

**MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING**  
**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**  
**May 11, 2021 Held via Zoom**  
**Newnan and Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian Churches and Oikos New Worshiping**  
**Community served as co-hosts**  
**Theme: Non-Violent Communication**

**Preliminary Information for this meeting:**

**INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ZOOM PRESBYTERY MEETING**

Instructions for the Zoom Presbytery Meeting to be held on May 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM:

The material for the meeting is in the Handbook posted on the Presbytery's website. We are doing our best to keep this meeting to two hours at the most.

1. Download and install Zoom onto your device.
  - a. Computer - go to [https://zoom.us/download#client\\_4meeting](https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting)
  - b. Tablets and smartphones, install Zoom from your App Store. This version of Zoom will look different than the computer version.
2. Joining the Meeting:
  - a. You should have received a "Registration" link in order to register for the meeting (commissioners from churches should have received this from their pastor; minister members from the Stated Clerk. The website will also have this link for registration)
  - b. After you register, you will be emailed a link to join the meeting. This link is unique to you. We will send a reminder on Monday, May10, 2021.
  - c. To join the meeting, click the link and allow Zoom to open on your device.
  - d. Choose your audio input setting; choose computer audio if you are unsure.
  - e. You will be placed in the waiting room when you join the meeting. Please do not disconnect. The hosts will let you in when we are ready to begin. There will be pre-presbytery music 10 minutes before the start of the meeting.
3. Meeting Settings:
  - a. If there are multiple voting commissioners in a household, you will need to use one device per commissioner to vote. This is to allow each vote in the household to be counted.
  - b. Please be a few minutes early and adjust your settings during this time. Doublecheck that your video and audio are working. If you are using video, check that lighting is good and minimize background distractions if possible. We will be admitting attendees beginning at 8:45 if you want to join early to be sure you are able to connect.
  - c. Please note: **You must use the link from your computer or other smart device to participate in the meeting.** If you join using the dial-in numbers, you will be able to listen to the meeting but you will not be able to vote, speak, or otherwise participate, and the attendance information will not reflect your presence.
  - d. Please keep your audio on mute. If you have a question or comment, use the chat feature to message the meeting host, Chip Blankinship. The host will let the Moderator know and the Moderator will call on you to speak. The host will unmute you when called on and resume muting after you are finished speaking.
  - e. Turning on your video feed is optional but audio is required to participate in discussion.
4. There will be times when votes are necessary. At those times, you will be instructed as to how to cast your vote.
5. If you are having trouble entering the meeting, contact Miranda Segrest at [msegrest@atlpusa.org](mailto:msegrest@atlpusa.org)

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Moderator **Russ Weekley** opened the meeting with prayer at 9:00 AM.

Stated Clerk **Donna Wells** declared that a quorum was present.

The Presbytery was offered greetings by our hosts, **David Jones** from Newnan Presbyterian Church and **Sam Kim** from Atlanta Taiwanese Church. He is also the organizing pastor for Oikos new worshipping community.

## WORSHIP

The Presbytery was treated to a variety of music in this meeting. El Nazareno Presbyterian Church prepared some pre-Presbytery music for us; which we enjoyed at the end of the meeting due to some technical glitches! The Newnan Presbyterian Church handbell choir and chancel choir also provided musical pieces throughout the meeting. A special musical offering was the playing of “The Blessing” sung by the Maroui people and New Zealanders from churches throughout the country.

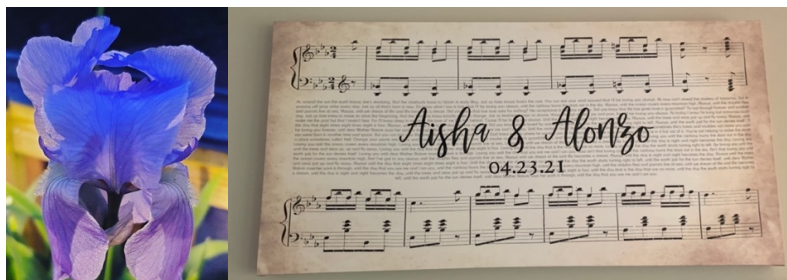
An offering was received for the Presbytery’s Shalom Team, keeping with our theme of non-violent Communication. Our Confessional sequence was offered in Taiwanese by Elder **Wayne Ten**.

**Dianna Wright** from the Presbyterian Mission Agency brought greetings from the Office of Ecumenical Relations.

Our preacher for the day, was guest Rev. **Theresa Latini**. Rev. Latini preached a sermon on Mark 10:32-52 entitled “The God Who Sees.” “This story,” says Rev. Latini, “is about faith...the kind of faith that positions us to receive shalom and the reign of God. This is faith born of deep need.” Please see Rev. Latini’s bio information in the addendum of these minutes.

## EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

From the Executive Presbyter... – On A Personal Note



*Just as time knew to move on since the beginning  
And the seasons know exactly when to change  
Just as kindness knows no shame  
Know through all your joy and pain  
That I'll be loving you Always – “As” by Stevie Wonder*

By the time you read this, a few things will be different in my life. On April 23, 2021, I joined my hand in marriage to the Rev. Dr. Alonzo T Johnson. Alonzo serves our denomination as the Program Coordinator for the Self-Development of People at the Presbyterian Church USA headquarters located in Louisville, KY. I want to offer a special thank you to the leadership and team at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta for making space for us to have an intimate ceremony in the sanctuary. We are so very grateful for the love and support that has been extended to us from so many people in the larger PCUSA family.

Alonzo and I will continue to serve our respective ministries and care for our blended family. We will begin our new lives together as a commuter couple as I continue to live in Atlanta and visit my new family in Kentucky. Alonzo will continue to live in Kentucky and visit his new family in Atlanta. Together our family includes me, Alonzo, Momma Debbie, Maya (21), Jasmine (15), Ellington (15) and yes, CJ the Dog. **After May 3, 2021, I will begin using a new email address. I can be reached at [ep@atlpcusa.org](mailto:ep@atlpcusa.org). My new name is Aisha K. Brooks-Johnson.**

From the bottom of my heart, I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing love and support to me and my family. There have been a lot of changes in my life over the past three years. Serving this presbytery and working to fulfill God's will in our collective lives has been a bright light in my world. Thank you for joining with me in joy and celebration as I embrace God's continual love and light in this new season. I pray that you will embrace all that is beautiful and new for you, too.

May you remember the words of Psalm 30 that says:

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

And may you always thank the Good Lord for the morning.

## **GREETINGS AND WELCOME FOR PRESBYTERY MAY MEETING BY CO-HOST, ATLANTA TAIWANESE CHURCH**

真歡喜 大家來參加五月份的中會，我是鄭武英 亞特蘭大台灣長老教會的小會書記。阮真歡喜有這機會和 Newnan 教會共同擔任主人。

阮是一個台灣來的 移民教會，佇 1989/2/25 加入本中會，感謝 North Decatur PC,從 1983/3/6 起提供空間讓我們聚會。1992/1/1 起我們遷入現址。由於會友人口的遷徙到北郊，我們正在準備遷往北郊，請為我們傳教福音的使命代禱。

Welcome the commissioners of Great Atlanta Presbytery come to the State meeting of May 2021. I am Wayne Tè<sup>n</sup>, the Clerk of Atlanta Taiwanese PC session. We are glad to be the Co-host with Newnan PC.

We are an immigrant church from Taiwan, we joined GAP since Feb. 1989, we appreciated North Decatur PC sharing their facilities with us from March, 1983. We purchased and moved into current location from 1992/01/01. Because the Taiwanese community are settled in northern part of current location, we are planning to relocate to northern suburbs, please pray for us as we strive to deepen our roots in communities for Taiwan and Asian populations in Great Atlanta area.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **For Information**

1. Please note the following deadlines for any overture submissions to the Presbytery for the next General Assembly in July 2022.
  - i. Deadline for the August 14, 2021 meeting is **July 14**. Bills and Overtures meets July 19.
  - ii. Deadline for the Nov. 9, 2021 meeting is **October 9**. Bills and Overtures meets Oct. 11.
2. The Council for the Presbytery announces that it has accepted the Personnel Committee's recommendation that the Presbytery recognize Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as an official holiday for the Presbytery moving forward.

## Admit to Record

1. The following people were elected to serve as Presbytery representatives on the Presbyterian College Board of Trustees and will serve a three year term ending December 31, 2023: Mr. E.G. Lassiter and Mrs Robin B. Boren.
2. The following churches are Certified Earth Care Congregations: Druid Hills Presbyterian and St. Andrews Presbyterian. These churches have “affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities and outreach. The Earth Care Congregation Certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God’s charge to ‘till and keep’ the garden.” We commend these congregations for their commitment.
3. That the following people served on the commission to install **Michael Moore** as the Designated Pastor of Carrollton Presbyterian Church on May 2, 2021 via zoom.  
Rev. Amantha Barbee, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Chip Blankinship, Presbytery Staff  
Rev. Joannah Cook, Chaplain, Tanner Medical Center  
Elder Debra Weir, North Avenue Presbyterian Church  
Elder Dena Wilson, Carrollton Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Chris Glaser, Metropolitan Community Church, Guest of the Commission  
Rev. abby mohaupt, San Francisco Presbytery, Guest of the Commission
4. That the minutes of the commission to install **Michael Moore** as the Designated pastor of Carrollton Presbyterian Church on May 2, 2021 be admitted to the record.

## For Recommendation

That the following items be approved in the omnibus motion:

- Approval of the docket
- Approve of the February 20, 2021 minutes
- The admit to record items in the Communications Report
- The admit to record items in the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
- The admit to record items in the Committee on Ministry Report
- The admit to record items in the Operations Report
- The recommendation item in the Nominating Committee Report

Due to the nomination presented by the Nominating Committee, the moderator asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, the Presbytery proceeded to vote with no extractions. The omnibus motion was *approved by a vote of 236 yes, 0 no, 13 abstentions.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

因為瘟疫疫情影響，導致人們對於種族歧視、產生怨恨造成社會分裂。請和我一齊用詩篇 103:8,10-12 以及 Galatians 3:26-28 做認罪祈禱並確認得赦免。

Psalm **103:8** Iâ-hô-hoa ū lîn-bín, ū un-tián; Bô khoài-khoài siū-khì, koh ū hong-sêng ê chû-ài.

**103:10** I bô chiàu lán ê chōe-kòa khoán-thāi lán, Iâh bô chiàu lán ê chōe-ok pò-èng lán. **11** In-ūi thi<sup>n</sup> lī-khui tōe hiah--nih koài<sup>n</sup>, I ê chû-ài tùi keng-ùi I ê lāng iâh sī hiah--nih tōa. **12** Tang lī-khui sai ū jōa-hng, I hō lán ê chōe-kòa lī-khui lán iâh sī hiah hng.

Galatians **3:26**. In-ūi lín tùi sìn-khò Ki-tok Iâ-so; lóng chòe Siōng-tè ê kián. **27** In-ūi lín kì<sup>n</sup>-nā siū sóe-lé lâi jip tī Ki-tok ê, sī bat chhēng Ki-tok. **28**.Bô ū Iû-thài á-sī Hī-lī-nī, lô-pòk á-sī chū-iū ê, ta-po-lâng hū-jîn-lâng ê hun-piat; in-ūi lín tī Ki-tok Iâ-so lóng sī chit-ê. **Pray by the resurrected Jesus name. Amen**

As we are aware of the suffering of people by racism and hate crimes to other, at this pandemic and societies divided time, I like to read Psalm 103:8, 10-12 and Galatians 3:26-28 as our prayer of confession and assurance of pardon.

Psalm **103:8** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **10** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**12** as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Galatians **3:26** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

**3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Pray by the resurrected Jesus name. Amen.**

## EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

### For Information:

The following people were examined and received for reception on behalf of the Presbytery per our by-laws. They weremintroduced at the meeting:

1. **Brigitte Kemink** was received from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. Rev. Kemink has a call as a hospital chaplain at Wellstar in LaGrange, GA. She was examined and received on February 18, 2021. Her statements are below.
2. **Rick Sommers** was received from the Northeast New Jersey Presbytery. Rev. Sommers is a member at large and will take honorable retirement at the end of 2021. His paperwork was examined and he was received on April 15, 2021.

### For Recommendation:

The following people were examined in the areas of Theology, Bible, Worship and Sacraments and Polity and are recommended to you for reception. If the position is for ordination, the candidate preached before the commission.

1. **Ben Allward-Theimer** (candidate from Greater Atlanta) has received a call as a chaplain with the Veterans Administration. Date of validation: April 18, 2021. Effective date: upon ordination.
2. **Zulma Garcia de Rojas** (Presbyterian Church of Venezuela) organizing pastor of Esperanza new worshipping community. Effective date: May 11, 2021. (Translator is Jasiel Hernandez Garcia)

Ben Allward-Theimer was *approved for ordination and reception with of vote of 232 yes, 0 no and 4 abstentions.*

Zulma Garcia de Rojas was *approved for reception with a vote of 239 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions.*

The moderator posed the Constitutional questions to Rev. Garcia de Rojas.

## COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

### Admit to Record:

- That the following persons were enrolled as inquirers as of the date shown:
  - LoAnn Nguyen, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, January 28, 2021
  - Nicole Zimmerman, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, February 25, 2021
  - Angela Wyatt, Columbia Presbyterian Church, April 22, 2021
  - Kevin Lacson, Trinity Presbyterian Church Atlanta, April 22, 2021
- That the following candidates were certified ready to receive a call:
  - Chas Gowing, First Presbyterian Church Atlanta, January 28, 2021
  - Peter Thornton, McDonough Presbyterian Church, January 28, 2021
  - Ben Allward-Theimer, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, March 25, 2021
  - Dana Gray, Emory Presbyterian Church, March 25, 2021
  - Nell Herring, Shallowford Presbyterian Church, March 25, 2021
- The following candidates received calls:
  - Amanda Kemery, Contract Call Associate at Morningside Presbyterian Church
  - Erin Burt, call in the Presbytery of the James as Admissions Director of Union Seminary
  - Samuel Yenn-Batah, call in Central New Jersey Presbytery as a hospital chaplain
  - Benjamin Allward-Theimer as a chaplain with the VA
- The following annual consultations were held:
  - Sally Foster, February 23, 2021
  - Emily Hicks, February 19, 2021
  - Sarah Bogue, February 10, 2021
- Remove the following people from the process per their request:
  - Anna Miles, effective date: February 3, 2021
  - Sophia Park, effective date: February 10, 2021
  - Sandor Fejervary, effective date: February 16, 2021
  - Katie Preston, effective date: February 24, 2021
  - Lenora McFarland, effective date: Feb 23, 2021

### For Recommendation:

That the following inquirer be enrolled as a candidate:

**Jung Hee Kim**, Korean Community Presbyterian Church, January 28, 2021

Inquirer Jung Hee Kim was *approved to move to candidacy by a vote of 219 yes, 0 no and 3 abstentions.*

The moderator asked Ms. Kim the Constitutional questions.

**Alex Rodgers** offered a charge and prayer on behalf of the new candidate.

## THE HONORABLE RETIREMENT OF HYUNSUNG SAMUEL CHO

**Whereas**, Hyunsung Cho is a life-long Presbyterian, born and raised in South Korea, called to ministry after serving as the Executive Director of Korea Youth for Christ and immigrated to the U.S.A. with his family, and

**Whereas**, during his 37 years of ministry, Hyunsung has served as pastor to

- Shin Sung PC, Seoul, Korea
- Bon-Suk PC, Yeonju, Kyungkeedo, Korea
- First PC of NJ (KPCA), Emerson NJ
- Bethany Korean Fellowship PC, White Plains, NY
- Jacksonville Korean PC, Jacksonville, FL
- Canaan Korean PC, Roswell, GA

**Whereas**, after completion of two master's degrees from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, he completed his Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Hyunsung has served in academic posts as

- Professor of Presbyterian Theological Seminary (USA), Jackson Heights, NY
- Assistant Professor of Christian Education, Director of Student Affairs, Public Relations, Business Affairs, Chaplain, Dean of Christianity School, Georgia Christian University, Atlanta, GA
- Associate Professor of Christian Education, Dean of Christian School, Georgia Central University, Atlanta, GA

**Whereas**, Hyunsung has been a member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta since 2016 and has served as the Congregational Consultant to ECKAM congregations since 2017, where his cross-cultural, pastoral experience and expertise from his many years of Korean-American pastoral and academic posts became indispensable, and

**Whereas**, Hyunsung celebrated his 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary in 2021 with his wife Mary Moonsook Cho; they have two married daughters and three grandchildren, and

**Whereas**, Hyunsung has earned the high respect of his colleagues, congregants, students, pastors, and administrators, through his faithful, boundary crossing ministries and teaching, collegiality, generosity, and good humor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta take this opportunity to express our sincere and grateful appreciation, and hereby extend to Hyunsung Samuel Cho our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

## **HONORABLE RETIREMENT OF REV. DR. DAVID B. BOWIE**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor David B. Bowie graduated from Talladega College in 1974, with a BA in English Literature; received his Masters of Divinity in 1983 at the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (Interdenominational Theological Center - Atlanta); in 2000 he received his Doctorate of Ministry in Parrish Ministry (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) with his dissertation of "**The Wonders of GOD in Many Tongues**", and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Bowie was duly ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Cincinnati in 1983; serving in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve (Greater Cleveland) on its various committees; and served two churches in Greater Cleveland. He served as the Cleveland Heights Police Chaplain, as president of Heights Interfaith Council, co-leader of Intercultural visits to Latin America for the Synod of the Covenant and an Antiracism Trainer for the PCUSA; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Bowie served the congregation of Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church faithfully since the fall of 2004; starting as Temporary Supply to the fully installed Pastor. He has authentically lived his calling and faith in ways that showcased his personality and passions. Aspects of his unique brand include:

- delivering the Sunday message by walking the aisle rather than from the pulpit
- punctuating sermon points using the best of old school R&B

- inviting congregants to ask questions or comment during the message
- taking the sacraments to the church's street corner with EXTREME COMMUNION
- sharing his love of GOD/JESUS, family, horses, Guatemala, westerns and sports whenever he could
- welcoming the SONRise during Easter morning worship (outdoors in the church's parking lot), and closing out the year in praise and prayer with Watch Night services.

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Bowie was one of the original members of the Macedonian Ministries, a group of ministers from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta led by Rev. Tom Tewell; and has served on the Presbytery's Grants Committee, the Outreach Ministry Team and the Committee to Combat Racism; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Bowie has participated in cross-cultural visits to Guatemala through the Presbytery's Partnership with CEPECA (an organization in Guatemala); a major accomplishment in this space was helping to build a birthing center to reduce maternal death rates, and

**WHEREAS**, he encouraged the members of Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church to reach outside the walls of the church. Pastor Bowie and Rice's members have done so by:

- Extending the use of the church building to civic, collegiate and other community groups
- Creating a community collaborative to combat child sexual trafficking
- Increasing our financial support through participation in the annual Hunger Walk, to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and Rice's Food *Pantry* which provide groceries to our neighbors
- Maintaining the *Rice Clothes Closet* for those in need
- Conducting a *Prayer & Hot Dogs* ministry on a street-corner near the church
- Facilitating and hosting *Community Thanksgiving Meals* with other neighborhood churches; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Bowie has demonstrated his love and support of the congregation at Rice Memorial Presbyterian through:

- Creation of the Rice L.I.F.E. Vision (*Love like Jesus, Improve Conditions, Fight for Justice, Energetically Praise*)
- Commissioning of the *Congregational Care Ministry* which sponsors: Spiritual Maturity Classes, Caregiving Workshops, Retreats and Health Fairs (which brought his beloved horses to the church grounds) etc.
- Establishing the Fit for L.I.F.E. Program which included activities around Healthy Eating & Cooking, Fitness through Dance, Yoga, Tai Chi, a Wellness Retreat and Library Resources
- Conducting Bible Study – aka **WWOW**, *Wonderful WORD on Wednesdays* with participants taking turns leading sessions
- Adopting and wholistically supporting a family of four displaced by Hurricane Katrina
- Financially supporting a deaf Guatemalan student with her education and life-saving medical expenses
- Participating in cross-cultural events, especially with the diverse congregation at College Park Presbyterian Church
- Undertaking capital improvements at church
- Creating a *Children's Corner* in the sanctuary so the youngest among us are engaged while their guardians stay connected to worship
- Adapting Sunday Worship and Weekly Bible Study to a virtual platform during the pandemic which brought in new participants and geographically expanded the church's connectedness; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Bowie has nurtured other “ministers in the pipeline” (D’Jaris Canty Wallace, Melva Lowry, Gerald Parks, Patricia Pettway, Charley Pettway, Lenora Jackson, Justin Shamell and Cathy Crawford). in their ministerial journeys, as inquirers, candidates and godly servants.

**WHEREAS**, at its January 17, 2021 Annual Congregation Meeting, the congregation voted unanimously to request that the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta grant Rev. Dr. David B Bowie an honorable retirement status.



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Session and Congregation of Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church take this opportunity to say, “Thank you for your faithful service” to a wonderful pastor, and hereby extend Rev. Dr. David our congratulations on his retirement which was effective April 30, 2021. We wish him, and his wife Angie (Angela), the very best health and happiness in the next part of their life’s journey and in his infamous words: Blessings, and GOD IN YOUR HEART! *¡DIOS EN TU CORAZÓN!*

## **NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

### **For information:**

The New Church Development Commission (NCDC) of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (PGA) continues to enrich the lives of 6000+ people per average week through 26 new worshipping communities where faith and real life intersect. During the 2020 months of the pandemic, the numbers rose to an average of 9000+ people engaged on a weekly basis through PGA’s new worshipping communities. Not knowing if the numbers were temporarily inflated due to the online nature of church in a pandemic, we continued reporting the conservative, pre-pandemic weekly participation numbers. Now, as the church continues to change and adapt, the number of people engaging weekly varies between 5700-9800, and we continue faithfully living into our call, seeking to discern what God is calling forth in this unique moment.

Now, our new worshipping communities are looking forward to a reset, particularly this summer and fall.

- What will the reset look like?
- Will it be a simple restart of all that happened before?
- Will it be a deeper relaunch, reorienting the new worshipping community to the new world emerging?
- How do we honor the new members God brings through technology while at the same time honoring those working to meet in person?
- What might it mean for worship and congregational life to be hybrid, with neither those connecting online nor those connecting face to face being treated like an afterthought?

These are the questions we are engaging through our bi-weekly meetings, upcoming retreats and workshops, coaching, and start-up consultations. In the meantime, here are a few, select statistics that paint a picture of other ways the NCDC is supporting new worshipping communities.

Since our February 2021 PGA Meeting:

- 17 NCDC Strategic Grants have been awarded to assist new worshipping communities with everything from technology acquisition to program funding to health insurance assistance.
- NCDC’s PPP loan provided salary support for leaders of 8 new worshipping communities.
- A talented, part-time Development Director has been brought on board to help NCDC raise the resources needed to empower and build PGA’s new communities. Welcome Christina Toney-Schmitt!
- 85 hours of coaching and/or start-up consulting has been given over the past months to 23 of our 32 new worshipping community leaders and the communities they lead.

**Admit to Record:**

The annual reviews of the following new worshipping communities are current:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| aijcast                | Esperanza PC              |
| Atlanta Good Church    | Faith Ghanaian PC         |
| Atlanta Mizo           | Faith Studio              |
| Atlanta Oikos          | Junction Ministries       |
| Casa Brasil            | On the Way                |
| Centro Familiar        | Ormewood                  |
| Church in Motion       | Rize                      |
| Crossings Community PC | Shalom International      |
| David’s Court          | Soul Soup                 |
| El Buen Pastor         | Spiritual Wellness Center |
| El Nazareno PC         | WAYS                      |

The following new worshipping community annual reviews are overdue:

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| Chin PC       | Transformation Covenant |
| Iglesia Horeb | Zo PC                   |

**New Worshipping Community Highlight: Ormewood Church**

At today’s meeting of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, we briefly introduce you to one of our new worshipping communities: Ormewood Church. Led by Rev. Jenelle Holmes and a strong leadership team, Jenelle shares the following:

Friends,

It has been almost four years since we last shared news of our New Church Development down in southeast Atlanta. A refresher: Ormewood Church is a ministry of NCDC and took root in the spring of 2017 in the old building of the now closed Ormewood Park Presbyterian Church. When OPPC first closed, the Presbytery did a lot of discernment work on next steps with the property. The Executive Director of NCDC, Lindsay Armstrong, found that the neighborhood was ripe for a new church development--seeing lots of new families, business start-ups, and dog walkers (so many dogs). A group of neighbors, guided by Lindsay, hired me in the fall of 2017 to corral the energy and potential of this neighborhood property and interested participants.

Fast forward four years (I can’t believe it!). Ormewood Church has become an integral part of the Ormewood Park neighborhood, hosting community events like film series on Race, Halloween Hot Dog Feasts, Bark and Brews, and youth group. The commitment to be relevant, open, and welcoming of the neighborhood has created so many opportunities to love people as God has called us to.

We are also worshipping weekly on Sundays. Our vibe is casual, relational, authentic, and a bit folksy. Before the pandemic (ahhhh, those good ol’ days), we worshiped around coffee tables in the fellowship hall--creating a living room space for people to connect with each other and with God. We are currently worshipping in our parking lot as the weather allows and Zoom when it does not.

In 2019 we realized that our fledgling community was starting to gain some ground so we created a four-year strategic plan to guide us and hold us to the values we felt the Spirit put in our hearts. Despite some setbacks due to the pandemic, we are still pursuing those values which include:

1. Helping people experience God in a relevant way.
2. Connecting folks with each other, both in the church and the neighborhood.
3. Sustainably and effectively loving on kids + youth.
4. Partnering with a neighborhood organization (Nicholas House) in a meaningful way.
5. Engaging in the work of justice.
6. Getting financially and physically sustainable.

Ormewood Church has become a place of belonging. This has proved more important in the last year than I had ever imagined. I am honored to serve here and often think with a bit of anxiety “what if I have peaked in the best job so early in my career?!?” Ormewood Church is a blessing from God for me, this neighborhood, and the people who call the church their home.

Speaking of home, we’re currently hosting a series of outdoor, small group gatherings titled “Home: Conversations about Membership.” We are hoping to discover ways to pair our unique sense of belonging at Ormewood Church with the greater call of the PC(USA) found in G-1.0304, Book of Order. This is a unique situation that new worshipping communities face--allowing the work of the Spirit to freely express herself, while keeping roots in a tradition that will hold us accountable and connect us to the larger work of God. We covet your prayers and are thankful for the work of this Presbytery and NCDC that has made this conversation possible.

Rev. Jenelle Holmes  
Ormewood Church

## **A CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US**

### **Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Year 2020**

**Giving thanks to God, we lift these names of Ruling Elders in grateful remembrance**

Alpharetta Presbyterian Church Joan Jenkins Mary Dantzler	February 11 May 30
Atlanta Korean Presbyterian Church Sung Bong Lee	December 22
Austell Presbyteria Church Elizabeth Jefferson	November 23
Covenant Presbyterian Church Julia Kirk	November 17
Covington First Presbyterian Church Edward Crudup Roger Wallace	April 8 November 13
Church of the Master Andrew W. Fellers, Sr. Robertia G. Webb	March 20 May 21

Decatur Presbyterian Church Suzanne Simmons Ault William Wingate Jackson Victor G. Verd	February 8 September 16 December 21
Druid Hills Presbyterian Church Charles Edenfield Frank Merl	January 13 February 25
Emory Presbyterian Church Stewart Clark Howard	November 4
First Presbyterian Church Bremen Roger Bickford	December 6
First Presbyterian Church LaGrange James Brogdan Nichols	August 15
First Presbyterian Church Peachtree City Jocelyn E. McKinney Barbara Crenshaw	March 17 November 12
Gum Creek Presbyterian Church Fred Christain	May 31
Kelley Presbyterian Church Jarvis Aldridge	May 26
Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church Basil Street	September 26
Loyd Presbyterian Church Helen Loyd Sidney Bradfield	January 2 April 12
Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church Evelyn Allen Joan Malcolm Clarice Elder H.C. (Chet) Steiple	March 13 April 27 October 1 November 29
New Life Presbyterian Church Alton Trawick	November 29
North Decatur Presbyterian Church Wade Medlock B.J. Morris Jim Goodspeed Burt Vardeman Bob Etheridge	February 8 May 28 June 23 September 13 December 23

Northminster Presbyterian Church Bruce Franklin	August 5
Oakhurst Presbyterian Church Leonard Rockette "Rocke" Thompson	November 11
Peachtree Presbyterian Church George Lane Joan Milsap Frank Owens Ed Maull Frank Nix Phil Curtis Bob Balfour Bob Mathis Hank Powell Bill Moorner Gary Snow	February 18 February 28 April 1 April 17 May 11 July 8 August 12 August 16 August 18 August 25 September 25
Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church Stewart Peet Pat Welch Jay Tutterow	January 11, 2019 September 3, 2019 June 30
Radcliff Presbyterian Church Miriam Hardge Clarence Lewis, Sr. Carlton Bryson, Sr.	April 3 April 24 October 23
Roswell Presbyterian Church John Melbourne Johnson John "Jack" Wilson Nancy B. Rummel Mabel Lee Friend Nancy C. Mitchell Eunice Harris William "Bill" Buttrick Tom Hanlon Sara Vogel David J. Lyon	March 21 April 26 May 29 August 16 August 17 September 16 October 24 November 14 December 4 December 23
Shallowford Presbyterian Church Dr. I. Lehman Lindsey, Jr. Jim Echols Newt Fuller	January 29 March 4 September 12
Smyrna Presbyterian Church Carol Rowan Fritz Baldwin	May 19 October 2

St. Andrews Presbyterian Donna Altman	October 2
Westminster Presbyterian Church Kathy W. Cochran	September 13
Additional elders: John Bittinger	December 6
Roger Hyatt	December 9

### Teaching Elders, Giving Thanks to God, 2020

Caroline Coling	January 6
Charles Swann	February 16
Robert Ashworth	March 7
Leonard Boswell	June 12
Charles Mann	August 6
Thomas Are, Sr.	October 7
James Emmett Herndon	October 11
Martha "Murphy" Davis	October 22
Ronald Charles Hieber	December 27

### 2021

Gloria Johnson	January 6
Richard Dodds	February 18

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**For Recommendation** (the name in **bold** is the person being nominated) Part of the omnibus motion

### Permanent Judicial Commission

#### Class of 2022

1. Marcia Noble	(2017)	RE	St. Andrews
2. Cecelya Taylor	(2017)	RE	Church of the Master
3. John Callahan	(2019)	TE	Morrow

#### Class of 2024

1. Jane Fahey	(2019)	TE	At Large
2. Rosalind McIntyre	(2019)	RE	Hillside
3. Bob Riordan	(2019)	RE	Central
4. Rita Sheffey	(2019)	RE	Mt. Vernon

#### Class of 2026

1. Marva Bryan	(2021)	RE	Memorial Dr
2. Megan Johnson	(2021)	TE	North Avenue
<b>3. David Lewicki</b>	<b>(2021)</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>North Decatur</b>

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

### Admit to Record

1. That all validated ministers in the Presbytery have permission to administer the sacraments in the context of their ministry.
2. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **David Bowie** and Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church and grant him the status of Honorably Retired. Effective date: April 30, 2021.
3. Appoint **Cassandra Morrow** (Presbytery consultant) as moderator of Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church until an interim has been secured. Effective date: May 1, 2021.
4. Conclude the Contract Call Associate contract between **Jae Lee** and Korean Central Presbyterian Church and place him on the minister at large roll. Effective date: June 30, 2021.
5. Conclude the Contract Call Associate contract between **Nayoung Kim** and Korean Central Presbyterian Church and place her as on the minister at large roll. Effective date: June 30, 2021.
6. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **Jessica Patchett** and Central Presbyterian Church and dismiss her to John Knox Presbytery in order for her to accept the call as pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI. Effective date: March 7, 2021.
7. Conclude the contract between **Jeanne Simpson** and Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Effective date: February 28, 2021.
8. Approve the Contract Call contract between **Jeanne Simpson** and Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. Effective date: March 1, 2021. This contract is for 25 hours per week.
  - a. Salary 6,000
  - b. Housing 26,000
  - c. Ministers Choice from Board of Pensions 3,200
  - d. SECA 2,448
  - e. Cell Phone 480
  - f. Mileage 500
  - g. Four weeks vacation
  - h. Two weeks continuing education
9. Conclude the contract between **John Westlund Sr.** and Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and place him back on the Honorably Retired roll. Effective date: February 28, 2021.
10. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **George Tatro** and Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church and place him as a member at large. Effective date: May 2, 2021.
11. Extend the contract extension for **Kate Colussy-Estes** by one month until July 31, 2021.

12. Approve the contract renewal between **Dave Pearce** and Smyrna Presbyterian Church. Effective date: March 1, 2021. This contract is for 28 hours per week.
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|---|----------|
| a. Salary   | 45,000   |
| b. Pastor's participation in Board of Pensions (for HR folks) | 5,475.48 |
| c. Four weeks vacation  |          |
| d. Two weeks continuing education                             |          |
13. Conclude the Formula of Agreement relationship between **David Rogers** and Cross of Life Lutheran Church and grant him the status of Honorably Retired. Effective date: May 1, 2021.
14. Approve the Temporary Bridge Interim Ministry contract between **Peter Paulsen** and Central Presbyterian Church, grant Rev. Paulsen permission to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and to perform the sacraments, and appoint him as moderator of the Central session. Effective date: March 8, 2021. Pete is ordained in the Reformed Church in America, a denomination in full communion with the PC(USA), and is a corresponding member of Cherokee Presbytery, where he has served two churches as interim pastor and has moderated their sessions. This contract is full time until a longer-term interim is identified.
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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Salary               | 4,000/month            |
| b. Mileage              | to be reimbursed       |
| c. Professional Expense | reimbursed up to       |
|                         | \$500/month            |
| d. Continuing Education | as approved by session |
| e. Vacation             | one week/three months, |
|                         | prorated               |
15. After prayerful consideration, **Linda Jimenez** has notified the Stated Clerk of her desire to set aside her ordination under G-2.0507. Effective date: March 9, 2021.
16. Approve the terms of call between **Carrie Weatherford** and Roswell Presbyterian Church for an Associate Pastor position. Effective date: December 12, 2020.
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| a. Salary  | 20,649   |
| b. Housing   | 44,720   |
| c. Full Board of Pensions                                  |          |
| d. SECA allowance  | 5,000.73 |
| e. Continuing education                                    | 1,000    |
| f. Additional continuing education allowance is negotiable |          |
| g. Cell Phone  | 480      |
| h. Mileage, vouchered                                      | 1,000    |
| i. Dental  | 643.63   |
| j. Professional expenses                                   | 2,000    |
| k. Sabbatical after 7 years                                |          |
| l. Family leave of 8 weeks                                 |          |
| m. Four weeks vacation                                     |          |
| n. Two weeks continuing education                          |          |
17. Approve the Contract Call Associate contract renewal between **Jody Andrade** and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. Effective date: February 1, 2021. This contract is for 12 hours per week.
- |            |        |
|------------|--------|
| a. Housing | 18,490 |
|------------|--------|



- b. SECA allowance at 50% of the total tax
- c. Contribution to retirement plan 350
- d. Continuing education 1,250
- e. Four weeks vacation
- f. Two weeks continuing education

18. Transfer **Charles Nyaga** to Lehigh Presbytery per their request. Effective date: March 3, 2021.

19. Grant permission to **Harry Barrow** to labor outside our bounds in the Presbytery of South Louisiana so that he may supply St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. Effective dates: April 11-June 20, 2021.

20. Validate the ministry of **Zulema Garcia de Rojas** (Presbyterian Church of Venezuela) as an organizing pastor for the new worshipping community, Esperanza Presbyterian Church. Date of validation: March 18, 2021.

21. Validate the ministry of **Beverly Friedlander Ostrowski** as a hospice chaplain with VITAS Hospice. Date of validation: March 18, 2021. She is declaring a housing allowance of \$8,500.

22. Validate the ministry of **Ben Allward-Theimer** as a chaplain for the VA. Date of validation: April 15, 2021.

23. Grant permission to **Sunghee Han and Seung –un Rhee** to labor within the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery at Wellstar Hospital in Marietta, GA. Effective date: January 1, 2021.

24. Approved the renewal of the Contract Call Associate contract between **Elizabeth Acton** and Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. Effective date: January 1, 2021. This contract is for 30 hours per week.

- a. Salary 19,805
- b. Housing 12,000
- c. Ministers Choice from the Board of Pensions 3,180
- d. Continuing education 750
- e. Professional expenses 4,130
- f. Sabbatical Honorarium 5,700
- g. Four weeks vacation
- h. Two weeks continuing education

25. Approve the Contract Call Pastor contract between **Ed Hoard** (Southern Baptist) and Jackson Presbyterian Church. **George Rogers** has been appointed moderator of the session and will administer the sacraments. Effective date: April 1, 2021. This contract is for 25 hours per week.

- a. Housing 25,000
- b. SECA allowance 1,925
- c. Mileage 1,575
- d. Professional expenses 1,500
- e. Four weeks vacation
- f. Two weeks continuing education

26. Approve the Contract Call Pastor contract between **Becky Baker** and Gum Creek Presbyterian Church. Effective date: May 1, 2021. This contract is pro-rated for 8 months; 18 hours per week.
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|-------------------------|--------|
| a. Housing              | 25,000 |
| b. Continuing Education | 1,000  |
27. Approve the Contract Call Associate contract renewal for **Emily Wilmesherr** and Decatur Presbyterian Church. Effective date: May 1, 2021.
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| a. Salary and Housing                                      | 47,000 |
| b. SECA allowance  | 3,596  |
| c. Continuing education, prof expenses, travel             | 4,200  |
| d. Full Board of Pensions plus dental and death/disability |        |
| e. First Call Program                                      | 400    |
| f. Four weeks vacation                                     |        |
| g. Two weeks continuing education                          |        |
28. Dismiss **Reggie Avant** to Seattle Presbytery in order that he may accept the call as pastor of Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church. Effective date: June 27, 2021.
29. Appoint **Ken Whitehurst** (candidate for Commissioned Ruling Elder) as moderator of Westhills Presbyterian Church and approve his administering the sacraments. Effective date: June 1, 2021.
30. Approve the Contract Call contract renewal for **Keisok Park** (temporary member of Presbytery) and Good News Garden Presbyterian Church. Effective date: April 1, 2021.
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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| a. Salary                         | 20,400 |
| b. Manse provided                 |        |
| c. SECA allowance                 | 1,200  |
| d. Cell phone                     | 600    |
| e. Mileage                        | 1,200  |
| f. Obama Care Health Insurance    | 1,200  |
| g. Four weeks vacation            |        |
| h. Two weeks continuing education |        |
31. Validate the ministry of **Chanmi Park** as a hospital chaplain and grant her permission to labor outside the bounds. Date of validation: April 15, 2021.
32. Approve the Contract Call contract renewal between **Sung Sik Baek** and Atlanta Korean Presbyterian Church. Effective date: January 1, 2021
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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| a. Salary                         | 18,000 |
| b. Housing                        | 12,000 |
| c. SECA allowance                 | 1,400  |
| d. Minister's Choice              | 3,100  |
| e. Continuing education           | 1,000  |
| f. Mileage                        | 3,000  |
| g. Four weeks vacation            |        |
| h. Two weeks continuing education |        |
33. The following people submitted annual reports with their housing declarations:
- |                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Allen, Steve    | 50,000 |
| Ayres, Jennifer | 54,000 |

Breyer, Rachel	0
Chough, Gloria	0
Christie, Carolyn	0
Dewberry, Wendy	0
Driesell, Pam	0
Drummond, William	0
Goldsmith, Glenn	0
Handy, Maisha	0
Hartman, Saranell	0
Hector, Bridgette	0
Hicks, Douglas	0
Jenkins, Alan	0
Johnson, Julie	1,000
Kim, Joshua	0
Kim, Simone	0
Moore-Keish, Martha	0
Morgan, John	0
Mpoyo, Gad	0
Myers, Jake	18,000
Park, Chanmi	0
Perkins, Sarah	0
Rhee, Seung-eun	0
Robb-Dover, Kristina	0
Smith, Ted	0
Stamper, Meda	0
Thomas, Jannan	0
Thompson, Yolanda	0
Yoon, Young	0

34. The following churches had their 2020 year minutes reviewed during the week of February 22 – 28, 2021:

**\*\*\* Most of those with exception are Covid related** and therefore difficult to complete and will be attended to in 2021. Grace abounds!!!

- Alpharetta, without exception
- Austell, without exception
- Atlanta Korean, with exception
- Central, without exception
- Central Korean, with exception
- Church of the Master, with exception
- Clairmont, with exception
- Conyers, with exception
- Covington First, without exception
- Crossroads, without exception
- Dallas-Dodd, with exception
- Decatur, without exception
- Druid Hills, with exception
- Eastminster, with exception
- Ebenezer, without exception
- Emory, with exception
- First Afrikan, with exception

First Atlanta, without exception  
First Jonesboro, without exception  
First LaGrange, with exception  
First Manchester-Warm Springs, with exception  
First Monroe, with exception  
First Peachtree City, without exception  
Good News Garden, with exception  
Good Shepherd, with exception  
Grace Korean, with exception  
Gum Creek, without exception  
Hanbit (2019), without exception  
Hanbit (2020), with exception  
Hillside, without exception  
Jackson, without exception  
Johns Creek, with exception  
Kelley, with exception  
Korean Community, with exception  
Lawrenceville, without exception  
Loyd, with exception  
McDonough, without exception  
Morningside, without exception  
Morrow, with exception  
Mount Vernon, with exception  
New Life, with exception  
New Presbyterian of Georgia (2019), without exception  
New Presbyterian of Georgia (2020), without exception  
Newnan, with exception  
North Avenue, without exception  
North Decatur, with exception  
Northminster, with exception  
Oakhurst, without exception  
Oglethorpe, with exception  
Peachtree, without exception  
Philadelphia, with exception  
Pleasant Hill, without exception  
Radcliffe, with exception  
Saint Luke's, without exception  
Shallowford, with exception  
Smyrna, without exception  
St. Andrews, without exception  
Stockbridge, without exception  
Tallapoosa, with exception  
Timberidge, with exception  
Trinity (Atlanta), without exception  
Trinity (Decatur) without exception  
Westminster, without exception

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE RETIREMENT OF DAVID ROGERS



## CROSS OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 8, 2021

The Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle, Executive Presbyter  
The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
1024 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I write to express my deepest thanks to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta for our partnership in the Gospel which has allowed Pastor David Rogers to serve in our Lutheran congregation since 2015. We clearly see the hand of God at work in bringing pastor David to serve as our Associate Pastor for Spiritual Care. Upon his retirement at the end of April, we wish to publicly thank God for his ministry in our midst and to release him into his next chapter with our heart-felt well-wishes.

Working primarily in the areas of Adult Ministry, Parish Care and Social Concerns, Pastor David has consistently focused on the needs of the most vulnerable, both in the community and in our congregation. He has taught many new classes, developed additional programs and established new systems of care – leaving our congregation in a much stronger position of ministry than he found it. His gentle demeanor, excellent listening skills and abiding compassion have been a tremendous gift to many of our members. His gift of writing has been well received through sermons, prayers and worship leadership and his overall musicality and righteous guitar skills have been a boon for our contemporary worship! As a colleague in ministry and sister in Christ, I will greatly miss working with him and receiving his wise counsel. And his service in a Lutheran congregation has served as a living witness to our unity in Christ – a witness that is greatly needed among God’s people.

While Pastor David’s favorite scripture passage is Micah 6:8, I will always associate him with the gifts celebrated in Colossians 3:12-17:

*As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe*

*yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.*

*And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

We do, indeed, give thanks to God the Father for Pastor David Rogers and his years of ministry at Cross of Life. May God deeply bless him with many wonderful years of life and joy. Go in peace my brother!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Terri Stagner-Collier  
Senior Pastor

## **REPORT FROM STATED CLERK NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Stated Clerk Nominating Committee has met twice, on March 23 and April 20. Keenan Rodgers (Ruling Elder) will serve as Committee Chair. Mary Jane Cornell (Teaching Elder) will serve as Vice Chair. Mark Roberson (Ruling Elder) will serve as Secretary. The first phase of the Committee's work, preparing the Ministry Information Form (MIF) for the Stated Clerk position, has begun. The SCNC is at work conducting listening sessions with various groups in our Presbytery. If you would like to offer any input to the SCNC on the nature of the Stated Clerk's role or the most important skills we need in the person in that role, please contact Keenan Rodgers, SCNC chair, at [kr Rodgers@pensions.org](mailto:kr Rodgers@pensions.org).

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Admit to Record:**

1. On February 15, 2021, the Operations Committee, acting as the Board of Directors, elected the following officers for 2021:
  - a. As required by the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.:
    - Chairman of the Board of Directors – Brent Adams
    - Corporate Secretary – Rev. Donna Wells, Stated Clerk
    - Recording Secretary – Chris Hooker
    - Treasurer – Rev. Chip Blankinship, Director of Operations
  - b. As required by the Georgia Secretary of State:
    - Chief Executive Officer - Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle, Executive Presbyter
    - Secretary - Rev. Donna E. Wells, Stated Clerk
    - Chief Financial Officer - Rev. Chip Blankinship, Director of Operations
    - Registered Agent - Rev. Chip Blankinship, Director of Operations

2. On February 15, 2021, the Operations Committee, acting as the Board of Directors, approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Operations Committee, acting as the Board of Directors of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc., authorizes Rev. Frank I. Blankinship, III, Director of Operations and CFO, to negotiate terms on matters related to Presbytery property transactions, and to sign any documents related to such transactions.

3. The Operations Committee received notice of the following property sales:
  - a. The former Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, closed December 31, 2020.
  - b. The former Summit of South Fayette Presbyterian Church, closed January 22, 2021.
4. The quarterly financial reports are as follows:

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.  
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position  
Operations Fund  
As of March 31, 2021

**Assets**

Cash		\$382,400.51
Investments		\$711,427.13
Accounts Receivable		
Allowance for Accounts Receivable	(\$46,400.00)	
A/R--Operations	\$1,778.70	
A/R-Due from Clifton Sanctuary Min.	(\$3,181.78)	
A/R-Hanbit PC	\$36,394.87	
A/R- Ormewood Park	\$36,394.87	
A/R - College Park PC	\$32,005.31	
A/R - Church of the New Covenant	(\$23,946.06)	
A/R - Luther Hays PET	\$20.10	
A/R-Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$35,618.23	
A/R -Church os St. Andrew	\$30,480.82	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$95,552.43
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$750,000.00	
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	(\$514,327.14)	
Total Pledges Receivable		\$235,672.86
Prepaid Expenses		\$27,043.87
Property & Equipment		\$1,200,728.78
Total Held for Sale or Transfer		\$0.00
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)		\$8,012,960.50
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(\$1,511,148.11)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><u>\$9,154,637.97</u></u>

**Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds**

Liabilities		
Non-Budgeted Benevolence		\$1,879.40
A/P Operations		\$22.27
A/P Tree of Life Ministries		\$13,250.00
HFSA		\$1,903.00
Accrued Vacation		\$19,491.34
Long-term Debt		
Due to Wachovia (CSM)	\$42,372.71	
Total Long-term Debt		\$42,372.71
Other Liabilities	\$65,226.73	
		<u>\$65,226.73</u>
Total Liabilities		\$144,145.45
Total Restricted Funds		\$751,223.18
Fund Principal		
Fund Balance-Operations	\$8,316,568.34	
Reclasses for Audit Prep	\$0.00	
Net Income Year-to-Date	(\$57,299.00)	
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date		<u>\$8,259,269.34</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<u><u>\$9,154,637.97</u></u>



Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
Operations Fund Revenues and Disbursements-Preliminary  
Period Ending March 31, 2021

	Actual Period Ending <u>3/31/21</u>	Actual Period Ending <u>3/31/20</u>	Annual Budget <u>FYE 01/31/2021</u>
Operation Support	\$ 44,105.81	\$ 35,936.77	\$ 600,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 137,284.76	\$ 89,741.78	\$ 612,000.00
Budgeted Presbytery	<u>\$ 1,623.58</u>	<u>\$ 331.84</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Total Designated	<u>\$ 183,014.15</u>	<u>\$ 126,010.39</u>	<u>\$ 1,214,000.00</u>
Interest Income	\$ 12.55	\$ 332.70	\$ 10,000.00
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 7,174.89	\$ 7,469.01	\$ 46,500.00
Other Income	<u>\$ 18,392.78</u>	<u>\$ 108,017.35</u>	<u>\$ 245,533.33</u>
Total Revenues before Transfers	<u>\$ 208,594.37</u>	<u>\$ 241,829.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,516,033.33</u>
Transfers			
Transfer to Pilgrimage	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Transfers	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 102,492.60	\$ 64,168.75	\$ 513,456.12
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 177.80	\$ 2,296.57	\$ 11,150.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 143,996.57	\$ 140,053.02	\$ 851,927.21
Administrative Costs	<u>\$ 19,226.40</u>	<u>\$ 22,091.39</u>	<u>\$ 139,500.00</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 163,400.77</u>	<u>\$ 164,440.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,577.21</u>
Total Transfers and Disbursements	<u>\$ 265,893.37</u>	<u>\$ 228,609.73</u>	<u>\$ 1,516,033.33</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ (57,299.00)</u>	<u>\$ 13,219.72</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating Total	\$ (57,299.00)	\$ 13,219.72	\$ -

**THE PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA  
2021 BENEVOLENCE GIVING RECORDS  
3/31/21**

\*See explanation on final report page regarding each column.

CHURCH	COLUMN 1 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PLEDGE	COLUMN 2 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT RECEIVED	COLUMN 3 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT \$26.98	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 + Column 6 + 7)</small>	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/20	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/19
PEACHTREE			\$189,129.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	6959	7010
ROSWELL	\$45,000.00		\$63,429.98		\$0.00			\$0.00	2381	2351
FIRST PRES-ATLANTA		\$12,500.00	\$50,074.88	\$50,075.00	\$62,575.00		\$500.00	\$63,075.00	1907	1856
KOREAN COMMUNITY			\$49,535.28		\$0.00			\$0.00	1808	1836
TRINITY ATLANTA			\$47,781.58		\$0.00			\$0.00	1670	1771
SHALLO WFO RD	\$4,401.00	\$1,100.25	\$26,548.32	\$6,637.25	\$7,737.50			\$7,737.50	1007	984
ALPHARETTA	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$22,474.34	\$5,618.49	\$9,368.49			\$9,368.49	830	833
DECATUR	\$19,306.00		\$21,584.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	791	800
ST LUKES	\$42,640.00		\$19,614.46	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$400.00		\$10,400.00	735	727
NORTH AVENUE		\$5,003.01	\$25,010.46		\$5,003.01	\$1,420.01	\$865.00	\$7,288.02	719	977
JOHNS CREEK			\$18,481.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	668	685
MCDONOUGH		\$2,486.50	\$14,353.36	\$14,353.36	\$16,839.86	\$712.50	\$750.00	\$18,302.36	533	532
FIRST PRES-LAGRANGE	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$14,056.58	\$3,564.25	\$4,814.25	\$500.00		\$5,314.25	517	521
CENTRAL	\$21,700.00	\$1,779.17	\$13,894.70		\$1,779.17			\$1,779.17	509	515
FIRST AFRICAN			\$18,670.16		\$0.00			\$0.00	480	692
BUFORD			\$13,813.76	\$2,437.50	\$2,437.50		\$90.81	\$2,528.31	398	512
NEWNAN			\$10,630.12		\$0.00			\$0.00	398	394
MOUNT VERNON	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$10,684.08	\$1,070.00	\$2,570.00			\$2,570.00	393	396
MORNINGSSIDE	\$26,000.00	\$4,333.34	\$9,847.70	\$1,758.20	\$6,091.54	\$719.50		\$719.50	387	365
NORTHMINSTER			\$10,549.18		\$0.00			\$0.00	384	391
PLEASANT HILL			\$10,117.50		\$0.00			\$0.00	375	375
NORTH DECATUR			\$9,550.92		\$0.00		\$1,415.00	\$1,415.00	333	354
CLAIRMONT	\$0.00		\$8,687.56	\$2,171.88	\$2,171.88			\$2,171.88	322	322
OAKHURST		\$500.00	\$8,660.58	\$1,443.15	\$1,943.15		\$735.75	\$2,678.90	321	321
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,471.72		\$0.00			\$0.00	312	314
NEW LIFE			\$8,471.72		\$0.00			\$0.00	310	314
FAYETTE			\$7,230.64		\$0.00			\$0.00	271	268
EASTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$6,960.84	\$1,392.18	\$1,392.18			\$1,392.18	253	258
GOOD SHEPHERD			\$6,879.90	\$1,713.23	\$1,713.23			\$1,713.23	244	255
COVINGTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	\$10,000.00	\$1,666.66	\$6,421.24	\$1,070.16	\$2,736.82			\$2,736.82	233	238
CARROLTON		\$250.00	\$6,205.40	\$1,550.00	\$1,800.00			\$1,800.00	229	230
NORTHWEST	\$10,000.00		\$6,232.38		\$0.00			\$0.00	228	231
RADCLIFFE			\$6,151.44		\$0.00	\$3,506.38	\$611.14	\$4,117.52	215	228
LOYD	\$4,000.00	\$666.00	\$5,962.58	\$993.00	\$1,659.00			\$1,659.00	213	221
ST ANDREWS			\$6,259.36	\$6,259.36	\$6,259.36			\$6,259.36	212	232
FIRST PRES-PEACHTREE CITY			\$5,557.88		\$0.00			\$0.00	202	206
CONYERS			\$5,396.00		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	193	200
MORROW			\$5,369.02	\$5,369.00	\$5,369.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$6,619.00	193	199
COVENANT	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,288.08	\$1,268.07	\$4,268.07			\$4,268.07	188	196
LAWRENCEVILLE	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$5,234.12	\$1,308.50	\$2,058.50	\$130.00		\$2,188.50	186	194
KOREAN CENTRAL			\$4,856.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	180	180

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GROSSROADS	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$4,370.76		\$250.00	\$300.00		\$550.00	157	162
KAIROIS		\$188.65	\$4,100.96		\$188.65			\$188.65	152	152
STOCKBRIDGE			\$3,669.28	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	135	136
DRUID HILLS			\$3,480.42		\$0.00			\$0.00	125	129
HAMILTON MILL	\$10,000.00	\$1,666.66	\$3,723.24	\$620.54	\$2,287.20			\$2,287.20	121	138
HILLSIDE		\$625.00	\$3,075.72	\$3,076.00	\$3,701.00	\$3,623.78	\$458.63	\$7,783.41	121	114
EMORY			\$3,291.56		\$0.00			\$0.00	119	122
AUSTELL	\$12,504.27	\$840.10	\$3,129.68		\$840.10	\$1,000.74		\$1,840.84	112	116
RICE MEMORIAL	\$2,500.00		\$3,183.64		\$0.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	105	118
SMYRNA			\$3,183.64	\$3,183.64	\$3,183.64			\$3,183.64	102	118
OGLETHORPE		\$1,000.00	\$2,805.92	\$701.25	\$1,701.25			\$1,701.25	102	104
MEMORIAL DRIVE			\$2,751.96		\$0.00			\$0.00	102	102
CHURCH OF THE MASTER			\$2,859.88		\$0.00			\$0.00	101	106
COLUMBIA			\$2,455.18		\$0.00			\$0.00	95	91
FAIRVIEW			\$2,590.08		\$0.00			\$0.00	92	96
PHILADELPHIA		\$500.00	\$2,509.14		\$500.00	\$1,633.34	\$66.66	\$2,200.00	89	93
GOOD NEWS GARDEN			\$2,401.22		\$0.00			\$0.00	89	89
First PRES-MONROE			\$2,347.26		\$0.00			\$0.00	82	87
First PRES-JONESBORO	\$7,000.00		\$2,320.28		\$0.00			\$0.00	78	86
BETHANY			\$2,158.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	77	80
TRINITY DECATUR			\$2,158.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	74	80
TIMBERRIDGE			\$2,104.44	\$2,104.44	\$2,104.44			\$2,104.44	73	78
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECT'N		\$503.48	\$1,996.52	\$1,996.52	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	73	74
GUM CREEK			\$1,996.52	\$1,996.52	\$1,996.52			\$1,996.52	69	74
NORCROSS			\$1,726.72		\$0.00			\$0.00	64	64
ATLANTA TAIWANESE			\$1,672.76		\$0.00			\$0.00	62	62
HANBIT			\$1,564.84		\$0.00			\$0.00	50	58
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES		\$2,000.00	\$1,349.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	50	50
JACKSON		\$2,000.00	\$1,456.92	\$1,456.92	\$3,456.92			\$3,456.92	48	54
GRACE KOREAN			\$1,402.96		\$0.00			\$0.00	41	52
KELLEY	\$1,000.00		\$1,187.12		\$0.00			\$0.00	41	44
HEMPHILL MEMORIAL			\$890.34		\$0.00	\$450.00		\$450.00	33	33
ATLANTA KOREAN	\$50.00		\$647.52		\$0.00			\$0.00	24	24
FRIENDSHIP	\$3,000.00		\$647.52		\$0.00			\$0.00	24	24
First PRES-MANCHES TER WM SPRGS.			\$647.52		\$0.00			\$0.00	23	24
BARNESVILLE			\$593.56		\$0.00			\$0.00	22	22
DALLAS-DODD	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$728.46	\$728.46	\$1,728.46			\$1,728.46	21	27
WESTHILLS			\$566.58	\$565.95	\$565.95	\$283.00		\$848.95	19	21
GREENVILLE			\$647.52		\$0.00			\$0.00	18	24
EBENEZER			\$512.62		\$0.00			\$0.00	18	19
NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GA.			\$539.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	17	20

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FIRST PRES-BREMEN	\$0.00		\$431.68	\$431.68	\$431.68			\$431.68	14	16
TALLAPOOSA			\$377.72		\$0.00			\$0.00	14	14
FELLOWSHIP			\$242.82		\$0.00			\$0.00	8	9
LUTHER HAYS			\$620.54		\$0.00			\$0.00	0	23
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$273,101.27	\$49,108.82	\$876,580.20	\$139,414.50	\$188,523.32	\$15,329.25	\$7,292.99	\$211,145.56	31748	32663
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL								\$6,800.00		
* OVERALL TOTAL								\$217,945.56		

**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, 2020 is \$26.95 per member based on the active membership of the congregation as of January 1, 2019 as reported in the Assembly statistics for Dec. 31, 2018.  
**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 12/31/19; per capita based on 12/31/18 membership.

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 Your written request will expedite our ability to respond. If you have any questions, contact Gwen Hairston at 404-898-0711, ext.125.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Weekely at 11:04 am. The Presbytery took a short break before a Question and Answer conversation with Rev. Latini which followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna E. Wells  
Stated Clerk

## **ADDENDUM 1: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STATED MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC**

- The Rev. Kathi Parchem, Synod Moderator, welcomed first-time and returning Commissioners, first-time and returning Presbytery Leaders, Stated Clerks, Consultants for Racial Ethnic Ministries, the Synod's Presbyterian Women moderator, and guests, gathered to conduct the business of the Synod by ZOOM on Friday, April 16, 2021.
- The Rev. Dr. Ray Jones, Director of Theology, Formation and Evangelism for the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) preached on Luke 24:13-35, meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Church members of Savannah Presbytery provided music, liturgy and prayer.
- Joyce Lieberman, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, reported on the status of the Synod, including the membership, the Presbytery and Synod minutes approvals, Synod Permanent Judicial Commission decisions, and her schedule during COVID. She highlighted that though there continues to be a pandemic, racism, violence and division in the world, the work of the church continues.
- The Executive Administrative Commission (EAC) reported on the decisions made since the last Synod Stated Meeting:
  - The Stated Meetings for 2022 will be held on April 28-29, 2022, at Epworth-By-The-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia, as well as an electronic meeting on November 15, 2022.
  - The formation of a Family Leave Task Force to consider Synod leave policy
  - An updated Synod website and logo
  - Development of a cohort group with the *Ministry Collaborative*, following the Synod Bolsinger webinar.
- The Leadership Task Force, formed to implement the Synod's vision of transformational leadership, will host the Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger for a Zoom webinar, *Leading the Church into the Post-Covid World*, on April 27, 2021, 3:00 pm.
- The Synod audit for 2020 was completed and Synod investments performed to the composite benchmark level. The 2021 amended budget was approved with per capita remaining at \$1.50 and suggested mission giving remaining at \$1.00.
- The National Black Caucus 46<sup>th</sup> Biannual event will be held virtually in Charleston, South Carolina. Details to follow.

## **ADDENDUM 2:**

### **OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY: The Rev. Theresa Latini**

Reverend Theresa F. Latini, Ph.D. teaches and consults in community organizations, graduate schools, and congregations throughout the United States on topics related to team-building, conflict mediation, and leadership. She has over 950 hours of advanced training in Nonviolent Communication and Restorative Circles. She is the co-author of *Transforming Church Conflict: Compassionate Leadership in Action* (Eerdmans, 2013). A teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Theresa has served as a professor and administrator in three seminaries. She currently works as the executive director of Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, south of Minneapolis, MN.