

**MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING  
PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA**

**August 14, 2021**

**Co Hosts: Church of the Master and Covington First Presbyterian**

**Theme: Congregational Vitality**

**Preliminary Information for this meeting:**

**INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ZOOM PRESBYTERY MEETING**

Instructions for the Zoom Presbytery Meeting to be held on August 14, 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 Friday August 13, 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.

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

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

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

The Presbytery received greetings from the Co-Host pastors: **Neeley Lane** from Covington First and **Ceceyla Taylor** from Church of the Master.

## WORSHIP

- Our pre-presbytery music was provided by the organist **Alice Walker** of Covington First, while the bell choir played during the offering time.
- Our liturgist was a member of Church of the Covenant **Kendra Matthews**.
- Our offering went to support Memorial Drive Ministries.
- **Phil Brown** preached a sermon entitled: What is a successful Church? Rev. Brown introduced the Congregational Vitality Initiative highlighting the seven marks of congregational vitality.
- Special music was provided by **Richard Allen Farmer** and **Aisha Brooks-Johnson**.
- We celebrated the engrafting of Memorial Drive Presbyterian and Eastminster Presbyterian churches.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### For Information

1. Please note the following deadlines for any overture submissions to the Presbytery for the next General Assembly in July 2022.
  - Deadline for the Nov. 9, 2021 meeting is **October 7**. Bills and Overtures meets Oct. 11.
  - Deadline for the February 12, 2022 meeting is **January 12, 2022**. Bills and Overtures meets on Tuesday January 18**\*\*please note these are changes from dates posted in August due to moving the Feb 2022 Presbytery meeting back a week**
2. During the pandemic, the General Assembly voted that all Constitutional overtures would be moved to the Assembly that is taking place in 2022. I have consulted the General Assembly and received confirmation that the current Book of Order set to be replaced in Summer of 2022 will **remain as the authoritative Book of Order through 2023. No new Books of Order will be issued.**

### Admit to Record

1. That the following people served on the commission to install **Carrie Weatherford** as an Associate Pastor at Roswell Presbyterian Church located in Roswell, GA on May 9, 2021.
  - a. Rev. Emily Wilmesherr, Decatur Presbyterian Church
  - b. Rev. Jeff Davis, Minister Member at Large
  - c. Rev. Lyndsay Slocum, Roswell Presbyterian Church
  - d. Elder Gary Shell, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
  - e. Elder Susan Waller, Roswell Presbyterian Church
2. That the minutes of the installation of **Carrie Weatherford** as an Associate Pastor at Roswell Presbyterian Church located in Roswell, GA on May 9, 2021 be admitted to record.
3. That the following people served on the commission to install **Ibhar Jasiel Hernandez Garcia** as an Associate Pastor at Central Presbyterian Church located in Atlanta, GA on May 23, 2021.

- a. Rev. Russell Weekley, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
  - b. Rev. Juan Herrera, Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church
  - c. Rev. Martha Moore-Keish, Validated Ministry at Columbia Seminary
  - d. Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Honorably Retired
  - e. Elder Hiram Perez-Cordero, Shallowford Presbyterian Church
  - f. Elder Tamara Stewart, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Decatur
  - g. Elder Marcia Catterall, Central Presbyterian Church
  - h. Rev. Theodore Wardlaw, Mission Presbytery, Guest of the Commission
  - i. Rev. Peter Paulsen, Reformed Church in America, Guest of the Commission
  - j. Rev. Christopher Henry, Whitewater Valley Presbytery, Guest of the Commission
4. That the minutes of the installation of **Ibhar Jasiel Hernandez Garcia** as an Associate Pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA on May 16, 2021 be admitted to the record.
  5. The following people served on the commission to ordain **Amanda Kemery** as a Contract Call Associate at Morningside Presbyterian Church located in Atlanta, GA on June 20, 2021.
    - a. Rev. Emma Neishloss, Morningside Presbyterian Church
    - b. Rev. Rafael Viana, On The Way Church, new worshipping community
    - c. Rev. Jennie Sankey, Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
    - d. Elder Prue Swerlick, Shallowford Presbyterian Church
    - e. Elder Ezra Jones, Northwest Presbyterian Church
    - f. Dana Gray, Candidate for Ministry in Greater Atlanta, Guest of the Commission
  6. Admit to record the minutes of the ordination of **Amanda Kemery** as a Contract Call Associate at Morningside Presbyterian Church located in Atlanta, GA on June 20, 2021.
  7. The following people served on the commission to ordain **Benjamin Allward-Theimer** on June 27, 2021 as a chaplain with the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System in Atlanta. The ordination took place at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA.
    - a. Rev. Megan Johnson, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
    - b. Rev. Adam Borneman, Validated Ministry with The Ministry Collaborative
    - c. Rev. Elizabeth DeSouza, Validated Ministry at Northside Hospital
    - d. Elder Renata Dennis, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
    - e. Elder Emily Curtin, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
    - f. Elder Dawn Swaby-Ellis, Crossroads Presbyterian Church
    - The following people were guests of the Commission:*
    - g. Rev. Cora Saunders, Episcopal Church, Director of Chaplaincy Department, Grady Hospital
    - h. Rev. Amani Legagneur, United Church of Christ, Manager Spiritual Health, Northside Hospital
    - i. Rev. MaryBeth Hayes, United Church of Christ, Director of CPE, VA Healthcare System
    - j. Rev. Roger Theimer, Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Omaha, NE
  8. Admit to record the minutes of the ordination of **Benjamin Allward-Theimer** as a chaplain with the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System of Atlanta. The ordination took place at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA.
  9. That the following people served on the commission to install **Kristina Ray** as pastor of Stockbridge Presbyterian Church in Stockbridge, GA on August 8, 2021.
    - a. Rev. Morgan Hay, First Presbyterian Church in Peachtree City
    - b. Rev. Dana Waters, McDonough Presbyterian Church
    - c. Rev. Francis Githieya, Transformation Covenant Church, new worshipping community
    - d. Elder Phyllis Bearden St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
    - e. Elder Aaron Roberts, Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
    - f. Elder Melissa Ketterman, Guest of the Commission, Central Florida Presbytery
    - g. Rev. Millicent Thompson, Guest of the Commission, AME

## **For Recommendation:**

- Approve the omnibus motion which includes:
  - Approval of the docket
  - Approval of the minutes of the Stated Meeting of May 11, 2021
  - Approval of the minutes of the Called Meeting on July 24, 2021
  - Admit to record items in the Communications report
  - Admit to record items in the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
  - Admit to record items in the Committee on Ministry report
  - Admit to record items in the Operations report
  - Recommendation item in the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report to change the size of the committee
  - Recommendation items in the Nominating Committee Report

The moderator asked if there were nominations from the floor and if there were any extractions. There were none. The motion was *approved with a vote of 186 yes, 0 no, 13 abstentions.*

## **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**

“You Are Vital!!”

When I was serving in youth ministry, I remember asking our students a question about what it means to be vital in God’s kingdom. We were on a short-term mission trip in Spartanburg, South Carolina. We were working alongside a ministry for women and children in transitional housing. At the end of every evening, we would conclude our time of daily service with worship, scripture, and reflection. I asked them, “How does it feel knowing that you are a vital part of God’s plan and mission in the world?” I asked the question with enthusiasm and excitement as I smiled waiting for hope-filled and joyous responses. “*Vital?!*”, one student replied. “*Oh, I don’t like that idea. If I’m vital, it means that God is counting on me! Well, that’s just too much pressure!*”

I will never forget the student’s response to my question. I was fascinated by the student’s apprehension to the invitation to see herself as vital in God’s plan. Since that day, I have been deeply drawn to the language of what it means to be a church who sees herself as essential to God’s mission and movement in the world. When we hear the phrase, Vital Congregations, it may feel like a huge undertaking. It may feel like pressure. In this season of serving while surviving in a pandemic, the idea of vitality may feel like one more thing to do. My hope for the student I served over twenty years ago is the same hope I have for every congregation and church leader thinking of what it means to be a vital congregation. I did my best to remind her that she was deeply loved by God. I tried to tell her that God created her out of love, for God’s glory, and that her life and witness would tell the story of God’s great love for us all. I told her that God invites us to live our lives in a way that allows us to be active participants in God’s mission of love, grace, truth, freedom, and hope.

This year, our congregations and congregational leaders will be invited to participate in the Vital Congregations Initiative. It is one of the three focal points of the Matthew 25 vision. In 2021, we are in the pre-phase of praying and talking with congregations, asking them to consider taking this deeper dive into a two-year process of discovering what it means to be a Vital Congregation by examining the 7 Marks of Healthy Vital Congregations. In the handbook, you will find those marks as well as an overview of the two-year process. We will be having a few introductory meetings in the fall where you can learn more about what it means to commit to the process and participate in intentional VCI cohorts.

Over the next few months, we invite you to familiarize yourself with the 7 Marks. We also invite you to sit with the question that I offered that student years ago. How do you feel knowing that your light, your strength, your

gifts, your very life are vital parts of God's plan? May you find delight in discovering the ways God's invitation to participate in God's mission is ever unfolding before you. *Halleluiah! Amen!*





# Seven Marks of Vital Congregations

1

**LIFELONG Discipleship Formation** vs. Complacent “Christian” piety, simply teaching good morals, or offering the latest programs.

*“The righteousness that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness of God based on faith.” (PHIL. 3:9B)*

- From the cradle to the grave seeking to be formed for right living with God and with all people.
- Faith — seeking understanding, cultivating wisdom, and actively following Christ. It is not an extra-curricular activity nor merely head-knowledge.
- Discipleship awakened and engaged in issues facing today’s culture: injustice, inequality, divisive segregation, oppression, suffering, abuse of creation.
- Discipleship formed and strengthened in the community of Christ and permeates daily practices and daily living.

2

**Intentional Authentic Evangelism** vs. “Jesus freaks”; “Christian” Hypocrisy; A committee.

*“We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God.” (2 COR. 4:7)*

- Intentionally sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, not just acts of kindness.
- Authentically sharing Christ because it is intrinsic to self-identity; overflow of Christ in our life.
- Relational, not programmatic or systematic

3

**Outward Incarnational Focus** vs. Inward Institutional Survival; Closed communities of assimilation/exclusion.

*“The gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (MATT. 7:14)*

- Outward exploration, awareness, and focus on neighbors and neighborhood.
- Beyond relationship with those who are like us, the incarnate Christ dwells among the lowly & least, the stranger & the suffering, the marginalized & majority.
- Missional focus on where Christ is already living and present and calling us to dwell.

4

**Empower Servant Leadership** vs. the Pastor’s job; monopolized leadership; hiring the young energetic pastor; burning out good volunteers.

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers.” (MATT. 9:37–38)*

- Identify, nurture, support the use of spiritual gifts of all people to serve; not monopolized cliques of power.
- All voices and people are necessary, and it is noticeable when people are absent/missing.
- Nurture and encourage those specifically called and gifted for pastoral ministry.

5

**Spirit-Inspired Worship** vs. *Self-gratifying worship, stale ritual divorced of meaning, or consumer entertainment worship*

*"These people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote." (ISAIAH 29:13)*

- Worship is about God. We get to come on holy ground, encounter God, and experience wonder.
- Worship is active participation in the living relationship of the triune God, thus all should feel welcome just as they are to come.
- Worship challenges, teaches, transforms, encounters, convicts, and sends people out different.

6

**Caring Relationships** vs. *Any other Social Club; façades, hypocrisy, and judgment of "church" and "religion."*

*"By this everyone will know that you are disciples, if you have love for one another." (JOHN 13:35)*

- Sharing in God's true agape moves us beyond half-hearted programmatic participation, lukewarm faith, and pretending.
- Instead of a closed, judgmental community, people find freedom to share stories, encounter the Savior, and ask for help.
- Welcome and hospitality are not left to a committee, but, imperfectly, we strive for all people find identity, purpose, and belonging in the household of God.
- Confront conflict, seek reconciliation in all divisions, find ways to embrace all diversity, seek to be peace-makers and bridge builders together.

7

**Ecclesial Health** vs. *Unhealthy dysfunction; toxic environments; obsolete and irrelevant buildings*

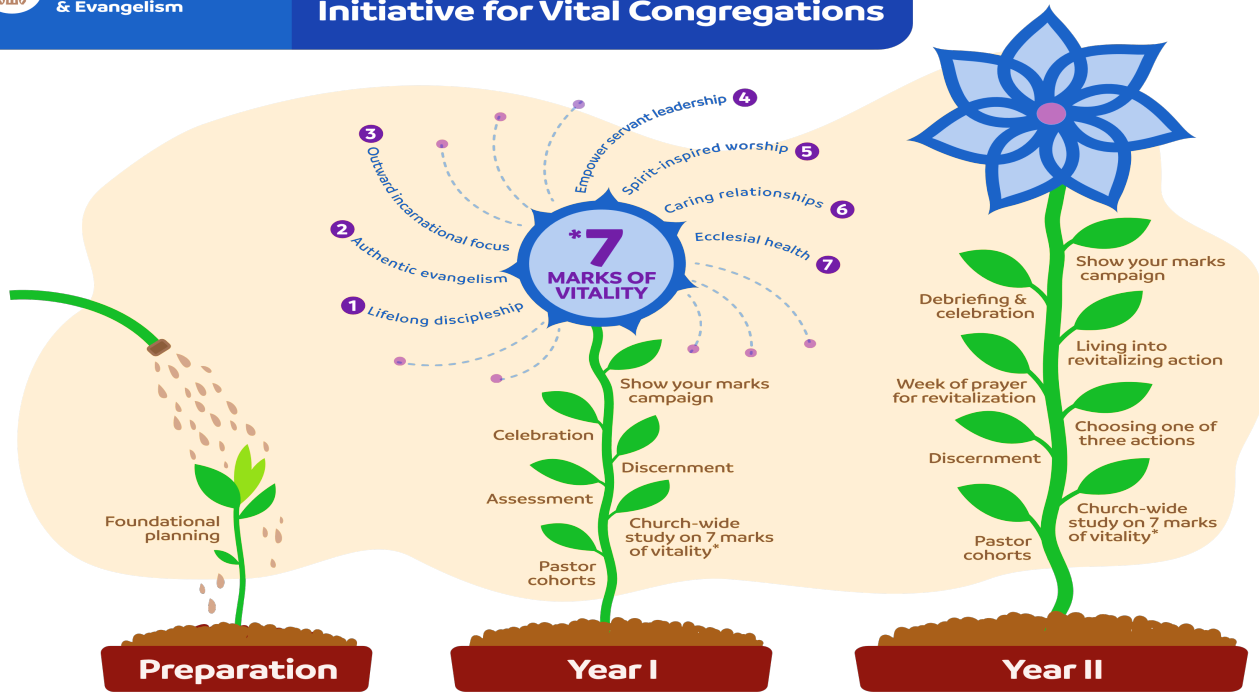
*"The body does not consist of one member but of many. God has so arranged the body that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another." (1 COR. 12:14, 24B-25)*

- Understanding of: Why we are a church community? How are we a church community in practice? Prayer permeates all life together.
- Clarity in mission, core values to ministry, passion and joy in being the church. Our budget reflects these values, vision, and ministries.
- Fiscally responsible — stewardship and tithing are taught, transparency in spending, continual assessment/discernment of a sustainable budget.
- All are aware of how decisions are made, stake-holders in the process and procedures, valued voices in the envisioning, open to changes, continual assessment of the "why" and "how" we are church together.
- Nurturing and supporting the health of pastor(s), staff, and all called to lead; fighting against burnout.





## Two-year Revitalization Initiative for Vital Congregations



### Vital Congregations Initiative

**Vision:** By the power of the Holy Spirit, and in authentic relationships with mid councils, we seek to equip, nurture and support church leaders to empower their congregations to renew, recover and live more fully into faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ.

#### 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality

- ① Lifelong Discipleship Formation
- ② Intentional Authentic Evangelism
- ③ Outward Incarnational Focus
- ④ Empowering Servant Leadership
- ⑤ Spirit-Inspired Worship
- ⑥ Caring Relationships
- ⑦ Ecclesial Health

For more information:

Search for **Vital Congregations** at [pcusastore.com](https://pcusastore.com)

Visit our website at [pcusa.org/vitalcongregations](https://pcusa.org/vitalcongregations)

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## EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

### For Information:

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

1. **Laura Neely** (Mission Presbytery) has received the call of Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange. Date of reception: May 27, 2021.
2. **Kristina Ray** (Central Florida) has received the call of Pastor at Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. Date of reception: May 27, 2021,

### For Recommendation:

The following person was examined in the areas of Theology, Bible, Worship and Sacraments and Polity and is recommended to you for reception.

1. **Sue Kim Park** (Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad) has been called as the Director of Contextual Education and International Programs and Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. Date of validation: May 20, 2021. (This is a Reformed denomination with which the PCUSA is in communion)

Rev. Park was *approved with a vote of 202 yes, 0 no and 6 abstentions*

## COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

### Admit to Record:

- That the following persons were enrolled as inquirers as of the date shown:
  - a. Angela Wyatt, Columbia Presbyterian Church, April 22, 2021
  - b. Kevin Lacson, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, April 22, 2021
  - c. Rachal Little, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, May 27, 2021
  - d. (Dorolita) Dorrie Toney, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, June 24, 2021
  - e. Eben Alonge, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, June 24, 2021
  - f. Kalecia Wright, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, July 22, 2021
- That the following candidates were certified ready to receive a call:
  - a. (Laura) Kate Culver, First Atlanta, June 24, 2021
  - b. Mary Beth Walker, Kairos, June 24, 2021
- The following candidate received a call:

Chas Gowing to be pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
- The following annual consultations were held:

Kate Culver, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, April 23, 2021  
Sun Young Choi, Korean Community Presbyterian Church, May 26, 2021  
Irene Choi, Korean Community Presbyterian Church, May 26, 2021  
Mary Beth Walker, Kairos Presbyterian Church, June 14, 2021  
Morgan Burge, North Avenue Presbyterian Church June 3, 2021

- The following person was removed from the process:
  - a. Roger McFarquhar, New Life Presbyterian Church

### **For Recommendation:**

1. That the Committee on Preparation for Ministry be reduced by 9 bringing the number of committee members to 27. This is a change to the bylaws and needs 2/3 vote to approve. (*part of the omnibus motion*)

**History and Rationale:** this committee used to average about 80-100 inquirers and candidates in the process for preparation. Thus, a committee size of 36 was needed to adequately work with all the people under our care. The number of inquirers and candidates has been dropping in the last several years. Currently we have 40 people in the process with about 6-7 coming into the process that we are aware of. The Committee does not feel that it needs to maintain the size of 36. If at some point a large influx of people come into the process and remains so, we can come back to the Presbytery to ask that the number be increased.

2. That the following inquirer be enrolled as a candidate as of the date shown:  
**Karen Fletcher**, North Decatur Presbyterian Church, June 24, 2021

Karen was *approved to move to candidacy by a vote of 193 yes, 0 no and 10 abstentions*. Moderator Weekley asked the Constitutional questions. **Alex Rodgers** offered a charge and prayer.

## **COUNCIL**

### **For Information**

1. We have 10 congregations who have officially signed aboard to be Matthew 25 churches. With encouragement from Diane Moffett, the Council voted to officially become a Matthew 25 Presbytery. Here are the congregations and \*new worshipping communities :
  - Alpharetta
  - Central
  - Covington First
  - Columbia
  - Crossroads
  - Decatur
  - Good Shepherd
  - North Decatur
  - Shalom International Ministry\*
  - St. Andrews
2. Council approved the following dates for 2022 Presbytery meetings:
  - Saturday February 12
  - Tuesday May 10
  - Tuesday August 16
  - Saturday November 12
3. Council has had a Financial Sustainability Task Force in place for the past several months. The Task Force has made several suggestions regarding finances, and structure. Council approved the hiring of a consultant to lead the Council in several key areas along with visioning for the future. A two-day retreat will be held in late winter/early spring of 2022.

## **For Recommendation**

### **Motion:**

1. The Peace and Global Witness Partnership, through Council, recommends that the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta take action at its August 2021 Presbytery Meeting to create a Dismantling Racism Committee. Council has concurred with this request and recommends it to the Presbytery.

In addition, for implementation, this action will include:

- a. That the Committee be formed with 9 Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and Lay Persons nominated by the Nominating Committee at the November 2021 meeting of the Presbytery plus a member of presbytery staff as liaison. (co-opted members are welcome in addition to the 9 elected members)
- b. That Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and Lay Persons of the Presbytery are strongly encouraged to complete the “Volunteer Interest Form” to express interest in being nominated to serve on this Committee.
- c. That the Presbytery adequately fund the work of the Committee beginning with a 2022 proposed Budget amount of \$3,000 to train the Committee to do its work.
- d. That the general purpose of the Committee will be for programming, pastoral training, and congregational support in resisting the rising tide of racism in our cities, state, nation, and world and in living into our Matthew 25 ministry. Committee shall determine the specific ways to accomplish this purpose.
- e. That the Presbytery offer annual training in anti-racism and strongly encourage and recommend training for all active minister members (excluding Honorably Retired pastors not serving in churches) every three years beginning in the first cycle, 2022-2024.
- f. That the Committee be available to Pastors, Elders and church Sessions to support their programs resisting racism and living into our Matthew 25 ministry.
- g. That the Committee report annually its work to the Presbytery through Council.

### **2. Motion:**

That in order to assure that the power of diversity is heard, Council requests that the Chair or a representative of the Committee on Representation have membership on Presbytery’s Council. ***The membership of the presbytery Council is outlined in the presbytery’s Bylaws. A vote in favor of this item is a vote to amend the Bylaws and requires a 2/3 vote of approval.***

### **History**

There is no Jew or Greek, Slave or free, male nor female, for all of us are one in Christ. GALATIANS 3:28

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family... In reconciling love (God) overcomes the barriers between human beings and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic differences, real or imaginary. *Confession of 1967, 9.44*

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people. *A Brief Statement of Faith, 1990, 10.3*

At its October 1997 stated meeting, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta overwhelmingly passed “Mission Statement on Combatting Racism,” which was brought to the floor of Presbytery by the Division of the Urban Church through its Task Force on Racism. That Task Force was empowered to develop anti-racism training tools for the Presbytery, its members, and its congregations. The Task Force did its work from 1998-2010, when the Presbytery dissolved all non-constitutional committees and task forces. We are grateful to all those committees, pastors, and congregations who attended trainings and workshops to work against the power of racism.

Considering the Matthew 25:35-46 Initiative, we, the members of Peace and Global Witness Partnership believe that it is time to re-ignite this conscious and dedicated work of anti-racism in our midst as a Presbytery and as congregations. As Presbytery notes on its website, this work is vital to our proclamation of the gospel. “As a presbytery seeking to see Christ in all people, we are committed to the call to care for the marginalized, especially when it comes to dismantling systemic racism and eradicating poverty.”

In keeping with the Presbytery mandate of 1997 which established a Task Force to critically address racism, this statement speaks once again to the divine call for peace and justice by affirming the church’s stance against the egregious acts of injustice reflected all too often in forms of violence and terrorism in our society. Racism scandalizes our Christian witness to the truth of God’s image within every person. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has contributed to the structural discrimination and untold consequences of racism. The denomination has promoted racism without engaging in faithful discernment of God’s will in the church and in society. Despite some of our best efforts, racial injustice is manifested in all our structures and life together.

### **Rationale**

Racial inequities have been exposed in the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent murders of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, Tony McDade in Florida, George Floyd in Minnesota, and Rayshard Brooks in Georgia. These tragedies have caught the national spotlight, and inequities, racism, and unlawful acts happen to African American, Asian American, Pacific Islanders, Indigenous, and people of color daily. The PC(USA) Special Committee on Racism Truth and Reconciliation calls for justice for those who have been and continue to be impacted and injured by the unjust structures of racism and oppression; calls for our denomination and society to commit to engaging in the work and practice of eliminating racism; calls the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to a season of repentance for its complicity in the horrific history and unjust treatment of people of color, which continues to this day; calls for white people to recognize their privilege in society and engage in the work of eliminating racism and racist acts against people of color. (2020 - PCUSA Special Committee on Racism Truth and Reconciliation - Reverend Dr. Byron Wade and Ruling Elder Marta Pumroy, co-moderators)

\*\* The following churches have communicated with the Stated Clerk that they have signed on to this action.

1. Alpharetta
2. Oglethorpe
3. Columbia
4. Decatur
5. Hillside
6. Trinity Decatur
7. Covenant
8. North Decatur
9. Norcross
10. Emory
11. Letter of support from COR
12. Church of the Master
13. Morrow

The above motion #1 was *approved by a vote of 182 yes, 5 no and 14 abstentions.*

The above motion #2 was *approved by a vote of 182 yes, 5 no and 17 abstentions. The moderator declared the 2/3 threshold was met.*

## **LITANY OF COMMITMENT**

*(The Seven Marks of a Vital Congregation appear in bold)*

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you renounce the power of death and trust in the Lord of life?

**All: We do.**

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**All: Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.**

Leader: Will you seek to grow in the image of Christ through **lifelong discipleship formation**?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you share the hope that is within you through **intentional authentic evangelism**?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you offer the grace of God to others with an **outward incarnational focus**?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you love and serve one another through **empowering servant leadership**?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you proclaim the good news of salvation, through **Spirit-filled worship**?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you extend God's compassion to all through **caring relationships**?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you work to build up the body of Christ in its **ecclesial health**?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Almighty and eternal God, by your grace  
you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people  
as we follow our servant Lord.

Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us,  
that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ.  
Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts  
needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **For Information:**

The Presbytery Nominating Committee invites all who may be interested in serving on a committee or commission of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to complete and submit a Volunteer Interest Form (VIF). Please review the full descriptions of committees and commissions found at [www.atlpcusa.org/committees](http://www.atlpcusa.org/committees), and complete and submit the electronic VIF also found there so that the Presbytery Nominating Committee can know of your interests, talents, and skills.

Terms of service on committees and commissions of the Presbytery are ordinarily three years, with the upcoming class beginning January 2022 and ending December 2024. Committees and commissions work on a wide range of issues pertaining to the mission of the church and the operations of the Presbytery. Some committees/commissions require members to be ordained elders while others do not. All committees offer training, so don't worry if you have never volunteered at the presbytery level before!

The Presbytery Nominating Committee will work in August and September to nominate persons for the upcoming Classes of 2024. As it selects members, the Nominating Committee seeks to represent the Presbytery in all committees and commissions as well as to provide the skills needed by the various committees/commissions. Please prayerfully consider lending your skills and talents to the Presbytery. Complete the VIF today!

**For Recommendation:** (all names in **bold** are those that are being nominated) This is part of the omnibus motion.

**Examinations Commission**

Class of 2021

- |  |               |           |                         |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1. Morgan Hay                            | (2016)        | TE        | First Peachtree City    |
| 2. Nicole Lock                           | (2016)        | TE        | Clairmont               |
| 3. Joe Floyd                             | (2019)        | RE        | Morningside             |
| 4. Cheryl Hartman                        | (2019)        | RE        | Good Shepherd           |
| <b>5. Jung Hoon (Francis) Son (2021)</b> | <b>(2021)</b> | <b>TE</b> | <b>Korean Community</b> |

Class of 2022

- |                                  |               |           |                  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. Charles (Chuck) Achuff (2020) | (2020)        | RE        | Shallowford      |
| 2. Martha Moore-Keish (2020)     | (2020)        | TE        | Validated        |
| 3. Jeanne Simpson (2020)         | (2020)        | TE        | Philadelphia     |
| 4. Andrew Esqueda (2021)         | (2021)        | TE        | Trinity Atlanta  |
| <b>5. Jae Kim (2021)</b>         | <b>(2021)</b> | <b>TE</b> | <b>Validated</b> |

Class of 2023

- |                            |               |           |                   |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1. Francis Githieya (2018) | (2018)        | TE        | Validated         |
| 2. Alex Moses (2019)       | (2019)        | TE        | Fayette           |
| 3. Neeley Lane (2021)      | (2021)        | TE        | Covington First   |
| 4. David York (2021)       | (2021)        | RE        | Central           |
| <b>5. Erin Noh (2021)</b>  | <b>(2021)</b> | <b>TE</b> | <b>Alpharetta</b> |

**Personnel Committee**

Class of 2021

- |                           |        |    |             |
|---------------------------|--------|----|-------------|
| 1. Allison Per-Lee (2016) | (2016) | TE | Westminster |
| 2. Paula Coleman (2019)   | (2019) | RE | Radcliffe   |
| 3. Melissa Schmitz (2019) | (2019) | RE | Alpharetta  |

Class of 2022

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|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mary Martin (2017)        | (2017)        | RE        | Saint Luke's          |
| 2. Bobbie Wrenn Banks (2020) | (2020)        | TE        | Honorably Retired     |
| <b>3. Jay Hah (2021)</b>     | <b>(2021)</b> | <b>RE</b> | <b>Korean Central</b> |

Class of 2023

- |                            |        |    |                 |
|----------------------------|--------|----|-----------------|
| 1. Jody Sauls (2018)       | (2018) | RE | Decatur         |
| 2. Tony Sundermeier (2018) | (2018) | TE | First Atlanta   |
| 3. Jay Lanners (2021)      | (2021) | RE | Covington First |



## **BILLS AND OVERTURES**

The following overture was submitted to the Bills and Overture Committee from the session of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church. This overture originates from New Castle Presbytery. Because this overture is a vote for concurrence, amendments to the overture are not in order.

The Bills and Overtures Committee has voted to recommend that the Presbytery concur with this overture. The vote to concur was 6 yes, 0 no. The Committee expressed the following comment:

*The table included in the overture on pg. 5, clearly shows the overwhelming negative impact that "Collective Punishment" has on the people of Gaza. This was most persuasive.*

### **For Recommendation**

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta wishes to concur with the following overture submitted by The New Castle Presbytery. The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta voted to concur on August 14, 2021. Therefore, we overture the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2022) of the Presbyterian Church(U.S.A.) to:

1. Call for the United States government to:
  - A. Exhort the government of Israel immediately to cease and desist all hostile actions that are defined as "collective punishment" under International Law. This includes stopping military attacks by air, land, and sea on non-military targets in Gaza that have disproportionately killed thousands of Palestinian civilians and caused billions of dollars in property damage since 2008.
  - B. Exhort the government of Israel to end the siege of Gaza that restricts its access to adequate water and electricity and the entrance of food, medicine, and fuel to Palestinians in Gaza so as to alleviate and end the humanitarian and environmental crises caused by the siege and provide the material resources necessary for economic prosperity, human health and safety, and environmental protection.
  - C. Exhort the government of Gaza and all Palestinian militias within Gaza to cease and desist all hostile activities against Israel and its citizens that are defined as "collective punishment" under International Law. This includes the launching of unguided rockets into civilian areas of Israel.
2. Direct the Stated Clerk to communicate this action to all other PC(USA) councils, the U.S. Government and to the press and media.

## **RATIONALE**

### **Purpose**

This overture is pursued with the hope that:

- The cessation of the Israeli government's collective punishment of Palestinians (both Muslims and Christians) in Gaza will allow Palestinians to have the necessities for human life and will help lead to a peaceful and just end to the conflict.
- Likewise, the cessation of collective punishment of Israeli citizens by the government and Palestinian militias in Gaza will contribute to a peaceful reconciliation between the two peoples.

The situation in Israel/Palestine cannot and will not improve unless and until these actions perpetrated by each side on the other, and defined by the Geneva Conventions as collective punishment, end for good.

## International Definition of Collective Punishment

Collective punishment is a form of retaliation whereby, if a person commits a crime, that person's family members, friends, acquaintances, sect, neighbors or entire ethnic group are targeted for retaliation. The punished group may often have no direct association with the person who perpetrated the crime or direct control over their actions.

Article 3 of the 1949 Geneva Convention states that communities and nation states are prohibited from taking actions where "persons may be punished for an offense he or she has not personally committed. Collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation or of terrorism are prohibited. Reprisals against persons and their property are prohibited." This includes actions against civilians or property in reprisal for actions taken by their government, over which they have no control.

The International Committee of the Red Cross commentary to the conventions states that parties to a conflict often would resort to "intimidating measures to terrorize the population" in hopes of preventing hostile acts, but such practices actually "strike at guilty and innocent alike." They are opposed to these inhumane and unjust actions.

Numerous examples since Roman times of communities or nation states using collective punishment in armed struggles or the occupation of conquered territories include:

- Military operations that disproportionately kill civilians based on their ethnicity or nationality
- Restricting food, or water, or medicine to people based on ethnicity or nationality
- Denying people the right to assembly or travel based on ethnicity or nationality
- Targeting an entire ethnic group or nationality for death or destruction of their homes, property, or economy in retaliation for actions taken by their government over which they have no control.
- Restricting fuel and electricity to people based on ethnicity or nationality

## Actions by the Government of Israel that Meet the Definition of Collective Punishment

For thirteen years, the Israeli government has controlled the borders of Gaza, restricting or denying the movement of people, materials, fuel, food, and medicine by land, sea, or air, thus imprisoning 1.8 million Palestinians and creating a humanitarian disaster that is a direct result of the official Israeli policy. In early September 2015, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development cautioned that without significant changes to Israel's policy, Gaza has no chance of recovery and will become unlivable by 2020. Since then, Israel has tightened restrictions and the situation has deteriorated.

Although the Israeli government declared an end to its military administration in Gaza in 2005, it continues to control all border crossings by land, sea and air, monitors all movement of people and goods in and out of Gaza and regulates that movement according to Israeli interests. This blockade has caused Gaza's economy to collapse. Before the blockade Gaza's unemployment rate was 19%. By 2017, it was 44% among men, 72% among women and for those under age 29, 62%. Some 80% of Gaza's residents depend on humanitarian aid. About 60% suffer from food insecurity.

This **collective punishment** has been carried out by:

- **Israel's restricting fuel and electricity to Gaza Palestinians**

For instance, in response to rocket attacks launched by the Palestinian militants, the Israeli Defense Ministry in August 2019 halved the amount of fuel allowed into Gaza from Israel. While Israel's airstrikes against the sites of rocket launches is not prohibited by international law, cutting needed fuel for the 1.8 million Gaza citizens is a clear example of **collective punishment** that is prohibited by international law. Because of a fuel

shortage and severe damage caused by the Israeli bombing of the power plant in Gaza in 2006, electricity from Israel is supplied for just a few hours every day. Water and sewage systems, which rely on a constant supply of power can barely function. Furthermore, the Israeli government restricts the entry of spare parts to maintain existing systems. The effects on daily life and the ability to do business are disastrous. Long, daily blackouts rob Gaza residents of their human rights and keep them from leading reasonable lives. All these restrictions are examples of **collective punishment**.

- **Israel's restricting food, or water, or medicine**

Infrastructure and public services in Gaza are in dire condition. 96% of Gaza's water is contaminated and unpotable. The sea water desalination plant is not in operation due to the lack of a constant supply of electricity. In retaliation for actions taken by the government of Gaza or militants over which the population has no control, Israel limits the amount of food, medicine, and materials that can enter Gaza. The distance from shore that Gaza Palestinians can fish is also limited, or fishing is prohibited altogether.

Restricting adequate food, water, and medicine to the civilian population in retaliation for actions by a government or militant groups over which civilians have no control is a clear example of **collective punishment**.

- **Israeli denial of the right to assembly or travel**

The Israeli government controls the entry or exit from the Gaza strip by land, air and water. Few Gaza people are permitted to leave, forcing them to live in an open air prison from which they cannot escape. Since the protests along the Gaza perimeter fence began on March 30, 2018, Israeli security forces have fatally shot over 190 demonstrators – including 31 minors. According to figures by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the World Health Organization (WHO), over 12,700 casualties have been treated in Gaza hospitals. Over 5,800 of them suffered live gunshot wounds. 1,900 suffered teargas inhalation injuries, and some 480 were hit by rubber-coated metal bullets. Approximately 2,300 of the casualties were minors. Doctors have had to perform amputations, usually of a lower limb, on 90 protesters, including 17 minors and one woman. These are clear examples of **collective punishment**.

- **Israeli government actions causing civilian death, injury, and property damage**

Since 2008 there have been six major Israeli attacks on the Gaza strip that caused substantial death, injury and property damage to Palestinians and which constitute **collective punishment**.

- Operation Cast Lead: Dec. 2008 - Jan. 2009
- Operation Pillar of Defense: Nov. 2012
- Operation Protective Edge: July - Aug. 2014
- Border Open Fire Policy: 2008 -2018
- Right of Return Protest Killings: 2016 -2018
- Two days of air attacks on Gaza: November 2019

Israel's military actions against military targets, as part of armed conflict, are not prohibited under international law, but many of these actions resulted in death, injury, and property damage to Palestinian civilians not directly related to military targets. These actions, summarized in Table 1, show the disproportional harm perpetrated on Palestinians, which is **collective punishment**. (The source of this information is from the Israeli human rights organization, B'Tselem.)

### **Actions by the Government of Gaza that Meet the Definition of Collective Punishment**

To be sure, the militants and the government of Gaza have been responsible for sending rockets, with no guidance systems, indiscriminately into Israel. Because they can fall in civilian areas and cause death, injury, or property damage, they too, constitute **collective punishment**, for their impact is on persons who are not responsible for the actions of their government. These actions are also summarized in the B'Tselem data in Table 1.

### Why Presbyterians Must Speak Out Against Collective Punishment

As Presbyterians following the example of Jesus, we believe the prophetic mission of the church is to speak out courageously, honestly and lovingly **against the siege of Gaza and all forms of collective punishment** carried out in Israel/Palestine as well as the rest of the world. As the Body of Christ on earth, we are called to stand alongside the oppressed to help bring about justice for them, leading to peace and reconciliation with their oppressors.

In accordance with past policy statements and the theological-ethical bases of our confessions, the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) affirmed the following human rights, moral principles, and goals guiding its recommendations regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict:

- The moral principle of applying humanitarian laws regarding warfare to all nations  
These laws, protecting civilians and nonmilitary facilities, prohibit such internationally recognized violations as the use of anti-personnel weapons and weapons of mass destruction, the assassination of political opponents, collective punishment, detention without due process, and the torture or abuse of prisoners.
- The moral principle of applying these same humanitarian laws regarding warfare to non-governmental combatants  
These laws prohibit such practices as suicide bombing, kidnapping, shelling civilian populations, and torturing or abusing prisoners.

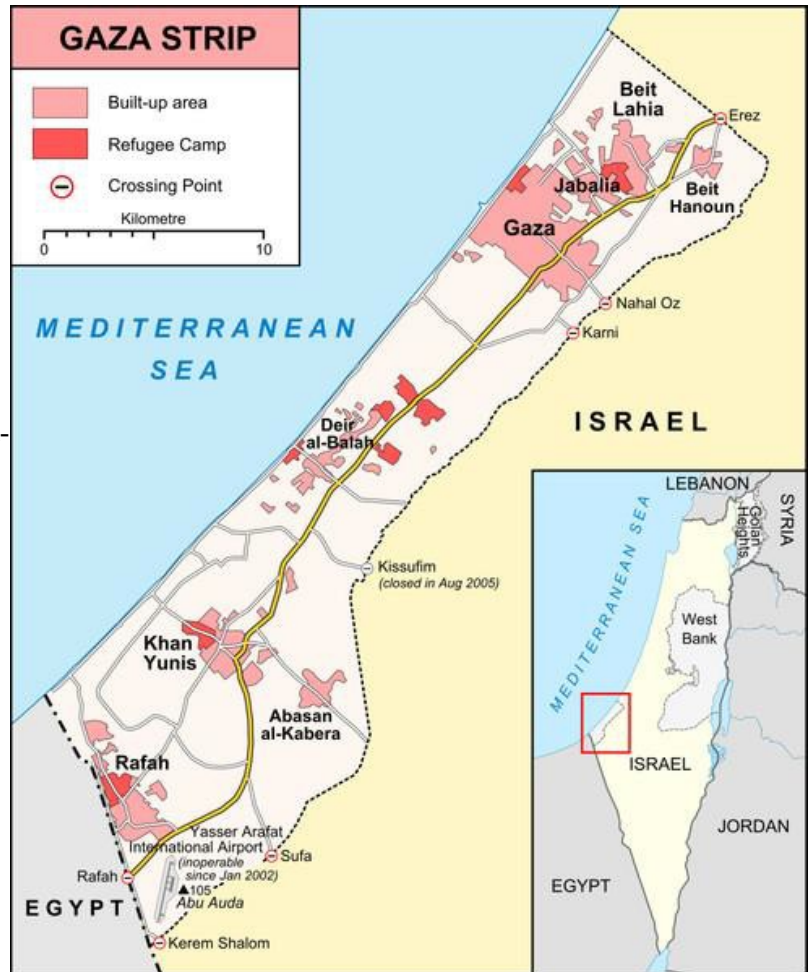
The purpose of this overture is to name the acts of **collective punishment** that the governments of Israel and Gaza are perpetrating against each other and to call for an immediate end to these acts. By honestly recognizing these acts, the Presbyterian Church (USA) can add its voice to an international dialog to which we trust American, Israeli and Palestinian leaders will be compelled to listen and respond. We ask the church to join the witness of others.

<b>Table 1: Impact of Collective Punishment Actions Taken by the Israeli and the Gaza Palestinian Governments 2008-2018</b>	<b>Israel Government Actions Against Palestinian Citizens</b>	<b>Gaza Government Actions Against Israeli Citizens</b>
Civilians killed in Israeli and Gaza government attacks	<b>2481</b>	<b>13</b>
Minors under 18 years killed in Israeli government attacks	<b>896</b>	<b>1</b>
Homes destroyed/damaged by Israeli and Gaza government attacks	<b>21,500</b>	<b>1</b>
Property damage resulting from Israeli and Gaza government attacks	<b>\$6.7 billion</b>	<b>\$0.02 billion</b>
Civilians with restrictions of food, water and medicine	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Civilians lives and businesses affected by restriction of fuel and electricity	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Citizens subject to a siege on land, air and sea	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 1 statistics on deaths and homes destroyed  
 B'Tselem, "The Gaza Strip," March 3, 2019,  
[www.btselem.org/gaza\\_strip/20190303\\_13000\\_gazans\\_homelssess\\_since\\_2014\\_war](http://www.btselem.org/gaza_strip/20190303_13000_gazans_homelssess_since_2014_war)  
 B'Tselem, "The Gaza Strip,"  
 November 11, 2017,  
[www.btselem.org/gaza\\_strip](http://www.btselem.org/gaza_strip)  
 B'Tselem, "Open Fire Policy," January 11, 2019  
[https://www.btselem.org/press\\_releases/20190117\\_2018\\_fatalities](https://www.btselem.org/press_releases/20190117_2018_fatalities)

Table 1 statistics on property damage  
 United Nations Conference on Trade and  
 Development, "Report on UNCTAD assistance  
 to the Palestinian people,"  
[https://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdb62d3\\_en.pdf](https://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/tdb62d3_en.pdf)

Global news , Nick Logan, "How much will it  
 cost and how long will it take to rebuild  
 Gaza?, July 28, 2014 (statistics from U.N.  
 Conference on Trade and Development statics)  
<http://globalnews.ca/news/1478589/how-much-will-it-cost-and-how-long-will-it-take-to-rebuild-gaza/>



The Presbytery voted to *approve the recommendation to concur with this overture to the 225<sup>th</sup> GA with a vote of 154 yes, 13 no and 12 abstentions.*

## 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 worshiping communities where faith and real life intersect.

Since our May 2021 PGA Meeting:

- NCDC Executive Director, Lindsay Armstrong, began her Sabbatical.

- We have been fortunate to welcome 2 Ministry Associates – Gina Brown and Sarah Howell – to the NCDC Team. We are grateful for their work this summer while Lindsay is away.
- NCDC hosted our first overnight retreat since Summer 2019 (all attendees were vaccinated). We discussed what church looks like as many of our communities emerge from the pandemic.
- (Since February 2021) – 19 Strategic Grants have been awarded to assist new worshipping communities with everything from technology acquisition to program funding to health insurance assistance.
- Three (7/12/21) Sabbatical/Sabbath Grants have been awarded through 1001 New Worshipping Communities for our NWC leaders to nurture their own faith journey and growth by taking time to practice the spiritual discipline of sabbath.
- We continue to offer regular bi-weekly programming informed by the New Worshipping Community leaders and focusing on everything from international pastoral care to coaching to hybrid church models.
- We are looking forward to gathering with NWC leaders for a fall retreat in October.

Our featured community is Zo Presbyterian Church. ZPC started in 2016 to gather in worship, prayer, and outreach for the community of refugees and immigrants from the Indo-Burmese frontier that reside in the Clarkston area. Their leader is Khai Samte. Zo meets on Sunday at 2:00 at Memorial Drive Ministries and worships in the Zo language. You can hear more about them in this video from their pastor, Khai.

## LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD

Living Waters for the World is a non-profit organization that trains, equips and supports volunteers in forming global clean water mission partnerships. These mission partnerships empower international communities to install and sustain water purification systems and provide health education programs that transform lives.

Seth Guterman, an elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, is Chairperson of the Board and brings us a brief message this morning. For future information, please see: <https://vimeo.com/476728396>

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

### Admit to Record

1. Reporting the terms of call for **Gad Nsenga Mpoyo** with the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency. Effective date: date of notification was April 23, 2021.
 

a. Salary	15,568
b. Housing	20,000
c. Vacation at 22 days	
d. Continuing education at 10 days	
e. Full Board of Pensions	
2. Reporting the terms of call for **Jihyun Oh** with the PCUSA Office of the General Assembly. Effective date: date of notification was April 14, 2021.
 

a. Salary	69,300.02
b. Housing	22,500
c. Vacation at 22 days	
d. Continuing education at 10 days	
e. Full Board of Pensions	
3. Reporting the terms of call for **Sara Hayden** with the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency. Effective date: date of notification was April 23, 2021,
 

a. Salary	30,745
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| b. Housing                         | 24,000 |
| c. Vacation at 22 days             |        |
| d. Continuing education at 10 days |        |
| e. Full Board of Pensions          |        |
4. Reporting the terms of call for **Carlton Johnson** with the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission Agency. Effective date: date of notification was April 23, 2021.

a. Salary	44,800.06
b. Housing	25,200
c. Vacation at 22 days	
d. Continuing education at 10 days	
e. Full Board of Pensions	
  
  5. Grant permission to **Harry Barrow** to labor out of our bounds in order to serve as Interim pastor of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, LA. Effective date: April 12, 2021.
  
  6. Grant permission to **Sarah Smith** to labor out of bounds in order to serve as pastor of the Stonehaven Carronside Parish Church in Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Effective date: June 3, 2021.
  
  7. Change the status of **Sharon Junn** to minister member at large. Effective date: April 30, 2021.
  
  8. Validate the ministry of **Marthame Sanders** as an organizing pastor working with the Presbytery's New Church Development Commission, and with 1001 Worshiping Communities.. Date of validation: May 20, 2021.
  
  9. Vallidate the ministry of **Sue Kim Park** (The Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad) as the Director of Contextual Education and International Partnerships with Columbia Theological Seminary. Date of validation: May 20, 2021.
  
  10. Grant permission to **Beverly Friedlander Ostrowski** to labor out of our bounds in the Presbytery of East Tennessee from May 27 to September 2, 2021. She will be the temporary parish associate pastor for Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN while the pastor is on sabbatical. Effective date: May 27, 2021.
  
  11. Grant permission to **Jane Hubbard** (Commissioned Ruling Elder) to administer the sacraments and labor outside our bounds in Cherokee Presbytery. She has been asked by Cherokee and given permission on their end as Jane fills the pulpit this summer for one of their churches. She will not be moderating session. Effective date: May 20, 2021.
  
  12. Approve the terms of call between **Laura Neely** and First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange as an Associate Pastor. Date of reception by examinations: May 20, 2021. Start date: July 1, 2021.

a. Salary	20,000
b. Housing	39,000
c. Child care allowance	3,900
d. Full Board of Pensions	23,273
e. Continuing education	2,500
f. SECA allowance	5,210
g. Actual moving expenses	
h. Four weeks vacation	
i. Two weeks continuing education	
j. Professional expenses	1,000
k. Cell phone	600
l. Dental	600
m. Auto allowance	500

- n. Family leave up to 12 weeks paid in consultation with the Personnel Committee
  - o. Paid sabbatical after 7 full years of service. May be up to 4 months in consultation with
    - i. Personnel Committee
13. Approve the terms of call between **Kristina Ray** and Stockbridge Presbyterian Church as Head of Staff.  
Date of reception by examinations: May 20, 2021. Start date: June 1, 2021.
- a. Salary 30,640
  - b. Housing 22,000
  - c. Full Board of Pensions 21,090
  - d. SECA allowance 4,360
  - e. Continuing Education 1,683.00
  - f. Moving expenses 4,000
  - g. Cell phone 683.33
  - h. Mileage, vouchered 683.33
  - i. Dental 683.33
  - j. Book Allowance 683.33
  - k. Professional expenses 683.33
  - l. Four weeks vacation
  - m. Two weeks continuing education
  - n. Two weeks to work with youth, ie. Montreat
  - o. Paid family leave of 5 weeks
14. Approve the Interim Ministry contract between **John Semmes** (St. Andrews Presbytery) and Central Presbyterian Church and grant him permission to labor within our bounds. Effective date: August 1, 2021.
- a. Salary 75,000
  - b. Housing 45,000
  - c. Full Board of Pensions 44,400
  - d. SECA allowance 9,180
  - e. Continuing education 3,000
  - f. Cell phone 1,200
  - g. Business/professional expenses 4,000
  - h. Dental 1,632
15. Grant the status of Honorable Retirement to **Hyunsung Cho**. Effective date: June 30, 2021.
16. Conclude the Contract Call Associate contract between **Laura Jernigan** and Shallowford Presbyterian Church and place her as a minister member at large. Effective date: July 18, 2021.
17. Grant permission to **Billy Wade** to labor out of our bounds in Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery for a period of three months so that he may serve Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC as a part time parish associate during the installed pastor's sabbatical. Dates of permission: July 1 through September 30, 2021.
18. Approve the Interim Ministry Contract between **Connie Lee** and Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church.  
Effective date: July 12, 2021. This contract is for 28 hours per week.
- a. Salary 17,078
  - b. Housing 10,000
  - c. SECA allowance 2,072
  - d. Continuing education 2,500
  - e. Post Retirement Dues to Board of Pensions 3,250
  - f. Cell phone 500
  - g. Mileage/auto 3,000
  - h. Professional expenses 1,000

i. Book allowance	500
j. Other vouchered expenses	2,100

19. Grant permission to **Mary Stewart Hall** (Grace Presbytery) to administer the sacraments at her niece’s wedding on October 9, 2021 in Milner, GA.

20. Dismiss **Ron Gilreath** to Northeast Georgia Presbytery per their request. Effective date: August 5, 2021.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Welcome to Rev. Dr. Mun Gye Lee who has been selected to serve as the new part-time Congregational Consultant for ECKAM and Korean churches in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Rev. Lee follows Rev. Dr. Hyunsung Cho in this role. Dr. Cho’s retirement is effective June 30, 2021, and his rich ministry was celebrated at the May Presbytery meeting.

Rev. Lee has been the pastor of the Hanbit Presbyterian Church in Johns Creek since 2012, and has been involved in the Presbytery through his work on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and as a Commissioner to the General Assembly. Before moving to Georgia, he served as pastor of the Tri-City Korean Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, Tennessee. He holds Bachelor and Master degrees from Presbyterian College & Seminary in Seoul, Korea; Master of Theology from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan; and Doctor of Ministry from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Rev. Lee will serve as consultant for ECKAM – The Evangelical Coalition of Korean American Ministries, a partnership of the Presbytery, and the Korean churches in the Presbytery. In conversations with Rev. Lee, he has emphasized the importance of equipping sessions and leaders and strengthening “the oneness” of our Presbytery with all Korean congregations. He desires to continue to build on the work Dr. Cho has done bridging relationships, so that the Korean congregations and the Presbytery can all flourish and grow spiritually.

Welcome Rev. Lee!

## OPERATIONS

### Admit to Record:

1. Upon the dissolution of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, the church campus at 5140 Memorial Drive in Stone Mountain, Georgia, was deeded to the presbytery. On May 17, 2021, the Operations Committee, acting as the Board of Directors, approved a Memorandum of Understanding/Lease Agreement between the presbytery and Memorial Drive Ministries (MDM). MDM will continue to manage the property.
2. On May 17, 2021, the Operations Committee, acting as the Board of Directors, approved a motion to allow Rev. Chad Hale and Barbara Antonoplos to explore space-sharing and funding options to sustain the Georgia Avenue church property. This agreement will be reviewed on or before December 31, 2022.
3. The field work for the presbytery’s annual audit was done June 21 – July 2, 2021. The financial reports are currently being drafted and are expected to be completed in August or September.
4. The presbytery has been notified that, effective July 13, 2021, the Small Business Administration has fully forgiven the presbytery’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan of \$196,657.00. No repayment of the loan will be required.

**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.**  
**Monthly Benevolence Report**  
 February to June 2021

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
<b>Budgeted Designated</b>			
<b>Budgeted General Assembly</b>			
100-403000 - One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,475.14	\$15,042.79	\$2,365.00
100-403020 - Christmas Joy Offering	\$745.40	\$7,408.47	\$5,825.30
100-403030 - Pentecost Offering	\$829.62	\$1,118.24	\$453.00
100-403050 - Peacemaking Special Offering	\$191.75	\$2,154.14	\$0.00
100-403200 - Designated for Missionaries	<u>\$1,216.67</u>	<u>\$8,025.02</u>	<u>\$16,425.02</u>
<b>Total Budgeted General Assembly</b>	<u>\$4,458.58</u>	<u>\$33,748.66</u>	<u>\$25,068.32</u>
<b>Budgeted Presbytery</b>			
100-403510 - Designated Thornwell Home & School	\$937.17	\$3,374.47	\$2,120.38
100-403520 - Columbia Seminary	\$0.00	\$337.50	\$750.00
100-403550 - Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
100-403580 - Presbyterian Homes	\$224.67	\$1,129.97	\$695.38
100-403590 - Villa International	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Presbytery</b>	<u>\$1,161.84</u>	<u>\$5,441.94</u>	<u>\$4,115.76</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Designated</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Disbursements and Expenses</b>			
<b>Benevolent Disbursements</b>			
100-500100 - G. A. Budgeted Benevolence	\$4,458.58	\$33,748.66	\$25,068.32
100-500500 - Designated for Presbyterian Homes	\$224.67	\$1,129.97	\$695.38
100-504010 - Designated for Villa International	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
100-504030 - Designated for Thornwell	\$937.17	\$3,374.47	\$2,120.38
100-506010 - Designated for Columbia Seminary	\$0.00	\$337.50	\$750.00
100-506020 - Designated for JC Smith Seminary	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
<b>Total Benevolent Disbursements</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Total Disbursements and Expenses</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.**  
**Monthly Benevolence Report**  
**February to June 2021**

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
<b>Budgeted Designated</b>			
<b>Budgeted General Assembly</b>			
100-403000 - One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,475.14	\$15,042.79	\$2,365.00
100-403020 - Christmas Joy Offering	\$745.40	\$7,408.47	\$5,825.30
100-403030 - Pentecost Offering	\$829.62	\$1,118.24	\$453.00
100-403050 - Peacemaking Special Offering	\$191.75	\$2,154.14	\$0.00
100-403200 - Designated for Missionaries	\$1,216.67	\$8,025.02	\$16,425.02
<b>Total Budgeted General Assembly</b>	<u>\$4,458.58</u>	<u>\$33,748.66</u>	<u>\$25,068.32</u>
<b>Budgeted Presbytery</b>			
100-403510 - Designated Thornwell Home & School	\$937.17	\$3,374.47	\$2,120.38
100-403520 - Columbia Seminary	\$0.00	\$337.50	\$750.00
100-403550 - Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
100-403580 - Presbyterian Homes	\$224.67	\$1,129.97	\$695.38
100-403590 - Villa International	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Budgeted Presbytery</b>	<u>\$1,161.84</u>	<u>\$5,441.94</u>	<u>\$4,115.76</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Designated</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Disbursements and Expenses</b>			
<b>Benevolent Disbursements</b>			
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100-500500 - Designated for Presbyterian Homes	\$224.67	\$1,129.97	\$695.38
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<b>Total Benevolent Disbursements</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Total Disbursements and Expenses</b>	<u>\$5,620.42</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>	<u>\$29,184.08</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
Operations Fund Revenues and Disbursements-Preliminary  
Period Ending June 30, 2021

	Actual Period Ending <u>6/30/21</u>	Actual Period Ending <u>6/30/20</u>	Annual Budget <u>FYE 01/31/2021</u>
Operation Support	\$ 126,839.47	\$ 185,018.84	\$ 600,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 275,733.15	\$ 270,805.11	\$ 612,000.00
Budgeted Designated	\$ 33,748.66	\$ 25,068.32	
Budgeted Presbytery	\$ 7,671.91	\$ 4,986.14	\$ 2,000.00
Total Designated	\$ 443,993.19	\$ 485,878.41	\$ 1,214,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 3,344.05	\$ 3,671.22	\$ 10,000.00
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 31,063.59	\$ 14,938.02	\$ 46,500.00
Other Income	\$ 92,358.49	\$ 109,842.87	\$ 245,533.33
Total Revenues before Transfers	\$ 570,759.32	\$ 614,330.52	\$ 1,516,033.33
Transfers			
Transfer to Pilgrimage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 268,995.98	\$ 244,719.29	\$ 513,456.12
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 2,460.15	\$ 3,859.09	\$ 11,150.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 354,425.36	\$ 278,107.00	\$ 851,927.21
Administrative Costs	\$ 49,050.73	\$ 52,215.99	\$ 139,500.00
Total Program Expenses	\$ 405,936.24	\$ 334,182.08	\$ 1,002,577.21
Total Transfers and Disbursements	\$ 674,932.22	\$ 578,901.37	\$ 1,516,033.33
Change in Net Assets	\$ (104,172.90)	\$ 35,429.15	\$ -
Other Revenues	\$ 1,851,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating Total	\$ 1,746,827.10	\$ 35,429.15	\$ -



Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.  
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position  
Operations Fund  
As of June 30, 2021

**Assets**

Cash		<b>\$373,074.97</b>
Investments		<b>\$1,014,637.98</b>
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 Memorial Drive PC	\$3,306.67	
A/R-Hanbit PC	\$36,394.87	
A/R- Ormewood Park	\$35,121.49	
A/R - College Park PC	\$30,064.06	
A/R - Church of the New Covenant	(\$22,382.46)	
A/R - Luther Hays PET	\$20.10	
A/R-Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$36,984.98	
A/R -Church os St. Andrew	\$33,135.82	
Total Accounts Receivable		<b>\$104,842.45</b>
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$725,000.00	
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	<u>(\$490,759.85)</u>	
Total Pledges Receivable		<b>\$234,240.15</b>
Prepaid Expenses		\$18,110.25
Property & Equipment		\$1,200,728.78
Total Held for Sale or Transfer		\$0.00
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)		\$9,863,960.50
Total Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(\$1,511,148.11)</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>\$11,298,446.97</u></b>

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

Liabilities		
Non-Budgeted Benevolence		\$0.00
A/P Operations		\$63.37
A/P Tree of Life Ministries		\$14,000.00
HFSA		\$4,445.29
Accrued Vacation		\$19,491.34
Long-term Debt		
Due to Wachovia (CSM)	\$39,649.14	
Total Long-term Debt		\$39,649.14
Other Liabilities	\$65,226.73	
		<u>\$65,226.73</u>
Total Liabilities		\$142,875.87
Total Restricted Funds		\$1,100,057.38
Fund Principal		
Fund Balance-Operations	\$8,308,686.62	
Reclasses for Audit Prep	\$0.00	
Net Income Year-to-Date	\$1,746,827.10	
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date		<u>\$10,055,513.72</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b><u>\$11,298,446.97</u></b>

**THE PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA  
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6/30/21**

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PEACHTREE			\$189,129.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	6959	7010
ROSSELL	\$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
SHALLOWFORD	\$4,401.00	\$2,200.50	\$26,548.32	\$13,274.50	\$15,475.00			\$15,475.00	1007	984
ALPHARETTA	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$22,474.34	\$11,236.98	\$18,736.98	\$2,535.00	\$450.00	\$21,721.98	830	833
DECATUR	\$19,306.00	\$9,652.49	\$21,584.00	\$21,584.00	\$31,236.49	\$4,562.50	\$1,612.50	\$37,411.49	791	800
ST LUKES	\$42,640.00	\$9,040.00	\$19,614.46	\$19,506.54	\$28,546.54	\$400.00		\$28,946.54	735	727
NORTH AVENUE		\$10,006.02	\$25,010.46	\$16,713.81	\$26,719.83	\$2,670.02	\$865.00	\$30,254.85	719	927
JOHNS CREEK			\$18,481.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	668	685
MCDONOUGH		\$4,973.00	\$14,353.36	\$14,353.36	\$19,326.36	\$1,425.00	\$1,500.00	\$22,251.36	533	532
First PRES-LAGRANGE	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$14,056.58	\$7,128.50	\$9,628.50	\$2,630.00	\$1,535.20	\$13,793.70	517	521
CENTRAL	\$21,700.00	\$7,116.68	\$13,894.70		\$7,116.68			\$7,116.68	509	515
First-AFRICAN			\$18,670.16		\$0.00			\$0.00	480	692
BUFORD			\$13,813.76	\$6,718.61	\$6,718.61		\$343.31	\$7,061.92	398	512
NEWMAN			\$10,630.12	\$5,349.99	\$5,349.99			\$5,349.99	398	394
MOUNT VERNON	\$15,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$10,684.08	\$3,210.00	\$7,710.00	\$145.00		\$7,855.00	393	396
MORNINGSIDE			\$9,847.70		\$0.00		\$1,000.00	\$2,819.50	387	365
NORTHMINSTER	\$26,000.00	\$10,833.35	\$10,549.18	\$4,395.50	\$15,228.85			\$15,228.85	384	391
PLEASANT HILL		\$3,500.00	\$10,117.50	\$10,117.50	\$13,617.50	\$2,512.98		\$16,130.48	380	375
NORTH DECATUR			\$9,550.92		\$0.00		\$1,415.00	\$1,415.00	333	354
CLAIRMONT	\$0.00		\$8,687.56	\$4,343.76	\$4,343.76			\$4,343.76	322	322
OAKHURST		\$1,000.00	\$8,660.58	\$2,886.30	\$3,886.30	\$190.00		\$4,812.05	321	321
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,471.72	\$2,115.58	\$2,115.58			\$2,115.58	312	314
NEW LIFE			\$8,471.72		\$0.00			\$0.00	310	314
FAYETTE			\$7,230.64	\$1,807.66	\$1,807.66			\$1,807.66	271	268
EASTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$6,960.84	\$3,480.45	\$3,480.45			\$3,480.45	253	258
GOOD SHEPHERD			\$6,879.90	\$3,426.46	\$3,426.46			\$3,426.46	244	255
COVINGTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	\$10,000.00	\$4,999.98	\$6,421.24	\$3,210.48	\$8,210.46			\$8,210.46	233	238
CARROLTON		\$500.00	\$6,205.40	\$3,100.00	\$3,600.00	\$225.00		\$3,825.00	229	230
NORTHWEST	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,232.38	\$6,232.38	\$11,232.38			\$11,232.38	228	231
RADCLIFFE			\$6,151.44	\$6,151.44	\$6,151.44	\$6,308.48	\$1,187.82	\$13,647.74	215	228
LOYD	\$4,000.00	\$1,998.00	\$5,962.58	\$5,962.58	\$7,960.58			\$7,960.58	212	221
ST ANDREWS		\$1,250.00	\$6,259.36	\$6,259.36	\$7,509.36	\$1,175.00		\$8,684.36	213	232
First PRES-PEACHTREE CITY			\$5,557.88	\$5,557.88	\$5,557.88			\$5,557.88	202	206
CONYERS			\$5,396.00	\$2,698.00	\$2,698.00	\$1,121.58	\$50.00	\$3,869.58	193	200
MORROW			\$5,369.02	\$5,369.00	\$5,369.00	\$1,303.32	\$750.00	\$7,422.32	193	199
COVENANT	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,288.08	\$2,536.14	\$8,536.14			\$8,536.14	188	196

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LAWRENCEVILLE	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,234.12	\$2,617.00	\$4,117.00	\$460.00		\$4,577.00	186	194
KOREAN CENTRAL			\$4,856.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	180	180
CROSSROADS	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$4,370.76	\$4,366.00	\$4,866.00	\$600.00		\$5,466.00	157	162
KAIROS		\$188.65	\$4,100.96		\$188.65			\$188.65	152	152
STOCKBRIDGE		\$3,500.00	\$3,669.28	\$3,907.75	\$7,407.75		\$1,000.00	\$8,407.75	135	136
DRUID HILLS		\$4,500.00	\$3,480.42	\$3,480.42	\$7,980.42	\$41.67	\$3,620.83	\$11,642.92	125	129
HAMILTON MILL	\$10,000.00	\$4,166.65	\$3,723.24	\$1,861.62	\$6,028.27			\$6,028.27	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	\$2,191.69	\$3,129.68	\$521.34	\$2,713.03	\$2,844.91		\$5,557.94	112	116
RICE MEMORIAL	\$2,500.00		\$3,183.64	\$3,180.10	\$3,180.10	\$275.00		\$3,455.10	105	118
SMYRNA			\$3,183.64	\$3,183.64	\$3,183.64			\$3,183.64	102	118
OGLETHORPE		\$2,000.00	\$2,805.92	\$1,402.50	\$3,402.50			\$3,402.50	102	104
MEMORIAL DRIVE			\$2,751.96		\$0.00	\$810.00	\$30.00	\$840.00	102	102
CHURCH OF THE MASTER			\$2,859.88	\$431.75	\$431.75			\$431.75	101	106
COLUMBIA			\$2,455.18		\$0.00			\$0.00	95	91
FAIRVIEW			\$2,590.08	\$1,295.04	\$1,295.04	\$767.00		\$2,062.04	92	96
PHILADELPHIA		\$500.00	\$2,509.14	\$1,293.60	\$1,793.60	\$1,633.34	\$66.66	\$3,493.60	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	\$7,000.00	\$2,320.28	\$2,131.42	\$9,131.42			\$9,131.42	78	86
BETHANY			\$2,158.40	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$100.00		\$650.00	77	80
TRINITY DECATUR			\$2,158.40		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	74	80
TIMBERIDGE			\$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	\$863.36	\$863.36	\$533.33	\$166.67	\$1,563.36	64	64
ATLANTA TAIWANESE			\$1,672.76	\$1,805.65	\$1,805.65			\$1,805.65	62	62
HANBIT			\$1,564.84		\$0.00			\$0.00	50	58
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES			\$1,349.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	50	50
JACKSON	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,456.92	\$1,456.92	\$3,456.92			\$3,456.92	48	54
GRACE KOREAN			\$1,402.96	\$901.40	\$901.40			\$901.40	41	52
KELLEY	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,187.12	\$1,187.12	\$2,187.12			\$2,187.12	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-MANCHESTER 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

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WESTHILLS			\$566.58	\$565.95	\$565.95	\$283.00		\$848.95	19	21
GREENVILLE			\$647.52		\$0.00			\$0.00	18	24
EBENEZER		\$600.00	\$512.62	\$512.62	\$1,112.62			\$1,112.62	18	19
NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GA.			\$539.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	17	20
First PRES-BREMEN	\$0.00		\$431.68	\$431.68	\$431.68			\$431.68	14	16
TALLAPOOSA			\$377.72		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$210.00	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	\$136,845.49	\$876,580.20	\$296,650.58	\$433,496.07	\$41,645.41	\$17,397.37	\$492,538.85	31748	32663
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL				\$98.00				\$7,437.01		
* OVERALL TOTAL				\$296,748.58				\$499,975.86		

**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.

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@atipcusa.org  
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 closed In prayer at 11:00 by Moderator Weekley.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna E. Wells  
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# **ADDENDUMS**

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# Addendum



## Additional Liturgy and Worship Resources

### Vital Congregations: A Service of Celebration and Commitment

The litany of commitment near the end of this service may be used or adapted as a stand-alone element of worship.

#### —Gathering—

##### GATHERING MUSIC

*Instrumental music or congregational song may precede the service.*

##### OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord says: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

*Isa. 43:1–2, 18–19*

**When we pass through the waters, God is with us;  
when we walk through the fire we will not be burned.**

Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

**God is about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth!**

##### HYMN

##### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Through Jesus Christ, God has entrusted us  
with the message and ministry of reconciliation.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Holy One, our great Redeemer—  
you have created us to be your people;  
you have called us from captivity to freedom;  
you have delivered us from death to life.**

**Yet we have wandered in the wilderness;  
we have failed to keep your commandments;  
we have put our trust in false idols.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Fill us with hope, feed us with mercy,  
and lead us into the land of your promise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

*Worshippers may share signs of peace.*

—Word—

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit,  
let us be grounded in your Word,  
always growing in your wisdom  
and bearing good fruit in your world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON**

*An ascription of praise, hymn, and/or affirmation of faith may follow the sermon.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Living God, hear our prayers  
for your church and your world.

*The following response may follow each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the life of the church ...

Support us in our weakness,  
heal us in our brokenness,  
and use us to do your will.

We pray for loved ones ...

Surround them with your care,  
deliver them from danger,  
and bless them with your grace.

We pray for the gifts of your Spirit ...

Shape us through your Word,  
wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us at your table.

We pray for leaders ...

Awaken them to do justice,  
teach them to love kindness,  
and help them to walk humbly with you.

We pray for all who serve your mission ...

Move us with compassion for those in need,  
send us out to share your gifts,  
and make us good stewards of your creation.

We pray for all who share the gospel ...

Inspire them to proclaim good news,  
equip them to show your way,  
and empower them to speak the truth in love.

We pray for all who follow Jesus ...

Keep us faithful as Christ's disciples,  
guide us in his way of life,  
and strengthen us to serve you always.

*Other petitions may be added.*



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Holy One, let your church be a living sign  
of your great love for the world,  
until all may rejoice and give thanks  
at the coming of your glorious realm;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## —Eucharist—

### OFFERING

I appeal to you, by the mercy of God,  
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to God.  
This is our spiritual worship.

*Rom. 12:1*

*As the offering is gathered, the table is prepared.*

*The covenant for congregational vitality may also be presented at this time.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The introductory dialogue (“The Lord be with you ...”) may be included here.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:  
In the beginning, when there was only chaos  
and darkness covered the face of the deep,  
you began to create the heavens and the earth.  
On the first day of the week, you spoke,  
and by your word you gave light to the world.  
In the fullness of time you claimed us as your holy people,  
calling us out of darkness and into your marvelous light.

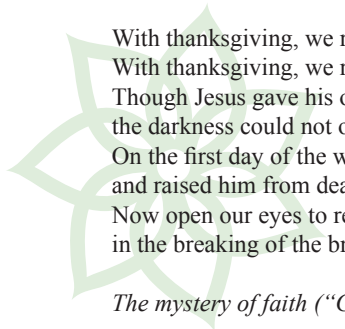
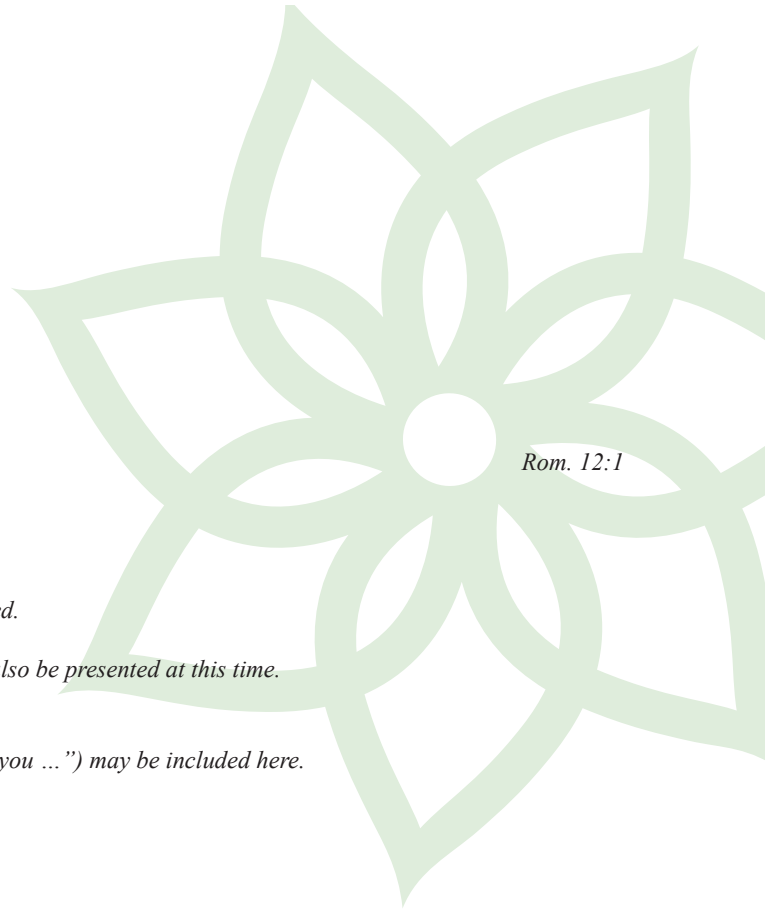
*The Sanctus (“Holy, holy, holy ...”) may be included here.*

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:  
In the beginning, Jesus was with you as your Word,  
and through him all things came into being.  
In the fullness of time you sent him to dwell among us  
as your Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

*The words of institution are included here:*

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread ...  
With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup ...  
Though Jesus gave his own life for our salvation,  
the darkness could not overcome his light.  
On the first day of the week, you spoke again,  
and raised him from death to life.  
Now open our eyes to recognize him  
in the breaking of the bread.

*The mystery of faith (“Christ has died ...”) may be included here.*



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;  
make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Speak to us on this day, O Lord our God.  
Breathe new life into our dry bones.  
Help us to bear witness to the light of Christ  
that all the world may know he is risen indeed.  
In the fullness of time, bring to completion  
the good work you have begun in us.  
As you have been with us from the beginning,  
be with us always, to the end of the age.  
Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory,  
now and forever. Amen.



*The Lord's Prayer follows.*

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The bread is broken in silence.*

*Then the minister says:*

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who trust in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

*John 11:25–26*

### **COMMUNION**

*After receiving communion, worshipers may be invited to sign their names in a book or on a banner representing their commitment to congregational vitality.*

*After communion, all may pray:*

We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for the presence of Christ in this place—  
in the teaching and fellowship,  
the breaking of bread and the prayers.  
Send us out to tell of signs and wonders  
and share the blessings we have received.  
Day by day, use our witness and work  
to add to the number you have saved,  
until you gather us up in your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Acts 2:42–47*

—Sending—

**LITANY OF COMMITMENT**

*The litany of commitment may be led from the baptismal font.*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you renounce the power of death  
and trust in the Lord of life? **We do.**  
Who is your Lord and Savior?  
**Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.**

*Taking light from the paschal candle, a leader may light candles for each of the seven marks.*

Will you seek to grow in the image of Christ  
through lifelong discipleship formation?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you share the hope that is within you  
through intentional authentic evangelism?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you offer the grace of God to others  
with an outward incarnational focus?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you love and serve one another  
through empowering servant leadership?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim the good news of salvation,  
through Spirit-filled worship?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you extend God's compassion to all  
through caring relationships?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you work to build up the body of Christ  
in its ecclesial health?

**We will, with God's help.**

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace  
you have called us to this time and place  
to be your servant people  
as we follow our servant Lord.

Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us,  
that together we may live a new life  
in the crucified and risen Christ.

Bind us together in faith,  
so that as we receive all spiritual gifts  
needed to fulfill our calling,  
we may support one another in common ministry;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*See BCW 409*

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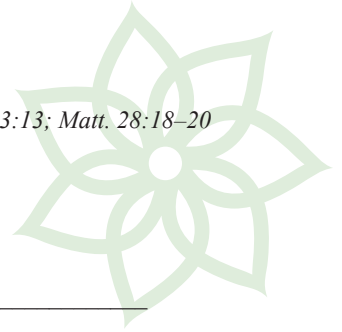
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## BLESSING AND CHARGE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. **Alleluia!**  
Go therefore and make disciples.  
The Lord is with you always. **Amen.**

*2 Cor. 13:13; Matt. 28:18–20*



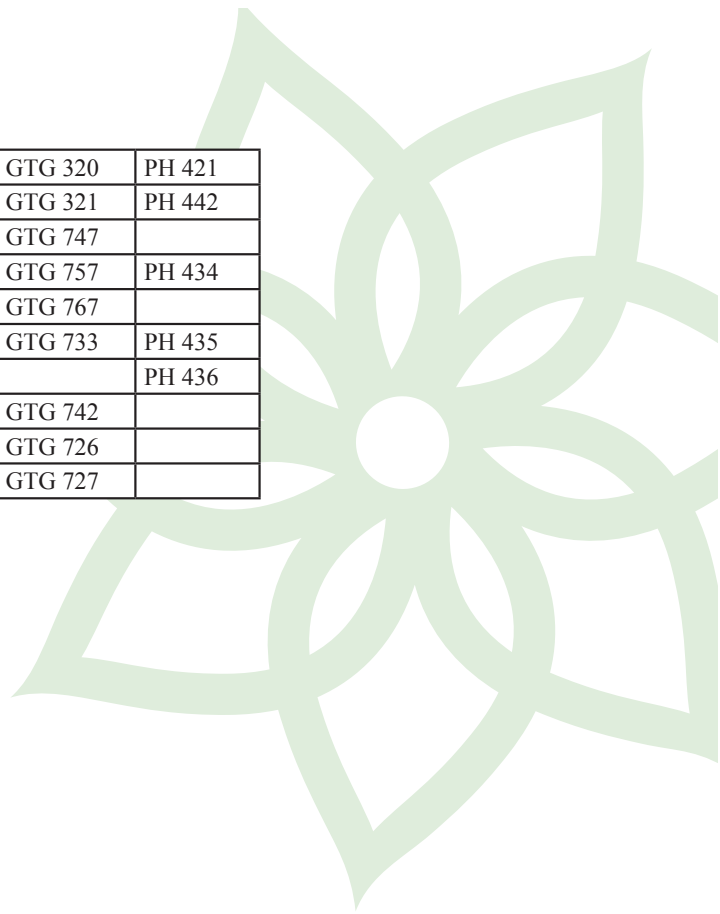
## SUGGESTED READINGS

Exodus 14:10–31	Acts 2:1–21
Deuteronomy 6:1–9	Romans 6:1–11
Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18	1 Corinthians 3:1–23
Isaiah 43:1–21	Ephesians 4:1–16
Ezekiel 37:1–14	Philippians 2:5–11
Mark 1:9–20	Colossians 3:1–17
Luke 10:1–11	1 Thessalonians 5:12–24
John 4:7–15	Revelation 21:1–6

## SUGGESTED HYMNS/SONGS

Arise, Your Light Is Come!	GTG 744	PH 411
Called as Partners in Christ's Service	GTG 761	PH 343
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	GTG 39	PH 416, 417
Come, Labor On	GTG 719	PH 415
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy	GTG 305	PH 430
From the Nets of Our Labor	GTG 751	
God, Bless Your Church with Strength!		PH 418
God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian	GTG 303	PH 523
Guide My Feet	GTG 741	PH 354
Here I Am, Lord	GTG 69	PH 525
Holy Spirit, Lord of Love		PH 524
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord	GTG 432	PH 419
Let Us Build a House	GTG 301	
Live into Hope	GTG 772	PH 332
Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness	GTG 314	
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song	GTG 737	
Lord, When I Came into This Life	GTG 691	PH 522
Lord, You Give the Great Commission	GTG 298	PH 429
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore	GTG 721	PH 377
Send Me, Jesus	GTG 746	
Shout to the North	GTG 319	
Song of Hope	GTG 765	PH 432
Step by Step	GTG 743	
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound	GTG 766	

The Church of Christ in Every Age	GTG 320	PH 421
The Church's One Foundation	GTG 321	PH 442
The Lord Now Sends Us Forth	GTG 747	
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples	GTG 757	PH 434
Together We Serve	GTG 767	
We All Are One in Mission	GTG 733	PH 435
We Are Your People		PH 436
We Will Walk with God	GTG 742	
Will You Come and Follow Me	GTG 726	
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant	GTG 727	



## ADDENDUM 2: PARTNERSHIP INTEREST FORM

Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being contacted by the following partnerships  
to learn about how to get involved: (check all that apply)

### Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS)

AMIS welcomes new international students and scholars coming to Atlanta's colleges and universities. We invite you to join us in extending friendship and hospitality to these future leaders of the world and expand your understanding of global cultures.

Contact: Irene Wong, irene@amis-inc.org | Web: www.amis-inc.org

### Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM)

Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM) provides life-changing services for individuals and families experiencing various stages of hunger or homelessness.

Contact: Tiffany Banks, 678-399-8411, tiffanybanks@bcmatlanta.org or Kevin Pranoto, 678-399-8414, kevinpranoto@bcmatlanta.org | Web: www.buckheadchristianministry.org

### Earth Covenant Ministry (ECM)

ECM exists to engage all PGA congregations in environmental stewardship and Creation Care. Practical tools and resources are provided through their partner organization, GIPL, while ECM works with faith leaders on advocating for sustainability and other environmental policies at the denominational level and within municipal, state and national government.

Contact: Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley, 678-362-7639, kate@gipl.org | Web: www.gipl.org

### Evangelical Coalition of Korean American Ministries (ECKAM)

ECKAM is a partnership of some of the Korean churches within the presbytery. Within their structure, there are opportunities for mission in the Korean context and mission overseas. A part-time Presbytery staff person works with these Korean churches and maintains a relationship with the Presbytery Council.

Contact: Rev. Dr. Hyunsung Cho, hcho@atlpcusa.org or Rev. Byeong Cheol Han, pastorhan63@hotmail.com | Web: www.eckam.org

### Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine & Israel (JHJPI)

Since 2000, JHJPI has been committed to educating Presbyterians and the wider Atlanta community about the conditions of Palestinians living under the Israeli Occupation. They organize trips to Palestine/Israel to meet with partners and learn about the reality on the ground. They sponsor and co-sponsor conferences, speakers and other educational events in Atlanta.

Contact: Sarah Humphrey, sarah.h.humphrey@gmail.com | Web: https://jhjpi.com

### LaGonave Haiti Partners, Inc.

LaGonave Haiti Partnership works on the island of LaGonave, one of the most remote and impoverished parts of Haiti. The Partnership supports ten primary schools, one secondary school, a medical clinic, 22 community health workers, an adult literacy program, a goat project, a community garden program, and micro-finance. A recent focus is on community-based healthcare, the foundation of which is a maternal health program. In all, the partnership supports over 215 jobs on the island and is an all-volunteer organization.

Contact: Claire Berry, cmbac@aol.com or info@lagonavepartners.org | Web: www.lagonavepartners.org



### **Peace and Global Witness Partnership**

The Peace and Global Witness Partnership is a group of representatives from congregations within the presbytery who usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month (excluding July) at 10:00 a.m. at North Decatur Presbyterian Church to study and discuss the work of peacemakers in the world. They are stewards of the Peacemaking Offering funds that are given to the Presbytery. They support peacemaking ministries in congregations within the presbytery, host an International Peacemaker, and work in the global Peace and Justice program.

Contact: Kathleen Allen (Chair), mkathleen44@yahoo.com or Mel Coe (Treasurer), mcoe@bellsouth.net

### **Presbyterians Caring for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PCCMP)**

PCCMP is the PC(USA) endorsing (certifying) agency for clergy who serve as Federal Chaplains in the military, VA, federal prisons and Civil Air Patrol. PCCMP provides care to individuals and families with personal visits and training events.

Contact: Bill Nisbet, 404-277-0014, wonisbet@bellsouth.net

### **Presbyterians for a Better Georgia**

This is a partnership of Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations, affiliated nonprofit organizations, and individuals that work in the area of public policy to serve our most vulnerable neighbors. They achieve their goals by educating member congregations on policy issues, training members of partner congregations to be powerful advocates in the sphere of public policy and advocating directly with elected representatives at the Ga. General Assembly.

Contact: presbyterians4bettergeorgia@gmail.com | Web: www.p4bg.org

### **Presbyterians Youth Ministry Collaboration of Atlanta (PYMCoA)**

PYMCoA is a partnership which brings together those working in youth ministry across the Greater Atlanta area. This group is composed of full-time, part-time and volunteer youth workers who serve in a variety of ordained and non-ordained positions at PGA churches. The mission of this partnership is to foster community and learning between the youth workers of the presbytery through idea sharing.

Contact: Rev. Allysén Schaaf, aschaaf@dpchurch.org (Decatur PC)

### **Street Grace**

Street Grace is a faith-driven organization collaborating with faith, business and community leaders to provide a comprehensive path to end Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in Atlanta and across the country. They mobilize community resources - financial, human, and material - to fight the demand for DMST through education, awareness, and action. Their programs are focused on ending the demand and equipping youth with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves from predators.

Contact: April Henderson, 678-809-1479, april@streetgrace.org | Web: StreetGrace.org

### **UKirk Atlanta**

The mission of the UKirk Atlanta board is to serve God through relationship-based ministry on Atlanta area college campuses, to create supportive, faithful communities of students who seek together to engage faith in their everyday lives, and to build connections between college students and PC(USA) congregations.

Contact: Sarah Hooker, 763-516-3862, sarah@ukirkatlanta.com | Web: https://www.ukirkatlanta.com

### **Westminster Christian Fellowship (WCF) at Georgia Tech**

WCF is a Christian ministry on the campus of Georgia Tech that desires to build mature, healthy disciples of Jesus Christ. They hope to encourage continued presbytery-wide participation in and support of the ministry, and they hope that churches will encourage their young people to participate in WCF while they are studying at Georgia Tech.

Contact: Neale Hightower, 404-403-4500, nealeh1@bellsouth.net or John Keyser, 678-773-9224, jon@gt-wcf.org | Web: http://gt-wcf.org

Please return completed forms to Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
(1024 Ponce de Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30306)

## ADDENDUM 3: OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESBYTERY SERVICE

### Opportunities for Presbytery Service

*During the Pandemic, all meetings are virtual until further notice*

*Committees and Commissions of the Presbytery need you! If interested and able, please complete and return requested forms (Volunteer Interest Form and General Assembly Interest Form) found with full descriptions of the committees/commissions at <http://atlpcusa.org/committees>. Terms for committees & commissions are ordinarily 3 years with eligibility for re-election to a maximum of 6 years. The \* indicates that committee members must be Ruling Elders or Teaching Elders in the PC (USA).*

**\*Bills and Overtures Committee/General Assembly (GA) Commissioner** – prepares for, attends and participates in the General Assembly and reports to the Presbytery. Serves as the Presbytery Bills and Overtures Committee for two years following the General Assembly.

**\*Committee on Ministry (COM)** - provides care of congregations, pastors and educators. Ordinarily meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 5 – 6:30 PM at the Presbytery office. Subcommittees also meet monthly.

**\*Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)** - works with inquirers and candidates as they discern calls to ministry and move through the requirements for ordination. Ordinarily meets on the 4th Thursday of the month from 4:30 – 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta.

**\*Presbytery Council** - guides, plans and envisions staffing needs and directions to be taken by the Presbytery. Meets 6 Monday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Presbytery office.

**Committee on Representation (COR)** - offers ways to live out the church's commitment to inclusiveness and representation. Meets 4 times each year during the day at the Presbytery office.

**\*Examinations Commission** - examines all ministers who wish to be received into the Presbytery for membership during monthly meetings on the third Thursday afternoon from 1 - 4 PM at the Presbytery office.

**Grants Committee** - awards three primary grants each year to churches or other organizations. Also considers awards for seminarians. Ordinarily meets at the Presbytery office in May and October.

**\*New Church Development Commission (NCDC)** - catalyzes and supports the development of new worshipping communities throughout our presbytery. Meets for an annual half day strategic planning meeting and quarterly on Wednesdays, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at the offices of the Presbytery. The Operations, Development and Advisory teams meet as needed, some face to face and some online.

**\*Nominating Committee** –Identifies and recruits volunteers for all Presbytery committees. Meets 3-4 mornings a year at the Presbytery office.

**Operations Committee** - manages financial and business processes of the Presbytery. Meets quarterly on Mondays at 2 PM at the Presbytery office. Subcommittees meet additionally.

**\*Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)** - exercises church discipline through judicial process. Meets as necessary during one term of 6 years.

**Personnel Committee** – provides guidance, expertise and assistance to the Presbytery staff re: matters of personnel. Quarterly meetings on weekdays, usually on Mondays, noon – 1:30 pm, at the Presbytery office.

**\*Synod Commissioners** - represent the Presbytery at 1-2 Synod meetings each year of a 4 year term.

**Presbytery Worship and Planning Committee** - assists in planning worship and order of business for stated Presbytery meetings. Meets approximately 6 weeks prior to each Stated Presbytery Meeting, usually at upcoming host churches and once annually with Council to discuss themes.

\*\*A new Committee if approved by Presbytery on August 14, 2021: **Dismantling Racism**. This committee is just getting off the ground, but there is a place for you to indicate your interest in serving on the Volunteer Information Form.

# ADDENDUM 4

## VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Use this form to express interest in volunteering to serve on a Presbytery of Greater Atlanta committee/commission. The information you submit will be put on file for the Nominating Committee. The primary nominating meeting is in the fall. However, there may be a few vacancies to fill throughout the year.

The PGA is committed to giving full expression to the rich diversity of our membership in the structures of our committees/commissions and council. Providing information helps the Nominating Committee fulfill this commitment to inclusiveness and representation.

Please complete the questions below as you feel comfortable. Submitting a form does not guarantee nomination. If you are nominated, you will be contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee. If not nominated, your information will be kept for the next cycle.

Committee/Commission Info: <https://www.atlpcusa.org/committees>

Mail To: Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, 1024 Ponce de Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

To fill out this form online, visit <http://bit.ly/2xMq8bm> or Scan →



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Today's Date

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State

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Zip Code

I am a:

\_\_\_\_ Ruling Elder (Once a Ruling Elder, always a Ruling Elder!)

\_\_\_\_ Teaching Elder

\_\_\_\_ Lay Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church of Affiliation and City (Ex. First Presbyterian in Covington)

If Teaching Elder, are you:

\_\_\_\_ Validated Minister Member

\_\_\_\_ Member at Large

\_\_\_\_ Honorably Retired

\_\_\_\_ Parish Pastor

I am interested in serving on the following committees/commissions:

- General Assembly Commission/Bills & Overtures Committee
- Committee on Ministry
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Committee on Representation
- Council
- Dismantling Racism Committee (pending presbytery approval)
- Examinations Commission
- Grants Committee
- New Church Development Commission
- Nominating Committee
- Operations Committee
- Permanent Judicial Commission
- Personnel Committee
- Synod Commission
- Worship and Planning Committee
- Where Needed

I offer the following gifts/qualities/skills to a committee/commission: *(Examples: Financial Planning, Multilingual, Funds Development, Bookkeeping, Musician, Liturgist, Listener, etc.)*

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In the Presbytery, I have served in the following ways (any presbytery):

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Age:

- 25 and Under
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- Over 65

Gender Identity: \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural/ Ethnic Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

What else would you like us to know about you that would be helpful?

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Thank you for your interest in serving.