

**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
Minutes of the August 16, 2022, Stated Meeting**

*Rev. Juan Herrera, Moderator  
Rev. C. Anderson James, Stated Clerk*

Online via Zoom  
Co-Hosted by Emory Presbyterian Church and Morningside Presbyterian Church

***Call to Order***

Following prelude music shared by First Afrikan Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer by Moderator Juan Herrera.

***Co-Hosts' Words of Welcome***

Rev. Andy Acton, pastor at Emory Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Katie Aumann, pastor at Morningside Presbyterian Church, shared words of welcome as co-hosts for the virtual meeting.

***Call to Worship***

Rev. Alex Rodgers, a member of the board of partnership ministry UKirk Atlanta, offered the call to worship.

***Declaration of Quorum and Meeting Instructions***

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

The Moderator then recognized Rev. Chip Blankinship, the presbytery's Director of Operations, to give instructions and orientation to the Zoom meeting.

***Omnibus Motion***

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

- The docket for the meeting;
- The minutes of the May 3, 2022, Stated Meeting;
- The Admit to Record items in the Communications and Stated Clerk's Report;
- The Admit to Record items in the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report;
- The Admit to Record items in the Committee on Ministry Report; and
- The Admit to Record items in the Operations Report (Attachment B).

The omnibus motion was moved and seconded. Following opportunity to do so, no items were removed from the omnibus motion. The omnibus motion was approved by a vote of 183-0. The items approved under the omnibus motion are listed under the appropriate report below.

## *Communications and Stated Clerk's Report*

The Moderator recognized Rev. Andy James to give the report of the Stated Clerk. He offered gratitude for the presbytery's warm welcome in this new role. The Clerk joined the meeting from the presbytery office, where he gathered with the Moderator, the Executive Presbyter, and several other staff so that they could coordinate their work together during the meeting and offered gratitude to Rev. Catherine Foster and Shallowford Presbyterian Church for their guidance with the Meeting Owl technology that made this possible.

The Clerk asked the presbytery to save the date of the next presbytery meeting, Saturday, November 12, to be held that morning in-person at Korean Central Presbyterian Church and featuring his installation as the new Stated Clerk. He also noted that the same afternoon would feature the inauguration of the Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo as the next president of Columbia Theological Seminary and encouraged everyone to make plans to participate.

The Clerk invited the presbytery to attend one or more Conversations with the Clerk as an opportunity to get to know him and learn more about the actions of the 225th General Assembly this summer under the following schedule:

Monday, August 22, 7pm	General Assembly Actions on National/International Issues
Saturday, October 1, 9am	General Assembly Actions on Church Issues
Monday, October 24, 7pm	Church Discipline in the Book of Order
Saturday, January 7, 2023, 9am	Book of Order Amendments

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter on June 19, 2022, dated June 9, 2022, from **Victoria Chappell**, minister member of the Presbytery, renouncing jurisdiction and resigning from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in accordance with G-2.0509. He noted that Victoria was a member of Roswell Presbyterian Church before going to seminary and becoming a Navy chaplain. After much prayer, conversation, and discernment, she recently left the Navy Chaplaincy and returned to the Roman Catholic faith of her family. In her letter of renunciation and resignation, she wrote, "I leave with gratitude in my heart to the saints of Roswell Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery, and the Church at large. I pray you all as well continue to follow God's leading."

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

1. The Presbytery celebrates with the following persons upon their election to committees and boards of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the 225th General Assembly:
  - **Mark Douglas**, minister member, to the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI)
  - **George Hauptfuhrer**, ruling elder at Northwest, to the Board of the Board of Pensions
  - **Ximena Leroux**, ruling elder at Central, to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board
  - **Ken Whitehurst**, ruling elder at Trinity Decatur, to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board
2. That the minutes of the ordination of **Mary Beth Walker** on April 30, 2022, as a chaplain at Canterbury Court be admitted to the record. The ordination took place at Kairos Church in Atlanta, GA.
3. The following people served on the commission to install **Megan Johnson** as pastor of Clairmont Presbyterian Church in Decatur on May 15, 2022.
  - Rev. Lyndsay Slocum, Roswell Presbyterian Church
  - Rev. Erin Noh, Alpharetta Presbyterian Church
  - Elder Linda Massey, Clairmont Presbyterian Church
  - Elder Glenice Johnson, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
  - Elder Larry Fossett, Decatur Presbyterian Church

4. That the minutes of the installation of **Megan Johnson** as pastor of Clairmont Presbyterian Church in Decatur on May 15, 2022, be admitted to the record.
5. The following people served on the commission to ordain **Prince Davies-Venn** as a minister of the Word and Sacrament serving as a contract call associate pastor for North Avenue Presbyterian Church on May 29, 2022.
  - Rev. Shayne Wheeler, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
  - Rev. Frank Eldridge, Honorably Retired
  - Rev. Francis Githieya, Transformation Covenant Church New Worshiping Community
  - Elder Neale Hightower, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
  - Elder Brenda Gales, Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection
  - Elder Tome McWhirter, North Avenue Presbyterian Church

*The following people were guests of the commission:*

  - Rev. Jane Kagia, Validated Ministry
  - Elder Boyd Lyons, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
  - Mr. Boyd Nixon, Campus Crusade
  - Elder Ann Carter McDonald, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
  - Deacon Leroy Davies-Venn, North Avenue Presbyterian Church
6. That the minutes of the ordination of **Prince Davies-Venn** as a minister of the Word and Sacrament serving as a contract call associate pastor for North Avenue Presbyterian Church on May 29, 2022, be admitted to the record.
7. The following people served on the commission to install **Erin Gaston Morgan** as associate pastor at Covington First Presbyterian Church on June 12, 2022.
  - Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane, Covington First Presbyterian Church
  - Rev. Larry Kennon, Honorably Retired
  - Elder Ray Johnston, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Snellville
  - Elder Brenda Gales, Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection
  - Elder Pam Stillerman, Covington First Presbyterian Church

*The following person was a guest of the commission:*

  - Rev. Joseph S. Gaston, Foothills Presbytery
8. That the minutes of the installation of **Erin Gaston Morgan** as associate pastor at Covington First Presbyterian Church on June 12, 2022, be admitted to the record.
9. The Stated Clerk has been informed of the death of the following minister members of the presbytery since the last presbytery handbook was published:
  - **Nancy Kinzer**, November 9, 1957-June 28, 2022
  - **Clifford A. Sandell**, October 4, 1949-June 1, 2022

### ***Executive Presbyter's Report***

The Moderator recognized Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson to give the report of the Executive Presbyter (Attachment C). She lifted up the third mark of the Vital Congregations Initiative, "Outward Incarnational Focus." She offered a reminder to the presbytery that we are people created to connect, and this focus encourages us to do that work in new ways.

The Executive Presbyter described several activities in her recent ministry that also reflect this theme:

- She preached at the Montreat Worship and Music Conferences this summer, encouraging the church to look up, look out, and look in.
- She encouraged connection with the partnership ministries being lifted up at today's meeting so that we might always remember that the church is not left to connect to the world on its own.

- She lifted up a recent event hosted by Columbia Theological Seminary that explored the images from the James Webb Telescope and their meaning through a conversation between an astrophysicist and seminary professors.

Finally, the Executive Presbyter pointed presbyters to three additional resources available through the Presbytery and the connectional church: this summer’s town hall conversation around evangelism with Ray Jones from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Stewardship Kaleidoscope event this September in Savannah and online, and the sheet music for the song “This Is Who We Are” that she helped write and whose recording includes a number of members of the presbytery.

### *Hymn*

The Presbytery joined in singing “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” led by musicians from Emory Presbyterian Church.

### *Report of the Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly*

The Moderator recognized General Assembly commissioners Rev. Nicole Lock and Ruling Elder Iris Wallace to give a report from the commissioners to the 225th General Assembly. They described their experiences attending the hybrid assembly that featured in-person committee meetings and online plenaries and lifted up some of the important issues before the church that are coming out of the assembly’s work.

Following the report, the Moderator noted with gratitude the service of the presbytery’s commissioners and advisory delegate to the 225th General Assembly: Ruling Elders Brad Bryant, Cheryl Hartman, David Hill, Kathy McCloud, and Iris Wallace; Teaching Elders Rachel-Grace Breyer, Juan Herrera, Sam Kim, Nicole Lock, and Alex Moses; and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Caroline Hurst.

### *Scripture and Sermon*

Rev. Irene Wong, a minister serving in a validated ministry as executive director of Presbytery Partnership Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS), offered a sermon on Luke 19:1-10. Rev. Wong’s biography can be found at Attachment D. Her message, entitled “When the Invitation Comes,” described Jesus’ engagement with Zacchaeus as a series of actions of hospitality and invitation that are examples for us to follow as we taste the goodness of God and share it with others.

### *Litany*

The Presbytery joined in a litany of prayer, led by Brenda Smith of the Peace and Global Witness Partnership and Keeva Kase of BCM Georgia, both Presbytery Partnerships.

### *Celebration of Presbytery Partnerships*

The Moderator recognized Rev. Beverly Markham, liaison from Council to Presbytery Partnerships, to offer an overview and celebration of Presbytery Partnerships (Attachment E). Presbyters were reminded that the meeting would end with an opportunity to join breakout rooms to learn more about these Presbytery Partnerships:

- AMIS (Atlanta Ministry with International Students)
- BCM Georgia
- Earth Covenant Ministry/Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
- ECKAM (Evangelical Coalition of Korean American Ministries)
- Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel

- La Gonave Partners
- Memorial Drive Ministries
- Peace and Global Witness
- Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel
- Presbyterians For a Better Georgia
- Presbyterian Youth Ministry Collaboration of Atlanta
- Street Grace
- Ukirk
- Westminster Christian Fellowship

### *Nominating Committee and Committee on Representation*

The Moderator recognized Debbie Durden from the Nominating Committee and Cyndi Smith and Zeena Regis from the Committee on Representation to offer a report and invitation to volunteer for service on Presbytery committees for 2023 and beyond.

### *Offering*

The Moderator called for the Presbytery to receive the offering to benefit CHRIS 180, a behavioral health organization that is committed to addressing the social determinants of health to better help individuals, children and adults heal and be able to change directions and change their lives. Donations were submitted via the Presbytery website. During the offering, the choir and musicians of Morningside Presbyterian Church shared the anthem “Prayer for the Children” by Kurt Bestor. The Moderator then offered a prayer of dedication.

### *New Church Development Commission*

The Moderator recognized Rev. Lindsay Armstrong to give the report of the New Church Development Commission (Attachment F). She invited the Presbytery to attend the upcoming “What’s the Secret Sauce?” event on immigration and church development co-hosted by the New Church Development Commission and the 1001 New Worshiping Communities initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The NCDC report continued with a video celebrating the chartering service of El Nazareno Presbyterian Church on May 1, 2022, and a statement of gratitude and challenge to the Presbytery from its new pastor, Rev. Nelson Donado.

### *Examinations Commission*

After the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry was postponed until the potential candidate could connect to Zoom, the Moderator recognized Rev. Jeanne Simpson to give the report of the Examinations Commission. She first introduced two ministers of the Word and Sacrament who had been examined and approved by the commission on behalf of the presbytery for membership in the presbytery:

- **Victor Aloyo** (Northeast New Jersey Presbytery) has been called to a validated ministry as President of Columbia Theological Seminary, effective August 1, 2022.
- **Jasmine Evans** (Salem Presbytery) has been called as Associate Pastor of Young Adults at North Avenue Presbyterian Church, effective July 11, 2022.

Their faith journeys and statements of faith can be found in Attachment H. Rev. Jasmine Evans was recognized to give a brief introduction of herself and her ministry. Rev. Victor Aloyo was unable to attend the meeting and will be introduced at a later date.

Rev. Simpson then turned the Presbytery's attention to three candidates for ordination to be examined by the Presbytery. (Their faith journeys and statements of faith can be found in Attachment I.) First she introduced **Dana Gray**, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, who has been called to a validated ministry as a chaplain at Children's Hospital of Atlanta, effective July 5, 2022. Dana offered a brief introductory statement, then Rev. Alex Moses posed a question from the Examinations Commission to begin her examination for ordination. After an opportunity for questions from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examination was complete and postponed the vote until all three candidates could be examined.

Rev. Simpson then introduced **Nell Herring**, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, who has been called to a validated ministry as Mission Specialist II with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, effective June 6, 2022. Nell offered a brief introductory statement, then Rev. Moses posed a question from the Examinations Commission to begin her examination for ordination. After an opportunity for questions from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examination was complete and postponed the vote until all three candidates could be examined.

Finally, Rev. Simpson introduced **Sarah Lane**, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, who has been called to a validated ministry as pastor of the Zo Presbyterian Church New Worshipping Community, effective May 19, 2022. Sarah offered a brief introductory statement, then Rev. Moses posed a question from the Examinations Commission to begin her examination for ordination. After an opportunity for questions from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examination was complete.

Once the Moderator confirmed that all three candidates had been excused to the waiting room, Rev. Simpson moved on behalf of the Examinations Commission that Dana Gray's examination be sustained and she be approved for ordination and received into membership. After opportunity for discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. *The motion to sustain the examination of Dana Gray, approve her for ordination, and receive her into membership passed* by a vote of 196-1.

Rev. Simpson then moved on behalf of the Examinations Commission that Nell Herring's examination be sustained and she be approved for ordination and received into membership. After opportunity for discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. *The motion to sustain the examination of Nell Herring, approve her for ordination, and receive her into membership passed* by a vote of 196-2.

Finally, Rev. Simpson moved on behalf of the Examinations Commission that Sarah Lane's examination be sustained and she be approved for ordination and received into membership. After opportunity for discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. *The motion to sustain the examination of Sarah Lane, approve her for ordination, and receive her into membership passed* by a vote of 209-1.

The three candidates were then returned to the meeting, and the Moderator announced the results to them. The Presbytery offered gestures of recognition for these new members and approved candidates.

### ***Committee on Ministry***

The Moderator recognized Rev. Julie Ferguson to give the report of the Committee on Ministry. Rev. Ferguson reported on the committee's recent review of a report from its Task Force on Minimum Compensation Standards. This group was established in January 2022 to evaluate the Presbytery's current minimum compensation standards set under G-3.0303c. Task force members looked at standards from other presbyteries of similar size (and cost of living in those areas); researched other models used by presbyteries for setting minimum compensation standards; sought and considered feedback from first call seekers and pastors, the Company of New Pastors, and Columbia Seminary; discussed complex issues including justice, living wage, cost of living, size and types of churches; considered church vitality throughout the lifespan of a congregation, chartering of new churches (especially immigrant and refugee

churches) and churches in decline; and reviewed the previous calculation of minimum compensation standards. In June 2022, the Committee on Ministry received the report of this task force and took the following actions:

- *Set 2023 minimum compensation at \$49,623.62.* This number is the average of starting salaries in 2021-2022 for a first-year teacher with a master’s degree in county school systems in the counties where the Presbytery has a church with an installed pastor.
- *Continue the practice of increasing the minimum compensation for an individual by 1% per year of experience (compounded across years of ordination).*
- *Adjust the minimum compensation standard annually* based on the average of the past 3 years cost of living adjustment, in keeping with previous practice.
- *Revisit minimum compensation at least every 3 years* by performing the same calculation (average of comparable teacher salary in counties within the Presbytery with installed pastors) to ensure that minimum compensation does not fall below this level.
- *Include an item on the annual clerk of session/session checklist that requests verification that a church is in compliance with the compounded cost-of-living adjustment yearly increase.*

Rev. Ferguson then noted that Rev. Jan Tolbert was approved as honorably retired as part of the admit to record in the omnibus motion and asked that the Moderator recognize her to offer a few words of gratitude. Rev. Tolbert offered words of thanks to the Presbytery and all those who had been a part of her journey, including former and current Presbytery staff, Greenville Presbyterian Church, Carrollton Presbyterian Church, Lagrange First Presbyterian Church, and the Board of Pensions.

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

1. Received the year 2021 annual report from **Shannon Ball**.
2. Conclude the contract call contract between **Sung Baek** and Atlanta Korean Presbyterian Church due to the dissolution of the congregation and place him on the minister member at large roll. Effective date: April 5, 2022.
3. Approve the contract call associate contract renewal for **Leigh Bonner** at Atlanta First Presbyterian Church. Effective date: April 19, 2022.

Salary	35,800.00
Housing	25,200.00
SECA allowance	4,666.50
Full Board of Pensions	22,570.00
Continuing education	3,000.00
Cell Phone	780.00
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

4. Approve the contract call associate contract renewal for **Jamie Butcher** and Atlanta First Presbyterian Church. Effective date: April 19, 2022.

Salary	20,600.00
Housing	54,400.00
SECA allowance	5,737.50
Full Board of Pensions	27,750.00
Continuing education	3,000.00
Cell Phone	780.00
Four weeks vacation	
Four weeks continuing education	

5. Approve the contract call associate contract renewal for **(Lara) Kate Culver** and Atlanta First Presbyterian Church. Effective date: April 19, 2022.
 

Salary	25,000
Housing	45,000
SECA allowance	5,355
Full Board of Pensions	27,400
Continuing education	3,000
Cell Phone	780
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	
  
6. Approve the contract call associate contract renewal for **Chris Holmes** and Atlanta First Presbyterian Church. Effective date: April 19, 2022.
 

Salary	52,000
Housing	30,000
SECA allowance	6,273
Full Board of Pensions	31,840
Continuing education	3,500
Cell Phone	780
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	
  
7. Approve the contract call associate contract for **Katie Sundermeier** and Atlanta First Presbyterian Church. Effective date: April 19, 2022. This contract is for 20 hours per week.
 

Salary	45,000
Housing	5,000
SECA allowance	3,825
Full Board of Pensions	9,250
Continuing education	1,500
Cell Phone	420
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	
  
8. Dismiss **Sara Hayden** to Whitewater Valley Presbytery per their request. Effective date: April 28, 2022.
9. Conclude the contract call associate relationship between **Peter Thornton** and McDonough Presbyterian Church and place him on the minister member at large roll. Effective date: May 2, 2022.
10. Grant the status of pastor emeritus for Newnan Presbyterian Church to **Harry Barrow**. The congregation unanimously voted on May 15, 2022 to grant this status. Effective date: May 19, 2022.
11. Validate the ministry of **Sarah Lane** (candidate of Greater Atlanta) as the pastor for the Zo Presbyterian Church, one of our new worshipping communities. Date of validation: May 19, 2022.
12. Validate the ministry of **Brigitte Kemink** as a hospice chaplain for CURE Health Systems. She is declaring a housing allowance of \$26,000 annually. Date of validation: May 19, 2022.
13. Dissolve the associate pastoral relationship between **Barry Gaeddert** and Peachtree Presbyterian Church and place him on the minister member at large roll. Effective date: May 22, 2022.
14. Conclude the contract call contract between **Chris Price** and Friendship Presbyterian Church and place him back on the honorably retired roll. Effective date: May 22, 2022.
15. Conclude the contract call associate contract between **Julie Ferguson** and Roswell Presbyterian Church and place her on the minister member at large roll. Effective date: May 28, 2022.
16. Appoint **Bobbie Wrenn Banks** as moderator for Monroe First Presbyterian Church, effective May 29, 2022.



17. Renew the contract call contract between **Harrison Cain** and Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.  
Effective date: June 1, 2022.
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| Salary                         | 13,500 |
| Housing                        | 17,700 |
| Four weeks vacation            |        |
| Two weeks continuing education |        |
18. Renew the contract call associate contract between **Kyungwon Noh** and Alpharetta Presbyterian Church. Effective date: June 1, 2022.
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| Housing                         | 34,650 |
| Minister's Choice from BOP      | 3,465  |
| SECA Tax allowance              | 2,651  |
| Professional Expenses           | 3,000  |
| Four weeks vacation             |        |
| Two weeks continuing education  |        |
| One week denominational service |        |
19. Grant permission for **Rafael Viana** to labor within the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery to serve as bridge interim pastor of Brazilian Christian Church for a period of four months, effective June 1, 2022.
20. Conclude the contract call associate contract for **Leigh Bonner** at Atlanta First Presbyterian Church. Effective date: June 10, 2022.
21. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **Andrew Ditzel** and Kairos Church and dismiss him to Shenandoah Presbytery, in order that he may accept a call as pastor of Lexington Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Virginia. Effective date: June 27, 2022
22. Conclude the contract call associate contract between **Jan Stewart Tolbert** and LaGrange First Presbyterian Church and grant her the status of honorably retired. Effective date: June 30, 2022.
23. Grant permission to Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian Church to invite Rev. **Shih-Huei Weng** as a guest preacher for the months of July-September 2022.
24. Change **Ashley Pieper** to minister member at large. Effective date: July 1, 2022.
25. Approve the terms of call for **Jasmine Evans** as associate pastor at North Avenue Presbyterian Church, effective July 11, 2022.
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| Salary                         | 34,000 |
| Housing                        | 36,000 |
| SECA Allowance                 | 5,355  |
| Board of Pensions Dues         | 27,881 |
| Continuing Education           | 1,000  |
| Actual Moving Expenses         |        |
| First Call Program             | 800    |
| Professional Expenses          | 4,100  |
| Four weeks vacation            |        |
| Two weeks continuing education |        |
| Sabbatical after seven years   |        |
| Six weeks paid family leave    |        |
26. Approve the contract call associate contract renewal for **Heather Chase** and Oakhurst Presbyterian Church. Effective date: July 15, 2022.
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| Salary                         | 23,700 |
| Housing                        | 30,000 |
| SECA allowance                 | 4,100  |
| Full Board of Pensions +dental | 21,386 |

Professional Expenses	2,200
Continuing education	1,000
Cell Phone	600
Mileage/auto expenses	600
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

27. Dissolve the associate pastor relationship between **Anne Fyffe** and Alpharetta Presbyterian Church and place her on the roll of ministers at large. Effective date: July 31, 2022.
28. Dissolve the associate pastor relationship between **Richard Floyd** and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and dismiss him to Western North Carolina Presbytery, that he may take a call as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, North Carolina. Effective date: August 1, 2022.
29. Remove **Kimbrell Teegarden** from the rolls of the Presbytery. Certified mail returned in 2020 and there has been no contact. Effective date: August 16, 2022.
30. Remove **Jay Thomas** from the rolls of the Presbytery. There has been no communication since 2017. Effective date: August 16, 2022.
31. Dismiss **Whitney Lockhard Booth** to Northeast Georgia Presbytery in order that she may accept the call as associate pastor of Commerce First United Methodist Church in Commerce, GA. Effective date: August 20, 2022.
32. Alpharetta Presbyterian Church has submitted proof of a financial review for 2020 and 2021. Therefore their minutes are now found to be without exception for both years.
33. The following churches had their year 2021 minutes reviewed:
  - Austell, with exception
  - Ebenezer, without exception
  - Grace Korean, with exception
  - Hanbit, without exception
  - Johns Creek, without exception
  - Korean Central, without exception
  - Korean Community, without exception
  - New Presbyterian Church of Georgia, without exception

### ***Committee on Preparation for Ministry***

Recognizing that all persons needed for the report were now available, the Moderator recognized Rev. Alex Rodgers to give the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. On behalf of the Committee, she moved that Sun Young Choi, inquirer from Korean Community Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as a candidate, effective June 23, 2022. In addition to her personal statement of faith journey found in Attachment G, the inquirer offered a brief introduction and statement of her sense of call, then the Presbytery was invited to pose questions to her. The examination was arrested, and the Moderator called for a vote. The motion *to enroll Sun Young Choi as a candidate* was approved by a vote of 200-2. The Moderator asked the candidate to affirm the Presbytery's decision, and Rev. Rodgers offered a charge and a prayer.

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

- The following persons were enrolled as inquirers as of the date shown:
  - a. **Melissa Carver**, Columbia Presbyterian Church, May 26, 2022
  - b. **Asia Lerner**, Shallowford Presbyterian Church, July 28, 2022
- The following annual consultations took place:

- a. **Karen Fletcher**, North Decatur Presbyterian Church, March 28, 2022
- b. **Nikki Zimmerman**, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, April 12, 2022
- c. **(Robert) Drew Wilmesherr**, Decatur Presbyterian Church, April 14, 2022
- d. **Kevin Lacson**, Clairmont Presbyterian Church, April 27, 2022
- e. **Rachal Little**, Atlanta First Presbyterian Church, May 25, 2022
- f. **Victoria Robinson**, Johns Creek Presbyterian Church, June 20, 2022
- The following churches had Session orientations:
  - a. Alpharetta Presbyterian Church on April 28, 2022
  - b. Oakhurst Presbyterian Church on June 23, 2022
- The following candidates were certified ready to receive a call:
  - a. **Sarah Lane**, Decatur Presbyterian Church, April 28, 2022
  - b. **(Robert) Drew Wilmesherr**, Decatur Presbyterian Church, May 26, 2022
- The following candidates received a call:
  - a. **Dana Gray** has received a call to serve as a hospital chaplain at Children’s Hospital of Atlanta.
  - b. **Nell Herring** has received a call to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
  - c. **Sarah Lane** has received a call to serve in a validated ministry with the Zo New Worshiping Community.

### *Closing Hymn*

The Presbytery joined in singing “Heaven Shall Not Wait,” led by musicians from Morningside Presbyterian Church.


### *Benediction and Adjournment*

Seeing that there was no other business, the Moderator reminded the Presbytery of the breakout groups with Presbytery Partnerships that were to follow the benediction. He recognized Rev. Chip Blankinship, Director of Operations, to give instructions on how to join these groups.

At 11:06 A.M., the Moderator offered a benediction and closing prayer to adjourn the business meeting.

The following Presbytery Partnerships offered breakout groups following the close of the meeting:

- AMIS (Atlanta Ministry with International Students)
- BCM Georgia
- Earth Covenant Ministry/Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
- Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel
- La Gonave Partners
- Memorial Drive Ministries
- Peace and Global Witness
- Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel
- Presbyterians For a Better Georgia
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 C. Anderson James  
 Stated Clerk

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**Attachment A: Attendance for the August 16, 2022, Stated Meeting**

*Minister Members in Attendance (141)*

Barrett Abernethy.....	Present	Martin J. Buss.....	Honorably Retired
Fahed Abuakel.....	Present	Jamie Gail Butcher.....	Absent
Andy Acton.....	Present	John Callahan.....	Present
Elizabeth Acton.....	Absent	Randolph S. Calvo.....	Honorably Retired
Ann Clay Adams.....	Absent	Letitia Campbell.....	Absent
Joanna Adams.....	Honorably Retired	Leigh Campbell-Taylor.....	Present
Edwin Albright.....	Honorably Retired	John J. Carey.....	Honorably Retired
Lucy Aldridge.....	Honorably Retired	Robert Lindsay Carroll.....	Honorably Retired
Steven Allen.....	Absent	Michael B. Chaney.....	Absent
Benjamin Allward-Theimer.....	Present	Heather Chase.....	Excused
Mary Gillespie Amos.....	Honorably Retired	Grace Cheptu.....	Present
Jo Ewing Anderson.....	Absent	Moongil D. Cho.....	Absent
Jody Andrade.....	Present	Jae Wuk Cho.....	Absent
Lindsay Armstrong.....	Present	Hyunsung Cho.....	Present
Frank Leonard Arnold.....	Honorably Retired	Ji (Emily) Choi.....	Present
Amy Anderson Arnold.....	Absent	Gloria Nam Chough.....	Absent
Ernest Jones Arnold.....	Honorably Retired	Carolyn B. Christie.....	Absent
Katie Aumann.....	Present	James Caleb Clarke.....	Absent
Stephen Austin.....	Honorably Retired	Kimberly Clayton.....	Present
Jennifer Ayres.....	Absent	Martha J. Clinkscales.....	Absent
Stephen A. Bacon.....	Honorably Retired	Henry T. Close.....	Honorably Retired
Sung Sik Baek.....	Absent	Ernestine Cole.....	Honorably Retired
Davis Bailey.....	Present	Will Coleman.....	Absent
Rebecca Johnson Baker.....	Honorably Retired	Jerome F. Coling.....	Honorably Retired
Jonathan W Ball.....	Absent	Kate Colussy-Estes.....	Present
Shannon Ball.....	Absent	Joseph Watts Conyers.....	Honorably Retired
Bobbie Wrenn Banks.....	Present	Joannah Cook.....	Present
Amantha Lemira Barbee.....	Absent	Mary Jane Cornell.....	Present
Dennis Hamilton Barnes.....	Absent	Mary Prather Cox.....	Honorably Retired
Carrie Barnes.....	Present	Lara Kate Culver.....	Absent
Steven Barnes.....	Present	Elinor Perkins Daniel.....	Honorably Retired
Harry Barrow.....	Honorably Retired	F. Harry Daniel.....	Honorably Retired
David Barstow.....	Honorably Retired	Brian Daoust.....	Present
Harry Beverly.....	Honorably Retired	F. Barry Davies.....	Honorably Retired
Chip Blankinship.....	Present	Prince Davies-Venn.....	Present
Susan Boardman-McKissack.....	Honorably Retired	Jeffery Earl Davis.....	Absent
Timothy Boggess.....	Present	Kathy Lynn Dawson.....	Excused
Sarah Bogue.....	Absent	Katie Day.....	Present
Leigh Bonner.....	Absent	Kevin Michael Day.....	Absent
Whitney Booth Lockard.....	Absent	Patrick Day.....	Present
Adam Borneman.....	Present	Nelson Albert DeBrosse.....	Honorably Retired
David B. Bowie.....	Honorably Retired	Elizabeth Desouza.....	Absent
Mark Allan Brewer.....	Honorably Retired	Ashley Devore Pieper.....	Excused
Rachel Grace Breyer.....	Excused	Wendy Renee Dewberry.....	Absent
Tyler Brock.....	Present	Shannon Dill.....	Present
Aisha Brooks-Johnson.....	Present	Landon Dillard.....	Present
Raleigh Hugh Burns.....	Honorably Retired	Andrew James Ditzel.....	Absent

Louise Rita Dixon	Honorably Retired	Marsha S. Haney	Honorably Retired
Nelson Donado	Present	Marinda Harris	Honorably Retired
Laura Dorsey	Honorably Retired	Saranell Harman	Absent
Mark Douglas	Absent	Tim Hartman	Present
Pamela Driesell	Excused	Linda W. Hawthorne	Honorably Retired
William J. Drummond	Absent	Louly Fowler Hay	Honorably Retired
Kerry P. Duncan	Absent	Mary Campbell Hay	Honorably Retired
Frank Mason Eldridge	Honorably Retired	Morgan Hay	Present
P.C. Enniss	Honorably Retired	Trace Haythorn	Excused
Donald Eschelman	Honorably Retired	Jasiel Hernandez	Present
Andrew Esqueda	Present	Bridgette N. Hector	Absent
Jasmine Evans	Present	Hugh A. Henderson	Honorably Retired
Robert David Evans	Honorably Retired	Juan Herrera	Present
Jane Fahey	Present	Alice Hickcox	Honorably Retired
Elizabeth Fairleigh	Honorably Retired	Douglas Alan Hicks	Absent
Richard Allen Farmer	Present	Kevin Hicks	Present
Thomas K. Farmer	Absent	Ross Thomas Hightower	Honorably Retired
Virginia Felder	Honorably Retired	Louise Ann Hill	Honorably Retired
Julie Ferguson	Present	Richard G. Hill	Honorably Retired
Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum	Present	Christopher T. Holmes	Absent
Joy Fisher	Present	Jenelle Holmes	Present
Tully Fletcher	Present	Billy Michael Honor	Excluded from Office
Anna Carter Florence	Absent	Christopher A. Hooker	Absent
Richard A. Floyd	Absent	Sarah Hooker	Present
Catherine Foster	Present	Leah M. Horton	Honorably Retired
Sally Foster	Excused	Martin Huggins	Honorably Retired
Vicki H. Franch	Absent	Mary Huie-Jolly	Honorably Retired
Dave Fry	Present	Stephen M. Huntley	Honorably Retired
Matthew M. Fry	Absent	Iain Inglis	Honorably Retired
David E. Furlough	Honorably Retired	James H. Irwin	Honorably Retired
Anne Fyffe	Absent	Randon H. Jackson	Honorably Retired
Barry Keith Gaeddert	Absent	C. Anderson James	Present
Zulema Garcia de Rojas	Absent	David Janzen	Present
Mary Jane Gardner	Absent	Robbye A. Jarrell	Absent
Francis Githieya	Present	Alan Davis Jenkins	Absent
Glenn Goldsmith	Present	Gerald P. Jenkins	Honorably Retired
James Goodlet	Present	Ryan Jensen	Present
Carole Goodspeed	Honorably Retired	Young Jeon	Present
Cheryl Gosa	Honorably Retired	Sun Ki Jeong	Present
John Allan Graham	Honorably Retired	Yeonkwon Jeong	Absent
Vernon R. Gramlin	Honorably Retired	Laura Jernigan	Present
Lloyd Green	Honorably Retired	Carlton David Johnson	Absent
Sharon Gregory	Honorably Retired	E. Elizabeth Johnson	Honorably Retired
Robert L. Griffin	Honorably Retired	Julie Ann Johnson	Present
Tom Hagood	Present	Megan Lee Johnson	Present
John D. Hambrick	Absent	David Jones	Present
Byeong Han	Present	Jill Joyner	Present
Suk Won Han	Honorably Retired	Sharon Junn	Present
Jung M. Han	Absent	Jane Kagia	Absent
Sunghee Han	Absent	Richard R. Kannwischer	Absent
Maisha Handy	Excused	Amanda Kemery	Absent

Brigette Kemink .....	Present	Jeff Meyers .....	Present
Elizabeth Bradley Kibler .....	Present	Karen Smathers Miller .....	Absent
Gyeong Kim .....	Absent	Michael A. Moore .....	Excused
Jaehong Kim .....	Absent	Martha Moore-Keish .....	Present
Joshua Hak Chin Kim .....	Absent	Erin Morgan .....	Present
Ki Man Kim .....	Absent	John B. Morgan .....	Absent
Kwang Woong Kim .....	Absent	Robert R. Morris .....	Honorably Retired
Nayoung Kim .....	Present	Alex Moses .....	Present
Sae Hee Kim .....	Honorably Retired	Kate McGregor Mosley .....	Absent
Sam Kim .....	Present	Gad Mpoyo .....	Present
Simone Sunghae Kim .....	Absent	Deborah Mullen .....	Honorably Retired
Katharine Givens Kim .....	Absent	Cecil B. Murphey .....	Honorably Retired
John R. King .....	Honorably Retired	Albert A. Myers .....	Honorably Retired
Kevin Knab .....	Absent	Jacob D. Myers .....	Absent
Daniel S. Kreiss .....	Absent	Rick Neale .....	Present
Calvin W. Kropp .....	Honorably Retired	Laura Neely .....	Present
Neal Kuhlhorst .....	Present	Emma Neishloss .....	Present
Jerald B. Landrey .....	Honorably Retired	Charles L. Newton .....	Absent
Neeley Lane .....	Present	Bill Nisbet .....	Present
Caroline Leach .....	Honorably Retired	Erin Noh .....	Present
Connie Lee .....	Present	C. Gray Norsworthy .....	Honorably Retired
Jae Hyoung Lee .....	Absent	Jill Oglesby-Evans .....	Honorably Retired
Joseph E. Lee .....	Honorably Retired	Jihyun Oh .....	Excused
Jun Young Lee .....	Present	Lonnie J. Oliver .....	Honorably Retired
Mun Gye Lee .....	Present	David Omerod .....	Present
Yil Bong Lee .....	Honorably Retired	Jonier A. Orozco-Usuga .....	Absent
Young Han Lee .....	Honorably Retired	Carol Osner .....	Honorably Retired
Fitzhugh M. Legerton .....	Honorably Retired	W. Larry Owens .....	Honorably Retired
Rebekah LeMon .....	Present	Song Yin Paik .....	Absent
Margaret Leonard .....	Absent	Chanmi Park .....	Present
Kimberly LeVert .....	Honorably Retired	John R. Park .....	Honorably Retired
David Lewicki .....	Present	Jun Su Park .....	Present
Nicole Lock .....	Present	Kevin Park .....	Present
Eugene T. Locke .....	Honorably Retired	Sue Kim Park .....	Absent
Mark Lomax .....	Absent	Timothy Park .....	Present
Eduard N. Loring .....	Honorably Retired	Rebecca Parker .....	Present
David Lower .....	Present	David Pearce .....	Honorably Retired
Catherine Ellis Lukens .....	Absent	Victor D. Pentz .....	Honorably Retired
Elisabeth Lunz .....	Honorably Retired	Gail Ruth Perkins .....	Honorably Retired
Olive Mahabir .....	Present	Sarah Perkins .....	Absent
Lisa Majoros .....	Honorably Retired	Allison Per-Lee .....	Present
Beverly Markham .....	Present	David L. Petersen .....	Honorably Retired
Sandra N. Martin .....	Honorably Retired	Caitlin Foley Phillips .....	Excused
Benjamin C. Mathes .....	Honorably Retired	Wendell B. Phillips .....	Honorably Retired
Vern E. McCarty .....	Honorably Retired	Jose Waldo Pinilla .....	Honorably Retired
Sandra K. McDonald .....	Honorably Retired	Lauren Wright Pittman .....	Absent
Elliott Watson McElroy .....	Honorably Retired	Carol B. Pitts .....	Absent
William F. McKissack .....	Honorably Retired	Samuel H. Pope .....	Honorably Retired
Greg McMinn .....	Present	George Harvey Porter .....	Honorably Retired
Melissa McNair-King .....	Present	Camille LeBron Powell .....	Absent
Stephanie A. Medlin .....	Absent	Brian S. Powers .....	Absent

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



John E. Westlund .....	Honorably Retired	George B. Wirth .....	Honorably Retired
John Westlund.....	Absent	W. Frederic Wise.....	Honorably Retired
Rachael Whaley-Pate .....	Present	Irene Wong .....	Present
Shayne Wheeler .....	Present	Joshua Woodsmith .....	Absent
Hodari Williams.....	Absent	Jerry Wright.....	Honorably Retired
Emily Wilmesherr .....	Absent	Lauren Wright Pittman.....	Present
Kenneth R. Wilmesherr.....	Honorably Retired	Christine Yoder .....	Absent
Sandra S. Wilmesherr .....	Honorably Retired	Hee Dong Yoo.....	Present
Sylvia Wilson.....	Present	Fred Eugene Young.....	Absent
Roosevelt Winfrey .....	Honorably Retired	Moon Su Yun .....	Honorably Retired

*Ruling Elder Commissioners (111, from 50 congregations)*

<b>Church</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Alpharetta	Lynn Reiman Jodie Barger John Hicks Mary Rogovin	Druid Hills Eastminster	Lee Smith Melissa Grawert Patricia Baumann Lucy Cole Gratton
Atlanta First	(none)	Ebenezer Brazilian	(none)
Atlanta Taiwanese	(none)	Ebenezer	(none)
Austell	Dorinda Mensah Kemie Brown-Vansant	El Nazareno	(none)
Barnesville	(none)	Emory	(none)
Bethany	(none)	Fairview	Lynn Curry
Bremen First	(none)	Fayette	Marian Speight
Buford	Ellen McClure	Fellowship	(none)
Carrollton	Julie Chibbaro Linda Handyside	First Afrikan	(none)
Central	Kathryn Harben Hannah Palmer	Friendship	(none)
Church of the Master	Judy Armstrong Kendra Matthews Lauren Fields	Good News Garden	(none)
Clairmont	Jim Hardeman Linda Massey Roy Burke	Good Shepherd	(none)
Columbia	Dr.Brenda Smith	Grace Korean	(none)
Conyers	Anita Payseur Dan Payseur	Greenville	(none)
Covenant	Justin Colussy-Estes Marti Blincoe	Gum Creek	(none)
Covington First	(none)	Hanbit	
Cristo Para Todos	(none)	Hamilton Mill	Leslie Sainovich
Crossroads	Susan Small Nancy Scott	Hemphill Memorial	(none)
Dallas-Dodd	(none)	Hillside	Alice Moore Faye Fikes
Decatur	Dudley Larus Leslie Miller Barbara Morris Lana Teko	Jackson	(none)
		Johns Creek	Richard Zellmer Billie Bothwell
		Jonesboro First	Jane Luetkemeyer
		Kairos	(none)
		Kelley	Suzanne Kelley
		Korean Central	(none)
		Korean Community	(none)
		LaGrange First	Lauren Clark
		Lawrenceville	Diane Nowakowski Betty Atkinson
		Loyd	John Darden
		Manchester First	(none)

<b>Church</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
McDonough	Greg Hammonds Suzan Chick	Philadelphia	Debra Durden Greg Durden
Monroe First Morningside	(none) Joseph Floyd Hillery McNeill Elizabeth Mills	Pleasant Hill	Michael Armstrong Marian Miller Kristen Ching LaVerne Wyche
Morrow	Dianne Hooten Ugo Chukwura	Radcliffe PC of Resurrection Rice Memorial	(none) Gersld McKnight Marilyn Tory
Mount Vernon	David Hill Malinda Holmes Mary McClurg Carol Beckman	Roswell Saint Luke's	(none) Faye Cashwell Rebecca Strickland David Crow Leslie Cannon
New Life New PC of Georgia Newnan Norcross North Avenue	(none) (none) Mary Howard Betti Jo (BJ) Steele Dan Heller Daniel Lowery	Shallowford	Brad Bryant Angela Wittenauer Meg Rosselot Frank (Buz) Smith Sorrell Scaglione
North Decatur	Claudia Brogan Mary Nichols Brock Savage	Smyrna St. Andrews	Susan Wofford Margaret Williams Mary Evans Aaron Roberts
Northminster	Chris Barker Lisa Sills Fred Millard	Stockbridge Tallapoosa Timberidge Trinity Atlanta	(none) Erline Gunter Bess George Martha Craft Tom Owens Bill Guerry Ginny Hobbs Meredith Daniel Roxanna Erwin
Northwest	Betty Bates Celia "Deanie" Quillian		
Oakhurst	Mary Smarr Dennis Hollins Martha Virginia Richards Jacqueline Randolph		
Oglethorpe Peachtree	(none) Chris Southerland Julie Mann Suzann Moore Hazen Dempster	Trinity Decatur Westhills Westminster	(none) Judith Paisley Wade Lipsey Sue Sarrett
Peachtree City First	Tom Kassin Glen Grizzle		

*Visitors/Guests (33)*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Church/Organization</b>
Grace Alzoughbi	House of Bread
Sun Young Choi	Korean Community
Bettie Durrah	Radcliffe
Tania Easley	Radcliffe
Patricia Fitton	Fairview
Dana Gray	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Cheryl Hartman	Good Shepherd
Nell Herring	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Jane Hubbard	Presbytery Staff

Sarah Humphrey	Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine/Israel
Petar Ivusic	North Avenue
Keeva Kase	BCM Georgia
Jon Keyser	WCF
Sarah Lane	Decatur
Doug Langdon	Pleasant Hill
Becky Loftis	Saint Luke's
Rena Marroquin	Covenant
Tim Merritt	North Decatur
Cassandra Morrow	Presbytery Staff
Susanne O'Neal	Peachtree
Savannah Potter-Miller	First Presbyterian
David Roth	Memorial Drive Ministries
Brooke Ruffin	Street Grace
Mark Sauls	Presbytery Staff
Bob Scarr	Atlanta First
Miranda Segrest	Presbytery Staff
Mark Shaffer	Shallowford
Gwynne Shepherd	Northminster
Hannah Shultz	Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
Cyndi Smith	North Decatur
Alpha (Al) Stacer	
Karen Turney	Peace & Global Witness Partnership
Iris Wallace	Radcliffe
Tom Whitworth	Austell
Destiny Williams	McDonough
Drew Wilmesherr	UKirk Atlanta

*Other Excused Absences*

Pepe Bowman, Presbyterian Women  
 Ashlea Neal, Ruling Elder Commissioner, Peachtree

## **Attachment B**

### **COUNCIL**

#### **For Information:**

The Council approved plans for the November 12 Presbytery Meeting to be held fully in-person. The meeting will feature the installation of the Stated Clerk and would likely be live-streamed for observers.

After conversation with the new Stated Clerk, the Council reviewed and made changes to the dates for 2023 presbytery meetings:

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Saturday, November 4, 2023

The format for these meetings will be determined and set by Council in the coming weeks.

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **Admit to Record:**

1. On May 19, 2022, the Operations Committee, acting as the Board of Directors, elected the Rev. C. Anderson James as Secretary of the Corporation, effective June 1, 2022.

## Attachment C

### EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Aisha Brooks-Johnson



(From Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church, Manteo, NC)



#### *Vital Congregations Initiative – Mark #3 – Outward Incarnational Focus*

Our third mark on the VCI journey is “Outward Incarnational Focus.” It is a reminder of the mission of the church to reach out to others. It is a reminder that we are called to be a tangible expression of Christ’s love and compassion in the world. It also reminds me of my mother’s words to me as a child. “Remember, Aisha, you may be the only Bible a person has a chance to read.” It was her way of instilling in me the importance of knowing that my faith should lead me to see others, to hear their needs, and to be a reflection of God’s love to all.

I have often seen congregations post a sign near the exit that says, “You are now entering the mission field.” These words are a similar reminder to the church that their mission stretches beyond the church’s walls. At times, the church can become so concerned with getting people in the pews that we miss the opportunity to be the church in the mall, at the cafeteria, in the coffee shop, in the park, at the laundromat, in the library, and every place in between. I am so thankful for the ministry partners we have within our own presbytery. They remind us to keep an outward focus that represents Christ’s own call to preach good news to the poor, to release the captives, to give sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. At our Stated Meeting, I pray that we all get to learn something new about our partnerships and reimagine ways each of us can have an outward Christ-embodied focus as we continue to spread the good news of God’s unfailing love for us all.

-ABJ

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## Attachment D

### Biography of Rev. Irene Eng Wong



Rev. Irene Wong has been the Executive Director of AMIS Atlanta since 2017 and is a validated minister. Irene is an American of Chinese descent. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she grew up in Queens, New York City, and graduated from Brown University with a degree in East Asian Studies. After college, Irene served as campus ministry staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for 10 years, mainly in New England, and moved to Atlanta in 2000 to serve at Emory University.

Irene graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with her M.Div. and was the English Ministry Director at the Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian Church from 2005-2008. After her children came along, she stepped away from ministry to be a stay-at-home mother while becoming active at North Avenue Presbyterian Church with her family. Irene enjoys spending time with her three daughters who are in high school and middle school and is married to William Wong.

You can connect with Irene at [irene@amisatlanta.org](mailto:irene@amisatlanta.org).

## Attachment E

### Partnership Info for August 16, 2022 PGA Meeting Handbook

**AMIS** (Atlanta Ministry with International Students) is the French word for “friends” and describes our mission, which is to promote cultural and global understanding through friendship and hospitality with international students and scholars in the greater Atlanta area. We are currently looking for volunteers to welcome and connect with international students as Amigo friends. Our International Friendship program matches an international student with a volunteer in the local community for friendship and sharing of cultures. Your support can help an international student in their adjustment to American life, culture, and language, as well as introduce them to our city. We ask you to meet at least once for a meal, event, or outing and continue your friendship over the year as you have time and opportunity. Learn more at: [amis-inc.org/amigovolunteer](https://amis-inc.org/amigovolunteer) or email us at [office@amis-inc.org](mailto:office@amis-inc.org).

**Buckhead Christian Ministries’** mission is to keep people from becoming homeless and to work to elevate their possibilities for economic empowerment. We provide emergency assistance, supportive housing, and financial education programs that strengthen our community and empower our neighbors. <https://bcmgeorgia.org>

#### **Earth Covenant Ministry (GIPL)**

Georgia Interfaith Power and Light is an interfaith non-profit whose mission is to engage communities of faith in the stewardship of Creation as a direct expression of our faithfulness and as a religious response to global climate change, resource depletion, environmental injustice, pollution, and other disruptions in Creation. <https://gipl.org/>

#### **Evangelical Coalition of Korean American Ministries**

ECKAM (Evangelical Coalition of Korean American Ministries) is a partnership of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. It is formed by Korean congregations and fellowships within the bounds of Greater Atlanta Presbytery. ECKAM’s focus shall be mission and ministry that specifically addresses the Korean cultural context and language needs. ECKAM is part of the Presbytery subject to all the policies and procedures of the presbytery and Book of Order, yet will have a certain degree of autonomy in addressing ministry in the Korean context, and in some process issues in the presbytery.

The mission of **Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel (JHJPI)** is to promote peace with



justice in the Holy Land. We promote bringing an end to the Israeli Occupation and exploitation of land and resources by applying Christ's teaching through prayer, advocacy, and education. Our hope is to build relationships on the basis of equality and human rights so that all may live in peace with dignity.

Join Us! We meet, via Zoom, on the second Thursday of every month at noon.

Support Our Work: donate online – [jhjpi.com/support](http://jhjpi.com/support) or send check to: P.O. Box 2123, Tucker, GA, 30085

Like our Facebook Page: [Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel](#)

Visit Our Website: [jhjpi.com](http://jhjpi.com) for more information and resource materials.

Or contact: Sarah Humphrey: [sarah.h.humphrey@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.h.humphrey@gmail.com)

Our Vision: A future where everyone on la Gonâve experiences thriving, abundant life.

Our Mission: Haitian and American partners, working side by side in mutually-transformative relationships, to build vibrant, hopeful, and resilient communities on the island of la Gonâve.



[www.lagonavepartners.org](http://www.lagonavepartners.org).



For more than 30 years, la Gonâve Haiti Partners has been working in collaboration with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti to support programs that build capacity for an improved quality of life for Haitians living on la Gonâve island. Nineteen churches across eight states, individuals, and other institutions partner with our Haitian brothers and sisters to support pre K-12 education for over 1500 students, healthcare for thousands of patients, and economic development opportunities to families through micro finance loans and the Kid-for-a-Kid goat program. Recent initiatives include a new rural middle school that will open this fall, and a computer literacy curriculum for students

attending the K-12 school with the arrival of the St. Francis computer lab, and creation of an integrated network of health care providers across the island that addresses maternal and infant health and childhood malnutrition. We welcome new churches to learn more about joining our partnership.



**Memorial Drive Ministries** envisions the end of disconnectedness for refugees and the diverse community of Clarkston. This summer, Memorial Drive Ministries welcomed 3 new partners onto our campus to join our community: a new congregation worshipping in Burmese on Sundays, an International Rescue Committee summer camp for resettled refugee students, and the Center for Victims of Torture external relations staff. As we move into the fall, stay in touch by following Memorial Drive Ministries on Facebook, signing up for our E-newsletter through our website, or giving a gift through our Amazon Wishlist.

<https://www.facebook.com/MemorialDriveMinistries>

<https://mdmatl.org/sign-up-for-newsletter/>

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KZ6V7DYWQ4SP?ref =wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KZ6V7DYWQ4SP?ref =wl_share)

#### Volunteer opportunities at MDM:

- **MDM** is seeking a Communications Volunteer to assist with Mailchimp emails and social media posts as well as a Grounds & Gardens Volunteer to oversee planters on campus, seasonal grounds beautification, and to liaise with Global Growers Network in the management of our on-campus gardens. If interested, email a resume to [info@mdmatl.org](mailto:info@mdmatl.org)
- **Just Bakery** of Atlanta is looking for volunteers to help sell their baked goods on weekends at pop-ups and farmers markets. These volunteers help set up tables, package products for customers, answer questions, collect money, and help clean up after the sale. They're also looking for a volunteer who can oversee oil changes for the generator for their new food truck. If interested, email: [jenny@justbakeryatl.org](mailto:jenny@justbakeryatl.org)
- **Solid Foundation** is looking for reading tutors for their students (ages 5-16). Must be available in the window of 8am – 2pm starting August 15<sup>th</sup> and go through a background check for working with children. If interested, email: [administrator46@solidfoundationchristianacademy.com](mailto:administrator46@solidfoundationchristianacademy.com)
- **Friends of Refugees** is hosting volunteer orientations for those who want to get involved. Learn more and register here: <https://friendsofrefugees.com/volunteer-orientation/>
- **Global Growers Network** is hosting a number of upcoming garden workdays in the Clarkston area. Learn more and sign up here: <https://portal.goldenvolunteer.com/organization/6lzfJe|VP/Global%20Growers%20Network>

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

The Peace and Global Witness Partnership is established to promote the efficacy of Peace throughout our global community and nation. To effectuate this process of Peace, the Partnership has incorporated several Ministries which range in service population to International Students (Ministry of Amis), The Prison Movement (Ncart), Local homelessness Service projects, El Refugio and detainee programs as well as the Sanctuary Movement located at Columbia Presbyterian Church. In addition, collaborations are underway to integrate the work of Mission Haven with local church ministries. Further the development of the Institute for Public Theology under the auspices of Columbia Presbyterian Church has begun preliminary

discussions with Columbia Seminary in an effort to develop a cross section of curricular designed to enhance public theology praxis with seminary training.

**Presbyterians Caring for Chaplains and Military Personnel** helps the PC(USA) endorsing agency, Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies ([www.pccmp.org](http://www.pccmp.org)), provide Presbyterian and reformed ministry to federal personnel with the mission, “That all may practice in peace.” We help recruit and support Presbyterian clergy who serve members and families of our Armed Forces worldwide, Veterans and their families receiving care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, inmates confined in Bureau of Prison facilities and their families, and members and cadets of the Civil Air Patrol. In August 2022, Chaplain Training and Credentialing events will be held at Calvin Crest Conferences outside Oakhurst, CA on August 1-5 and at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat NC on August 8-12. Presbytery’s Peace and Global Witness Partnership financially supports these events. Minister members of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta that currently serve as Chaplains are Patrick Day with the Georgia National Guard, Victoria Kelly Chappell with the US Navy Reserve and Michael Chaney in the US Navy. For more information contact Rev. Bill Nisbet, retired Army Reserve Chaplain, at [wonisbet@bellsouth.net](mailto:wonisbet@bellsouth.net). Contributions from individuals or churches to support Presbyterians Caring for Chaplains can be made through the website above.

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

Presbyterians for a Better Georgia has been a voice for Presbyterians at the state capitol during the 2022 legislative session, working especially hard to achieve positive results on our two focus issues: 1) increasing affordable housing/ending homelessness and 2) increasing access to healthcare. Please visit our website ([www.p4bg.org](http://www.p4bg.org)) or our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter feeds to learn more about how you can partner with PBG.

**Street Grace** is a faith-driven organization collaborating with faith, business and community leaders providing a comprehensive path to end the sexual exploitation of minors. CSEC involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, and/or the obtaining of a child under the age of 18 for the purpose of a commercial sex act. Street Grace mobilizes community resources – financial, human, and material – to fight CSEC through **prevention, protection, policy and pursuit.**

MISSION: To eradicate the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

VISION: A world where all children are free from sexual exploitation.

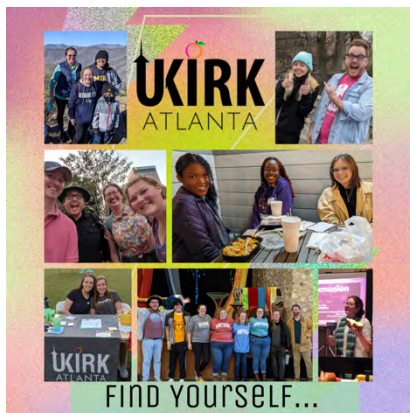
<https://www.streetgrace.org/>

## Presbyterian Youth Ministry Collaboration of Atlanta



Save the Date for the PGA Fall Middle School Retreat at Calvin Center, November 2-4. All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited for a weekend of worship, service, and fellowship.

## UKirk Atlanta



The mission of UKirk Atlanta is to energize, coordinate, and develop relationship-based ministries on Atlanta area college campuses and to build connections between college students and PC(USA) congregations.

UKirk Atlanta strives to foster supportive, faithful communities of students who together seek to engage faith in their everyday lives, particularly for the students at Agnes Scott College, Emory University, and Georgia State University.

We are proudly a member of More Light Presbyterians and a Matthew 25 Faith Community. Our partnership as a More

Light ministry gives us a foundation for the future of our ministry that we are proud to stand upon so that we can “be lovingly present for those who most need support in our communities, encouraging us to better attend to their spiritual needs.”

We are also called by our faith to stand against the systems of white supremacy and racism, seeking justice and wholeness in God’s beloved community.

As we enter the summer break season, UKirk Atlanta is focusing on fundraising for the sustainability of our ministry and partnering with congregations and incoming college students to equip them with faith formation opportunities ahead of them. If you are interested in

inviting UKirk leaders to speak with your graduating seniors or with your congregation as a whole about the importance of college ministry please reach out.

[www.ukirkatlanta.com](http://www.ukirkatlanta.com)

### **Westminster Christian Fellowship at Georgia Tech**

We are an organization on the campus of Georgia Tech that introduces students and Chinese scholars to Christianity and walks with Christians through this pivotal time of life. Our general student group meets weekly for fellowship, worship, prayer, and small group Bible studies. Our Chinese student group meets weekly to build community and study the Bible. Every year we serve over 300 Chinese students in August by welcoming them to Georgia Tech by offering transportation and temporary housing before the school year

begins. We also have a weekly group and their families to learn about group provide many adults with Christianity.

If you would like more information you can visit our website ([gt-wcf.org](http://gt-wcf.org)) Instagram ([gtwcf](https://www.instagram.com/gtwcf)). If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a financial supporter, you may email our director Jon Keyser ([jon@gt-wcf.org](mailto:jon@gt-wcf.org)).



for Chinese adult scholars Christianity. The scholars their first exposure to

about our organization, or find us on Facebook or

### **World Mission Partnership**

The purpose of the World Mission Partnership is to involve more congregations in our presbytery in the world mission of the PCUSA and to facilitate communication between those congregations. The partnership is able to connect churches interested in the same mission area and to support mission co-workers by providing them connections to area churches.

## Attachment F

### NCDC Report

For Information

#### *NCDC's Recent Highlights*

Since our last Presbytery Meeting, your NCDC:

- **Chartered El Nazareno Presbyterian Church on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022!** We are so thrilled to welcome El Nazareno into our greater Presbyterian family.
- Offered two workshops and two fellowship gatherings for NWCs
- Distributed \$60,000 in grant money to NWCs
- Is facilitating six additional grant applications
- Is working with six communities on chartering

*NCDC's fall schedule is filling up! Is your congregation interested in having the NCDC lead a Sunday School series or speak in worship? [Get in touch with Christina](#) to get it on the calendar today!*

#### *NCDC's Upcoming Highlights*

- **The NCDC Summer Retreat is this month August 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** We will be exploring how to best tell NWC stories. The most powerful way to connect people to your church and its mission is through storytelling. At the NCDC's summer retreat, we are moving from **boring** to **brilliant** storytelling, equipping each of us to best share the story of our church, what's going on, and how it matters.
- ***What's the Secret Sauce? Conference coming soon!*** Join us September 12-13 at Decatur Presbyterian Church for two days of listening, sharing, worshiping and savoring the wisdom of immigrant new worshiping communities and discover key ingredients for supporting and encouraging our witness together. Sponsored by 1001 NWC and the New Church Development Commission of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, this event will be heavy on inspiration and practical insight from immigrant leaders as well as presbytery and denominational staff. The full schedule and list of speakers is still being finalized, but you can sign up [here!](#)





## Attachment G

### Faith Journey Statement

Sun Young Choi

I was born in South Korea and raised in a family having strong traditions of Confucianism with 13 annual ancestral worship ceremonies. My mother, though she was a Christian as a child, was not able to go to church due to her in-law's strong opposition when she married my father. However, by the providence of God, my brother and I were allowed to go to church since we were young. My mother, my brother, and I prayed together for my father's salvation, and the prayer was answered in a very unexpected way.

When I was 15, my father was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. Facing his death, by the incredible grace of God, he sincerely accepted Jesus as his Lord and savior. In spite of the fervent opposition of family elders, he broke all the traditions of Confucianism and made a path for my family to serve God alone. Although he soon went to eternal peace, since then, most of my family members, including extended family members, have become Christians one by one. Though his physical body perished, his spiritual legacy still lasts in my family through the generations.

Through this experience, I came to know God as Creator, the Almighty, and a loving father; however, it wasn't until my second year of college that I finally accepted Jesus as my true savior. At that time, I was actively serving my home church as a praise & worship team member; however, deep inside my heart, I was struggling with the dilemma that though I loved God, I still liked to sin. I started to clearly face my sinful nature which I could not solve or eradicate by my own human endeavor. The only thing I could do was desperately ask for God's mercy. Then, I began to feel that the Holy Spirit came to me and gave me an understanding of what I had heard of Jesus more than a hundred times before - a pure lamb, atonement, redemption, paying my debt, and much more. It was like pieces of a puzzle finally found their place. Finally, I began to understand the priceless love on the Cross given "not by human endeavor, but by the blood of the lamb," and the sacrificial love "taking away the sin of the world."

This amazing love has also changed my whole world view, from an 'I-centered' view to a 'Jesus and others - centered' view. Having grown more in the love of Christ, I came to realize how God so loved the world and that God called me to live an abundant Christian life of sharing God's love with other people. This led me to search for God's specific calling on me to use my gifts for God and for others and the world, and that was to dedicate my life to recover the image of God and the fullness of God's plan in people. After graduating from college in Korea, I fulfilled my calling by being professionally trained as a Marriage and Family Therapist at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Through my training and then working as a Marriage and Family Therapist, I gratefully had the experience to bring hope and encouragement to individuals, couples, families, and groups who were in times of despair and emotional breakdown. In particular, as I was given plenty of opportunities to work with the Korean-American/Korean immigrant population, I, myself as a Korean immigrant, came to understand and deeply empathize with their unique struggles related to acculturational discrepancy among generations and family disorganization, along with general psychological and relational issues.

And now, I hope to expand my boundary as an MFT and help people with a more spiritually-focused perspective by being equipped as a pastor at Columbia Theological Seminary and under the care of PCUSA. I feel my heart pounding with passion for the Korean immigrant

families and churches/communities. Particularly, since female ministers are short in number in Korean immigrant churches, and still are not very welcomed in its patriarchal cultural context, I have witnessed that the delicate needs of women are often disregarded or even ignored. As a woman, a wife, and a mother myself, I do hope to serve them with empathy, sensitivity, and cultural understandings in order that they can be equipped as God's transforming agents for their families, churches, and the broader society. I also hope to continue to develop and organize Bible study groups designed for wives and mothers, couples and families, and Christian parenting education groups, so that people can experience God's healing and restoration as a body of Christ as they hold each other accountable with love and respect. Currently, I am serving as a children's minister at one of the PCUSA churches in the Greater Atlanta Presbytery. I believe that God is transforming each family through these kids and will eventually bring positive changes to the whole church, the Korean American communities, and the broader society.

## Attachment H

Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, Jr., M.Div., Ed.D.  
**Statement of Faith Journey**

The poet John O'Donohue writes that a dynamic life can be distilled to this: coming to thresholds—to points of inflection, to edges, to entryways—and crossing them "worthily." That's a difficult word for me. It suggests that my interactions are impactful in a meaningful way; that the God who shaped me from clay has placed a unique and wonderful calling in my heart; that it matters who I'm with, where I am, and what I do. My faith journey comprises transformative moments of thresholds that have moved me closer to myself, my calling, and God. In a hundred signs and secret languages, God has called me to study, reflect, and serve in the company of the whole people of God and diverse communities.

My faith journey and aspirations are based on a critical understanding and recognition of God's presence in my life through the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. This salvific plan includes my developing story of who I am as a son, husband, father, friend, minister, and trusted colleague. I am the son of the late Esperanza Aloyo and Victorino Aloyo from Vieques, Puerto Rico. Married to Suzette Aloyo for over thirty-five years, we are blessed with two daughters, Kayla Cristen, an aerospace engineer working in Huntsville, AL, and Alyssa Nicole, serving as a DEI administrator at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

When I was thirteen, my mother delivered a sermon that changed my life on a precious Sunday. She said in part, "According to Deuteronomy 31:6, God will never leave you, nor God will forsake you. Trust God. Let your faith take the risk." Although I had heard hundreds of sermons about Jesus, this message felt different. It was as if God's Word was echoing within me. So, I dedicated my life to the journey with the One whose image I am created. I vowed to let God's will always have preeminence in my life from that day. In this commitment, my call to ministry embraces important principles of adaptive leadership, innovation in strategic planning, trust-building, equitable distribution of resources, and access to education. My intentions to equip the saints for ministry and my desire to continue exploring and modeling how God intersects my leadership and spiritual formation gifts lead me to serve as the next President of Columbia Theological Seminary and an integral member of the Greater Atlanta Presbytery.

As an ordained Minister of Word and Sacraments for the past thirty-two years and a Ruling Elder six years prior, I am grateful to serve in transformative ministries within newly organized and revitalized congregations as a lead and organizing pastor in urban environments in New York and New Jersey. Serving multicultural, multigenerational, and multilingual communities of faith has broadened my understanding of effective congregational ministry, strategic planning, vision-casting, leadership collaboration, spiritual formation, and volunteer development. My involvement in the PCUSA's governing bodies or councils has been a critical part of my formation as a partner and colleague in the expansion of God's kin-dom. [\[1\]](#)

I am grateful to God for these and many transformative moments and thresholds that have called me to serve in multiple arenas and vineyards of faith. I joyfully continue to learn by walking with God in meaningful ways that incorporate the stories of loved ones, colleagues, neighbors, and strangers in my life.

[\[1\]](#) Kin-dom became the language Ada María Isasi-Díaz used to describe God's *Libertad*, the liberation of God at work among people, and the good news for those who suffer at the hands of kings.



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, Jr.*

*“My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.” – Psalm 62:1*

I believe in the one triune God, Creator of the heavens and earth. I believe that all order of things, visible and invisible, are sustained by God's Word. I believe in God, who formed humankind in God's likeness and image, and although, in its fallen state, God gave humanity and the order of creation the hope of restoration. I believe in God, who is near and in our midst.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer, the only begotten Son of God who is the Word become flesh, Emmanuel, God with us. I believe in his conception by the Holy Spirit through the Virgin Mary, the instrument used for the incarnation of the Word of God. In Jesus, we see God's love for us and with us. Jesus taught the people, cared for them, fed and broke bread with them, and forgave and healed them. I am called to be an imitator of Jesus Christ and to serve and not to be served. I believe in his prophetic and priestly ministry, passion, death, bodily resurrection, and the promise of his second coming for his Church. In Christ, I am redeemed and reborn! I have reconciled to the Father in Christ and no longer face eternal separation. Nothing here on earth or above can ever separate me from the love of God, for the resurrection of Christ is the eternal testimony of the victory of life over death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, God's Word in us and amongst us. The Holy Spirit enables me to state, "Jesus is Lord!" Through the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit marks and seals me as a child of God. The Holy Spirit helps me to live a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ as it makes me aware of my shortcomings, enables me to grow in the name of Christ, and with each passing moment, allows me to acknowledge that I was once lost, and now I am found. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, I am called as a Minister of the Word and Sacraments to serve in a ministry of reconciliation begun in Christ.

I believe the Church to be comprised of the believers of Jesus Christ as his mystical and visible body. The Church manifests God's comforting presence in Christ, the only true foundation. We are called to build one another up in the love of God. As we build each other up, we are also called to reach out to those with God's reconciling message that in Christ, there is forgiveness. We are called to be for one another, and, therefore, we are called to be in community with the world that needs to hear the life-giving message of the Gospel.

I believe The Scriptures are composed of the Old and New Testaments and are the Word of God, revealing the plan of salvation as proclaimed through individuals who lived, in particular, circumstances and contexts. I believe that the Scriptures' reading, study, and proclamation are vital for growth in grace and knowledge through the community of faith, the Church. Its message is always relevant, and the call of holiness to communion with God and our neighbors is the same as in the past.

I believe Jesus Christ instituted two sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. I believe in Baptism as a means of grace that signifies entrance into the faith community. Baptism is a sign and seal of cleansing into Christ and entry into the covenant of grace. In the Lord's Supper, we remember and proclaim the death of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the redeeming work of Christ, and at the same time, we boldly announce his inevitable return in glory. I believe that the elements (the bread and cup) of the Lord's Supper are symbolic (body and blood of Jesus Christ), and the call to participate, remember and proclaim his death, resurrection, and presence through the Holy Spirit is open to all as they have professed Jesus as Lord and Savior.

## Reverend Jasmine K. Evans, M.Div. – Faith Journey

Even though I have been in church my entire life, my faith journey really began in college. The year I started at Winston-Salem State University was a pivotal year. I was fresh off the heels of a familial fallout that revealed how much pastors struggle to maintain the boundaries of family and church. I was also finally choosing a career path that focused on my passions and gifts instead of how much money I could make. And to top it all off, I fell in love with someone that I thought I would spend the rest of my life with, and we became pregnant. Through each decision, choice, and new life circumstance, I decided I needed God more and more.

So, when I was hired as a campus intern at Saint James, I took it as a sign from God. I felt like my life was falling apart. I was overwhelmed by my course load, parenting, and working a fast-food job. Each week as I showed up at Saint James for my internship, I began to feel God pull me closer. I wanted to know God deeply, and I wanted to know God in community with other college students and young adults. The church was warm and welcoming. They loved me and my daughter. It was a love that could only come from having a deep relationship with the Divine. That love in that community sustained me.

After graduation I became even more involved with Saint James at-large and as a direct result I began to feel better and closer to God. One day, someone from the church called me and asked if I might be interested in working in the front office. They advised me that I would have to apply for the position, interview, and work hard, but they thought that I would be a good candidate. After a few volunteer days and a couple of interviews, I was hired. It was just the break I needed, and it was right where God wanted me to be.

The front office at Saint James was a ministry in and of itself. People came by for church business, but they often came by for prayer and venting and deep conversations. That was the part of the job that no one told me about, but it was the part that filled me up the most. I would sit in my office for hours with members who ultimately just needed someone to pray with them and to listen to their stories. That office was a holy place. It was sacred. I still get misty thinking about the moments I shared with so many congregants over those two years. And unknowingly, it was that experience and working with so many Spirit-filled Black women who were walking in their calling that led me to mine. They paved the way first by ministering to me at my lowest moments. In the moments when I felt like I had no value, they reminded me that me and my daughter were both made in the image of God. They reminded me that we had a purpose. They taught me to seek God for guidance and to trust God's plan for our lives. When I began sharing those same teachings and reassuring words with others in the office, I began to see my self-image transform. This is what God was leading me to all this time.

I answered God's call to ministry by going to obtain a Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University's School of Divinity. At Wake I was able to learn the language of the theology that had been brewing in my heart ever since I left the Sovereign Grace Baptist and Missionary Baptist churches my mother and I attended when I was growing up. I met people who pushed me to explore my theological interests and found myself engulfed in Women's, Gender and Sexuality courses paired with the Presbyterian required courses. I encountered God outside of the church in a very real way - in classrooms, in the gym, on the campus lawn and in the living room of our shared grad school house. At each turn, my faith in God rooted and reaffirmed me that I was headed in the right direction.

Now that I have been ordained it feels like a full circle moment - not just for me and my daughter, but for every person who poured into my life these past twelve years. God met me and so many other people at 820 Ross Avenue in Greensboro and because of it, I am changed and called to walk with others through their spiritual transformations.

In my current positions (Supply Pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church and Pastor of Faith Point Fellowship), I am honored to serve two very different congregations. Grace has an older population of Sunday church goers who love their church and love God. Faith Point is a 1001 New Worshipping Community serving college students at HBCU's and other local universities. Both ministries have something in common: loving people where they are and praying for God to lead us all in our faith journey's. My experiences at both congregations will inform my ministry at North Avenue Presbyterian Church as an Associate Pastor of Young Adults. I am looking forward to helping build a ministry focused on God's love and authentic community. I plan to use my professional skills to engage students in faith conversations, serving the church and the community as well as leading them in worship. I seek to help reignite current young adults desire for spiritual connection and growth while being a supportive pastor to the church at-large. I hope that the experiences of all involved, deep study of the Word and joyful fellowship will be aspects that will shape and define the future of this ministry.

My faith in God stands on one simple point - God is good.

God is the good shepherd and the good defender. The evil that is present in the world exists outside of God's goodness and has no bearing on the belief that God has a plan for my life.

I believe that God's love for me, the community, and the world stems from God's goodness.

I believe in the Triune God: God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

God is the one true God, author, and finisher of our faith, creator of all good things.

All of humankind is created in the perfect image of God and we were made to live in harmony with the whole of creation, exercising dominion over it. Unfortunately, humankind fell to temptation. Temptation and sin continue to drive a wedge between us and God's plan for our lives as we continuously succumb to sin. But nothing can truly separate us from the love of God.

I know that God is just, jealous, and loving.

Through God's just character we know that the wages of sin are death.

Through God's jealous nature we know that there should be no other gods before the God of our ancestors. Through God's love we are saved from sin because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus our brother and friend.

Jesus, God's son, was sent to save the world. Jesus was born of the virgin Mary.

He is fully human and fully divine.

He lived, learned, taught, ministered, was crucified, died and rose again.

Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, humankind was freed from the debt of sin.

Jesus' life on earth is a blueprint for holy living.

He was not afraid to speak up, do the right thing, bond with the "wrong" people, or choose love over the law. The biblical miracles of Christ were a foreshadowing of the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit living and breathing among us today.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God with us forever.

Also known as the Holy Spirit, She is present with me and the whole of humanity at all times.

Through the Spirit of God, the Church is connected in covenant to one another.

The Holy Spirit is present in Scripture. Through Scripture, God is revealed to us.

It is a Divinely inspired guide to living. Scripture should be taken seriously and preached with care in an effort not to weaponize it against others or to use it for selfish gain.

The Spirit inspires us, guides us, chastises us, heals us, walks with us, and sanctifies us.

Through the work of the Spirit, young and old are claimed in the waters of Baptism. It is an open and communal act of worship meant for the entire body of Christ to share in and support.

When we participate in the Eucharist, the Spirit gives us a taste of life eternal through the bread and undeniable salvation through the cup. We share in this feast together, repenting of our sins, remembering, and celebrating the work of Christ on the cross and in his resurrection.

These two sacraments, baptism and communion, mark and cover us with God's grace.

The Spirit working in us, calls us to the work of the church and beyond, to minister to the souls of humankind, to care for the sick, to watch over the widow(er), and to welcome all into the body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit emboldens us, goes before us, and gives us power and authority.

I, along with my siblings in Christ, wait for the day when all things will be made new, when we will meet the Lord in Heaven. Until then, I will walk out the great commission through faith in Jesus Christ, preaching and teaching the good news to all who will hear it and believe.

# Attachment I

## Faith Journey — Dana Gray

Biologically, I am described as a 49 year old caucasian female. Further, I could biographically be described as a recovering addict, lesbian, and/or a survivor of childhood trauma. I can be described as one who is guarded and then at other times described as emotionally honest and open. Essentially all these things make up part of who I am. However, I believe the most accurate statement about who I am is someone who fought for a long time to establish myself as someone of worth. The church I attended as a child, was a frightening place that spoke about Christ in terms of fiery judgement. I was afraid of Him and knew He would not find me worthy. I sought to be given this worth from my parents, but they were violent and incapable of affirming my worth. I endeavored to establish worth by seeking recovery and staying clean since I was 18, but I found worth is never based on social acceptability. I believed a college degree would raise me into the ranks of the worthy, but was told that degrees are too easy come by and ultimately worthless. I railed against the UMC who claimed that while I was worthy of being accepted into their number and baptized, I was not worthy of ordination because I was a self-avowed lesbian. Yet with every one of those denials, at least on some cellular level, I found myself incapable of believing I had no worth. Years later,, I found myself at a doctor's office being told that a tests revealed an elevated pancreatic tumor marker. While going through tests and four surgeries, I began to have brutal and real conversations with God. My faith became stronger. I relied on God to get me through each day. In the end, all the organs and tissue removed from me were not cancerous. I went back to work, but struggled with attention to detail and was scrutinized by my employers. Oddly with everything I experienced in my life, this was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. On the way to another follow-up, I lashed out at God. I could not understand why I had been delivered through all that I had only to then fail. I asked if I was not worth better. When my doctor saw me, she sat down and listened to me. I realize now that she was my chaplain in that moment. She validated my concerns about God, but never affirmed them. She also encouraged me to seek a spiritual community to explore my fears and beliefs about God. I began attending Emory Presbyterian, where I examined my relationship with God, resolved my fears about God, and soon experienced the same call to ministry I had in college. I enrolled in Candler School of Theology and completed my first year, but earned my degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in 2017. From there, I completed a CPE residency at Wellspan Hospital in York, PA. I enrolled in a second year residency, but was released from the program. I found myself challenged to lean into the worth I was given through Christ's sacrifice, but no matter what I felt about myself God's love kept moving me forward. I worked for almost two years in hospice after returning home to Georgia. While I enjoyed the work, I could not discern it was where I was being called. After a period of discernment, I accepted a call at Children's Hospital of Atlanta, Egelston and I knew as soon as I stepped into a crisis that I was where I was supposed to be. In the most simplistic of terms, I am someone who believes that worth cannot be earned nor given by another person or institution. My undeserved worth has been established by God, offered to me by God's grace, and sealed by Christ's sacrifice, and resurrection. Thus, I am someone who truly wants to live in service to God. That I am defined as worthy and because of that gift I want to work to spread this Good News to the world.

## **Statement of Faith — Dana Gray**

I believe in God, who is supreme, merciful, and who has always been and always will be. I believe the will of God cannot be subverted, impacted, nor manipulated by human behavior nor prayer. God's grace has been, and forever will be, offered for the redemption of the world from sin.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that God's grace is offered through covenant in Christ, which was, and forever will be, offered to the world by the birth, life, ministry, sacrifice, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I believe God's grace through covenant in Christ is communicated to the world by the Holy Spirit. I believe that having encountered the words of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit convicts one of their own brokenness and the need for redeeming grace of God through the salvific covenant in Christ. I believe the Holy Spirit encourages confession of belief in the covenant offered by God through the death and resurrection of Jesus, upon which the ugly stain of sin is wiped from the confessor, in God's eye, and is assured to the confessor by the Holy Spirit. I believe the offer of covenantal relationship is a surety from God to the world that is infinitely offered and never to be rescinded.

I believe the world is interminably broken and that human beings are incapable of securing own salvation, except through the love, mercy, and grace of the One Triune God. I believe that no human is nor will ever be able to accomplish meritorious award of such a gift nor complete any work that would guarantee the perpetuity of the promise offered.

I believe that although, the Trinity is expressed as three persons to convey who these three interact with the world, in fact, God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are the One Triune God, who are equitable, indivisible, and irreducible.

I believe the sacrament of Baptism is a sign that points us to engage and remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and seals us, as children of the covenant offered by God. I believe the Baptism of others, causes us to remember and be grateful for the covenant we have been given by God and invites us to live in covenantal relationship with one another.

I believe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper signifies and encourages praise for God's grace through covenant facilitated by Christ's sacrifice. I believe the Lord's Supper occasions the recipient to remember and be thankful for the death and resurrection of Christ for which we have received the blessings of remission of sin and eternal life.

I believe the church, or community of believers, is compelled by reception of God's grace to live in covenantal relationship with one another. I believe covenantal relationship is marked by its members seeking understanding, working in partnership, teaching, questioning, and challenging growth from the community of believers and the world at large. I believe being in covenantal relationship requires trust, love, fealty, and communication, and reconciliation of disputes so that we are continually striving toward the fulfillment of God's will as a community of believers.

## Faith Journey — Nell Herring

I grew up in Mooresville, North Carolina where I was part of the fifth generation of McNeely/Herrings to attend First Presbyterian Church and the fourth generation to grow up in my childhood home. In a household filled with steadfast love and endless humor, my younger brother and I were raised by my parents. It was in Mooresville that my leadership skills were honed, compassion was encouraged, and the faith foundation was laid for the journey ahead.

As a teenager, I attended New Wilmington Mission Conference where I learned about mission work and took ownership of my faith formation. I was honored to serve on their 2015 Summer Service team. In this role, I had the opportunity to worship with churches throughout Cuba where I interacted with clergywomen for the first time and encountered God in new ways. Though I couldn't articulate it at the time, I now understand this season as the beginning of my call to ministry.

After this experience, I eagerly posed questions about Christianity, Presbyterianism, and global mission in my academic studies at Furman University. As I began serving as the co-Moderator of UKirk and in several church internships, I was challenged to think more seriously about ministry, which further prompted my enrollment at Columbia Theological Seminary.

The same week I applied to seminary, the church of my childhood voted ninety-four percent in favor of leaving the PC(USA) and thus became affiliated with ECO. As one of the few who challenged this decision, I was heartbroken when my church chose not to support me as I enrolled at Columbia due to my advocacy. Saddened by this, I began searching for a new church home in Atlanta. I prayerfully chose to join Shallowford Presbyterian Church. In turn, Shallowford chose to love, nurture, and encourage me in my discernment process when those who had raised me would not. The congregation became my family, held me close during the traumas and triumphs of my seminary experience, and provided incredible mentors to guide me on this ministry journey.

As part of my academic interest in the universal church and global mission, I chose to do an international supervised ministry placement through CTS in Nairobi, Kenya with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. During my internship, I encountered countless examples of the ways in which twentieth century missionaries perpetuated harm to those they colonized in the name of God. I left with even more questions and continued to ponder what it means to be united as the body of Christ throughout the world despite differences in theology, practice, and culture.

Throughout seminary and my ordination process, I continued pondering how God might still be moving in the work of the church despite the harmful theologies, problematic practices, and misconstrued missiology that the church has perpetuated for generations. Amidst the deep questioning and my own personal difficulties, I discerned a call to serve at the intersection of faith and hardship, the place where spirituality and trauma often collide.

After graduating with a dual degree from Columbia, I moved to Louisville to dive more deeply into my call to pastoral caregiving by enrolling in the Marriage and Family Therapy program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Since January, I have been bi-vocational, working in children's ministry and as a therapist as I continued my studies full-time. I loved my work in both fields and yet still felt called to the intersection of pain and spirituality - one that I didn't often find in these separate spaces.

With gratitude for God's guidance in this process, I am humbled to be joining the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance staff who engage in disaster ministry on behalf of our denomination. I eagerly await the opportunity to begin building relationships with PDA staff, partners, and volunteers. I hope that together we can hear God's voice, engage in Christ's mission, and follow the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

## **An Expression of Faith — Nell Herring**

God far exceeds any being that humankind can comprehend. The world and all that is within it reflects God's creativity. God appears to and speaks through different people, mediums, cultures, times, places, and languages. As a result, God has been understood differently throughout time and culture. God is ever-present, working within all circumstances.

Jesus is incarnational, he was fully divine and also fully human choosing to live, walk, teach, and bear witness to the experiences of humanity. Jesus' ministry in the world built upon ancient Israelite understanding and modeled for people how to love God and God's creation more fully. The crucifixion of Jesus was a result of systematic injustice and the human expectation of Jesus' Messiahship. God worked through the human-inflicted suffering of the crucifixion to transform the world through Jesus' ministry and resurrection which enabled life after death.

The Holy Spirit is the divine presence in the world and has always been present in the story of God and of humanity. The Spirit's presence moving among us is as present in the human experience as breathing and prompts understanding of who God is. The Spirit is the source of artistry, prophetic speech, and inspiration, who moves humanity and compels response to the world.

Together, God the Creator, God the Christ, and God the Spirit comprise the Trinity, the three in one and one in three. The complexities of their interrelationship and singular natures can never be fully realized or articulated. The ways in which the persons of the Trinity relate to one another is complex and mysterious. Together, the Trinity enables the divine to connect with humanity more deeply.

The Bible is God-breathed and resonant of the shortcomings of its human authorship. Scripture is inspired and witnesses to who God is understood to be. It provides language for self-expression, offers wisdom regarding morality, paints a portrait of life in community, and presents many depictions of who people have understood God to be throughout time. Scripture guides the church toward God so the faithful must interpret and embody Christian teachings with thoughtfulness, respect, care, and resilience.

The church is reformed and being reformed according to the Word of God. An intentional community composed of imperfect people, the church attempts to love God and embody love in the world. The church embodies its vocation in worship through the celebration of sacraments, communal prayer, proclamation, reading of scripture, mission, and service. Though often divided, the church is one - unified as the body of Christ - and attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Sacraments are symbols and signs of the gospel by which the Holy Spirit reminds us of the forgiving, renewing, and promising love of God in Jesus Christ. Through baptism, we are reminded of the ways God's love cleanses us from sin. When celebrating the Lord's Supper, we remember that through the brokenness of the body and the shedding of Christ's blood, we are nourished physically and spiritually by the meal we share at the table with the communion of saints. Both sacraments capture elements of the holy mystery of God's love and grace.

Realizing that God can never be fully understood, the church continues to ponder who God is and who God has called it to be as the world awaits the eschatological hope of life eternal.

I was born and raised in India. I grew up in a Christian household as my father was an ordained Presbyterian minister, which meant regular church attendance and weekly bible studies. However, he pastored a non-denominational church because his flocks were college students who had come from out of state for higher education to Shillong, Meghalaya, India.

In 2011 after being married and having had three beautiful children, I came to faith in Christ during a church service as I came under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. After that experience, it was my heart's desire to know God and study the Word of God to live a life pleasing unto the Lord. Volunteering in church and attending weekly and Sunday morning bible studies became part of my routine.

However, in 2017 everyday life would change for me as my father, who began a new worshipping community in Atlanta, GA, passed away in a tragic accident. This was a newly formed church, and with the passing away of the founding pastor, the church elected me to lay leadership. After serving for a year and attending seminary simultaneously, I resigned from my leadership position to pursue my Master of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary full time.

During seminary, I began working towards ordination under the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. During my ordination process, I got introduced to Clinical Pastoral Education and completed a unit of internship to fulfill my ordination requirement. This led to another interning opportunity which mapped the way for me to do a year of Chaplain Residency at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville. Throughout this residency program, I have learned how to accompany those in pain and suffering. This has also helped me deal with my own emotions when in a crisis situation.

Being called to lead the new worshipping community that my father had started is genuinely joyous for me. I believe my seminary education and providing pastoral care through chaplaincy have helped me grow in the faith.

I look forward to being the third generation of Presbyterian Ministers in my family.



Sarah Lane

### Statement of Faith

I believe in the triune God. God the Father, maker of heaven and earth, and Lord of things visible and invisible. I believe God is sovereign over his creation and his created beings.

I believe in God's love manifested through his beloved Son, Jesus Christ. The second person of the Trinity. The only begotten Son of God by virgin birth. The one that knew no sin became sin so he could take away the sins of the world. Fully human, the Son of Man knew hunger and felt emotions of sadness, despair, and joy. Having embodied the flesh, the divine Christ understands human pain and suffering. He suffered on the cross as he faced death, was buried, and rose again on the third day. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right of God according to the teaching of the Scriptures. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the death, and his kingdom will never end. I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, and I will teach that salvation is in Christ alone, by faith, because he is the savior of all.

I believe in the Holy Spirit of God, the third person of the Trinity. The one whom Christ promised as our helper, comforter, and counselor. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that believers can live in obedience to God's Word. It is not by human might and strength that we are able to live holy and righteous lives. The Spirit of God justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves, love God and our neighbors, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

I believe the Scripture is the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God and hence useful for teaching, correcting, and instructing in our Christian faith.

I believe there are two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's supper. I believe we profess our faith in God through sacraments, as we receive the Lord's grace, and we respond to our piety toward God. I believe in infant baptism as well as adult baptism. It is through baptism that we are reminded of God's covenant relationship with all. As we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we confess our faith in God and the forgiveness of sins. Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship. The Lord's Supper gathers together the past, present, and future of God's creative and redemptive work. Thus, in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the whole range of Christian life in time is expressed- memory of the crucified Lord, provisional experience of his presence here and now through the Holy Spirit, and hope for the swift coming of God's reign of justice, freedom, and peace in fullness.

I believe that people were elected by God to be saved from the very beginning, called predestination. However, this should not stop us from faithfully preaching the Word to all, as we have limited knowledge and will never unveil or figure out who and why. Nevertheless, I believe that our faith guides us to believe that God is sovereign, and in his sovereignty, everything occurs according to God's will and God's ultimate providence.

I believe in the resurrection of the death, and I anticipate the life everlasting in the world to come.

# Attachment J

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PEACHTREE			\$187,753.82		\$0.00			\$0.00	7136	6959
ROSWELL		\$30,000.00	\$64,239.38		\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00	2386	2381
First PRES-ATLANTA		\$22,500.00	\$51,450.86	\$51,451.00	\$73,951.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$76,201.00	1732	1907
KOREAN COMMUNITY		\$35,000.00	\$48,779.84		\$35,000.00			\$35,000.00	1430	1808
TRINITY ATLANTA			\$45,056.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	1575	1670
SHALLOWFORD	\$3,781.14	\$1,890.50	\$27,168.86	\$13,584.50	\$15,475.00	\$75.00		\$15,550.00	989	1007
ALPHARETTA	\$22,400.00	\$11,200.02	\$22,393.40	\$11,200.02	\$22,400.04	\$2,076.00	\$300.00	\$24,776.04	815	830
DECATUR		\$14,479.97	\$21,341.18	\$21,584.00	\$36,063.97	\$4,562.50	\$937.50	\$41,563.97	738	791
ST LUKES	\$3,500.00		\$19,830.30	\$19,749.36	\$19,749.36	\$1,378.65		\$21,128.01	715	735
NORTH AVENUE		\$10,006.02	\$19,398.62	\$12,963.57	\$22,969.59	\$2,675.02	\$665.00	\$26,309.61	715	719
JOHNS CREEK			\$18,022.64		\$0.00			\$0.00	457	668
MCDONOUGH	\$11,097.18	\$5,548.50	\$14,380.34	\$14,380.34	\$19,928.84	\$1,525.00	\$1,500.00	\$22,953.84	514	533
First PRES-LAGRANGE	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$13,948.66	\$3,564.25	\$4,814.25	\$1,901.00		\$6,715.25	509	517
CENTRAL	\$19,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$13,732.82	\$13,732.82	\$18,482.82			\$18,482.82	498	509
First AFRICAN			\$12,950.40		\$12,950.00			\$0.00	362	480
BUFORD	\$0.00		\$10,738.04	\$6,797.00	\$6,797.00	\$117.16	\$508.67	\$7,422.83	392	398
NEWNAN			\$10,738.04	\$5,349.99	\$5,349.99			\$5,349.99	398	398
MOUNT VERNON		\$4,500.00	\$10,603.14	\$3,210.00	\$7,710.00	\$2,496.00		\$10,206.00	385	393
MORNINGSIDE			\$10,441.26		\$0.00	\$1,684.85	\$1,105.00	\$2,789.85	387	387
NORTHMINSTER	\$26,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$10,360.32	\$10,360.32	\$23,360.32			\$23,360.32	381	384
PLEASANT HILL	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$10,252.40	\$10,252.40	\$13,002.40			\$13,002.40	362	380
NORTH DECATUR			\$8,984.34		\$0.00			\$0.00	335	333
CLAIRMONT			\$8,687.56	\$4,343.76	\$4,343.76		\$910.00	\$5,253.76	248	322
OAKHURST	\$2,000.00		\$8,660.58		\$0.00			\$0.00	331	321
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,417.76	\$4,208.88	\$4,208.88	\$470.00		\$4,678.88	304	312
NEW LIFE			\$8,363.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	306	310
FAYETTE			\$7,311.58		\$0.00			\$0.00	271	271
EASTMINSTER			\$6,825.94	\$2,047.80	\$2,047.80			\$2,047.80	285	253
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$0.00		\$6,583.12	\$3,278.06	\$3,278.06			\$3,278.06	242	244
COVINGTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	\$10,000.00	\$3,333.32	\$6,286.34	\$2,095.52	\$5,428.84			\$5,428.84	231	233
CARROLTON	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$6,178.42	\$3,086.00	\$3,086.00	\$609.43		\$4,195.43	220	229
NORTHWEST		\$2,500.00	\$6,151.44	\$6,152.00	\$8,652.00			\$8,652.00	193	228
RADCLIFFE	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,800.70	\$5,800.70	\$7,300.70	\$2,608.33	\$161.67	\$10,070.70	202	215
LOYD			\$5,746.74	\$5,962.58	\$5,962.58			\$5,962.58	170	213
ST ANDREWS	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$5,719.76	\$5,719.76	\$6,969.76	\$283.00		\$7,252.76	200	212
First PRES-PEACHTREE CITY		\$2,000.00	\$5,449.96		\$2,000.00		\$10,815.00	\$12,815.00	181	202
CONYERS			\$5,207.14	\$1,301.75	\$1,301.75	\$545.00		\$1,846.75	187	193
MORROW			\$5,207.14	\$5,207.14	\$5,207.14	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,007.14	190	193
COVENANT	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,072.24	\$2,536.00	\$8,536.00			\$8,536.00	172	188

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LAWRENCEVILLE	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,018.28	\$2,509.00	\$4,009.00	\$969.43	\$1,525.00	\$6,503.43	159	186
KOREAN CENTRAL			\$4,856.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	180	180
CROSSROADS	\$1,250.00	\$312.50	\$4,235.86	\$4,235.86	\$4,548.36	\$362.49		\$4,910.85	160	157
KAIROS			\$4,100.96		\$0.00			\$0.00	128	152
STOCKBRIDGE	\$4,000.00		\$3,642.30	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$310.00		\$4,310.00	123	135
DRUID HILLS	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,372.50	\$3,372.00	\$7,872.00	\$845.00	\$400.00	\$9,117.00	123	125
HAMILTON MILL	\$5,000.00	\$1,818.22	\$3,264.58	\$1,187.12	\$3,005.34			\$3,005.34	110	121
HILLSIDE	\$2,500.00	\$625.00	\$3,264.58	\$3,210.62	\$3,835.62	\$2,224.34	\$317.79	\$6,377.75	119	121
EMORY		\$750.00	\$3,210.62	\$3,211.00	\$3,961.00	\$1,046.67	\$108.33	\$5,116.00	61	119
AUSTELL	\$0.00	\$1,048.65	\$3,021.76	\$263.98	\$1,312.63	\$2,162.30		\$3,474.93	98	112
RICE MEMORIAL	\$2,500.00		\$2,832.90	\$2,832.90	\$2,832.90			\$2,832.90	98	105
SMYRNA			\$2,751.96	\$3,183.64	\$3,183.64			\$3,183.64	95	102
OGLETHORPE	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,751.96	\$1,376.00	\$3,376.00	\$207.33	\$30.67	\$3,614.00	99	102
CHURCH OF THE MASTER			\$2,724.98		\$0.00			\$0.00	100	101
COLUMBIA			\$2,563.10	\$640.79	\$640.79			\$640.79	93	95
FAIRVIEW		\$500.00	\$2,482.16	\$1,241.08	\$1,741.08	\$668.00		\$2,409.08	89	92
PHILADELPHIA	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$2,401.22		\$100.00	\$335.00		\$435.00	79	89
GOOD NEWS GARDEN			\$2,401.22		\$0.00			\$0.00	79	89
First PRES-MONROE			\$2,212.36		\$0.00			\$0.00	81	82
First PRES-JONESBORO	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,104.44	\$825.90	\$2,825.90		\$600.00	\$3,425.90	76	78
BETHANY	\$0.00		\$2,077.46	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$120.00		\$670.00	77	77
TRINITY DECATUR		\$500.00	\$1,996.52	\$2,182.95	\$2,682.95	\$686.80	\$31.25	\$3,401.00	72	74
TIMBERRIDGE	\$0.00		\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54			\$1,969.54	76	73
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECT'N	\$0.00		\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54			\$1,969.54	63	73
GUM CREEK			\$1,861.62	\$1,996.52	\$1,996.52			\$1,996.52	67	69
NORCROSS	\$1,258.28		\$1,726.72	\$431.68	\$431.68	\$665.00	\$132.00	\$1,228.68	66	64
ATLANTA TAIWANESE			\$1,672.76		\$0.00			\$0.00	59	62
HANBIT			\$1,349.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	54	50
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES			\$1,349.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	50	50
JACKSON	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,295.04	\$1,295.04	\$3,295.04			\$3,295.04	51	48
GRACE KOREAN			\$1,106.18	\$600.00	\$600.00			\$600.00	38	41
KELLEY	\$1,000.00		\$1,106.18		\$0.00			\$0.00	38	41
HEMPHILL MEMORIAL	\$450.00		\$890.34		\$0.00	\$450.00		\$450.00	33	33
ATLANTA KOREAN			\$647.52		\$0.00			\$0.00	28	24
FRIENDSHIP	\$3,000.00		\$647.52		\$0.00			\$0.00	25	24
First PRES-MANCHESTER WM SPRGS.			\$620.54		\$0.00			\$0.00	14	23
BARNESVILLE			\$593.56		\$0.00			\$0.00	22	22
DALLAS-DODD			\$566.58	\$566.58	\$566.58			\$566.58	22	21
WESTHILLS			\$512.62		\$0.00			\$0.00	17	19

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GREENVILLE			\$485.64		\$0.00			\$0.00	18	18
EBENEZER	\$514.36	\$514.36	\$485.64	\$485.64	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	14	18
NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GA.	\$1,000.00		\$458.66		\$0.00			\$0.00	18	17
First PRES-BREMEN	\$0.00		\$377.72	\$377.72	\$377.72			\$377.72	14	14
TALLAPOOSA	\$0.00		\$377.72		\$0.00			\$0.00	6	14
FELLOWSHIP			\$215.84		\$0.00			\$0.00	8	8
EL NAZERENO		\$325.50		\$674.50	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00		
<b>BENEVOLENCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$173,250.96</b>	<b>\$192,452.56</b>	<b>\$850,328.66</b>	<b>\$296,609.12</b>	<b>\$489,061.68</b>	<b>\$36,109.30</b>	<b>\$22,047.88</b>	<b>\$547,218.86</b>	<b>30244</b>	<b>31646</b>
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL				\$196.00				\$10,976.17		
* OVERALL TOTAL		\$192,452.56		\$296,805.12				\$558,195.03		

\$192,452.56

\$296,805.12

**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, 2022 is \$26.98 per member based on the active membership of the congregation as of January 1, 2021 as reported in the Assembly statistics for Dec. 31, 2020.

**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 12/31/21; per capita based on 12/31/20 membership.

If there is an error, please send a written request for correction to Gwen Hairston, Financial Support Specialist, at the Presbytery Office via email at ghairston@atlpcusa.org  
Your written request will expedite our ability to respond. If you have any questions, contact Gwen Hairston at 404-898-0711, ext 125.

**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.**  
**Monthly Benevolence Report**  
**June 2022**

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	\$1,025.00	\$12,582.51	\$15,042.79
100-403020 - Christmas Joy Offering	\$395.00	\$5,195.08	\$7,408.47
100-403030 - Pentecost Offering	\$0.00	\$417.00	\$1,118.24
100-403040 - Theological Education Fund	\$625.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
100-403050 - Peacemaking Special Offering	\$216.67	\$2,956.91	\$2,154.14
100-403200 - Designated for Missionaries	\$416.67	\$7,525.02	\$8,025.02
<b>Total Budgeted General Assembly</b>	<u>\$2,678.34</u>	<u>\$29,926.52</u>	<u>\$33,748.66</u>
<b>Budgeted Presbytery</b>			
100-403510 - Designated Thornwell Home & School	\$712.50	\$3,103.50	\$3,374.47
100-403520 - Columbia Seminary	\$0.00	\$337.50	\$337.50
100-403550 - Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$362.49	\$600.00
100-403580 - Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$1,099.65	\$1,129.97
<b>Total Budgeted Presbytery</b>	<u>\$712.50</u>	<u>\$4,903.14</u>	<u>\$5,441.94</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Designated</b>	<u>\$3,390.84</u>	<u>\$34,829.66</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<u>\$3,390.84</u>	<u>\$34,829.66</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$3,390.84</u>	<u>\$34,829.66</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>
<b>Disbursements and Expenses</b>			
<b>Benevolent Disbursements</b>			
100-500100 - G. A. Budgeted Benevolence	\$2,678.34	\$29,374.02	\$33,748.66
100-500500 - Designated for Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$1,099.65	\$1,129.97
100-504030 - Designated for Thornwell	\$712.50	\$3,103.50	\$3,374.47
100-506010 - Designated for Columbia Seminary	\$0.00	\$337.50	\$337.50
100-506020 - Designated for JC Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$362.49	\$600.00
<b>Total Benevolent Disbursements</b>	<u>\$3,390.84</u>	<u>\$34,277.16</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>
<b>Total Disbursements and Expenses</b>	<u>\$3,390.84</u>	<u>\$34,277.16</u>	<u>\$39,190.60</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$552.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
 Operations Fund Revenues and Disbursements-Preliminary  
 Period Ending June 30, 2022

	Actual Period Ending <u>6/30/2022</u>	Actual Period Ending <u>6/30/2021</u>	Annual Budget <u>FYE 01/31/2022</u>
Operation Support	\$ 182,446.54	\$ 126,839.47	\$ 535,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 279,546.79	\$ 275,733.15	\$ 600,000.00
Budgeted Designated	\$ 29,926.52	\$ 33,748.66	
Budgeted Presbytery	\$ 5,903.14	\$ 7,671.91	\$ 3,000.00
Total Designated	<u>\$ 497,822.99</u>	<u>\$ 443,993.19</u>	<u>\$ 1,138,000.00</u>
Interest Income	\$ 1,753.83	\$ 3,344.05	\$ 10,000.00
Unrealized (Gain)Loss - Ops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 27,313.35	\$ 31,063.59	\$ 46,500.00
Interest-Presbyterian Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 168,154.78	\$ 92,358.49	\$ 332,500.00
Total Revenues before Transfers	<u>\$ 695,044.95</u>	<u>\$ 570,759.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,539,000.00</u>
Transfers			
Transfer to Pilgrimage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfers	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 264,509.54	\$ 268,995.98	\$ 508,803.06
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 1,374.05	\$ 2,460.15	\$ 11,150.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 367,259.23	\$ 354,425.36	\$ 865,540.99
Administrative Costs	\$ 57,869.51	\$ 49,050.73	\$ 153,505.95
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 426,502.79</u>	<u>\$ 405,936.24</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,196.94</u>
Total Transfers and Disbursements	<u>\$ 691,012.33</u>	<u>\$ 674,932.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,539,000.00</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 4,032.62</u>	<u>\$ (104,172.90)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating Total	\$ 4,032.62	\$ (104,172.90)	\$ -

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.  
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position  
Operations Fund  
As of June 30, 2022

**Assets**

Cash		<b>\$207,971.63</b>
Investments		<b>\$1,034,077.48</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	\$19,202.00	
A/R-Hanbit PC	\$36,394.87	
A/R - Atlanta Korean	\$43,193.13	
A/R- Ormewood Park	\$44,836.49	
A/R - College Park PC	\$23,492.81	
A/R - Church of the New Covenant	(\$15,594.94)	
A/R - Luther Hays PET	\$20.10	
A/R-Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$43,494.48	
A/R -Church os St. Andrew	\$44,161.07	
Total Accounts Receivable		<b>\$191,396.93</b>
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$725,000.00	
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	(\$490,759.85)	
Total Pledges Receivable		<b>\$234,240.15</b>
Prepaid Expenses		\$18,110.25
Property & Equipment		\$1,206,393.49
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)		\$9,834,743.89
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(\$1,676,108.43)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u><u>\$11,050,825.39</u></u></b>

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

Liabilities		
Non-Budgeted Benevolence		\$1,782.62
A/P Operations		\$1,499.66
A/P Tree of Life Ministries		\$17,000.00
HFSA		\$1,222.79
Accrued Vacation		\$20,051.81
GA Ave. Bldg Agency Funds		\$16,894.91
Long-term Debt		
Due to Wachovia (CSM)	\$28,386.42	
Total Long-term Debt		\$28,386.42
Other Liabilities	\$7,742.44	
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Total Liabilities		\$94,580.65
Total Restricted Funds		\$1,136,842.88
Fund Principal		
Fund Balance-Operations	\$9,815,369.24	
Net Income Year-to-Date	\$4,032.62	
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date		<u>\$9,819,401.86</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b><u><u>\$11,050,825.39</u></u></b>