

**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
Minutes of the Winter Stated Meeting
Saturday, February 3, 2024**

*Ruling Elder Iris Wallace, Moderator
Rev. C. Anderson James, Stated Clerk*

Hosted by Roswell Presbyterian Church
755 Mimosa Blvd, Roswell, Georgia 30075

Opening Words and Music

Following prelude music shared by Betsy Homer from Roswell Presbyterian Church, the children and youth of Roswell Presbyterian Church shared their answers to the question, “What is God like?” The Carol and Chorister Choir sang “God of Great and God of Small” and “He’s Got the Whole World.”

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Moderator Iris Wallace called the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to order and opened the meeting with prayer at 9:11 A.M. in the sanctuary of Roswell Presbyterian Church.

Host’s Words of Welcome

Rev. Jeff Meyers, pastor of Roswell Presbyterian Church, shared words of welcome and oriented the members and guests to the church space and community.

Call to Worship and Opening Hymn

Rev. Jeff Meyers of Roswell Presbyterian Church offered the call to worship. The Presbytery then joined in singing opening hymn, “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past.”

Declaration of Quorum

The Moderator recognized the Stated Clerk regarding a quorum for the meeting. Rev. C. Anderson James reported that registration indicated that a quorum was present of at least 10% of the eligible elder commissioners, representing at least 10% of the congregations, and at least 10% of the eligible minister members. The attendance report can be found at Attachment A.

Omnibus Motion

The Moderator recognized the Stated Clerk to present the omnibus motion, consisting of the following items:

- the docket for the meeting (included in the bulletin for the meeting in Attachment B);
- the minutes of the November 4, 2023, stated meeting;
- the admit to record items in the Nominating Committee Report;
- the admit to record items in the Communications Report;
- the admit to record items in the Committee on Ministry Report; and
- the admit to record items in the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report.

The omnibus motion was moved and seconded. Following opportunity to do so, no items were removed from the omnibus motion. The omnibus motion was approved. The items approved under the omnibus

motion are listed under the appropriate report below, with those items related to a committee that did not make any other report shown following the Communications Report.

Corresponding Members

The Moderator recognized the Stated Clerk, who noted that the Presbytery welcomed several minister members of other presbyteries and persons who serve the larger church as guests at today's meeting. The Moderator entertained a motion to receive the following persons as corresponding members:

Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly (2022)
Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly (2022)
Rev. Richard Allen Farmer, Baptist minister recently retired from Crossroads Presbyterian Church
Rev. Alonzo Johnson, minister member of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
Rev. Oscar McCloud, minister member of the Presbytery of New York City
Rev. Kari Pellegrino, member of Heartland Presbytery
Rev. Joseph Reid, member of Yukon Presbytery
Ruling Elder Valerie Young, Synod Executive of the Synod of the South Atlantic

After motion and second, the motion to enroll these persons as corresponding members was approved.

Stated Clerk's and Communications Report

The Moderator recognized Rev. Andy James to give the Stated Clerk's and Communications Report as presented in the Commissioners Handbook.

The Clerk introduced and asked the Presbytery to recognize the Co-Moderators of the 225th General Assembly (2022), Revs. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and Shavon Starling-Louis. The Presbytery stood in honor of the office of the Moderator of the General Assembly as they were recognized.

The Clerk reminded clerks of session to complete the Session Annual Statistical Report by Monday, February 12, 2024. He also noted the upcoming dates for the annual review of session records by the Presbytery:

Sunday, March 17, 4:30pm, at Korean Central Presbyterian Church (in Korean)
Tuesday, March 19, 6:30pm, at Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
Saturday, April 13, 10:00am, at Columbia Theological Seminary (including an opportunity to visit the seminary archives)
Thursday, May 2, 6:30pm, at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Saturday, May 18, 10:00am, at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, June 4, 1:00pm, at the Presbytery Office

The Clerk shared a communication from the Synod of South Atlantic regarding a change in the synod's plan for election of commissioners, which can be found at Attachment C. Synod Executive Valerie Young offered a brief presentation of the plan, noting that a majority of presbyteries in the synod are required to approve the plan for it to go into effect. A motion was received to approve the change. Following opportunity for discussion, the motion was approved.

The Clerk reported the following items for information:

1. The offering from the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery to support scholarships for the Matthew 25 Summit and the Association of Smaller Congregations Conference totaled \$689.93.
2. The Synod of South Atlantic has awarded a \$1,000.00 grant to Presbytery partnership group AMIS International to support their Amigo Friendship Program.

3. On December 12, 2023, Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery concurred with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's overture to the 226th General Assembly on amending G-2.0610 regarding documentation for alternative exams. The overture has now completed the required steps for it to be considered by the General Assembly at its meeting in Salt Lake City this summer.

The Communications Report also included the following Admit to Record items approved in the omnibus motion:

1. That the minutes of the commission to install **L. Kate Culver** as designated associate pastor at **Central Presbyterian Church** be admitted to the record.
2. That the minutes of the commission to install **Ryan Jensen** as associate pastor at **Roswell Presbyterian Church** be admitted to the record.
3. The following people were appointed to serve on the commission to ordain **Kevin Lacson** as a minister of the Word and Sacrament on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta:

Elder Iris Wallace, Radcliffe (moderator)
Rev. Jane Kagia, Emory St. Joseph's Hospital
Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon, Trinity Atlanta
Rev. Lucy Strong, Trinity Atlanta
Elder Velma Tilley, Trinity Atlanta
Sarah Wikle, Shallowford

4. The following people were appointed to serve on the commission to ordain **Donghyun Jeong** as a minister of the Word and Sacrament on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 12:10 P.M. (Eastern time) at Shelton Chapel at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and online via Zoom.

Rev. Alex Rodgers, Timberridge (moderator)
Rev. Byeong Chul Han, Korean Central
Elder Jane Hubbard, North Avenue
Elder Kyung-Hwa Kim, Korean Central
Rev. David Lower, Saint Luke's
Elder Iris Wallace, Radcliffe

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee did not make a verbal report to the meeting, but the following admit to record item from the committee was approved as part of the omnibus motion:

At the November 4, 2023, Stated Meeting, the Presbytery voted to allow the Nominating Committee to continue its search for a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 226th General Assembly to be held this summer. The committee is excited to announce its approval of Isabelle Adams, a sophomore at Agnes Scott College, as our Presbytery's delegate. Before college, Isabelle attended North Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas where she was an active youth group member and attended many mission trips and youth conferences, including Triennium. Currently, she attends Decatur Presbyterian Church where she is a member of the Chancel Choir, and she participates in UKIRK Atlanta. Isabelle is also the Co-CEO of Paper for Water, a non-profit organization that she started in 2011 with her younger sister. Paper for Water's mission is to bring clean water to people around the world and educate people about the world water crisis. Through her work with Paper for Water, Isabelle has become passionate about clean water access as a fundamental human right that is necessary for all sustainable development.

Executive Presbyter's Report

The Moderator recognized Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson to give the report of the Executive Presbyter (Attachment D). She celebrated the Presbytery's continuing commitment to being a Matthew 25 presbytery and the gift of the Matthew 25 Summit sponsored by the Presbyterian Mission Agency that was hosted in January by New Life Presbyterian Church. She lifted up several events celebrating Black History Month, including the Black Church Collective's Voter Education and Outreach event on Saturday, February 10, and "The Black Church: What She Can Teach Us Today," a lunch and learn series on Sundays throughout February sponsored by North Avenue Presbyterian Church and Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary.

She invited the Presbytery to join in the Association of Smaller Churches conference on February 29-March 3 at Epworth by the Sea at St. Simon's Island, advocacy training sponsored by Presbyterians for a Better Georgia, and the annual Hunger Walk on March 10.

She concluded by introducing the Presbytery's theme for 2024, "Finding Meaning: Inside and Out." This theme builds on David Kessler's introduction of finding meaning as the sixth stage of grief and on a study of thriving Christian communities by Russell Daye and Robert Fennell. Over the course of the year, she noted how the Presbytery will be looking more closely at these questions as we explore the experiences of recent years and seek to understand the beauty and blessing that we have come through so that we can move into the change of the future more faithfully.

Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and the Peace

Rev. Ryan Jensen, associate pastor of Roswell Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in the prayer of confession and assurance of pardon. Trenton Durham, associate director of music at Roswell Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in a song of assurance, and Morgan Burge, director of membership at Roswell Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in sharing the peace of Christ.

Litany for the Present

Rev. Scott Weimer, associate pastor of Roswell Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in a litany celebrating the present.

Committee on Ministry

The Moderator recognized Rev. Julie Ferguson, co-moderator of the Committee on Ministry, to give the committee's report. She first presented six ruling elders from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Decatur, for authorization to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the absence of a minister of the Word and Sacrament through December 31, 2026: Nancy Brown, Angela Calhoun, Shirley Davis, Callie Flanigan, Vivian Granger, and Authurine Thornton. They have been trained in the meaning and administration of the Lord's Supper by the Stated Clerk. Upon motion from the committee, this authorization was approved, in accordance with G-3.0301b and W-3.0410. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer for their service.

The Moderator then recognized Ruling Elder Nancy Scott, clerk of session at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, to offer a recognition of their retiring pastor Rev. Richard Allen Farmer. The resolution of recognition can be found at Attachment E. The Moderator led the Presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for his service and blessing for his retirement.

The following admit to record items from the Committee on Ministry were approved as part of the omnibus motion:

1. Grant permission for all ministers of the Word and Sacrament serving in currently validated ministries to administer the sacraments in the context of their ministry for the calendar year 2024.
2. Approve the contract call pastor relationship between **Leigh Campbell-Taylor** and **Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church**, effective June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024, working 25 hours per week.

Cash salary	7,620
Housing allowance	26,400
403b contribution	19,980
SECA tax allowance	2,802
Six weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	
3. Validate the ministry of **Catherine Foster** as Chief Development Officer at Families First, effective October 2, 2023.
4. Validate the ministry of **Patrick Day** as chaplain in the Georgia National Guard, effective November 30, 2023.
5. Approve the contract call pastor relationship between **Mary Jane Gardner** and **Barnesville Presbyterian Church**, effective December 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024, working 10 hours per week. (This temporary relationship does not include service as moderator of session.)

Cash salary (weekly)	250
Social Security offset (weekly)	19
Mileage reimbursement	
Professional expenses	300
6. Appoint **Karen Mitchum**, a minister member of Flint River Presbytery, as moderator of session at **Barnesville Presbyterian Church**, effective December 1, 2023.
7. Transfer member-at-large **Olive Mahabir** to St. Augustine Presbytery so that she can take up a call as pastor of Highlands United Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida, effective December 3, 2023.
8. Conclude the contract call pastoral relationship between **Harrison Cain**, a minister member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery, and **Ebenezer Presbyterian Church**, effective December 12, 2023.
9. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **Richard Allen Farmer** and **Crossroads Presbyterian Church**, effective December 31, 2023, with gratitude for Rev. Farmer's service in our midst to the Presbytery as a temporary minister member. (A resolution of thanksgiving is attached to this report.)
10. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **Alex Moses** and **Fayette Presbyterian Church**, effective December 31, 2023.
11. Conclude the contract call pastoral relationship between **Claude George Tatro III** and **Kelley Presbyterian Church**, effective December 31, 2023.
12. Appoint **Sharon Gregory** as moderator of session at **Crossroads Presbyterian Church**, effective January 1, 2024.
13. Renew the contract call pastoral relationship between **Ed Hoard**, a Southern Baptist minister, and **Jackson Presbyterian Church**, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, working 25 hours per week.

Housing allowance	27,774
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	
Mileage/auto expenses	1,575
Professional expenses	1,500
Book allowance and continuing education	1,575

14. Appoint **Jack Westlund** as alternate moderator of session at **Philadelphia Presbyterian Church** as needed from January 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024.
15. Appoint **Joshua Woodsmith** as moderator of session at **Fayette Presbyterian Church**, effective January 1, 2024.
16. Renew the interim pastor relationship between **Katie Ricks** and **Oakhurst Presbyterian Church**, effective January 15, 2024, through January 14, 2025, working full time.
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| Cash salary | 57,886 |
| Housing allowance | 25,000 |
| SECA tax allowance | 6,341 |
| Board of Pensions Pastor's Participation | 33,891 |
| Dental | 1,114 |
| Continuing education | 1,000 |
| Professional expenses | 2,000 |
| Four weeks vacation | |
| Two weeks continuing education | |
17. Approve **Alex Moses** as pastor at **Northwest Presbyterian Church**, effective January 22, 2024, working full time.
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| Cash salary | 85,000 |
| Housing allowance | 30,000 |
| Commuting allowance | 3,000 |
| SECA tax allowance | 9,027 |
| Board of Pensions dues | 46,177 |
| Four weeks vacation | |
| Two weeks continuing education | |
| Twelve weeks paid family medical leave | |
| Continuing education | 2,000 |
| Mileage, vouchered | 3,600 |
| Professional expenses | 600 |
| BOP Dental | 1,609 |
| 403b matching contribution | 3,540 |
18. Approve **Lyndsay Slocum** as pastor at **Kairos Presbyterian Church**, effective January 22, 2024, working full time.
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| Cash salary | 10,000 |
| Housing allowance | 100,000 |
| SECA tax allowance | 8,415 |
| Board of Pensions dues | 42,900 |
| Four weeks vacation | |
| Two weeks continuing education | |
| Twelve weeks paid family medical leave | |
| Sabbatical after seven years | |
| Continuing education | 3,500 |
| Professional expenses | 3,000 |
19. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **Caleb Clarke** and **Eastminster Presbyterian Church**, effective January 31, 2024, and place him on the retired ministers roll.
20. Renew the contract call pastor relationship between **Connie Lee** and **Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church**, effective February 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024, working 13-15 hours per week.
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| Monthly cash salary | 1,400 |
| SECA tax allowance | 107 |

Two weeks vacation
One week continuing education

21. Approve **Claude George Tatro** as pastor at **Johns Creek Presbyterian Church**, effective February 1, 2024, working full time.

Cash salary	58,000
Housing allowance	40,000
SECA tax allowance	7,498
Board of Pensions dues	38,220
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	
Twelve weeks paid family medical leave	
Continuing education	1,500
Mileage, vouchered	2,400
Professional expenses	3,000
BOP Dental and Supplemental Death	1,167

22. Conclude the interim pastor relationship between **James Simpson** and **Johns Creek Presbyterian Church**, effective February 3, 2024, and place him on the member at large roll.

23. The Committee on Ministry's Policy 14 on pastoral designations has been updated as follows:

The Form of Government allows for flexibility around mission concerns with our churches. Because of this new flexibility, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta has made the following policies regarding pastoral designations:

Permanent Pastoral Positions....hereby called, Installed Pastoral Positions (G-2.0504a)

All Installed Pastoral Positions of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta require meeting the Presbytery's Guidelines for Minimum Compensation Standards and the requirements of Policy 20 on Paid Family Medical Leave. Installed positions serve at least twenty hours per week.

In the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, there will be three Installed Pastoral Positions:

1. **Pastor or Co-Pastor** shall be called through the normal process of a pastor nominating committee elected by the congregation.
2. **Associate Pastor** shall be called through the normal process of an associate pastor nominating committee elected by the congregation.

If an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in their search process comes across an individual who is already a Candidate in the ordination process but is not yet certified ready to receive a call, the church may hire that individual for the position and then move towards ordination and installation of that person when the process for ordination has been complete. If the ordination process takes more than 2 years, a new search will need to be undertaken.

In the case of a church wishing to move forward with an installed associate search while the head of staff position is vacant, such a decision should be carefully considered and discussed with the Presbytery's congregational consultant.

3. **Designated Pastor (or Associate Pastor)** shall be instituted in conversation with the Committee on Ministry, the church, and the congregational consultant. Designated pastors shall be for specific situations where a congregation has gone through a significant situation (conflict with the former pastor, the death of a pastor, spilt in the church, to name a few), or where the congregation is in an extreme place of vulnerability and viability. All candidates for designated pastor positions shall apply through the presbytery and be reviewed by a PNC elected by the congregation. The

designated period may be between two and four years with a detailed contract outlining the expectations for the designated period in order to have something measurable at the end of the designated time period.

The Designated Pastor or Associate Pastor is installed for the approved designated term. At the end of the designated term, the call may be renewed for an additional designated term or the pastor installed to the same position for an indefinite period.

Temporary Pastoral Positions...hereby called Non-Installed Contracted Call Positions

In the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, there will be three Non-Installed Contracted Call Positions:

Contract Call Pastor

**This position is for churches that cannot afford an installed pastor (including for positions less than twenty hours per week) or need the additional flexibility provided by a limited term.

The search for a contract call pastor is conducted by a search committee appointed by the session.

- a) This position requires a contract approved by the congregational consultant and the COM. Contract terms shall be admitted to the presbytery's record under the Committee on Ministry Report.
- b) This position requires a job description as well as a selection process that includes interviews with at least two candidates.
- c) This position ordinarily shall be for a term of 12 months and may be renewed with Session and COM approval beyond the initial 12-month period.
- d) This position is ordainable.
- e) This designation is not intended as a substitute for an interim pastor.

Contract Call Associate Pastor

The search for a contract call associate pastor will be conducted by a search committee appointed by the session.

- a) This position requires a contract approved by the congregational consultant and COM. The contract terms shall be admitted to the Presbytery's record under the Committee on Ministry Report.
- b) This position requires a job description.
- c) This position ordinarily shall be for a term of 12 months and may be renewed with Session and COM approval beyond the initial 12-month period.
- d) This position is ordainable.
- e) The person must be ordained in the PCUSA or a Formula of Agreement Church.
- f) The person serving in this position is not eligible to apply for an installed position as the head of staff of the church.

Interim Pastor shall be procured by an interim search committee appointed by session.

- a) This position (See Policy #5) requires a contract approved by the congregational consultant and the COM and which terms shall be admitted to the presbytery's record under the Committee on Ministry Report.
- b) This position requires a job description pertinent to the interim tasks needed by a congregation in transition.
- c) This position shall be for a term of 12 months and may be renewed with Session and COM approval beyond the initial 12-month period.

- d) An interim will ordinarily be previously ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and have served in a pastoral setting.
- e) The decision as to whether or not an interim is the desired route for a particular church will be made in consultation with the congregational consultant and the co-chairs of COM and its subcommittees.
- f) If the interim is not from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, the interim must first be approved by the Examinations Commission to serve the church.
- g) Any person serving as an interim, shall have interim training. If the training has not yet been completed, it shall be completed at the first opportunity. The church calling the interim shall pay for the training.
- h) Interim associate pastors are not used in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

Changes in status of Pastoral Positions

- a) Interim pastors shall NOT become the Head of Staff in the church where they are serving, in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.
- b) Associate pastors shall NOT become the Head of Staff in the church where they are serving, in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.
- c) A Contract Call Pastor may become the installed pastor in churches that have discerned they can move towards an installed pastoral relationship. This situation is possible under the following conditions:
 - i) The COM, in consultation with the congregational consultant, must approve that this is the best vehicle for mission in this congregation.
 - ii) Pending approval by the COM, a congregational meeting is required to elect the contract call pastor to the installed position. The quorum for this meeting shall be no less than 25% and notice of this congregational meeting shall be distributed for three weeks prior to and not to include the Sunday the congregational meeting is held. The contract call pastor shall NOT moderate the congregational meeting. The congregational consultant or their designee shall serve as the moderator of the congregational meeting.
 - iii) The name of the contract call pastor must receive a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote in the congregational meeting in order for the call to be extended. The vote shall be taken by ballot.
 - iv) Following approval of the congregation, the full presbytery must approve the relationship by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote (G-2.0504c).
- d) Contract Call Associate Pastor may become the Installed Associate Pastor. When the associate pastor, head of staff, session, and congregational consultant agree that a permanent relationship is beneficial for the mission of the church and there is no evidence of active conflict in a congregation, the presbytery may permit the contract call associate pastor to be installed through the following process.
 - i. The session requests through the congregational consultant that the Committee on Ministry permit the congregation to engage in a closed search process that may result in the contract call associate pastor becoming installed.
 - ii. The Committee on Ministry considers the request of the session. If the request to begin the closed search process is approved, a current member of the Committee on Ministry is appointed as the COM liaison to the search process.
 - iii. The session calls a congregational meeting to elect an associate pastor nominating committee for the purpose of considering the current contract call associate pastor to become an installed associate pastor and negotiating any appropriate changes in the terms of call.

- iv. If the associate pastor nominating committee determines that it wishes to move forward toward installation of the contract call associate pastor, then the COM liaison and congregational consultant join the committee and the contract call associate pastor for a suitability of call interview.
- v. If the associate pastor nominating committee determines that it does not wish to move forward toward installation of the current contract call associate pastor, then they report this to the congregation and request dissolution of the committee without pursuing other candidates.
- vi. If the suitability of call interview gives clearance to proceed, then the associate pastor nominating committee requests that the session call a congregational meeting to request that the presbytery approve that the contract call associate pastor be installed as associate pastor.
- vii. The associate pastor nominating committee reports to the congregational meeting, and the congregation is asked to vote on moving the contract call associate pastor to be the installed associate pastor. The vote is taken by ballot, and a three-fourths vote is required.
- viii. If the congregation approves the contract call associate pastor to be the installed associate pastor, the request is forwarded to a meeting of the full Presbytery, where a three-fourths vote is required to grant the exception and approve the installation of the contract call associate pastor, in accordance with G-2.0504c.

Parish Associates:

In the Form of Government, there is no mention of Parish Associates. The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta chooses to continue to permit parish associates under the following guidelines:

- The church will request an Executive Reference Check by the Presbytery Office on the considered Parish Associate.
- Parish associates will be confirmed by the pastor and the session.
- Upon the above confirmation, the COM will add its confirmation.
- Parish Associates are not compensated except for the occasional honorarium.
- When a pastor leaves the church, the session must re-address the invitation to continue the Parish Associate relationship in order to confirm or change the relationship.

Partnership Video: Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies

The Moderator recognized a video presentation from Presbytery partnership group Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies, reflecting on the question, “How has your organization found meaning in the face of the brokenness in our world?” Rev. Patrick Day, a minister member of the Presbytery serving in a validated ministry as a chaplain in the Georgia National Guard, offered this brief reflection.

Examinations Commission

The Moderator recognized Ruling Elder Cheryl Hartman to give the report of the Examinations Commission. In its written report, the commission reported that it had reviewed the statement of faith and faith journey of **Rev. John McCrosky**, a minister member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery, examined him, and approved him to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery as an interim pastor at Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. (His terms of call can be found in the Committee on Ministry Report.)

Rev. Young Chul Jeon of the ECKAM Examinations Committee presented the first person for examination by the Presbytery. **Rev. Daesong Kim**, a minister in the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad

(a Formula of Agreement denomination), has been called to serve as contract call pastor at Good News Garden Presbyterian Church, effective November 26, 2023, through November 25, 2024. His faith journey and statement of faith can be found in Attachment F. Rev. Kim offered a brief introduction of himself and his ministry, then Rev. Jeon posed a question from the ECKAM Examinations Committee to begin the examination. After an opportunity for questions from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examinations was complete, and Rev. Kim was asked to step out of the room.

Rev. Jeon moved on behalf of the ECKAM Examinations Committee that **Rev. Daesong Kim's** examination be sustained and he be approved for transfer from another denomination to serve as contract call pastor at Good News Garden Presbyterian Church, an immigrant congregation, effective November 26, 2023, through November 25, 2024, with exemption from the ordination exams under G-2.0505a(2) and the requirement that he complete a course in Presbyterian polity within two years, in accordance with G-2.0505a(1).

After opportunity for discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. ***The motion to sustain the examination of Rev. Daesong Kim and approve him for transfer from another denomination to serve as contract call pastor at Good News Garden Presbyterian Church, an immigrant congregation, effective November 26, 2023, through November 25, 2024, with exemption from the ordination exams under G-2.0505a(2) and the requirement that he complete a course in Presbyterian polity within two years, in accordance with G-2.0505a(1) passed.*** Rev. Kim was invited back into the room and informed of the result of the vote. The terms of call for this service are as follows:

Cash salary	30,000
Minister's Choice	3,000
Moving expenses	3,000
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

The Moderator then posed the constitutional questions for ministers of the Word and Sacrament to Rev. Kim, and he was welcomed into membership of the Presbytery with applause.

Elder Hartman then turned the Presbytery's attention to the examination of **Allison Arsenault**, a candidate under care of the Presbytery, who has been called to a validated ministry as Director of Community Engagement at the Forum for Theological Exploration, effective upon her ordination. Her faith journey and statement of faith can be found in Attachment G. Allison offered a brief introductory statement, then Elder Hartman posed a question from the Examinations Commission to begin the examination for ordination. After an opportunity for questions from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examination was complete and asked the candidate to step out of the room.

Elder Hartman moved on behalf of the Examinations Commission that **Allison Arsenault's** examination be sustained and she be approved for ordination and received into membership. After opportunity for discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. ***The motion to sustain the examination of Allison Arsenault, approve her for ordination, and receive her into membership passed*** on a voice vote. The Moderator welcomed the candidate back into the room and announced the results of the vote to her.

Song, Scripture, and Sermon

The 96:ONE Youth Choir and Cantate Coeli of Roswell Presbyterian Church shared a musical setting of Psalm 139.

The Co-Moderators of the General Assembly, Revs. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and Shavon Starling-Louis, offered a sermon on Psalm 139:1-4 and Acts 2:40-47 entitled "The Ins and Outs of Searching." In their message, they described some of their experiences in their eighteen months of service and exploration around the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and beyond. In reflecting on Psalm 139, Rev.

Santana-Grace noted the challenge that comes when God searches and knows us and reflected on the temptations of making assumptions and giving in to fear and anxiety that keep us from being faithful. In reflecting on Acts 2, Rev. Starling-Louis noted the awe that comes when we see people doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God and encouraged us to be changed by seeing how we are connected to one another. They closed their message with prayer.

The Chancel Choir of Roswell Presbyterian Church offered the song of response, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” and the Presbytery joined in singing two verses of the hymn “God Is Here!”

Council

The Moderator recognized Rev. Juan Herrera to bring the Council report. He shared that the Council had received and reviewed a letter from the Barnesville Presbyterian Church requesting that they be transferred to Flint River Presbytery. With the concurrence of the Committee on Ministry and gratitude for the ministry of the Barnesville Presbyterian Church in our midst, Rev. Herrera moved on behalf of Council that the Presbytery amend its previous communication from August 2023 to the Synod of the South Atlantic regarding the boundaries of the Presbytery that will be put before the 227th General Assembly (2024) to remove Lamar County from the list of counties in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta so that the Barnesville Presbyterian Church can be transferred to Flint River Presbytery. After opportunity for discussion, the motion was approved.

Rev. Herrera then presented the proposed budget for the current 2024-25 fiscal year (February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025) and moved its approval on behalf of Council. The full budget can be found at Attachment H. Andy Hill, Director of Finance and Property, shared the process that the Operations Committee and Council had followed in preparing the budget. He outlined the following changes included in this proposed budget:

- Staff salaries are increased by 5%, the first increase since 2020.
- The Revitalization Fund now provides 50% of consultants’ salaries (up from 25%), which offsets the overall increase in salaries.
- The budget reflects a 25% increase in insurance costs, in line with experience of all churches and nonprofits.
- The budget is balanced by the redemption of CDs and the upcoming sale of property already owned by the presbytery.

Rev. Herrera noted that the Council had also requested that the Executive Presbyter and incoming chair of Council lead a process of unified conversations to create a plan for financial sustainability over the next six months, with presentation to the Summer Stated Meeting on August 6, 2024. Following opportunity for discussion, the proposed budget was approved.

Along with the Council’s report, the Operations Committee presented financial reports for the prior fiscal year through December 31, 2023, which can be found at Attachment I.

Break

The Presbytery recessed for a break at 11:15 A.M. to enjoy the hospitality of Roswell Presbyterian Church. Attendees were invited to visit the church’s history room and historic sanctuary, and a bluegrass band offered music alongside the refreshments.

The Presbytery reconvened at 11:45 A.M. in the gym of Roswell Presbyterian Church.

Celebration Video

As the Presbytery returned from the break, the Moderator recognized a video presentation from the pastors of the Presbytery's Korean congregations celebrating their mission trip to Honduras last year. Deacon Changwoo James Lee from Korean Central Presbyterian Church offered musical accompaniment.

Litany for the Future and Song

Rev. Carrie Weatherford, associate pastor of Roswell Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in a litany looking toward the future. Maria Montenegro, song leader at La Familia de Dios, a congregation that worships at Roswell Presbyterian Church, led the Presbytery in singing "This Is My Father's World."

New Church Development Commission

The Moderator recognized Rev. Lindsay Armstrong to give the report of the New Church Development Commission (Attachment J). She described the continuing work of the commission and introduced the Presbytery to a model of new church development exemplified by SpringHouse Ministry Center in Minneapolis, which brings together three congregations into a single building shared for ministry. They maintain separate identities and rotate through three worship spaces. Rev. Armstrong invited the Presbytery into a time of discussion and reflection on this model and its possibilities in our congregations.

Partnership Video: Central Outreach and Advocacy Center

The Moderator recognized a video presentation from Presbytery partnership group Central Outreach and Advocacy Center, reflecting on the question, "How has your organization found meaning in the face of the brokenness in our world?"

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Moderator recognized Rev. Emma Neishloss to give the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. On behalf of the Committee, she moved that Daniel Kwon, inquirer from Korean Community Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as a candidate, effective February 3, 2024. In addition to his personal statement of faith journey found in Attachment O, the inquirer offered a brief introduction and statement of his sense of call, then the Presbytery was invited to pose questions to him. The examination was arrested, and the Moderator called for a vote. The motion ***to enroll Daniel Kwon as a candidate, effective February 3, 2024***, was approved.

The Moderator asked Daniel to affirm the Presbytery's decision. Rev. Neishloss offered a charge and a prayer.

The Committee's report also included the following Admit to Record items approved in the omnibus motion:

- The following persons were enrolled as inquirers as of the date shown:
 - a. James Junior Koranteng (Clairmont), November 16, 2023
 - b. Susan Landrum (Central), November 16, 2023
- The following candidates were certified ready to receive a call:
 - a. Allison Arsenault (North Decatur), November 16, 2023
 - b. Morgan Burge (North Avenue), November 16, 2023
 - c. Nikki Zimmerman (Peachtree), November 16, 2023
- The following candidates received a call:
 - a. Allison Arsenault (North Decatur), to a validated ministry at the Forum for Theological Exploration.

- b. Michael Sarvis (Good Shepherd), as pastor at Graham Presbyterian Church, Graham, NC (Salem Presbytery).
- c. Nikki Zimmerman (Peachtree), as pastoral resident at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC (Charlotte Presbytery).
- The following annual consultations took place:
 - a. Sun Young Choi (Korean Community), November 30, 2023
 - b. Daniel Kwon (Korean Community), November 30, 2023
- The following persons were elected as ordination exam readers for 2024:
 - a. Rev. Rachel Breyer
 - b. Elder Bobbie McCrackin (Morningside)
 - c. Rev. Emma Neishloss
 - d. Elder Mark Ribbens (Roswell)
 - e. Rev. Jennie Sankey
 - f. Elder Sandra Ward (Morningside)

Offering

Rev. Brittany Fiscus-Van Rossum introduced the offering for the meeting, supporting Mercy Community Church in their work of building beloved community. Mercy Church is a grassroots ecumenical congregation that meets on the campus of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. As a community, this little church works to intentionally provide hospitality and sanctuary for people who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in our neighborhood. It also seeks to nurture relationships and build a healthy community for those in and out of housing to work and worship together. Mercy Church is open for Sunday worship as well as several days throughout the week as a safe gathering place to worship, share meals and resources, take classes, make music, and find belonging together.

Communion

The Co-Moderators of the 225th General Assembly (2022), the Executive Presbyter, and the Stated Clerk presided at the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Installation of Moderator Alex Rodgers

Moderator Iris Wallace led the Presbytery in a litany and prayer for the installation of Rev. Alex Rodgers as Moderator of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Ruling Elder Wallace declared that Rev. Rodgers was installed to this new service and presented her with the moderatorial cross.

Recognition of Outgoing Moderator

Moderator Alex Rodgers recognized Executive Presbyter Aisha Brooks-Johnson and Stated Clerk Andy James to offer a prayer of thanks for the service of Ruling Elder Iris Wallace as the Presbytery's Moderator. They presented her with a replica of the moderatorial cross. They also offered a special presentation to Ruling Elder Wallace's husband, Rev. David Wallace, for his faithful service in helping her get to many events around the Presbytery during her term of service.

Closing Hymn

The Moderator recognized Rev. Jeff Meyers to offer instructions on lunch. The Presbytery then joined in singing "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" to close its time of work and worship.

Benediction, Blessing, and Adjournment

Seeing that there was no other business, Moderator Alex Rodgers offered a closing prayer and benediction to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

C. Anderson James
Stated Clerk

List of Attachments:

- A. Attendance Report
- B. Bulletin and Docket
- C. Communication from the Synod of South Atlantic
- D. Executive Presbyter's Report
- E. Richard Allen Farmer Retirement Resolution
- F. Daesong Kim Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- G. Allison Arsenault Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- H. 2024 Budget
- I. Financial Reports through December 31, 2023
- J. New Church Development Commission Report
- K. Daniel Kwon Faith Journey

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Attachment A: Attendance for the Winter Stated Meeting

Minister Members in Attendance (89)

Paul Abell	Retired	Leigh Campbell-Taylor.....	Excused
Barrett Abernethy	Present	Letitia Campbell.....	Absent
Fahed Abuakel	Present	John J. Carey	Retired
Andy Acton.....	Present	Robert Lindsay Carroll.....	Retired
Elizabeth Acton	Absent	Myung Jin Chae	Absent
Ann Clay Adams.....	Absent	Michael B. Chaney.....	Excused
Joanna Adams	Retired	Heather Chase	Absent
Dorothy Akoto (temporary).....	Absent	Grace Cheptu.....	Absent
Edwin Albright	Retired	Hyunsung Cho	Absent
Lucy Aldridge.....	Retired	Jae Wuk Cho	Absent
Steven Allen.....	Absent	Moongil D. Cho	Absent
Benjamin Allward-Theimer.....	Present	Irene Choi.....	Present
Victor Aloyo	Absent	Ji (Emily) Choi.....	Absent
Mary Gillespie Amos.....	Retired	Gloria Nam Chough	Absent
Jo Ewing Anderson.....	Absent	Carolyn B. Christie	Absent
Jody Andrade	Present	James Caleb Clarke.....	Absent
Katie Archibald-Woodward.....	Absent	Martha J. Clinkscales	Absent
Lindsay Armstrong	Present	Henry T. Close	Retired
Amy Anderson Arnold	Absent	Ernestine Cole	Retired
Frank Leonard Arnold	Retired	Will Coleman	Absent
Katie Aumann	Present	Jerome F. Coling.....	Retired
Stephen Austin.....	Retired	Kate Colussy-Estes	Present
Jennifer Ayres.....	Absent	Joseph Watts Conyers	Retired
Sung Sik Baek.....	Absent	Joannah Cook.....	Absent
Davis Bailey.....	Present	Mary Jane Cornell.....	Present
Rebecca Johnson Baker	Absent	Mary Prather Cox.....	Retired
Jonathan W Ball.....	Absent	Lara Kate Culver.....	Absent
Shannon Ball.....	Absent	Elinor Perkins Daniel	Retired
Bobbie Wrenn Banks	Retired	F. Harry Daniel	Retired
Carrie Barnes	Absent	Brian Daoust	Absent
Dennis Hamilton Barnes.....	Absent	F. Barry Davies	Retired
Harry Barrow	Retired	Prince Davies-Venn	Absent
David Barstow	Retired	Jeffery Earl Davis.....	Absent
Chip Blankinship	Present	Kathy Lynn Dawson	Absent
Susan Boardman-McKissack.....	Retired	Katie Day	Present
Sarah Bogue.....	Absent	Kevin Michael Day	Absent
Leigh Bonner	Absent	Patrick Day.....	Absent
Adam Borneman.....	Present	Wendy Renee Dewberry	Absent
David B. Bowie	Retired	Shannon Dill	Excused
Mark Allan Brewer	Retired	Landon Dillard	Present
Rachel Grace Breyer.....	Excused	Louise Rita Dixon	Absent
Tyler Brock.....	Present	Nelson Donado.....	Absent
Aisha Brooks-Johnson	Present	Laura Dorsey.....	Retired
Raleigh Hugh Burns	Retired	Mark Douglas.....	Absent
Jamie Gail Butcher	Absent	Pamela Driesell	Absent
John Callahan.....	Present	Mary Moore Driggers	Present
Randolph S. Calvo.....	Retired	William J. Drummond.....	Absent

Kerry P. Duncan	Absent	Trace Haythorn	Present
Frank Mason Eldridge	Retired	Bridgette N. Hector	Absent
P.C. Enniss.....	Retired	Hugh A. Henderson.....	Retired
Donald Eshleman.....	Retired	Juan Herrera	Present
Jasmine Evans.....	Present	Nell Herring	Excused
Jane Fahey	Retired	Alice Hickcox	Retired
Elizabeth Fairleigh.....	Retired	Kevin Hicks.....	Present
Thomas K. Farmer.....	Retired	Ross Thomas Hightower.....	Retired
Virginia Felder.....	Retired	Louise Ann Hill.....	Absent
Julie Ferguson.....	Present	Richard G. Hill.....	Retired
Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum.....	Present	Christopher T. Holmes.....	Present
Joy Fisher.....	Excused	Jenelle Holmes	Absent
Tully Fletcher.....	Present	Billy Michael Honor	Excluded from Office
Anna Carter Florence.....	Absent	Christopher A. Hooker.....	Present
Catherine Foster.....	Present	Sarah Hooker.....	Present
Sally Foster	Present	Leah M. Horton.....	Retired
Vicki H. Franch	Absent	Martin Huggins.....	Retired
Dave Fry	Retired	Mary Huie-Jolly.....	Retired
Matthew M. Fry	Present	Jae Eun Hwang.....	Absent
David E. Furlough	Retired	Iain Inglis	Retired
Anne Fyffe.....	Absent	James H. Irwin	Retired
Barry Keith Gaeddert.....	Absent	Randon H. Jackson.....	Retired
Zulema García de Rojas.....	Absent	C. Anderson James.....	Present
Mary Jane Gardner	Absent	David Janzen	Absent
Francis Githieya.....	Absent	Robbye A. Jarrell	Present
Glenn Goldsmith.....	Present	Alan Davis Jenkins.....	Absent
James Goodlet.....	Present	Gerald P. Jenkins.....	Retired
Thelma Goodrum (temporary).....	Absent	Ryan Jensen.....	Present
Carole Goodspeed.....	Retired	Young Jeon	Present
Cheryl Gosa	Retired	Sun Ki Jeong	Excused
John Allan Graham	Retired	Yeonkwon Jeong.....	Excused
Vernon R. Gramling	Retired	Laura Jernigan.....	Present
Joan Gray	Present	Carlton David Johnson.....	Absent
Lloyd Green	Retired	E. Elizabeth Johnson	Retired
Sharon Gregory.....	Retired	Julie Ann Johnson	Excused
Robert L. Griffin.....	Retired	Megan Lee Johnson	Absent
Tom Hagood	Excused	Ronald Johnson (temporary).....	Absent
John D. Hambrick.....	Absent	David Jones	Present
Byeong Han	Absent	Jill Joyner	Excused
Euisun Han.....	Absent	Sharon Junn.....	Present
Suk Won Han.....	Retired	Jane Kagia	Absent
Sunghee Han.....	Present	Richard R. Kannwischer	Absent
Maisha Handy	Absent	Amanda Kemery	Present
Marsha S. Haney.....	Retired	Brigette Kemink.....	Absent
Marinda Harris.....	Retired	Shannon Johnson Kershner.....	Absent
Saranell Harman	Absent	Kyounghun Keum.....	Present
Tim Hartman.....	Absent	Elizabeth Bradley Kibler.....	Present
Linda W. Hawthorne	Retired	Gyeong Kim.....	Absent
Louly Fowler Hay.....	Retired	Jaehong Kim	Absent
Mary Campbell Hay	Retired	Joshua Hak Chin Kim	Absent
Morgan Hay	Excused	Ki Man Kim	Absent

Kwang Woong Kim.....	Absent	Ho-Young Peter Moon.....	Present
Nayoung Kim.....	Present	Martha Moore-Keish.....	Present
Sae Hee Kim.....	Retired	Erin Morgan.....	Present
Sam Kim.....	Absent	John B. Morgan.....	Absent
Simone Sunghae Kim.....	Excused	Robert R. Morris.....	Retired
Katharine Givens Kime.....	Absent	Alex Moses.....	Present
John R. King.....	Retired	Kate McGregor Mosley.....	Absent
Shinyoung Ko.....	Absent	Gad Mpoyo.....	Absent
Kevin Knab.....	Absent	Deborah Mullen.....	Retired
Daniel S. Kreiss.....	Absent	Cecil B. Murphey.....	Retired
Calvin W. Kropp.....	Retired	Samuel Mwaniki (temporary).....	Absent
Neal Kuhlhorst.....	Absent	Albert A. Myers.....	Retired
Kevin Lacson.....	Absent	Jacob D. Myers.....	Absent
Neeley Lane.....	Present	Rick Neale.....	Absent
Sarah Vungsuanching Lane.....	Absent	Laura Neely.....	Present
Caroline Leach.....	Excused	Emma Neishloss.....	Present
Connie Lee.....	Present	Charles L. Newton.....	Present
Jae Hyoung Lee.....	Absent	Bill Nisbet.....	Present
Joseph E. Lee.....	Present	Erin Noh.....	Absent
Jun Young Lee.....	Excused	C. Gray Norsworthy.....	Retired
Mun Gye Lee.....	Present	Jill Oglesby-Evans.....	Retired
Yll Bong Lee.....	Retired	Jihyun Oh.....	Excused
Young Han Lee.....	Retired	Lonnie J. Oliver.....	Retired
Fitzhugh M. Legerton.....	Retired	David Omerod.....	Excused
Rebekah LeMon.....	Present	Jonier A. Orozco-Usuga.....	Absent
Margaret Leonard.....	Absent	Carol Osner.....	Retired
Kimberly LeVert.....	Retired	W. Larry Owens.....	Retired
David Lewicki.....	Present	Song Yin Paik.....	Absent
Ming Chen (Grace) Lo Rohrer (temp.).....	Excused	Chanmi Park.....	Absent
Nicole Lock.....	Excused	John R. Park.....	Retired
Eugene T. Locke.....	Retired	Jun Su Park.....	Absent
Mark Lomax.....	Absent	Kevin Park.....	Absent
Eduard N. Loring.....	Retired	Sue Kim Park.....	Absent
David Lower.....	Present	Timothy Park.....	Absent
Catherine Ellis Lukens.....	Absent	Rebecca Parker.....	Absent
Elisabeth Lunz.....	Retired	Rachael Whaley Pate.....	Absent
Olive Mahabir.....	Absent	David Pearce.....	Retired
Lisa Majoros.....	Retired	Victor D. Pentz.....	Retired
Beverly Markham.....	Present	Gail Ruth Perkins.....	Retired
Sandra N. Martin.....	Retired	Sarah Perkins.....	Absent
Benjamin C. Mathes.....	Retired	Allison Per-Lee.....	Present
Vern E. McCarty.....	Retired	David L. Petersen.....	Retired
Sandra K. McDonald.....	Retired	Caitlin Foley Phillips.....	Excused
Elliott Watson McElroy.....	Retired	Samuel Charles Phillips.....	Absent
William F. McKissack.....	Retired	Wendell B. Phillips.....	Retired
Greg McMinn.....	Excused	Ashley Devore Pieper.....	Excused
Melissa McNair-King.....	Present	Jose Waldo Pinilla.....	Retired
Bruce McRae.....	Present	Carol B. Pitts.....	Retired
Stephanie A. Medlin.....	Absent	Samuel H. Pope.....	Retired
Renée Meyer.....	Absent	George Harvey Porter.....	Retired
Jeff Meyers.....	Present	Camille LeBron Powell.....	Present

Brian S. Powers	Excused	Meda Stamper	Excused
Christopher A. Price	Retired	Richard E. Stenhouse	Retired
Loren D. Pugh.....	Retired	Andrew Stephens	Absent
Brady Radford	Present	Mary Rebecca Stewart	Retired
Diana Rosa Ramos.....	Excused	Mary A. Stoops	Excused
Kristy Ray.....	Present	Lucy Strong.....	Absent
Timothy T. Read.....	Retired	Gibson P. Stroupe	Retired
Holly Reimer	Present	Katherine B. Sundermeier.....	Absent
Benjamin Reyes.....	Retired	Norman Anthony Sundermeier	Absent
Arthur Reynolds.....	Retired	Erin Katrina Swenson	Retired
Seung-eun Rhee	Present	Claude Tatro.....	Excused
Katie Ricks.....	Absent	Catherine E. Taylor	Present
George Rinker.....	Absent	Cecelya Taylor.....	Present
Adrian Milton Riviere.....	Retired	Sharon Lynn Taylor	Excused
John H. Roark	Retired	Thomas K. Tewell.....	Retired
Kristina C. Robb-Dover.....	Absent	Jannan W. Thomas.....	Absent
Chuck Roberts	Present	Yolanda Evette Thompson.....	Absent
Paul Roberts.....	Absent	Rix Threadgill	Absent
Cas Marshall Robinson.....	Retired	Holly Tickle	Absent
Alex Rodgers	Present	Jan Tolbert.....	Present
David W. Rogers	Retired	Isaac Toney-Schmitt	Present
George O. Rogers	Retired	Anna George Traynham.....	Absent
Michael Sanchez.....	Absent	William Blake Traynham.....	Absent
Marthame Sanders	Present	Scott Tucker	Excused
Joe W. Sandifer.....	Retired	Betsy Turner.....	Present
Ivette Sanjines del Llano	Absent	Margaret Turney-Ayer	Retired
Jennie Sankey	Absent	Jill Ulrici	Present
Steven James Sankey.....	Present	Leanne VanDyk	Absent
Anne Sayre.....	Retired	Cheryl L. Vaughan.....	Absent
Trisha L. Senterfitt.....	Retired	Robert E. Veley.....	Retired
Seokhoon Seo	Absent	Rafael Viana.....	Present
John Richard Short	Retired	Donald D. Wade.....	Excused
Marvin Lee Simmers	Retired	William B. Wade.....	Retired
Irving Simon	Retired	Oliver Wagner.....	Excused
James Simpson.....	Excused	Mary Beth Walker.....	Absent
Jeanne Simpson	Excused	David Wallace.....	Present
Thomas A. Sizemore	Retired	Elizabeth Waltemath	Absent
Lyndsay L. Slocum.....	Present	Peter Ward.....	Retired
Donald W. Smith	Retired	Marilyn Washburn	Retired
H. Andrew Smith.....	Retired	James O. Watkins.....	Retired
Sarah Smith.....	Excused	Carrie Weatherford	Present
Theodore A. Smith.....	Absent	Jerry Weber.....	Absent
Nancy Smith-Mather	Excused	Russ Weekley.....	Present
Shelvis Smith-Mather	Excused	D. Scott Weimer.....	Retired
Emily Smith-Purcell	Excused	David D. Weitnauer	Retired
Richard N. Sommers.....	Absent	Donna Wells.....	Present
Junghoon Son.....	Absent	Dan C. West	Retired
Soon Steven Son.....	Present	John E. Westlund, Sr.....	Retired
Robert Sparks.....	Absent	John Westlund, Jr.....	Absent
Geraldine Speed.....	Retired	Shayne Wheeler	Absent
Todd Speed	Absent	Charles Wiley.....	Absent

Hodari Williams.....	Absent	W. Frederic Wise	Retired
Emily Wilmesherr.....	Absent	Irene Wong.....	Excused
Kenneth R. Wilmesherr	Retired	Joshua Woodsmith	Present
Robert Andrew Wilmesherr.....	Present	Jerry Wright	Retired
Sandra S. Wilmesherr	Retired	Christine Yoder.....	Absent
Sylvia Wilson.....	Present	Hee Dong Yoo	Absent
Roosevelt Winfrey.....	Retired	Fred Eugene Young	Absent
George B. Wirth.....	Retired	Moon Su Yun.....	Retired

Ruling Elder Commissioners (101, from 48 congregations)

Church	Commissioner	Church	Commissioner
Alpharetta	John Hicks	Fellowship	(none)
	Russell Thomas	First Afrikan	(none)
	Randy Schiltz	Friendship	(none)
Atlanta First	(none)	Good News Garden	(none)
Atlanta Taiwanese	(none)	Good Shepherd	Bill Morrow
Austell	(none)		Luke Thorpe
Barnesville	(none)	Grace Korean	(none)
Bethany	(none)	Greenville	(none)
Bremen First	(none)	Gum Creek	(none)
Buford	(none)	Hamilton Mill	Scott Sainovich
Carrollton	Karen Hartley	Hanbit	(none)
Central	Vicki Collins	Hemphill Memorial	(none)
Church of the Master	Lauren Fields	Hillside	Sonja McMullen
Clairmont	Steve Campbell	Jackson	(none)
	Stacy Armistead	Johns Creek	Vivek Furtado
Columbia	(none)		Alice Ann Nilsen
Conyers	Ann George		Dawn Melin
	Anita Payseur	Jonesboro First	(none)
Covenant	Price Colussy-Estes	Kairos	(none)
Covington First	Jodi Atkins	Kelley	Suzanne Kelley
	Luke Usry	Korean Central	(none)
Cristo Para Todos	(none)	Korean Community	(none)
Crossroads	Nancy Scott	LaGrange First	Sue Duttera
	Susan Small	Lawrenceville	Cyndee King
	Michael Sofidiya	Loyd	(none)
Dallas-Dodd	(none)	Manchester First	(none)
Decatur	Linda LeBron	McDonough	Tim Englebracht
	Heather Beaubien		Eddy Smith
	Trish Allen		James Withers
Druid Hills	Anne Townsley	Monroe First	(none)
Eastminster	Doug Burns	Morningside	Leslie Prince
	Glen Andrews		Connie McLarin
Ebenezer Brazilian	(none)		Bobbie McCrackin
Ebenezer	(none)	Morrow	Deborah Venizelos
El Nazareno	(none)		Andra Gommage
Emory	Allison Bay		Deborah Sterzik
Fairview	Debi Hancock		
Fayette	Chris Gandy		

Church	Commissioner	Church	Commissioner
Mount Vernon	Mary McClurg Lois Johnson David Hill	Roswell	Lisa Wiley Jim Baker Brandi Thacker
New Life	Gail Parker Dwight Parker		Mark Roberson Jane Parkhouse Pam Verna
New PC of Georgia Newnan	(none) Chris Rice Bob Coggin		David Moor Bob Tobey
Norcross North Avenue	Jonathan Bartlett Neale Hightower Judy Knight Bill McClatchy Kameron Joelson	Saint Luke's	Ann Richardson Nancy Moore Mary Martin Becky Loftis
North Decatur Northminster Northwest	(none) Thomas Vandervort Don Fannell Ezra Jones	Shallowford	Kay Bryant Angela Witterner Carter Robb Meg Rossilet Dianne Smith
Oakhurst Oglethorpe Peachtree	Jennifer Kimball Terry Price Steve Ike Wendy Eavenson Emily Allenbach Kennon Neal Elizabeth Zielinski Bill Serravezza Lynn Thomson Mary Kent Ellis	Smyrna St. Andrews Stockbridge	(none) Jennifer Julian Allen Margaret Ellingson Betsy Sierra JoLinda Ingram
Peachtree City First Philadelphia Pleasant Hill	Tom Kassir Fred Rohrbach Mickey Armstrong Michael Armstrong	Tallapoosa Timberidge Trinity Atlanta	(none) Leigh Harrison Allen Spetnagel Lane Rhoden Karen Bain Nick Leet Lindsey Mokros Catherine Quillian
Radcliffe PC of Resurrection Rice Memorial	Paula Coleman (none) Zena Bowie Grant McKenzie	Trinity Decatur Westhills Westminster	Kristin Hunter Nancy Brown Verna Granger Judith Paisley W. Scott Neal Josh Kelly

Ruling Elder Commissioners — Ex Officio/Parity (6)

Moderator	Iris Wallace
Council Members	Pepe Bowman Faye Cashwell John Fountain Jerry Leath Hiram Pérez-Cordero
PGA Exempt Staff CREs	Cassandra Morrow Jane Hubbard Kenneth Whitehurst
GA Commissioners	Brad Bryant Cheryl Hartman Kathy McCloud

Continuing Corresponding Members

John McCrosky
Fred Foy Strang

Visitors/Guests (31)

Name	Church/Organization
Clemmon McKenzie	Rice Memorial
Shirley Wright-Davis	Trinity Decatur
Keenan Rodgers	Timberridge
Henra Davis	Radcliffe
Phillip Davis	Radcliffe
Paulette Smith	Timberridge
Susie Thurmond	Timberridge
Henry Hicks	APC
Tim Merritt	North Deatur
Valerie Young	Synod of South Atlantic
David York	Central
Bettie J. Durrah	Radcliffe
Anyeka Wallace	Radcliffe
Kari Pellegrino	Wellstar Health System
Destiny Williams	McDonough
Andrew Hill	PGA Staff
Glenda Collins	Crossroads
Allison Arsenault	North Decatur
Nicole Griep Fry	Norcross
Lisa Williams	Crossroads
Linda Wortham	
Deborah Groomes	New Life
Alonzo Johnson	SDOP PCUSA
Vicki Tribich	RPC
Charlton Allen	St. Andrew
Stephanie Allen	St. Andrew
Shari Freeman	Mt. Vernon
Jeffrey Brown	Westhills
Oscar McCloud	Presbytery of New York City
Barbara Crank	RPC
John McCrosky	Lawrenceville
Clemmeé McKnight	RPMC
Ephron Curry	CPC
Vivette Jones	CPC
Sam Jones	CPC
Deloris Rose	CPC
Delneeia Cheelers-Seelbach	CPC
Joan Russell	CPC
Jodee Morgan	CPC
Marie Brown	Radcliffe
Peggy M. Bolton	Radcliffe
Sylvia Freeman	
Daesong Kim	Good News Garden

Kalecia Wright

Atlanta First

Other Excused Absence: Michael Wren

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- 8:50 Pre-Meeting Music
- 9:00 Opening Video
- Song: “God of Great and God of Small” Carol and Chorister Choir
- Creative Reading (adapted from “What is God Like” by Kathleen Long Bostrom)
- Song: “He’s Got the Whole World” (arr. Hal Hopson) Carol and Chorister Choir
- Call to Order and Opening Prayer Moderator Iris Wallace
- Welcome by Host Pastor Jeff Meyers
- Call to Worship Jeff Meyers
- God of our past, we are filled with thanks and praise
at the thought of your marvelous deeds.
Praise be to God, our source of help in ages past!
God of our present, we are filled with peace and comfort
at the thought of your presence here with us in this moment.
Praise be to Christ, our mediator and ever-present savior!
God of our future, we look with expectation for your coming kingdom
when peace and love will reign forever.
Praise be to the Spirit, who dwells in each of us and leads us into the future.
Let us lift up our voices as we worship together!*
- Opening Hymn #687: “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
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| 1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home: | 4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun. |
| 2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure. | 5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day. |
| 3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same. | 6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home. |
- Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Music: ST. ANNE, attr. William Croft, 1708*
- 9:15 Declaration of Quorum Andy James
- Omnibus Motion (Handbook p. 8)
- 9:20 Communications and Stated Clerk’s Report (Handbook p. 10-12) Andy James
- 9:30 Executive Presbyter’s Report (Handbook p. 13-14) Aisha Brooks-Johnson

9:40	Prayer of Confession	Ryan Jensen
	<p>Holy and Loving God, when we look back on the story of our lives, the stories of our churches, the stories of your people around the world, your presence and provision is inexplicable. Your hand has guided us through every season, every struggle, every heartache, and still it is so easy to think we are on our own. Forgive us for the moments where we strive to do things on our own, for in doing so we resist the power of your spirit, who can do infinitely more than we ever could imagine. Humble us, that we might see the ways our own ambition has at times led to the harm of the most vulnerable among us. You are the light of the world. Help us be mirrors, that all we encounter might experience your love and compassion reflected to them. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.</p>	
	Assurance of Forgiveness	
	Song of Assurance: “We Are Forgiven”	
	<p>We are forgiven. Our God has seen it through! Love conquered the grave, paving the way, for all things to be made new. (x2) All things will be made new.</p>	
		<i>Text and Music: Trenton Durham</i>
	Passing the Peace	Morgan Burge
	Litany for the Present	Scott Weimer
	<i>When prompted by the leaders, please join in singing:</i>	
	Hallelujah, O Hallelujah.	
9:50	Committee on Ministry (Handbook p. 15-22)	Julie Ferguson
10:00	Partnership Video: Presbyterians Caring for Federal Chaplains	
10:05	Examinations Commission (Handbook p. 23-27)	Cheryl Hartman
	<i>Examinations of Ministers from Other Denominations and Candidates</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Daesong Kim, a minister in the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad, called to serve as pastor at Good News Garden Presbyterian Church • Allison Arsenault, a candidate of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, called to serve as Director of Community Engagement at the Forum for Theological Education 	
10:25	Song: “Psalm 139” (arr. Allen Pote)	96:ONE Youth Choir and Cantate Coeli
	Scripture: Psalm 139:1-4 and Acts 2:40-47	
	Sermon: “The Ins and Outs of Searching”	Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and Shavon Starling-Louis
	Song of Response: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (arr. Mack Wilberg)	Chancel Choir

Hymn #409 (v. 1 and 4): “God Is Here!”

**1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

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- 10:55 Council (Handbook p. 28-35) Juan Herrera
- 11:10 Blessing
- Postlude: “Fanfare” (by Jacques Lemmens) George Atwell
- 11:15 Break
- Opportunities during the break:*
1. *Get a tour of the History Room and Historic Sanctuary.*
 2. *Visit display tables from Presbytery Partnerships in Alderman Hall A&B.*
 3. *Enjoy coffee and bluegrass music downstairs.*
- The meeting will reconvene in the gym downstairs—look for signs directing to Modern Worship.*
- 11:45 Partnership Video: ECKAM Ministers Mission Trip
- Litany for the Future
- Song of Adoration: “This Is My Father’s World”
- 11:50 New Church Development Commission (Handbook p. 36-38) Lindsay Armstrong
- 12:00 Partnership Video: Central Outreach and Advocacy Center
- 12:05 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Handbook p. 39-40) Emma Neishloss
- 12:15 Call for Offering Brittany Fiscus-Van Rossum
- Today’s offering supports Mercy Community Church.*
- Contributions to the offering may be placed in the baskets at each communion station,
made online at the presbytery website, or submitted via the QR code on the final page of this bulletin.*
- 12:20 Communion
- 12:30 Installation of 2024 Moderator
- Recognition of 2023 Moderator
- 12:45 Song of Sending: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
- Benediction and Blessing for Lunch Moderator Alex Rodgers



*The liturgy for today’s meeting was prepared by the pastors and staff of Roswell Presbyterian Church.
The communion liturgy was composed by Aisha Brooks-Johnson and Andy James.
Special thanks to the Roswell Presbyterian Church Flower Guild for their contributions to today’s worship.*

Leaders in Today's Meeting and Worship Service

The Children and Youth of Roswell Presbyterian Church
Carol and Chorister Choir, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Ashley Perry, Director of Children's Music, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Betsy Homer, Director of Worship & Arts, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Ruling Elder Iris Wallace, 2023 Moderator
Rev. Jeff Meyers, Pastor, Roswell Presbyterian Church
George Atwell, Guest Organist, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Rev. Andy James, Stated Clerk
Ruling Elder Valerie Young, Synod Executive, Synod of South Atlantic
Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson, Executive Presbyter
Rev. Ryan Jensen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Trenton Durham, Associate Director of Worship, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Morgan Burge, Director of Membership, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Rev. Scott Weimer, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Rev. Julie Ferguson, Co-Chair, Committee on Ministry
Ruling Elder Cheryl Hartman, Vice Moderator, Examinations Commission
96:ONE Youth Choir and Cantate Coeli, Roswell Presbyterian Church
John Perry, Director of Music, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly (2022), Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly (2022), Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Chancel Choir, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Rev. Juan Herrera, Chair, Council
Andy Hill, Director of Finance and Property
Deacon James Changwoo Lee, Korean Central Presbyterian Church
Maria Montenegro, Song Leader, La Familia de Dios
Rev. Carrie Weatherford, Associate Pastor for Discipleship, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Rev. Lindsay Armstrong, Executive Director, New Church Development Commission
Rev. Emma Neishloss, Chair, Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Rev. Brittany Fiscus-Van Rossum, Validated Ministry, Mercy Community Church
Rev. Alex Rodgers, 2024 Moderator





Valerie Young,
Synod Executive and Stated Clerk

November 15, 2023

Rev. James C. "Andy" Anderson Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
1024 Ponce De Leon Av Ne
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

Dear Andy,

At the November 14th meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic, a change to the synod's plan for election and participation was made that requires approval of a majority of presbyteries in the synod, in accordance with G-3.0401. The following was approved by the Assembly:

(excerpt from Manual of Operations)

Commissioners

When the Synod of South Atlantic meets, it shall consist of the thirty-eight (38) commissioners, thirty-two (32) elected from its constituent presbyteries and six (6) elected by the synod. Each presbytery shall elect two commissioners to staggered classes (one even year, one odd year): one Minister of the Word and Sacrament and one Ruling Elder, giving consideration to the issue of representation and inclusiveness as required by the *Book of Order*. The other six (6) commissioners shall be "At-Large" Commissioners intended to represent communities too long marginalized by the systems of the Church (BIPOC, LGBTQ). Of the six (6), three (3) shall be ruling elders, and three (3) Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, all of whom must come from different presbyteries and at least one from each state (South Carolina, Georgia, Florida).

Rationale: Currently, Commissioners are only elected by the presbyteries, which means the synod has limited ways of fulfilling our own mission priority to "Ensure full integration of diversity in all of its life and work". Recent changes to G-3.04 of the Book of Order allow for the enrollment of additional commissioners for the purposes of representation. The hope is to include more of those involved in synod-wide racial ethnic ministries and build a more inclusive body.

The synod would be grateful for your presbytery's consideration at its next meeting. I am available to answer any questions or speak about the plan if needed. I look forward to hearing the outcome from you as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Valerie Young,
Synod Executive & Stated Clerk

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EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER’S REPORT

Aisha Brooks-Johnson

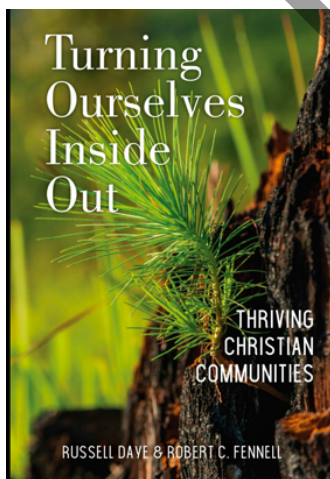


I have become a life-long learner on the subject of death and dying and grief and grieving. In college, I was introduced to the classic work *On Death and Dying* by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross. She taught me and so many others about the stages of grief (denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance) and the many ways they show up in our lives. I clung to the wisdom in that book as I initially mourned the death of my father. Years later, I sought out wisdom from David Kessler and Kübler-Ross in their collaborative work, *On Grief and Grieving*. It was a gift as I grappled with my role as a caregiver to my first husband and walked down the road to widowhood in 2018.

In the middle of the pandemic, I stumbled upon a podcast by David Kessler. He lost his adult son to an accidental overdose. He is known as a guru and leader in helping people process their grief and loss. It was in his own moments of grief-wrestling and reflection that he came to the conclusion that there must be something more to dealing with loss than acceptance. He believes that *finding meaning* is the sixth stage of the grieving process. In his book *Finding Meaning*, he encourages those who are grieving not to rush to finding meaning too soon. But in time, we can discover that there is more to life than what we have lost. There is a beauty to be found in a new reality. Sometimes it just takes time to see it.



Denial Anger Bargaining Depression Acceptance



This year our 2024 theme for the Presbytery is “*Finding Meaning, Inside and Out!*” The church has had to grieve a lot over the years, especially coming out of the pandemic. In 2023, we jumped in full steam ahead with our meetings, calendar events, services, and programming. This year we hope that our churches and faith leaders can carve out space to name the things that we must release and embrace who we are as disciples of Christ on the road to transformation. Our theme has found inspiration by Kessler’s work as well as a book by Canadian Christian leaders Daye and Fennell entitled *Turning Ourselves Inside Out*. They describe six qualities “*that both reflect and shape faith communities that are thriving and revitalizing.*”¹ We will collectively reflect on those characteristics at our subsequent presbytery meetings. They are *hope, humility, love, courage, integrity, and kenosis*. We look forward to growing and learning together at each of our presbytery meetings.

¹ Daye and Fennell, p. 6



At the end of 2023, my husband Alonzo sold his Kentucky home and moved to Atlanta. Together we purchased a family home in Snellville, Georgia. The view from the kitchen table creates natural space and light to reflect on the life we are creating together with our big, blended family. One morning, I thought about what our son Ellington said as we were cleaning out the Decatur house. He said, “*This is sad but beautiful.*” Letting go of the former things can bring sadness. Opening our hands and hearts to what is new and ever changing is beautiful—it may just take some time to see it.

During our February 2024 Stated Meeting, you will hear some of our partnership leaders answer the question, “*How has your organization found meaning in the face of brokenness in our world?*” This is a question for all of us. You will hear how our ministry partners have taken the time to see God at work with the most vulnerable among us. You will hear our ministry partners give space for leaders to reflect on their pain, name their trauma, and ask for healing and support. You will hear from our council as we grapple with the sadness that our numbers are not what they once were and discern the best way to use our abundant resources to do what God is calling us to do. You will also hear a word of encouragement from our powerful and passionate Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly, Revs. Ruth Santana-Grace and Shavon Sharling-Louis.

In the days and months ahead, while we wait for what God has in store for us and our world, may the Spirit of the Lord give us eyes to see, hearts that discern, and hands and feet ready to find meaning and share the hope of Christ with all.

Hallelujah and Amen,

ABJ

#FindingMeaning #InsideAndOut

DRAFT

Retirement of Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer
Crossroads Presbyterian Church
December 31, 2023

The Congregation, Session, Deacons, regular attenders and family and friends of Richard Allen Farmer join to recognize his retirement as the pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Redan Road and Panola Road in Stone Mountain, GA.

The grace and work of God have been obvious to us over the 10 years Pastor Farmer served at Crossroads. Having suddenly lost our pastor in 2012, Rev. Farmer was asked to recommend potential pastors to Crossroads. We were delighted when he recommended himself! Because we already knew him and had benefitted from his preaching and teaching, we pursued his coming to us. Our Presbytery staff worked with us to make this possible, so we welcomed Richard Allen and Rosemary Farmer to Crossroads on the first Sunday of January in 2014, knowing then that he would serve with us for 10 years.

Pastor Farmer immediately brought the mercy and peace of the Spirit to us through his focused pastoral care abilities and commitment to all who came to Crossroads. We appreciated his willingness to care not only for our members, but also for our family members who might not even come to Crossroads or who lived in another state. His loving care, prayer and obvious concern for our members and family clearly showed us the work of the Holy Spirit in his life which then touched ours. We will miss our singing birthday and anniversary wishes and his pastoral touch for those who have lost spouses or family members.

Preaching the word has been part of Pastor Farmer's life since he was 16 years old when he knew he was called to preach. His faithful, strong commitment to the authority, truth and guidance of the scriptures has been a mainstay of his pastorate. We will be forever grateful for his clear exegesis of the word week after week, something Crossroads' members expect and appreciate. We know that Acts 20:27-28 are his watchword for us. "For I have not avoided declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore, take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

While not an ordained Presbyterian, Pastor Farmer represented Crossroads well in our Presbytery by serving on the worship committee, on the Pastor-to-Pastor committee and as moderator of the NCDC. He preached at a PGA meeting and played the piano several times for those meetings.

We know that serving God, preaching the word and being a skillful concert artist will continue to be his passions. So, retiring does not mean leaving the pulpit as a preacher or leaving conferences/seminars as a teacher or no longer using his considerable skill and gifts as a concert pianist. He does plan to drive his RV to all of our national parks to enjoy God's creation, he may continue to fly planes as he has 3,500 hours flying with instrument rating, is a SCUBA diver, a motorcyclist, a Segway rider, an animal lover and remains a passionate Scrabble player. We know that two of the great delights of his life, his wife of 40+ years, Rosemary, and their adult son, Timothy, will claim his time and support.

Statement of Faith

Daeseong Kim

God

I believe in God the Father Almighty. I believe that He is the One who made the heavens and the earth, the Creator of all things.

Jesus

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God, the only begotten Son.

He came down from heaven for our salvation.

He was born of His Virgin Mary by the power of His Holy Spirit, and became man. He was crucified by Pontius Pilate for us.

He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day, He came back to life and ascended to heaven as promised in the Bible.

And now He sits at the right hand of His Father. I believe that He will come again in glory. He judges the living and the dead and leads us into the eternal kingdom of God.

Holy Spirit

I believe that along with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit is eternal God.

I believe that the Holy Spirit comes to me through true faith.

I believe that the Holy Spirit reminds me of Christ, comforts me, and will be with me forever.

Lord's Supper

Christ commanded me and all believers to break this bread and eat this cup in remembrance of him.

I remember that the Lord's body was torn and His blood was shed on the cross for me.

I am thankful for the gift of eternal life. We must do this until the day the Lord comes again.

Baptism

Baptism is a ceremony of washing with water instituted by Christ in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Baptism begins with a confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior.

It is a decision and confirmation that I will save sinners who are destined to die forever and confess with faith that I have received eternal life, and that I will dedicate my life to the glory of God.

Bible

All Bibles are given to us by inspiration from God. The Bible, the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and obedience. The Bible was given to us humans for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Church

The church is a community of people who confess their faith in the Trinity of God in all times and places. The church spreads the gospel of the kingdom of God and is a place where believers have fellowship.

Statement of Faith Journey

Daeseong Kim

I was born as the eldest of two sons.

My father was called to be a pastor in his mid-40s and is serving as a pastor in Gwangju.

When I was a teenager, I grew up as an exemplary and active student as a member of a church where I evangelized many friends.

When I was in college, I was as a member of the K.C.C.C.(Korea Campus Crusade for Christ).

After graduating from college, I entered graduate school at Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary.

My first ministry was Sinchon Presbyterian Church, where I was appointed in December 2005. I was in charge of the elementary school ministry, from the 3rd to 4th grade.

After graduating from seminary, I worked full-time for 4 years at the Dangil Presbyterian Church in Yeongdeungpo. There, I served as head of the young adult department, education department, and praise ministry.

I decided to study abroad and to come to Los Angeles. Although my life studying abroad began without any connection, there was God's providence and plan here as well.

I started serving at Calvary Faith Church in Koreatown. Since October 2011, I had been in charge of administration, and the young adult department for over 5 years. Immigrant church ministry is sometimes harder and more difficult than Korean ministry, but when I meet believers in the immigrant field and share their experiences, I realize that their pain and wounds were nothing compared to what I went through, and I realized the need to serve more humbly as a pastor. .

Since 2017, I have served in the Korean College department at Younngak Church of LA.

I ministered to international students and Korean American students alike.

I have also served in ministry of the disabled for the past two years.

Even until now, I feel that God, who has guided me in good and blessed ways, wants to touch the souls of each and every person at Atlanta Good News Garden Presbyterian Church where I will minister in the future through my talents and God's anointing to all those who have been blessed my God's love.

Statement of Faith
Allison Arsenault

I believe in the triune God, who is beyond our imagination and comprehension. I believe in one God as three persons, who has been active throughout time and history and works in three ways simultaneously. God constantly reveals Godself not only through Scripture and the regenerative act of creation, but through active participation in our lives. The work of Father, Son and Holy Spirit manifests as the works of creation, reconciliation and renewal. The synergistic fellowship realized in the Trinity is a blueprint for humanity and our life in community. God created us in God's image for the purpose of connection to God and one another. The fall of humanity beginning with Adam and Eve originated with a desire for power and control, to live independently of one's need for God or others. Sin separates us from God, others, and ourselves. We experience brokenness and self-destruction when we contradict God's intentions.

God desires to heal us, to save us from this self-destruction, to reinstate wholeness and to make all things new. I believe that Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, is the incarnation of God sent to experience the fullness of human life, model true humanity through his sinless life and perfect love, and ultimately redeem the world. I believe Jesus Christ was crucified at the hands of the powerful, in weakness descended into the darkest depths, and triumphed in the resurrection on the third day. We, too, are called to the darkest places to proclaim the Good News: that no person is beyond the redemptive love of God, that there is life on the other side of death, that wholeness is possible. Through the resurrection, we are reconciled to God, to others and to ourselves.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the presence which renews and reorders our lives through the lens of faith. The Holy Spirit is the life force of God which dwells among us to breathe new life into individuals and community. Through Spirit, we are empowered to challenge existing systems and structures that are not befitting the kingdom of God, to discern the places to which God is calling us, and work toward the restoration of humanity. Through the work of the Spirit, we are sanctified and called forth for special purpose.

I believe this holy purpose is the work of the church. We are called to community to receive and experience God's Word as well as to share it with others. The community receives the teachings of God through Scripture, the authoritative Word of God inspired by Spirit. In God's revelation to the community through the person of Jesus Christ, Scripture and Spirit, the church is called to bring about God's kingdom by doing justice, caring for the marginalized and making disciples.

The church is gathered and sanctified through the sacraments of baptism and The Lord's Supper. These signs and seals are reminders of God's covenants and reinstate connectedness to God and to the community. Through baptism, we are reminded of God's promises and infant baptism is a sign of God's love for us before we are able to respond. We respond to God's invitation to a new covenant through the sacrament of The Lord's Supper where we receive nourishment for our life of faith and common work.

These beliefs sustain my faith and provide the framework through which I experience the world. Just as God's relationship to all humanity is reflected in the cycle of death, resurrection, and renewal, so my relationship with God is one of constant awareness of my brokenness and thanksgiving for the redemption that pulls me closer and closer to that which God wills in my life and for the world.

Faith Journey Statement

Allison Arsenault

I grew up in PC(USA) congregations around the country. As my family moved every few years, the local Presbyterian Church was always the first place where we found community. As a child, my experience of church dominated much of my life from memorizing Bible verses, attending church camp, and writing “practice” sermons after Sunday service. I had many opportunities to see the larger church at work as co-moderator of my Presbytery’s Youth Connection Council and as a delegate at Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Going through confirmation class at age 13 was my first introduction to the study of theology, and the questions of faith and belief I wrestled with 20 years ago have underlined my search for meaning and purpose ever since.

In college, as a Religious Studies major, I became disillusioned with Christianity the more I learned about other faiths. But in conversations with peers of other religious traditions, I envied how easily they shared the parts of their tradition that called them to serve others and work toward justice, sharing the pieces that infused their life with meaning. Because I spent so much time being critical of Christianity during my college years, I was embarrassed that I couldn’t contribute to those conversations - I wasn’t able to articulate anything within my tradition that I held personally meaningful. I embarked, then, on a process of reconstruction in my senior year and beyond. I studied Christian social justice movements, liberation theologies, and signed up for a Young Adult Volunteer year. My year spent as a YAV in Nashville showed me the goodness of the Church and the way the Church can be influential both in the lives of people and the life of the community. I was able to articulate the things about my faith that mattered to me - the call to radical hospitality, God’s desire for reconciliation, and the hope of the resurrection.

It was this renewed energy for my Christian faith and the work of the Church that allowed me to discern a call to seminary. But in my years at Candler School of Theology, I struggled to connect what I was learning in the classroom with a practical, lived theology. I felt lost, and unsure of myself, which caused me to avoid that which I came to seminary to find - meaning and purpose through Christian ministry.

After graduation, I worked in nonprofit fundraising for organizations in the Atlanta area. Due in large part to my dissatisfaction in these jobs and a nagging feeling that God wasn’t done with me yet, I spent a year doing Clinical Pastoral Education while working full-time. CPE was exactly what I needed - it was the practical engagement and application of theology that I craved in seminary. It was the opportunity to understand my faith in new, deeply meaningful ways. And it was the chance to finally, once and for all, stop avoiding ministry and try it on for real. What developed over those months was a renewed perspective on God, ministry, call, purpose and much more.

As I considered my next steps, it became clear that, ultimately, the work I wanted to do was the work of a pastor: to create space for people in the midst - of daily life, of questioning, of deconstruction and reconstruction, of depression, of shame, of joy, of celebration. And to encourage them to join me in bearing witness to God’s work in the world and God’s vision for wholemaking and redemption. To say I feel “called to” ministry feels inadequate, like an impossible destination. Rather, I feel called *into*, as an ongoing presence. Called *into* the work of reconciliation - to ourselves, to others, to God. I feel called *into* the grief that grips us, called *into* the mysteries of grace, called *into* bearing witness to resurrection, called *into* the lives of people and the work of the Spirit.

All of these experiences, particularly in my adolescence, have led me to my call as Director of Community Engagement at Forum for Theological Exploration. In my role, I have the opportunity to accompany young adults asking the same questions about faith and vocation that I did during my formative years and support the leaders who are walking alongside them. Every day, I see God’s mystery, grace, and work through the inspiring people I encounter.

In addition to my involvement at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, I also serve on the Board of Directors of Memorial Drive Ministries, the alumni board of Millsaps College and on the vision team of NEXT Church. Beyond my faith and vocational journey, I have seen God at work in my personal life. My husband, Matt, and I met here in Atlanta during my graduate school years and married in 2016. Last year we welcomed our first daughter, Coralie Grace, and fulfilled perhaps the greatest call of my life. What I look forward to most is introducing her to the love of God, the faith of her ancestors, and the experience of Christian community.

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta					
2024 PROPOSED BUDGET					
ACCOUNTS	2021 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 YTD*	2024 PROPOSED
REVENUES					
Shared Ministry Support	\$ 456,210.16	\$ 456,948.18	\$ 534,000.00	\$ 341,378.70	\$ 350,000.00
Per Capita Receipts	\$ 570,473.40	\$ 544,043.46	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 545,446.15	\$ 562,640.00
Calvin Center	\$ 3,563.37	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gain-Loss	\$ 9,805.00	\$ (38,084.29)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,527.70	\$ 15,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 15,431.81	\$ 10,167.01	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,610.29	\$ 10,000.00
Income Designated for Presbytery	\$ 20,012.04	\$ 20,012.04	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,012.04	\$ 20,000.00
Per Capita Presbytery	\$ 24,010.83	\$ 20,571.99	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,066.29	\$ 25,000.00
Per Capita Synod	\$ 1,390.50	\$ 1,078.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Honoraria/Grants	\$ 3,227.67	\$ 6,799.96	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,807.03	\$ 7,500.00
Clergy Gifts	\$ 16,780.94	\$ 9,802.90	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,195.52	\$ 11,000.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$ 3,330.00	\$ 1,833.42	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 5,000.00
Cell Tower	\$ 58,658.85	\$ 62,463.95	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 74,064.08	\$ 75,000.00
Use of Endowment Income	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 178,750.00	\$ 114,000.00
Revitalization Support	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 71,004.00	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 58,212.00	\$ 131,372.00
Trans. From Admin. Reserve	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 77,004.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 134,757.00	\$ 232,726.65
Misc. Income	\$ 2,099.05	\$ 16,956.42	\$ -	\$ 2,194.93	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 1,351,993.62	\$ 1,363,601.54	\$ 1,536,000.00	\$ 1,406,021.73	\$ 1,563,738.65
DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES					
GA Undesignated Benevolence	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Synod Undesignated Benevolence	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Public Policy Advocacy (P4BG)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Transfer to Calvin Center	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 52,250.00	\$ 57,000.00
Transfer to NCD	\$ 128,075.00	\$ 128,075.00	\$ 128,075.00	\$ 127,975.00	\$ 128,075.00
Grant to Campus Ministry	\$ 55,575.00	\$ 55,575.00	\$ 55,575.00	\$ 50,943.75	\$ 55,575.00
Total Benevolences	\$ 276,150.00	\$ 276,150.00	\$ 276,150.00	\$ 266,668.75	\$ 276,150.00
GA Per Capita	\$ 190,098.67	\$ 180,424.59	\$ 208,465.61	\$ 189,494.23	\$ 191,453.89
Synod Per Capita	\$ 33,250.63	\$ 31,317.25	\$ 31,746.03	\$ 28,856.99	\$ 29,304.17
Total Per Capita Payments	\$ 223,349.30	\$ 211,741.84	\$ 240,211.64	\$ 218,351.22	\$ 220,758.06
Program Services					
Crisis Counseling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
COM Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Leadership Sexual Abuse Prevention	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Pastor to Pastor/Educators	\$ 644.97	\$ 1,697.01	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 85.35	\$ 1,500.00
Committee Expense - COM	\$ 510.19	\$ 286.65	\$ 400.00	\$ 357.23	\$ 400.00
First Call Pastors Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
First Head of Staff Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Validated Ministers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Total Committee on Ministry	\$ 1,655.16	\$ 2,983.66	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 1,442.58	\$ 5,150.00
Career Development Ctr Fees	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 1,555.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,504.00	\$ 2,000.00
Scholarship/Emergency Aid	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Candidate Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Training for CPM Members	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Other Expense - PFM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Total Committee on Prep for Ministry	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 4,555.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,504.00	\$ 6,000.00
Salaries and Housing	\$ 575,063.92	\$ 583,498.78	\$ 569,015.76	\$ 529,782.77	\$ 590,983.79
Social Security Allowance	\$ 27,703.44	\$ 27,985.12	\$ 20,981.69	\$ 20,703.09	\$ 25,000.00
Employer SS Expense	\$ 15,348.26	\$ 15,460.70	\$ 22,548.01	\$ 18,799.21	\$ 22,000.00
Benefits - Pension	\$ 46,154.29	\$ 47,044.83	\$ 45,953.19	\$ 42,921.35	\$ 50,000.00
Benefits - Auto-Accountable	\$ 4,835.63	\$ 9,654.88	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,061.81	\$ 10,000.00
Benefits - Medical	\$ 150,885.67	\$ 145,349.88	\$ 141,384.81	\$ 132,385.56	\$ 148,958.31
Benefits - Death/Disability	\$ 5,429.92	\$ 5,534.66	\$ 5,406.26	\$ 5,049.55	\$ 5,344.22
Benefits - Temp. Death/Disability	\$ 3,540.26	\$ 3,598.89	\$ 3,764.90	\$ 3,614.60	\$ 4,036.62
Benefits - Vision Eyewear	\$ -	\$ 676.73	\$ 601.57	\$ 593.89	\$ 593.88

ACCOUNTS	2021 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 YTD*	2024 PROPOSED
Benefits - Dental	\$ 7,685.20	\$ 7,008.99	\$ 6,271.40	\$ 5,586.37	\$ 6,188.00
Benefits - Employer Match 403(b)	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,550.00
Benefits - Cont. Ed.	\$ 8,500.16	\$ 5,429.87	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 6,562.57	\$ 7,750.00
Benefits - Other	\$ 4,568.87	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 4,400.00
Prof and Business Exp - EP	\$ 2,962.49	\$ 2,975.75	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,784.94	\$ 4,000.00
Prof and Business Exp - Morrow	\$ 423.72	\$ 458.49	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 836.40	\$ 1,300.00
Prof and Business Exp - Stated Clerk	\$ 67.87	\$ 1,302.30	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,074.77	\$ 1,500.00
Prof and Business Exp - Fisher	\$ 554.39	\$ 550.78	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,198.03	\$ 1,300.00
Prof and Business Exp - Dir. Fin. & Prop.	\$ 703.99	\$ 297.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 772.24	\$ 1,000.00
Total Staff	\$ 856,948.08	\$ 863,688.64	\$ 849,697.59	\$ 789,192.15	\$ 886,904.82
Total Program Services	\$ 861,483.24	\$ 871,227.30	\$ 860,847.59	\$ 797,138.73	\$ 898,054.82
Administration					
Office Equip. Lease	\$ 3,291.53	\$ 3,910.95	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,737.61	\$ 4,000.00
Maintenance Agreements	\$ 6,552.39	\$ 6,275.37	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,881.22	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance - Liability	\$ 5,871.82	\$ 5,237.24	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,717.93	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp	\$ 1,944.40	\$ 474.40	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 2,500.00
Telephone	\$ 10,753.54	\$ 9,387.49	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 7,379.92	\$ 9,600.00
Presbytery Website/Technology	\$ 22,336.13	\$ 26,038.40	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,983.87	\$ 20,000.00
Postage/Shipping - Administration	\$ 1,114.01	\$ 819.23	\$ 750.00	\$ 617.66	\$ 750.00
Food/Beverage	\$ 655.72	\$ 1,112.63	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 816.79	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,781.98	\$ 1,359.53	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,189.61	\$ 2,500.00
Audit/Accounting Fees	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 30,800.00	\$ 32,000.00
New Equipment	\$ 3,581.54	\$ 2,137.86	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,421.58	\$ 2,000.00
Legal Advice	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Memorials/Special Occasions	\$ 650.00	\$ 847.36	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Bank Charges	\$ 3,109.76	\$ 2,902.58	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,667.14	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous - Presbytery Office	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 390.77	\$ 575.46	\$ 390.77
Total Presbytery Office	\$ 90,052.82	\$ 91,253.04	\$ 88,490.77	\$ 88,125.79	\$ 94,490.77
GA/Synod Meetings	\$ -	\$ 1,491.46	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,676.56	\$ 1,000.00
Presbytery Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,619.45	\$ 2,809.56	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,890.79	\$ 2,500.00
Council Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.91	\$ 150.00
Ops Ministry Team Expenses	\$ -	\$ 281.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Nominating Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Administrative Commissions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Bills and Overtures Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Committee on Representation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Permanent Judicial Commission	\$ 4,014.90	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Personnel Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Dismantling Racism Committee	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Presbytery Engagement Team Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Special Events	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 458.77	\$ 1,500.00
Total Meeting Expenses	\$ 5,634.35	\$ 5,067.02	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 4,052.03	\$ 10,800.00
Insurance - Property	\$ 14,988.33	\$ 16,040.03	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,656.76	\$ 22,185.00
Presbytery Office - Utilities	\$ 5,508.21	\$ 7,801.48	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,661.30	\$ 6,000.00
Presbytery Office - Cleaning and Maint.	\$ 22,381.42	\$ 24,628.98	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 23,962.26	\$ 25,000.00
Building Repairs - Add'n to Reserve	\$ 9,999.96	\$ 9,166.63	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,333.30	\$ 10,000.00
Other expenses - Property	\$ 96.00	\$ 152.10	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00
Total Property Management	\$ 52,973.92	\$ 57,789.22	\$ 59,500.00	\$ 55,643.62	\$ 63,485.00
Total Administration	\$ 148,661.09	\$ 154,109.28	\$ 158,790.77	\$ 147,821.44	\$ 168,775.77
Total Disbursements and Expenses	\$ 1,509,643.63	\$ 1,513,228.42	\$ 1,536,000.00	\$ 1,429,980.14	\$ 1,563,738.65
Net Total	\$ (157,650.01)	\$ (149,626.88)	\$ (0.00)	\$ (23,958.41)	\$ 0.00
*Through December 31, 2023					

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CHURCH	COLUMN 1 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PLEDGE	COLUMN 2 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT RECEIVED	COLUMN 3 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT \$28.35	COLUMN 4 PER CAPITA RECEIVED	COLUMN 5 TOTAL RECEIPTS TO PRESBYTERY BUDGET <small>(Column 2 + Column 4)</small>	COLUMN 6 SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 7 NON-BUDGETED DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 8 TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS <small>(Column 5+Columns 6 & 7)</small>	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/2022	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/2021
PEACHTREE			\$202,305.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	7396	7136
ROSWELL	\$23,450.00	\$23,450.00	\$67,643.10	\$67,643.00	\$91,093.00		\$581.00	\$91,674.00	2415	2386
First PRES-ATLANTA			\$49,102.20	\$49,102.00	\$49,102.00	\$2,550.00	\$7,620.00	\$59,272.00	1755	1732
TRINITY ATLANTA		\$45,303.00	\$44,651.25	\$45,303.00	\$90,606.00		\$4,965.00	\$95,571.00	1598	1575
KOREAN COMMUNITY		\$35,000.00	\$40,540.50		\$35,000.00		\$160.00	\$35,160.00	1423	1430
SHALLOWFORD	\$3,412.00	\$2,912.00	\$28,038.15	\$28,038.00	\$30,950.00			\$30,950.00	967	989
ALPHARETTA		\$23,105.00	\$23,105.25	\$23,105.00	\$46,210.00	\$3,615.92	\$3,561.95	\$53,387.87	749	815
DECATUR		\$20,922.32	\$20,922.30	\$21,584.00	\$42,506.32	\$17,900.00	\$5,550.00	\$65,956.32	727	738
ST LUKES	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$20,270.25	\$20,213.55	\$50,213.55	\$7,186.06	\$690.33	\$58,089.94	702	715
NORTH AVENUE		\$20,012.04	\$20,270.25	\$13,227.50	\$33,239.54	\$5,000.04	\$50.00	\$38,289.58	700	715
MCDONOUGH		\$9,691.02	\$14,571.90	\$14,571.90	\$24,262.92	\$4,807.00	\$3,535.25	\$32,605.17	464	514
First PRES-LAGRANGE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$14,430.15	\$14,430.15	\$19,430.15	\$3,818.00	\$60.00	\$23,308.15	456	509
CENTRAL	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,118.30	\$14,118.30	\$28,118.30	\$1,303.56	\$197.27	\$29,619.13	487	498
JOHNS CREEK	\$0.00		\$12,955.95	\$9,922.90	\$9,922.90	\$8,966.00		\$18,888.90	322	457
NEWNAN			\$11,283.30	\$11,283.00	\$11,283.00			\$11,283.00	402	398
BUFORD	\$0.00		\$11,113.20	\$11,762.20	\$11,762.20		\$1,582.73	\$13,344.93	390	392
MORNINGSIDE			\$10,971.45	\$10,971.00	\$10,971.00	\$2,110.00	\$840.00	\$13,921.00	402	387
MOUNT VERNON		\$15,500.00	\$10,914.75	\$11,500.00	\$27,000.00	\$1,889.60	\$1,191.25	\$30,080.85	383	385
NORTHMINSTER		\$19,500.00	\$10,801.35	\$10,279.38	\$29,779.38			\$29,779.38	299	381
First AFRICAN			\$10,262.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	360	362
PLEASANT HILL	\$11,000.00	\$8,250.01	\$10,262.70	\$10,262.70	\$18,512.71			\$18,512.71	312	362
NORTH DECATUR	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$9,497.25	\$9,497.25	\$29,497.25	\$12,314.50	\$1,836.00	\$43,647.75	348	335
OAKHURST	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,383.85	\$9,383.65	\$12,383.65	\$2,841.43	\$450.00	\$15,675.08	332	331
NEW LIFE			\$8,675.10	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00			\$2,700.00	298	306
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,618.40	\$8,618.40	\$8,618.40	\$1,225.60		\$9,844.00	290	304
EASTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,079.75	\$8,079.80	\$8,079.80	\$1,059.00	\$5,000.00	\$14,138.80	239	285
FAYETTE			\$7,682.85	\$9,103.19	\$9,103.19			\$9,103.19	258	271
CLAIRMONT	\$0.00		\$7,030.80	\$7,030.81	\$7,030.81			\$7,030.81	245	248
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$0.00		\$6,860.70	\$6,832.00	\$6,832.00			\$6,832.00	222	242
COVINGTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	\$10,000.00	\$9,166.63	\$6,548.85	\$5,981.28	\$15,147.91		\$900.00	\$16,047.91	190	231
CARROLTON		\$750.00	\$6,237.00	\$4,700.00	\$5,450.00	\$547.33	\$16.67	\$6,014.00	161	220
RADCLIFFE	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$5,726.70	\$5,726.70	\$7,326.70	\$1,092.00		\$8,418.70	192	202
ST ANDREWS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,670.00	\$5,400.00	\$7,900.00	\$615.00		\$8,515.00	193	200
NORTHWEST		\$10,000.00	\$5,471.55	\$5,471.55	\$15,471.55			\$15,471.55	190	193
MORROW			\$5,386.50	\$5,386.50	\$5,386.50	\$1,681.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,067.50	184	190
CONYERS			\$5,301.45	\$4,023.35	\$4,023.35	\$490.00		\$4,513.35	187	187
First PRES-PEACHTREE CITY		\$2,000.00	\$5,131.35	\$5,131.00	\$7,131.00	\$5,000.00	\$620.00	\$12,751.00	194	181
KOREAN CENTRAL	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,103.00	\$5,103.00	\$6,103.00			\$6,103.00	185	180
COVENANT	\$4,000.00	\$3,333.34	\$4,876.20	\$4,469.85	\$7,803.19			\$7,803.19	167	172
LOYD			\$4,819.50	\$4,819.50	\$4,819.50			\$4,819.50	165	170
CROSSROADS	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$4,536.00	\$4,536.00	\$5,786.00	\$1,500.00		\$7,286.00	153	160
LAWRENCEVILLE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,507.65	\$4,508.00	\$7,508.00	\$1,705.82	\$172.99	\$9,386.81	169	159
KAIROS		\$6,313.28	\$3,628.80	\$4,100.96	\$10,414.24			\$10,414.24	128	128
STOCKBRIDGE	\$2,000.00		\$3,487.05	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00			\$1,800.00	128	123
DRUID HILLS	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,487.05	\$3,487.05	\$7,987.05		\$2,821.00	\$10,808.05	120	123
HILLSIDE		\$3,125.00	\$3,373.65	\$3,527.96	\$6,652.96	\$1,038.90	\$1,044.24	\$8,736.10	117	119
HAMILTON MILL	\$5,000.00		\$3,118.50		\$0.00			\$0.00	111	110
CHURCH OF THE MASTER			\$2,835.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	89	100
OGLETHORPE	\$2,900.00	\$2,954.00	\$2,806.65	\$2,806.65	\$5,760.65	\$295.00		\$6,055.65	98	99
AUSTELL	\$1,500.00		\$2,778.30	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$3,072.78	\$2,757.78	\$5,900.56	95	98
RICE MEMORIAL		\$2,500.00	\$2,778.30	\$2,778.30	\$5,278.30	\$370.03	\$61.67	\$5,710.00	92	98
SMYRNA			\$2,693.25	\$2,693.25	\$2,693.25			\$2,693.25	82	95
COLUMBIA			\$2,636.55	\$1,318.27	\$1,318.27	\$2,090.05		\$3,408.32	57	93
FAIRVIEW			\$2,523.15	\$2,523.16	\$2,523.16	\$415.00		\$2,938.16	85	89
First PRES-MONROE	\$0.00		\$2,296.35		\$0.00			\$0.00	80	81
PHILADELPHIA	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$2,239.65	\$1,119.83	\$1,619.83	\$2,138.00	\$250.00	\$4,007.83	78	79
GOOD NEWS GARDEN			\$2,239.65	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	79	79
BETHANY	\$0.00		\$2,182.95	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$504.75		\$2,704.75	78	77
First PRES-JONESBORO	\$5,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,154.60	\$1,675.00	\$4,925.00	\$1,455.00		\$6,380.00	72	76
TIMBERRIDGE	\$0.00		\$2,154.60	\$2,154.60	\$2,154.60			\$2,154.60	66	76
TRINITY DECATUR		\$500.00	\$2,041.20	\$1,996.52	\$2,496.52	\$495.66	\$63.34	\$3,055.52	67	72
GUM CREEK			\$1,899.45	\$1,899.45	\$1,899.45	\$145.00		\$2,044.45	70	67
NORCROSS	\$0.00		\$1,871.10	\$1,871.10	\$1,871.10	\$585.01	\$254.99	\$2,711.10	66	66
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECT'N			\$1,786.05		\$0.00			\$0.00	62	63
EMORY	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,729.35	\$1,729.35	\$3,229.35	\$2,190.61	\$500.00	\$5,919.96	56	61
ATLANTA TAIWANESE			\$1,672.65	\$1,672.65	\$1,672.65			\$1,672.65	59	59
HANBIT			\$1,530.90	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	50	54
JACKSON	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,445.85	\$1,445.85	\$3,445.85			\$3,445.85	54	51
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES			\$1,417.50		\$0.00			\$0.00	50	50
GRACE KOREAN	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$1,077.30	\$1,275.75	\$1,575.75			\$1,575.75	45	38
KELLEY		\$1,000.00	\$1,077.30	\$1,077.30	\$2,077.30			\$2,077.30	42	38
HEMPHILL MEMORIAL			\$935.55	\$935.55	\$935.55			\$935.55	33	33

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EL NAZERENO			\$850.50		\$0.00			\$0.00	35	30
FRIENDSHIP	\$3,000.00		\$708.75		\$0.00			\$0.00	24	25
BARNESVILLE			\$623.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	22	22
DALLAS-DODD			\$623.70	\$623.70	\$623.70			\$623.70	22	22
GREENVILLE			\$510.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	18	18
NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GA.		\$2,000.00	\$510.30	\$917.32	\$2,917.32			\$2,917.32	18	18
WESTHILLS			\$481.95	\$463.60	\$463.60	\$871.65		\$1,335.25	17	17
First PRES-MANCHESTER WM SPRGS.			\$396.90	\$396.50	\$396.50	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$496.50	13	14
EBENEZER	\$703.10	\$703.10	\$396.90	\$396.90	\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00	19	14
First PRES-BREMEN	\$0.00		\$396.90	\$396.90	\$396.90			\$396.90	14	14
FELLOWSHIP			\$226.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	6	8
TALLAPOOSA			\$170.10	\$305.00	\$305.00	\$40.00		\$345.00	5	6
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$161,815.10	\$361,390.74	\$857,474.10	\$565,977.88	\$927,368.62	\$104,975.30	\$48,383.46	\$1,080,727.38	29793	30246
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL				\$534.56				\$15,660.45		
* OVERALL TOTAL		\$361,390.74		\$566,512.44				\$1,096,387.83		

COLUMN (1) Benevolence Pledges from church sessions.

COLUMN (2) All funds for basic benevolence support of GA, Synod & Presbytery Missions. Not included here are special designations, which are reported in Column 5.

COLUMN (3) Per Capita due by April 1, 2023 is \$28.35 per member based on the active membership of the congregation as of January 1, 2022 as reported in the Assembly statistics for Dec. 31, 2021.

COLUMN (4) Per Capita received at Presbytery.

COLUMN (5) Total Receipts to Presbytery Budget.

COLUMN (6) Designated amounts that support the budgeted work of the governing bodies and institutions of the church.

COLUMN (7) Designated amounts that support non-budgeted work of institutions of the church, such as E.C.O.'s, Disaster Relief & Capital Funds Campaign, etc.

COLUMN (8) Total of all receipts.

MEMBERSHIP - Shown for 12/31/22; per capita based on 12/31/21 membership.

If there is an error, please send a written request for correction to Gwen Hairston, Financial Support Specialist, at the Presbytery Office via email at ghairston@atlpcusa.org
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 Monthly Benevolence Report
 December 2023**

Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues			
Support and Revenue			
Budgeted Designated			
Budgeted General Assembly			
100-403000 - One Great Hour of Sharing	\$400.00	\$29,208.04	\$21,037.27
100-403020 - Christmas Joy Offering	\$2,588.53	\$15,136.91	\$8,945.01
100-403030 - Pentecost Offering	\$0.00	\$4,019.10	\$2,918.51
100-403040 - Theological Education Fund	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$6,250.00
100-403050 - Peacemaking Special Offering	\$407.49	\$2,924.19	\$4,940.51
100-403200 - Designated for Missionaries	\$8,766.67	\$32,575.04	\$28,016.04
Total Budgeted General Assembly	<u>\$14,662.69</u>	<u>\$91,363.28</u>	<u>\$72,107.34</u>
Budgeted Presbytery			
100-403510 - Designated Thornwell Home & School	\$3,015.25	\$6,452.75	\$6,444.15
100-403520 - Columbia Seminary	\$625.00	\$4,132.78	\$1,852.20
100-403550 - Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$2,125.00	\$1,087.49
100-403580 - Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$547.00	\$2,636.30
100-403590 - Villa International	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Budgeted Presbytery	<u>\$3,640.25</u>	<u>\$13,507.53</u>	<u>\$12,270.14</u>
Total Budgeted Designated	<u>\$18,302.94</u>	<u>\$104,870.81</u>	<u>\$84,377.48</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$18,302.94</u>	<u>\$104,870.81</u>	<u>\$84,377.48</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$18,302.94</u>	<u>\$104,870.81</u>	<u>\$84,377.48</u>
Disbursements and Expenses			
Benevolent Disbursements			
100-500100 - G. A. Budgeted Benevolence	\$14,662.69	\$91,363.28	\$72,107.34
100-500500 - Designated for Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$547.00	\$2,636.30
100-504010 - Designated for Villa International	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
100-504030 - Designated for Thornwell	\$3,015.25	\$6,452.75	\$6,444.15
100-506010 - Designated for Columbia Seminary	\$625.00	\$4,132.78	\$1,852.20
100-506020 - Designated for JC Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$2,125.00	\$1,087.49
Total Benevolent Disbursements	<u>\$18,302.94</u>	<u>\$104,870.81</u>	<u>\$84,377.48</u>
Total Disbursements and Expenses	<u>\$18,302.94</u>	<u>\$104,870.81</u>	<u>\$84,377.48</u>
Net Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position
Operations Fund
As of December 31, 2023

Assets

Cash		\$273,054.13
Investments		\$428,577.08
Accounts Receivable		
Allowance for Accounts Receivable	(\$44,621.30)	
A/R--Operations	\$0.00	
A/R--Due from Clifton Sanctuary Min.	\$0.00	
A/R Memorial Drive PC	\$35,001.25	
A/R - Atlanta Korean	(\$50,731.18)	
A/R- Ormewood Park	\$42,406.24	
A/R - Church of the New Covenant	(\$11,534.05)	
A/R - Luther Hays PET	\$20.10	
A/R-Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$148,680.99	
A/R -Church os St. Andrew	\$27,660.82	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$146,882.87
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$675,000.00	
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	(\$444,069.41)	
Total Pledges Receivable		\$230,930.59
Prepaid Expenses		\$4,178.82
Property & Equipment		\$1,206,801.83
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)		\$8,608,207.39
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(\$1,703,256.45)
Total Assets		<u><u>\$9,195,376.26</u></u>

Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

Liabilities		
Presbytery Meeting Offering		\$413.82
A/P Operations		(\$79.02)
A/P - Insurance W/H		(\$7.88)
HFSA		\$324.43
Accrued Vacation		\$11,492.81
Lease Liabilities		\$13,735.20
GA Ave. Bldg Agency Funds		\$2,098.95
Total Liabilities		\$27,978.31
Total Restricted Funds		\$753,335.08
Fund Principal		
Fund Balance--Operations	\$8,403,485.86	
Net Income Year-to-Date	\$10,577.01	
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date		\$8,414,062.87
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		<u><u>\$9,195,376.26</u></u>

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
 Operations Fund Revenues and Disbursements-Preliminary
 Period Ending December 31, 2023

	Actual Period Ending <u>12/31/2023</u>	Actual Period Ending <u>12/31/2022</u>	Annual Budget <u>FYE 01/31/2024</u>
Operation Support	\$ 341,378.70	\$ 453,948.18	\$ 534,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 545,446.15	\$ 543,297.81	\$ 600,000.00
Budgeted Designated	\$ 91,363.28	\$ 72,107.34	\$ -
Budgeted Presbytery	\$ 14,307.53	\$ 13,270.14	\$ 3,000.00
Total Designated	<u>\$ 992,495.66</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,623.47</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,000.00</u>
Interest Income	\$ 7,185.79	\$ 7,486.05	\$ 10,000.00
Unrealized Gain (Loss) - Ops	\$ 1,097.07	\$ (51,747.97)	\$ 12,000.00
Realized(Gain) & Loss-Ops	\$ 430.63	\$ -	\$ -
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 41,078.33	\$ 41,662.53	\$ 46,500.00
Interest-Presbyterian Foundation	\$ -	\$ 1.15	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 504,306.56	\$ 320,982.49	\$ 330,500.00
Total Revenues before Transfers	<u>\$ 1,546,163.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,401,007.72</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,000.00</u>
Transfers			
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 60.85	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from Other Funds	\$ -	\$ 3.42	\$ -
Total Transfers	<u>\$ 60.85</u>	<u>\$ 3.42</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 589,892.36	\$ 560,851.32	\$ 516,361.64
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 7,566.58	\$ 6,678.77	\$ 11,150.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 789,837.99	\$ 792,453.89	\$ 849,697.59
Administrative Costs	\$ 148,659.25	\$ 144,877.29	\$ 158,790.77
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 946,063.82</u>	<u>\$ 944,009.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,019,638.36</u>
Total Transfers and Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,535,956.18</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,861.27</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,000.00</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 10,146.38</u>	<u>\$ (103,856.97)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating Total	\$ 10,577.01	\$ (103,856.97)	\$ -

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NCDC)

NCDC continues to catalyze the development of healthy, vital new worshipping communities. In 2024, we are conducting a full strategy and program assessment. Many thanks to so many of you for taking the surveys and providing engagement and reflection.

For a **2023 year in review**, please know that we as a Presbytery have equipped 34 new worshipping communities and their leaders to thrive by providing the following startup services:

LINCSS (*pronounced links*):

L – Leadership Coaching: 155 hours

I – Infrastructure Development Support

- Obtain **501c3 status:** 1 New Worshipping Communities (NWCs)
 - NWCs with a current 501c3 letter on file: 19 NWCs
- Establish and Manage **Online Giving** Links:
 - 9 NWCs
- Provide **Financial Oversight:**
 - 14 NWCs
- Startup **Payroll** Services:
 - 27 NWC leaders
- Homeland Security **Visas:** 9
- Financial **Policy Development:** 4 NWCs
- Open **Bank Accounts:** 2 NWCs
- Receive and Process **Tax Deductible Contributions:**
 - 14 NWCs
- **Insurance** quotes, acquisition, renewals, and/or verification:
 - 7 NWCs
- NWC leaders in the **ordination process:** 4
- **Incorporation:** 19 NWCs

N - Networking Events: 8

- Additionally, 1 new church partner relationships brokered

C – Church Consulting: 197 hours

- Additionally, discernment work with 11 potential NWC leaders, considering their call

S - Startup Training

- # of *workshops/retreats offered* - 27
- # of *officer training or additional specific trainings offered* - 9

S - Strategic Grants

- # of NCDC grants awarded: 13, totaling **\$89,220**
- # of additional facilitated grants: 23, totaling \$154,852

- **Total Number of Grants: 36**
- **Total Grant Money: \$ 244,072**

New Worshiping Community (NWC) and NWC Leader Grant Recipients:

Atlanta Oikos
 Atlanta Good Church
 Casa Brasil PC
 El Buen Pastor
 Faith Studio
 Iglesia Horeb PC
 Jesus Harvest PC

La Esperanza PC
 New Jerusalem Church
 On the Way PC
 Ormewood
 Shalom International Ministry
 Spiritual Wellness Center
 WAYS

Amazing Grace Ayegbayo
 Angela Wyatt
 Anonymous
 Benjamin Reyes
 Eben Alonge
 Emily Choi
 Gina Brown
 Kwasi Aye-Addo
 Ivette Llano
 Jenelle Holmes
 Jin Kim

Marlucia Crispim
 Mulumba Balngelwa
 Nick Johnson
 Noemi Reyes
 Peter Lim
 Rafael Viana
 Sam Kim
 Sarah Lane
 Yeonkwon Jeong
 Zulema Garcia de la Rojas

Actions Taken By the Commission, for the Information of Presbytery:

As of January 11, 2024:

1. The following 2023 annual reviews are complete:
 - 4Pointes
 - aijcast
 - Atlanta Good Church
 - Atlanta Oikos
 - Casa Brasil PC
 - Centro Familiar Cristiano
 - Church in Motion
 - Convergence
 - Crossings Community PC
 - David's Court
 - El Buen Pastor PC
 - Faith Ghanaian PC
 - Faith Studio
 - Iglesia Presbiteriana Horeb
 - La Esperanza PC
 - On the Way PC
 - Ormewood
 - Rize Community
 - Shalom International
 - Soul Soup
 - Spiritual Wellness Center
 - Transformation Covenant
 - WAYS
 - Zo PC
 - Zo American PC
2. The following 2023 annual review is still expected:

- Chin PC

New Worshiping Community Highlight: SpringHouse Ministry Center
A Way to be Church Going Forward

All of Our Report is Live at the Stated Meeting. You're going to love it.

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Biographical Statement

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I completed my MBA degree in Hospitality Management from Johnson & Wales University, and worked for Samsung Everland in Korea, and currently working at Cini-Little International in the US. During my time at Samsung Everland and Welstory, I have focused on foodservice industry, developing restaurants, along with managing brands and making customer focused products. For my project I successfully carried out my role as a project manager on a project involving multiple teams, various opinions, and little time. The VIP restaurant project (Samsung Electronics Galaxy smartphone R&D HQ) that I managed was a delicate one because it required all aspects of a restaurant to be on par with the upmost quality while keeping costs down. This often involved heated debates among multiple teams – design, menu, operations, construction, and suppliers.

As a project manager, I was able to see through the clutter and identify what the differences in opinion were, what matters were agreeable, and what needed to be resolved in order to produce deliverable in time. Working international made me understand different culture and how to use logics and reasons in the right time to coordinate diverse opinions. The experiences have given me an intercultural business background and understanding, which will be a crucial contributor towards my future professional success.

One day, I was meditating Galatians 2:20 and God revealed to me the true meaning of following Jesus Christ and living as a Christian. “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” God told me that day that true Christians are those who are crucified with Christ on the cross and it is no longer them living, but Christ living inside of them. From that moment on, I always remember that it is no longer my life, but the life of Jesus Christ and that truth helps me to live out and imitate Jesus Christ in everyday life.

After I realized that Christ was living inside me, God started to reveal His truth through the Bible by the power of the Holy Spirit. God started to give me a heart for lost souls and whenever I prayed for the souls, God began to pour out His heart towards one lost soul and I could not help, but to burst into tears and pray for the soul. God showed me a glimpse of what a greatest joy looks like; one soul being saved in the name of Jesus Christ! After experiencing the true joy of witnessing one soul receiving Christ and becoming the child of God, there was no other joy that matched up to it and that is why I wish to become a fisher of men to see one lost soul come to Christ and being saved.

That is the reason why I am pursuing this path, to follow Jesus and do all the good work that God prepared in advance for me to do for His kingdom and glory. When I meet Jesus face to face, I really hope and pray that He gladly embraces me and tells me that I was a faithful servant, disciple, and a child of God. I still lack in many parts. God is molding me and transforming me to look more like Christ every day. I hope as I continue on the journey with Christ I hope to bear much fruit; both the fruit of the Spirit and lost souls.