approximately 1.5 miles to the church on the right side. Be ready to turn! If you cross over the Lafayette River Bridge, you have gone too far.

- ** ***From Zuni, Franklin, Suffolk, Chesapeake*** – Take US58 to I664 towards Chesapeake. I664. On I664 merge left on to I264 towards Portsmouth and Norfolk. Take the Martin Luther King Expressway towards the Midtown Tunnel. This exit is immediately after or north of Frederick Boulevard the former exit for the Presbytery offices. Follow the expressway 1.5 miles to the Midtown Tunnel. After exiting the tunnel stay on Hampton Boulevard north towards the Naval Base and Old Dominion University. As you cross the Lafayette River Bridge, Second Church is on the left just beyond the Norfolk Yacht Club.

[Second Presbyterian Church - Google Maps](#)

SEEKING TO BE FAITHFUL TOGETHER:

Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

Adopted by the 204th General Assembly (1992) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will...

***Give them a hearing...
listen before we answer***
*(John 7:51 and Proverbs
18:13)*

Speak the truth in love
(Ephesians 4:15)

***Maintain the unity of the
spirit in the bond of peace***
(Ephesians 4:3)

- 1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ;**
 - we will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange,
 - we will not ask questions or make statements in a way that will intimidate or judge others.
- 2. Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.**
- 3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.**
- 4. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.**
- 5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity;**
 - we will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during or following the discussion.
- 6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.**
- 7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.**
- 8. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension;**
 - we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.
- 9. Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:**
 - urge people of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously
 - seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;
 - be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;
 - abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways that are consistent with these Guidelines.
- 10. Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.**

As Presbyterians, we are called to work for the “peace, unity and purity of the Church” (*Book of Order*) as we seek to be faithful to God’s work in the world. However, disagreements

and conflicts are inevitable in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we try to be faithful. They exist within committees, congregations, presbyteries, synods, at General Assemblies and in the national life of the denomination.

Conflicts are inevitable in all of life and certainly in the church. The history of the church is filled with conflicts and disagreements. Several of Paul’s letters address the conflicts that were common in the early church. There have been and are going to be disagreements as Christians attempt to discern God’s work in the world and as we interpret Scripture.

Conflicts can be harmful and even destructive. They can cause individuals a great deal of pain and the community of faith immeasurable damage. Congregations have been divided; denominations have experienced schisms.

At the same time, conflicts can be an opportunity for new insights, learning, and individual and corporate growth. Disagreements can illuminate a topic in helpful ways and can present solutions to problems that previously had not been seen. The successful resolution of conflict can also bind people together in a powerful way.

The Bible contains many stories of conflict and disagreement and much advice about how they can be addressed. As those stories indicate, God is already present wherever there is brokenness, granting wholeness and peace. God promises to be with us in times of disagreement and calls us to reconciliation, trust, love and forgiveness.

We realize that our perspectives are limited, so to help us affirm each other, enhance our community, stay open to the viewpoints of others and be sensitive to cultural diversity, we commit ourselves to the Guidelines in a spirit of prayer, trust and love, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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CIVIL DEBATE IN PEVA (EZ RROO)

SPEAK ONCE - each speaker should go to a microphone and when recognized, limit your comments to 3 minutes [Announcements 6. ACTIONS – PEVA Packet]

BE NICE – always respectful and courteous; no clapping or booing [Seeking to be Faithful Together – PEVA Packet]

MOTIONS – motions or amendments must be in writing to the Clerks [Announcements 7 – PEVA Packet]

STEPS OF THE MOTION [Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in Presbyterian Church (USA)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, PRP]

1. *Commissioner* rises and addresses the Moderator.
2. *Moderator* recognizes commissioner and grants the floor.
 3. *Commissioner* makes motion. (No debate)
 4. *Another commissioner* seconds the motion without recognition from the Moderator.
 5. *Moderator* states the motion.
 6. *Moderator* calls for debate. (Maker of the motion has the privilege of first debate.) All speakers must address the Moderator and be recognized by the Moderator.
 7. *Moderator* states the motion.
 8. *Moderator* takes the vote and announces the results.

USEFUL MOTIONS [Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in Presbyterian Church (USA)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, PRP]

1. Amend. There are only three forms of simple amendment.
 - a) to delete or strike out
 - b) to add or insert
 - c) to strike out and insertThe words proposed for deletion or addition *must be consecutive words*.
2. Commit or Refer. To commit or refer back to committee for further study.
3. Postpone to a Particular Time. This motion takes precedence over the preceding two and has the power to grant additional time to a particular member or committee or do further study or consultation. It should always be used in preference to “table” because it permits debate on the propriety of postponement.
4. Previous Question. The maker of the motion “to move the previous question” (close debate and immediately take the vote) must be recognized by the Moderator and the motion must receive a second. *It is never in order when called from the floor*. This motion should never be considered when it is used to prevent legitimate debate.
5. Lay on Table. This motion is seldom necessary. The motion “to postpone” is always preferable because of its lower rank and its debatability. Misuse of this subsidiary motion can be a strategy that seriously abridges the rights of the assembly because of its high rank and its adoption by a majority vote without debate. The Moderator is obligated to explain carefully to the assembly the implications of this motion should it be made.

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DOCKET

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Offering is for PEVA's Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers Ministry
<https://abundant.co/peva/april2026offering>



Check in at 9 am

Prelude

Mr. **Steve Kolb**, piano

Call to Order, Opening Prayer (10 am)

The Rev. Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**, Moderator

Quorum

Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder (RE) **Q. John Tamm**

Introductions

Moderator

Adoption of Docket

Stated Clerk

Appointment of Temporary Clerks

Consent Agenda

Stated Clerk

Land Acknowledgement

RE **Claudette Gravely** (New Horizons)

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Dr. **Craig S. Wansink**

Call To Worship

Dr. Wansink

Opening Song

"The Table"

Chris Tomlin

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

RE **Sandra Burton**
(New Horizons)

Introduction of the Rev. Dr. Antipas L. Harris

The Rev. **Valena M. Hoy**

Scripture

Luke 14:15-24

Dr. Harris

Sermon

"God's Scandalous Choice"

Dr. Harris

Offering

RE **David McKercher** (St. Andrew)

PEVA's Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers Ministry
Offertory

Mr. Kolb, piano

Prayer of Dedication

RE McKercher

Commission on Ministry

The Rev. **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**, moderator

In Memorium The Rev. **Stanley Hsiang King Lin**
Introductions The Rev. **Kimberly Moss Knowles Priddy**
The Rev. **Caroline Burslem Evans**

Commissioned Pastor **Stuart Nesbit**
Retirement Litany for the Rev. **Addie Naomi Peterson**
Retirement Litany for the Rev. **Michelle "Mike" Burcher**
Ordination Anniversaries

Congregational Vitality Team The Rev. **Joel M. Phillips**, moderator

Compassion Peace and Justice Ministries RE **Gerry Ellis** (Denbigh United)

Service of Inclusion - The Rev. Dr. **Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam**

Prayer Before the Meal RE **Eric Rissling** (Yorkminster)

Break

Prayers of the People RE **Roxie O. Holder** (Carver Memorial)

The Celebration of the Lord's Table The Rev. **Catherine Hart Monroe**
& the Rev. **Mary V. Brown**

Compassion Peace and Justice Ministries RE Ellis

King's Grant's Emergency Crisis Outreach and Compassion International, Elder **Suzy Farley**

Presbytery Council The Rev. Dr. **Christina "Chris" M. Carrasco**, moderator

Introduction of Director of Spiritual Growth position
Election for Stated Clerk
Retirement Litany for the Stated Clerk, Elder Q. John Tamm (see handout)

Nominations The Rev. Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**

Good News The Rev. **Dr. Melissa "Lissa" S. Long**, General Presbyter

Unfinished Business

New Business

Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners

The Rev. **Michelle "Mike" D. Burcher** and the Rev. **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**
RE **Duane Boone** (Carver Memorial) and RE **Yvette Myrick** (First United)
Ms. **Elisabeth Writtenberry** (King's Grant) – Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

Hymn of Sending "The Summons" Hymn #742 (Red Hymnal)

Blessing and Adjourment Dr. Bugg, Moderator

The Presbytery Council (PC) of PEVA is charged with planning and organizing the meetings of the Presbytery and they would like to hear each commissioner's thoughts or comments on the meeting. Scan the QR code to take the survey, visit <https://www.pcusa-peva.org/evaluation>, or fill in the survey form you received at registration.



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Come to the Table – Luke 14:1-24
A Service of Worship for PEVA Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Prelude

Steve Kolb, Piano

(Presbytery Business)

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Craig

Wansink

Leader: Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God! Our Lord has prepared a great feast and sent out invitations to all.

People: **We come, Lord — hungry, longing, grateful.**

Leader: The Lord has sent servants into the streets and lanes of the city, saying, “Bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.”

People: **We come — not because we are worthy, but because we are invited.**

Leader: The table is set. There is room. Come, for everything is now ready.

All: **Thanks be to God, who welcomes us not by merit but by mercy. Let us worship the Lord!**

***Opening Song**

The Table by Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table

Chorus

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord
(At the table of the Lord)

Verse 2

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

Verse 3

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

Verse 4

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table

***Call to Confession**

Elder Sandra Burton

Leader: When the feast was ready, those invited made excuses. Brothers and sisters, we too have made excuses. We have limited Christ's welcome and withheld the invitation. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Elder Sandra Burton

Gracious Jesus,
We confess that we have turned from your invitation—
too distracted, too comfortable, too certain of ourselves.
We have made your table too small,
welcoming those like us and leaving others out.
We have doubted your grace is for all.
Forgive us. Enlarge our hearts and our vision.
Set us again at your table, and make us eager to say, "Come, there is room."
We pray in your name.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Elder Sandra Burton

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The invitation still stands—"Come, for everything is ready." In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The Word of God

Introduction of Rev. Dr. Antipas Harris

Rev. Valena Hoy

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:15-24
Harris

Rev. Dr. Antipas

Sermon Title: "God's Scandalous Choice"
Harris

Rev. Dr. Antipas

Offering

Elder David

McKercher

Offering supports the PEVA's Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Ministry
(Please place your offering and your prayer card in the offering plate as it comes by)
Offertory

Steve Kolb, Piano

Prayer of Dedication

Elder David

McKercher

(Presbytery Business)

Prayer Before Meal

Elder Eric Rissling

LUNCH BREAK – Please discuss the questions that are placed on each of the lunch tables.

Prayers of the People

Elder Roxie Holder

*The leader guides the congregation through prayers of intercession. The people respond to each petition, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

Leader: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all whom our Lord calls to his table. Lord of the great banquet, you have set a table without walls. Make your Church faithful in sharing your invitation, especially with the poor, the broken, and the stranger. Where we have made your table too small, forgive us and make us generous.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: We pray for the poor and forgotten, that they may know they are seen, loved, and welcomed at your table. Stir your Church to embody that welcome with dignity and grace.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the sick and suffering, for those whose bodies or spirits are burdened. Meet them in their need and make your presence known.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who do not yet see or hear your invitation. Send faithful witnesses, and let your gospel be clearly known.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who have turned away or grown distant, distracted by the cares of life. In your mercy, draw them back to your table.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those in authority, that they may act with wisdom and justice for the sake of the vulnerable. Strengthen your people to stand where others are excluded.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our congregations, for those who struggle, grieve, or feel unseen. Make us communities of true welcome, where all find a place at your table of grace.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks for those who have gone before us to the eternal feast. Keep us faithful, that we may one day share in the joy of your kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, receive these prayers and those we hold in silence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord's Table

Rev. Catherine Hart-Monroe and Rev. Mary Brown

Invitation to the Table

Friends, this table does not belong to our presbytery. It belongs to Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

This is the table of the broken and the hungry — not the table of the worthy. It was set for the poor and the crippled and the blind and the lame. It was set for you and for me.

If you trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, you are welcome here. Come — there is room.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: May the God of forgiveness be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift your hearts to the One who invites you to this Table, calling, "Come, Come!"

People: **Thirsty for life and hope, we bring our hearts to this feast.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, all you people!

People: **We sing glad songs of thanks to God's holy name!**

Holy and gracious God, from the beginning you prepared a feast for your people. You spread a table in the wilderness and gave manna in the desert. Through the prophets, you declared that one day you would prepare a feast for all peoples — rich food and well-aged wine — on your holy mountain.

In Jesus, the invitation went out at last: Come, for everything is ready. He sat at tables with tax collectors and sinners, fed thousands in the open field and broke bread with those whom society had broken.

As we come to this table, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that through them we may receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and be nourished for service in the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread

Leader: The bread which we break — is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

People: **Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

Leader: The cup of blessing which we bless — is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

People: **The cup of the Lord — we drink it together, proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.**

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Music **Come to the Table** by Sidewalk Prophets **Cathy Sturgeon,**
Soloist

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks that at this table you have fed us with the bread of heaven and united us with Christ and one another.

Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do — to love and serve you as faithful witnesses, seeking the lost, welcoming the outcast, inviting the stranger to your feast. Go with us into the highways and hedges of our lives, that your house may be filled. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Presbytery Business)

***Hymn of Sending #742 (Red Hymnal)** **The Summons**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg

"Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God." (Luke 14:15)

Go now in the confidence of that blessing:

Go to the streets and lanes. Go to the highways and hedges. Go as those who have tasted grace and cannot keep it to themselves. Go — in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

*Please stand in body or spirit

Come to the Table – Discussion Suggestions (for tables at lunch)

Can you share a time when you felt genuinely invited or welcomed—either in a church or elsewhere? What made that experience meaningful?

In your context, who might feel like they don't belong at your ministry's "table"? What visible or invisible barriers might be in the way?

What is something your ministry already does well in offering welcome or hospitality? Where do you see signs of grace at work?

Thinking about Luke 14:15-24, who are the "poor, crippled, blind, and lame" in your community today? What might it look like to extend a genuine invitation to them?

The parable includes people who decline the invitation. What are some modern-day "excuses" that keep people from engaging with church? How might we respond with understanding and creativity?

Many churches say, "All are welcome." What's the difference between being welcoming and being truly invitational? How might your congregation grow in that direction?

What is one realistic, faithful step your church could take in the next 6–12 months to widen the table and embody Christ's invitation more fully?

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS
April 28, 2026

(NOTE: On request, any item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion at the time of the affected report if there is docket time remaining, otherwise at the time for new business.)

A Summary of the motions has been published separately.

MOTION: That Presbytery approve the following **RECOMMENDATION(S)** (items in the reports indicated by an asterisk (*) are recommended for consent agenda approval):

***REPORT of the STATED CLERK [16-19]** That the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting and that the RECOMMENDATIONS #1, #2, and #3 be approved.

***COMMISSION ON MINISTRY [20-22]** That RECOMMENDATION #1 be approved: that the ACTIONS taken by the Commission on Ministry and the narrative report be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

***CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM [23-27]** That RECOMMENDATION #1 be approved: That the narrative report of the CVT be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

***COMPASSION PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES (CPJ) [28-33]**

***PEACEMAKING MINISTRY TEAM** That RECOMMENDATION#1 be approved: that the action of the Peacemaking Team and the narrative report be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

***HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM** That RECOMMENDATION#1 be approved: that the narrative report of the Hunger Ministry Team be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

***PRESBYTERY COUNCIL [34]** That RECOMMENDATION #1, be considered at the time of the meeting. That RECOMMENDATION #2 be approved: that the Presbytery receive the actions taken by the Presbytery Council as reported in the Narrative Report and that they be printed in the minutes of this meeting

NOMINATIONS [35] That RECOMMENDATION #1 be considered at the time of the report and that RECOMMENDATION #2 and #3 be approved: That the report of the Nominations committee be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

***PRESBYTERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES [36-37]** That RECOMMENDATIONS#1 that the Presbytery receive the report of the Presbytery Board of Trustees and the report be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

***COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY [38]** That RECOMMENDATION #1 be approved: that the narrative report, be received and printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

***SESSION RECORDS REVIEW [39]** That RECOMMENDATION #1 be approved: That the Presbytery receive the report for the First Quarter of 2026 and that it be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

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STATED CLERK
Report to Presbytery
Ruling Elder **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk
April 28, 2026

A. RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery: The Stated Clerk **RECOMMENDS** to Presbytery:

***1. MOTION:** That Chairs of Presbytery agencies and committees, not otherwise members of Presbytery for this meeting, be given privilege of the floor with voice but not vote.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***2. MOTION:** Those churches based on the 2025 Statistical Report and the parity rules, be authorized to elect ruling elder commissioners to presbytery meetings as follows:

Churches with 2000-2500 members (4 elders each) – First Norfolk
Churches with 501-1000 members (2 elders each) – First Virginia Beach, Great Bridge, Williamsburg.
Racial Ethnic Churches (2 elders each) – Carver Memorial, Community Portsmouth, First United, New Horizons
Churches authorized an additional elder based on number of pastors (less than 501 members) – Bayside, Denbigh United, King’s Grant, KirkWood, Second Norfolk, Wycliffe
Remaining churches authorized one elder commissioner.

Note: In accordance with the Book of Order, G-3.0301 and the Manual of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, a recommendation is made annually to the Presbytery concerning any imbalance of teaching and ruling elders based on the determination of resident ministers less those ministers that have not attend meetings in the past two years as approved at the January 26, 2013, Presbytery meeting. As of April 1, 2026, there were 111 minister members, less 17 honorably retired ministers who had not attended meetings for the past two years for a total of 94 ministers. Sessions are entitled to send a total of 60 ruling elder commissioners to each presbytery meeting plus two ruling elder members of Presbytery by virtue of office, one Certified Christian Educator, six commissioned pastors (CP), and three ruling elder members of the Presbytery Council, making a total of 72 ruling elders eligible to vote.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***3. MOTION:**

A. ACTIONS:

BY ACTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA, AT ITS STATED MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 1999, HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, IN MATTERS IN DEBATE BEFORE PRESBYTERY, EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES, WITH SPEAKERS ALTERNATING BETWEEN THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THOSE OPPOSED. Presbytery is reminded that, according to Robert’s Rules of Order, speakers may not speak more than twice on an issue, and the second time only after everyone has had an opportunity to speak once.

B. MINISTERS:

ORDAINED/DECEASED/RECEIVED/DISMISSED/INSTALLED/DISSOLUTIONS/RETIRED/ SINCE the January 24, 2026, REPORT

-Ordained: None

-Deceased: The Reverend **Stanley H.K. Lin**, age 92, March 24, 2026, in Venice, FL.

-Received: None

-Dismissed: None

-Removed from the rolls: the Reverend **Brandon K. Hood**, for accepting membership in, "A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)," effective April 7, 2026.

-Installed: None

-Dissolutions: The Reverend **Kristin Reinhold** and the congregation of Stone House Church, Toano, April 6, 2026.

-Honorably Retired: the Reverend **Addie Naomi Peterson** on January 31, 2026, and the Reverend **Michelle Dickerson "Mike" Burcher**, on April 30, 2026.

C. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter dated January 21, 2026, to **Zachary Gholston**, Altruist, LLC, Culver City, CA, on the behalf of First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth.
2. A letter dated January 27, 2026, with the terms of call for Carver Memorial Church, Newport News.
3. Correspondence dated January 29, 2026, from Christ Church, Virginia Beach, forwarding that congregation's annual report.
4. A letter dated February 3, 2026, to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Chesapeake, VA, recommending Onyx Security Services, the Presbytery's security service in Portsmouth.
5. A letter dated February 9, forwarding the terms of call for Hilton Church, Newport News.
6. A letter dated February 9, 2026, to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic with annual necrology report.
7. A letter dated February 11, 2026, from the Session of KirkWood Church, Yorktown, forwarding the associate covenant pastor agreement for 2026, for review by the stated clerk.
8. Correspondence dated February 18, 2026, from the clerk of session of Denbigh United Church, Newport News, forwarding the terms of call for the pastor and associate pastor.
9. Correspondence dated February 18, 2026, to the treasurer of Royster Memorial Church, Norfolk, forwarding a Capital Assistance Grant Application.
10. A letter dated February 25, 2026, to the Reverend **Brandon K. Hood**, explaining the procedure to be dismissed to A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians and be removed from the roll of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.).
11. A letter dated February 26, 2026, to the pastor of Jamestown Church, Williamsburg, requesting consideration of hosting the stated meeting on April 27, 2027.
12. Correspondence dated March 2, 2026, forwarding the monthly invoice from Validly Security Solutions, Inc., (background checks).
13. Correspondence dated March 3, 2026, from the Clerk of Session of KirkWood Church, Yorktown, forwarding the temporary relationship agreement for associate pastor Reverend **Mary V. Brown**.
14. Correspondence dated March 9, 2026, from the Clerk of Session of Simonsdale Church, Portsmouth, attaching various licenses and permissions for a daycare school at the church.
15. A letter dated March 10, 2026, to the Secretary of State of West Virginia requesting permission for a commissioned pastor to conduct a service of Christian marriage in West Virginia.
16. A letter dated March 12, 2026, to the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs, Indianapolis, IN, on the behalf of a minister member.
17. Correspondence dated March 17, 2026, from the Clerk of Session of Lafayette Church, Norfolk attaching a commissioned pastor agreement.
18. Correspondence dated March 24, 2026, forwarding the requirements of the Book of Order for churches to be incorporated.

19. Correspondence dated March 25, 2026, forwarding a commissioned pastor (CP) covenant, to a CP.
20. Correspondence dated March 31, 2026, to ministers in non-parish ministries, forwarding the annual ministry validation form.
21. Correspondence dated March 31, 2026, from a minister member, reporting her validated ministry as a Navy Chaplain.
22. Correspondence dated March 31, 2026, from a minister member, reporting her validated ministry as a seminary professor.
23. Correspondence dated April 1, 2026, to a minister member, with the statistical report and annual report of a member congregation.
24. A letter dated April 2, 2026, to the Moderator of the Presbytery, resigning the office of Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, effective April 30, 2026.
25. Correspondence dated April 6, 2026, to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Elizabethtown, NC, requesting that Reverend **Caroline B. Evans** be dismissed to the Presbytery, (first request December 17, 2025).
26. Correspondence dated April 14, 2026, forwarding a request to establish an installation commission at Great Bridge Church, Chesapeake.

D. STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE PRESBYTERY 2025

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia submitted its annual statistical report to the Interim United Agency (IUA), formerly the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic for the year ending December 31, 2025. The 44 particular churches had 10,449 total active members, a decrease of 356 members from 2024, which is a 3.2% loss. Reported annual income was \$16,132,376 an increase of \$116,298 from \$16,016,078 in 2024. Annual budgeted expenses were \$16,717,384, an increase of \$68,986 from \$16,648,398, in 2024.

Local and other mission expenses were \$1,388,174, capital expenditures were \$2,263,722 and local program, which includes personnel expense and facilities maintenance, \$12,837,423. The Presbytery had an average Sunday worship attendance of 4,546 up from 4,387 in 2024, a positive development. Average worship attendance is now 42% against total membership, up from 40% in 2024.

There were reported 149 Asian members (1.33%), 615 Black, African, and African American members (5.88%), 68 Hispanic members (.07%), 11 Native American members (.077%), 5 Middle Eastern members (.046%), 9,564 White members (91.35%), and 32 members (.40%) listed as "multiracial." The membership gains were 76 received by certificate of transfer, 33 youth confirmations and membership, and 204 professions of faith and reaffirmations of faith, for a total increase of 313. Membership loss was 62 by certificate of transfer, 207 deaths and 400 deleted from the rolls by action of the respective sessions, for a total loss of 669. The net loss in membership was 356.

The category known as "Friends of the Congregation," includes baptized children and adult and youth participants who are not members, in the various churches. The number of "Friends" was 1,234. There were 74 Baptisms of all ages, a decrease of 28 from 2024. There are presently a total number of adherents of 11,683, which is members, baptized children and "friends." This was a decrease from 12,023 in 2024. There are 398 ruling elders serving on sessions. 13 congregations have deacons. There were 6,151 female members (58.2%), 4292 male members (41.7%) and 5 non-binary members (.046%).

The Presbytery began 2025 with 107 ordained ministers. The loss was 1 dismissed to another presbytery. The gains were 2 ordinations, and 4 received from other presbyteries. There are 112 ministers, as of December 31, 2025. There are 6 commissioned pastors, all working in congregations. The Presbytery has under care 6 candidates for ministry, and no inquirers for ministry on the rolls as of December 31, 2025.

Congregations that had a net gain in membership are Providence 21, First Norfolk 21, Jamestown 7, Hidenwood 6, Wycliffe 6, Francis Makemie 5, Wythe 4, First Virginia Beach 4, Naomi Makemie 3, Royster Memorial 3, Christ 3, Green Acres 2, and Yorkminster 1. First Norfolk had the most baptisms, with 19, followed by Providence with 10, Denbigh United with 6, and King's Grant with 5.

Notable attendance percentages are: First Portsmouth 54%, First United 56% and Williamsburg 71%. The overall Presbytery attendance percentage is 42%.

Membership for the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A) (PC,USA) is continuing to decrease at a significant rate. The annual rate of loss is around 49,000 in net membership a year. Because of the reorganization at the Office of the General Assembly, now the Interim Unified Agency, and a lack of compliance by approximately 35% of the presbyteries, reporting on membership is only current through 2024. In 2009, the denomination had 2.1 million members. In 2024 the denomination had 1,045,848 members, a loss of over one million members. In the 4-year period from 2021 to 2024 inclusive, the PC, USA, dissolved 446 congregations, and dismissed 38 congregations to other denominations. During the same period of time the PC, USA, organized 40 congregations for a net loss of 444 congregations. 68.6% of the churches have 100 or less members.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS (*MOTION # 3 CONSENT AGENDA)

Reports:

1. The Administrative Commission (AC) to Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano, VA.
The Reverend Dr. **Christian R. Shearer**, convener
The Reverend Dr. **Donna Marie DeSarro-Raynal**
Ruling Elder **Bruce Knight** (KirkWood)

The Presbytery establish an Administrative Commission (AC) for Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano, (SHPC) on January 24, 2026, to assist the SHPC congregation over the next 12-18 months.

The Commission's responsibilities and powers have been previously published. The Commission facilitated the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the congregation of Stone House Church, and the Reverend **Kristin Reinhold** effective April 6, 2026, consistent with the severance requirements of the Commission on Ministry. The severance agreement provides effective salary and benefits from April 6, 2026, to September 30, 2026, inclusive.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)
Report to the Presbytery
The Reverend **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**, moderator
April 28, 2026

Members: The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, Ruling Elder (RE) **Robin Cowherd** (First Norfolk) the Reverend **L. Monica Gould**, RE **Bruce Knight**, (KirkWood) the Reverend **Catherine Hart Monroe**, the Reverend **Jay Pi**, the Reverend Dr. **Wilbur C. Douglass**, RE **Karen Harris**, RE **Roxie O. Holder** (Carver Memorial) the Reverend **Pamela D. Hrncir**, the Reverend Dr. **Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam**, RE **David McKercher**, the Reverend Dr. **Christian R. Shearer**, the Reverend Dr. **Helen Louise "Lou" Ventura**, RE **Gail Pittman**, (First Portsmouth), RE **Yvette Young Myrick** (First United), Commissioned Pastor (CP) **Laura Chuquin-Naylor**, (Powelton/Eastern Shore), the Reverend **Laura M. Crihfield**, the Reverend **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**, the Reverend **Leigh B. Gillis**, the Reverend **Valena M. Hoy**, RE **Linda Ricker**, (Jamestown) RE **Ken Wheeler**, (Providence) and RE **Marcy Wright** (Carver Memorial), the Reverend Dr. **Melissa Sumner Long**, General Presbyter, (*ex officio*), Ruling Elder **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk, (*ex officio*).

IN MEMORIUM

The Reverend **Stanley Hsiang King Lin**, age 92, died, March 24, 2026, in Venice, FL. Reverend Lin was born February 21, 1934, on Kulangsu Island in Amoy, now Xiamen, China. His family endured the occupation of the Japanese Army during World War II. After the war, and during the Communist takeover of mainland China, Reverend Lin's family fled to Hong Kong. Inspired by Presbyterian missionaries, he immigrated to the United States where he attended Hope College and Western Theological Seminary (Reformed Church in America) in Holland, MI. He met his wife, Carolyn, at Hope College. They have been married 63 years.

Reverend Lin was ordained on June 6, 1965, by the Presbytery of Southern Arizona, now the Presbytery de Cristo. He initially served on the Gila River Indian Reservation, AZ, ministering to the Pee Posh Tribe. Later, Reverend Lin moved to northwest Pennsylvania, in the Presbytery of Lake Erie, Erie, PA, serving several churches including Mill Village Presbyterian Church. Additionally, Reverend Lin was an associate Professor and Coordinator of Technical Services of the Library at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. He was honorably retired on November 2, 1998. The Lins, Stanley and Carolyn, moved to Accomac, VA. They established a relationship with Francis Makemie and Naomi Makemie Churches, where Reverend Lin frequently preached. During the winter months they lived in Venice, FL.

Reverend Lin is survived by his wife Carolyn and his daughter Susanne Lin Hirshberg.

MINISTERS and a COMMISSIONED PASTOR TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE PRESBYTERY

The Reverend **Kimberly Knowles Priddy**, Pastor, Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake.

The Reverend **Caroline Burslem Evans**, Pastor, Bayside Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

Commissioned Pastor **James Stuart Nesbit**, Commissioned Pastor, Knox Presbyterian Church, Norfolk.

HONORABLE RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

The Reverend **Michelle Dickerson "Mike" Burcher**
The Reverend **Addie Naomi Peterson**

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Reverend Dr. **Gerrit "Skip" Baker-Smith**—45 years
Reverend Dr. **Robin E. Wooddell**—45 years
Reverend **Michelle D. "Mike" Burcher**—41 years
Reverend Dr. **John Edward Morgan**—40 years
Reverend **James Marshall Wood, Jr.**—35 years
Reverend **James A. Goodbow**—35 years
Reverend **Susan H. "Suzy" Cothran**—35 years
Reverend Dr. **Danny T. Klein**—30 years
Reverend **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**—25 years
Reverend **Kristin Reinhold**—10 years

RECOMMENDATION to Presbytery: The Commission on Ministry RECOMMENDS to the Presbytery the following:

1. ***Motion:** That the ACTIONS taken by the COM be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Actions taken by the COM:

1. On February 3, 2026, approved the commissioned pastor (CP) agreement between CP **Sidnia B. Etherington** and the session of Lafayette Church, Norfolk, effective 4/1/2026 to-3/31/2027.
2. On February 3, 2026, approved the commissioned pastor agreement between the session of First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach and CP **Randolph C. DuVall**, effective 4/21/2026 to 4/20/2027.
3. On February 3, 2026, approved the Covenant Pastor Agreement between the session of Community Presbyterian Church (Hampton) and the Rev. **Charles M. Tucker**, effective 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026
4. On February 3, 2026, approved, retroactively, the status of honorable retirement for the Reverend **Addie Naomi Peterson**, effective, 01/31/2026.
5. On February 20, 2026, approved the appointment CP Randolph C. DuVall as moderator for the Session of New Horizons Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, for an indeterminate period of time.
6. On March 3, 2026, approved the Commissioned Pastor Covenant between the COM and the session of First Church, Virginia Beach and Elder **James Stuart Nesbit**, effective 03/15/2026 to 03/26/2027.
7. On March 10, 2026, approved the appointment of the Reverend Dr. **Melissa S. Long**, the Reverend Dr. **Donna M. DeSarro-Raynal**, and the Reverend Dr. **Christian R. Shearer** as moderators for the Session of Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano
8. On March 13, 2026, approved the appointment of the Reverend Dr. Donna DeSarro-Raynal to accompany the Rev. **Kristin Reinhold** to severance negotiations with the Session of Stone House Presbyterian Church, Toano.
9. On March 17, 2026, approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Stone House Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Kristin Reinhold.
10. On March 25, 2026, approved the appointment of CP **James Stuart Nesbit** as moderator for the congregational meeting and session meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 29, 2026.
11. On April 7, 2026, the Commission on Ministry removed on the behalf of the Presbytery, from the roll of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) the Reverend **Brandon K. Hood**. Reverend Hood as accepted membership in another denomination, "A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians."

12. On April 7, 2026, approved the Covenant Pastor Agreement between Holmes Presbyterian Church, Cheriton, and the Rev. **Vernon G. Murray**, effective 04/05/2026 through 04/04/2027.
13. On April 7, 2026, approved the request of the Reverend **Caroline Burslem Evans** and the Session of Bayside Church, Virginia Beach, to install Reverend Evans as pastor on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the church.
14. On April 7, 2026, approved the request from CP Randolph C. DuVall to officiate at the marriage of **John Archer Beasley** and **Meridith Elizabeth McGraw** on or about August 29, 2026, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.
15. On April 7, 2026, approved the request of CP Randolph C. DuVall to officiate at the marriage of **Jonathan Lee Muyers** and **Erin Clemons** on or about October 17, 2026, in Virginia Beach, Virginia,
16. On April 7, 2026, approved the Shared Ministry Covenant between Community Presbyterian Church (Hampton) and Wythe Presbyterian Church, Hampton.
17. On April 7, 2026, approved the Mission Study Report from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, and authorized an election of a Pastor Nominating Committee by the congregation.
18. On April 7, 2026, approved the Presbytery's Transitions Manual UPDATE (Final).
19. On April 7, 2026, approved a revised examination process for examinations by the COM. Examinations for ordination, commissioning, membership and fit will now be conducted by a separate examinations committee of the COM with three to five members. The examination will be conducted at least one week prior to the COM stated meeting. The examinations will take place at the Presbytery office, and the examinee will be present in person. A report and recommendation will then be made to the entire COM, for action by the COM.
20. On April 7, 2026, approved the severance agreement between the Session of Stone House Church, Toano and the Reverend Kristin Reinhold.
21. On April 16, 2026, approved the request of the Reverend **Kimberly Knowles Priddy** and the Session of Great Bridge Church, Chesapeake, to install Reverend Priddy as pastor on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the church.

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY TEAM (CVT)
The Reverend **Joel Matthew Phillips**, Moderator
Report to the Presbytery
April 26, 2026

Members: The Reverend Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg**, the Reverend Dr. **Christina M. B. Carrasco**, the Reverend Dr. **Melissa S. "Lissa" Long**, the Reverend **Joel Matthew Phillips**, the Reverend **Eric R. Peltz**, and the Rev. **Nelson Lee Steinert**.

RECOMMENDATION to Presbytery: The Congregational Vitality Team RECOMMENDS to the Presbytery the following:

1. ***MOTION:** That the narrative report of the CVT be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

ACTION ITEMS: none

NARRATIVE REPORT

1. During this time of year, many congregations in our presbytery are ordaining and installing new elders and deacons. The CVT is available to provide resources for officer training. In addition to being available during lunch at the April PEVA meeting we are also planning on offering additional opportunities throughout the year. Please contact the CVT if you are interested in receiving or offering officer training.
2. The CVT is excited to announce a \$500 scholarship for a cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Ovation of the Sea* to attend a clergy retreat from January 11th-15th. This opportunity is open to all PEVA pastors and Commissioned Ruling Elders. Deadline to register is September 13th. For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Chris Carrasco, Kings Grant Presbyterian Church- c.carrasco@kgpc.org
3. The CVT would like to remind PEVA that Clergy Coaches are available and ready to help pastors experience the joy of transformational leadership. Coaches offer one-on-one coaching, group coaching and sermon coaching. More information can be found under the CVT Toolbox on the PEVA Website.
4. The CVT is excited about the **Website Improvement Initiative**, or WII (pronounced "weeee!"), and the many church that are now improving or completely revamp their websites AND saving hundreds of dollars. So far, Great Bridge, Community Hampton, Stonehouse, Simonsdale, Kirkwood, Lafayette, First Hampton, Yorkminster, and Suffolk have all had their grants approved, and most are in process of working with our amazing consultant/creative contractor Christen Kinard of Digital Congregations. Does your website need a little tweaking or refreshing? Or does it need a complete overhaul and brand-new look? Go to the PEVA website to get a grant form and improve your church's front door.
5. The CVT helps provide resources and options for all churches in their efforts at stronger vitality. We are here for YOU! Please reach out to any CVT member, or directly to Rev. Joel Phillips, moderator, for help, with questions, or simply to workshop your vitality building ideas.

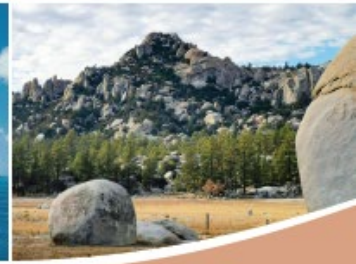
Check out our full toolkit at <https://www.pcusa-peva.org/congregational-vitality-team-cvt>

Chrysalis Pastors Retreat at Sea
Ensenada Cruise
with Rev. Dr. Kelly Brooks, LPCC



January 11-15, 2027

4-Night aboard Royal Caribbean's *Ovation of the Seas*





January 11- Los Angeles, CA, USA

Known as the City of Angels, Los Angeles could more accurately be dubbed the City of Endless Adventures. This West Coast capital has something for every kind of traveler — interesting history, a mind-blowing food scene, beautiful landscapes, and a unique mix of glitz, glamour, and metropolitan grit. You'll find it all here — sprawling mansions in star-studded neighborhoods like Beverly Hills, Bel-Air, and Calabasas, hanging red lanterns and sculpted dragons in Chinatown, traditional Mexican shopping stalls selling handmade crafts along Olvera Street — the list goes on and on. If you're a film buff, wander down Sunset Boulevard and keep your eyes on the ground — the sidewalk is covered in stars dedicated to famous actors, actresses, and celebrities. Head to the Santa Monica Pier for a sun-soaked beach day and a ride on the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel. Even if you only have a single day to spare ahead of your cruise from Los Angeles, it's worth setting aside some time to get to know the best of LA.

January 12- At Sea

9:00am-3:00pm Join us for a transformative Day of Learning created especially for clergy and ministry leaders. Together, we will set sail on a journey of renewal and reflection, guided by experienced facilitators who understand the unique rhythms and demands of ministry life. Through intentional

practices and meaningful conversation, you will learn practical techniques to create space to breathe deeply, rest fully, and navigate the shifting tides of life and leadership with clarity and resilience. Come ready to pause, be restored, and rediscover steady ground for the journey ahead.

January 13 - Catalina Island

Spend your day on Catalina Island experiencing natural beauty. Spot bison grazing on the sides of hiking trails or hop in an open-air truck for an off-road adventure that will be sure to get your adrenaline pumping. Zipline through a canyon for a breathtaking view of the island's natural wonders from above.

January 14 - Ensenada

Dip your toes into Ensenada's sparkling seas at San Miguel Beach or work up a sweat hiking along the six-mile Cañón de Doña Petra trail. Witness the majesty of nature when you watch La Bufadora geyser shoot more than 100 feet into the air or admire (and buy) the colorful work of local artists in the shops on Calle 1.

January 15 - Los Angeles, CA, USA

Arrive in Los Angeles and disembark the ship with memories to last a lifetime!

Your ship departs promptly at 4:00 PM, so plan to arrive at least 2-3 hours early to account for checking in and boarding protocols. During this time, many of the ship's amenities are open and operating, so feel free to start your vacation early.





ABOARD

OVATION OF THE SEAS



CRUISE PRICING*

4U - Interior Stateroom	\$498*
2N - Ocean View Stateroom	\$598*
4D - Balcony Stateroom	\$748*

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.
 *Rates are per person, based on double occupancy

*Does not include airfare, excursions, transfers to/from the port, and onboard gratuities.

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Cruise Accommodations • Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, on board the ship • Port charges \$115
 - Cruise Taxes \$142 (Increases in cruise tax and fees are subject to change)
- NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**
- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Onboard gratuities
 - Airfare to Los Angeles and Transfers to and from the ship for guests • Optional activities and excursions
 - Miscellaneous fees such as passports, laundry, meals & beverages off of the ship and baggage fees
 - Alternative restaurants with additional fees • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents
 - Additional fuel surcharges which may be imposed by the cruise line or other suppliers
 - Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or if you request a single, the following single room/cabin charges apply: (4U) - \$498; (2N) - \$598; (4D) - \$748. Single staterooms are extremely limited and subject to confirmation.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$100	Due upon registration. Includes a minimum \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee. See CANCELLATION FEES for details.
Second Deposit	\$100	2nd Deposit due 05/16/26
Final Payment		09/13/26. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 09/13/26 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.
Cabin Availability		After 05/16/26 or once we have sold out of our allotment of cabins we can no longer guarantee cabin pricing. Cabins purchased after this date will be subject to availability and may require a supplemental charge.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 13, 2026:

We welcome registrations after 09/13/26. Registrations received between 09/14/26 - 10/13/26 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 10/14/26 - 10/28/26 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 10/29/26 - 11/13/26 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 11/13/26 or later will be subject to cabin availability and may require a supplemental cabin charge as well as the air fare above. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From the day of registration to 240 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airfare, land, and cruise fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airfare penalties, land penalties, cruise penalties, and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 235-121 days = \$150; 120-91 days = 50% of total cost; 90-61 days = 75% of total cost; 60-day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the Itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is cancelled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less non-refundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, non-refundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experience. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see www.travelinfo-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN PROCESS:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 09/13/26. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information

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COMPASSION PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES (CPJ)

Elder **Gerry Ellis (Denbigh United), Moderator**

Report to Presbytery

RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:

*1. **MOTION:** That the Narrative Report of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry Team be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

ACTIONS TAKEN:

GraceInside Prison Ministry - The Compassion, Peace & Justice Ministries Team expressed enthusiasm about providing support now and agreed to consider GraceInside for inclusion in the 2027 CPJ budget during the next budget planning cycle.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved that \$1,000 be dispersed from PEVA's share of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to GraceInside Prison Ministry.

Service of Inclusion and Welcome – After hearing a presentation from Rev. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, the Compassion, Peace & Justice Ministries Team voted to endorse the service and approved announcing it at the April 2026 Presbytery meeting. Dr. McCall-Gilliam will be invited to speak at the April meeting.

NARRATIVE REPORT:

GraceInside Prison Ministry Presentation: Rev. Aaron Brittain presented the work of Grace Inside, a nonprofit responsible for coordinating prison chaplaincy in Virginia since 1920. He explained that the Virginia Department of Corrections does not directly fund chaplains, relying instead on GraceInside. GraceInside employs 35 chaplains serving 38 state institutions and supports inmates of all faith traditions. Its chaplains are “dedicated to nurturing faith and hope in Virginia’s prisons.” Chaplaincy in prison includes providing one-on-one pastoral care, leading worship services, coordinating volunteers, supporting correctional staff, and overseeing all religious programming.

Kirkwood Voices of Faith in Action Group: RE Cindy Williamson reported on the advocacy work of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church’s Voices of Faith in Action Group, which engages in legislative advocacy, participation in statewide events, and educational programming. The group is grounded in biblical justice and Presbyterian values. The leaders presented their idea to the pastor and session at Kirkwood PC. The initial meeting in January had a strong turnout, and participants wrote letters to legislators regarding General Assembly bills. A small delegation participated in the Day for All People in Richmond, Virginia where they delivered letters to legislators. The leaders are happy to share the group’s step-by-step approach to formation.

Service of Inclusion and Welcome: Dr. McCall-Gilliam proposed a Service of Inclusion and Welcome during Pride Month to celebrate God's love for all people. The service will be coordinated by a collaboration of churches who have expressed interest. Dr. McCall-Gilliam shared that she has prepared a liturgy and that several ministers and congregations have agreed to participate. Rev. Brian Harroff offered Royster Memorial PC to host this event on June 7 at 5:00P.M.

Presbytery Worship Service Planning: Rev. Addie Peterson suggested that CPJ be featured or included in the worship at Presbytery meeting, to highlight committee work or

mission. CPJ agreed to request that PEVA council and the Worship team prayerful consideration to hold a Prayer Vigil for Peace at the October 2026 Presbytery meeting, if possible or a future meeting. RE Gerry Ellis and Rev. Addie Peterson will reach out to Council and the Worship Team regarding this request and the possibility of worship involvement.

Prayer Commitment Initiative: The committee affirmed a daily 7:00 P.M. prayer commitment for peace and the work of CPJ, inviting others across the Presbytery to participate.

HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM

Report to Presbytery

April 28, 2026

Ruling Elder **Kelvin Jackson**, Co-Chair Moderator

Ruling Elder **Gail Schwartz**, Co-Chair Moderator

Ruling Elder **Jessica A. Fitzgerald**, Hunger Action Advocate

RECOMMENDATION to Presbytery: Hunger **RECOMMENDATION** to Presbytery:

1.*MOTION: That the report of the Hunger Ministry Team be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

ACTIONS TAKEN: None

NARRATIVE REPORT


PEVA collected 200 long sleeve shirts for National Farmworker Awareness Week in March. There were two collection sites this year, the Presbytery office and Denbigh United PC. Cotton long-sleeved T-shirts can help prevent exposure to pesticides by covering the skin which is the most common route of pesticide poisoning due to its exposure. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicates that over 20,000 cases of doctor-diagnosed pesticide poisoning are reported yearly. These shirts will be distributed locally for workers mainly on the Eastern Shore, VA as they attend safety training, right before the produce season starts late April. The training includes pesticide and handler safety by Telamon. This safety training is paid for by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) & the Association of Farm Opportunity Programs (AFOP).

MIGRANT FARM WORKERS AND SEASONAL AGRICULTURE WORKERS - They bring food to our tables and often have little to eat themselves. Continue to keep these workers and their families in your prayers as they work in the fields this season, especially those on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Farmworkers are part of Virginia's communities even if their work is seasonal. Remember the work of all who have helped to make our meals possible. As the ministry team prepares for the upcoming season of the Migrant Farm Workers Ministry and Seasonal Agriculture Workers, we invite your church to join us in providing essential support for the workers and families who labor tirelessly.

The great paradox of our food system is the very people who work to feed the U.S. struggle to feed their own families. In fact, farm workers have one of the lowest annual family incomes of any U.S. wage and salary workers. However, these numbers do not tell the whole story of the issues that farm workers face based on their income. Many farm workers earn an income based on their productivity rate. Farm work is hard work, they perform repetitive picking motions, bend over for hours at a time, lift heavy buckets of produce, and operate machinery that can lead to mishaps and injuries. Working in hot weather can also be deadly, workers run the risk of heat-related injuries and or illnesses based on the

incentive to work harder and faster without breaks. Physical contact with agrochemicals can also lead to unwanted sicknesses. Many workers cannot exercise their rights if they are afraid to speak. Learn more about issues affecting Farm Workers at <https://nfwf.org/farm-workers/farm-worker-issues/> or <https://www.awacoalition.org/>



To learn more about the H-2A program at <https://nfwf.org/farm-workers/farm-worker-issues/h-2a-guest-worker-program/>. Federal wage policies, including adjustments to the H-2A Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR), can unintentionally suppress wages for both migrant and local U.S. workers in rural communities. To ensure fair compensation and safe working conditions, it is essential to advocate for comprehensive reforms that protect all agricultural laborers.

 **Most Needed Food Kits** - The most urgent and ongoing need for the ministry is food kits. **We ask each congregation to prayerfully consider a pledge on how many food kits they can provide. You may find the online pledge form here <https://forms.office.com/r/y4W4fH4kvF?origin=lprLink>. Pledging system helps the ministry team plan what still needs to be purchased. Please submit your pledge to the presbytery office by July 1, 2026.** Our goal is to provide 150 food kits this season. **Completed Food Kits are due no later than July 17, 2026.**

   **Food Kit** - Put together a canvas grocery bag containing one of each:

- 4lb bag of MASECA (cornmeal) for tortillas and or all-purpose flour for other cooking
- 2-5lb bag of dried beans (black and or pinto only)
- 16-48oz oil for cooking
- 2-10lbs bag of enriched long grain rice
- 12-18oz can of jalapenos
- canned tomato sauce
- canned vegetables
- a can of fruit, or dry fruit packaged
- box of pasta
- package of Goya Maria Cookies


  **Most Needed Baby Diapers, Baby wipes and Pullups** – Diapers sizes newborn and up, **most needed are size 5-7.**

  **Hygiene Kits** - If your church has a dentist or dental assistant in the congregation who may be willing to donate toothbrushes, that support would be greatly appreciated. The goal is 100 hygiene kits. We ask each congregation to prayerfully consider a pledge on how many Hygiene kits they can provide.


Hygiene Kit: Put together a gallon zip lock bag containing


- adult toothbrush
- child's toothbrush
- tube of adult toothpaste (4-7 ounces)
- tube of child toothpaste (4-7 ounces)
- hand towel
- washcloth
- comb
- nail clipper
- bar of soap (bath size, in wrapper)
- six Band-aids

- travel hand sanitizers or wipes.

 **Clothing Donations** - Lightweight, cotton clothing only suitable for spring, summer, and fall (No winter clothing). Clothing such as children's clothing (NB and up), jeans (regular adult sizes), cotton T-shirts, short sleeve and long sleeve (regular adult sizes), socks, and hats.


 **Shoes** - Children's and adult athletic shoes only (No winter shoes or boots)


 **Inventory Donations Before Drop-Off:** To help the ministry team work more efficiently, we ask congregations to inventory and label all donations before dropping them off. Sort items into labeled bags or boxes, include a simple list of contents in each bag or box. This preparation will save the ministry team and PEVA staff valuable time and allow us to focus on staging, assembly, and distribution.

 **Donation Deadline & Donation Drop-Off Sites:** Please send all donations and or needed items to the Presbytery Office by the week of July 17. **You may drop off at the Presbytery office between the hours 10 AM- 4 PM Tuesday July 13-July 17, 2026. ALL DONATED ITEMS ARE DUE BY JULY 17.**

The ministry team is currently working to secure additional drop-off donation sites to make participation easier. We hope to have a location on the Peninsula (possibly an additional site to be confirmed).

We would be very grateful if one of PEVA's Peninsula churches would consider hosting a satellite site. This would greatly assist congregations in your region and reduce travel for donors. If interested, please contact Jessica@pcusa-peva.org, gerry.ellis@verizon.net, addie.peterson529@gmail.com

 Donate funds to help fill the gaps for other needs such as farmer worker children schools supplies to start Kindergarten, provide support due to reduced working hours related to loop holes in labor contracts, to provide support to Dos Santos Food Pantry on the shore which reaches more workers than those families that use the Head Start Centers, grocery gift cards to help families purchase fresh produce, meat, cheese, eggs, and milk. Mail checks to the presbytery office or donate online at <https://abundant.co/peva/mfwwfm>

 Thank you for your continued compassion and partnership in supporting the Migrant Farm Workers and Seasonal Agriculture Workers Ministry. Your generosity helps ensure that those who feed us are cared for with dignity, love, and are seen, as we are present and stand in solidarity with them. Your support directly blesses the migrant farm worker families who depend on this ministry each year. We are deeply grateful for your compassionate partnership.

FOOD CLOSET, PANTRY, OUTREACH, CREATION CARE & GOOD NEWS AROUND PEVA: MATTHEW 25 IN ACTION:

SECOND PC - partners with and supports a wide range of local organizations to address hunger, education, housing stability, and community well-being across Hampton Roads. Partners. [St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries](#), which provides food pantry services, clothing assistance, transitional housing, and financial support, and Park Place Child Life Center, which supports children and youth through literacy programs, arts-based after-school activities, and neighborhood enrichment. [ForKids](#) which supports families experiencing homelessness through emergency shelter, housing programs, and supportive services that promote stability. ForKids also places a strong emphasis on educational stability and child development, ensuring that children experiencing homelessness receive academic support and opportunities to succeed in school. Through partnerships with community organizations

such as Second PC, and volunteers ForKids supports thousands of individuals each year, helping families move from crisis to stability and hope. [LAUNCH](#) (Learning, Access, Unity, Nutrition, Career, and Health), a collaborative network that offers monthly resource distribution and community services. Through LAUNCH, Second Presbyterian supports the Peace on Earth LAUNCH Christmas Event, a community-wide outreach held each December in Norfolk, Virginia. Volunteers assist with logistics, hospitality, and coordination, offering a visible expression of unity, compassion, and faith-based service within the community. Other PEVA churches, including **First United PC** and **Royster Memorial PC**, support the Prince of Peace event, while **New Horizon PC**, **Lafayette PC**, and **First PC, Norfolk** also support broader LAUNCH initiatives. Second PC received a both a Peacemaking and Hunger grant to support the Prince of Peace event, Park Place initiatives, and the church's Feed My Sheep Hunger Ministry in late 2025. [The Norfolk Street Choir Project](#) a ministry that serves unsheltered neighbors through music, arts, meals, and access to essential services in a safe and affirming environment. [Youth Outreach Urban Resources & Services](#) (YOURS), a faith-based leadership and outreach program serving at-risk middle and high school students and supported by Lafayette PC and First PC, Norfolk. Second PC also supports Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services, which provides pastoral counseling and education to individuals and families of all backgrounds. Second PC supports international mission partners in Germany, Singapore and the Middle East.

KNOX PC – Partnered with the National Religious Partnership for the Environment to help churches in disadvantaged communities improve the tree canopy on their church property. Knox PC hosted a giveaway tree giveaway on April 8. <http://www.nrpe.org/rooted-faith.html>

PROVIDENCE PC – The congregation joined in the 40 items in 40 days campaign, they placed a gently used items from their belongings such as clothing, shoes, belts, scarves, gloves, ties, hats,, handbags, wallets, reading glasses, clean and useable kitchen items, linens/towels, suitcases and or backpacks in a bag each day of Lent, brought it to the church on Easter Sunday, and the bags were taken to the Union Mission. One of the missionary programs Providence is supporting is the Iraq Partnership through the [Outreach Foundation](#). Providence youth are collecting use sneakers partnership with ["gotsneakers.com"](#) they recycle them to reduce landfill waste and or resells them. Any proceeds gotsneakers may forward to Providence PC goes towards their youth work camp fund. Providence provides blessings bags and the needed items to fill the bags are donated by church members and are in the foyer, Members are encouraged to pick up a few blessing bags and keep them handy in their car and follow Christ's call to help those who are hungry, thirsty or in need. The PW of Providence have faithfully supported the Migrant Farm Workers and Seasonal Agriculture Workers Ministry in various ways through the years.

Why a Land Acknowledgement

In June 2021, the PEVA Council approved a motion from the Peacemaking Committee of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministries to adopt the practice of reading a Land Acknowledgement to begin presbytery meetings.

What is a land acknowledgement?

- A land acknowledgement is a formal statement presented at the beginning of public events and gatherings that are taking place on lands first inhabited by Indigenous peoples.
- It is a simple, respectful way of showing recognition to who the first people of the land were and counters the “Doctrine of Discovery.”
- It is a step towards correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people’s history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth.
- It raises awareness about our own history and how we came to inhabit this land.
- It invites us to repair relationships with Indigenous communities and with the land.

What it is NOT:

- “... simply a politically correct gesture to make ourselves feel good. It can certainly be this, though, if we do not take further steps. Doing an acknowledgement ought not be a token gesture. That renders it meaningless. The invitation to change relationships, our understanding of history, and existing structures must follow.” (Mennonite Church Canada)

The Presbyterian Connection:

- The 223rd General Assembly (2018) overwhelmingly approved the report, *The Doctrine of Discovery: A Review of Its Origins and Implications for Congregations in the PC(USA) and Support for Native American Sovereignty*, from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Among its recommendations:
 - “Encourage mid councils to begin their meetings with an acknowledgment of whose land they are meeting on and that greetings to the assembly include a welcome from those Indigenous peoples currently living on the land.”
 - “Urge the session of each congregation—as well as each mid council, seminary, Presbyterian Women’s groups, and national church agency—to review the existing study resources on the Doctrine of Discovery (posted on the Facing Racism website: <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/life-witness/ministry-areas/women-gender-justice-ministry/doctrine-discovery>, and to lift up histories of Indigenous peoples and current issues facing Indigenous peoples. ”
- In September 2020, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, issued a Call to Action encouraging Presbyterians to address past injustices that still impact indigenous people and to give “deep consideration to how our churches and communities were formed in relation and/or opposition to the Indigenous peoples of the region and begin ever so carefully to discern the nature of that relationship today.” In addition, “This is far more than a call to recognize Indigenous peoples in one moment or on one day. Indeed, the Call to Action before us is a long-term call to unsettle and decolonize a church deeply intertwined in racist, settler-colonial systems of white supremacy,” “Let us bring to the fore our commitment to true justice and stand in solidarity with all Indigenous peoples in their efforts for sovereignty and human rights.”

The website <https://native-land.ca> can help you identify the Indigenous peoples who lived on the land where your church now sits. There are also websites with examples of Land Acknowledgement statements if your Session chooses to adopt the practice and include it in worship, bulletins, websites and so forth.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Report to Presbytery

The Reverend Dr. **Christina M. B. Carrasco**, moderator

April 28, 2026

Members: Rev. Dr. **Garrett B. Bugg** (Moderator), Rev. Dr. **Christina M. B. Carrasco** (council moderator), Rev. **Brian H. Harroff**, RE **Charity Houghton** (Wythe), CP **Sidnia B. Etherington**, (Lafayette) (Vice Moderator), Rev. **Martha E. Mitchell**, Rev. **Emma L. Ouellette**, RE **Clyde Parker** (Community Portsmouth), RE **Dianne F. Schoonover** (Yorkminster), Stated Clerk **Q. John Tamm** (First, Virginia Beach), Rev. Dr. **Melissa S. Long**, General Presbyter.

RECOMMENDATION to Presbytery: The Presbytery Council **RECOMMENDS** to the Presbytery the following:

1. MOTION: That the Presbytery elect RE **Roxie O. Holder** (Carver Memorial), Stated Clerk for a term commencing May 1, 2026, and concluding on December 31, 2027.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

***2. MOTION** That the Presbytery receive the actions taken by the Presbytery Council as reported and that they be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

1. On February 10, 2026, received the recommendation by the Personnel Committee and approved the offer extended to RE **Roxie O. Holder** to become the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.
2. On March 10, 2026, approved two PCUSA Camp and Conference PEVA grants submitted by King's Grant – Massanetta \$2,500, and Montreat - \$2,500.
3. On March 10, 2026, approved a proposal to have a trial of an event application (app) for \$400 to enhance communication, starting with a 14-day trial before the April Presbytery meeting. The Journal Clerk, **Raymond Rodrigues**, will lead the trial and gather feedback to determine if the app should be used for the rest of the year.
4. On April 14, 2026, approved the following 2026 PCUSA Camp and Conference PEVA Grant Applications: Denbigh United – Montreat \$1,000.00, Great Bridge – Massanetta \$1,500.00, Great Bridge – Montreat \$2,500.00, Hidenwood – Massanetta, \$2,500.00, Hidenwood – Montreat \$1,500.00, and Hilton – Montreat \$2,500.00.
5. On April 14, 2026, approved, Denbigh United Church’s request for \$1,000.00 from the Youth Conference Scholarships fund, on a one-time basis for the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Kaleidoscope.
6. On April 14, 2026, approved the Docket for the 145th Stated Meeting.
7. On April 14, 2026, a proposal to establish a Director for Spiritual Growth position within the Presbytery, if approved by the Presbytery.
8. On April 14, 2026, the Council agreed to include cost information and scope of work details, for the Director of Spiritual Growth. with the position requiring a total cost of approximately \$90,000 including salary and benefits. The motion to move forward with this approach was approved by the Council.
9. On April 14, 2026, approved a handout for the stated meeting with the parameters of the Director of Spiritual Growth.
10. On April 14, 2026, the Council approved the need to establish clear guidelines and expectations for remote participation in stated meetings, commission and committee meetings, including professional behavior and engagement standards. The Council agreed to form a subgroup to address these issues.
11. On April 14, 2026, approved the following locations for the stated meetings in 2027:
Wycliffe Church, January 23, 2027 TBD, April 27,2027
Providence Church, July 27, 2027 Carver Memorial Church, October 26, 2027

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to Presbytery

The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey**, moderator

April 28, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery: The Nominations Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Presbytery:

- 1. MOTION:** The Nominations Committee places the following names in nomination:

Member, Commission on Preparation for the Ministry

The Reverend **Nelson Lee Steinert** (Class of 2029)

Member, Commission on Ministry

The Reverend Dr. **Jeffrey S. Bell** (Class of 2028)

Elder Commissioner of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

Ruling Elder **Thomas Holt** (First Church, Hampton) (Class of 2029)

Trustee of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Inc.

The Reverend **Donald P. Troast** (Class of 2028)

Ruling Elder **Larry H. Hull** (Second) (Class of 2028)

Ruling Elder **Karen Dixon** (Providence) (Class of 2029)

Trustee of John Knox Homes, Inc.

The Reverend Donald P. Troast (Class of 2028)

Ruling Elder Karen Dixon (Providence) (Class of 2029)

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

- 2. *MOTION:** Received with regret, the resignation of Ruling Elder **Michael Fore** (KirkWood).

- 3. *MOTION:** That the report of the Nominations committee be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ **Approved** _____ **Disapproved** _____

Narrative Report

The members of the Nominations Committee are as follows: The Reverend Dr. **Jeffery S. Bell** Class of 2029, The Reverend Dr. **Michael T. Condrey** Class of 2029, CP **Sidnia "Sid" Etherington** Class of 2027, the Rev. **James B. Hoy** Class of 2028, Elder **Larry Hull** (Second) Class of 2029, the Reverend **Linda K. Rainey** Class of 2027, the Reverend Dr. **Melissa Sumner Long**, General Presbyter (ex officio) and Ruling Elder **Q. John Tamm**, Stated Clerk (ex officio).

The Nominations Committee is made up of three classes, having two members in each. One term of service is three years, and the members are nominated by the Presbytery Council. The Nominations Committee meets at the call of its moderator.

PRESBYTERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Trustees)

The Rev. Dr. **John Morgan**, moderator,
and President of PEVA, Inc.
Report to the Presbytery
April 28, 2026

Members: RE **Michael Broadhurst** (First Portsmouth) Class of 2027, RE **Pax Goodson** (Hilton) Class of 2027, Reverend **Donald E. McLean** Class of 2027, Reverend Dr. **John E. Morgan** Class of 2028, **Regan Knutson**, Business Administrator, RE **Jessica Fitzgerald**, Administrative Assistant, (Third), Reverend Dr. **Melissa Sumner Long**; General Presbyter *ex officio*, RE **Q. John Tamm**; Stated Clerk, (First, Virginia Beach) *ex officio*

RECOMMENDATION to Presbytery:

***1. Motion:** That the Presbytery receive the report of the Board of Trustees and that the report be printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

ACTIONS

Actions for the February 12, 2026, meeting:

- Trustees approved the typical end-of-year transfers of funds from the Church Legacy Funds and the Community Ministry Funds for the end-of-year transfers of funds for the Congregational Vitality Team and the Compassion, Peace & Justice Team to offset the 2025 budget.
- Trustees approved the use of the funds in Presbytery’s Towne Bank Account as the first source of funding for the Church Property Capital Needs Improvement Grants Program and the Small Church Leadership Program until exhausted.
- Trustees approved to transfer any funds exceeding the FDIC insurance limit in the Presbytery’s Truist Operating Checking Account to the New Covenant Trust Money Market Account.
- Trustees approved appointing trustee RE **Micheal Broadhurst** as the independent third-party reviewer for Presbytery’s bank reconciliations and financial books on a quarterly basis.

Actions for the March 24, 2026, meeting:

- Trustees approved the cost share severance package for Stone House Presbyterian Church and the Reverend **Kristin Reinhold**, the former pastor. Stone House Presbyteian Church’s responsibility total is \$17,613.00 and the Presbytery’s responsibility is \$20,742.00; severance agreement period is April – September of 2026.

Actions for April 9, 2026, meeting:

- Trustees approved the transfer of \$25,000.00 from the donor restricted income Endowment PCUSA Camp and Conference (interest earned) to the PCUSA Camp & Conference Temporarily Restricted Fund to be used for PCUSA Camp and Conference scholarships.
- Trustees approved that RE **Roxie O. Holder** be elected as the Secretary of Corporation contingent upon her election as Stated Clerk on April 28, 2026.

- Trustees approved RE Holder as a signatory for the Truist Bank account and remove RE Q. John Tamm contingent upon the Stated Clerk election on April 28, 2026.

NARRATIVE REPORT

On February 12, the trustees discussed the responsibilities of the Trustees regarding property management, financial oversight, and legal matters for Presbytery. Dr. Long presented some investment projections provided by **David English** and the Rev. **Erin Skinner** of the New Covenant Trust a Subsidiary of the Presbyterian Foundation. The Trustees reviewed investment projections and discussed the possibility of increasing the investment withdrawal rate range of 3% to 4% or 5% for a limited time. Mr. English and Rev. Skinner made the projections based on historical returns. No action was taken at that time.

The board continued to discuss to possibility of changing banks all together and the cost of all the checks that the office already has on hand for both the Truist formerly BB&T and the Towne Bank accounts and the cost of associated fees.

Discussion was held regarding funds exceeding the FDIC insurance limit. It was noted that options include continuing the usual practices as normal or having the Board explore other methods to ensure all presbytery funds remain fully insured and protected, while also maintaining the ability to access cash for disbursement.

A trustee was appointed to serve as the independent reviewer of Presbytery Financials. This separation of duties, with an independent reviewer as outlined in PEVA's internal controls, is essential in minimizing the opportunity for misappropriation of funds and ensuring the integrity of the financial resources entrusted to PEVA's care including the bank statements, every three months.

On March 24, the trustees discussed the severance package, the trustees' role was to decide on financial matters and approve the severance package, not to debate the circumstances, as the Committee on Ministry (COM) has already completed due diligence.

On April 9, the Trustees reviewed the December year-end adjustments along with the January and February financial reports. Eleven churches submitted twelve Capital Needs Grant applications. The subcommittee will evaluate these requests and arrange site visits within a 90-day timeframe. There is a need for a thorough evaluation of all grants submitted a tabulation scoresheet for evaluation has been created to assist the subcommittee

The trustees decided to take no additional action on the investment withdrawal rate at this time. They will revisit the matter in September, after reviewing the total grant approval amounts, before making a final withdrawal decision.

Reviewed the 2026 pledge status from member churches with no substantial concerns. Some churches continue to give even thou they have not pledged.

The trustees are working with an insurance broker to search for replacement coverage for the Presbytery. The current carrier remains liable for tail coverage on any existing claims. An update is expected at the next trustees meeting.

The nominations committee is working on finding a slate of trustees to fill the classes needed and will be presenting nominations at the April 28 Presbytery meeting.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

Report to the Presbytery

The Reverend **Carter M Jones**, moderator

April 28, 2026

Members: Rev. **Michelle "Mike" D. Burcher** Class of 2027, Elder **Sandra Gail Burton** (New Horizons) Class of 2027, Elder **Alice "Lisa" Cross** (St. Andrew) Class of 2029, Rev. **Carter M. Jones**, Elder **Charlie Reece** (KirkWood) Class of 2028, Rev. **Andrew P. Whitehead** Class of 2028

RECOMMENDATION to Presbytery: The Commission on Preparation for Ministry RECOMMENDS to the Presbytery the following:

- 1. ***MOTION:** That the narrative report of the CPM be received by the Presbytery and printed in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

Narrative Report

We currently have the following Candidates under our care:

	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
1. Carol Bayma	Apr 2012	Dubuque	GD	16	Royster	C. Reece
2. Marcy Wright	May 2018	Union	GD	19	Carver Mem.	K. Harris
3. Summer Moore	Sept 2023	G. Conwell	GD	22	2 nd Norfolk	A. Whitehead

We have three candidates ready to receive a call:

	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
1. Donna Herring	June 2018	Union	GD	21	Wmsburg	A. Whitehead
2. Katherine Dickens	Oct 2014	Princeton	GD	17	1st VAB	M. Burcher
3. Donna Graves	Sept 2021	Union	GD	24	Carver Mem.	C. Jones

*Status: FT=Full Time; PT=Part Time; DL=Distant Learning; NC=No Classes;
GD=graduated

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

Report to the Presbytery
Ruling Elder **Jill Keifer**, Chair
April 6, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS to Presbytery:

***1. MOTION:** That the report of the Sessional Records Committee be received and printed in the minutes of this meeting. The following church records were/had:

No exceptions: Community (Portsmouth) and Denbigh United

Exceptions: Christ 28b, 29b (2019 records rec'd); First (Portsmouth) 28b; Franklin 2, 18, 20, 22, 24, 29a&b, 30, 34a&b; Green Acres 2b

No records from: None

Motion Made _____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____

2026 SCHEDULE FOR EXAMINATION OF SESSIONAL RECORDS

NOTE: Clerks will be asked to submit records two months before the Presbytery Meeting.

AREA 1–Jill Keifer (Royster Memorial)

1923 Paddock Road Norfolk, VA 23518-4929 C. 757-567-4106

Feb. – First United	May – Knox	Nov. – King’s Grant
Feb. – Hidenwood	May – Providence	Nov. – Naomi Makemie
Feb. – Groves Memorial	Aug – Grace Covenant	Nov. – St. Andrew
May – Great Bridge	Aug – New Horizons	

AREA 2– Maggie Van Guilder (First Hampton)

4600 Victoria Blvd Hampton, VA 23669 Tel. H. 757-869-2918

Feb. – Bayside	May - Lafayette	Nov. – Christ
Feb. – Community, Ports.	Aug. – Green Acres	Nov. – Denbigh United
May – Holmes	Aug. – Simonsdale	Nov. – Franklin
May - Jamestown	Aug. – KirkWood	

AREA 3 – Rose Busetti (Lynnhaven)

612 Lynn Shores Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23452-2639 H. 757-306-8901

Feb – Calvin	May – Yorkminster	Nov. – Bethany
Feb – First, Portsmouth	Aug – Community, Hamp.	Nov. – First, Norfolk
Feb – Greenbrier	Aug – Royster Memorial	Nov. – Suffolk
May – First, Hampton	Aug – Second	

A 4 – Debbie Braswell (Bethany)

8496 Winston Dr., Zuni, VA 23898 C. 757-593-5236

Feb. – Carver Memorial	May – Wycliffe	Nov. – Third
Feb. – Hilton	Aug. – Powelton	Nov. – Stone House
Feb. – Lynnhaven	Aug. – First, VA Beach	Nov. – Wythe
May – Frances Makemie	Aug. – Williamsburg	

2026 Presbytery Meetings	Letters/Forms Mailed to COS	Deadline for Receipt of Records	Committee Review Date
APRIL	JANUARY 12	FEBRUARY 16	MARCH 9
JULY	APRIL 15	MAY 15	JUNE 8
OCTOBER	JULY 13	AUGUST 17	SEPTEMBER 14
JANUARY	OCTOBER 12	NOVEMBER 16	DECEMBER 14

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE IN MINISTRY
PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONS, MINISTRY TEAMS AND COMMITTEES.
OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE**

The Presbytery needs your service. If you are interested in serving on a particular commission, committee, or ministry team, please indicate below:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ **Church:** _____
Email: _____
Gender: Male ____ Female ____ Non-Binary ____

Please include ecclesiastical status if applicable:

____ Ruling Elder ____ Minister of Word and Sacrament
 ____ Deacon ____ Congregation Member

Racial/Ethnic Designation:

____ Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian ____ Black/African American/African
 ____ Middle Eastern/ North African ____ Hispanic/Latino-a
 ____ Native American/Alaska Native/ Indigenous ____ White
 ____ Multiracial ____ Other _____

Age: ____ 18-25 ____ 26-40 ____ 41-55 ____ 56-70 ____ 70 & over

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM, MARK WHAT INTERESTS YOU TO SERVE ON AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PEVA OFFICE.

IF A VACANCY IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR COMMISSION, MINISTRY TEAM AND OR COMMITTEE YOU NOTED, THE FORM WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR LATER CONSIDERATION.

- ____ BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- ____ COMMISSION LAY PASTOR (CLP)
- ____ COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)
- ____ COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION (COR)/ NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
- ____ COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)
- ____ CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY (CVT)
- ____ COMPASSION PEACE & JUSTICE (CPJ)
- ____ PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (PJC)
- ____ SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE
- ____ OTHER _____

Please write it in

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