

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta gathered for its May Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, via Zoom. Over the course of the morning, 275 people took part in the work and worship of the presbytery as we explored the theme of “Caring Relationships” and lifted up this sixth mark of the [Seven Marks of Vital Congregations](#) alongside our business.

To lead the exploration of this theme, minister member Trace Haythorn offered a sermon on Romans 12:9-21. He noted how this list of virtues shared by the apostle Paul helps to keep the community of faith focused on our call to care for one another and give us standards for our caring relationships. The focus on caring relationships continued with a brief time for conversation in breakout rooms and in a litany of gratitude for our connections in the community of faith. Our worship time was further enriched by musical leadership from our online host congregations Fairview Presbyterian Church and El Nazareno Presbyterian Church. Throughout the meeting, several presbytery partnerships shared brief videos about how the Presbytery can best support their ministry.

In the business of the meeting, the Presbytery welcomed several new minister members:

- **Paul Abell**, transferring back into the Presbytery from Kiskiminetas Presbytery onto the honorably retired roll
- **Irene Choi**, being ordained from candidacy in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to serve as a chaplain at Mesun Hospice
- **Euisun Han**, transferring from the Presbyterian Church in Korea to serve as a contract call associate pastor at Korean Community Presbyterian Church
- **Shinyoung Ko**, transferring from the Presbyterian Church of Korea to serve as a contract call associate pastor at Korean Community Presbyterian Church
- **Jim Simpson**, transferring back into the Presbytery from Cherokee Presbytery to serve as interim pastor at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church
- **Charles Wiley**, transferring into the Presbytery from New Hope Presbytery to serve in a validated ministry as Director of Major Gifts at Columbia Theological Seminary

**Evans Baah Mintah** was introduced by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and approved as a candidate. The Presbytery also approved changes to the Presbytery’s manual on the Nominating Committee to clarify the process and requirements for election of the Presbytery’s commissioners to the General Assembly. Five persons were also elected to service on Presbytery committees.

The Presbytery also heard reports from its Committee on Representation, New Church Development Commission, and Presbyterian Women.

The meeting offering supported Presbyterian Homes of Georgia’s Caring Hands Offering to help enable continuing care for the members of their community facing difficult circumstances at the end of life.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the partnership ministries of the Presbytery hosted breakout rooms to share more information about their work and continue the conversation about caring relationships in the life of the Presbytery and its congregations.

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, beginning at 9:00am, at Shallowford Presbyterian Church.