

Highlights of the May 11, 2021 Stated Meeting

What a gift we have in this Presbytery from the richness of our diversity! Our worship components of the Confession and Pardon were spoken in Taiwanese...we welcomed new pastor Zulema Garcia de Rojas from Venezuela, and our inquirer Jung Hee Kim worships at Korean Community. We heard the voices of the Maori and New Zealand peoples sing the blessing for our offering. What a gift! Much more transpired, and here are the highlights:

- Co-hosts David Jones from Newnan and Sam Kim from Atlanta Taiwanese and Oikos New Worshiping Community brought greets to the body
- We enjoyed musical offerings from El Nazareno and Newnan Churches
- Our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini preached a powerful sermon on Mark 10:32-52. “This is a story about faith; the kind of faith that positions us to receive shalom and the reign of God...faith born of deep need” Hear the entire sermon on the website
- We celebrated the retirements of Dr. Hyunsung Cho and Rev. David Bowie
- We heard of the denomination’s work with Ecumenical Relations from Dianna Wright
- We welcomed 4 new members into the Presbytery: Brigette Kemink, Richard Sommers, Ben Allward-Theimer and Zulema Garcia de Rojas
- Inquirer Jung Hee Kim became a candidate for Ministry
- Our offering was to benefit the Presbytery’s Shalom Team to encourage and facilitate the work of Non-Violent Communication, and healing
- We lifted up those elders and ministers who joined the church triumphant in 2020
- New worshiping community Ormewood Church shared the vision of their ministry and community

The next meeting of Presbytery will be Saturday August 14 from 9:00 to 11:00. This meeting will be virtual. Our November 9th meeting will be hybrid...location to be announced. Please mark your calendars.