

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY

COMMISSIONERS' HANDBOOK

May 13, 2025

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Friends, we have the wonderful opportunity to have Elder Barbara Champagne, Rev. Nathan See, and Rev. Josie Holler preaching at our worship; their bios are in this **Commissioner's Handbook**.

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The information to access the online version of this handbook is being emailed to each minister member of NHP and every Clerk of Session. It is the Clerk's responsibility to distribute that information to the Ruling Elder Commissioner eligible to vote at the meeting.

A limited number of printed handbooks will be available at the meeting. Please print their own Handbook, or parts you believe you need; better still for the good stewardship of God's creation, download it on your laptop or notebook and bring that to the meeting.

All Minister Members and Ruling Elder Commissioners are urged to **read all the reports** in order to be fully prepared for the meeting.

The price of lunch is \$10.00.

History of the Second Presbyterian Church

The Second Presbyterian Church of Sumter has served the City of Sumter and the surrounding rural areas for more than 144 years, with a ministry of Christian worship, education, and fellowship. The land which initially consisted of more than five acres was given by Mr. Monaghan of Sumter. Under the auspices of the Board of National Mission of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the church was organized in 1880 under the pastoral administration of the Reverend James Lawton. Fifty charter members comprised the founding congregation.

The first edifice, a rectangular frame building, measuring 20 x 40 feet was demolished and replaced by a new building constructed from brick made of white sand by students at Kendall Institute. The new sanctuary had a capacity of 300. The new structure included a basement area which covered the same amount of space as the main sanctuary. The basement served the Sunday School and other religious activities. The plant was valued at \$14,000. The construction was completed in 1911 under the Reverend A. U. Frierson. A two-story manse was erected on the grounds valued at \$3,000.

Kendall Institute was founded 1891 and was sustained by the Board for Freedmen. The school was named for Mrs. Julia B. Kendall, wife of Reverend Henry Kendall, Secretary of the Board of Missions from 1870 to 1892. Reverend J. C. Watkins, the second pastor of the church built the school from its foundation to a recognized center of training for Christian education from first grade through high school. His pastorate lasted for eleven years.

Dr. A. U. Frierson, a product of the Goodwill Parochial School Mayesville, South Carolina, succeeded Reverend Watkins as pastor and principal of the school. During his administration, Kendall Institute attracted students from all over the state. A three-story framed girl's dormitory was proposed in 1908 and later built at a cost of five thousand (\$5,000). By 1912 the school's enrollment reached its highest peak of 436 for boarding and day students. During the thirteen years Reverend Frierson was at Kendall, eleven classes with an average of eleven girls and boys per class were graduated. The Reverend John P. Foster succeeded Dr. Frierson. Under the administration of Reverend Foster, a dedicatory service was held.

Reverend Foster's first year at Kendall was completely gratifying to the board and the community as one of the brightest chapters in the school's recorded history. The academic program was expanded and enriched. The curriculum added practical arts and crafts and athletics became a part of the extracurricular program. Reverend Foster remained at Kendall twelve years and relinquished the principalship to Reverend I. P. Pogue in 1928. A cottage was built for boys in 1928 and athletics continued with robust competitions. 1932, Kendall closed.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, a Scotia Seminary alumna, was one of earliest instructors at Kendall Institute.

The Reverend Thomas E. Wilson was Reverend Pogue's successor. Under his leadership the numerical strength of the church increased. The Reverend James A. Martin was the next ordinant to serve the church. His tenure and leadership marked the purchase of a four-acre tract on Old Pocalla Road in 1967, the current site of the Second Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend Robert E. Bligen, who first served as supply, was installed in 1970, and his leadership resulted in the erection of a new edifice and educational wing. The groundbreaking ceremonies for the new structure took place on February 24, 1974.

The erection of the new structure, which Reverend Bligen designed, was an act of stewardship for many of the men of the church who used their talents to complete in-kind labor for a building valued at nearly \$250,000. A dedicatory service held on April 23, 1976, with Dr. Clinton Marsh, the 185th Moderator of the General Assembly as the speaker.

Under the direction of Reverend Bligen and the Session, the church operated a very successful five day weekly senior citizens program. He established the Willing Workers, a service-oriented group and the Shepherd Leaders program that paired deacons and elders as ministry partners to the congregation. Dr. Bligen honorably retired September 30, 1998 after 28 years of service.

Following the retirement of Dr. Bligen, Reverend Emma W. Thompson whose membership had a lengthy history in the Second Presbyterian Church was elected as Interim Pastor in 1998. Reverend Thompson served admirably for three years and resigned in 2001.

The Session hired Reverend Julia A. Prince as Temporary Supply Pastor in 2001. The temporary status of her service and others gave way to several ministers sharing their gifts with the congregation to fill the spiritual leadership void until a pastor could be contractually secured. Second Presbyterian Church was blessed to embrace messages from visiting pastors Othan Franklin Sharp, Omar Hilton, and Daryl Cunningham.

Reverend Dr. Gloria Jones Williams became the ninth pastor of Second Presbyterian Church on March 25, 2007. She led the church into community ministries, including a tutoring ministry with Morris College. She presided as an able and competent leader. Reverend Williams resigned in 2014.

Second Church was once again seeking pastoral leadership. The church called upon its elders, deacons and visiting ministers to keep the flock spiritually nourished and engaged. The search concluded with a familiar voice and face, the vibrant and spiritually gifted Rev. Dr. Ella Franklin Busby. The Session hired the honorably retired Dr. Busby in 2016. Her inspiration, faith and leadership produced the renovation of the church fellowship hall and dining facility with a zero-balance owed at completion.

Second Presbyterian Church has a rich, distinctive, and impactful history of Christian service to the Sumter community. Kendall Institute enhanced the academic lives of Black children and left an indelible cultural imprint. The Sumter County Historical Commission erected a historical marker at the original site on the corner of Watkins and Harvin Streets. The boys and girls whose lives were enriched through the scouting programs directed by Mr. E. H. Roman, Sr. and Mr. K. D. Singleton for boys and Rev. Emma Thompson and her associates organized an ecumenical activity for girls. Dr. Bligen's senior citizens program enlivened the daily routine for so many residents in the Sumter community. Dr. Busby's drive, vision, determination, and faith continue to forge a path toward the fulfillment of the Second Presbyterian Church mission of "To know God's will and to do it".

Preachers for today's worship



Elder Barbara Ragin Champagne is a semi-retired educator, an author, and a follower of Christ. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina-Columbia, a Master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Scranton, a master's in teaching with a concentration in History from Winthrop University and a Doctorate from Liberty University, where she focused on the parental engagement strategies of rural African American parents of middle school students. Currently, she serves as an Interim Executive Director of Instruction for a school district.



Rev. Nathan See has been an Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach since 2018. Before arriving in Myrtle Beach, Nathan spent the previous 14 years in full-time youth ministry in Columbia, Missouri and Denver Colorado. Rev. See received his MDiv from Denver Seminary and will complete his DMin from Union Presbyterian Seminary in June. He and his wife Morgan have a high schooler (Tyler) and a soon-to-be middle schooler (Georgia).



Rev. Josie Holler is a native of South Carolina. She attended the College of Charleston and has a M.Div from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She has been ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for 29 years and served churches in the Midlands and Pee Dee areas of South Carolina. She has served New Harmony Presbytery in numerous ways through the years. Josie resides with her husband, David, in Wedgefield with three dogs, two cats, and a pig. They have three grown children. A daughter, Stewart, a son, Grey, and a daughter, Owings.

PROPOSED DOCKET

PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY 117th STATED MEETING

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at Second, Sumter

4-24-25

8:30 A.M. Registration, Gathering, Fellowship and Refreshments

9:30 Determination of a Quorum and Call to Order with Prayer Rev. Ashley Cheek, Moderator
Land and Labor Acknowledgement
Review and Adoption of the Docket and Omnibus Motion (see Commissioners' Handbook)
Welcome and Recognition of First Time Ruling Elders and Corresponding Members
Introduce and Seat Corresponding Members
Welcome by the Host Pastor Rev. Dr. Ella Busby

10:00 Worship (Offering checks to "New Harmony Presbytery")

11:15 New Outreach Initiatives

11:45 United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women Elder Linda Jackson, Presby. Women Delegate

12:00 Lunch – **ORDER OF THE DAY** (cost - \$10; checks - "Second Presbyterian Church")
Jointly Sponsored by Texas Presbyterian Foundation – Stefanie Marsden, Relationship Manager

1:00 Good News from our Congregations (not announcements) **Ruling Elders ONLY!!!**

1:15 SC Inn at Montreat Rev. Tom Dendy, NHP's rep to SC Inn at Montreat Board

1:20 Stated Clerk Rev. Gavin D. Meek

1:30 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Rev. Josie Holler, Moderator
Inquirer Cate Henderson, examination in order to proceed to Candidacy
Inquirer Randolph Green, examination in order to proceed to Candidacy

2:00 Committee on Ministry (COM) Elder Avery Dickson, COM Moderator
Introducing Rev. Dr. David Ruth, Supply Pastor, Williamsburg, Kingstree

2:25 Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN) Rev. Rodney Foster, Moderator

2:30 Guiding Council Rev. Gavin D. Meek, Guiding Council Moderator

2:40 New Business and any items which might have been removed from the Omnibus Motion
Announcements, Expression of Thanks, Adjournment & Prayer Rev. Ashley Cheek, Moderator

OMNIBUS MOTION

The Presbytery of New Harmony – Tuesday, May 13, 2025

(An **Omnibus Motion** expedites business and contains “many” or several items believed to be straight-forward, easily understood, and non-controversial, thus thought not to elicit questions or debate. An Omnibus Motion is acted upon in one vote by the presbytery and comes at the beginning of the meeting. At the time of its consideration at the beginning of the meeting, any Commissioner or Minister member may request the removal of any item in the Omnibus Motion; if that occurs, that item/s will be placed as the first item/s under New Business.)

Your Guiding Council recommends the following OMNIBUS MOTION:

Receive the following written reports and approve the actions therein:

(The Commissioners’ Handbook Index has the page number for each report/document.)

- **Stated Clerk.**
- **Guiding Council.**
- **Committee on Ministry (COM)** but not including...
 - Approving the revised Policy on Sexual Misconduct and Harassment.
 - Approving the revised Code of Ethics.
- **Committee on Preparation (CPM)** but not including...
 - Approving the Inquirers moving to Candidacy.
- **Hebron Administrative Commission.**
- **New Harvest Administrative Commission.**
- **Timmonsville Administrative Commission.**

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The **William Brearley Home** has 16 guest rooms and 8 shared/assigned hall bathrooms on the three floors of the home. The first floor has a spacious lobby with a gas log fireplace and a meeting room where reading, table games, spiritual studies, worship, and end of the day conversations take place. It also has a front porch overlooking the valley that provides opportunities for enjoying the view and developing friendships. In **the Kirk Apartments** there are eight modern units that have bath facilities and small kitchens.



The South Carolina Inn belongs to the five presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in South Carolina: Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity

Brief History* Back in the early days of Montreat, Dr. R.C. Anderson offered free lots to any Synod which would build a house where its ministers could stay rent-free while attending Montreat conferences. Mr. McIver Williamson, a planter of Darlington County, made it possible for our Synod to qualify by erecting a 16 room house in 1912. In honor of his boyhood pastor, Mr. Williamson called the home "The William Brearley - South Carolina Home for Ministers." At first the home was not very popular, having no screens, no hot water, no linen, and no funds assigned to it to provide any of these conveniences. Later Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Kirkpatrick became host and hostess of the home. "Mrs. Kirk," as she is lovingly known to the hundreds she has cheered and helped, is a woman to whom "all things are possible." She enlisted the aid of the Women of our church, in those days known as Ladies Aid Societies and Young Ladies Missionary Societies. From the women came funds for hot water, screens, linens, furniture, and an annual amount for operating expenses. Best of all there was Mrs. Kirk herself, loving everyone, welcoming them, and making all around her happy and comfortable.

**from the 1955 SC Home report*

When the apartments were built in the 1970s they were named in honor of Mrs. Amanda Kirkpatrick. At the time of the 100th anniversary celebration the Board changed the name from the South Carolina Home to the **South Carolina Inn** so that all will know it is a hotel not a retirement home! Just as an old brochure says – "We invite you to come join us for Rest, Relaxation, and Rejuvenation"

Since its founding over 100 years ago, the South Carolina Inn has undergone many improvements. Now there are some additional improvements that need to be made to make the Inn **fully functional year round**.

In 2025, the South Carolina Inn board of Directors made two important decisions:

- 1) to provide professional and sustainable management of the Inn through a new agreement with the William Black Lodge in Montreat.**
- 2) to develop a campaign to raise funds for a winterization / weatherization project for the William Brearley House at the South Carolina Inn so that it can accomodate guests year round. Also, as the area recovers from the impact of Hurricane Helene, an updated Inn will be able to host groups working on recovery efforts.**

There are three phases to this project:

- **Insulate pipes on the back wall of the house** – sewer drain pipes are exposed to freezing weather and could freeze and crack thereby forcing the the Inn to close the rooms in the house. A plumbing consultant recommends insulating the pipes with 1.5 inch thick fiberglass pipe insulation and finish with .016 inch stucco aluminum jackets.
- **Mini Split HVA Unit installation** – currently small electric radiator heaters are placed in the bathrooms and bedrooms and propane heaters are used in the living room and kitchen during cold weather and ceiling fans and a few small window units are used to relieve the summer heat. HVAC consultants have approved a plan to install at least two, and preferably three, mini-split units in the house. These would be located on the office wall in the kitchen, above the windows opposite the living room lobby, and in the second floor hallway. These would provide base temperatures of 60 degrees in the winter and 80 degrees in the summer. This would keep the entire house well above freezing and no longer require all the small units when temperatures threaten frozen pipes.
- **Electricity for the Mini Splits** – the new units will require new wiring and electric support.

While the cost for these projects is significant, the improved protection of pipes and heating and cooling equipment will enable the William Brearley Home to be used year round thus providing an increase in income. While this is called a Winterization Project, the HVAC Mini-Split units will provide a less humid and cooler space in warm/hot weather.

A **Whole House Generator** will be added after the first three projects are completed and additional funding is available.

**At its Febraury, 2025, meeting the SC Inn Board approved the project and
a campaign to raise funds with a goal of \$50,000.**

**We are seeking gifts gifts of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, or more
made through checks or on-line donations (sorry no pledges).**

**Please fill out the donor information and mail to:
South Carolina Inn Winterization Campaign
PO Box 670
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**Make plans to visit your home in Montreat for a conference, with your church,
with your family, with your friends, or by yourself for quiet time. There's a chair
on the porch waiting for you!**



STATED CLERK REPORT

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 13, 2025

Rev. Gavin D. Meek, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk

1. The following ten Sessions did not report their congregational statistics for 2024: Carolina, Fork, Grandview, Hebron, Jefferson, Kentyre, Korean, Olanta, Patrick, and Ruby. (In 2023, it was 13; 2022 - 7; in 2021 – 14; in 2020 - 16). Some of these Sessions have not reported in years; here is the last time they reported: Kentyre 2022; Carolina 2019; Jefferson 2018; and Fork, Hebron, Olanta and Patrick before 2015.
2. NHP membership total of those Clerks reporting at the **end of 2024** is **6,368** (2023 - **6,500**) which is a net loss of **132**. Total gains were **286**, while total losses were **309**.

2024 Gains (2023)

92 (126) Certificate
 44 (33) Youth Profession
112 (127) Profession and Reaffirmation
248 (286) Total Gains

2024 Losses (2023)

52 (41) Certificate
 146 (144) Death
150 (124) Other
348 (309) Total Losses

12 NHP congregations (20% of NHP) had net growth in 2024: Society Hill 8%; First, Bennettsville and Friendship 7%; First, Hartsville and John Calvin 5%.

Baptisms: Year >	Totals	Infant/Child	Confirmation	Adult
2024	72	55	10	7
2023	76	62	6	8
2022	90	69	6	15
2021	57	41	12	4
2020	39	28	6	5
2019	59	57	7	1
2018	66	58	3	5

59 congregations in 2024 (2023 numbers):

1 majority Korean; 18 majority African American; and 40 majority white.

1 (1) is over 1,000 members - 1,495 members to be exact
 4 (4) 250-499
 10 (9) 150-249
 2 (3) 100-149
 7 (7) 50-99
 35 (36) less than 50

20 of our NHP congregations have a Board of Deacons.

3. General Statistics at the end of 2024 of our 65 Ministers Members:

13 are INSTALLED in 11 congregations: 2 females; 0 African American; 1 Korean American, 1 under the age of 40, 6 under 50.

16 are FEMALE: 5 are Honorably Retired (HR); 2 are African American; and 4 reside outside the bounds of NHP

38 are HONORABLY RETIRED (HR): 6 are active, serving as an interim or supply pastor and/or moderating a Session and 15 reside outside the bounds of NHP.

4 are in VALIDATED Ministry and 1 of them reside outside of NHP.

2 are AT-LARGE.

7 are 50 and under: 6 are installed and 1 temporary.

4. Other NHP Statistics at the end of 2024:

10 Commissioned Pastors (Ruling Elders specially trained at the SC5 School of Theology and commissioned by COM to serve as a pastoral leader): 5 serve two and 2 three different congregations.

There are **4 ordained ministers** serving a NHP congregation but not members of NHP: 3 as Supply Pastor and 1 as an Interim Pastor.

To my knowledge, there are **1 Certified Christian Educators** and **1 Certified Church Musician**.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Report

Presbytery of New Harmony – May 13, 2025

Josie Holler, Moderator

The committee faithfully and prayerfully engages in its role and responsibility on behalf of the Church and the Presbytery of New Harmony in accompanying and supervising the faithful individuals under its care.

Recommendation:

- 1. That pending a successful examination regarding her personal faith and experience of God's grace, her call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and motives for seeking ministry, and the ways in which she has served the church and how this has affirmed her call, CPM recommends that Inquirer Cate Henderson Jobe be enrolled as a Candidate for Ordination by the Presbytery of New Harmony.**
- 2. That pending a successful examination regarding his personal faith and experience of God's grace, his call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and motives for seeking ministry, and the ways in which he has served the church and how this has affirmed his call, CPM recommends that Inquirer Randolph Green be enrolled as a Candidate for Ordination by the Presbytery of New Harmony.**

For Information:

Inquirers:

Randolph Green (Congruity Presbyterian Church, Gable). Graduate of ITC with Reformed Theology, Polity and language requirements completed at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, and CP Elijah Washington serves as liaison.

Cate Henderson Jobe, (First Presbyterian, Hartsville) Union Seminary, Richmond TE Josie Holler serves as liaison.

Naomi McQuiller (Second Presbyterian Church, Sumter) Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia and CP Delcia Harper Baxter serves as liaison.

Darren Wilson (Friendship Presbyterian Church, New Zion) graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, and TE Jim Burton serves as liaison.

Candidates:

Holly Bannan, (Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway) Union Seminary in Charlotte, and RE Cathy Chapman serves as liaison.

Flury Wilson (Friendship Presbyterian Church, New Zion) graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, and TE Frank Colclough serves as liaison.

Other Information:

CPM continues to meet with our seminarians to conduct annual consultations aimed at reviewing their progress both academically and spiritually.

CPM is supervising Commissioned Pastor training in addition to supervision of seminary students. All people on track for CP have been notified of changes in the process and will be meeting with CPM in the coming year.

Reflections on my Faith Journey Cate Henderson Jobe

When we were growing up, my brother, John, and I learned parts of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The famous opening question reads, "What is the chief end of man?" The answer: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." This response summarizes the Reformed tradition's view of life's purpose with poetic succinctness. Through regularly being asked this first question, John and I knew our goal well: to give God glory and to enjoy God's glory.

Our family lived by this response. Every Sunday, we worshipped together, whether at home in Cheraw or Hartsville, on an overseas trip to Scotland, or docked in Nassau during a cruise. Faith has always been a part of our identity. Our parents reminded us regularly that the most encompassing answer to the question, "Who are you?" is the response, "I'm a child of God." Living into my identity as a child of God and that I was to glorify God, I embraced opportunities to read liturgy in Cheraw and Hartsville, help plan Youth Sunday, and become the first Youth Elder at FPC Hartsville.

In college, I found myself drawn to questions about faith. I declared a major in Religious Studies, eager to explore religion inside and outside the church. After a year off post-graduation, I moved to Richmond to begin working on my Master of

Divinity at Union, and I became the Children's Ministry Coordinator at FPC Richmond around the same time. In this position,

I serve children ages preschool through fifth grade by orchestrating our Sunday morning faith formation, regularly giving Children's Sermons, leading our children's chapel, reviving a faith formation gathering on Sunday evenings, and tackling the big jobs of organizing the Christmas Pageant and Vacation Bible School. When I started a little over a year and a half ago, I was excited to incorporate my new knowledge from seminary professors into my lessons with children, but in reality, the children have also been my teachers.

In planning lessons for a wide age range of children at church on Sundays, it is helpful to identify that 'Capital T' truth to ground our lesson for multiple learning abilities. The 'Capital T' truth is that truth we as Christians believe is the ultimate truth, a universal principle, or a fundamental reality. These are a few of the truths we come back to again and again: Everyone is made in God's image, God loves us, God gives us grace, God forgives us, we should forgive others, and love our neighbor. Children grasp these truths easily, but as we age, it can be hard not to start placing caveats on them, limiting who we view as the neighbor, who we don't need to forgive, and who is made in God's image. Teaching children reminds us that the Bible doesn't place caveats. That dream—of the world made right, of God's justice and peace—is something children naturally have, and several times throughout scripture, we are called to look to them; Matthew 18:3 reads, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (NRSV). Scripture tells us to become like children: open-hearted, full of hope, unafraid to believe in those life-giving truths. Their trust in God's love, openness to all, and bold belief that the world can be better are not childish. They are holy. We are all called to follow their wisdom; through faith, we can bring those truths closer to reality.

In reflecting on my time at First and my classes in seminary, I kept returning to feelings of gratitude - gratitude for the wisdom in the Bible, gratitude for the ways my faith has been a comfort for me, and

gratitude to be in a position where I can teach the Bible in an applicable and buildable way for children. The wisdom, joy, lament, and thanksgiving of the writers are already there in the scriptures; I am not creating anything new but rather feel motivated by the somehow both simple and complex task of interpreting and proclaiming scripture so that listeners recognize both the deep comfort it offers and its challenge to abandon worldly values and embrace optimism about what the world can be.

In true Henderson fashion, I will reference an episode of The Andy Griffith Show to explain my desire to move to candidacy.¹ As Andy explains the importance of working to his son Opie, Andy explains that right now Opie is doing small things in exchange for his allowance, which feels good. As one gets older, Andy explains, the good feelings grow in response to being able to do more and more things; life becomes more fulfilling. I have discovered since becoming an inquirer that this is my fulfilling work. In the words of Frederick Buechner, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Becoming a candidate would put me one step closer to hopefully becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament so that I continue to find fulfillment in meeting my passions with the world's needs.

¹ We were allowed one episode of The Andy Griffith Show a night. John and I learned many moral lessons in those 24-minute black-and-white episodes.

Statement of Faith
Cate Henderson Jobe

I believe in one triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and reconciles all things. God is holy and loving and continues to work in the world.

I believe God created all things out of nothing and made all humankind in their image. I believe God made us to live in relationship with God and with one another.

I believe that Jesus Christ is God's only son and is the incarnate Word of God - fully human and fully divine. I believe Jesus was killed and buried but defeated death and was resurrected on the third day. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we will have eternal life.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and its presence in our daily lives. The Holy Spirit moves within us, shapes our hearts, and restores us in faith and community. The Spirit leads us into truth, comforts us in sorrow, and calls us to lives of justice, compassion, and hope.

I believe that the Holy Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God. The Scriptures show us how the writers encountered and related to the divine in their historical and cultural contexts, bearing faithful witness to God's activity in the world. The Scriptures guide and shape us to live the Christian life.

I believe that salvation is a gift of God's grace and is not something we earn. In response to God's unmerited favor, we live with gratitude through the Holy Spirit at work, renewing, empowering, and equipping believers to live as Christ's disciples in the world.

I believe that God calls the Church to be the body of Christ, a community of hope, reconciliation, and service. Through worship, we are both glorifying God and being nurtured so that we may share God's love in the world.

I believe that in baptism, we are claimed by God's grace, united with Christ, and incorporated into the community. In the Lord's Supper, we are nourished in faith, remembering Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and anticipating the joyful feast of the coming reign of God.

I believe in the ultimate triumph of God's grace. I trust in the resurrection of the dead, the renewal of all creation, and the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

My Faith Journey

Randolph Green

My name is Randolph Green, and I am the son of the late Mr. Sammuel Green Sr. and Mrs. Vertell Billie Green. I have two wonderful sisters, Thelma Green and Dianne Green Bracey (Mat), and a brother in law, Mathew Bracey. I have two brothers, Donald Green and the late Sammuel Green Jr.

I am a proud father of eight children: Daniel, Joshua, Lakeisha, Randolph Jr., Santana (Malik), Tamra, Tarra, and Yolando (Joe). Among my children, two are medical doctors, one is a nurse, another has retired from the military, and one works at the post office, a team leader, who is spouses, along with grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and friends who enrich our lives. I was born in Richmond, Virginia, and at the age of five, I discovered my aspiration to become a professor. Looking back on my life, I recognize that God called me to the ministry during those formative years. In a powerful demonstration of His love, He embraced me before I even acknowledged Him, extending His sovereign grace to me long before I could respond in faith.

Reflecting on my journey, I see parallels to the calling of Jeremiah, who was chosen by God even before he was formed in his mother's womb. Just as God embraced Jeremiah with a divine purpose, I believe the Lord reached out to me during my early years, planting the seeds of my ministry calling.. This realization deepens my understanding of God's intimate involvement in my life and purpose.

Prayer has played a significant role in my journey of discernment, guiding me to understand God's will for my life. Through prayer, I have sought clarity and direction during pivotal moments, allowing me to lay my thoughts and concerns before God. It is in these quiet, reflective conversations with Him that I have found peace and insight. In times of uncertainty, prayer has been my foundation, deepening my relationship with God and equipping me to trust in His timing and plans. Through heartfelt supplication and praise, I have gained a deeper understanding of my calling, strengthened my faith, and felt empowered to move forward, confident in the knowledge that I am following the path He has laid out for me.

When I was thirteen years old, my family moved to Sumter, South Carolina, to live with my maternal grandparents, Deacon Joe Billie and Evelyn Billie. I firmly believe this move was a part of God's sovereign plan, guiding my lives for His divine purpose. My grandfather, a devoted deacon at Congruity Presbyterian Church USA, was blessed with wisdom and knowledge through God's grace. Despite having only a sixth grade education, the Holy Spirit empowered him with a profound understanding of Scripture.

and cultivated a deep, personal relationship with God that far exceeded that of many who held advanced degrees. As a successful farmer managing 200 acres of land, my grandfather earned great respect in the community for his integrity and stewardship. Farmers such as George People, Sony Government, and the Durant brothers sought his land for rental, highlighting the honor he received because of his faithful leadership. His life and ministry served as a testament to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, demonstrating that true wisdom comes from a heart devoted to God's service. One remarkable day, my grandfather invited me to kneel as he laid his hands on me and offered a prayer. I felt the Holy Spirit as a chilling feeling, and a sensation of joy, interacting with tears of joy. I can identify with Paul in 2 Cor. 12:3-4, I had such an experience that words could not describe.

After moving to our home in Sumter and graduating from Sumter High School, I found myself absent from the church and distanced from God for a decade. One Easter Sunday, I returned to church, eager to show off my new suit. It was then that I heard a young pastor named Dr. Larry Hill, who had just graduated from ITC in Atlanta, GA. He presented the gospel in a relatable way, delivering a sermon focused on the forgiveness of sins and the need for reconciliation with God and one another. The Holy Spirit illuminated God's word for me, and I felt deeply convicted. This marked another phase of my journey. I began by teaching Sunday school lessons and eventually took on the role of Sunday school superintendent. The congregation later elected and ordained me as a Ruling Elder. I served as the chairperson of the Christian Education and Evangelism committee.

The faith community confirmed my call. Whenever a family member or a friend in the community had someone to be admitted to the hospital or passed away, I would be one of the first people in the community to get a call to go to the hospital and pray with the family. I was fortunate to have two spiritual fathers: Dr. Larry Hill, who pastored Congruity and Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Marion Newton, the pastor of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, often referred to as the bishop within the Baptist community. Additionally, I had four mentors who provided invaluable wisdom and counsel, shaping my understanding of faith: Pastor Alonzo Washington of Congruity and Westminster, Pastor Dr. Franklin Colclough, former associate executive of New Harmony and pastor of Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Pastor Elijah Washington of New Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Carnell Hampton of Melina Presbyterian Church.

Education and Preparation: I hold a degree in Electrical Engineering and a bachelor's degree in Arts in Pastoral Ministry. Additionally, I have completed one year of study in the Greek and Hebrew languages at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North

Carolina. I earned my Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, GA. Furthermore, I have completed all coursework for my Doctoral Degree in Ministry at Erskine Theological Center in Due West, SC, which has thoroughly equipped me for ministry and reinforced my readiness to fulfill this role.

I have been uplifted by the encouragement of my fellow believers who witness the hand of God at work in my life and ministry. The affirmations from my community and mentors resonate deeply, as they discern the spiritual gifts God has bestowed upon me for service. After much prayer and discernment, I believe that my call has been affirmed. Therefore, I am requesting to be approved as a candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament.

My Statement of Faith

Randolph Green

I believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This Triune God is continually creating, sustaining, and redeeming all things according to God's sovereign will. The love of God invites each person into new life a life of compassion, justice, peace, and loving relationships with one another and with God. God the Father is the Almighty Creator who governs all things according to His providence and purpose."

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, fully divine and fully human, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. I believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, the incarnate word of God. He lived, taught, suffered, died, and was raised according to the will of God. Jesus is the sole mediator between God and humanity, and we are to follow Him as Lord and Savior. In his death on a cross, he took upon himself our sin and our brokenness. In his resurrection, God in Jesus Christ took the victory away from sin and death. He is our life's example and our only hope of salvation. He preaches good news to the poor and calls us to lives of loving service in gratitude for his grace. We anticipate the second coming of Christ as the moment when God's love will prevail over all evil, and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes.

I believe The Holy Spirit is God at work in all times and places. Christ's body, the church participates in the mission of God through the power of the Spirit. The Spirit lives, moves, and loves, gathering us to one another and to God. in the baptism, the Spirit of God greets us. In the lord supper, the Spirit nourishes us. In the reading and proclaiming of the Word, the Spirit illumines. The Spirit works in and through us, transforming us into who God calls us. In our baptism, the Spirit of God greets us. In the Lord supper, the Spirit nourishes us. In the reading and proclaiming of the Word, the Spirit illumines. The Spirit works in and through us, transforming us into who God calls us to be.

I believe that God revealed Godself most fully in the witness of Scripture. It is through Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we come to know God most fully in Christ. The Scriptures record the experience of God's covenant people and their encounters with the God who loves them. These accounts, written by human beings, inspired by the Holy Spirit, bear the marks of the times in which they were written. They should, therefore, always be interpreted through the witness of the love and grace of God in Christ, who is the eternal Word of God.

I believe that Jesus Christ instituted two sacraments: Baptism and the lord's Supper.

John Calvin referred to sacraments as visible words. Making what is intangible tangible. Allowing us to experience with our bodies the reality of what we know in our hearts. The Sacraments are our way of responding to God's grace in gratitude and in community.

I believe the Church is the body of Christ, meant for worship, fellowship, and service. The Church exists to proclaim the Gospel, nurture believers in faith, and participate in God's mission in the world. The true church proclaims the word and administers sacraments, highlighting baptism and the Lord's Supper as means of grace. In all things, we seek to glorify God and live out the implications of our faith through love, service, and witness in the world.

Committee on Ministry (COM) Report

NHP Stated Meeting, May 13, 2025

Elder Avery Dickson, Moderator

Recommendations:

- 1. That the newly revised Policy on Sexual Misconduct and Harassment be approved. (Attached)**
- 2. That the newly revised Code of Conduct be approved. (Attached)**

COM met by Zoom in March and April, 2025, and took the following action, using its commission authority approved by New Harmony Presbytery.

1. Revised the Commissioned Pastor process by eliminating the requirement that a ruling elder must wait at least three years after ordination to begin the Commissioned Pastor process.
2. Approved a recommendation to the Guiding Council that a \$50,000 Special Grant be given out over 5 years for each Larger Parish that is formed. (Separate from Board of Pensions Grant)
3. Acted on recommendations from TE Tom Langston, RE Janice Smith, RE Hal Stuckey, and EP/SC Gavin Meek concerning the 2025 Terms of Call for Installed Pastors which approved the Terms of Call of Teaching Elders Robert Bannan, Ashley Cheek, Jarred Hammett, Tony Larson, and Stewart Rawson with the Terms of Call for Scott Andrews, John Brearley, Christa Brewer, Tom Dendy, Nathan See, Joshua Jang and Lewis Imsande still in process.
4. Requested the Guiding Council form an Administrative Commission to come along the side of the Session of Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church to dissolve the congregation and disposed of the property, allowing EP/SC Gavin Meek and COM Moderator, Avery Dickson to populate that Administrative Commission.
5. Approved, through EP/SC Gavin Meek & COM Moderator Avery Dickson, Elder Sheryl Davis (Westminster) as the moderator of the New Harvest Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission, due to health reasons of the current moderator.
6. Approved the 2025 Supply Pastor Covenant, beginning April 1, between the Rev. Dr. David Ruth, member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery, and Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
7. Approved the ending of the Interim Covenant of TE Josie Holler, effective March 23, changed her membership to At-large, and placed her on the Pulpit Supply List.
8. Approved dissolution of the Commissioned Pastor Covenant between CP Bob Henry and Kentyre Presbyterian Church and appointed TE Robert Bannan as Moderator.

9. Approved dissolution of the Supply Pastor Covenant between Rev. Nick Cheek and Goodwill Presbyterian Church, effective March 23, in order for him to accept a full-time interim position in Charlotte Presbytery.
10. Approved a 2025 Covenant between CP Jack Humphries and Hebron Presbyterian Church.
11. Approved a 2025 Covenant between CP Elijah Washington and Mt. Sinai Presbyterian Church.
12. Approved a 2025 Supply Pastor Covenant between Rev. Darryl Evans, an ECO minister, and Carolina Presbyterian Church.
13. Allowed Rev. Dr. Darryl Evans to administer the Sacrament of Baptism at Marion Presbyterian Church.
14. Approved TE Scott Andrews, Moderator of Carolina, and COM Moderator Avery Dickson to call a congregational meeting to elect an elder to Session should it become necessary, due to the possible resignation of one of the three current Session members.
15. Approved, through a COM appointed team of RE Sheryl Davis, RE Susan Holton, and EP/SC Gavin Meek, a 2025 Commissioned Pastor Covenant between Trinity, Mayesville and Delcie Harper-Baxter beginning May 1 and appointed TE Carnell Hampton as Moderator.
16. Added Synod Executive/Stated Clerk Valerie Young to the New Harmony Pulpit Supply List.
17. Commissioned RE Teresa Hodges (Liaison), TE Robert Bannon, TE Max Michaels, and EP/SC Gavin Meek to act on FPC, Hartsville's Associate Pastor mission study and MDP.

In addition to the actions listed above, COM has continued to

1. Monitor efforts to form Larger Parishes.
2. Assisted churches in transitions.
3. Monitored the progress of Administrative Commissions and the Marion Discernment Process.
4. Monitored the need for a conflict response team.
5. Set up a process for reviewing Session Minutes.

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David Ruth - Faith Journey

My full name is Ralph David Ruth. I am thankful my parents chose to call me David. For “David” in Hebrew means “Beloved”- treasured, loved, chosen and precious. Except for a few missteps and just plain ignorance, I have lived in the midst of that name.

Being a tried-and-true Presbyterian, PC(USA) helped me believe my belovedness. I was born to loving parents who several months ago celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. I was baptized at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, recited the Catechism at First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, confirmed at First Presbyterian Church in Lumberton and married at Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church.

Frankly, the most beautiful part of my Presbyterian heritage was working at Camp Monroe, a PC(USA) camp outside of Laurinburg, NC. Not only did it solidify my faith journey, it was where I met Eva, my wife of forty-three years. We moved to Wilson, NC where I worked for BB&T. We joined FPC in Wilson where our first two children were baptized. Five years later we moved to Fayetteville where a partner and I opened a Hyundai automobile dealership. Our youngest child was baptized at Highland Presbyterian Church. We are very proud of our three children, their spouses and our eight grandchildren.

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit and Christian friendship that I am here today. A friend from church asked me to lunch and reluctantly I agreed. I say reluctantly because I knew he was going to ask me to do something. A month later I filled the pulpit of a mixed-race church in Fayetteville. That led me to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor and served as an Interim Pastor. It was during that time, I heard the call to full-time ministry. I enrolled at Duke Divinity School, solely because of geography. We had three teenagers and I still remind myself that I was called to be a father and husband before I was called to be a Pastor.

When it was time to search for a call, my Pastor in Lumberton, Sam Shumate, had recently left Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Kingstree. The bold Christians at WPC took a chance in calling me. I can never thank them enough. Soon after we moved to Kingstree, my call to ministry was affirmed. I was loved, encouraged and supported more than I could have imagined.

In spite of my love for WPC, when Lumberton called again and again, I realized that my gifts met their needs. It was a fruitful ten years and I can see God’s hand at work.

We retired in August and have enjoyed time to rest, relax, spend time with our family and especially my ninety-four-year-old parents. Yet, there was something missed for me and for Eva. Then I realized there is a church in Kingstree, SC whose needs meet my gifts.

Thanks be to God!

David Ruth - Statement of Faith

“In the beginning, God... created the heavens and earth and all that dwells therein. God created humankind and gave them dominion over all of creation.” That is the beginning of the “Greatest Love Story Ever Told.” It is a story where over and over the humankind, individually and corporately, created in God’s image, turned their back on our Creator.

It began when Adam and Eve, the first humans violated the one command God gave them. “Do not eat of the fruit.”

The story continues with the fury of God, always followed by the love and mercy of God.

What totally changed the world then and forever more, “God sent His only begotten son, so that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

The story does not end there. Jesus Christ sent to the people a companion, the Holy Spirit so we would never be alone and would always have a guide.

That is the crux of the story, the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost, who until the end of the world will love humanity in unfathomable ways.

I believe God’s Holy Word is infallible, without error in areas of faith and practice. It is not a geography, science or math where in which the stories of the Bible can be questioned.

I believe that doubt is not the opposite of faith. As Frederick Beuchner wrote, “Doubt is the ant in the pants of faith.” It is in the uncomfortable questions we come to know better God as our Master and our Friend.

Finally, I hold fast to the words of the Nicene Creed, *“I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.”*

POLICY ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND HARRASSMENT

PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY

(Policy last approved: ?; proposed draft: 4-6-25)

I. POLICY

It is the policy of The New Harmony Presbytery (hereinafter referred to as “NHP”) as a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereinafter referred to as “PCUSA”) that all NHP ministers of Word and Sacrament and those who serve one of our NHP congregations in a pastoral leadership role (hereinafter referred to as “ministers”), Commissioned Pastors, Candidates, Inquirers, lay employees, and volunteers (everyone who serves on an NHP entity/committee) are to maintain the integrity of the ministerial, employment, and professional relationship at all times. Sexual misconduct or harassment (hereinafter referred to as “sexual misconduct”) is not only a violation of the principles set forth in Scripture, but also of the ministerial, pastoral, employment, and professional relationship. Sexual misconduct is never permissible or acceptable.

This Policy on Sexual Misconduct and Harassment (hereinafter called “Policy”) applies to all ministers, Commissioned Pastors, Candidates, Inquirers, lay employees, and volunteers. In all its provisions, this Policy is under the authority of the Constitution of the PCUSA as contained in the most recent version of the *Book of Order*.

The ethical conduct of all who minister in the name of Jesus Christ is of vital importance to the church, because through these representatives an understanding of God and the gospel’s good news is conveyed. “Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world” (*Book of Order*, G-2.0104a).

In accordance with the policy of the PCUSA, the basic principles of conduct guiding this Policy are as follows:

1. Sexual misconduct is a violation of the role of pastors, employees, volunteers, counselors, supervisors, teachers, and advisors of any kind who are called upon to exercise integrity, sensitivity, and caring in a trust relationship. It breaks the covenant to act in the best interests of parishioners, clients, co-workers, and students.
2. Sexual misconduct is a misuse of authority and power that breaches Christian ethical principles by misusing a trust relation to gain advantage over another for personal pleasure in an abusive, exploitative, and unjust manner. If the parishioner, student, client, or employee initiates or invites sexual content in the relationship, it is the pastor’s, counselor’s, officer’s, or supervisor’s responsibility to maintain the appropriate role and prohibit a sexual relationship.

3. Sexual misconduct takes advantage of the vulnerability of persons who are less powerful to act for their own welfare, including children. It is antithetical to the gospel call to work as God's servant in the struggle to bring wholeness to a broken world. It violates the mandate to protect the vulnerable from harm.

II. DEFINITION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND HARRASSMENT

Sexual Misconduct is offensive, obsessive, or suggestive language or behavior, unacceptable visual contact, and unwelcome touching or fondling that is injurious to the physical or emotional health of another. Sexual misconduct is the comprehensive term used in this Policy to include:

A. Sexual Abuse. Sexual abuse of another person is defined in the *Book of Order* as "any offense involving sexual conduct in relation to (1) any person under the age of eighteen years or anyone over the age of eighteen years without the mental capacity to consent; or (2) any person when the conduct includes force, threat, coercion, intimidation, or misuse of ordered ministry or position." (D-7.0901). Sexual abuse includes:

1. rape or sexual contact by force, threat, or intimidation.
2. child sexual abuse, which includes, but is not limited to, any contact or interaction between a child and an adult when the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of the adult person or of a third person. The behavior may or may not involve touching. Sexual behavior between a child and an adult is always considered forced whether or not consented to by the child. In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the sexual abuse definition of a child is anyone under age eighteen.

B. Sexual Harassment. Sexual harassment is defined for this Policy as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, or their continued status in an institution;
2. submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such an individual;
3. such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment; or
4. an individual is subjected to unwelcome sexual jokes, unwelcome or

inappropriate touching, or display of sexual visuals that insult, degrade, and/or sexually exploit men, women, or children.

- C. *Sexual Malfeasance.*** Sexual malfeasance is defined for this Policy as the broken trust resulting from sexual activities within a professional ministerial relationship that results in misuse of office or position arising from the professional ministerial relationship.
- D. *Misuse of Technology.*** The misuse of technology is defined for this Policy as any use of technology that results in the sexual abuse or sexual harassment of another person, including texting or emailing suggestive messages and images to persons with whom one has a ministerial relationship. When the misuse of technology includes a person under the age of eighteen, it is considered child abuse. It is never appropriate to view pornography on church property. There is never an expectation of personal privacy when using technological equipment owned by a church or church entity or within the context of ministry.

III. PREVENTION

- A.** All NHP ministers, Commissioned Pastors, Candidates, Inquirers, and employees are required to sign a written acknowledgement indicating that they have received a copy of this Policy, have read and understood it, and will abide by it. Such acknowledgment will be kept by NHP.
- B.** All ministers seeking new calls within the NHP shall, at minimum, complete any self-certification for sexual misconduct with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Church Leadership Connection (CLC).
- C.** All NHP ministers, Commissioned Pastors, Candidates, Inquirers, and employees shall submit to and shall pass a criminal background check that indicates there is no evidence of conviction for sexual misconduct.
- D.** NHP and all its commissions, committees, and entities will adhere to this Policy, including its standards, procedures, and practices.
- E.** This Policy shall be made available to all persons who accuse others of misconduct and/or harassment, and it shall be the same for the accused.
- F.** NHP will provide periodic training opportunities for its ministers, Commissioned Pastors, Candidates, Inquirers, and employees on the intent and application of this Policy.

IV. RESPONSE PROCESS

- A.** The Committee on Ministry (COM) shall be responsible for the implementation of this Policy and any other applicable administrative procedures and remedies,

provided that in all circumstances, the provisions of this Policy are subordinate to and shall be applied consistently with "Church Discipline" within the *Book of Order*.

- B. Whenever an allegation of sexual misconduct is received by any member or staff of NHP, it will be immediately referred to the Stated Clerk of NHP, who will enact the appropriate process (a disciplinary process for a PCUSA member, and a personnel process for NHP employee who is not a minister member of PCUSA). However, if the allegation involves a minor or an adult who lacks mental capacity, the civil authority shall be contacted immediately, because all ruling elders, deacons, certified Christian Educators, and teaching elders are required to report knowledge of child abuse or abuse of an adult who lacks mental capacity to the civil and ecclesiastical authorities according to the *Book of Order*.

"Any member of this church engaged in ordered ministry and any certified Christian educator employed by this church or its congregations, shall report to ecclesiastical and civil legal authorities knowledge of harm, or the risk of harm, related to the physical abuse, neglect, and/or sexual molestation or abuse of a minor or an adult who lacks mental capacity when (1) such information is gained outside of a confidential communication as defined in G-4.0301, (2) she or he is not bound by an obligation of privileged communication under law, or (3) she or he reasonably believes that there is risk of future physical harm or abuse" (G-4.0302)

- C. In consultation with the COM Moderator, and keeping appropriate confidentiality with regard to the accused, accuser/s, and congregation/s as required in the PCUSA judicial process, the Stated Clerk will determine whether a Pastoral Response Team (PRT) is needed for the accused, accuser/s, and/or congregation/s. Most often, the need for a PRT will be determined by those persons and the pastoral leader/session of the congregation. If a PRT is requested by any of these parties, the Stated Clerk, in collaboration with the COM Moderator, will recruit a PRT for each respective party, and then acquaint that PRT with its responsibilities, this Policy, and the applicable parts of the *Book of Order*. The PRT will provide pastoral care to the party for which they have been appointed and those connected to that party, such as family. The PRT shall not be an advocate in the judicial process, nor be involved directly in the judicial process in any way, though it should encourage the party to direct questions to the Stated Clerk. The PRT shall not provide any therapy or legal advice, though it should advocate seeking therapy and/or legal counsel or advice when it deems appropriate.

A CODE OF ETHICS FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT, PASTORAL LEADERS, AND COMMISSIONED PASTORS PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY

(COM approved draft: 4/22/25)

PREAMBLE

*By grace you have been saved through faith...
We are created in Christ Jesus for good works.
As God who called you is holy,
be holy yourselves in all your conduct.
Tend the flock of God that is your charge,
not under compulsion but willingly,
not for sordid gain but eagerly;
do not lord it over those in your charge
but be examples to the flock...
You know that we who teach
shall be judged with greater strictness.*

Ephesians 2:8, 10; 1 Peter 1:15, 5:2; James 3:1 NRSV

In their ordination vows, all Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders (Commissioned Pastors) promise to trust Jesus Christ as Savior, to acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and to believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are further committed to obedience to Christ under the authority of Scripture and guided by the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order. In their personal lives all ministers, acting as God's servants, follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love their neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world. In both their personal and professional lives they strive to further the peace, unity, and purity of the Church, and serve with honesty, imagination, and love.

(All Presbytery of New Harmony (NHP) ministers of Word and Sacrament, all those who serve one of our NHP congregations in a pastoral leadership role, and all Commissioned Pastors shall hereinafter be referred to this Code of Ethics as “ministers.”)

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

NHP Ministers shall:

1. maintain practices that give glory to Christ, advance the goals of the Church, and nurture, challenge and protect the welfare of church members and the public.
2. act in such a manner as to uphold and enhance the honor, integrity, morality, and dignity of their calling to serve Jesus Christ.
3. demonstrate respect, honesty, and fairness when interacting with clergy colleagues and persons in related professions.
4. seek to maintain professional competency in all matters.

**LIFE TOGETHER IN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH:
STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR
ORDAINED OFFICERS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

(Standards of Ethical Conduct, 210th General Assembly (1998), Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))

As an ordained officer in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and guided by our Confessions, I affirm the vows made at my ordination, confirm that Jesus Christ is the pattern for my life and ministry and, relying on God's grace, commit myself to the following standards of ethical conduct.

I. I will conduct my life in a manner that is faithful to the gospel and consistent with my public ministry. Therefore I will:

1. Practice the disciplines of study, prayer, reflection, worship, stewardship, and service;
2. Be honest and truthful in my relationships with others;
3. Be faithful, keeping the covenants I make and honoring marriage vows;
4. Treat all persons with equal respect and concern as beloved children of God;
5. Maintain a healthy balance among the responsibilities of my office of ministry, my commitments to family and other primary relationships, and my need for spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual renewal;
6. Refrain from abusive, addictive, or exploitative behavior and seek help to overcome such behavior if it occurs;
7. Refrain from gossip and abusive speech; and
8. Maintain an attitude of repentance, humility, and forgiveness, responsive to God's reconciling will.

II. I will conduct my ministry so that nothing need be hidden from a governing body or colleagues in ministry. Therefore I will:

1. Preach, teach, and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ with courage, speaking the truth in love;
2. Honor the sacred trust of relationships within the covenant community and observe appropriate boundaries;
3. Be judicious in the exercise of the power and privileges of my office and positions of responsibility I hold;
4. Avoid conflicts of interest that might compromise the effectiveness of my ministry;
5. Refrain from exploiting relationships within the community of faith for personal gain or gratification, including sexual harassment and misconduct as defined by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) policy;

6. Respect the privacy of individuals and not divulge information obtained in confidence without express permission, unless an individual is a danger to self or others;
7. Recognize the limits of my own gifts and training, and refer persons and tasks to others as appropriate;
8. Claim only those qualifications actually attained, give appropriate credit for all sources used in sermons, papers, music, and presentations, and observe copyrights;
9. Refrain from incurring indebtedness that might compromise my ministry;
10. Be a faithful steward of and fully account for funds and property entrusted to me;
11. Observe limits set by the appropriate governing body for honoraria, personal business endeavors, and gifts or loans from persons other than family;
12. Accept the discipline of the church and the appropriate guidance of those to whom I am accountable for my ministry;
13. Participate in continuing education and seek the counsel of mentors and professional advisors;
14. Deal honorably with the record of my predecessor and upon leaving a ministry or office speak and act in ways that support the ministry of my successor;
15. Participate in the life of a ministry setting I left or from which I have retired only as directed by presbytery;
16. Provide pastoral services for a congregation I previously served only as directed by the presbytery and provide pastoral services to members of other congregations only with the consent of their pastors; and
17. Consult with the Commission on Transitional Ministries in the presbytery of my residence regarding my involvement in any ministry setting during my retirement.

III. I will participate as a partner with others in the ministry and mission of the Church universal. Therefore I will:

1. Participate in the mission and governance of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and work for the unity of the holy catholic church;
2. Show respect and provide encouragement for colleagues in ministry;
3. Recruit church members responsibly, respect existing congregational relationships, and refrain from exploiting persons in vulnerable situations; and
4. Cooperate with those working in the world for justice, compassion, and peace, including partners in ministry of other faith traditions.

GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICATION OF MINISTERS' CODE OF ETHICS

There are two aspects to ministerial ethics--the professional code and the personal code. Both aspects are concerns for the whole church and have a direct relationship to effectiveness in ministry. The maintenance of high standards of professional competence is an ethical concern and is a responsibility of all ministers.

While ministers are directly accountable to the presbytery to which they belong or where they labor with permission, they also bear accountability to their employing body or session and congregation. In the realm of ethics there is a larger accountability to the religious community as a whole and to the general public.

Ministers are called by God to an office that requires integrity and high standards; therefore, it is right that people expect ministers to act accordingly. Ministers will show sensible regard for the moral, social, and religious standards of the Christian community and the community at large, realizing that any violation on their part, in any part of their lives, including but not limited to social media activity, may be damaging to their parishioners, colleagues in ministry, to their calling, and to the body of Jesus Christ. The minister's integrity in personal business and financial dealing is also an ethical concern, and ministers do not involve themselves or their congregations in questionable business practices, nor do they incur debts they cannot pay in a reasonable time, nor do they leave any community with unpaid personal bills.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

In all matters, ministers should give glory to Christ, advance the goals of the church, and nurture, challenge, and honor church members.

- A. Ministers accurately represent their professional qualifications, education, training, and experience in all contacts with the church or the public.
- B. Ministers use their knowledge, skill and experience, and their professional connections for the benefit of the people and the institutions they serve and not for personal advantage.
- C. Ministers limit their work to those positions and responsibilities for which they are qualified and make referrals where such are indicated.
- D. Any financial arrangements or expectations regarding preaching, speaking, counseling, weddings, funerals, and other professional services are discussed at the start of any such counseling or services and are handled in a business-like manner. Ministers who serve congregations offer their services to members of their own congregations without charge and without expecting any honoraria for such services. While fees for the use of church facilities are set by the session, honoraria or fees for the pastor's services to non-members are set by the pastor in consultation with the session.
- E. Ministers are responsible to insure that notes on counseling sessions, and the like, are stored in a place assuring security and confidentiality.
- F. Ministers avoid the disparagement of any person.
- G. Ministers respect the integrity and protect the welfare of persons or groups with whom they are working.

- H. Ministers shall abide by NHP's Policy on Sexual Misconduct and Harassment and thus do not engage in sexual contact or sexualized behavior with congregational members, employees, counseling clients, or any persons by whom they may be perceived to be in a pastoral relationship. Ministers are always responsible for considering the impact of their words and actions on such persons.
- I. All personal communications from parishioners are treated with professional confidence, except as indicated in NHP's Policy on Sexual Misconduct and Harassment and in the point J immediately below.
- J. Ministers have an obligation to society as well as to their parishioners. When in the course of their work, a minister becomes aware that persons with whom they are working:
 - a. ...intend to inflict grave bodily harm on another individual, the minister takes all reasonable steps to inform the intended victim immediately.
 - b. ...are a danger to themselves, the minister takes reasonable steps to arrange treatment and/or hospitalization even against the person's wishes.

COLLEAGUE RELATIONSHIPS

Ministers maintain a vital association with their ministerial colleagues and with colleagues in related professions -- health care, social services, legal services, and the like. This includes persons in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), those in other faith groups, and without any faith-group connection. They communicate and collaborate with them professionally.

- A. In staff relationship, as in all intra-church relationships, the objective is to work together with a spirit of cooperation in building up the whole church. Ministers are understanding toward one another, accept each other as persons, respect the competencies of each other, offer constructive suggestions to one another, forgive misunderstandings, and are tolerant of differences of opinion and style of operation.

A staff member usually never aspires to succeed any other person on the staff. Innuendo and gossip are avoided. Staff members are encouraged to speak openly and frankly about their differences and problems to the individual concerned and only to that person. Loyal support between members of the staff is a tremendous help toward building a good team. Members of the staff do their work with enthusiasm and confidence in each other. The principles of ethical, healthy staff relationships apply equally to professional, paraprofessional, and support staff (secretarial and custodial employees) and volunteers. All staff members are given equal respect for "*In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, geography, or theological conviction.*" (Book of Order F-1.0403)

- B. Ordinarily the minister does not call on someone at home or in the hospital who is a member of another church unless some initiative comes from that person or from that person's minister. Professional courtesy suggests that if a minister does call on a parishioner from another congregation, the parishioner's own minister should be

notified. The need for pastoral visitation is never used as an opportunity for proselytizing.

- C. When a minister is called upon to officiate at a wedding, funeral, or baptism for families who are not members of the minister's own congregation, the minister determines whether they are members of another congregation. If so, they are urged, by the minister to secure the services of their own minister. If that effort fails, the minister seeks to inform their minister of the circumstances.
- D. When the relationship between a minister and a congregation is dissolved, the minister announces publicly what that means, calling attention to the fact that there will be another minister to whom the people should give their loyalty, and states clearly that the departing minister should not be called upon for pastoral services or ceremonies. The departing minister indicates how such services and ceremonies are to be provided until a new pastor is present, giving the names of persons on the session or on presbytery committees who should be called when such services are desired. Ministers who are elected as pastor emeritus recognize that this is an honorary title only and carries no job responsibilities or special privileges unless they are expressly stated by the session and approved by the presbytery.

Ministers who leave a parish position to take a different kind of work but who continue to reside in the same community are especially cautious to accord all professional and pastoral courtesies to other ministerial colleagues in the community whether those others are temporary, stated, or interim supplies, or installed pastors.

- E. When a minister is called to another parish or retires, due care is exercised not to influence, by direction or indirection, by spoken word, the selection or the policies of any successor. In addition, the departing pastor shall avoid influencing the choice of the next moderator of the session, the interim pastor, and the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee and its work. The pastor is especially discreet in visiting in a former parish. In such cases, it is proper to pay personal respects to the successor. Frequent visits to one's former parish are avoided. If there is no interim or supply pastor, the former pastor serves as called upon and approved by the session and/or the Committee on Ministry (COM). At the coming of the new pastor, all professional relationships are dissolved.

After leaving a congregation, the former minister and spouse exercise all care so as to have no further influence upon the congregation either by conversation, correspondence, or other action. If there is a desire to attend worship and activities regularly, that shall ordinarily take place no earlier than a year after the arrival of the next installed or supply pastor, and only after a conversation between the former and current install or supply pastor. Any former minister seeks to be supportive of the new pastor when comments are made about that person or any program, policies, or activities in the former congregation.

- F. An installed pastor or supply pastor is always courteous to any predecessor. The years may have built up loyalties that are strong, and though the preceding minister may do everything possible to discourage a former parishioner from seeking his or her services, that parishioner may be quite persistent. If this happens, the former pastor steadfastly resists the request and urges the parishioner to seek the current minister's services. If, in unusual circumstances, the current minister chooses to invite a former minister to

participate in some service, this is completely on the initiative of the current minister. Some careful flexibility in such matters may do more to move a congregation to accept a new minister as their own than would "standing up for one's rights" as the installed or supply minister.

- G. The purpose of an interim pastor is to prepare a particular congregation for the coming of a new pastor. To this end, he/she does not glorify him/herself or mold loyalties to him/herself but rather to the office of the pastor, and most of all, to Christ and to the Church, which is His Body on earth. The interim cannot be a candidate for the pulpit which he/she serves as an interim pastor. The interim abides by the policies and procedures as determined by the COM with regards to the search process.
- H. All ministers not serving in a temporary or permanent pastoral relationship with a particular congregation are active in the life of a particular congregation but still respect the position of ministers in pastoral relationships regarding all ministerial functions within the community. Weddings, funerals, and baptisms are not accepted by ministers not in a pastoral relationship unless an invitation has been given by the pastor of the congregation involved. Ministers not in pastoral relationships administer the sacraments only at the request of the local pastor or session or by permission of the COM. These ministers ordinarily do not counsel with nor advise former members concerning personal problems or problems in their congregations except by referral by their current pastor. Normally they should encourage them to seek the counsel of their own pastor.
- I. When ministers are no longer serving in a validated ministry, they either seek at-large status in presbytery or ask to be released from exercise of the ordained office and transfer their presbytery membership to a particular congregation. In situations not covered by the *Book of Order*, the minister consults the COM for guidance.

CONCLUSION AND RATIONALE

Central to the vocation of ministers is leadership of the people of God in a peculiarly Christian lifestyle which has at its core the embodiment of Jesus' words in John 15:12. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

This code of ethics guides us all in showing the kind of love for each other that Christ has shown. So may all be encouraged to live in such a manner as to promote the health and growth of the Church and give glory to God in Jesus Christ.

Questions or concerns related to this code of ethics are to be referred to NHP's COM.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS REPORT

Presbytery of New Harmony – May 13, 2025

Rev. Rodney Foster, Moderator

The Committee on Representation and Nominations recommends the followed Ruling Elders (RE) and Teaching Elders (TE) be elected to fill the following vacancies:

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (COM)

Class of 2026 – RE Mary Terwiske (Trinity, Surfside Beach)

227th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2026)

Ruling Elder Commissioner – Robert Calendar (Celebration, Carolina Forest)

Teaching Elder Commissioner – Ashley Cheek (First, Hartsville)

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) – Lydia Cheek (First, Hartsville)

Guiding Council Report

Presbytery of New Harmony – Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Rev. Gavin D. Meek, Moderator of the Guiding Council

RECOMMENDATIONS (in the Omnibus Motion)

1. None.

The Guiding Council (GC) reports the following actions taken on behalf of NHP:

1. Approved the **minutes** of the **February 8, 2025 Stated Meeting of NHP**.
2. Approved the Docket and Omnibus Motion as well as the designation of the offering for **May 13, 2025, Stated Meeting at Second, Sumter**.
3. Reviewed the locations of the upcoming **2025 NHP Gatherings**:
 ~~Feb. 8 (Saturday) — Trinity, Surfside Beach~~
 May 13 (Tuesday) Second, Sumter
 Aug. 23 (Saturday) ZOOM
 Nov. 11 (Tuesday) First, Hartsville
 2026 NHP Gatherings:
 Feb. 21 (Saturday) ?Georgetown? (last hosted 2015)
 May 19 (Tuesday) ?Manning? (last hosted 2016)
 Aug. 15 (Saturday) ZOOM:
 Nov. 17 (Tuesday) ?Ebenezer (last 2004, was to host Nov. 2020 and 2024)
4. Received any and all reports and acted on recommendations from its committees (**Cultivation and Empowerment [CEC]** and **Personnel and Finance [P&F]**) of which were the following:
 - Learned that \$500 scholarships are approved for all youth and adults going to the PC(USA)'s National Youth Triennium this July in Louisville and \$100 for all youth and adults going to this summer to PCAAY (Presbyterians Concerned about African American Youth). (see attached CEC report)
 - Approved a revised Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk position description to reflect the addition of staffing the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and learned of a possible group property insurance plan for NHP to save money.

5. Received reports on **NHP Administrative Commissions**: PDAC, Hebron, New Harvest, and Timmonsville.
6. Received the written report of the **Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk** which included final plans for coverage on EP&SC responsibilities while on Sabbatical (May 18 – August 2; 11 weeks = 10 Sabbatical + 1 Vacation) and .
7. Received an oral report on the **five SC presbyteries initial conversation on presbytery boundaries** at the recent synod meeting from GC appointed reps, Rev. Tony Larson (NHP Immediate Past Moderator) and James Wilson (NHP Moderator-Elect), and the EP&SC. The conversation included a presentation at synod on the size of each presbytery (congregations, members, ministers, Commissioned Pastors) and staffing, as well as a sharing of strengths and challenges of each of the five presbyteries. There was a follow-up ZOOM reflecting upon the initial presentation. The next meeting will likely be by ZOOM in early fall.
8. Received an update on the **Review Team** to assess the ministry and discern the future direction of the **South Carolina Inn at Montreat**, making whatever recommendations desired to the respective five SC presbyteries; **Elder Johnny Dennis** (Kingston, Conway) is serving as NHP's representative. **Approved a \$5,000 gift from the Unrestricted Reserve** for the \$50,000 winterization fundraiser of the Inn in order to accommodate year-round hurricane recovery groups.
9. Received the resignation of the Rev. Louis Imsande, Pastor at Pawleys, from COM Class of 2026 and temporary elected Mary Terwiske, Elder at Trinity Surfside, to COM Class of 2026 who will be nominated at the upcoming NHP Gathering by the Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN).
10. Approved at the request of Session of the congregation and the COM an **Administrative Commission for Frazer Memorial Presbyterian Church (FMPC)** consisting of Chuck Staggs (Moderator of AC and of FMPC as well as CP), Margaret Joyner (Clerk of Session for FMPC and of AC), Lisa Copper, Rev. Stewart Rawson, Hal Stuckey (COM Liaison), with the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Guiding Council, acting on behalf of the Presbytery of New Harmony (NHP), appointing an Administrative Commission, with the COM naming the members which will include the Commission Pastor, serving as Moderator, and the Clerk of Session:

 1. *To dissolve the congregation of the Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church of Sumter, South Carolina, working with and involving the Session in all matters until the dissolution of the congregation;*

2. *to act on NHP's behalf, with the power to meet, when possible, with the members of the congregation, including calling a meeting of the congregation, as necessary;*
 3. *to arrange for the pastoral care of the members;*
 4. *to publicize the dissolution of the congregation;*
 5. *to ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation;*
 6. *to secure the Session records;*
 7. *to secure the legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation;*
 8. *to dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation;*
 9. *to secure the building and property;*
 10. *to attend to matters of insurance;*
 11. *to dispose of the building and grounds (subject to any guidelines established by NHP or the Guiding Council) or convey the building and grounds to the corporation of the Presbytery of New Harmony of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);*
 12. *to recommend to NHP the use of the assets of the congregation;*
 13. *to plan and conduct a closing worship service celebrating the life and ministry of the congregation;*
 14. *to secure the assistance of other individuals, as appropriate, to assist with its work, and generally to do such things and take such actions, for, in the name of, and on behalf of NHP as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution.*
- 11. Approved a request from COM** to provide a \$50,000 mission and ministry grant over five years from the Church Extension Fund to three new parishes, upon completing together a mission study leading to a call of a full-time Minister of Word and Sacrament and working together in the areas of education, fellowship and mission: Friendship, Harmony, and Westminster; Goodwill and Congruity; and Melina and Second. These grants, \$10K/year, begin when a full-time Minister of Word and Sacrament is called and will continue as long as that Pastor is in place and the congregations continue to do ministry and mission together. The earliest this would happen is 2026. These congregations represent 10% of our NHP congregations and all are African American.
- 12. Appointed a team to re-purpose/clarify the purpose of the Church Extension Fund** from solely new church development to something broader in the area a church growth and outreach: Elder Orby Ferguson (P&F Moderator), Elder Geneva Sharp, Rev. Tony Larson and our EP&SC.
- 13. Approved a sponsorship (\$1,000) of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus' 48th Biennial Conference** in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 19-21, 2025.

CULTIVATION AND EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE (CEC) REPORT

Presbytery of New Harmony – Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Rev. Jody P. Foster, Moderator

The Cultivation and Empowerment Committee has acted on several types of grant applications or scholarship requests in 2025, to congregations and individuals.

An individual scholarship award was made to Linda Jackson (Melina PC) to attend the 69th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York, on behalf of Presbyterian Women.

A “Green” grant from CEC’s special funds was awarded to Georgetown PC. The Presbyterian Church at Manning received a special fund grant for a youth mission trip this summer.

CEC approved awards of \$500 to all New Harmony youth and adults attending the PC(USA) Youth Triennium 2025 in Louisville.

CEC also approved \$100 awards for each child or adult attending the PCAAY conference 2025 (Presbyterians Caring about African American Youth).

Other applications have come in and are in process.

CEC is honored to be a steward of portions of your money, partnering with our congregations and people to assist in fulfilling our mission and ministry goals.

CEC also engages in mission partnerships beyond Presbytery. We intend to be a resource for encouraging creative, innovative ministries and ways New Harmony and its congregations can respond to the needs of their communities.

New Harmony’s online newsletter, “This Week in New Harmony,” offers you more information about the help and hope of CEC.



Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025

Louisville, Kentucky

PresbyterianYouthTriennium.org

WHAT'S **NEW** FOR 2025?

- A delegation-based Leader Development and Theological Theme Exploration Model that will be led by youth and adults from each delegation. These teams will be trained in pre-event online cohorts.
- Two Young Adult track options: “Service Track” (formerly known as Work Crew – working behind the scenes of the event!) and “Leader Lens Track” (focused on developing leadership skills, theological exploration and experiences for a new kind of church leader!).
- A waterfront evening recreation and worship experience!
- Hotel lodging. ALL participants will be staying in air-conditioned rooms with private bathrooms and 24-hour security.

ABOUT THE EVENT

We invite you to join us as we worship, learn and play as a hopeful and joyful community of faith at the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. The experience will be one of those life-shaping faith forming events that you will never forget! It will be **As If We Were Dreaming**. God has reminded us again and again that when our young people “dream dreams” and see visions, the church wakes up. This is a time in the life of the church and the world that we need to listen to our young people, to see what they see, to hear what they DREAM about. Please consider helping your young people, your friends, and your churches join in making this great dream become a reality.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration opens February 3rd, 2025.

All youth participants attend the event as a part of a “delegation” (a group that is generally hosted by a church, presbytery, committee, caucus, or special group). Each delegation’s registration is managed by a **registrar**. Young adults will register themselves individually. For information regarding delegations, registrars and registration contact National Registrar, **Analise Brown** analise.brown@pcusa.org or 502-537-1407.

Cost: Youth Participant \$199.00. Young Adult/Adult Participant \$219.00

Date: July 28th – July 31st, 2025

Location: Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) - Louisville, KY

Lodging: PYT Hotels adjacent to and near the KICC*

**Lodging is a separate fee from event registration cost. The average PYT Hotel rate is \$169.00 (+taxes & fees) per room/per night. Lodging at the PYT hotels is required to attend the event.*

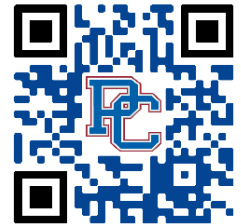
Additional information including the event schedule, leadership, graphics, and more can be found on the Triennium website: www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org





EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS FUNDRAISING (ECRF)

Presbyterian College is proud to partner with **the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving** at the **Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (Indiana University)** to offer the **Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF)**. The executive certificate program provides the research, tools, and customized training to meet the growing needs of leaders in religious communities and fundraisers of faith-based organizations. The focus of the ECRF is on the cultural, organizational, and philanthropic practices unique to religious institutions. These practices in turn enable donors motivated by spiritual and religious values to experience the joy of generous giving. **The next course will be hosted at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA from May 19-21.** PC(USA) leaders can receive a Church Financial Leadership Grant through the Presbyterian Foundation to assist in attending the ECRF.



Scan QR Code to register for the next ECRF course

THRIVING IN MINISTRY CONFERENCE

As part of PC's **Ecology of Calling Initiative** (funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment) we are excited to sponsor a conference for clergy and other church professionals entitled **Thriving in Ministry**. The conference will occur on our campus **April 29 & 30**. PC alumni will serve as the featured speakers, including Carson Ryhne, Jennifer Fouse Sheorn, Brandi Casto-Waters, Joe Evans, and Natalie Sarkowski Raygor. **There is no cost to attend the conference, and hotel expenses will be covered for the first 20 participants who register.**



Scan QR Code to register for the Thriving in Ministry Conference

THE PRESBYTERIAN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATED AMOUNT! AN \$96,000 SCHOLARSHIP OVER 4 YEARS FOR PRESBYTERIANS

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by Presbyterian College to recognize students for their merit and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. PC seeks to develop students academically and spiritually in this signature scholarship. Students who are of members of Presbyterian churches, or who attend Presbyterian/Reformed secondary schools, will receive a scholarship for a minimum of **\$24,000 per year for up to four years**—that's an \$96,000 commitment to you.



Scan QR Code to apply or to refer a student

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Monday, July 21 - Thursday, July 24, Presbyterian College is hosting a unique summer experience for middle school youth groups that combines service/mission projects with a conference-style community. **Groups will engage in morning worship, impactful service, and meaningful faith formation opportunities.** As part of our **Ecology of Calling Initiative**, this event is **free to the first 50 participants who register** (including youth and adults). Groups are responsible for their own transportation, but all lodging, meals, and conference events are provided.



Scan QR Code to register your group for the Middle School Summer Experience

Contact Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life, for any questions or to schedule a visit. Email: bwilcoxon@presby.edu Phone: 251-281-6822

Hebron Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 13, 2025

Commissioned Pastor Jack Humphries, Moderator

Elder Dorothy McBride, Clerk

Revs. Jody Foster and Carnel Hampton, Commissioned Pastor Chuck Staggs

Rev. Gavin D. Meek, Stated Clerk and Ex-Officio

The Administrative Commission (AC) consists of the following:

- **Jack Humphries** (moderator): Commissioned Pastor for Parkwood PC in Florence and, at one time, preacher at Hebron PC.
- **Elder McBride**: Clerk at Second PC, Sumter; former NHP Moderator.
- **Rev. Jody Foster**: Supply Pastor at Wedgefield PC; Moderator of NHP's Cultivation and Empowerment Committee; former member of Committee on Ministry.
- **Rev. Carnell Hampton**: Honorably Retired; Supply Pastor for Ebenezer and Friendship PC; member of NHP's Personnel and Finance Committee; former NHP Moderator and former member, at one time or another, most every committee in NHP.
- **Commissioned Pastor Chuck Staggs**: Commissioned Pastor of Fraser Memorial and Swan Lake PCs; former member of Committee on Ministry.

The Hebron Administrative Commission met three times since our last report. Two actions were taken. At the first meeting, we met with members and former members of the congregation plus some friends of the congregation. At that meeting this group requested time to put into action a plan to reopen the church. The AC voted to give them until mid October. The AC later met and, after some discussion, voted to appoint the AC Moderator as the CP of Hebron Presbyterian Church and received COM approval. He would conduct two services a month on the first and third Sunday beginning on Easter Sunday. This would provide pastoral leadership for those members wishing to continue to rebuild the church. The AC requested additional financial and insurance information from the Treasurer of the congregation, but he has been out of state because of a family illness and death; we will be in communication with him at his earliest convenience, seeking answers around finance, insurance and building maintenance.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jack Humphries, Moderator, Hebron PC AC

New Harvest Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 13, 2025

Elder Sheryl Davis, Moderator and Rev. Dr. Christa Brewer, Clerk

Elder Tom Hoffmeyer, Commissioned Pastor Marshall Ivey

Elder Leroy A. Thompson and Rev. Gavin D. Meek, Ex-Officio

The Administrative Commission (AC) consists of the following:

- **Elder Sheryl Davis** (moderator): Elder at Westminster; Committee on Ministry
- **Rev. Dr. Christa Brewer**: Associate Pastor at First, Myrtle Beach; Committee on Ministry
- **Elder Tom Hoffmeyer**: Elder and Treasurer at John Calvin
- **Commission Pastor Marshal Ivey**: CP at GW Long, Mt. Pisgah, and New Bethel; Committee on Ministry
- **Elder Leroy Thompson**: Elder at Second Sumter; NHP Personnel and Finance Committee

The New Harvest Administrative Commission has not met since the last report. The Moderator, Leroy Thompson, has had to step down as moderator due to some health concerns but will remain on the AC. Elder Sheryl Davis has agreed to serve as moderator.

Timmonsville Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 13, 2025

Commissioned Pastor Bob Henry, Moderator of Session and AC

Elder Sheryl Jackson

Rev. Jen Kottler, AC Clerk

Elder Christie McLeod

Elder Frances Pigate, Session Clerk

Rev. Gavin Meek, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Ex-officio

The Administrative Commission (AC) consists of the following:

- **Commissioned Pastor Bob Henry** (moderator): Commissioned Pastor for TPC; Cultivation and Empowerment member
- **Elder Sheryl Jackson**: Clerk at New Harvest; Guiding Council member;
- **Rev. Jen Kottler**: Supply Pastor at John Calvin; Committee on Ministry member & TPC COM liaison
- **Elder Christie McLeod**: former Clerk and PNC at First Cheraw; attorney
- **Elder Frances Pigate**: long-time member of TPC and former Clerk.

The AC had a zoom meeting to discuss the gathering of members and friends on February 5th.

The intention of the AC is to have a closing worship on Saturday, December 6, giving thanks to God for and celebrating the faith, mission and ministry of Timmonsville Presbyterian. The service will be on Saturday so all may attend. This will be the 130th anniversary to the day of the congregation. While a tentative date has been set no plans have been set in stone as of yet. The date may have to be adjusted in accordance with the aging congregation.

There have been a few repairs that have been needed to make at the Church. There was a water leak. While the repair cost was not much \$125.00, the water bills were huge. Thank goodness for the city adjusting the bills from \$1600 and \$800 to \$260 and \$200 for a total of \$460. The other needed repair we needed to make was to the AC unit. The compressor went out and the bill for that was \$2200.

The AC plans on meeting again upon the return of Gavin Meek and Jen Kotler sabbatical.

The Presbytery Of New Harmony
2025.03.31 NHP Operating Budget 1

Date Range: Jan 1st 2025 - Mar 31st 2025 | Includes Open Transactions

Accounts	Actual Last Year Year to Date	Actual This Year Year to Date	Annual Budget This Year Year	Annual Budget Remaining This Year Year	Annual Budget % Used This Year Year
Revenues					
Budgeted Receipts					
400100 Shared Mission Support	92,194.72	70,571.08	380,000.00	309,428.92	18.57 %
400200 Per Capita Apportionment	52,425.61	52,451.32	132,405.00	79,953.68	39.61 %
400400 Trans - Candidate/Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00 %
400405 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	0.00	0.00	65,250.00	65,250.00	0.00 %
400415 Trans - Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00 %
400424 Trans - Campus Christian Life Fund	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %
400900 Interest Income	392.32	288.09	1,000.00	711.91	28.81 %
Total Budgeted Receipts	145,012.65	123,310.49	627,655.00	504,344.51	19.65 %
Other Income					
400580 Mortgage Income	4,362.00	5,562.00	27,200.00	21,638.00	20.45 %
Total Other Income	4,362.00	5,562.00	27,200.00	21,638.00	20.45 %
Total Revenues	\$ 149,374.65	\$ 128,872.49	\$ 654,855.00	\$ 525,982.51	19.68 %
Expenses					
Mission					
520000 GA Shared Mission Support	20,000.00	20,000.00	70,000.00	50,000.00	28.57 %
520050 GA Per Capita	16,086.70	17,617.71	70,460.00	52,842.29	25.00 %
520100 Synod Shared Mission Support	1,641.88	1,625.25	6,500.00	4,874.75	25.00 %
520103 Synod Per Capita	2,462.50	2,437.88	9,750.00	7,312.12	25.00 %
520105 Presbyterian College	1,250.00	1,250.00	5,000.00	3,750.00	25.00 %
520110 SC Christian Action Council	1,250.00	1,250.00	5,000.00	3,750.00	25.00 %
520400 Presby Retirement Communities SC	2,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	25.00 %
520500 SC Inn at Montreat	1,250.00	1,250.00	5,000.00	3,750.00	25.00 %
520505 SC Campus Ministry	500.00	500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	25.00 %
520810 P.A.D.D.	1,250.00	1,250.00	5,000.00	3,750.00	25.00 %
520815 Presbytery Leader Formation	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.00 %
Total Mission	48,441.08	49,930.84	188,960.00	139,029.16	26.42 %
Guiding Council					
522010 Council Expenses	186.78	57.40	300.00	242.60	19.13 %
522024 Administrative Commissions	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
522025 Presbytery Meetings	255.00	350.00	6,000.00	5,650.00	5.83 %
522027 Presbytery Functions	2,480.55	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00 %
522029 Gifts and Memorials	798.00	16.19	500.00	483.81	3.24 %
522040 Communication Services Stipend	2,549.25	2,618.07	10,472.32	7,854.25	25.00 %
522042 Communication Services Mileage	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
522043 Youth Coordinator (Contracted)	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00 %
522045 General Assembly Expenses	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00 %
522046 Moderators Conference	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %
522047 Synod Commissioner Training	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 %
Total Guiding Council	6,269.58	3,041.66	31,972.32	28,930.66	9.51 %
Presbytery Office Expenses					
521020 Electricity	1,381.11	1,378.06	5,000.00	3,621.94	27.56 %
521030 Water & Sewer	47.63	53.00	200.00	147.00	26.50 %
521040 Telephone-Nextiva	420.95	418.39	1,670.00	1,251.61	25.05 %
521041 Cellular Phone	400.00	600.00	1,800.00	1,200.00	33.33 %
521042 Copier	512.60	480.59	1,600.00	1,119.41	30.04 %
521050 Office Supplies	909.27	891.75	1,500.00	608.25	59.45 %

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521060 Staff Travel	291.53	82.60	750.00	667.40	11.01 %
521070 Equipment Purchases	140.39	469.17	500.00	30.83	93.83 %
521080 Computer and Tech	2,884.34	3,699.08	11,500.00	7,800.92	32.17 %
521090 Postage	0.00	146.00	200.00	54.00	73.00 %
521100 General Insurance	0.00	2,811.00	8,000.00	5,189.00	35.14 %
521130 Audit	4,200.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00 %
521140 Conferences and Training	591.95	347.53	7,500.00	7,152.47	4.63 %
521142 Coaching	0.00	450.00	1,800.00	1,350.00	25.00 %
521300 Constant Contact Subscription	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00 %
521400 Miscellaneous	0.00	119.60	500.00	380.40	23.92 %
521402 Bank Analysis Charges	75.00	126.95	200.00	73.05	63.48 %
522600 Property Maintenance	630.00	2,739.86	2,500.00	(239.86)	109.59 %
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	12,484.77	14,813.58	53,620.00	38,806.42	27.63 %
Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN)					
522100 Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00 %
Total Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN)	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00 %
Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)					
522700 Commission Expenses	280.14	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00 %
522710 Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
Total Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)	280.14	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
Committee on Ministry (COM)					
523010 Committee Expenses	240.14	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
523020 Travel Expenses	52.80	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
523030 Shared Grants	0.00	34.22	500.00	465.78	6.84 %
523044 Fall Ministers' Retreat	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00 %
523046 Coaching for Pastors	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00 %
523048 Cluster Lunches	790.69	938.90	5,000.00	4,061.10	18.78 %
523049 Training and Workshops	1,207.04	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %
523052 EP Visitation	0.00	223.57	1,500.00	1,276.43	14.90 %
523053 APC Visitation	523.30	113.34	750.00	636.66	15.11 %
523054 Background Checks	89.68	318.38	250.00	(68.38)	127.35 %
523056 Events and Gatherings	2,831.84	4,389.26	6,000.00	1,610.74	73.15 %
523058 Children/Youth M&M (Mission & Ministry)	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00 %
Total Committee on Ministry (COM)	5,735.49	6,017.67	24,450.00	18,432.33	24.61 %
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)					
523810 Committee Expenses	1,165.08	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
523820 Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
523830 Annual Consultations	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00 %
523840 Consultations	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
523845 Scholarships for Candidates	1,500.00	1,500.00	5,000.00	3,500.00	30.00 %
523850 Extraordinary Grants	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %
523860 Psychological Testing	1,484.35	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00 %
523865 Scholarships Future Commissioned Pastors	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %
523870 School of Theology	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %
Total Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	4,149.43	1,500.00	20,900.00	19,400.00	7.18 %
Cultivation & Empowerment Commission (CEC)					
522900 Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
522910 Grants	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00 %
522930 Scholarships	0.00	3,500.00	15,000.00	11,500.00	23.33 %
522950 Events	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00 %
522960 Resources	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00 %
Total Cultivation & Empowerment Commission (CEC)	0.00	3,500.00	49,000.00	45,500.00	7.14 %
Personnel & Finance (P&F)					
527010 Committee Expenses	0.00	145.64	750.00	604.36	19.42 %
Total Personnel & Finance (P&F)	0.00	145.64	750.00	604.36	19.42 %

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Self Development of People Committee (SDOP)					
528010 Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
528020 Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
Total Self Development of People Committee (SDOP)	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
Presbytery Disaster Assistance Commission (PDAC)					
529010 Commission Expenses	360.07	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00 %
529020 Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
Total Presbytery Disaster Assistance Commission (PDAC)	360.07	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
Salaries & Benefits					
Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk					
530010 Salary & Housing	27,168.78	27,902.28	111,609.00	83,706.72	25.00 %
530020 Mileage/Cont. Ed/Prof. Expenses	1,350.86	1,538.01	8,500.00	6,961.99	18.09 %
530030 Board of Pensions	10,595.79	9,912.33	40,633.00	30,720.67	24.39 %
530040 SECA	2,078.52	2,134.50	8,538.00	6,403.50	25.00 %
Total Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk	41,193.95	41,487.12	169,280.00	127,792.88	24.51 %
Assoc. Pastoral Concerns & Fellowship					
530310 Salary & Housing	9,845.52	6,740.88	21,908.00	15,167.12	30.77 %
Total Assoc. Pastoral Concerns & Fellowship	9,845.52	6,740.88	21,908.00	15,167.12	30.77 %
Financial Administrator					
530600 Salary	4,261.26	4,376.28	17,505.00	13,128.72	25.00 %
Total Financial Administrator	4,261.26	4,376.28	17,505.00	13,128.72	25.00 %
Office Administrator					
530700 Salary	9,458.28	13,324.96	38,854.00	25,529.04	34.29 %
530730 BOP/Major Medical & D&D	3,210.87	5,206.53	13,302.00	8,095.47	39.14 %
530740 Deferred Compensation	650.00	400.00	2,400.00	2,000.00	16.67 %
Total Office Administrator	13,319.15	18,931.49	54,556.00	35,624.51	34.70 %
Other Personnel Expenses					
530750 Employer Matching SS/Medicare	1,049.58	1,354.11	5,000.00	3,645.89	27.08 %
Total Other Personnel Expenses	1,049.58	1,354.11	5,000.00	3,645.89	27.08 %
Total Salaries & Benefits	69,669.46	72,889.88	268,249.00	195,359.12	27.17 %
Total Expenses	\$ 147,390.02	\$ 151,839.27	\$ 639,151.32	\$ 487,312.05	23.76 %
Net Total	\$ 1,984.63 (\$ 22,966.78) \$ 15,703.68 \$ 38,670.46 (146.25 %)				

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22464	BENNETTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	-	1,333.34	-	1,333.34	139.25	3,528.00	3,528.00
22493	CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,500	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,170.00	525.00	475.00
11881	CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,000	-	-	-	-	1,554.00	-
22467	CHERAW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	32,000	5,333.33	437.49	5,770.82	916.66	3,675.00	3,675.00
22468	CHESTERFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	500	500.00	-	500.00	-	147.00	147.00
201	CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	7,000	-	-	-	-	3,150.00	-
22432	COUSAR MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CH	2,000	-	-	-	-	1,260.00	-
182	EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3,500	-	-	-	-	3,192.00	-
22484	FORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	NO PLEDGE	-	-	-	-	777.00	-
22459	FRASER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CH	-	-	-	-	-	294.00	-
191	FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6,500	-	-	-	-	1,239.00	-
177	GEORGE W LONG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	420.00	-
22436	GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	18,420	4,605.00	1,275.00	5,880.00	3,663.50	7,812.00	7,100.00
188	GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	1,428.58	-	1,428.58	142.44	3,276.00	461.82
180	GRANDVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	-	-	-	-	462.00	-
169	HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3,000	-	-	-	-	1,029.00	-
22487	HARTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	34,000	8,499.99	-	8,499.99	375.01	9,534.00	2,383.50
22452	HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22438	INDIANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,000	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	100.00	2,016.00	1,407.00
22490	JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	546.00	-
22480	JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	5,000	1,250.00	1,050.00	2,300.00	1,267.50	2,268.00	567.00
22485	KENTYRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	-	-	-	-	210.00	-
22471	KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	13,000	3,250.02	-	3,250.02	440.00	4,431.00	4,431.00
11233	KOREAN-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN	-	-	-	-	-	483.00	-
22442	LAKE CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3,500	1,750.00	-	1,750.00	200.00	735.00	367.50
22492	LATTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	NO PLEDGE	-	-	-	100.00	798.00	798.00
22495	MARION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	5,000	-	-	-	-	2,667.00	-
22497	MCCOLL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,000	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	700.00	168.00	168.00
197	MELINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	4,032.00	-
22488	MORTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	5,000	-	-	-	-	609.00	-
170	MT LISBON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	672.00	-
22489	MT PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	560.00	714.00	710.00
196	MT SINAI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	500	-	-	-	-	462.00	-
22455	MT ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	462.00	-
22449	MURRELLS INLET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	851.00	1,260.00	1,276.00
22501	MYRTLE BEACH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	-	18,750.00	-	18,750.00	10,531.00	31,143.00	6,726.00
22474	NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN DILLON	500	500.00	-	500.00	400.00	504.00	504.00
10761	NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	987.00	1,007.00
11507	NEW HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	273.00	-
22451	OLANTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	924.00	-
22482	PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,200	200.00	-	200.00	50.00	441.00	441.00
22503	PATRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	651.00	-
22453	PAWLEYS ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	20,000	-	-	-	1,667.00	8,946.00	8,946.00
22445	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MANNING	10,000	2,499.99	-	2,499.99	-	3,843.00	960.75
22504	RUBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	504.00	-
22448	SALEM BLACK RIVER PRESBY CHURCH	750	-	-	-	-	630.00	630.00
22506	SOCIETY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	100.00	273.00	273.00
22439	ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	8,000	-	-	-	-	399.00	-
22457	SUMMERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,500	-	-	-	-	840.00	-
22458	SUMTER FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	40,000	3,333.33	1,250.01	4,583.34	2,078.67	8,421.00	701.75

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200	SUMTER SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,200	-	-	-	-	903.00	-
22462	SWAN LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,500	375.00	300.00	675.00	800.00	294.00	294.00
22507	TIMMONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	150	150.00	-	150.00	-	126.00	126.00
189	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN MAYESVILLE	3,000	-	-	-	-	1,575.00	-
23382	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SURFSIDE BEACH	1,500	-	-	-	-	2,793.00	-
23343	WEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	7,500	-	-	-	-	840.00	-
168	WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN ALCOLU	3,500	-	-	-	-	1,428.00	-
22505	WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	NO PLEDGE	-	-	-	-	609.00	-
22441	WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	NO PLEDGE	-	-	-	-	4,347.00	4,347.00
	Individual Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Dismissed/Closed Churches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	245,720.00	66,258.58	4,312.50	70,571.08	27,252.03	136,101.00	52,451.32

2025.03.31 Summary of Funds and Accounts

Date Range: Jan 1st 2025 - Mar 31st 2025

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Restricted Net Assets				
Temporarily Restricted				
Pass-Through Funds				
General Assembly Pass-Throughs				
840415 Pentecost Offering	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
840420 One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	6,420.00	6,420.00	0.00
840450 Christmas Joy Offering	0.00	7,015.50	7,015.50	0.00
840460 ECO Projects	0.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
840480 GA Disaster Relief Projects	0.00	2,821.67	2,821.67	0.00
Total General Assembly Pass-Throughs	0.00	16,532.17	16,532.17	0.00
Other Pass-Throughs				
840470 Theological Education Fund	0.00	3,721.61	3,721.61	0.00
840510 Thornwell	0.00	1,765.92	1,765.92	0.00
840530 Presbyterian College	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
840560 Johnson C. Smith Seminary	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
840610 Presbyterian Retirement Comm of SC	0.00	868.33	868.33	0.00
840630 Mother's Day Offering PRC of SC	0.00	2,182.00	2,182.00	0.00
840765 P.A.D.D.	0.00	2,292.00	2,292.00	0.00
840775 E.W. Matthew Memorial Fund	0.00	43.94	0.00	43.94
840777 Lee Memorial Fund #11 for PADD	0.00	924.91	924.91	0.00
840779 Lee Memorial Fund #16 for PeeDee Church	0.00	924.94	924.94	0.00
840850 Other Special Mission	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
850001 Youth Mission Trip Grant	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
850530 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	0.00	83.33	0.00	83.33
850540 Church Extension Fund	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	(1,400.00)
850570 Campus Christian Life	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
850980 Unrestricted Reserve	0.00	2,269.55	2,269.55	0.00
850995 Miscellaneous	0.00	2,276.00	2,276.00	0.00
Total Other Pass-Throughs	0.00	17,997.53	20,020.26	(2,022.73)
Total Pass-Through Funds	0.00	34,529.70	36,552.43	(2,022.73)
Presbytery Invested Funds				
54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP Projects Fund				
800311 Green Grants	19,200.00	0.00	0.00	19,200.00
800312 Youth Triennium	167.89	0.00	0.00	167.89
823006 Ministry to Prisoners & Family Grants	3,484.82	0.00	0.00	3,484.82
824001 Youth Mission Trip Grants	19,299.70	0.00	0.00	19,299.70
840640 NHP Mission Projects	10,545.00	0.00	0.00	10,545.00
840660 Pastor's Assistance	7,252.77	0.00	0.00	7,252.77
840715 Campus Ministry Grants	7,994.30	0.00	0.00	7,994.30
840740 NHP Disaster Assistance	26,239.12	0.00	0.00	26,239.12
840785 Peacemaking Grants	3,877.12	0.00	0.00	3,877.12
840980 Unrestricted Reserve	159,033.60	9,739.83	6,779.20	161,994.23
Total 54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP Projects Fund	257,094.32	9,739.83	6,779.20	260,054.95
54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund				
880520 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,605,465.15	36,868.68	41,597.24	1,600,736.59

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Total 54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,605,465.15	36,868.68	41,597.24	1,600,736.59
54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund				
880530 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	152,373.89	3,527.25	3,948.84	151,952.30
Total 54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	152,373.89	3,527.25	3,948.84	151,952.30
54401 Church Extension Fund				
850111 New Covenant Funds PCFND	362,586.39	7,160.59	7,323.33	362,423.65
850114 PCUSA Invest & Loan Program (PILP)	105,462.23	644.25	0.00	106,106.48
880540 Church Extension Fund	825,958.82	18,998.77	21,401.41	823,556.18
Total 54401 Church Extension Fund	1,294,007.44	26,803.61	28,724.74	1,292,086.31
54402 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund				
880550 Small Church Support/ Redevelopment Fund	320,337.74	7,501.33	8,304.52	319,534.55
Total 54402 Small Church Support/ Redevelopment Fund	320,337.74	7,501.33	8,304.52	319,534.55
54404 Campus Christian Life Fund				
880570 Campus Christian Life Fund	48,874.64	1,281.56	1,271.44	48,884.76
Total 54404 Campus Christian Life Fund	48,874.64	1,281.56	1,271.44	48,884.76
Total Presbytery Invested Funds	3,678,153.18	85,722.26	90,625.98	3,673,249.46
Total Temporarily Restricted	3,678,153.18	120,251.96	127,178.41	3,671,226.73
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$ 3,678,153.18	\$ 120,251.96	\$ 127,178.41	\$ 3,671,226.73

The Presbytery of New Harmony

Concentration of All Funds at March 31, 2025

Bank Name	Bankrate.com Rating	Balance at 03/31/2025
Texas Presbyterian Foundation ⁽¹⁾	n/a	3,204,719.33
PC(USA) Foundation New Covenant Funds ⁽¹⁾	n/a	362,423.65
PC(USA) Investment & Loan Program ⁽¹⁾	n/a	106,106.48
South State Bank - Checking	****	74,290.76
South State Bank - Money Market		173,674.68
Miscellaneous Income	n/a	20,083.19
First Citizens Bank	****	44,291.98
Total		<u>\$ 3,985,590.07</u>
<i>(1) Not FDIC insured</i>		

The Presbytery Of New Harmony
2025.03.31 Statement of Financial Position

As of: Mar 31st 2025

Assets

Current Assets

Checking Accounts

150010 First Citizens Payroll Checking Account	44,291.98
150012 SouthState Operating Disbursements	74,290.76

Southstate MM

150022 SouthState Operating Receipts	173,674.68
150040 Miscellaneous Income	20,083.19

Total Southstate MM	193,757.87
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Total Checking Accounts	312,340.61
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Total Current Assets	312,340.61
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Long-Term Investments

150111 New Covenant Funds (Church Extension Fund)	362,423.65
150114 PCUSA Invest & Loan Program (Church Extension Fund)	106,106.48

TPF

TPF - Acct #54398 (Unrestricted Reserve&NHP Proj)

150160 Balanced Fund - 54398	208,043.96
150161 Money Market - 54398	52,010.99

Total TPF - Acct #54398 (Unrestricted Reserve&NHP Proj)	260,054.95
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TPF - Acct #54399 (Mission & Ministry [M&M] Fund)

150162 Balanced Fund - 54399	1,280,589.27
150163 Money Market - 54399	320,147.32

Total TPF - Acct #54399 (Mission & Ministry [M&M] Fund)	1,600,736.59
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TPF - Acct #54400 (Candidate/Scholarship Fund)

150164 Balanced Fund - 54400	121,561.84
150165 Money Market - 54400	30,390.46

Total TPF - Acct #54400 (Candidate/Scholarship Fund)	151,952.30
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TPF - Acct #54401 (Church Extension Fund)

150166 Balanced Fund - 54401	658,844.95
150167 Money Market - 54401	164,711.23

Total TPF - Acct #54401 (Church Extension Fund)	823,556.18
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TPF - Acct #54402 (Sm ChurchSupport/Redevelopment)

150168 Balanced Fund - 54402	255,627.64
150169 Money Market - 54402	63,906.91

Total TPF - Acct #54402 (Sm ChurchSupport/Redevelopment)	319,534.55
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TPF - Acct #54404 (Campus Christian Life Fund)

150172 Balanced Fund - 54404	39,107.81
150173 Money Market - 54404	9,776.95

Total TPF - Acct #54404 (Campus Christian Life Fund)	48,884.76
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Total TPF	3,204,719.33
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Total Long-Term Investments	3,673,249.46
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Total Assets	\$ 3,985,590.07
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Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

280020 Health Care Flexible Spending Account	750.00
280025 Option Dental - B of P	(16.02)
280030 Option Vision - B of P	0.30

280040 Supplemental Death	36.74
Total Current Liabilities	771.02
Total Liabilities	771.02
Net Assets	
Temporarily Restricted	
Pass-Through Funds	
Other Pass-Throughs	
840775 E.W. Matthew Memorial Fund	43.94
850001 Youth Mission Trip Grant	(1,000.00)
850530 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	83.33
850540 Church Extension Fund	(1,400.00)
850570 Campus Christian Life	250.00
Total Other Pass-Throughs	(2,022.73)
Total Pass-Through Funds	(2,022.73)
Presbytery Invested Funds	
54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP Projects Fund	
800311 Green Grants	19,200.00
800312 Youth Triennium	167.89
823006 Ministry to Prisoners & Family Grants	3,484.82
824001 Youth Mission Trip Grants	19,299.70
840640 NHP Mission Projects	10,545.00
840660 Pastor's Assistance	7,252.77
840715 Campus Ministry Grants	7,994.30
840740 NHP Disaster Assistance	26,239.12
840785 Peacemaking Grants	3,877.12
840980 Unrestricted Reserve	161,994.23
Total 54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP Projects Fund	260,054.95
54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	
880520 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,600,736.59
Total 54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,600,736.59
54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	
880530 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	151,952.30
Total 54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	151,952.30
54401 Church Extension Fund	
850111 New Covenant Funds PCFND	362,423.65
850114 PCUSA Invest & Loan Program (PILP)	106,106.48
880540 Church Extension Fund	823,556.18
Total 54401 Church Extension Fund	1,292,086.31
54402 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	
880550 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	319,534.55
Total 54402 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	319,534.55
54404 Campus Christian Life Fund	
880570 Campus Christian Life Fund	48,884.76
Total 54404 Campus Christian Life Fund	48,884.76
Total Presbytery Invested Funds	3,673,249.46
Total Temporarily Restricted	3,671,226.73
Unrestricted Net Assets	
290010 Gen. Fund Principal (Excess Cash)	313,592.32
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	313,592.32
Total Net Assets	3,984,819.05
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 3,985,590.07