

## Highlights of the May 9, 2020 Presbytery Meeting

Well friends, probably the best highlight of all, is that we had a successful first time virtual Presbytery meeting! At one time we clocked in at 365 folks on line. People were extremely patient and all in all, the meeting went well. Our business included:

1. The approval of 5 Inquirers to become candidates:
  - Ashley Chung from Korean Community
  - Sally Foster from Covenant
  - Diana Ramos-Garcia from Covenant
  - Mary Beth Walker from Kairos
  - Drew Wilmesherr from Decatur
2. We welcomed 4 new pastors into the Presbytery:
  - Katie Day to Pleasant Hill: [katie@pleasanthillpc.org](mailto:katie@pleasanthillpc.org)
  - Thelma Goodrum to hospital chaplaincy : [Thelmagoodrum@hotmail.com](mailto:Thelmagoodrum@hotmail.com)
  - Jasiel Hernandez to Central: [rev.jasiel.hernandez@gmail.com](mailto:rev.jasiel.hernandez@gmail.com)
  - Emily Wilmesherr to Decatur : [ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org](mailto:ewilmesherr@dpchurch.org)
3. We had a new piece of business where a motion was made to advise Council to send a letter to Brunswick, GA officials demanding full process of justice be ensured in the Ahmaud Arbery investigation.
4. Through an incredible outpouring of generosity, an offering benefiting emergency needs in our new worshipping communities through the Commission, totaled a bit over \$6,300. On top of that, Ormewood Church pledged a match of up to \$5,000. What an outpouring from the members of this presbytery.
5. We heard words of encouragement from Aisha Brooks-Lytle on how the churches and the leadership in the Presbytery is really stepping up with creative worship, and dealing with all the challenges in the face of this pandemic. The Presbytery has a task force on “reopening” churches and will send out those guidelines by May 15.

The next meeting of Presbytery is August 15. We are set to meet at Johns Creek Presbyterian but may very well meet virtually again!! Stay tuned.