

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY COMMISSIONERS' HANDBOOK May 19, 2026

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***We are delighted to have the Rev. Buz Wilcoxon preaching,
and presenting on the history of SC Presbyteries following worship***

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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 \$15.00.

Indiantown Presbyterian Church

Indiantown Presbyterian Church was founded in 1757 by a group of Scots-Irish Calvinist settlers under the leadership of Robert and David Wilson and Major John James, a patriot of prominence in the exploits of General Francis Marion's Brigade in the American Revolution.

In 1780 British Major James Wemyss declared the church a "sedition shop," and it was burned to the ground by British regulars and Tories under his command.

A successive meeting place was erected near the ruins but was razed in 1830 when the present structure was built in proximity to the original site. Its meetinghouse architectural style remained unchanged until the early 1900s when the sanctuary was elevated and the porch added. Stained glass windows filled the opening that had been doors.

The Flentrop pipe organ in the sanctuary was designed expressly for this church. This two manual instrument with 17 stops was constructed in Zaandam, the Netherlands, by craftsmen of Flentrop Orgelbouw, BV who came here to install the instrument. It was dedicated in April 1988.

The Sunday School and administrative area on the lower level were renovated in 1992.

The Session House, the oldest building on the grounds, housed a school in the 1820s.

Stones in the cemetery date from 1787.

The grave of Major John James lies near the southeast corner of the Sanctuary.



STATED MEETING

February 19, 2026

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony



PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon

Rev. Wilcoxon will provide a presentation on the history of SC presbyteries following worship and prior to lunch.

ABOUT OUR PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon grew up in Fairhope, AL. He attended Presbyterian College (BA) and Columbia Theological Seminary (MDiv & DMin). He served as the associate pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC and the senior pastor of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Mobile, AL. In 2022 he began serving as the inaugural Marianne & E.G. Lassiter Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. In the summer of 2023 he was the acting president of the college. Buz has served on the board of trustees for Columbia Theological Seminary and currently chairs the South Carolina Presbytery Boundaries Team. He has written a number of hymns that have been published in Presbyterian resources. He and his wife, Ryann, are the proud parents of two children: Lohi and Wilson.



PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE



Presbyterian Promise Scholarship

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by PC to recognize students for their affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. PC seeks to

develop students academically and spiritually in this signature scholarship. Students who are 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 a \$96,000 commitment.

To qualify for the Presbyterian Promise scholarship, a student should indicate on their application that they are a member of a Presbyterian Church or that they attend a Presbyterian secondary school.

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is offered to new incoming undergraduate students and may not be combined with other merit scholarships. The total financial aid award, including federal, state, and private scholarships, may not exceed direct costs. If you qualify for any merit scholarship worth more than \$24,000 per year, you'll receive the larger financial award instead of the Presbyterian Promise Scholarship, as it already exceeds our minimum commitment.

For more information visit www.presby.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/presbyterian-promise/.



PROPOSED DOCKET

PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY 121th STATED MEETING

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at Indiantown

Moderator's Theme: "Partnership Throughout the World"

5-12-26

- 8:30 A.M. Registration, Gathering, Fellowship and Refreshments
- 9:30 Determination of a Quorum and Call to Order with Prayer Ruling Elder James Wilson, 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 Clerk of Session Elder Jeff Tanner
- 9:50 Worship (Offering: Grace Fund (see insert); make checks to "New Harmony Presbytery")
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life, Presbyterian College
- 11:00 Presentation on the History of South Carolina Presbyteries Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon
- 12:00 Lunch – **ORDER OF THE DAY** (cost - \$15; checks - "Indiantown Presbyterian Church")
- 1:00 Good News from our Congregations (not announcements) **Ruling Elders ONLY!!!**
- 1:20 Synod of South Atlantic Ruling Elder Valerie Young, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk
- 1:30 Special Offerings of the PCUSA Sarah McDowell, Annual Giving Office, Stewardship & Funds Dev.
Rebecca Cox, Stewardship Officer of the East
- 1:40 Texas Presbyterian Foundation Stefanie Marsden, Relationship Manager
- 1:50 Tithe Team Rev. Jen Kotter, Co-Moderator
- 2:00 Stated Clerk Rev. Gavin D. Meek
- 2:10 Marion Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission Rev. Carnell Hampton, Member
- 2:30 New Business and any items which might have been removed from the Omnibus Motion
Announcements, Expression of Thanks, Adjournment & Prayer Elder James Wilson, Moderator

OMNIBUS MOTION

The Presbytery of New Harmony – Tuesday, May 19, 2026

(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**, including...
 - Approving the newly revised Bylaws for the South Carolina Inn at Montreat (attached).
 - Approving the recommended changes to the distribution of funds upon the sale of property of a dissolved NHP congregation (see X.6 in attached policy).
- **Committee on Ministry (COM).**
- **Committee on Preparation (CPM).**
- **Fork Administrative Commission.**
- **Hebron Administrative Commission.**
- **Marion Administrative Commission**, but not...
 - Approving the dismissal agreement (attached).
- **New Harvest Administrative Commission.**
- **Ruby Administrative Commission.**
- **Salem Black River Administration Commission.**
- **Timmonsville Administrative Commission.**

STATED CLERK REPORT

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

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

1. The Commission to install the **Rev. Chris Weichman as Pastor of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 8, 2026** at 3 p.m. reported that they fulfilled their commission properly and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the guidelines of the Presbytery of New Harmony. The members of that commissioned were the following: Rev. Dr. Ella Busby (NHP Associate for Pastoral Concerns and Fellowship), Elder Dick Rose (Georgetown), Elder Hal Stuckey (Indiantown), Elder James Wilson (Melina and NHP Moderator) and Rev. Gavin D. Meek (Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk) with Rev. Marilyn Borst preaching and seated as a Corresponding Member.

2. The following six Sessions did not report their congregational statistics for 2025: Carolina, Grandview, Olanta, Murrells Inlet, Salem Black River, and St. Paul's. (In 2024 - 10; 2023 - 13; 2022 - 7; in 2021 – 14; in 2020 - 16). Some of these Sessions have not reported in years: Carolina 2019; and Olanta before 2015.

3. NHP membership total of those Clerks reporting at the **end of 2025 in a total of 57 congregations is 6,105 (2024 - 6,368)** which is a net loss of **263 or just over 4%**. Total gains were **271**, while total losses were **416**.

2025 Gains (2024)	2025 Losses (2024)
72 (99) Certificate	34 (52) Certificate
27 (44) Youth Profession	180 (146) Death
<u>170 (112)</u> Profession and Reaffirmation	<u>202 (150)</u> Other
271 (248) Total Gains	416 (348) Total Losses

Baptisms: Year >	Totals	Infant/Child	Confirmation	Adult
2025	73	55	6	12
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

20 of our Sessions reported having a **Board of Deacons**.

8 NHP congregations had net growth in 2025: Mt. Sinai 10%, Westminster, 6%, First Hartsville and John Calvin 4%, Kingston 2%, First Myrtle 1.5% Indiantown 1%, First Sumter .5%

57 congregations in 2025 (2024 numbers):

1 majority Korean; 18 majority African American; and 38 majority white.

1 (1)	is over 1,000 members - 1,495? members to be exact
4 (4)	250-499
8 (10)	150-249
6 (2)	100-149
7 (7)	50-99
36 (35)	less than 50

4. General Statistics at the end of 2025 of our 62 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.

17 are FEMALE: 4 in full-time ministry; 1 Validated; 6 are Honorably Retired (HR); 2 are African American; 1 Korean; 3 reside outside the bounds of NHP

35 are HONORABLY RETIRED (HR): 7 are active, serving as an interim or supply pastor and/or moderating a Session; 10 reside outside the bounds of NHP.

3 are in VALIDATED Ministry and 1 of them reside outside the bounds of NHP.

3 are AT-LARGE.

6 are 50 and under: all are installed.

5. Other NHP Statistics at the end of 2025:

10 Commissioned Pastors serving 16 of our congregations (Ruling Elders specially trained at the SC5 School of Theology and commissioned by NHP to serve as a pastoral leader, preaching, administering the sacraments, moderating the session and congregation, pastoral care, teaching): 2 serve two and 2 three different congregations.

There are **5 ordained ministers** serving a NHP congregation but not members of NHP: 3 as Supply Pastor and 1 as a Parish Associate.

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

Guiding Council Report

Presbytery of New Harmony – Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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

RECOMMENDATIONS (in the Omnibus Motion)

1. Approve the newly revised Bylaws for the South Carolina Inn at Montreat (attached).
2. Approve the recommended changes to the distribution of funds upon the sale of property of a dissolved NHP congregation (see X.6 in attached policy).

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

1. Approved the minutes of the February 21, 2025 Stated Meeting of NHP.
2. Approved today's offering going to Presbyterian College for its fund to help out students in a financial emergency.
3. Reviewed the dates and locations of the upcoming **2026 NHP Gatherings**:
Aug. 15 (Saturday) ZOOM – Bible Study Leader
Nov. 17 (Tuesday) Melina – preacher: Kajjado Moderator Rev. David Muthui?
2027 NHP Gatherings
Feb. 20 (Saturday) Murrells Inlet-
May 14-15 (Friday/Saturday) SC5 (SC Presbyteries) at Eastminster PC, Columbia
Aug. 21 (Saturday) ZOOM:
Nov. 16 (Tuesday) Manning
4. Received any and all reports and acted on recommendations from its committees (**Cultivation and Empowerment [CEC] and Personnel and Finance [P&F]**) including from P&F, at the direction of the Guiding Council, a contract with the Rev. Debbie Bronkema to assist NHP in recruiting a team to promote and oversee new outreach initiatives in and with our NHP congregations and in recruiting a team to promote and oversee New Worshipping Communities, both utilizing the newly revised **G.I.V.E. Fund (Growth – Innovation – Vitality – Evangelism)**.
5. Received the **report from the Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk**.
6. Approved adding to the **Black Church Cornerstone Collaborative (BCCC)** \$60K grant which NHP received from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, funded by Lily Endowment, an **additional \$2,500** to the 15 participating congregations to be funded from the **G.I.V.E. Fund**.
7. Invited **Kajjado's leadership team to visit NHP** in November and attend our Nov. 17 NHP Gathering with the Kajjado Moderator preaching. After presenting letters from NHP's Stated Clerk to the American Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya asking that it grant VISAs and the Kajjado paying hundreds of dollars, the VISAs were denied. We do hope to have them zoom in at our NHP Gathering on zoom Aug. 22 and our NHP Moderator and Stated Clerk are hoping to accept the invitation of Kajjado to visit later this year to bring official greetings.
8. Approved an **assessment of NHP by Cyclical Full Circle** in the second half of this year; more information will be forth coming.

9. Appointed **Elder Gene Crawford to head a team to develop and recommend an anti-racism policy** required by the Book of Order G-3.0106.
10. Approved adding to the mission portion of the NHP Budget the **Goodwill Educational and Historical Society and Goodwill Cultural Center** for \$5,000.
11. Received reports on **NHP Administrative Commissions**: PDAC, Fork, Hebron, Marion, New Harvest, Ruby, Salem Black River and Timmonsville (see attached AC reports).
12. Approved, as the recommendation of the COM, the establishment of an **Administrative Commission for Ruby Presbyterian Church**, with the Rev. Max Michaels as moderator (Pastor, First, Cheraw and COM), Elder Zach Gulledge (Clerk of Session, Ruby), Elder Teresa Hodge (Morton and COM) and Elder Ponthela Wilson (Goodwill and Ruby's COM Liaison to Ruby), Rev. Gavin Meek as ex. officio, voice, no vote (NHP Stated Clerk) and the Rev. Beth Muse, Corresponding Member (Ruby Supply Pastor and member of Providence Presbytery; not being a member of NHP she cannot serve as on AC). The AC shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a) To dissolve the congregation of the Ruby Presbyterian Church of Ruby, South Carolina, working with and involving the Session in all matters until the dissolution of
 - b) the congregation;
 - c) to act on NHP's behalf, with the power to meet, when possible, with the members of
 - d) the congregation, including calling a meeting of the congregation, as necessary;
 - e) to arrange for the pastoral care of the members;
 - f) to publicize the dissolution of the congregation;
 - g) to ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the
 - h) congregation;
 - i) to secure the Session records;
 - j) to secure the legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit
 - k) of the congregation;
 - l) to dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation;
 - m) to secure the building and property;
 - n) to attend to matters of insurance;
 - o) to dispose of the building and grounds (subject to any guidelines established by
 - p) NHP or the Guiding Council) or convey the building and grounds to the corporation
 - q) of the Presbytery of New Harmony of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);
 - r) to recommend to NHP the use of the assets of the congregation;
 - s) to plan and conduct a closing worship service celebrating the life and ministry of the
 - t) congregation;
 - u) to secure the assistance of other individuals, as appropriate, to assist with its work,
 - v) and generally to do such things and take such actions, for, in the name of, and on
 - w) behalf of NHP as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution.

The South Carolina Inn at Montreat, Inc.
Recommended to the South Carolina Presbyteries
(Effective January 1, 2027 if adopted by all five SC presbyteries)
Montreat, North Carolina

By-Laws

ARTICLE I: Name

Section 1 The official name of the property shall be The South Carolina Inn at Montreat located at 400 South Carolina Terrace in Montreat, North Carolina. The South Carolina Inn consists of the William Brearley Home and the Kirk Apartments. The William Brearley Home was given by Mr. McIver Williamson of Darlington, South Carolina, to South Carolina Presbyterians in 1912 and was named in honor of his boyhood pastor, the Reverend William Brearley, 1801 - 1882. The first unit of the Kirk Apartments was completed in 1972 and named in honor of Mrs. Amanda Kirkpatrick, the first hostess of the Inn. The second unit of the Kirk Apartments was completed in 1986. The corporation's name shall be The South Carolina Inn at Montreat, Inc. (the "Corporation"). The property may be referred to as the "Inn."

Section 2 (Principal Office). The principal place of business of the Corporation shall be 400 South Carolina Terrace, Montreat, North Carolina, unless the Board designates another principal office as permitted by law.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Section 1 This property shall be under the care of all concurring Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or its successors, the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2 This property serves as a 501c3 non-profit retreat and lodging facility serving the congregations and its leaders and members in the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. Others may make use of the facility if rooms are available. All receipts from these uses shall apply to the operational and management costs of the Inn. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any trustee, officer, or private individual, except that the Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes. The Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).

In accordance with the request of the original donor, the William Brearley Home provides lodging for ministers of Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina without charge within certain limitations, including a one-time service fee for each reservation, as specified by the Board of Trustees. The Board shall adopt written policies implementing donor intent in a manner consistent with applicable law and Section 501(c)(3).

Section 3 (Political and Legislative Activity). The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as permitted by law.

Section 4 (Dissolution). Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding

section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE III: Trustees

Section 1 The South Carolina Inn shall be under the supervision of a Board of Trustees elected by Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.

Section 2 The Board of Trustees shall consist of two persons (one minister member and one ruling elder) from each Presbytery the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. All trustees must be a minister member or member of a congregation of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the major portion whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. All trustees should be knowledgeable and/or experienced in one or more of the following areas: non-profit management, property management, strategic planning, finance, fundraising, and marketing. Additionally, the Board shall consist of a Trustee with voice, no vote, who is an Executive Presbyter from one of the South Carolina presbyteries, appointed by the Executive Presbyters of the South Carolina Presbyteries the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina.

Section 3 (Fiduciary Duties / Standard of Conduct). Each Trustee shall discharge duties in good faith, with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and in a manner the Trustee reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Corporation.

Section 4 (Conflict of Interest). The Board shall adopt and annually enforce a Conflict of Interest Policy. Trustees shall disclose actual or potential conflicts and recuse themselves as required by policy.

Section 5 The term of office for each shall be two years. No Trustee shall serve more than three successive terms, but will be eligible for re-election after having been off of the Board for at least one year. Terms shall be staggered for each presbytery. This shall be determined by the Presbyteries.

Section 6 If the lines of Presbyteries within the State of South Carolina are redrawn, the Presbyteries shall be required to make the necessary adjustments to the Board of Trustees.

Section 7 Vacancies on the Board of Trustees may be filled as needed by the remaining Trustees until the next meeting of the Presbytery from which the vacancy occurs. It shall be the duty of the moderator of the Board to notify Presbyteries concerned when a vacancy occurs.

Section 8 (Removal). A Trustee may be removed (a) by the Presbytery that elected the Trustee, or (b) by a two-thirds vote of the Board for cause, including failure to fulfill fiduciary duties, subject to notice and an opportunity to be heard.

ARTICLE IV: Meetings

Section 1 The Board of Trustees shall meet at least twice annually. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the moderator, or by petition of 1/4 (one-fourth) of the membership of the Board.

Section 2 Members of the Board are to be notified at least ten days prior to all meetings, except in emergencies when three days are required.

Section 3 Members who miss two consecutive meetings and whose absences are unexcused by the Board shall be considered to have resigned and the moderator of the Board shall notify the respective presbytery.

Before a resignation is deemed effective under this Section, the Moderator shall provide written notice to the Trustee and allow the Trustee an opportunity to explain the absences to the Executive Committee.

Section 4 At the first meeting of a new Board, the following shall be presented by the Moderator and reviewed by the Board: the history of SC Inn at Montreat; the Bylaws; and other important documents, policies, procedures, contracts, etc. that assists the Board in being informed.

Section 5 (Electronic Participation). Trustees may participate in meetings by conference telephone or other electronic means by which all Trustees may simultaneously hear each other.

ARTICLE V: Officers

Section 1 Officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a moderator, vice-moderator, and clerk.

Section 2 Officers of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Board at the first meeting of each year and whenever there is a vacancy.

Section 3 These officers, along with the EP appointee who has voice, no vote, comprising the Executive Committee, is authorized to act between meetings. The moderator, vice-moderator and clerk shall come from the membership of the Board. The Executive Committee may act between meetings on matters of routine administration consistent with the approved budget and policies, but shall not approve: (a) sale, mortgage, or other encumbrance of real property; (b) capital projects above a threshold set by Board policy; (c) new indebtedness beyond budgeted amounts; or (d) hiring/termination of key employees, except in emergencies subject to later Board ratification.

Moderator: The moderator shall call and conduct meetings of the Board of Trustees, prepare the agenda, in consultation with others as needed, provide orientation at the first meeting of the new year and throughout the year for new members of the Board, and notify Presbyteries when there is a vacancy with their respective Board members.

Vice-Moderator: The vice-moderator shall function as moderator in the absence of the moderator.

Clerk: The clerk shall send notices of meetings, take and record minutes, distribute the minutes to the Board and Presbytery Executives, and provide new members of the Board the past year's minutes for their edification.

Section 4 No officer of the Board shall serve more than three consecutive years in a specific office but may be eligible for re-election after one year.

ARTICLE VI: Effective Date and Ownership

Section 1 The By-Laws of the South Carolina Inn became effective on June 30, 1973, and at that time the Synod of South Carolina divested itself of any and all legal interests in the South Carolina Inn at Montreat.

Section 2 All properties, both real and personal, including funds, are owned by the Corporation and held exclusively for its charitable purposes, in stewardship consistent with donor intent and the relationship covenant with the Concurring Presbyteries.

Section 3 Legal transactions concerning the sale of property or major building programs shall be initiated by the Board of Trustees but must be approved by a majority of the Presbyteries, the major portion of whose boundaries lie within the State of South Carolina. "Major building programs" and other "extraordinary transactions" shall be defined by Board policy, including dollar thresholds and approval timelines; provided,

however, that any sale or encumbrance of real property shall always require approval by a majority of the concurring Presbyteries.

ARTICLE VII: Corporation

Section 1 The Board of Trustees, named in these By-Laws, are the Board of Trustees of the corporation known as the SOUTH CAROLINA INN AT MONTREAT, NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED under the laws of the State of South Carolina. This Board of Trustees is therefore the legal instrument to carry out all directives of a majority of the Presbyteries, the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. In the event of any conflict between a directive and the Board's fiduciary duties under applicable law, the Board shall act to comply with applicable law and to preserve the Corporation's charitable assets and tax-exempt status.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments

Section 1 The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote or at a called meeting of the Board provided notice of the proposed amendment is stated in the call of such meeting; such amendment to be subject to the approval of a majority of the concurring Presbyteries, the major portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina. No amendment shall be adopted that would cause the Corporation to fail to qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IX: Manual of Operations

Section 1 A Manual of Operations concerning matters of operation of the South Carolina Inn which may include, among other things the cost of meals, cost of rental, hiring of personnel, maintenance, upkeep, salaries, etc. may be developed and adopted, as needed, by a majority vote of the Board. The Manual of Operations shall be consistent with these By-Laws, applicable law, and the Corporation's exempt purposes.

ARTICLE X: Quorum

Section 1 A duly constituted quorum for conducting business of the Board of Trustees shall be a majority of the membership of the Board.

ARTICLE XI: Financial Support

The Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) the majority portion of whose bounds lie within the State of South Carolina, ordinarily incorporate into their annual budgets an allocation of funds which is in addition to the income derived by the Inn, to assure the continuance of the operation of the South Carolina Inn at Montreat, North Carolina. The amount of these allocations will be requested annually by the Board of Trustees when they determine the operating budget at the spring meeting. The Board shall adopt an annual budget and maintain appropriate financial controls, including periodic financial reporting to the concurring Presbyteries.

ARTICLE XII: Rules of Order

Section 1 All business shall be transacted in accordance with these By-Laws.

Section 2 All cases that may arise, not provided for by the By-Laws, shall be governed by applicable nonprofit corporation law, then by the Articles of Incorporation, then by the general principles of parliamentary law as found in the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. The Book of Order may be consulted for ecclesial guidance where consistent with law and these By-Laws.

Approvals: September 9, 1987; March 2, 2000; November 2, 2004; Changed Home to Inn February 14, 2013; May 8, 2018; Feb. 2, 2026 draft

PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY DISSOLVING A CONGREGATION: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

(May 19, 2020; revised by the Guiding Council on 3-30-26)

This document does not relate to the process by which the decision to dissolve a congregation is reached; rather it applies only to the procedural dissolution of a congregation. Recognizing that the Church of Jesus Christ cannot be closed or dissolved by human action, it applies only to congregations, as that term is defined in the Book of Order, of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The attitude of the Presbytery of New Harmony in this process, from beginning to end, shall always be pastoral.

The Presbytery and sessions of its member congregations understand and act in the spirit of the principal that property, real and personal (tangible and intangible), of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), of its councils and entities, and of its congregations, is a tool for the accomplishment of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. In regard to dissolution of congregations, the Presbytery has exclusive power to determine the use and disposition of church property when a property ceases to be used for a particular congregation, and a dissolving congregation has the right to dispose of church property only as the Presbytery directs.

The procedural dissolution of a congregation will almost always be accomplished through an Administrative Commission as hereafter provided.

HOW THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (AC) IS ESTABLISHED:

1. The Presbytery of New Harmony (NHP) or the Guiding Council votes to concur with request from a Session, the COM or Stated Clerk that a particular congregation be dissolved and that an AC be appointed to oversee the closing process.
2. In creating the Administrative Commission, NHP or the Guiding Council shall authorize it to act with the authority of NHP, by adopting the following resolution, which may be modified, from time to time, as the specific circumstances of the congregation in question require: *RESOLVED, That Presbytery of New Harmony (or That the Guiding Council, acting on behalf of the Presbytery of New Harmony,) appoint an Administrative Commission for the (insert name) Presbyterian Church of (insert location), South Carolina, to act on Presbytery's behalf, with the power to meet with the Session and members of the congregation, including calling a meeting of the Session and/or of the congregation, as necessary, to arrange for the pastoral care of the members, publicize the dissolution of the congregation, ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation, secure the Session records, secure the legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation, dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation, secure the building and property, attend to matters of insurance, 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 Presbytery of New Harmony Incorporation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)", recommend the use of the assets of the congregation, plan and conduct a Service of Witness, 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 the Presbytery as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution.*
3. The Moderator and members of the AC are elected by NHP or appointed by the Guiding Council. The AC "shall consist of both ministers of the Word and Sacrament and members of congregations, in numbers as nearly equal as possible" (G-3.0109), and should, if possible, include a Ruling Elder on Session from the congregation being dissolved.
4. The Moderator of the AC, in consultation with the Stated Clerk, will convene the AC in a timely fashion in order for the Stated Clerk to review these responsibilities with the AC and allow it to begin its work. A Recorder shall be chosen from among the AC who will keep accurate records of the AC's

deliberations and actions and promptly furnish them to the AC and the Stated Clerk.

5. The AC, in consultation with the Stated Clerk, will carry out the following responsibilities and will determine the date(s) upon which services of worship and activities shall cease at the congregation to be dissolved, noting that the congregation is not dissolved until the conclusion of the final (presbytery-approved) closing worship service.
6. In the course of carrying out its responsibilities, the AC may remove or replace the Session or may itself act as the Session thereof; any decision to take such action shall be made only after consideration of the general pastoral policy of NHP with regard to dissolution of congregations, as expressed herein, and such action shall be communicated to the Stated Clerk immediately.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AC

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

I. ARRANGE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS

1. Work with the Session to identify where members wish their membership to be transferred.
2. Appoint a pastor to be responsible for pastoral care until membership is transferred or each member has made a clear decision to cease being an active member of any congregation.
3. Communicate to the members that membership is held by the Stated Clerk for one year if not transferred prior to dissolution of the congregation.
4. If the member wishes to transfer membership before the congregation is dissolved, the Clerk of Session will send the letter of transfer. If the membership is transferred after the dissolution of the congregation and within the one year time period, the Stated Clerk will send the letter of transfer.

II. PLAN A CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE CONGREGATION

1. Set the date and the time for the service allowing for ample time for publicizing and sending invitations.
2. Decide what special features the service should include.
 - a. Determine whether the celebration of the Lord's Supper would be appropriate.
 - b. Consider structuring the service as a Service of Witness to the Resurrection, using resources from the *Book of Common Worship*, in particular the service for the "Vacating of a Church Building (including the Dissolution of a Church)" in the *Book of Occasional Services*, a supplement to the *Book of Common Worship*.
 - c. Identify a possible preacher and other participants.
 - i. Former pastors/preachers might be participants.
 - ii. At least one representative from the congregation should be included.
 - iii. At least one representative from the AC should be included.
 - iv. The Moderator of NHP and the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk should be included.
 - d. Include familiar and favorite music of the congregation, including hymns, other special music, instrumentalists, and/or choirs or soloists.
 - e. Include a brief history of the church, including the reason/s for the dissolution of this congregation.

3. Request that the Session designate where the proceeds from the Offering will go, generally a local mission to which the congregation is connected.
4. Arrange for ushers, elders to serve Communion, and parking lot assistants, if needed.
5. Develop and print bulletins.
6. Arrange for preparation of communion elements, if needed.
7. Arrange for any needed cleaning of facility before the service.

III. PUBLICIZE THE CLOSING SERVICE

1. Request the Session to develop a “guest list” of relatives, friends, community connections, former members, pastors, and staff whom the congregation wishes to invite to the celebration.
2. Request that the Session develop and send a printed invitation or flyer to the “guest list”; the cost of which is usually covered by the Session.
3. Develop a flyer or announcement about the closing to be used in communication through THIS WEEK to the congregations and members of the NHP, providing ample time for distribution.
4. Arrange for local newspaper coverage and photographer.

IV. ARRANGE FOR A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

1. Identify the location for a reception which usually follows the closing worship service.
2. Decide how the food will be provided (i.e. catering, congregational donations) and what financial resources are available, appropriate, or needed to host this event
3. Request that the Session appoint a “team” to take charge of decorating, gathering memorabilia to display, and making other arrangements.
4. Plan the program with time for recognizing attendees, sharing memories, toasts, etc.

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

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

9. If the congregation owns any stocks, bonds, certificates, or other financial instruments, have ownership transferred to NHP.
10. Following the dissolution, transfer all remaining balances to NHP and close all remaining accounts.

VI. SECURE THE SESSION RECORDS

1. Locate all Session and congregational minutes, the church register, and any other financial and legal records to be transferred to the NHP office and then archived with other archival records of NHP.
2. The Clerk of Session will hand these symbolically to the Stated Clerk or NHP Moderator at the conclusion of the Closing Celebration.

VII. SECURE THE LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE PROPERTY

1. Secure a Clear Title or "Quick Claim" to the property.
2. A copy of the deed may be obtained from the County Courthouse; a copy should be sent to the Stated Clerk for filing in the NHP office.
3. Ascertain if there are any deed restrictions, stipulations or leans.
4. Transfer title of the property to NHP
5. Have the property listed on the NHP's property and liability insurance coverage and terminate any current insurance coverage.
6. Discover if the congregation is incorporated; if so, locate the Articles of Incorporation.
7. A public Notice to Dissolve a Corporation may need to be published in the local newspaper and dissolved with South Carolina's Secretary of State, submitting the "Articles of Dissolution" form.
8. At the time of the sale of property, NHP must notify the County Assessor's Office that the property is no longer used as a church.
9. Adopt and publish the following motion: "*Pursuant to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Book of Order G-4.0205), the Presbytery of New Harmony is the legal successor of the _____ Presbyterian Church in _____, South Carolina.*"

VIII. SECURE THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY

1. Arrange for the disposition of furnishings
 - a. The Session, with the concurrence of the AC, needs to arrange for the disposition of furnishings, communion ware, hymnals, Sunday school supplies, pulpit, lectern, and communion table, etc. if they are not to be sold or included in the sale of the church property. Otherwise, these items may be given away to congregation members, sold by the piece, or bids may be received for the entire lot of furnishings. It is recommended that at least one appraisal by an antiques dealer/estate assessor be obtained before accepting any bids.
 - b. These decisions should be documented in detail in both Session and AC minutes.
2. Ascertain which utilities should remain connected and which may be disconnected and make these arrangements with the proper companies. Transfer billing for the utilities to NHP following the closing service.
3. It may be necessary to maintain heat during the winter or cooling during the summer to avoid damage.
4. Electricity and water (if available) should remain on until the closing celebration.
5. Arrangements should be made to drain the pipes when utilities are turned off.

6. Secure the building and recover keys from anyone who does not need access.
7. If distribution of keys is widespread and any contents are valuable, consider having the locks changed.
8. Make provisions for a caretaker until the final disposition of the property, including mowing the lawn and maintenance of any sidewalks.

IX. ATTEND TO MATTERS OF INSURANCE

1. All insurance coverage should be maintained at least until the final closing celebration.
2. Liability coverage should be maintained until the final disposition of the property.
3. Once the congregation is dissolved, coverage should be moved to NHP's policy.

X. DISPOSTION OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. Have the property surveyed, if this is needed.
2. Obtain an appraisal from at least one real estate agency if any of the property is to be sold, including any manse.
3. If the building is to be sold, make decisions about how it will be placed on the market.
4. If there is a church cemetery, ascertain if it is separately incorporated, with its own board, and still operating; the AC will determine a recommendation to the Guiding Council concerning its disposition.
5. Recommend to Guiding Council any stipulations regarding the sale of building and property such as first attempting to sell to another congregation or to another agency or organization whose mission will allow for use in a "manner respectful of congregation's heritage"; the Guiding Council shall act on behalf of NHP with regards to approving any plan or sale.
6. Ordinarily, after all expenses for insurance, listing and sale are paid, the funds remaining shall go to the presbytery, in order to assist and support its ministry and mission to congregations, as determined by the Guiding Council, with the ordinary **distribution of the proceeds allocated as follows:**
 - **10% designated by the congregation to a mission of their choice;**
 - **10% to NHP's Unrestricted Reserve; and**
 - **10% to indigenous and ancestors of former enslaved persons, 5% to the Synod and 5% to the General Assembly, and remaining amount all to be determined by Guiding Council.**
7. After the closing celebration remove any identifying signage and the cornerstone, if possible, checking for a time capsule in the process.

XI. DISSOLUTION OF THE AC

1. AC provides a final written report to NHP, submitting its minutes to the Stated Clerk.
2. AC requests that the AC be dissolved and NHP ordinarily does so, with deep thanks.



Yellow (or Gold)

Yellow isn't a primary liturgical color, but it appears frequently in Presbyterian banners, stoles, and educational materials.

What it represents

- **Light** — Christ as the Light of the World
- **Joy and celebration** — resurrection, Easter, and divine glory
- **Wisdom** — the presence of the Holy Spirit
- **Blessing** — God's radiance and goodness

Blue

Blue is one of the most recognizable colors in Presbyterian tradition.

What it represents

- **Hope** — especially during the season of Advent
- **Faithfulness** — God's steadfast love and covenant promises
- **Calm and peace** — a reflective, contemplative spirit
- **Water** — baptism, renewal, and new life

Blue is often used in PC(USA) materials to signal trust, stability, and God's abiding presence.

Green

Green is the color of **Ordinary Time** in the liturgical calendar, but its meaning extends beyond that.

What it represents

- **Growth and discipleship** — the ongoing work of becoming Christ-like
- **Life and renewal** — the flourishing of God's creation
- **Hope in action** — justice, stewardship, and care for the earth

In Presbyterian settings, green often signals the everyday work of faith—steady, rooted, and growing.

Committee on Ministry (COM) Report

NHP Stated Meeting – May 19, 2026

Tom Langston, Moderator

INTRODUCTIONS: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

COM TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AT IT'S MARCH 10 MEETING via Zoom, using its presbytery approved commission authority:

1. Approved a recommendation to the Guiding Council that it establish an **Administrative Commission to dissolve the congregation of Ruby Presbyterian Church at the request of the Session** made at its March 8th meeting and allow the COM to name the AC members. The COM then tasked, if the way be clear, the COM moderator, Ruby's COM liaison, the EP, and the Assoc. for COM to name the AC which they did: Rev. Max Michael (AC Moderator and Pastor, First, Cheraw), Zach Gullledge (Clerk, Ruby), Pontheola Wilson (Ruby's COM Liaison and Goodwill), Teresa Hodges (Morton) with Rev. Beth Muse (Supply Pastor, Ruby) as a Corresponding Member and Rev. Gavin Meek (Stated Clerk) Ex. Officio with voice, no vote.
2. **Dissolved the Supply Pastor** relationship between the Rev. Tom Langston and Lake City effective March 31, 2026.
3. **Approved the following 2026 Covenants:**
 - Supply Pastor Rev. Vikki Brogdon and Summerton.
 - Supply Pastor Rev. Beth Muse and Ruby, continuing 2025 as is until Ruby is dissolved.
 - Supply Pastor Rev. Don McCann and Lake City beginning April 1
 - Bridge Pastor Rev. Tom Langston and Celebration for six months beginning April 1.
4. **Granted the authority** of the COM Liaisons for the Parish congregations and the EP to review and act on the MDPs for the two Parish PNCs.
5. Approved the use of **Safe Gatherings Training** for boundary training for the prevention of sexual misconduct and child sexual, required by the Constitution(G-3.0106) at least once every 36 months for all active minister members, in congregations and Validated, and Commissioned Pastors: <https://safegatherings.com/learn-more/clergy-ethics/>.

COM TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AT IT'S APRIL 14 MEETING via Zoom, using its presbytery approved commission authority:

1. Approved the following 2026 Covenants:

Parish Associate Rev. Lamar Helms and First, Myrtle Beach.

2. Approved the following 2026 Terms of Call for Installed Pastors:

Robert Bannan and Kingston.

John Brearley and First, Myrtle Beach.

Christa Brewer and First, Myrtle Beach.

Ashley Cheek and First, Hartsville.

Louis Imsande and Pawleys Island.

Joshua Jang and Korean American.

Anthony Larson and Trinity, Surfside Beach.

Nathan See and First, Myrtle Beach.

Chris Weichman and Georgetown.

3. Reaffirmed the longtime NHP policy and practice that all weeks of vacation (which must be a minimum of 4) shall be accessible to installed Pastors and Associate Pastors beginning January 1 of each calendar year, and shall be completely paid out upon dissolution of the pastoral relationship, was moved, seconded, and approved by common consent. There was a discussion of this policy at the February 10 meeting and no changes were made then; this action reaffirms both that discussion as well as the policy and practice.

4. Granted authority to the COM Moderator, Associate for COM, and the EP to appoint a Moderator of Session when there is a need for one to be appointed between COM meetings.

COM TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AT THE MAY 12 MEETING via Zoom, using its presbytery approved commission authority:

1. Approved the following 2026 Covenants:

Commissioned Pastor Delcia Harper-Baxter and Trinity, Mayesville.

2. Approved the following 2026 Terms of Call for Installed Pastors:

Jarred Hammet and Manning

3. Approved dissolving the pastoral relationship, effective May 10, at the request of the **Rev. Robert Bannan and the Kingston PC** (Conway), at a meeting of the congregation on May 3, and transferring Rev. Bannan to Illinois Prairie Presbytery, upon their receipt of him, in order for him to accept a call to the Westminster PC, Rockford, IL.

4. Accepted as of May 10 the resignation of the Rev. Robert Bannan from the Fork AC as he has been transferred to Blackhawk.

NOTE: The COM has not been able to act any changes to the 2026 Terms of Call for the Rev. Scott Andrews at First, Bennettsville or the Rev. Stewart Rawson at First, Sumter as no changes have been submitted nor has the COM been able to act on the 2026 Covenant between the Williamsburg and the Rev. David Ruth as no Covenant has been submitted.

COM is currently involved in several projects to assist and support our congregations and those who lead them:

- 1. Parishes:** On March 14 at Goodwill, the Sessions, Parish Commissions and PNCs (Pastor Nominating Committee) of our two newly formed Parishes met together: Clarendon County Parish (Friendship, Harmony, Westminster) and Congruity/Goodwill Parish. The Sessions and Parish Commissions reviewed the Parish Commission description developed by COM staff and liaisons, then the PNCs joined them for a brief overview of the search process. Afterwards, the Sessions and Parish Commissions departed and the PNCs were trained more extensively in the search process. NHP will seek a Board of Pensions grant to help defer some of the cost of dues and, upon the call of a Pastor, will provide a \$50,000 grant over five years for the Parish's ministry and mission. It is asked that the presbytery pray for the Holy Spirit to lead them to their next full-time, installed Pastor.
- 2. Annual Session Minutes Review:** Phyllis Wicker, member of COM, longtime Clerk at Trinity Surfside, sent letters to all clerks and pastoral leaders about the Annual Session Minutes Review, asking them to send their 2025 minutes to the May 19, 2026 Presbytery meeting at Indiantown Presbyterian Church. Phyllis has gathered a team of stellar clerks to perform the reviews: Loretta Baker (New Covenant), Betty Ann Smith (John Calvin), Hal Stuckey (Indiantown), and Mary Terwiske (Trinity Surfside).
- 3. Triennial Visits:** Rev. Joel Long, our Associate for COM, in his work of assisting and supporting COM and in particular its members as liaisons with our Sessions and pastoral leaders, has presented a revived Triennial Visit program which COM has approved. The COM liaisons will be visiting with their Sessions and pastoral leaders who have not had any contact with COM in the previous three years. This is another effort in which NHP connects with, supports and assists, its congregations and those who lead them, hearing from them their joys and challenges, and reminding them of the ways New Harmony can provide grants, scholarships and other assistance and support as well as prayer and encouragement.
- 4. Administrative Commissions:** The COM continues to receive regular reports from the ACs of Fork, Hebron, Marion, New Harvest, Ruby, Salem Black River and Timmons ville and continues to be very grateful for all those who are serving on these ACs.



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2026 Assistance Program

Support for Every Step

As the agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that administers benefits and provides assistance and education, the Board of Pensions is keenly aware of unmet financial needs among members, ministers, and retirees. The Assistance Program is one way we express care for one another.

Grants for All Members

Eligibility varies by grant and includes members who serve the Church, members who work for a PC(USA)-affiliated organization — such as senior housing and care facilities, colleges and universities, and camps and conference centers — retired members, and surviving spouses.

Adoption Assistance — \$9,000

You may receive assistance at the completion of an adoption to help with a portion of adoption-related expenses. Your adopted child must be a dependent under age 21 and can be adopted domestically or internationally.

Transition-to-College Assistance — Up to \$3,000

Any dependent up to age 26 may be eligible to receive \$2,000 for expenses, such as a computer, if pursuing a college, university, community college, or technical or trade school education (excludes postbaccalaureate). And, if the child attends a PC(USA) college or university, they may be eligible for an additional \$1,000.

Emergency Assistance — Up to \$5,000

If you need financial help because of an emergency, you may be eligible for a one-time grant for financial relief from a natural disaster or unexpected expense.

Do You Qualify?

Eligibility for several grants has been updated for 2026 to better support members. We encourage all Benefits Plan members to review eligibility requirements to see if they may qualify to receive a grant. While requirements vary, they are typically based on income and other factors. For applications and more details, see pensions.org/assistance.



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2027 Benefits Plan Subsidies and Updates

Support for congregations and ministers with dependent children

To help congregations care for their pastoral leaders, and to promote wholeness for ministers and their families, the 2027 Benefits Plan introduces expanded support.

- **An additional dues subsidy** will be available to congregational pastoral leaders enrolled in the Congregational Pastors Package to help alleviate the cost of dependent child medical coverage. Effective Jan. 1, 2027, the subsidy will be 50% of the national, community-rated coverage cost for dependent children. This subsidy will reduce the flat rates for both Child(ren) and Family coverage levels.
- **Transitional Pastor's Participation** and its inherent subsidies will be extended through 2029, giving congregations and ministers already enrolled in this package two more years to transition to the Congregational Pastors Package.

2027 dues for the Congregational Pastors Package and Transitional Pastor's Participation will be available in July.



New Child Care Support grant

Effective April 1, 2026, this new grant through the Assistance Program helps offset the cost of child care for children ages 0-6 years. Child Care Support provides \$500 per child per month (up to \$1,500 per family per month) to eligible PC(USA) ministers of the Word and Sacrament and commissioned pastors during the initial pilot phase of this grant.

Additional Medical Plan options

For staff not enrolled in benefits through the Congregational Pastors Package or Transitional Pastor's Participation, three additional Medical Plan options have been introduced: a second PPO, EPO, and HDHP. These options will be available in addition to the three options currently offered, for a total of six options, effective Jan. 1, 2027. More details will be shared this summer.

Ministers and dependents enrolled in the Congregational Pastors Package or Transitional Pastor's Participation will continue to be offered the current PPO plan.



For more information about these benefits and Assistance Program updates, visit pensions.org/2027resources or scan this QR code.

This is not a full description of benefits and limitations of the plan. If there is any difference between the information presented here and the provisions of the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the plan terms will govern.



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Grants Designed for Ministers

The following grants are available to PC(USA) ministers enrolled in the Medical Plan of the PC(USA) and/or the Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Eligibility varies by grant.

Clergy Wellness Support — Up to \$5,000

This grant is for respite and vocational support and helps to foster renewal and wholeness. Grants are offered to ministers in partnership with approved programs that address vocational, spiritual, mental, and physical wellness.

Child Care Support — Up to \$1,500 monthly

Child Care Support provides \$500 per month per child (up to \$1,500 per month per family) for the care of children ages 0-6 years.

Minister Debt Relief — Up to \$10,000

For many ministers, personal matters, such as financial planning, often take a back seat to serving the Church. Minister Debt Relief helps ministers pay down debt — and achieve greater financial well-being — through financial planning and a grant of up to \$10,000.

Minister Educational Debt Assistance — Up to \$25,000

Student loan debt can make it challenging for ministers to accept a wide range of positions and wholly commit their best gifts to ministry. This grant helps eligible ministers repay educational debt through debt coaching and grants of up to \$25,000.

Sabbath Sabbatical Support — Up to \$10,000

This grant provides approved applicants with a portion of the support needed to engage in planned activities for personal and professional renewal, up to \$5,000. An additional travel grant of up to \$5,000 is available for ministers returning to their country or territory of origin or that of an adopted dependent.

Grants for Retirees

The following grants are available to retirees who receive a retirement or survivor's pension from the Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Eligibility varies by grant.

Housing Supplements — Amount Varies by Need

Housing Supplements help eligible retirees and surviving spouses with the cost of remaining in their homes or moving to retirement or memory care facilities.

Income Supplements — Amount Varies by Need

This assistance helps eligible retirees and surviving spouses by raising the monthly income to certain levels for those who earned modest wages. Supplements are ongoing unless financial circumstances change.

Retiree Medical Grants — Up to \$2,500

These grants reimburse retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses who are age 65 or older for dental services and/or hearing aids once every three years. Grants are provided for documented, eligible expenses after services are rendered.



2026 Benefits Plan at a Glance

Program	What is it?	Who's eligible?	Employer cost-share requirements	Monthly cost
Health & Wellness Plans				
Medical Plan (PPO, EPO, HDHP)	Choice of three medical coverage options (PPO, EPO, and HDHP); provides access to the Blue Cross Blue Shield national network; includes high-value features at no additional cost, such as prescription drug coverage, personalized support for navigating healthcare, an online well-being program, telemedicine feature, fully integrated mental health benefits including an employee assistance program, and diabetes management program	Employees working 20+ hours a week	May be fully or partially paid by employer. Minimum contribution by employer of 50% of lowest coverage option member-only rate	Four tiers of coverage; rates individually determined for each employer
Vision Plan	A vision eyewear benefit with a \$25 copay for either eyeglass frames and lenses or contact lenses; coverage includes an annual routine eye exam with a \$25 copay	All employees	Benefit can be 100% employee-paid	Member-only \$4.47 Member + Spouse \$8.84 Member + Child(ren) \$9.40 Member + Family \$15.09
Dental Plan (PPO)¹	Dental coverage with in- and out-of-network benefits; orthodontia for children under age 22; \$2,000 annual max benefit in-network; when using network dentists, basic services covered 80%; major services covered 60%	All employees	Benefit can be 100% employee-paid	Four tiers of coverage; rates determined by employer location
Dental Plan (DMO)¹	Dental coverage with network benefits only, no deductible and no annual max benefit; orthodontia for children under age 22; network is limited and based on employee ZIP code	All employees	Benefit can be 100% employee-paid	Member-only \$25.87 Member + Spouse \$52.79 Member + Child(ren) \$69.24 Member + Family \$96.79
Tax-Advantaged Accounts				
Healthcare Flexible Spending Account	A tax-advantaged account; funds can be used for IRS-defined medical expenses; employees and employers may contribute subject to IRS limits; annual rollover up to IRS limit	Employees eligible for employer's medical coverage	Monthly account fee plus annual renewal fee 100% employer-paid ²	Account setup fee \$0 Account fee \$3.85/ per member per month (PMPM) ²
Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account	A tax-advantaged account; funds can be used for IRS-defined dependent care expenses; employees and employers may contribute subject to IRS limits	All employees	Monthly account fee plus annual renewal fee 100% employer-paid ²	Account setup fee \$0 Account fee \$3.85/PMPM ²
Health Savings Account	A tax-advantaged savings account; funds can be used for IRS-defined medical expenses now and in the future; employees and employers may contribute subject to IRS limits; annual rollover with no limits	Employees enrolled in the HDHP as their only medical coverage	Monthly account fee 100% employer-paid	Account setup fee \$0 Account fee \$2.25/PMPM

References

- Dental coverage available through a PPO, DMO, or both, depending on an employee's ZIP code; the PPO includes an out-of-area feature that provides network benefits to those without adequate PPO provider access.
- Members with both a healthcare FSA and a dependent care FSA will be billed as one account fee.

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Program	What is it?	Who's eligible?	Employer cost-share requirements	Costs
Retirement Plans				
Retirement Savings Plan	403(b)(9) plan for tax-advantaged retirement savings; administered through Fidelity Investments; employer may contribute, but is not required to do so	All employees	Annual administrative fee 100% employee-paid	Annual administrative fee \$20 (employee-paid; deducted quarterly from participant's RSP account)
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	Provides a monthly benefit in retirement; accrued at 1.25% of effective salary or applicable median salary (whichever is greater), subject to IRS limits	Employees working 20+ hours a week	100% employer-paid	8.5% of employee's effective salary
Death, Disability & Life Plans				
Term Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan	Term life and AD&D coverage for employees not covered through the Death and Disability Plan; no evidence of insurability (EOI) required	Employees working 20+ hours a week	100% employer-paid	\$0.20 monthly/\$1,000 of coverage in \$5,000 increments up to \$50,000 or 1x or 2x employee's effective salary up to \$200,000
Death and Disability Plan	Comprehensive benefits for beneficiaries and eligible survivors in the event of a member's death; provides a monthly benefit of 70% of effective salary or median salary (whichever is greater), subject to IRS limits, for members who become unable to work because of disability	Employees working 20+ hours a week	100% employer-paid	1% of employee salary if offered with Defined Benefit Pension Plan enrollment or 2.5% without Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Temporary Disability Plan	Coverage for employees with a short-term disability up to 90 days; after 7-day waiting period, provides a weekly benefit equal to 70% of employee's salary, subject to IRS limits; no EOI required	Employees working 20+ hours a week	Benefit can be 100% employee- or employer-paid	\$0.45/\$10 of weekly salary
Long-Term Disability Plan	Coverage for employees with a disability that extends beyond 90 days; provides a monthly benefit equal to 70% of employee's salary, subject to IRS limits; no EOI required	Employees working 20+ hours a week who are not enrolled in the Death and Disability Plan	100% employer-paid	\$0.35/\$100 of monthly salary
Supplemental Death Benefits	Additional protection against unexpected loss of income; must offer the Death and Disability Plan or Term Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan to offer supplemental death benefits	Employees working 20+ hours a week	Benefit can be 100% employee- or employer-paid	Age-based and nicotine use rates for employee, spouse; fixed cost for children

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

Presbytery of New Harmony—May 19, 2026

Frances F. Dennis, Moderator

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry continues to prayerfully mentor and supervise the individuals under its care, which are mentioned below. In March, CPM approved scholarships to reimburse our Commissioned Pastor Applicants at the end of each semester for course registration and \$100.00 for expenses.

Inquirers:

- Ray Dobell—Kingston, Conway; Union Seminary, Charlotte; Liaison Lamar Helms, TE. Currently taking Greek I/II; selected as a student leader for the Arts in the Bible Camp; will begin Supervised Ministry in fall/spring and has been approved to work with Tony Larson at Trinity, Surfside.
- Darren Wilson—Friendship, New Zion; Union graduate, Charlotte; Liaison Pete Brzezinski, TE. Has been endorsed by his Session to become a Candidate.

Candidates:

- Holly Bannan—Kingston, Conway; Union Seminary, Charlotte; Liaison Cathy Chapman, RE. Graduates from Union in June; completed her Final Assessment.
- Randolph Green—Congruity, Gable; ITC graduate, Atlanta; Liaison Elijah Washington, CP. Completed his Final Assessment; working on PDP.
- Cate Henderson Jobe—First, Hartsville; Union, Richmond; Liaison Josie Holler, TE. Graduates from Union in June; completed her Final Assessment; completed her PDP; waiting for a call.
- Naomi McQuiller—Second, Sumter; Columbia, Atlanta; Liaison Delcia Harper-Baxter, CP. Attending GA as a TSAD this summer; proposal for a paper accepted for the Society of Biblical Literature conference in November at Denver, CO; currently writing a week of devotions for d365 and a benediction for the special issue of Outlook—both to be published this summer; asked to serve on a committee representing seminarians seeking liberation for Palestinians.
- Flury Wilson—Friendship, New Zion; Union graduate, Charlotte; Liaison Josie Holler, TE.

Commissioned Pastor Applicants:

- Leroy Copeland—Second, Sumter. Will meet with CPM in June for Initial Consultation.
- Linda Jackson—Melina, Gable. Awaiting a meeting with CPM for Initial Consultation.
- Jackie Rembert—Ebenezer, Dalzell. Completed coursework; discerning full-time or part-time ministry; completed Initial Consultation.
- Willow Stewart—Trinity Surfside Beach. Enrolled in current semester; completed Initial Consultation.

New Harvest Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

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

Elder Janice Smith, Elder Tom Hoffmeyer, Commissioned Pastor Marshall Ivey

Rev. Gavin D. Meek, Ex-Officio

Honoring the life and ministry of New Harvest Presbyterian Church, service was held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Ella Busby was the preacher. A special offering was collected and donated to The Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter for the unsheltered men, women, and their children in Florence, SC. After worship, we shared lunch at Quincy's. The fellowship gave chartered members and friends an opportunity to share memories about the ministry and members of New Harvest.

The Guiding Council of New Harmony approved to sell the property of New Harvest on March 30, 2026

The AC has adopted the following motions unanimously:

1. to empower AC member Elder Tom Hoffmeyer to do the work of getting information on the church's property, appraisers, and realtors.
2. to secure information about New Harvest's financial status, bills, and insurance.

Our next meeting will be scheduled when information is gathered in numbers 1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruling Elder Sheryl Davis, Moderator

Fork Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

Commissioned Pastor Bob Henry: AC Moderator, Commissioned Pastor, Fork and Cultivation and Empowerment Committee member.

Rev. Jen Kottler: Supply Pastor, John Calvin and Committee on Ministry member.

Elder James David Lane: Clerk of Session, Fork PC.

Elder Janice Rosier: First, Bennettsville.

Rev. Gavin Meek: EP & SC, ex-officio with voice, no vote.

BACKGROUND: The congregation has dwindled to only a few active and regular members and attenders, with little remaining financial resources.

The AC has not met since its first meeting on January 4th, as the AC is not wanting to rush the remaining members to a decision. There is little to report other than the congregation is still functioning well with the few members in attendance. There have been adjustments to lower operational costs where possible and those few members are still making every effort to invite others to attend.

Timmonsville Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

Commissioned Pastor Bob Henry (AC Moderator) Commissioned Pastor for Fork Presbyterian Church (FPC) and Cultivation and Empowerment Committee member

Rev. Jen Kottler: Supply Pastor, John Calvin and Committee on Ministry member;

Elder Cheryl Jackson: Second, Sumter and on the Guiding Council

Elder Christie McLeod: First, Cheraw

Elder Frances Pigate: former Clerk of Session, former Timmonsville PC

Rev. Gavin Meek: EP & SC, ex-officio with voice, no vote.

The AC met on April 20 and accepted an offer which was lower than listed; the buyer is another congregation which is appealing to the AC and did want an inspection. That inspection revealed more issues than had been previously known or suspected. The buyer counter offered and the AC accepted. There is now a title search being done by the buyers attorney with the hope of a final sale any day now.

Hebron Administrative Commission

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

Rev. Jody P. Foster and Elder Chuck Staggs Co-Moderators

Rev. Gavin Meek, Stated Clerk and Ex-Officio

Rev. Jody Foster, Supply Pastor, Wedgefield; **Chuck Staggs**, Commissioned Pastor, Swan Lake; **Rev. Carnell Hampton**, Supply Pastor, Ebenezer and Friendship; **Elder David Holler**, First, Sumter; **Elder Dorothy McBride**, Second, Sumter.

It has been just over a year since Sunday Lord's Day worship services were discontinued at Hebron, and weekly weeknight Bible studies were initiated for the friends of Hebron.

Those Bible studies continue, led by Rob DuBose, whose membership is at Harmony Church in Sumter. He is a volunteer.

Income dwindled to \$700 during the first quarter of 2026. At the end of the quarter the cash balance in the operating account was \$2,225.

There has been no lag or lack of interest on the part of Hebron's friends to receive titles to the properties on behalf of the Hebron Cemetery Association. However, as reported previously, on legal processes, we wait. The legal work to be done by the Association is challenging and complicated; the parties in the conversation have been slow to do what's needed.

During the past quarter, three deceased and cremated members of a Rembert family have been interred in the cemetery.

Jody P. Foster and Chuck Staggs, co-moderators

Marion Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

Rev. Frank Holsclaw, Moderator – Honorably Retired

Elder Heather Pelham, Clerk – Clerk of Session, Georgetown

Elder Areatha Clark – Treasurer, Westminster

Rev. Carnell Hampton – Honorably Retired & Supply Pastor, Ebenezer & Friendship

Rev. Joel Long, Ex-Officio – Associate for Committee on Ministry, NHP

NHP received a request from the Session of Marion Presbyterian Church (MPC) to enter the process for dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The meetings of the Discernment Team (four members appointed by the Session and four appointed by COM: Rev. Judy Cettei (Honorably Retired), Rev. Dr. Frank Coclough (Honorably Retired), Frances Dennis (Kingston, Conway), Elder Edwin Hinds (First, Myrtle Beach)) and the Marion Session were guided by the process designated in the document “A Covenant for Discernment and Mutual Understanding for the Presbytery of New Harmony When Congregations Consider the Future of Their Relationship with the PC (USA).”

The process was followed in detail including multiple meetings of the Discernment Team, which resulted in no clear agreement among the members of the Discernment Team.

The Session proceeded to call a meeting of the Congregation to vote on its course of action as to staying in the denomination or to seek dismissal.

A duly called meeting of the congregation on January 4, 2026, with sufficient members (89 of 103 or 86.6%) in attendance to meet the requirements of the process, resulted in a 78-10 vote (1 did not vote) of those members present to seek dismissal to the ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) denomination.

The Discernment Team was thanked for its service and an Administrative Commission (AC) was then formed to negotiate the terms of dismissal per the agreed process. A meeting was set with representatives of Marion Session, who shared a well-researched proposal that they felt was consistent with prior dismissals from NHP.

At its next meeting, the AC reviewed the proposals presented. The Stated Clerk, Rev. Gavin Meek, shared key General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (the PC(USA)'s version of the Supreme Court) updates and Authoritative Interpretations from the PC(USA) General Assembly that affect our current policy for congregations seeking dismissal from the PC(USA). **The Stated Clerk will present these same updates to the commissioners at the May 19**

Presbytery Meeting in Indiantown. This report of the Stated Clerk prompted the AC to unanimously approve necessary changes to the terms of agreement and to present the terms to the Marion Session for their approval.

On May 6, 2026, the Session in a Called Meeting voted to unanimously approve the terms of agreement for dismissal to the ECO, subject to the final approval of Presbytery at its May 19, 2026, Meeting of Presbytery.

Therefore, the AC for MPC submits the following motions to NHP with a unanimous recommendation for approval:

- 1) We move that the Marion Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians per the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment A.**
- 2) We move that, following approval of Motion 1, the Administrative Commission for Marion Presbyterian Church be dismissed.**

This report is respectfully submitted with prayers of love and peace for the congregation of Marion Presbyterian Church as they move to their new denomination.

Rev. Frank Holsclaw, Moderator
Ruling Elder Heather Pelham, Clerk
Ruling Elder Edwin Hinds
Rev. Carnell Hampton
Ruling Elder Areatha Clark
Rev. Joel Long, Staff Support

Attachment A

Marion AC and Marion Presbyterian Terms of Agreement

- I. All per-capita not paid for the past five years prior to the date of dismissal must be paid in full.** The Commission acknowledges that Marion Presbyterian has paid this amount in full through the year 2025.
- II. The current year's per-capita and the Presbytery's shared mission ask from Marion Presbyterian at the beginning of the year must be paid in full.** Marion Presbyterian agrees to satisfy in full all 2026 per capita and apportionment obligations when due in the ordinary course. *This amount is included in the total contributions negotiated between Marion Presbyterian and the Commission. Please see item IX for specifics.*
- III. Projected shared mission giving for the next five years, based on the current year's shared mission ask, shall be given by Marion Presbyterian to Presbytery for the five**

years following dismissal. Marion Presbyterian will provide a lump sum payment of \$40,000 at closing of this negotiated settlement, with such acting as payment in full of its obligations in that regard. See item IX for the total amount due.

IV. Any loans or other financial obligations to the Presbytery or any other PC(USA) group shall be paid in full. Marion Presbyterian has no loans or financial obligations outstanding to PC(USA).

V. The historical and present name of the congregational shall not be used by the departing congregation. New signage shall reflect the new name and denominational affiliation of the congregation. It has been the recent practice of New Harmony Presbytery, when the majority of the congregation is moving to the new affiliation, to allow the church name to continue being used by the congregation. The Commission feels that Marion Presbyterian is in the same situation and deserves the same consideration. Therefore, the Commission agrees that Marion Presbyterian may continue, subject to the provisions contained herein, to continue to use the historical and present name of the congregation. *However, it is required that all signage or indications of affiliation with PC(USA) be removed and signage reflect the new chosen affiliation.*

VI. In accordance with G-3.0107, sessional minutes and other historical documents related to the congregation's life as a Presbyterian church of the PC(USA) and its predecessor denominations shall be turned over to the Presbytery for transmission to the historical archives of the PC(USA). Marion Presbyterian agrees to transmit all files to the Presbytery within a reasonable timeframe following dismissal.

VII. The ecclesiastical status of all members of the departing congregation who are currently inquirers or candidates for ministry shall be confirmed prior to dismissal. This is not applicable to Marion Presbyterian at this time.

VIII. If the pastors currently serving the departing congregation do not wish to be dismissed from the PC(USA), their relationship with the departing congregation shall be dissolved by the Presbytery upon dismissal of the congregation. This is not applicable to Marion Presbyterian at this time.

IX. An appraisal of the departing church's property is required, including the land, buildings, and fixtures. The departing congregation shall remit to the Presbytery 20% of the property value of the congregation over the next four years at a minimum of 5% per year. Marion Presbyterian provided an appraisal to Presbytery in October of 2024. The Commission feels the requirement to pay 20% of property value approaches the realm of predetermined outcome, bypassing the discernment process. After prayerful consideration, the Commission has instead accepted Marion Presbyterian's offer to pay a good-faith financial contribution based on a study of the payments given by the last eleven churches to leave PC(USA). Marion Presbyterian will pay a per capita offering based on the average cost per

member of the congregations previously dismissed, adjusted for inflation to 2026 dollars, a total contribution of \$19,441.14. This amount, together with the amount of \$40,000 provided for in Term III above, for a **total amount of \$59,441.14 shall satisfy all amounts due from Marion Presbyterian.**

X. An accounting of the congregation's assets shall be provided to the Presbytery and 20% of the financial amount of the assets shall be remitted to the Presbytery. The settlement outlined in term ix above satisfies this term as well.

XI. In order to document the terms and provisions of the dismissal, legal counsel shall be retained for the purpose of preparation of a contract. Both parties agreed to waive this requirement as we are operating in good faith, grace, and amity. Further, one of our Administrative Commission members is an experienced lawyer.

XII. The Commission and Marion Presbyterian hereby agree that, upon final approval by New Harmony Presbytery of this agreement, the same shall constitute a full and final settlement of all financial and property related matters between the parties. Further, upon fulfillment of the obligations of Marion Presbyterian contained in this agreement, this agreement shall act as a full and mutual release by the parties hereto of the other party relative to any further financial obligations to the other party and all matters related to the property of Marion Presbyterian, its asset and affiliation. New Harmony Presbytery shall have no further claim to the property and assets of Marion Presbyterian, whether by way of the "trust clause" or otherwise.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have made and executed this agreement as of the dates set forth below.

Date of Action Taken by Presbytery of New Harmony: _____

Rev. Gavin D. Meek
Stated Clerk, The Presbytery of New Harmony

Rev. Frank Holsclaw
Moderator, Administrative Commission for Marion Presbyterian Church

Date of Action Taken by Marion Presbyterian Church: _____

Will Eskridge
Clerk of Session, Marion Presbyterian Church

Ruby Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission Report
The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Moderator

Rev. Gavin Meek, Stated Clerk and Ex-Officio

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Moderator & Pastor of FPC Cheraw; **Elder Teresa Hodges**, Clerk of AC & Member of COM & Morton; **Elder Zack Gullede**, Clerk of Ruby; **Elder Ponthola Wilson**, COM Liaison, Ruby, and Goodwill; with Corresponding Member **Rev. Beth Muse**, Supply Pastor of Ruby; and ex-officio/staff with voice, no vote, **Rev. Gavin Meek**, Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

The AC has met 2 times by Zoom, with a third visit to the site planned for 5/20/2026

In the two meetings the AC has had with Ruby, we have established oversight of the process as presented by Rev. Gavin Meek, learned about the average worship numbers, the next steps for notifying the congregation, the financial situation, and a few other details as provided to us.

The AC was informed that there has been no congregational meeting because a quorum could not be established, but that they have requested a closing worship service date of August 29th, 2026. They have not decided which charity they would like a portion of the church's sale proceeds to go to but informed us that they will have that information ready the next time we meet. They have also yet to meet with the Session to determine the realtor for the sale of the church. They had a few names, but nothing concrete.

This was all the information and business we had from our two AC meetings. We look forward to having more information to present in the future.

Respectfully submitted by Moderator, Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Salem Black River Administrative Commission Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

Elder Johnny Raffield

Swan Lake, Sumter and AC Co-Moderator

Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson

Pastor, First, Sumter and AC Co-Moderator

Rev. Dr. Frank Colclough

Honorably Retired, Supply Pastor, Harmony and AC Clerk

Elder Margaret Cooper

Manning

Elder Ellaree Hampton

Goodwill

Rev. Gavin D. Meek

Stated Clerk and Ex-Officio

The Salem Black River Administrative Commission has found it challenging to get a response from the liaison appointed by their Session; we have been requested to have all communication go through their liaison. We continue to reach out in Christian love, believing that the unity of the Body of Christ is of utmost importance. Though there have been significant delays with a response, the AC did share a proposal for moving forward and that proposal appears to be accepted by the Session. It is our hope to have a significant update, and even resolution, for our next Presbytery meeting on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

Tithe Team Report

The Presbytery of New Harmony – May 19, 2026

Elder Gene Crawford – Grandview, Chesterfield

Elder David Crook – First, Hartsville

Commissioned Pastor Delcia Harper Baxter – Trinity, Mayesville

Rev. Jen Kottler, Co-Moderator – John Calvin

Rev. Tony Larson, Co-Moderator – Trinity, Surfside Beach

Elder Gertrude Washington - Westminster

RECOMMENDATION...

unanimously made and unanimously supported by the Guiding Council:

From the \$132,000 tithe from the sale of the Camp Pee Dee property, gift approximately \$35,000 to Mother Esther School and Rescue Center for the building of a new dorm to accommodate approximately 80 girls and that our NHP congregations be challenged to provide funds for the approximate \$8,000 for the furnishings.

BACKGROUND:

As many of us know, Mother Esther School and Rescue Center (**see attached**) is a major mission of Kajiado Presbytery with whom we have recently formed a Global Covenant Partnership. Currently, Mother Esther has 284 student residents up to grade 9 and 54 high school student residents grades 10-12 with a significant waiting list of girls who need a safe place and an education. They are going to soon begin a fund drive for an additional dormitory that will house up to 80 residents with construction costs of \$35K and an additional \$8K for furnishings.

As some of us may recall further, NHP approved Ministry Activities in February of 2024. Among those activities was a tithe of the money from the sale of the Camp Pee Dee property which was approximately \$1,320,000. A Tithe Team (Gene Crawford, David Crook, Delcia Harper-Baxter, Jen Kottler, Tony Larson, Gertrude Washington) was tasked to recommend to NHP where a tithe (\$132K) of the Camp PD money was to go beyond the bounds of NHP. Due to other commitments and illness, the team has not been able to provide any recommendations until now.

We believe this recommendation for a portion of that tithe is appropriate in so many ways and it comes with the unanimous support of both the Tithe Team and the Guiding Council.

Mother Esther School & Rescue Center



Mother Esther History

Mother Esther School and Rescue Center was founded when 26 young women demanded a better life and a brighter future for themselves. In December 2015, these girls, ages 10-14 years old, fled their rural homes for fear they would be forced into child marriage like so many of their peers. They ran to Loodokilani Presbyterian Church to seek sanctuary and searched specifically for Reverend Charles Maina, a vocal advocate for the rights of girls and women in the area. The Loodokilani congregation responded by turning their church sanctuary into a dormitory and classroom for the girls - a place where they could learn and grow in safety.

By the beginning of 2025, Mother Esther School and Rescue Center had grown into a center that has welcomed and supported more than 350 girls in their journey of education and empowerment. The original sanctuary has become a preschool classroom and the compound has grown to include many additional buildings. It is a thriving center of hope and possibility for the girls and the surrounding community.

Everything Mother Esther School is today and everything it will become is based on the courage and resilience of those young women who stood up to declare that they are made in God's image and deserve the future of freedom and possibility that God intends for every human being. The empowerment of young women remains the center of the mission of Mother Esther School: to give girls the safety and opportunity to choose a future for themselves.



The farm at Mother Esther produces fruits and vegetables to improve nutrition for the girls.



Our high school girls are the first in their families to attend high school.



We work closely with families and community leaders to preserve connections and celebrate local culture.

2025 Mother Esther Information

Primary School (Nursery - Grade 6)	Junior School (Grades 7-9)	High School (Grades 10-12)	Staff Members
170	120	52 ⁴⁰	26

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"The reality is that we need one another. We will be well to the extent that we all are well. We will be truly strong to the extent that we faithfully protect one another's well-being."

-John Philip Newell



Dear Friends,

"We will be well to the extent that we all are well." These words remind me of God's heart for community and care—that we are created to look after one another in big and small ways. At Mother Esther School, we witness this reality daily: when one child finds safety, healing, and hope, the whole community is strengthened.

Mother Esther School continues the ministry of loving and serving the community we are part of, the ministry of working for the well being of girls and their families. This year our pioneer class of girls will graduate from high school! Right now they are taking the national exams, please pray for them.

Thank you for walking with us in creating a place of well-being, a place where every girl can grow, learn, and thrive.



Kajiado West

In Kajiado West sub-county, Mother Esther School stands as the only rescue center for vulnerable girls. Whenever a child is in danger, we receive calls—from the government Children’s Office, church leaders, and community chiefs. Though our dormitories have reached capacity, we remain committed to our mission: we make space for emergency rescues when girls face the immediate threat of child marriage or lifelong harm.

In June, one of those calls came for Jane, a quiet 9-year-old girl. Her father passed away four years ago, leaving her mother alone to care for five children. With no income and limited options to feed and educate her children, Mama Jane felt she had no choice but to marry off her 9-year-old daughter. Jane’s two older sisters, ages 15 and 17, are already married.

Our social workers acted immediately. The next morning, they traveled to the local Children’s Office and brought Jane to safety at Mother Esther School.

That was just five months ago—yet in that time we have witnessed Jane’s transformation. She now attends Grade 3 and laughs comfortably with her classmates. She recently joined the beautiful Mother Esther choir. Most importantly, Jane has found security and belonging. Jane is in a place of safety

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Home visits are a regular part of the ministry of Mother Esther School. They help us stay connected with the community and they enable us to support families where they are.



Our recent medical clinic allowed us to meet the needs of some of the most marginalized members of the local community. What a gift to see the impact healthcare can make in the life of a child and their family.



In July, Mother Esther School partnered with the local Presbyterian Church in Kajiado to host a community medical clinic. The clinic offered free medical evaluations, mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches,

Among the patients was Haggai, a bright 7-year-old boy from a remote area called Mile 46, located about 40 bumpy kilometers beyond Mother Esther School. Haggai was born with albinism and has not yet developed the ability to walk. Before the clinic, he had never left his home due to the deep cultural stigma surrounding both albinism and physical disabilities in his community.

During home visits, one of our social workers met Haggai and his family. She gently encouraged Mama Haggai to bring her son to the medical clinic.

At the clinic, Haggai received his first wheelchair. For the first time, he was able to sit up unassisted—seeing the world from a new perspective. His mother was deeply moved by how lovingly the team cared for her son. The local pastor prayed with her and reminded her that Haggai is deeply loved and cherished by God, just the way he is. They both left the clinic filled with hope and a renewed sense of dignity.

When we visited the family after the clinic, we found a remarkable transformation. Haggai is able to laugh and play with his siblings and neighbors. His mother marvels at how his wheelchair has opened their world. What was once isolation has become connection—and what once felt like despair has blossomed into joy.



are full, yet the need for a place of safety and belonging is bigger than our current space.

Support Mother Esther School



For our family, the biggest gift of the year has been the arrival of our son, Mark. His big brother and big sister just adore him, though we are still working on what "gentle"

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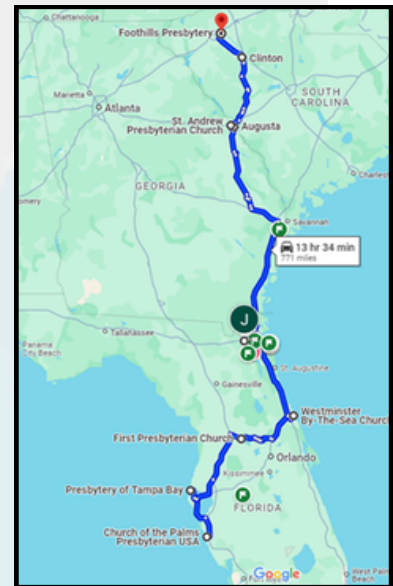
A Report to the 227th General Assembly

To appreciate the mission and ministry of the Synod of South Atlantic in 2026, it is important to understand that our current path began with a Visioning Task Force in 2023. Our report to the 226th General Assembly, found [here](#), represents the work midway through a process.

In late 2024, as the Visioning Task Force prepared to present their final report to the synod, our region was struck by Hurricane Helene. With 2/3 of the region impacted by this storm, the synod elected to postpone the October Assembly and instead, hold an online prayer service.

We were joined by Rev. Jim Kirk and others from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Rev. CeCe Armstrong, Co-moderator of the 226th General Assembly, and Rev. Byron Wade, General Presbyter for Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and about 100 others. We heard updates on recovery efforts, learned how we could assist, and prayed for all of those impacted.

At the re-scheduled Synod Assembly, the Visioning Task Force presented their final report that took shape after hundreds of hours of interviews, partner conversations, and town halls. Ultimately, the new vision, which included new priorities, structure, and manual of operations was approved and implementation began with the 2025 new year.



Implementation of our new structure and the launch into this new “Journey” was kicked-off at an in-person Journey event entitled “Setting Out Together”, based on Luke 24:13-35.

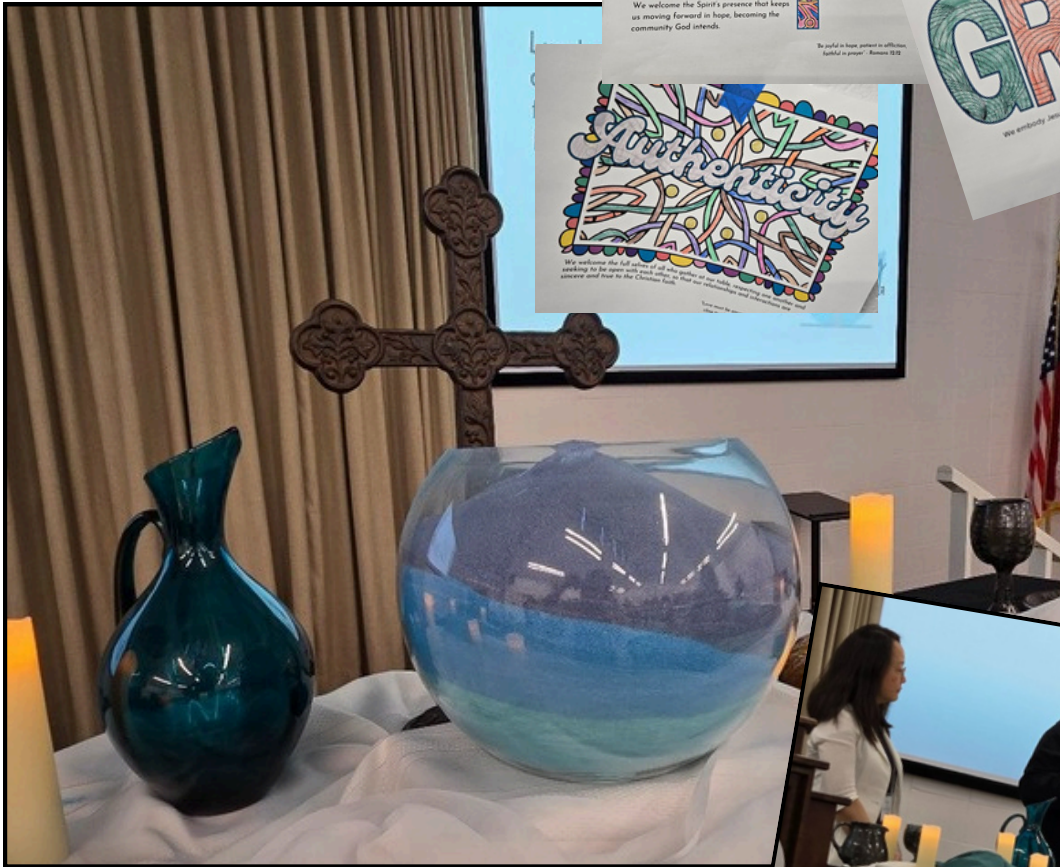
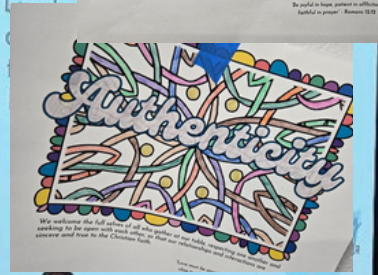
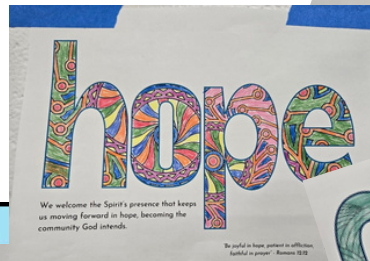


Our Journey Statement:

*The Synod of South Atlantic, PC(U.S.A.) **embodies** the grace and love of Jesus Christ, **cultivates** authentic community within and across presbyteries, and **inspires** impactful ministry, developing leaders so that the Church becomes united in faith hope, love, witness, and service.*

Journey

SETTING OUT TOGETHER
Luke 24:13-35



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Participants learn to:

- Cultivate embodied leadership presence through somatic awareness and spiritual grounding
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Left: 2025 ELF Cohort



Right: 2026 ELF Cohort

Cohort members cultivate authentic community and come away with valuable education, helpful in contexts well beyond the synod, and better equipped for their congregations and presbyteries.

The 2026 Cohort is facilitated by Loaves & Fishes Coach Training, with Rev. Laurie Ferguson, Ph.D., PCC and Rev. Chip Low, PCC, ACTC.

Enrollees commit to attending an opening in-person retreat, followed by six (6) monthly zoom sessions.

All course costs, accommodations, travel, etc. are paid by the Synod of South Atlantic and presbyteries.




Cultivate

Building Relationships through Networks

Cultivating the formation and growth of Synod Networks, which are open, collaborative groups, centered on a shared interest, purpose, mission, or ministry, that build relationships and connections across the Synod.


New seedling networks include:

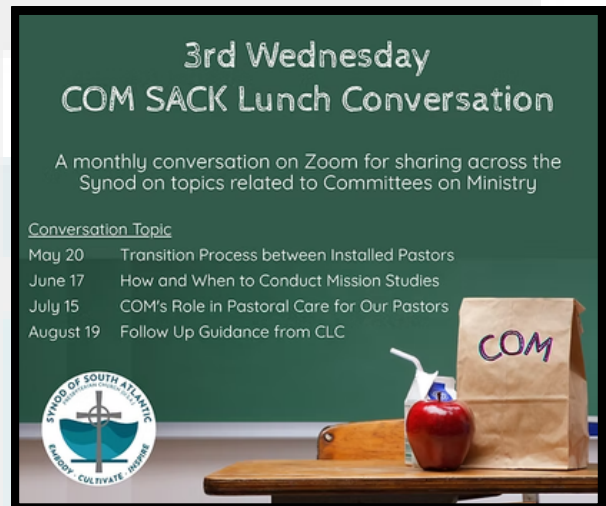
- Transitional Ministry Cooperative
- Committee on Ministry Network



1st Wednesday
SACK Lunch Conversation
 (South Atlantic Community Knowledge)
 A monthly Zoom for sharing across the Synod!

Conversation Topic

May 6 - Retired Church Professionals	
June 3 - Earthcare	
July 1 - Youth Ministry	
August 5 - Grant Writing	



3rd Wednesday
COM SACK Lunch Conversation

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

Conversation Topic

May 20	Transition Process between Installed Pastors
June 17	How and When to Conduct Mission Studies
July 15	COM's Role in Pastoral Care for Our Pastors
August 19	Follow Up Guidance from CLC

Ongoing networks include:

- African American Ministries
- Korean Ministries
- Hispanic/Latinx Ministries

The work of the Cultivate Committee includes the intentional invitation to our Ministry Partners with whom we share a covenant. These partners are invited in to share their ministries and gifts with the synod as we work to build even deeper relationships across the region.



Inspire

Supporting Impactful Ministry



Using the synod's resources to develop and support impactful ministry through the expansion of our grants & scholarships offerings.

In 2025 the Inspire Committee awarded over \$31,000 in theological and higher education scholarships and over \$43,000 in grants to congregations.

In 2025 the synod received over \$688,000 in grant requests. Recognizing that the needs of our congregations is great, the synod is committed to making funds available whenever possible.

We have added a grant category in 2026 for Youth & Young Adult projects/programs.



Melina Presbyterian Church, Gable, SC
Youth Empowerment Program,
New Harmony Presbytery

Providing safe, structured, and meaningful opportunities for young people to grow spiritually, academically, and socially. Fostering mentorship, leadership, and service to inspire youth to develop strong moral character and life skills that will carry them into adulthood.



First Presbyterian Church, Milton, FL
Elmira's Place
Presbytery of Florida

Transformation of a fellowship hall dedicated to bringing Christ's healing to people, communities, and environments through art, nature, prayer and support. A place where healing ministries are housed, workshops, classes, events, and groups gather for deeper friendships, healthier minds and bodies, inclusion and belonging, for those searching for support.

The Presbytery Of New Harmony
2026.03.31 NHP Operating Budget

Date Range: Jan 1st 2026 - Mar 31st 2026 | 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	72,321.08	53,386.67	375,500.00	322,113.33	14.22 %
400200 Per Capita Apportionment	52,777.32	43,507.00	138,982.00	95,475.00	31.30 %
400400 Trans - Candidate/Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00 %
400405 Trans - Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	0.00	0.00	80,500.00	80,500.00	0.00 %
400415 Trans - Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00 %
400424 Trans - Campus Christian Life Fund	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %
400900 Interest Income	288.09	521.81	831.00	309.19	62.79 %
Total Budgeted Receipts	125,386.49	97,415.48	632,813.00	535,397.52	15.39 %
Other Income					
400580 Mortgage Income	5,562.00	8,018.00	27,500.00	19,482.00	29.16 %
Total Other Income	5,562.00	8,018.00	27,500.00	19,482.00	29.16 %
Total Revenues	\$ 130,948.49	\$ 105,433.48	\$ 660,313.00	\$ 554,879.52	15.97 %
Expenses					
Mission					
520000 GA Shared Mission Support	20,000.00	12,500.00	50,000.00	37,500.00	25.00 %
520050 GA Per Capita	17,617.71	17,897.77	71,704.00	53,806.23	24.96 %
520100 Synod Shared Mission Support	1,625.25	1,589.50	6,368.00	4,778.50	24.96 %
520103 Synod Per Capita	2,437.88	3,179.00	15,920.00	12,741.00	19.97 %
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	1,875.00	7,500.00	5,625.00	25.00 %
520815 Presbytery Leader Formation	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.00 %
520820 Global Covenant Partnership	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00 %
Total Mission	49,930.84	44,041.27	193,742.00	149,700.73	22.73 %
Guiding Council					
522010 Council Expenses	57.40	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00 %
522024 Administrative Commissions	0.00	14.00	2,000.00	1,986.00	0.70 %
522025 Presbytery Gatherings	350.00	2,246.30	6,000.00	3,753.70	37.44 %
522027 Presbytery Functions	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00 %
522029 Gifts and Memorials	16.19	25.00	500.00	475.00	5.00 %
522040 Communications Administrator	2,618.07	2,696.52	10,786.00	8,089.48	25.00 %
522042 Communication Services Mileage	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
522045 General Assembly Expenses	0.00	133.40	2,500.00	2,366.60	5.34 %
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	3,041.66	5,115.22	27,786.00	22,670.78	18.41 %
Presbytery Office Expenses					
521020 Electricity	1,378.06	1,167.88	5,000.00	3,832.12	23.36 %
521030 Water & Sewer	53.00	57.00	200.00	143.00	28.50 %
521040 Telephone-Nextiva	418.39	559.07	1,670.00	1,110.93	33.48 %
521041 Cellular Phone	600.00	750.00	3,000.00	2,250.00	25.00 %

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	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Budget	Budget
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521042 Copier	480.59	1,033.31	1,600.00	566.69	64.58 %
521050 Office Supplies	891.75	804.78	2,000.00	1,195.22	40.24 %
521060 Staff Travel	82.60	21.02	750.00	728.98	2.80 %
521070 Equipment Purchases	469.17	246.82	500.00	253.18	49.36 %
521080 Computer and Tech	3,699.08	5,243.16	11,500.00	6,256.84	45.59 %
521090 Postage	146.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00 %
521100 General Insurance	2,811.00	2,741.75	8,000.00	5,258.25	34.27 %
521130 Audit	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00 %
521140 Conferences and Training	347.53	1,792.37	7,500.00	5,707.63	23.90 %
521142 Coaching	450.00	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	119.60	39.57	500.00	460.43	7.91 %
521402 Bank Analysis Charges	126.95	75.00	200.00	125.00	37.50 %
522600 Property Maintenance	2,739.86	850.00	2,500.00	1,650.00	34.00 %
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	14,813.58	15,831.73	55,320.00	39,488.27	28.62 %
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	0.00	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)	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
Committee on Ministry (COM)					
523010 Committee Expenses	0.00	358.91	100.00	(258.91)	358.91 %
523020 Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00 %
523030 Shared Grants	34.22	1,875.00	2,000.00	125.00	93.75 %
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	938.90	1,216.60	5,000.00	3,783.40	24.33 %
523049 Training and Workshops	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %
523052 EP Visitation	223.57	894.90	1,500.00	605.10	59.66 %
523053 APC Visitation	113.34	20.67	500.00	479.33	4.13 %
523054 Background Checks	318.38	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00 %
523055 ACOM Mileage	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
523056 Events and Gatherings	4,389.26	2,626.05	6,000.00	3,373.95	43.77 %
523057 Commission Pastors Scholarship	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 %
523058 Children/Youth M&M (Mission & Ministry)	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00 %
Total Committee on Ministry (COM)	6,017.67	6,992.13	28,350.00	21,357.87	24.66 %
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)					
523810 Committee Expenses	0.00	308.62	200.00	(108.62)	154.31 %
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	2,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	66.67 %
523850 Extraordinary Grants	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 %
523860 Psychological Testing	0.00	(876.88)	10,000.00	10,876.88	(8.77 %)
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 %
523875 Background Checks	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00 %
Total Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	1,500.00	1,431.74	19,300.00	17,868.26	7.42 %
Cultivation & Empowerment Commission (CEC)					
522900 Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
522910 Grants	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00 %

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522930 Scholarships	3,500.00	725.00	10,000.00	9,275.00	7.25 %
522950 Events	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00 %
522960 Resources	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00 %
Total Cultivation & Empowerment Commission (CEC)	3,500.00	725.00	35,500.00	34,775.00	2.04 %
Personnel & Finance (P&F)					
527010 Committee Expenses	145.64	97.36	1,000.00	902.64	9.74 %
Total Personnel & Finance (P&F)	145.64	97.36	1,000.00	902.64	9.74 %
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	0.00	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)	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00 %
Salaries & Benefits					
Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk					
530010 Salary & Housing	27,902.28	28,739.28	114,957.00	86,217.72	25.00 %
530020 Mileage/Cont. Ed/Prof. Expenses	1,538.01	2,103.40	8,500.00	6,396.60	24.75 %
530030 Board of Pensions	9,912.33	10,565.82	43,260.00	32,694.18	24.42 %
530040 SECA	2,134.50	2,198.52	8,794.00	6,595.48	25.00 %
Total Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk	41,487.12	43,607.02	175,511.00	131,903.98	24.85 %
Assoc. Pastoral Concerns & Fellowship					
530310 Salary & Housing	6,740.88	7,207.32	20,829.00	13,621.68	34.60 %
Total Assoc. Pastoral Concerns & Fellowship	6,740.88	7,207.32	20,829.00	13,621.68	34.60 %
Financial Administrator					
530600 Salary	4,376.28	4,507.50	18,030.00	13,522.50	25.00 %
Total Financial Administrator	4,376.28	4,507.50	18,030.00	13,522.50	25.00 %
Office Administrator					
530700 Salary	13,324.96	10,005.00	40,020.00	30,015.00	25.00 %
530730 BOP/Major Medical & D&D	5,206.53	3,785.82	14,946.00	11,160.18	25.33 %
530740 Deferred Compensation	400.00	300.00	2,400.00	2,100.00	12.50 %
Total Office Administrator	18,931.49	14,090.82	57,366.00	43,275.18	24.56 %
Other Personnel Expenses					
530750 Employer Matching SS/Medicare	1,354.11	1,110.24	5,500.00	4,389.76	20.19 %
Total Other Personnel Expenses	1,354.11	1,110.24	5,500.00	4,389.76	20.19 %
Associate for Committee on Ministry					
530320 Salary & Housing	0.00	4,806.72	20,829.00	16,022.28	23.08 %
Total Associate for Committee on Ministry	0.00	4,806.72	20,829.00	16,022.28	23.08 %
Total Salaries & Benefits	72,889.88	75,329.62	298,065.00	222,735.38	25.27 %
Total Expenses	\$ 151,839.27	\$ 149,564.07	\$ 660,313.00	\$ 510,748.93	22.65 %
Net Total	(\$ 20,890.78)	(\$ 44,130.59)	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,130.59	0.00 %

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		Shared Mission Support Pledge	Shared Mission Support Pledge YTD Paid	Direct Mission Support YTD	Mission Support YTD Total (2+3)	Other Mission Support YTD	2026 Per Capita Apportionment	Per Capita YTD Paid
22464	BENNETTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	8,000	1,333.34	-	1,333.34	270.00	4,050.00	4,050.00
22493	CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	550.00	562.50	562.50
11881	CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,000	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	125.00	1,665.00	416.25
22467	CHERAW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	2,250.00	-	2,250.00	1,272.00	3,937.50	954.00
22468	CHESTERFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	500	500.00	-	500.00	-	135.00	135.00
201	CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	7,000	-	-	-	-	3,375.00	-
22432	COUSAR MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CH	2,000	-	-	-	-	1,350.00	-
182	EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3,500	-	-	-	-	3,420.00	-
22484	FORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
191	FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6,500	-	-	-	-	1,327.50	-
177	GEORGE W LONG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,500	-	-	-	-	450.00	-
22436	GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	18,410	4,595.00	-	4,595.00	3,897.00	7,110.00	7,110.00
188	GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	833.33	-	833.33	111.11	3,510.00	377.77
180	GRANDVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	495.00	-
169	HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,102.50	-
22487	HARTSVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	30,000	7,500.00	-	7,500.00	125.01	10,215.00	2,553.75
22452	HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22438	INDIANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	4,000	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	100.00	1,507.50	1,507.50
22490	JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	585.00	-
22480	JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	6,000	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,679.67	2,542.50	1,271.25
22485	KENTYRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	225.00	-
22471	KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	14,000	3,500.01	-	3,500.01	673.00	4,747.50	4,747.50
11233	KOREAN-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN	-	-	-	-	-	517.50	-
22442	LAKE CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	3,500	-	-	-	-	787.50	-
22492	LATTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	855.00	-
22495	MARION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	2,857.50	-
22497	MCCOLL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,000	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	700.00	180.00	180.00
197	MELINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	4,320.00	-
22488	MORTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	5,000	-	-	-	-	652.50	-
170	MT LISBON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	300	300.00	-	300.00	110.00	720.00	720.00
22489	MT PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	495.00	-
196	MT SINAI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	495.00	-
22455	MT ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	472.50	-
22449	MURRELLS INLET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	1,350.00	-
22501	MYRTLE BEACH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH	-	-	-	-	-	33,367.50	-
22474	NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN DILLON	300	300.00	-	300.00	200.00	540.00	540.00
10761	NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	1,057.50	-
11507	NEW HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22451	OLANTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	990.00	-
22482	PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,200	300.00	-	300.00	-	472.50	472.50
22503	PATRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	697.50	-
22453	PAWLEYS ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	20,000	-	-	-	-	9,337.50	9,337.50
22445	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MANNING	10,000	2,499.99	-	2,499.99	-	4,072.50	1,018.14

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22504	RUBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	540.00	-
22448	SALEM BLACK RIVER PRESBY CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22506	SOCIETY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	100.00	292.50	292.50
22439	ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	-	-	-	-	427.50	-
22457	SUMMERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,500	-	-	-	-	810.00	-
22458	SUMTER FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	241.25	9,022.50	1,433.34
200	SUMTER SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2,220	-	-	-	-	967.50	-
22462	SWAN LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,500	375.00	-	375.00	250.00	270.00	270.00
189	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN MAYESVILLE	-	-	-	-	-	1,687.50	-
23382	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SURFSIDE BEACH	NO PLEDGE	-	-	-	-	2,745.00	-
23343	WEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	7,500	7,500.00	-	7,500.00	2,250.00	900.00	900.00
168	WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN ALCOLU	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	352.00	1,530.00	-
22505	WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	NO PLEDGE	-	-	-	-	652.50	-
22441	WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	1,000	-	-	-	3,966.00	4,657.50	4,657.50
	Individual Gifts	-	1,100.00	-	1,100.00	780.11	-	-
	Dismissed/Closed Churches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	164,430.00	53,386.67	-	53,386.67	19,752.15	141,052.50	43,507.00

2026.03.31 Summary of Funds and Accounts

Date Range: Jan 1st 2026 - Mar 31st 2026 | Includes Open Transactions

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Restricted Net Assets				
Temporarily Restricted				
Pass-Through Funds				
General Assembly Pass-Throughs				
840420 One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	462.17	462.17	0.00
840440 World Communion Offering	0.00	365.25	365.25	0.00
840450 Christmas Joy Offering	0.00	4,285.00	4,285.00	0.00
840460 ECO Projects	0.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00
840480 GA Disaster Relief Projects	0.00	2,980.11	2,980.11	0.00
Total General Assembly Pass-Throughs	0.00	11,492.53	11,492.53	0.00
Other Pass-Throughs				
840470 Theological Education Fund	0.00	3,793.12	3,793.12	0.00
840510 Thornwell	0.00	2,241.50	2,241.50	0.00
840530 Presbyterian College	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
840610 Presbyterian Retirement Comm of SC (PCSC)	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
840630 Mother's Day Offering for PCSC	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
840765 P.A.D.D.	0.00	1,015.00	1,015.00	0.00
840775 E.W. Matthew Memorial Fund	0.00	44.09	0.00	44.09
840777 Lee Memorial Fund #11 for PADD	0.00	928.03	928.03	0.00
840779 Lee Memorial Fund #16 for PeeDee Church	0.00	928.06	928.06	0.00
840850 Other Special Mission	0.00	650.00	650.00	0.00
850001 Youth Mission Trip Grant	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
850006 Ministry to Prisoners & Family Grants	0.00	0.00	1,742.41	(1,742.41)
850660 Pastor's Assistance	0.00	1,524.00	2,000.00	(476.00)
850781 New Harvest	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
850782 Timmons ville	0.00	0.00	985.15	(985.15)
850783 Fraser Memorial	0.00	260,364.48	62,633.30	197,731.18
850784 Black Church Cornerstone Collaborative	0.00	17,500.00	0.00	17,500.00
Total Other Pass-Throughs	0.00	289,668.28	79,696.57	209,971.71
Total Pass-Through Funds	0.00	301,160.81	91,189.10	209,971.71
Presbytery Invested Funds				
54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP Projects				
Fund				
800307 General Assembly Meeting	1,980.63	0.00	0.00	1,980.63
800311 Green Grants	14,200.00	0.00	0.00	14,200.00
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	16,299.70	0.00	0.00	16,299.70
840640 NHP Mission Projects	10,545.00	0.00	0.00	10,545.00
840660 Pastor's Assistance	7,110.89	0.00	0.00	7,110.89
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
840782 Timmons ville	8,519.32	0.00	0.00	8,519.32
840785 Peacemaking Grants	4,142.19	0.00	0.00	4,142.19
840980 Unrestricted Reserve	214,160.33	10,811.41	14,009.87	210,961.87
Total 54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP	314,844.19	10,811.41	14,009.87	311,645.73

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Projects Fund				
54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund				
880520 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,792,613.71	64,392.62	79,918.22	1,777,088.11
Total 54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,792,613.71	64,392.62	79,918.22	1,777,088.11
54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund				
880530 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	170,079.83	6,112.56	7,582.63	168,609.76
Total 54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	170,079.83	6,112.56	7,582.63	168,609.76
54401 G.I.V.E. Fund				
850111 New Covenant Funds PCFND	400,197.97	4,842.50	11,068.57	393,971.90
850114 PCUSA Invest & Loan Program (PILP)	108,099.50	660.36	0.00	108,759.86
880540 G.I.V.E. Fund	924,464.23	33,157.94	41,211.81	916,410.36
Total 54401 G.I.V.E. Fund	1,432,761.70	38,660.80	52,280.38	1,419,142.12
54402 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund				
880550 Small Church Support/ Redevelopment Fund	358,808.32	12,866.89	15,995.24	355,679.97
Total 54402 Small Church Support/ Redevelopment Fund	358,808.32	12,866.89	15,995.24	355,679.97
54404 Campus Christian Life Fund				
880570 Campus Christian Life Fund	53,666.96	1,952.08	2,393.86	53,225.18
Total 54404 Campus Christian Life Fund	53,666.96	1,952.08	2,393.86	53,225.18
Total Presbytery Invested Funds	4,122,774.71	134,796.36	172,180.20	4,085,390.87
Total Temporarily Restricted	4,122,774.71	435,957.17	263,369.30	4,295,362.58
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$ 4,122,774.71	\$ 435,957.17	\$ 263,369.30	\$ 4,295,362.58

The Presbytery of New Harmony

Concentration of All Funds at March 31, 2026

Bank Name	Bankrate.com Rating	Balance at 3/31/2026
Texas Presbyterian Foundation ⁽¹⁾	n/a	3,582,659.11
PC(USA) Foundation New Covenant Funds ⁽¹⁾	n/a	393,971.90
PC(USA) Investment & Loan Program ⁽¹⁾	n/a	108,759.86
South State Bank - Checking	****	72,061.59
South State Bank - Money Market		382,240.18
Miscellaneous Income	n/a	21,728.75
First Citizens Bank	****	24,426.93
Total		<u>\$ 4,585,848.32</u>
<i>(1) Not FDIC insured</i>		

Statement of Financial Position

As of: Mar 31st 2026

Assets

Current Assets

Checking Accounts

150010 First Citizens Payroll Checking Account	24,426.93
150012 SouthState Operating Disbursements	72,061.59

Southstate MM

150022 SouthState Operating Receipts	382,240.18
150040 Miscellaneous Income	21,728.75

Total Southstate MM	403,968.93
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Total Checking Accounts	500,457.45
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Total Current Assets	500,457.45
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Long-Term Investments

150111 New Covenant Funds (Church Extension Fund)	393,971.90
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150114 PCUSA Invest & Loan Program (Church Extension Fund)	108,759.86
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TPF

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

150160 Balanced Fund - 54398	248,153.36
150161 Money Market - 54398	63,492.37

Total TPF - Acct #54398 (Unrestricted Reserve&NHP Proj)	311,645.73
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TPF - Acct #54399 (Mission & Ministry [M&M] Fund)

150162 Balanced Fund - 54399	1,415,539.45
150163 Money Market - 54399	361,548.66

Total TPF - Acct #54399 (Mission & Ministry [M&M] Fund)	1,777,088.11
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TPF - Acct #54400 (Candidate/Scholarship Fund)

150164 Balanced Fund - 54400	134,306.42
150165 Money Market - 54400	34,303.34

Total TPF - Acct #54400 (Candidate/Scholarship Fund)	168,609.76
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TPF - Acct #54401 (G.I.V.E. Fund)

150166 Balanced Fund - 54401	729,958.47
150167 Money Market - 54401	186,451.89

Total TPF - Acct #54401 (G.I.V.E. Fund)	916,410.36
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TPF - Acct #54402 (Sm ChurchSupport/Redevelopment)

150168 Balanced Fund - 54402	283,313.24
150169 Money Market - 54402	72,366.73

Total TPF - Acct #54402 (Sm ChurchSupport/Redevelopment)	355,679.97
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TPF - Acct #54404 (Campus Christian Life Fund)

150172 Balanced Fund - 54404	42,400.54
150173 Money Market - 54404	10,824.64

Total TPF - Acct #54404 (Campus Christian Life Fund)	53,225.18
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Total TPF	3,582,659.11
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Total Long-Term Investments	4,085,390.87
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Total Assets

\$ 4,585,848.32

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

280020 Health Care Flexible Spending Account	(1,541.86)
280025 Option Dental - B of P	(222.81)
280030 Option Vision - B of P	(26.52)

280040 Supplemental Death	49.38
Total Current Liabilities	(1,741.81)
Total Liabilities	(1,741.81)
Net Assets	
Temporarily Restricted	
Pass-Through Funds	
Other Pass-Throughs	
840775 E.W. Matthew Memorial Fund	44.09
850001 Youth Mission Trip Grant	(2,000.00)
850006 Ministry to Prisoners & Family Grants	(1,742.41)
850660 Pastor's Assistance	(476.00)
850781 New Harvest	(100.00)
850782 Timmonsville	(985.15)
850783 Fraser Memorial	197,731.18
850784 Black Church Cornerstone Collaborative	17,500.00
Total Other Pass-Throughs	209,971.71
Total Pass-Through Funds	209,971.71
Presbytery Invested Funds	
54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP Projects Fund	
800307 General Assembly Meeting	1,980.63
800311 Green Grants	14,200.00
800312 Youth Triennium	167.89
823006 Ministry to Prisoners & Family Grants	3,484.82
824001 Youth Mission Trip Grants	16,299.70
840640 NHP Mission Projects	10,545.00
840660 Pastor's Assistance	7,110.89
840715 Campus Ministry Grants	7,994.30
840740 NHP Disaster Assistance	26,239.12
840782 Timmonsville	8,519.32
840785 Peacemaking Grants	4,142.19
840980 Unrestricted Reserve	210,961.87
Total 54398 Unrestricted Reserve and NHP Projects Fund	311,645.73
54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	
880520 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,777,088.11
Total 54399 Mission & Ministry (M&M) Fund	1,777,088.11
54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	
880530 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	168,609.76
Total 54400 Candidate/Scholarship Fund	168,609.76
54401 G.I.V.E. Fund	
850111 New Covenant Funds PCFND	393,971.90
850114 PCUSA Invest & Loan Program (PILP)	108,759.86
880540 G.I.V.E. Fund	916,410.36
Total 54401 G.I.V.E. Fund	1,419,142.12
54402 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	
880550 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	355,679.97
Total 54402 Small Church Support/Redevelopment Fund	355,679.97
54404 Campus Christian Life Fund	
880570 Campus Christian Life Fund	53,225.18
Total 54404 Campus Christian Life Fund	53,225.18
Total Presbytery Invested Funds	4,085,390.87
Total Temporarily Restricted	4,295,362.58
Unrestricted Net Assets	
290010 Gen. Fund Principal (Excess Cash)	292,227.55
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	292,227.55
Total Net Assets	4,587,590.13

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

\$ 4,585,848.32