

## Highlights of the February 12, 2022 Stated Meeting

The Presbytery once again, met via zoom the morning of February 12. We launched our 2 year theme of Healthy Vital Congregations, with a focus on the first mark: Lifelong Discipleship Formation. Rev. Kevin Park from Korean Central brought us a powerful word. “Our theological reflections point to God but do not contain God... We need to unlearn our pre-conceptions of God in order to really see and follow God ( in lifelong discipleship)” What a great beginning to our journey for the Healthy Congregation Initiative. Here are other highlights of the meeting:

- We received an offering to benefit our youth going to Triennium this summer
- We approved 6 candidates for ministry for ordination and reception into the Presbytery: Sarah Bogue (Candler School of Theology), Ji Sun Choi (Contract Associate at Korean Community), Sally Foster (validated for hospital chaplaincy), Diana Rosa Ramos Garcia (validated for hospital chaplaincy), Mary Beth Walker (Calvin Court) and Joshua Woodsmith (Contract Pastor at First Jonesboro).
- We welcomed Melissa McNair-King into the Presbytery as a designated pastor for Fairview Church
- A special highlight was the commissioning of elders from 3 churches to serve communion when a PCUSA pastor is unable to be present. Dallas-Dodd, First Manchester-Warm Springs and Jackson churches sent elders for training in preparation for this request to commission them.
- Eben Alonge shared with the Presbytery, the ministry of David’s Court, a new worshipping community
- We approved the budget for 2022
- We thanked outgoing moderator Russ Weekley and installed our new moderator, Juan Herrera
- We celebrated Black History Month with song and prayer
- We heard from Presbytery partners; Clark Simmons from the Board of Pensions, David Staniunas from the Presbyterian Historical Society and Sy Hughes from the Presbyterian Mission Agency

The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be held on May 3, 2022. This will be a hybrid meeting (in person and via zoom) beginning at 9:00 AM. First Presbyterian Church in Peachtree City will be our host.