

**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
Minutes of the May 2, 2023, Stated Meeting**

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

Convened via Zoom
Co-Hosted by Fairview and El Nazareno Presbyterian Churches

Call to Order

Following recorded pre-meeting music offered by the musicians of El Nazareno Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta was called to order and opened with prayer at 9:00 A.M. by Moderator Iris Wallace.

Co-Hosts' Words of Welcome

Rev. Nelson Donado, pastor of El Nazareno Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Melissa McNair-King, pastor of Fairview Presbyterian Church, shared words of welcome as co-hosts for the virtual meeting.

Call to Worship and Opening Hymn

Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson, Executive Presbyter, and Rev. Andy James, Stated Clerk, offered the call to worship. Musicians from Fairview Presbyterian Church then presented the opening hymn, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing."

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 the Stated Clerk to give instructions and orientation to the Zoom meeting. At the conclusion of the introduction, he thanked the Presbytery's staff and tech deacon Steve Cashwell for their part in preparing the technology for the meeting via Zoom.

Omnibus Motion

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

- the docket for the meeting;
- the minutes of the February 11, 2023, stated meeting;
- the admit to record items in the Communications Report;
- the admit to record items in the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report; and
- the admit to record items in the Committee on Ministry Report.

The omnibus motion was moved by Rev. Juan Herrera and seconded by Rev. Donna Wells. Following opportunity to do so, no items were removed from the omnibus motion. The omnibus motion was

approved by a vote of 195-1. The items approved under the omnibus motion are listed under the appropriate report below.

Communications Report

The Moderator Pro Tem recognized Rev. Andy James to give the Communications Report as presented in the Commissioners Handbook. He gave a brief summary of the following items that were printed in the meeting materials.

The Clerk reported that the 2022 Session Annual Statistical Report was completed by 77 of our 85 congregations. The final report of congregational membership and the aggregate statistics for the Presbytery can be found in Attachment B. He offered thanks to the clerks of session, church administrators, treasurers, and others who contributed data to complete this information.

The Clerk invited the Presbytery to attend an outing to the Atlanta United vs. New England Revolution soccer match on Wednesday, May 31, at 7:30 P.M., with a tailgate beforehand.

The Clerk reported that the offering from the February Presbytery meeting to support the New Church Development Commission totaled \$1,101.45.

The Clerk noted that the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly has reported that all proposed amendments to the Book of Order sent by the 225th General Assembly (2022) to the presbyteries for vote have received the votes required for approval. A new edition of the Book of Order reflecting the full set of approved amendments will be published in summer 2023. In light of this report, the Clerk noted that the Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee informed him that they would not present the final four proposed amendments (22-CC, 22-DD, 22-EE, and 22-FF) for a vote of the Presbytery, since those amendments would affect only the portion of the Book of Order that will now be replaced with the new Church Discipline section.

In accordance with D-5.0206b, the Clerk reported the following persons as those members of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the last six years:

Class of 2022

Rev. John Callahan
Elder Marcia Noble, St. Andrews
Rev. Cecelya Taylor

Class of 2020

Rev. Frank Eldridge
Elder Iris Wallace, Radcliffe
**the third member of this class is no longer a member of the Presbytery*

Class of 2018

Elder Sue Colussy, Covenant
Elder Deron Hicks, Manchester-Warm Springs
Rev. Alex Moses

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

1. That the minutes of the commission to install **Jasmine Evans** as associate pastor at **North Avenue Presbyterian Church** be admitted to the record.
2. That the minutes of the commission to ordain **Sarah Vungsuanching Lane** as minister of the Word and Sacrament be admitted to the record.

3. The following people were appointed to serve on the commission to ordain **Robert Andrew Wilmesherr** as minister of the Word and Sacrament at a service on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at Decatur Presbyterian Church:

Elder Susan Gilbert, Fayette
Elder Teresa Merritt, Roswell
Rev. Martha Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary
Elder Keenan Rodgers, Timberridge
Rev. Michael Sanchez, Saint Luke's
Rev. John Westlund, Calvin Center

4. That the minutes of the commission to ordain **Robert Andrew Wilmesherr** as minister of the Word and Sacrament be admitted to the record.
5. The following people were appointed to serve on the commission to install **Lucy Strong** as associate pastor at **Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta**, at a service on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.* at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta:

Elder David Carr, Trinity Atlanta, Moderator of the Commission
Rev. Jody Andrade, member-at-large
Elder Rachel Reiff Ellis, Decatur
Rev. Sunghee Han, Wellstar Hospital
Rev. Paul Roberts, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary
Elder Iris Wallace, Radcliffe

The following people were approved as guests of the commission:

Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, South Alabama Presbytery
Rev. Buz Wilcoxon, Foothills Presbytery

*While this time will be challenging for “substantial participation of the presbytery” as required by W-4.0202, the Clerk recognizes this happening in the composition of the commission and availability of livestream and recording.

6. The following people were appointed to serve on the commission to ordain **Katie Archibald-Woodward** as minister of the Word and Sacrament at a service on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 3:00 A.M. at North Decatur Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson, Executive Presbyter, Moderator of the Commission
Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel, honorably retired
Elder Ellen Gadberry, North Decatur
Rev. David Lewicki, North Decatur
Elder Mary Smarr, Oakhurst
Elder Ken Whitehurst, Trinity, Decatur

The following person was approved as a guest of the commission:

Elder Harriet Archibald-Woodward, San Gabriel Valley Presbytery

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 sixth mark of the Vital Congregations Initiative, “Caring Relationships,” by describing a number of ways that she has seen caring relationships taking hold in her life and the life of the Presbytery in recent months.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Moderator recognized Rev. Emma Neishloss to give the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. On behalf of the Committee, she moved that Evans Baah Mintah, inquirer from Hillside Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as a candidate, effective March 23, 2023. In addition to his personal statement of faith journey found in Attachment D, the inquirer offered a brief introduction and statement of his sense of call, then the Presbytery was invited to pose questions to him. The examination was arrested, and the Moderator called for a vote. The motion ***to enroll Evans Baah Mintah as a candidate, effective March 23, 2023***, was approved by a vote of 212-0.

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

Rev. Neishloss reported that the Committee had sent a letter to the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations of Candidates regarding the Winter 2023 Biblical Exegesis Examination. The letter is included as Attachment E.

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. Daniel Kwon (Korean Community), January 26, 2023
 - b. Khai Samte (Shallowford), January 26, 2023
- The following candidate was certified ready to receive a call:
 - a. Donghyun Jeong (Korean Central), January 26, 2023
- The following candidates received a call:
 - a. Jiyoung (Irene) Choi (Korean Community) has received a call to serve as hospice chaplain at Mesun Hospice.
 - b. Robert Andrew Wilmesherr (Decatur) has received a call to serve as campus minister with UKirk Atlanta.

Video Updates from Presbytery Partnerships

The Moderator introduced four brief videos from Presbytery partnership ministries that highlighted their work. Each had been asked to respond to the question, "How can the Presbytery care for you as your care for others?" Videos were shared from Buckhead Christian Ministry, Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel, La Gonâve Haiti Partners, and Memorial Drive Ministries.

Examinations Commission

The Moderator recognized Rev. Alex Moses to give the report of the Examinations Commission. He introduced three ministers of the Word and Sacrament who had been received by the Examinations Commission on behalf of the Presbytery and invited each to offer a brief introduction.

Rev. Paul Abell was approved by the Commission for transfer from Kiskimantas Presbytery and placed on the honorably retired roll, effective March 16, 2023. His faith journey and statement of faith can be found at Attachment F.

Rev. James Simpson was approved by the Commission for transfer from Cherokee Presbytery to serve as interim pastor at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church, effective May 1, 2023. His faith journey and statement of faith can be found at Attachment G. (His terms of call for this position are included with the Committee on Ministry report.)

Rev. Charles Wiley was approved by the Commission for transfer from New Hope Presbytery to serve in a validated ministry as Director of Major Gifts at Columbia Theological Seminary, effective March 16, 2023. His faith journey and statement of faith can be found at Attachment H.

After these introductions, Rev. Moses turned the Presbytery’s attention to the examination of **Irene Choi**, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, who has been called to a validated ministry as a chaplain at Mesun Hospice, effective upon her ordination. Her faith journey and statement of faith can be found in Attachment I. Irene offered a brief introductory statement, then Rev. Moses posed a question from the Examinations Commission to begin Irene’s examination for ordination. After an opportunity for questions from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examination was complete and asked that the candidate be placed in the waiting room.

Rev. Moses moved on behalf of the Examinations Commission that **Irene Choi’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 Irene Choi, approve her for ordination, and receive her into membership passed*** by a vote of 207-0.

The Moderator then recognized Rev. Byeong Chul Han from the ECKAM Examinations Commission to bring two ministers of other denominations who were being recommended by the ECKAM Examinations Commission for transfer into the Presbytery and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Rev. Han introduced **Rev. Euisun Han**, a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Korea, who has been called as a contract call associate pastor at Korean Community Presbyterian Church, effective June 1, 2023. The Examinations Committee of ECKAM has examined him in the areas of polity, theology, and worship and sacraments. His faith journey and statement of faith can be found in Attachment J. Rev. Euisun Han offered a brief introductory statement, then Rev. Byeong Chul Han posed a question from the ECKAM Examinations Commission to begin the examination for transfer. After an opportunity for questions from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examination was complete and asked that Rev. Han be placed in the waiting room.

Rev. Han moved on behalf of the ECKAM Examinations Commission that **Rev. Euisun Han’s** examination be sustained and he be approved for transfer from another denomination, with exemption from the ordination exams under G-2.0505a(2) and requirement that he complete courses in PCUSA polity and Reformed theology within two years, in accordance with G-2.0505a(1). After opportunity for discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. ***The motion to sustain the examination of Rev. Euisun Han and approve him for transfer from the Presbyterian Church in Korea, with exemption from the ordination exams under G-2.0505a(2) and requirement that he complete courses in PCUSA polity and Reformed theology within two years, in accordance with G-2.0505a(1)*** passed by a vote of 206-1. The terms of call are as follows:

Cash salary	30,000
Board of Pensions Minister’s Choice	3,000
SECA allowance	2,295
First Call Program	400
Continuing education	8,000
Cell phone	600
Mileage/auto expenses	4,000
Professional expenses	4,000
Book allowance	4,000
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

Rev. Euisun Han was returned to the meeting from the waiting room and informed of the result of the vote.

Rev. Byeong Chul Han then introduced **Rev. Shinyoung Ko**, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, who has been called as a contract call associate pastor at Korean Community Presbyterian Church, effective June 1, 2023. The Examinations Committee of ECKAM has examined him in the areas of polity, theology, and worship and sacraments. His faith journey and statement of faith can be found in Attachment K. Rev. Euisun Han offered a brief introductory statement, then Rev. Byeong Chul Han posed a question from the ECKAM Examinations Commission to begin the examination for transfer. After a question from the Presbytery, the Moderator declared that the examination was complete and asked that Rev. Ko be placed in the waiting room.

Rev. Han moved on behalf of the ECKAM Examinations Commission that **Rev. Shinyoung Ko's** examination be sustained and he be approved for transfer from another denomination, with exemption from the ordination exams under G-2.0505a(2). After opportunity for discussion, the Moderator called for a vote. *The motion to sustain the examination of Rev. Shinyoung Ko and approve him for transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Korea, with exemption from the ordination exams under G-2.0505a(2)* passed by a vote of 200-0. The terms of call are as follows:

Cash salary	30,000
Board of Pensions Minister's Choice	3,000
SECA allowance	2,295
First Call Program	400
Continuing education	8,000
Cell phone	600
Mileage/auto expenses	4,000
Professional expenses	4,000
Book allowance	4,000
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

Rev. Ko was returned to the meeting from the waiting room and informed of the result of the vote.

The Moderator then posed the constitutional questions to Revs. Euisun Han and Shinyoung Ko. They responded in the affirmative and were welcomed into membership of the Presbytery.

Committee on Ministry

The Moderator recognized Rev. Joy Fisher, one of the Presbytery's congregational consultants, to bring the report of the Committee on Ministry. Rev. Fisher introduced the Committee's PGA Ambassadors program, designed to prepare and equip volunteers to walk alongside the congregational consultants in their ministry of supporting the ministry of the congregations of the Presbytery. She encouraged presbyters to consider serving in this new and important role.

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

1. Renew the contract call associate pastor relationship between **Landon Dillard** and **Shallowford Presbyterian Church**, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, for 40 hours per week.

Cash salary	34,000
Housing allowance	26,000
Professional expenses	1,600
SECA allowance	4,590
Board of Pensions Dues (includes dental)	23,716
Continuing education	1,600
Cell phone	900
Professional expenses and travel	1,600
Four weeks vacation	

- Two weeks continuing education
2. Renew the contract call pastor relationship between **Joshua Woodsmith** and **Jonesboro First Presbyterian Church**, effective January 8, 2023, through January 7, 2024, at 32 hours per week.

Cash salary	19,600
Housing allowance	24,000
SECA allowance	3,366
Board of Pensions Pastor's Participation	10,333
Continuing education	500
Professional expenses	1,000
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

 3. Approve the contract call associate pastor relationship between **Glenn Goldsmith** and **North Avenue Presbyterian Church**, effective January 30, 2023, through July 30, 2023, for ten hours per week. (Compensation is for the six-month period.)

Housing allowance	12,000
SECA allowance	918
Professional expenses	683
Two weeks/20 hours vacation	
One week/10 hours continuing education	

 4. Approve the contract call associate pastor relationship between **Steve Rembert**, a member of Charlotte Presbytery on their honorably retired roll, and **North Avenue Presbyterian Church**, effective January 30, 2023, through July 30, 2023, for fifteen hours per week; and grant him permission to labor within our bounds during this period, pending the corresponding approval of Charlotte Presbytery. (Compensation is for the six-month period.)

Housing allowance	18,000
SECA allowance	1,377
Professional expenses	683
Two weeks/30 hours vacation	
One week/15 hours continuing education	

 5. Approve the contract call associate pastor relationship between **Irene Wong** and **North Avenue Presbyterian Church**, effective January 30, 2023, through July 30, 2023, for ten hours per week. (Compensation is for the six-month period.)

Housing allowance	12,000
SECA allowance	918
Professional expenses	683
Two weeks/20 hours vacation	
One week/10 hours continuing education	

 6. Renew the contract call associate pastor relationship between **Tully Fletcher** and **Decatur Presbyterian Church**, effective February 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, for at least 40 hours per week.

Cash salary and housing allowance (split TBD)	61,480
SECA allowance	4,703
Optional SECA allowance	4,703
Board of Pensions Pastor's Participation	
Continuing education, travel, and professional expenses	4,200
Dental insurance through Board of Pensions	
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

- 7. Renew the contract call associate pastor relationship between **Emily Wilmesherr** and **Decatur Presbyterian Church**, effective February 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, for at least 40 hours per week.
 - Cash salary and housing allowance (split TBD) 59,360
 - SECA allowance 4,541
 - Optional SECA allowance 4,541
 - Board of Pensions Pastor’s Participation
 - Continuing education, travel, and professional expenses 4,200
 - Dental insurance through Board of Pensions
 - Four weeks vacation
 - Two weeks continuing education

- 8. Renew the contract call pastor relationship between **Alexandra Rodgers** and **Timberidge Presbyterian Church**, effective February 13, 2023, through February 12, 2024, at 20-25 hours per week.
 - Cash salary 31,000
 - Minister’s Choice 3,100
 - Cell phone 15
 - Mileage/auto expenses as incurred, paid at IRS rate
 - Four weeks vacation
 - Two weeks continuing education

- 9. Appoint Ruling Elder **Amy Chang**, a member of Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, as moderator of **Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian Church**, effective February 16, 2023.

- 10. Conclude the contract call pastor relationship between **Ki Seok Park** and **Good News Garden Presbyterian Church**, and dismiss him to serve the International Calvary Church, Springfield, Virginia, effective March 1, 2023.

- 11. Appoint **David Rogers** as moderator of session at **Hemphill Memorial Presbyterian Church**, effective March 1, 2023.

- 12. Renew the contract call pastor relationship between **Jeanne Simpson** and **Philadelphia Presbyterian Church**, effective March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024, at 25 hours per week.
 - Cash salary 7,442
 - Housing allowance 26,393
 - SECA allowance 2,818
 - Minister’s Choice 3,684
 - Cell phone 720
 - Mileage/auto expenses 200
 - Four weeks vacation
 - Two weeks continuing education

- 13. Renew the interim pastor relationship between **Betsy Turner** and **Druid Hills Presbyterian Church**, effective March 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023, working full time. (Compensation is for the six-month period.)
 - Cash salary 23,080
 - Housing allowance 14,500
 - Board of Pensions Minister’s Choice 3,758
 - SECA allowance 2,875
 - Continuing education 500
 - Other vouchered expenses 2,550
 - Two weeks vacation
 - One week continuing education

14. Dismiss **Elizabeth DeSouza** to Coastal Carolina Presbytery, effective March 2, 2023.
15. Renew the contract call pastor relationship between **Young C. Jeon** and **New Presbyterian Church of Georgia**, effective March 12, 2023, through March 11, 2024, working 36 hours per week.

Cash salary	24,000
Medical care	1,440
Board of Pension Minister's Choice	3,390
SECA tax allowance	1,549
Continuing education	600
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks continuing education	

16. Dissolve the associate pastor relationship between **Olive Mahabir** and **Northminster Presbyterian Church**, effective March 12, 2023, and place her on the member-at-large roll, with previous salary and benefits continued for six months from the date of dissolution.
17. Conclude the interim pastor relationship between **Steven Barnes** and **Johns Creek Presbyterian Church**, effective April 2, 2023, and transfer him to Northeast Georgia Presbytery so that he can take up a call at Oconee Presbyterian Church.
18. Place **Brady Radford** on the member-at-large roll effective April 10, 2023, following the end of his term as contract call pastor at **Trinity Presbyterian Church, Decatur**.
19. Appoint **Tully Fletcher** as moderator of session at **Trinity Presbyterian Church, Decatur**, effective April 10, 2023.
20. Conclude the contract call associate pastor relationship between **Erin Noh** and **Alpharetta Presbyterian Church**, effective April 14, 2023.
21. Conclude the contract call pastor relationship between **Cecelya Taylor** and **Church of the Master**, effective April 30, 2023, and place her on the member-at-large roll.
22. Appoint **James Simpson** as interim pastor at **Johns Creek Presbyterian Church**, effective May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, working full time. (Compensation is for the eight-month period.)

Cash salary	50,000
Housing allowance	25,000
Full Board of Pensions benefits	29,250
SECA allowance	5,737
Continuing education	950
Dental insurance	700
Vouchered expenses	3,150
Cell phone	up to \$100 per month
Three weeks vacation	
One and a half weeks continuing education	

23. Following receipt of an annual report for 2022, the Committee on Ministry completed the required annual review of the following ministers of the Word and Sacrament engaged in validated ministries outside the congregation (G-2.0503a):

Ann Clay Adams	Chip Blankinship III	Jaewook Cho
Steve Allen	Sarah Bogue	Moongill Cho
Ben Allward-Theimer	Adam Borneman	Joannah Cook
Lindsay Armstrong	Rachel Breyer	Kathy Dawson
Jonathan Ball	Letitia Campbell	Mark Douglas
Dennis Hamilton Barnes	Michael Chaney	William Drummond

Kerry Duncan
Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum
Joy Fisher
Anna Carter Florence
Sally Foster
Anne Fyffe
Zulema Garcia de Rojas
Frances Kimani Githieya
Glenn Goldsmith
Thelma Goodrum
Sunghee Han
Hammersley
Maisha Handy
Timothy Hartman
Jenelle Holmes
Christopher Hooker
C. Anderson James
Robbye Jarrell
Yeonkon Jeong
Carlton David Johnson

Julie Johnson
Sharon Junn
Jane Kagia
Brigette Kemink
Nayoung Kim
Simone Kim
Sam Sungwoo Kim
Neal Kuhlhorst
Jae Hyeong Lee
Catherine Lukens
Martha Moore-Keish
Jacob Myers
Jihyun Oh
Song Yin Paik
Timothy Park
Rebecca Parker
Sue Kim Park
Lauren Wright Pittman
Carol Pitts
Brian Powers

Diana Rosa Ramos Garcia
Holly Reimer
Seung-eun Rhee
George Rinker
Paul Roberts
Marthame Sanders
Ivette Sanjines Del Llano
Sarah Smith
Nancy Smith-Mather
Elisabeth Smith-Purcell
Katie Sundermeier
Holly Tickle
Blake Traynham
Mary Beth Walker
Beth Waltemath
Jerry Dean Weber
Irene Wong
Christine Yoder
Hee-Dong Yoo

Thirteen validated ministers did not submit a report for 2022.

24. Following receipt of an annual report for 2022, the Committee on Ministry completed the required annual review of the following ministers of the Word and Sacrament with the status of member-at-large (G-2.0503b):

Shannon Ball
Leigh Bonner
Leigh Campbell-Taylor
Grace Cheptu
Carolyn Christie
Jeff Davis
Elizabeth DeSouza
Wendy Dewberry
Julie Ferguson
Barry Gaeddert
John Hambrick
Saranell Hartman

L'Anni Hill
Alan Jenkins
Laura Jernigan
Jill Joyner
Ki Man Kim
Rafael Lemos Viana
Kate McGregor Mosely
Stephanie Medlin
John Morgan
Charles Newton
Sarah Perkins
Caitlin Phillips

Ashley Pieper
Kristina Robb-Dover
Steve Sankey
Richard Sommers
Meda Stamper
George Tatro
Jannan Thomas
Yolanda Thompson
Peter Ward
Young Sik Yoon

Fifteen members-at-large did not submit a report for 2022.

Scripture and Sermon

Rev. Trace Haythorn, a minister member of the Presbytery serving in a validated ministry, shared a message on Romans 12:9-21. His sermon noted how this list of virtues shared by the apostle Paul helps to keep the community of faith focused on our call to care for one another and give us standards for our caring relationships.

Following the sermon, the Presbytery moved into brief breakout groups to discuss the marks of caring relationships in the life of the Presbytery and its congregations.

Litany of Gratitude for Connections

Rev. Holly Reimer led the Presbytery in a litany of gratitude for the connections that embody caring relationships in the life of the Presbytery and beyond.

New Church Development Commission

The Moderator recognized Rev. Lindsay Armstrong to give the report of the New Church Development Commission (Attachment L). She described the continuing work of the commission and introduced Rev. Zulema Garcia de Rojas, leader of the La Esperanza new worshipping community to share an overview of the ministry of La Esperanza.

Video Updates from Presbytery Partnerships

The Moderator introduced four additional brief videos from Presbytery partnership ministries that highlighted the work of Presbyterians for a Better Georgia, the Peace and Global Witness Partnership, the Presbyterian Youth Ministry Collaboration of Atlanta, and WCF at Georgia Tech.

Council

The Moderator introduced Rev. Juan Herrera to bring the report of Presbytery's Council. He moved the approval of the Council's admit to record item, to ***authorize Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson to administer the Sacrament of Baptism for Serena Isabel Perkins, daughter of minister member Sarah Perkins and her husband Brandon Perkins and granddaughter of Revs. Beth Johnson and Pete Paulsen, on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at Fellowship of Love Church.*** The motion was approved by a vote of 186-0.

Rev. Herrera then presented a proposed amendment to the Presbytery's manual from the Council and the Nominating Committee regarding nomination of commissioners to the General Assembly. (Text to be added is in *italics*; text to be removed is in ~~strike through~~.)

Nominations of Commissioners to the General Assembly/Bills and Overtures

The Nominating Committee shall prepare one slate of nominees as commissioners to the General Assembly and submit the slate to the Presbytery during no later than the last Stated Meeting of the calendar year preceding the upcoming General Assembly.

~~Should an alternate minister or elder be needed between election and the meeting of the General Assembly, the Presbytery authorizes the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy, maintaining parity.~~

The following general principles and procedures shall be applicable for nominations for General Assembly Commissioners/Bills and Overtures Committee.

- a. The Nominating Committee shall issue broad invitations to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to submit names for consideration as Commissioners to General Assembly.
- b. The Nominating Committee will nominate ordained elders and ministers as delineated by the General Assembly for election.
- c. ~~Nominations shall include:~~ The Moderator of Presbytery during the year of the General Assembly *and* the Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery during the year of the General Assembly *shall be nominated and serve as Commissioners by virtue of their office.*
- d. *Across the slate of nominees, the Nominating Committee will seek to represent the full diversity of the Presbytery. The slate should bring voices from the following categories:*

- a. ~~e. Women~~ Woman Minister(s)
 - b. ~~d. Racial Ethnic~~ Minister(s)
 - c. ~~e. Racial Ethnic~~ Elder(s)
 - d. ~~f. Women~~ Woman Elders
 - e. ~~g. Minister or Elder~~ under age of 40
 - h. ~~Other Ministers~~
 - i. ~~Other Elders~~
 - j. ~~Advisory Participants as authorized~~
- e. *The Nominating Committee shall also nominate persons to serve in any advisory delegate roles as directed by the General Assembly.*
- f. The following criteria shall be considered by the Nominating Committee in determining nominees:
- a. Nature of service to the church and governing bodies;
 - b. Special skills, knowledge or expertise in relevant areas; ~~and~~
 - c. Length of time since a particular church was represented at General Assembly; and
 - d. Length of time since a minister was a Commissioner to General Assembly.
- g. The consent of persons to be nominated shall be secured in advance of submission of their names. Nominees must be willing and able, barring unforeseen emergencies, to train, prepare, and serve for the entire duration of the General Assembly and the two years on the Bills and Overtures Committee.
- h. A brief biographical sketch for each nominee shall be presented to the Presbytery by the Nominating Committee in the Commissioner's Handbook.
- i. Nominations from the floor shall be in order for Commissioners to General Assembly/Bills and Overtures, with the following stipulations.
- ~~a. The Moderator of Presbytery and the Moderator Elect of the Presbytery for the year in which the General Assembly is held shall serve as Commissioners to the General Assembly by virtue of office and are exempt from election that includes nominations from the floor.~~
 - a. ~~b.~~ Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the person(s) nominated has/have been obtained *and a completed Volunteer Interest Form and/or General Assembly Commissioner Interest Form have been submitted to the Stated Clerk no later than three days prior to the meeting where other nominations are being presented.*
 - ~~e. Nominations from the floor shall be accompanied by the written biographical information that is included in the Volunteer Interest Form and the General Assembly Commissioner Interest Form. Persons making nominations must make this information available for distribution to the Presbytery at the time of nomination.~~
 - b. ~~d.~~ Nominees from the floor will be added to nominees from the Nominating Committee, excepting the Moderator of Presbytery and the Moderator-Elect of Presbytery. Election will be by ballot and counted by the Nominating Committee. ~~Election will be determined by majority vote.~~
 - c. *The Moderator of Presbytery and the Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery for the year in which the General Assembly is held shall serve as Commissioners to the General Assembly by virtue of office and are exempt from election that includes nominations from the floor.*
- j. Election shall be by majority vote.

Should an alternate minister or elder be needed between election and the meeting of the General Assembly, the Presbytery authorizes the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy, maintaining parity.

On behalf of the Council, Rev. Herrera moved ***approval of the amendment***. After opportunity for discussion, the Presbytery approved the amendment by a vote of 179-0.

The financial reports for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2023, and for the two months ending March 31, 2023, were presented in the commissioner handbook and can be found at Attachments M and N, respectively.

Presbyterian Women

The Moderator recognized Ruling Elder Pepe Bowman to bring the annual report of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (Attachment O).

Offering

The Moderator called for the Presbytery to receive the offering to benefit the Caring Hands Fund at Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. During the offering, the musicians of La Esperanza Presbyterian Church shared special music with the Presbytery. The Moderator then offered a prayer of dedication.

Nominating Committee

The Moderator recognized Ruling Elder Debbie Durden to bring the report of the Nominating Committee. On behalf of the Committee, she moved election of the following persons to the committees and classes indicated:

Rev. Michael Sanchez (Saint Luke's) to the Committee on Ministry, class of 2025
Ruling Elder John Fountain (Conyers) to Council, class of 2025
Ruling Elder Mark Ribbens (Roswell) to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2023
Rev. Chanmi Park (Korean Central) to the Dismantling Racism Committee, class of 2024
Rev. Camille Powell (St. Andrews) to the Personnel Committee, class of 2023

After opportunity for nominations from the floor, the Moderator declared nominations closed and called for the vote. The motion was approved by a vote of 179-0.

Committee on Representation

The Moderator recognized Rev. Tully Fletcher to share the report of the Committee on Representation. He invited the Presbytery to respond to a survey about questions of representation to support the Presbytery and the Committee in its work.

Closing Hymn

The Presbytery was led in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by musicians from Fairview Presbyterian Church.

Benediction, Adjournment, and Breakout Groups

Seeing that there was no other business, the Moderator offered a benediction and closing prayer to adjourn the business meeting at 11:28 A.M. Members of the Presbytery then moved into breakout groups hosted by Presbytery partnership ministries.

C. Anderson James
Stated Clerk

List of Attachments:

- A. Attendance Report
- B. 2022 Statistical Report
- C. Executive Presbyter's Report
- D. Evans Baah Mintah Faith Journey
- E. Committee on Preparation for Ministry Letter to the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations of Candidates
- F. Paul Abell Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- G. James Simpson Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- H. Charles Wiley Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- I. Irene Choi Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- J. Euisun Han Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- K. Shinyoung Ko Faith Journey and Statement of Faith
- L. New Church Development Commission Report
- M. Financial Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 2023
- N. Financial Reports for the Two Months Ending March 31, 2023
- O. Presbyterian Women Annual Report

Attachment A: Attendance for the May 2, 2023, Stated Meeting

Minister Members in Attendance (132)

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

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

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

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

Rachael Whaley-Pate..... Present
 Shayne Wheeler.....Absent
 Charles Wiley..... Present
 Hodari Williams..... Present
 Emily Wilmesherr.....Absent
 Kenneth R. Wilmesherr..... Honorably Retired
 Robert Andrew Wilmesherr..... Present
 Sandra S. Wilmesherr..... Honorably Retired
 Sylvia Wilson.....Absent
 Roosevelt Winfrey..... Honorably Retired

George B. Wirth..... Honorably Retired
 W. Frederic Wise..... Honorably Retired
 Irene Wong.....Absent
 Joshua Woodsmith..... Present
 Jerry Wright..... Honorably Retired
 Christine Yoder..... Excused
 Hee Dong Yoo..... Present
 Fred Eugene Young.....Absent
 Moon Su Yun..... Honorably Retired

Ruling Elder Commissioners (112, from 53 congregations)

Church	Commissioner	Church	Commissioner
Alpharetta	Ellen Adolph	Emory	Karen Mason
	Katherine Heyen	Fairview	Janet Russell
Atlanta First	(none)	Fayette	(none)
Atlanta Taiwanese	(none)	Fellowship	(none)
Austell	Alesia Stanley	First Afrikan	(none)
	Lee Stanley	Friendship	(none)
Barnesville	(none)	Good News Garden	(none)
Bethany	(none)	Good Shepherd	Kristy Gordon
Bremen First	(none)		Darron Harris
Buford	(none)	Grace Korean	(none)
Carrollton	Julie Chibbaro	Greenville	(none)
	Amy Ellis	Gum Creek	(none)
Central	Thomas Holcomb	Hanbit	(none)
	Ximena Leroux	Hamilton Mill	Diane Baier
Church of the Master	Judy Armstrong		Kaitlin Merwin
	Lauren Fields	Hemphill Memorial	(none)
Clairmont	Allison Spangler	Hillside	Sonia McMullen
	Jack Spangler		Alice M. Moore
Columbia	Brenda J. Smith	Jackson	(none)
Conyers	Don Jackson	Johns Creek	Roy Davey
	Susie Mock		Debi Doverspike
Covenant	Mary Allen		Tom Traylor
	Martha Blincoe	Jonesboro First	Debbie Woodward
Covington First	Curtis Watson	Kairos	(none)
Cristo Para Todos	(none)	Kelley	Frances Scott
Crossroads	John Matthews	Korean Central	(none)
	Susan Small	Korean Community	(none)
Dallas-Dodd	Catherine Phillips	LaGrange First	Jeffrey Brown
Decatur	Lynn Evans		Judith Gilliam
	Barbara Morris	Lawrenceville	Ann Daiss
Druid Hills	Anne Townsley		Sue Seibenhener
Eastminster	Ray Rivera	Loyd	(none)
	Helen Wilborn	Manchester First	(none)
Ebenezer Brazilian	(none)	McDonough	Suzan Chick
Ebenezer	(none)		Priti Griffin
El Nazareno	(none)		Tracey Patterson

Church	Commissioner	Church	Commissioner
Monroe First	Sarah Williams		Will Thomason
Morningside	Bobbie McCrackin	Peachtree City First	Julie Reagan
	Liz Mills		Marcia White
	Tish Woolley	Philadelphia	Mary Smith
Morrow	(none)	Pleasant Hill	Shannon Sligar
Mount Vernon	David Barclift	Radcliffe	Paula Jarrett-Coleman
	Patricia Bartee	PC of Resurrection	Carrell Kallan
	David M. Hill	Rice Memorial	(none)
	Malinda Holmes	Roswell	(none)
New Life	Alfred Oneyuku	Saint Luke's	Faye Cashwell
	Gail Parker		David Tharp
New PC of Georgia	Micha Baker	Shallowford	Gary Budd
Newnan	Mary Howard		Meg Rosselot
	Christine Rice		Jimmy Shafe
Norcross	(none)	Smyrna	Julianna Etheridge
North Avenue	Anne Barron	St. Andrews	Mary Evans
	Neale Hightower		Marcia Noble
	Glenice Johnson	Stockbridge	Jo Linda Ingram
	William McClatchey		Aaron Roberts
North Decatur	(none)	Tallapoosa	(none)
Northminster	Jen Clifton	Timberridge	Jane Waller
	Thomas Vandervort	Trinity Atlanta	Kenneth Kraft Jr.
Northwest	Kaye Mulkeen		Dale Lewis
Oakhurst	Paula Couch		Allen Moseley
	Suzette Gooch		Cindy Stancil
	Dennis Hollins		Adair White
	Jennifer Kimball	Trinity Decatur	Reid Willingham
Oglethorpe	Mary Smarr	Westhills	Kenneth Whitehurst
Peachtree	Ed Smith	Westminster	Lucretia Lampkin
	Bill Eavenson		Pepper Christie
	Lauren Herrington		Susan Gray
	Hyland Justice		Steve Gooding
	Joseph King		
	Steven Ike		
	Kennard Neal		
	Linda Schaeffer		

Ruling Elder Commissioners — Ex Officio/Parity

GA Commissioners	Brad Bryant
PGA Exempt Staff	Cassandra Morrow

Corresponding Members

Faith Ghanaian	Kwasi Aye-Addo
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Visitors/Guests (27)

Name	Church/Organization
Cyndi Smith	Committee on Representation
Pepe Bowman	Presbyterian Women

Shinyoung Ko	Korean Community
Debra Durden	Philadelphia
Gerald McKnight	Rice Memorial
Deborah Parkes	Saint Luke's
Heather Franklin	BCM Georgia
Kimberly Parker	Central Outreach and Advocacy Center
Hannah Shultz	Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
Ray Bostwick	Hillside
Evans Baah Mintah	Hillside
Euisun Han	Korean Community
Irene Choi	Korean Community
Destiny Williams	McDonough
David Roth	Memorial Drive Ministries
Shari Freeman	Mount Vernon
Dwight Parker	New Life
Sy Hughes	Presbyterian Church (USA)
Doug Landon	Peace and Global Witness Partnership
Mark Sauls	PGA Staff
Miranda Segrest	PGA Staff
Jane Hubbard	PGA Staff
Andy Hill	PGA Staff
Bettie Durrah	Radcliffe
Tania Easley	Radcliffe
Steve Cashwell	Saint Luke's
Brooke Ruffin	Street Grace

2022 Presbytery Statistical Report

Attachment B

Presbytery

Greater Atlanta

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Membership

Prior Active Members	30244	Adjusted membership	30278
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Gains

Certificate **335**

Youth Professions **282**

Professions & Reaffirmations **442**

Total Gains 1059

Total Ending Active Members 29793

Losses

Certificate **253**

Deaths **373**

Deleted for any Other Reason **918**

Total Losses 1544

Baptisms

Presented by Others **270**

At Confirmation **27**

All Other **29**

Average Weekly Worship Attendance **10809**

Friends of the Congregation **5569**

Ruling Elders on Session **829**

Do you have Deacons? Yes / No **32 / 42**

Age Distribution of Active Members

17 & Under **1845**

18 - 25 **2863**

26 - 40 **4663**

41 - 55 **5443**

56 - 70 **6734**

Over 70 **6637**

Total Age Distribution 28185

People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment **425**

Sight impairment **128**

Mobility impairment **386**

Other impairment **334**

Gender Distribution

Women **16015**

Men **12228**

Non-Binary **54**

Youth in Congregation

Age 4 and under **2479**

Elementary School (K-5th grade) **4295**

Middle School (6th – 8th grade) **2843**

High School (9th – 12th grade) **3290**

Total Youth 12907

Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian **2051**

Black/African American/African **1913**

Middle Eastern/North African **105**

Hispanic/Latino-a **224**

Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous **8**

White **13622**

Multiracial **79**

Total Racial Ethnic 18002

Budgeted Income 61,012,086

Budgeted Expense 62,891,156

Receipts

Regular Contributions **60,764,413**

Capital Building Fund **12,030,392**

Investment Income **1,725,421**

Bequests **1,641,118**

Other Income **4,723,586**

Subsidy or Aid **28,881**

Expenditures

Local Program **35,778,393**

Local Mission **2,984,648**

Capital Expenditures **10,328,219**

Investment Expenditures **1,868,649**

Per Capital Apprt **557,547**

Other Mission **1,011,818**

2022 Statistical Reports

Congregation	City	2021 Membership	2022 Membership	Worship Attendance
Alpharetta	Alpharetta	815	749	316
Atlanta First	Atlanta	1732	1755	781
Atlanta Taiwanese	Duluth	59	59	40
Austell	Austell	98	95	49
Barnesville	Barnesville	22	22	
Bethany	Covington	77	78	40
Bremen First	Bremen	14	14	9
Buford	Sugar Hill	392	390	274
Carrollton	Carrollton	220	161	60
Central	Atlanta	498	487	289
Christ for All Nations	Tucker	50	50	
Church of the Master	Atlanta	100	89	15
Clairmont	Decatur	248	245	114
Columbia	Decatur	93	57	52
Conyers	Conyers	187	187	
Covenant	Atlanta	172	167	54
Covington First	Covington	231	190	89
Crossroads	Stone Mountain	160	153	120
Dallas-Dodd	LaGrange	22	22	21
Decatur	Decatur	738	727	281
Druid Hills	Atlanta	123	120	40
Eastminster	Stone Mountain	285	239	90
Ebenezer	Hogansville	14	19	20
Ebenezer Brazilian	Roswell			
El Nazareno	Hapeville		35	30
Emory	Atlanta	61	56	45
Fairview	Lawrenceville	89	85	38
Fayette	Fayetteville	271	258	75
Fellowship	Jackson	8	6	6
First Afrikan	Stonecrest	362	360	67
Friendship	Concord	25	24	14
Good News Garden	Norcross	79	79	60
Good Shepherd	Lilburn	242	222	124
Grace Korean	Roswell	38	45	43
Greenville	Greenville	18	18	
Gum Creek	Oxford	67	70	29
Hamilton Mill	Hoschton	110	111	50
Hanbit	Johns Creek	54	50	47
Hemphill Memorial	Stockbridge	33	33	
Hillside	Decatur	119	117	24
Jackson	Jackson	51	54	45
Johns Creek	Johns Creek	457	322	156
Jonesboro First	Jonesboro	76	72	35
Kairos	Atlanta	128	128	

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Congregation	City	2021 Membership	2022 Membership	Worship Attendance
Kelley	McDonough	38	42	20
Korean Central	Atlanta	180	185	170
Korean Community	Duluth	1430	1423	1400
LaGrange First	LaGrange	509	456	125
Lawrenceville	Lawrenceville	159	169	73
Loyd	LaGrange	170	165	50
Manchester/Wrm Sprgs 1st	Warm Springs	14	13	15
McDonough	McDonough	514	464	168
Monroe First	Monroe	81	80	65
Morningside	Atlanta	387	402	125
Morrow	Morrow	190	184	65
Mount Vernon	Sandy Springs	385	383	133
New Life	College Park	306	298	303
New PC of Georgia	Hampton	18	18	14
Newnan	Newnan	398	402	100
Norcross	Norcross	66	66	
North Avenue	Atlanta	715	700	250
North Decatur	Decatur	335	348	202
Northminster	Roswell	381	299	98
Northwest	Atlanta	193	190	60
Oakhurst	Decatur	331	332	70
Oglethorpe	Atlanta	99	98	25
PC of the Resurrection	Conyers	63	62	26
Peachtree	Atlanta	7136	7396	1200
Peachtree City First	Peachtree City	181	194	121
Philadelphia	Morrow	79	78	33
Pleasant Hill	Duluth	362	312	163
Radcliffe	Atlanta	202	192	150
Rice Memorial	Atlanta	98	92	35
Roswell	Roswell	2386	2415	624
Saint Lukes	Dunwoody	715	702	170
Shallowford	Atlanta	989	967	203
Smyrna	Conyers	95	82	32
St Andrews	Tucker	200	193	
Stockbridge	Stockbridge	123	128	86
Tallapoosa	Tallapoosa	6	5	4
Timberidge	McDonough	76	66	35
Trinity	Atlanta	1575	1598	528
Trinity	Decatur	72	67	35
Westhills	Atlanta	17	17	17
Westminster	Snellville	304	290	174

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Vital Congregations Initiative – Mark #6 – Caring Relationships

I want to share a personal story that reminds me of the power of caring relationships. A few months ago, my neighbors stopped by to let us know of the death of one of our senior neighbors on our block. My neighbor who made me aware of this news also brought along her daughter, Eleanor, whom we affectionately refer to as Ella. I had not seen Ella since we hosted the neighborhood cookie exchange during the Advent season. Ella was expressive and playful as she entered the house. Without hesitation, I told her that we should have a nail painting party one day. Her eyes lit up as she smiled and nodded her head in agreement.



A month had passed, and I will be the first to admit that I had forgotten about my offer to host a nail painting party with my littlest neighbor, Ella. I saw Ella's dad one afternoon, and he looked at me with a hint of concern and said, "Did you schedule the nail painting party with Ella? She's really looking forward to it. And her birthday is in a few days. But no pressure." I laughed out loud and admitted that it had slipped my mind. I quickly coordinated with Ella's parents and got a date on the schedule for our playdate party.

On the day of our playdate, I picked up an assortment of cookies, pulled out teacups for milk, and put on a dress and fancy hat for the occasion. Ella came over with her dad, her stuffed dolphin, and a request to listen to the soundtrack from *Frozen*. Between the giggles, cookies, milk, and nail polish, I was reminded of the power of caring for our neighbors, strangers, family, and friends. Caring for one another means that we take the time to see one another. We find ways to relate, connect, work, serve, play, and to do life together. Caring relationships remind us that we are not called to live in isolation but to collaborate and co-create together. Caring relationships mean that we take the time to offer gratitude to the people in our lives through a note, a phone call, or a word of affirmation.



During our May Stated Meeting of the presbytery, I pray that we can celebrate the ways we are connected to one another through our presbytery partnerships, connections, and relationships. After our gathering, I pray that we will continue to practice offering a spirit of love, hospitality, and generosity to all.

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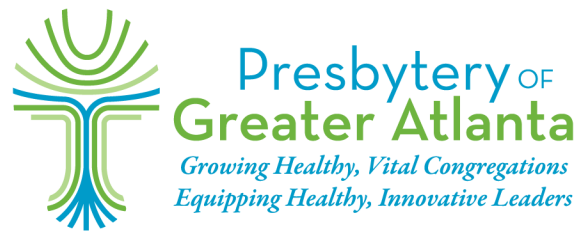
MY FAITH JOURNEY

I was born into the Presbyterian Church of Ghana and was baptized by Rev. Ottu Acheampong on April 20th, 1997, at Redemption Presbyterian Church in Nkoranza District Ghana, West Africa. Afterward, on April 27th, 2002, I was confirmed by Rev. Dankyi Baafi and ushered into the Adult Class. In August 2004, I was commissioned into service as Youth Pastor in the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. On April 27th, 2020, I became a member of Hillside Presbyterian Church (USA) Decatur, Georgia.

I believe my entire life has been one of preparation for the work of God (kingdom work and Gospel ministry). This belief was affirmed through activities in the Church that I enjoyed doing, including holding leadership positions, preaching at schools, and organizing Church and leadership development programs through the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. I have served the Presbyterian Church of Ghana in various capacities, as National Youth President, Bible Study and Prayer Group Director, Evangelism Director, Media Specialist, Presbytery Music Director, Youth Pastor, and Chaplain. At the Hillside Presbyterian Church (USA), I have been serving as a Worship Committee Team Member and a Member of the Church Choir. I greatly used my media expertise to enable the church to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world (online streaming) during the Covid-19 period. Additionally, I currently have the pleasure of serving as the Director of Diasporan Relations on Youth Development and Spirituality for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, as well as pastoring at Victory Preaching Point of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Riverdale GA.

I have an uncommon passion and a sense of responsibility to share God's word with people. I believe many people need to hear about God's saving grace; I believe that I am one of the people to send this message. As part of my faith journey, one significant involvement and achievement concerning the ministry of Christ that I can mention is that the National Union of Presbyterian Students of Ghana (NUPS-G), an association of Presbyterian Students in Tertiary Institutions in Ghana, appointed me to serve as the National Evangelism Coordinator from May 2007 until July 2012. My duties included training leaders to lead Bible Study Classes, developing materials to make Bible Studies practical and exciting, and organizing Presbytery and Coordinating Branch Outreach evangelism programs. By the Holy Spirit's enablement, I organized several evangelism and Outreach programs in seven out of the sixteen regions in Ghana. Through the program, more people experienced conversion and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior. This achievement was to the glory of God.

As a Christian, I believe each day is an opportunity for me to examine my faith journey. My journey each day has been about studying God's word and reflecting on it. My journey has been about growing in my relationship with God. Besides, my faith journey has been a journey of gratitude to God and an ongoing dependence on God. I use every opportunity to thank God for the joy and the abundant love God has shown to me throughout my life. There have been days of a great need for God, but always I know that God is with me. God has been with me through the support and love of friends and family. God has guided me with stories of people in the Bible. God has blessed me and enhanced my prayer life.



March 10, 2023

To the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Exams:

We, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, currently oversee thirty-nine individuals pursuing the ordination process. We are blessed to serve in a large presbytery, and our committee benefits greatly from the gifted pastors, chaplains, elders, and professors in our presbytery. We are also grateful for our proximity to and relationship with multiple local seminaries. The committee sees our role as walking beside and mentoring inquirers and candidates under our care as they discern their call to ministry and move through the steps to meet the requirements for ordination. We focus on building relationships, offering encouragement, and helping inquirers and candidates navigate the ordination process. Ultimately, our role is to ensure the people who come through our process are as prepared as possible for ordination, and we view both seminaries and the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates as key partners in that process.

Through the course and aftermath of the Winter 2023 Exam cycle, it has become clear, however, that our committee and the PCC are not working together toward the same goal. Or, at the very least, we are not working together as effectively or as openly as we should. Our committee was deeply disappointed and dismayed by the choice of text for the Winter 2023 Exegesis Exam. Not only did the selection of Judges 19 cause harm to candidates under our care, but it also called into question the process by which exams are developed. We believe that the issues stirred up by the Winter 2023 Exams go beyond a poor scripture choice and a poorly framed premise. Our committee was struck by several questions:

In the eyes of the PCC, what is the purpose of the senior ordination exams?

Our CPM hopes to use the results of ordination exams as a tool for our continued guidance of the candidates under our care. Theoretically, the comments supplied by exam readers help us in conversations with and advice given to our candidates. They should assist us in our assessment. However, we have seen a shift in the results of exams to require us instead to offer pastoral care and find alternative routes of assessment. How might our committee get on the same page with the work the PCC is seeking to do? Can we open clearer channels of communication so that our visions may become more aligned?

What is the role of grace in the exam process?

We question the use of blind readers in a sterile exam setting. The readers, without any deeper knowledge of a candidate's cultural, familial, or personal history, are unable to see the whole picture of the candidate themselves, which makes it difficult to offer a grace-filled, or even entirely accurate, evaluation.



What is the role of community in the exam process? In ministry?

We know that people who enter vocational ministry will be asked to deal with the trauma carried by others, challenging theological issues, difficult passages of scripture, and more. And yet, we also know that no one does ministry in a vacuum. As a connectional church, the PC(USA) offers ministers of the Word and Sacrament support in the form of clergy cohorts and online forums, as well as access to mental healthcare. Even seminary coursework and Clinical Pastoral Education are done, as they should be, in community. So, is it fair or even humane to ask candidates for ordination to sit with texts of terror in isolation?

Is this exam process still the most effective way to complete that evaluation?

To explore answers to these questions and to move forward in a way that best supports the important work of preparation for ministry, the CPM of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta proposes:

Apologies be made to the candidates who were directly harmed by the callous choice of Judges 19.

The PCC must acknowledge that harm was done, and they must seek to both hear the voices of those who were harmed and offer apologies that take the form of action. We know that the candidates who took the Winter Exegesis Exam are not the first to have been harmed by the ordination process. For generations, women, people of color, members of LGBTQIA+ community, have been harmed by the PC(USA) in an attempt to respond to God's call on their lives. The harm of those past injustices must also be addressed, and we believe that the ugly truth of our history should only spur us on as we seek to stop the cycle of harm.

A thorough and transparent evaluation of the entire exam writing process and the creation of a system of accountability for the PCC. We seek to ensure that CPMs across the denomination and the PCC are in fact working toward the same end: evaluating individual preparedness for ministry. Furthermore, we know that systems that go unevaluated and unchanged inevitably become problematic and cause harm. Shining a light on the work of the PCC and the ordination process in general allows us to do better and be better as we seek to equip the next generation of church leaders. It is time to embrace our belief that we are "reformed and always being reformed," and follow the Spirit where she leads us.

A member of the PCC attends an upcoming meeting of our CPM. We extend this invitation in the hope that, through dialogue, we may find a way forward together.

We know that ministry is not easy, and responding to a call to vocational ministry should not be done lightly. We believe that there should be an evaluation process, but harm should never be done in the name of that evaluation. We want individuals to get ordained through a process, not in spite of it. It is a deeply held hope of our committee that those who become ordained are as prepared, as strong, and as whole as they can be. It is our fervent hope that the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations of Candidates shares in that hope and joins us in working toward that end.

With grace, peace, and belief in a God who makes all things new,

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

At the early age of four, I can remember being at First Presbyterian Church of Sherman Oaks, California with my parents and sister. It was a good and happy time. I recall certain people in the choir and others who took time to worship their Lord. I found a complete comfort in those walls during the time there.

My middle childhood was the same even though we moved to a different location to be nearer my father's employment. The area in the west end of the Valley was just beginning to grow and we attended a Baptist Church about a mile from our new home for the next few years. Although I do not recall much from that period, I do remember giving my life to Christ and being baptized by that minister.

Dad was Presbyterian through and through though. As soon as a NCD began in the west end of the Valley Dad was there. Rather than splitting the family between two denominations, we joined St. James Presbyterian Church. My involvement with the Junior and Senior High youth groups and my developing relationships with two significant youth ministers began to plant seeds within me to a calling to ordained ministry.

At eighteen I declared my intent to enter the ministry. However, I was told by a Synod counselor that I should not go into the ministry but pursue some other full-time endeavor. Many mixed messages were churning in my mind and even though God was walking with me, I began running away from God's call.

For the next eight years I believed I was running from God and began pursuing another career following my military enlistment. Still confused I visited my former youth minister who encouraged me to enroll in college. In college I thought I had found my niche. I was the star of drama and comedy and began entertaining thoughts of an acting career. However, God was nearer than I believed. During this period of doubting I remained somewhat tied to the church and near the completion of college, I made the decision to listen to the Holy Spirit working within me to attend seminary.

It was through seminary and years to follow that God's grace came to be a living reality for my life. The love of the woman I married and four significant friends taught me the unconditional love of our Living God. As I reflect back to the early years of my growth, I remember God telling me that I AM would always love and care for me.

The first of my ministries was a pastorate, and two associate pastorates spanning sixteen years. These ministries were, what I have come to believe, training and preparation for my calling as an intentional interim pastor. The care and love for God's people concerned me most. Working with all ages, rather than a specific age group, helped equip me for a more complete interim ministry. During this transition time I completed the first and second phases of interim pastor training.

The past fourteen years have been in Christ's service in interim ministries with this one being my ninth call. Most of the calls have been to wounded churches. Residing within were hurting people, angry people, caring people, and ailing people who want nothing more to be loved by Christ's servant and reassured that they are of worth and value to the world, to Christ, and to the church. The churches sometimes had problems administratively and needed to work through a process of healing and redirecting their ministry in positive ways for themselves and the larger church they are called by God and Christ to serve.

As I have helped these people grow, I have grown myself in peace, skills of loving, meditation, skills of leadership, remembering that God works for our good and not for our destruction. Learning the lessons of rejoicing in the Lord in all circumstances is a wondrous journey I am still walking and plan to continue for the rest of my ministry.

Statement of Faith **Paul W. Abell, Jr.**

God is creative. I believe God was before all things, and God made a habitat for humankind to discover, learn and grow in relationship to all things and people. God's creation is an ongoing process that needs to have caring people cultivate its continued growth. God loves us so much that we are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for this precious gift of nature and human life.

As God's Son Jesus is our example for living. God revealed God's self in the person of Jesus to be a light and a pathway after which to model our lives. Jesus took up His cross and was crucified to show us that we need not live in separation from God. It is through this saving act of grace and love that Jesus gladly descended into hell with the weight of the world's sins on His shoulders and rose again for our freedom to live renewed lives.

The Holy Spirit is our constant guide. Ever so loving, even after death, Jesus gave His disciples the Holy Spirit that we may continue His work. The Holy Spirit gives breath to us and guides us on our journey through life. During rough times, the Holy Spirit gives insights to use the life-giving resources provided by God.

Jesus, as the Christ, is my Lord and Savior. It is through His life, faith, and way of living that God shows me how to live and develop my life to love and live as Christ did. It is through Him that I have authentic life. Jesus has given me responsibility for being at one with myself, others, nature and God. By His death, He did not take this responsibility away from me, but empowered me to live His truth.

The sacraments are an expression of this commitment. It is through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion that the people of God recall who they are, to whom they belong, and what Jesus Christ did for the world. Baptism signifies a cleansing from our past life and our calling into a new way of living in Christ. Infant baptism is the commitment of parents and a congregation to raise children to believe in the presence of God uniting them with Christ. Holy Communion reminds of the great sacrifice on the cross of our risen Lord. We remember His broken body, His blood spilled from the cross as we experience the spiritual presence of Christ.

God is in me and through me in my relationships with others. I believe that if I am to be in relationship with God, I must learn to be in tune with my brothers and sisters who are also on their journey through life. When a relationship is broken, my relationship with God is broken. It is I who break the relationship. Yet God is always ready with open arms to bring me back to wholeness once again. I must repent my sin and ask Christ for forgiveness. Grace is always there.

The church is the vehicle God uses to show the world love. Through the church we help to bring about God's kingdom of love and peace on earth. "Breathe on me breath of God. Fill me with life anew. That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do." Imperfect as the church is, God gives disciples that breath of life to carry out God's mission. As the church prays, studies, praises God, gives thanks, and creatively serves others in Christ's name, its members receive God's blessings of life. Christ calls us to share these blessings with the world. As we love others, bringing hope, healing and peace to people's lives, we serve a creative Lord.

Faith Journey: James (Jim) Douglas Simpson

My faith journey with, for, and to God has been a lifelong journey of exploration which continues still, and I believe will continue always. I was raised within the nurture of my local Church of Scotland congregation, and it was there, within the “mother Kirk”, that I first publicly professed my faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Serving in the annual Summer Mission program of the Church of Scotland, where teams of mission volunteers lived in community and served in the local area, was an experience that deepened and grounded my faith. While in High School I was prompted by my Minister to consider the Ministry of Word and Sacrament as a vocation. Finishing High School, I took what is now called a “gap year”, to explore if indeed this was a calling God had for me. Living in several Parishes in different parts of the country and working alongside several very different and very skilled Ministers my sense of call to ordained ministry was greatly strengthened.

During my undergraduate studies I entered the ordination process of the Church of Scotland. After graduating with a B.Sc. from the University of Dundee in 1983, Janice and I were married and moved to Aberdeen where I began and completed my studies for my Bachelor of Divinity at the University of Aberdeen and Christ College. I graduated in 1986 with an Honors Degree in Systematic Theology and Church History, having also completed three year-round pastoral internships in two congregations and one hospital chaplaincy.

Following a full time probationary placement working with another experience Parish Minister, I was called to be the Parish Minister of the linked (yoked) charge of Newtonhill and Portlethen. In May 1987 I was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Kincardine and Deeside. The nine years I spent in this call saw two new church buildings built, enabling these congregations to minister to a quickly increasing population, the result of the expansion of the North Sea oil industry.

In the summer of 1993 Dr. Dwight Bayley, then the Pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Roswell GA, and I participated in a pulpit exchange. What I experienced of the faith commitment and generosity of the Northminster church led me to take the steps necessary to be considered for a call to the Presbyterian Church(USA). In 1994 I interviewed with one congregation and that Presbytery’s COM, and while the PNC wanted to extend a call, I did not sense that there was a call for me. Northminster had explored having an Associate Pastor and I interviewed with them, but financial constraints ended that search. In the summer of 1995 Dr. Bayley accepted another call and after due process and extensive immigration vetting, I accepted the call to Pastor the Northminster Church, where I served from 1996 until 2007. In 2000 I graduated with my D.Min. from Columbia Theological Seminary. In 2005 I became a citizen of the United States.

Sensing a need to experience a different sort of ministry I was appointed as the Director of Church Relations at Presbyterian College, a role that was, in time, combined with the Chaplain’s position. Working with students in the Celtic Cross program and the renewal of the covenant agreement between the College and the presbyteries within the Synod of the South Atlantic were highlights from my time in Clinton, SC. My passion for parish ministry did not leave me and I was called to serve as Pastor of the Oakland Avenue Church in Rock Hill SC, before returning to Georgia as first Interim and then installed Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge. During my time at Faith (2013 – 2021) the membership of the congregation grew threefold and they were able to design, build and now occupy their very first church building, designed as a base of operations for the worship of God and service in the community.

Amidst all the demands and excitement over the new building and the unique challenges resulting from the covid19 pandemic, I began to sense that this season of my ministry had reached its hopeful conclusion. The timing of this was providential as it allowed me consider and accept the Interim Pastor position at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marietta GA where I have been serving since the fall of 2021. In parallel to this call Janice and I had decided that we would return “home” to the Roswell/Alpharetta area, where we first resided in the USA, and where we would be closer to friends and family. In my role as Interim Pastor at Covenant I nurtured the congregation and led and facilitated a Mission Study. The PNC that was elected in October 2022 is now well ahead in its process of interviewing candidates.

Wondering what might be next for me, I was made aware of the need for a bridge/continuing Interim Pastor at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church. Reviewing their information, interviewing with their Interim Pastor Nominating Committee, and talking with the outgoing Interim Pastor, I was encouraged to see all the good interim work already done. The congregation is currently undertaking a Congregational Assessment process and it was clear from the IPNC that the congregation hopes for, and is ready to work towards, a renewed and renewing future. Sensing a great match between this church and its situation, and my gifts and experience, I am so looking forward to a fruitful time as I partner with them as they journey forward in faith and hope. Returning to Greater Atlanta Presbytery I am ready to serve the wider church.

Statement of Faith: James (Jim) Douglas Simpson

My hope, and trust, is in the God we know through our encounter with Jesus Christ, our experience of the Holy Spirit, our engagement with the Holy Scriptures, our participation in the Church, our receiving and sharing of the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion and our expressing God's love, mercy and justice in our lives in the world. Daily, I seek to acknowledge and worship the Almighty God, whose I am and whom I seek to serve, through Bible reading, prayer and by always seeking to be open to the gifts I receive from the people I encounter.

The God who holds my life is the God of Love. In all the works of God - creation, providence and salvation – there is offered to all people freely and fully - love and joy and hope and peace. Such grace requires and demands of us a worthy response in how we seek to live our lives.

Jesus as “Emanuel”, God-with-us, and God for us, embraced and endured the entirety of what it is to live an individual human life, and the totality of the human experience, including all our pain and fear, in His lived Life, and in the humiliation of the cross. In the resurrection, the false claims of sin and death are ended, and we are freed to live changed and renewed lives. Our hope rests in the suffering and glorification of Jesus. Knowing that Jesus has endured all things enables us to live into the affirmation that “in life and death we belong to God.”

Jesus' life was a life devoted to God and to neighbors of all kinds and types. As patient Teacher, tender Healer, provocative Preacher, caring Counselor, truth Teller to those in power, generous friend of the Outcasts, Jesus is both our model and our ever-present inspiration that we might live in like manner, personally and in community.

In the Holy Spirit, whom we experience as dove, wind, fire and helper, Jesus is present with us and for us always. In this Holy Spirit, the Church is called into being and sustained and gifted in its life, even though fractured by division. In the Church, through baptism, we are claimed by God, and ordained to a life of faithful and fruitful service. At the Table, in bread and wine, God's gifts, and in our receiving and sharing of these gifts, we receive strength to keep on keeping on in our journey of faith. This journey is with and to God and God's promised Kingdom, which is present and yet to be, and to which the Church is called to bear authentic witness. I love the church, “warts and all”! I especially love the Presbyterian Church, “warts and all”! I seek to offer my mind, my imagination, my passion in serving the church.

Over the years I have come to greatly value that understanding of the Holy Spirit handed down through the Celtic Church which uses the image of the “wild goose” as a symbol for the Holy Spirit. Truth is God's Spirit urges me and all of us onward, loudly “honking” God's Good News to us and through us and pressing us to greater faithfulness and compassion for the hurting that we might work “in the world for peace, justice, freedom and human fulfilment.”

We cannot know God fully, as God knows us, but we are called and commissioned to be growing and growing together by living lives of learning and serving, giving and sharing. I have responded to a call from God to engage in a ministry of proclamation, leadership development, communication, outreach, evangelism and pastoral care. I believe that God will help me use my gifts to nurture, challenge, shape and inspire the congregation to which I will be called.

My Statement of Faith is personal and of course related to my understanding of the ministry to which God has called me and which has been my vocation for almost thirty six years. Two Ordination/Installation vows, one I made at my ordination in 1987 in the Church of Scotland, and one from our current practice, are vows which encapsulate who I seek to be and to which I continue to offer my affirmative response:

“Are not zeal for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a desire for the salvation of all people, so far as you know your own heart, your great motives and chief inducements to enter into the office of the Holy Ministry?”

and

“Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?”

“The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:7

Faith Journey: Charles Wiley

Pilgrim Holiness Roots

My faith journey begins this way: “I was born in Suriname where my Pilgrim Holiness parents were missionaries.” So much stands behind this simple sentence. I was raised in a family where one’s discipleship necessarily involved every moment of every day—where sacrifice was integral to one’s call. Our church emphasized holiness and separation from the world.

The Problem of Sin

What led me to leave the Holiness tradition for the Reformed tradition? I often reply, “the doctrine of God.” My father died when I was one, and my mother remarried to a Holiness revival preacher when I was nine. I began to see through the doctrine of instant sanctification when I was told that my revival preacher stepfather was perfect: “I don’t think so.” Two areas intruded on this narrow notion of sin: race and economic justice.

A Reformed Vision

It took a while, but this expanding vision of God’s call and the deepening sense of my own sinfulness. I began to approach the table knowing that it was God who invited me, that it was God who fed me on Christ himself, and it was God who sent me into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

How Do Protestants Decide What Church They Go To?

Few conversations have shaped me as profoundly as one I had with Ron in the Spring of 1990. Ron was a Roman Catholic graduate student in the campus ministry I served. Ron, who always attended mass at the Roman Catholic church closest to where he lived, asked me, “How do Protestants decide what church they go to?” As I tried to answer him, I realized how feeble, how inadequate, my answers were.

As I entered Duke Divinity School the next fall, I became focused on questions of ecclesiology. My sense of the church was based almost solely on theological agreement. I became shaped by a biblical vision of the church that emphasized *koinonia*, community, communion. I began to see, as I would later read in the Heidelberg Catechism, that human beings were created to belong to God and to one another. The church, far from being merely instrumental, was the way God reconstructed us into that community for which we were created.

I ended up adopting what I saw as Calvin’s insight: that it is the human, broken, and sinful community we call church that God has called to proclaim the gospel, to work for justice, to proclaim freedom to the oppressed, and to form disciples. That the church is both sinful and redeemed reflects the gospel rather than undermining it. Being engaged with a community gathered around word and sacrament has been the center of my faith journey ever since.

The drama of worship displays the gospel. It is God who calls us to worship and is worthy of our worship. In the presence of this God we are able to confess because we are embraced by the love of Jesus Christ. As forgiven people, we are freed by the Spirit to share Christ’s peace with one another and the world. By the power of the Spirit we can hear God’s word, be shaped by it. We give thanks for the overwhelming grace of God in the sacraments, are fed by Christ himself, and are sent into the world in mission.

My faith is marked by the rhythm of grace and gratitude. I respond to the grace freely offered to me in Jesus Christ. My life is an expression of gratitude to God, a profound thankfulness in response of faith to a God of grace.

Statement of Faith: Charles Wiley

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

This blessing expresses the gospel. Grace is not some abstraction, but is the gift of God in Jesus Christ, come to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We receive this grace through creation where God made us in the divine image as part of creation, yet with responsibility for it. God created us for community with God and one another.

We receive God's grace in the call to us time after time, even when we abandoned the fellowship of God, usurping the place of God in our lives, committing idolatry, breaking relationship with God and neighbor.

We see God's grace in action in the Old Testament narratives. We see God demonstrating longsuffering toward God's chosen: Israel. We see the righteousness and justice of God. The covenant was initiated by God, and Israel was given it freely, yet with it came significant responsibilities: worshiping God and living out the life of compassion, justice and truth.

We see grace in the flesh with Jesus, the ultimate act of God's self-revelation. Jesus came preaching and demonstrating the good news of the Kingdom of God. Jesus sought out those in need and preached compassion to the hurting and judgment to the proud. The sacrificial life of Jesus culminated with his death on the cross. God raised Jesus from the dead demonstrating power over death and sin. The Lord is risen.

Grace is demonstrated in the claiming waters of baptism:

Little one, for you Jesus Christ came into the world:
for you he lived and showed God's love;
for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary
and cried at the last, "It is accomplished";
for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life;
for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand.
All this he did for you, little one,
though you do not know it yet.
And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled:
"We love because God loved us first."

We receive grace in God's call to women and men to become disciples, to heed and obey the words of Jesus: repent from our sins, believe the good news that Jesus is the Christ, and follow him, becoming part of the Christian community. We do so in profound gratitude for the grace given us in Christ.

Both Jesus' ministry on this earth and God's continuing redeeming acts in the world are expressions of grace, carried out through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit confronts and comforts humans with the claim of Christ. The Holy Spirit calls people to repentance and obedience to the will of God, and empowers us to live lives pleasing to God

We live out grace in the church, the eschatological community of God, living out the truth of the already-but-not-yet Kingdom breaking into this world. The Spirit calls this community into being. The Church is marred by sin, yet marked by the unity of the Spirit, a unity that crosses all human barriers. The Church points toward Jesus, proclaiming the Gospel and doing justice. The Church does this in humility and faithfulness to its Lord.

At the table, the relation of God and humanity is exhibited. God calls us to the table and feeds us on Christ himself, and we are sent forth in gratitude for God's gracious movement toward us. The relationship broken by sin is restored at God's initiative—we offer our thanks with our whole lives.

The Holy Spirit inspired and inspires the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the word of God to the Church, and the only rule for faith and practice. They witness to the overwhelming grace of God in Christ and call us to grateful response.

1. One Page Faith Journey Jiyoung Irene Choi

When I was five, my dad, mom, little sister, and I moved from a big city called Daegu in South Korea to a small country strawberry farm. And my family started to serve a small presbyterian church in town. My childhood was full of memories of being outdoors in nature-the beauty and magnificence of the four seasons of God's creation. The little church in my hometown was my spiritual home. I ate, played, slept, and worshiped with my childhood friends there.

At age 15, I attended a Christian boarding school. I learned what living out the Word of God means through the school culture and teachers' dedication to raising students as children of God. Every student belongs to a small group under the care of an assigned teacher and participates in an activity as a community. And everyone belonged to the sisterhood/ brotherhood system, which functions as a small family in the school community. I developed the sense of seeing the world as one big family in high school. The school is famous for its "10 Commandments for getting a job", which is its core teaching value, framed by the servant leadership of Jesus's teaching of loving God and serving the world. I was nurtured and flourished by my high school community.

At age 20, I started college in the big city of Seoul. It was a time for discipline and service. I was in discipleship, leadership, and mission training programs at a Korean presbyterian church. I consolidated my identity in Christ Jesus and served the church as a bible study group leader and Sunday school teacher. And I built my career as a teacher as well. I was a good Christian in a comfortable zone.

At age 30, I married my husband, Eric, and started a family. The smallest unit of the church began in my life. My husband and I moved from Korea to the U.S. in our third year of marriage. My oldest son, Kyle, was born the following year. Living in a foreign country and being a mom was another new beginning. I experienced ground-shaking emotional changes, relational complications, and financial hardships. My faith was shaking. I was in a dark valley, and God's rod and staff felt absent. Soon, I learned to give, receive, and accept love from God and others. I repented my pride in myself. I learned to rely entirely on God to live one day at a time. I became humble. God broadened my perspectives to see me as a sojourner. I gave up all my worldly hopes and dreams. And I realized that my life belongs in God's hands.

I started seminary at age 40. The seminary offered exposure to the ideas and practices of a more diverse community. I learned from professors and students from my denomination and broader church communities it was "iron sharpening iron." I learned to interpret the Scripture and reflect theologically in this organized program. When I finished the program, I was equipped to be a pastoral leader and discerned to serve God's bigger world with what God has gifted me.

During and after the seminary, I served the church as an internship pastor, led worship, taught the bible to children and youth group students, and worked as a Chaplain at a hospital.

After all the discerning process, I seek to be an ordained minister as a hospice Chaplain and an army reserved Chaplain soon. My identity as a Korean American, especially a woman, intimidated me in a foreign country throughout this process. But with assurance and gift from God and my community's approval and encouragement, I am now humbly but excitedly waiting for ordination to serve God and people for the next ten years and many more.

2. A one-page Statement of Faith

Irene Jiyoung Choi

I believe in the one triune God of all. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are united mutually and dynamically. When God the Father created the world (Gen.1), Jesus was there as the Word (John 1:2), while the Holy Spirit of God was hovering and moving over the waters to make God's imagination come to life (Gen.1:2). God preserves, sustains, and interacts with caring love. Jesus is the Son of God, became flesh, and lived among us to save us (John 1:14). His death and resurrection reveal God's triumph over sin and death. (Colossians 2:15). By Christ, we are given new and eternal life and invited to live in a restored relationship with God (Romans 5:21). Because of Jesus, I can love others (1 John 4:11) and live the life God intends me to. Holy Spirit dwells in me (1 Corinthians 3:16), helps me hear God's Word in Scripture, teaches, and reminds me of everything Jesus had said to me (John 14:26). Holy Spirit makes me bear Spiritual fruits (Galatians 5:22-23) and gives me the power to witness Jesus to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)

I believe the Bible is God's self-revelation, written by the writers in their social and historical context inspired by God. By the Bible, I know who God is, what God has done for me through Jesus Christ, and what God continues to speak to me.

I believe that God creates and calls the Church the living body of Christ. The Church is the gathering of God's people to discern and serve God's will with the help of the Holy Spirit. Each member belongs to the body (1 Corinthians 12:12), with Jesus as the head of the Church (Colossians 1:8). The Church has its mission to serve others with compassion, stand up for what is right, and preach the good news in obedience to God.

I believe that the sacraments are the Word of God enacted and sealed in the life of the Church. Baptism is a sign of God's covenant. Baptism is the bond of unity in Jesus Christ and marks the beginning of new life in Christ. The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of my communion with the crucified and risen Lord. The Lord's Supper offers thanksgiving to God the Father; remembrance of Jesus Christ; invocation of the Holy Spirit; communion in the body of Christ; and a meal of the realms of God. Lord's supper is a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love for all.

Faith Journey (Rev. Euisun Han)

My spiritual journey has led me mostly down the path of the Reformed Korean church. My mother who was a pastor for over thirty years has had a big impact in forming my personality and Christian faith. I had seen the living God who works in my family when I was young and my mother told me to have a good Christian attitude toward my daily life and at church. However, growing up, God was just one of the good men for me before I experienced Jesus Christ as my savior in person who was sacrificed on the cross for my sin and resurrected.

At university, as I studied mathematics to make big money after graduation, I worked as a personal mathematics tutor for middle and high school students. I was happy to earn the money because I could pay my own tuition and give my younger brother an allowance. However, the joy did not last long time. At some point, I do not remember exact time, I began to question my perspective of life. I asked myself; Can money bring me eternal happiness? Is it okay to live for money for the rest of my life? I think it was the most important time in my life because the Holy Spirit touched my spirit and my mind wholly. At the time, I personally experienced Jesus Christ as my savior when I was reading the Bible. Eventually, my will was subjected to the work of the Spirit and I was praying for what God wanted me to do. Prayer helped me change the goal of my life and I decided to devote my whole life to God.

Upon graduation, I went to Turkmenistan as a missionary with my wife through Frontiers which is a world mission organization for Muslim people. Turkmenistan is an Islamic country, so it is very difficult to do missionary work. For three years, we had no choice but to share the gospel to only one family. However, after coming back to Korea because our visas were rejected, I heard that the family was baptized by another missionary who lives there. Even though my mind was so tired because I could not understand God's will that led us back to our peaceful home from the mission field. 1 Cor. 3:7 comforted me, "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." Since our Turkmenistan visas were not renewed, I had to return to Korea. At that time, I could not understand the will of God who led us back to our home country from the mission field. We prayed with anguish for a long time, until the Holy Spirit enlightened me that God never makes mistakes in what he does. It changed my mind from agony to peace, so I decided to prepare for God's call on my life again to be used for his kingdom. That is why I went to seminary in Korea. The M.Div. program in seminary helped me to know about the living God who had undertaken communion with his people in the context of the community of faith. Even though I graduated by God's grace after three years, I was faced with my inadequacies for the church ministry. This is what led me to study at Denver Seminary. Studying the Th.M degree at Denver Seminary helped broaden my horizons and allowed me to systematize diverse theological ideas. After years of study, God led us to Atlanta in Georgia.

Although God has not sent me to a mission field again, I realize that the significant thing is living with a missional heart for the kingdom of God and His glory, not where I live. I have always worked within the church ministry with this mind since becoming a pastor.

Faith Statement (Rev. Euisun Han)

I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, complete as the revelation of God's will for salvation. I also believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that these are equal in every divine perfection and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

I believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men and women, hears and answers prayer, and He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. And I believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son, and has precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. He is not only true God, but true man conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. I believe in His sinless life, His substitutionary atonement, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, and His personal, visible, return from heaven. I also believe in the Holy Spirit, His personality, and His work in regeneration, sanctification, and preservation. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and implement Christ's work of redeeming the lost and empowering the believer for godly living and service.

I believe all persons who created by God as the image of God are sinners by nature and choice and are, therefore, spiritually dead. I further believe that the Holy Spirit regenerates those who repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Savior. I also believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This salvation is based upon the sovereign grace of God, and was purchased by Christ on the cross, and is received through faith apart from any human merit, works, or ritual. I believe salvation results in righteous living, good works, and proper social concern.

I believe that the Church is the spiritual body of which Christ is the head and is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. This body expresses itself in local assemblies whose members have been baptized and have associated themselves for worship, instruction, evangelism, and service. The ordinances of the local church are baptism and the Lord's Supper. I also believe in the interdependence of local churches and the mutual submission of Christians to each other in love.

I believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and lost, the eternal existence of all people in either heaven or hell, in divine judgments, rewards, and punishments.

Faith Journey

Rev. Shinyoung Ko

I grew up in the church as a pastor's child and attended Christian Schools and universities except for elementary school. Most people I met were somehow related to Christianity.

When I graduated from university, I was thinking about my career path. Ever since I was little, I had an idea that I would one day become a pastor. However, since I grew up in the church and Christianity, I thought I wanted to be a pastor because it was a familiar and easy way for me. I was hesitant about going down this path because I could not find any signals or signs that showed God called me to the church. I prayed a lot to get the answer and wandered for about three years.

During that period, my passion for the ministry grew, and I got repeated messages through the people of God and the situation pointing to ministry. I decided to become a pastor. I went to the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in South Korea since I belong to The Presbyterian Church of Korea.

I was able to theologize my faith while studying theology for three years and doing ministries for children and young adults for five years. Furthermore, I found that there is a broader theological world I had not experienced and abundant heritages of Christianity in history. I was eager to know and experience this world, which was one of the significant reasons I studied more at the Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia.

I majored in Christian Education and became more aware of the diversity in Christianity. I believe that a key role of a pastor is to encourage people to reveal the potential God has already given them. The church needs to provide the people with a space and a situation they can play that role. While leading a ministry in the Korean Immigrant Church in Atlanta, I met many people and became more convinced that the role of a pastor is an educator.

I got married about ten years ago. My wife is lovely and is the best advisor I ever met in my ministry. My nine-year-old daughter is the most precious gift God gave me. For the last ten years, I learned that many families have serious difficulties keeping their families emotionally and spiritually together. Since last year, I have been doing family ministry for the members of my congregation, and recently I have been focusing on how the church can help these families to be in faith and love.

It was difficult to continue ministries for the last thirteen years. There were medical issues in my family, relation issues in the congregations, financial issues, ETC. However, God always gave me the grace to overcome difficulties and helped me grow and mature theologically through the problems. I am 42 years old, and there is plenty of time to do ministries. I expect and believe that God will help me grow as Jesus Christ, my Lord, wants me to be as He has done in my life.

Faith Statement

Rev. Shinyoung Ko

I believe there is only one God, who exists in three persons: the Father, who created this world; the Son, for whom and through all creation was created; and the Holy Spirit, who counsels and empowers His people to follow Jesus. I firmly believe that only Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can save people from all sins through His sacrificial death on the cross at Calvary. Although God created us in His own image, we have all fallen short of His glory and, therefore, cannot save ourselves from the wrath of God. This is why Jesus died on the cross. Whoever believes in him can be saved and become a child of God. Jesus will return as He promised and judge all humankind. Those who believe in Jesus will be in the kingdom of God, and those who do not believe will be judged.

I believe there is a Universal Church of the elect and a visible church, also known as the local church. The local church functions as an institution that preaches the Gospel, heals the world and teaches the Word of God as the representative of Christ. Christ is the head of the church, and the community, as the body consists of various saints. Although the church may face suffering in this world, I believe that it will never collapse with the Lord's presence and will ultimately triumph. Christians do not belong to the world but to heaven; although they live in this world, they must be prepared to transform the world into the kingdom of God.

I believe that all saints are commissioned to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the world, which is only possible through love and sacrifice, as exemplified by Christ on the cross. The Holy Spirit is the agent that equips and enables us to accomplish this. God has called the church to serve this particular cause. Therefore, all churches in this age should devote themselves to evangelism, as churches have done throughout history.

The Bible is the written Word of God, made by God's chosen people and inspired by the Holy Spirit. All His people can be blessed to follow what the Bible says, as it sets the standard of living and guides us to glorify God. The Holy Spirit also teaches us what God wants us to do through the Bible. Although God shows His will in various ways, I believe the Bible is the primary way to find His guidance.

New Church Development Commission (NCDC)

For Information:

From tech to business to teaching, successful entrepreneurial leaders across industries have access to startup studios which equip leaders for success. This is why your NCDC is not just an incubator but a start-up studio, offering all that research as well as our own anecdotal evidence demonstrates is required to equip leaders for success in starting and developing new churches from scratch.

God is on the move, dreaming new dreams and calling new congregations to life. As such, we equip new worshipping communities and their leaders to thrive by providing the following startup resources:

LINCSS (*pronounced links*):

L – Leadership Coaching

I – Infrastructure Development Support, such as

- Obtaining **501c3 status**
 - NWCs with a current 501c3 letter on file: 18
- Establishing and Managing **Online Giving Links**
 - 9 NWCs to date
- Providing **Financial Oversight**
 - 14 NWCs
- Startup **Payroll Services**
 - 31 NWC leaders
- Homeland Security **Visas: 9**
- Financial **Policy Development: 3 NWCs**
- Opening **Bank Accounts:**
 - 3 NWCs
- Receiving, Processing, and Reporting **Tax Deductible Contributions:**
 - 14 NWCs
- **Insurance** quotes, acquisition, renewals, and/or verification: 8 NWCs
- NWC leaders in the **ordination process: 4**
- **Incorporation: 18 NWCs**
- Crafting **By-Laws: 1 NWC**
- **Chartering: ? NWCs** – see the note below about our Founder’s Cohort

N - Networking Events

C – Church Consulting

S - Startup Training

S - Strategic Grants

Additionally, your NCDC reports the following 2 highlights:

1. 1001 New Worshipping Communities, NCDC, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency co-sponsored a conference in Atlanta entitled: “What's the Secret Sauce?”. Hosted by North

Avenue Presbyterian Church and named by 1001, the conference spotlighted your NCDC, highlighting its stellar catalyzing, developing, and chartering track record. Featuring “3 new worshipping community leaders and one game changing Presbytery leader,” Sam Kim, Rafael Viana, Gad Mpooyo, and Lindsay Armstrong keynoted the event. Atlanta showed up beautifully, and we as a denomination leaned into the call of God in the 21st century as we welcome the new things God is doing through the gifts of immigrant congregations. Thanks to all who participated and supported the event!

2. This year we begin a Founder’s Cohort, designed for leaders of new worshipping communities working to charter within the upcoming 14-18 months. We are delighted by the energy and large number of new worshipping communities looking to charter. Stay tuned for announcement of upcoming chartering services!

New Worshipping Community Highlight: La Esperanza PC
A Word from Your Organizing Pastor: Zulema Garcia de Rojas



I am the Reverend Zulema García de Rojas, a theologian with a research paper on Venezuelan migration. I am also a family counselor and the Founding Pastor of La Esperanza Presbyterian Church. I have more than 15 years of experience in pastoral ministry within Venezuela and two and a half years working with this new community of faith in the northern part of our Presbytery.

La Esperanza Presbyterian Church is a faith community that provides Latino Hispanics from the diaspora with a place of worship, where we all feel part of a big family. It is a church that builds solidarity and supports our physical and spiritual needs. Making the Lord himself smile, pleasing God, and being grateful with how much or how little we have, we serve with a heart full of love. In this beautiful land that opened its doors to us, we feel the caresses of God as Father and Mother, giving us a pleasant balm in the face of so many adverse situations but with a pleasant perfume to offer to everyone around us.

La Esperanza Presbyterian Church wants to reach the hearts of people who are depressed, alone, or without hope, offering them to God who gives us hope.

We share, laugh, and have fun as adults, children, youth, men, and women in diversity, connecting with others who do the same, like the Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church, all of the new worshipping communities of the NCDC, other American and Latino Presbyterian sister churches, the counties of Gwinnett and Jackson, the Latin American Association and more. We have introduced ourselves to the local police, mayor, schools, and other public officials, offering ourselves as a partner and resource. We are trying to make our voice heard in different places. That is why we have started a radio space called VOICE OF HOPE, but which is also seen through social networks, on the station mas 100.9 FM and on its Facebook page mas 100.9 FM. The mission is to provide the Hispanic Latino a different voice, full of hope offering relevant information, conversations, interviews, and much more.

Thank you for your prayers for us, crying out to the Father so that we are a Church that presents Christ Jesus in the best possible way. Thank you for also supporting us financially to expand our work of proclaiming the good news of salvation, empowerment, and entrepreneurship of women, providing workshops, talks, conversations, radio space, attention to children, youth and adolescents, and attention to migrants in their various needs. Thank God we have a leadership that is being formed; we give thanks to God for each one of them. God is and will be increasing in number and commitment our church and our finances in the name of Jesus.

Once again, I am thankful for each one of you. Blessings.

Rev. Zulema Garcia de Rojas

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
Monthly Benevolence Report
January 2023

Attachment M

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues			
Support and Revenue			
Budgeted Designated			
Budgeted General Assembly			
100-403000 - One Great Hour of Sharing	\$0.00	\$21,037.27	\$23,854.16
100-403020 - Christmas Joy Offering	\$5,124.40	\$14,069.41	\$25,325.40
100-403030 - Pentecost Offering	\$621.07	\$3,539.58	\$3,766.90
100-403040 - Theological Education Fund	\$1,250.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,900.00
100-403050 - Peacemaking Special Offering	\$1,093.70	\$6,034.21	\$4,463.90
100-403200 - Designated for Missionaries	\$0.00	\$28,016.04	\$26,200.04
Total Budgeted General Assembly	<u>\$8,089.17</u>	<u>\$80,196.51</u>	<u>\$91,510.40</u>
Budgeted Presbytery			
100-403510 - Designated Thornwell Home & School	\$300.00	\$6,744.15	\$7,554.36
100-403520 - Columbia Seminary	\$0.00	\$1,852.20	\$1,350.00
100-403550 - Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$1,087.49	\$1,500.00
100-403580 - Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$2,636.30	\$3,137.71
100-403590 - Villa International	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Budgeted Presbytery	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$12,570.14</u>	<u>\$13,542.07</u>
Total Budgeted Designated	<u>\$8,389.17</u>	<u>\$92,766.65</u>	<u>\$105,052.47</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$8,389.17</u>	<u>\$92,766.65</u>	<u>\$105,052.47</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$8,389.17</u>	<u>\$92,766.65</u>	<u>\$105,052.47</u>
Disbursements and Expenses			
Benevolent Disbursements			
100-500100 - G. A. Budgeted Benevolence	\$8,089.17	\$80,196.51	\$91,510.40
100-500500 - Designated for Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$2,636.30	\$3,137.71
100-504010 - Designated for Villa International	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
100-504030 - Designated for Thornwell	\$300.00	\$6,744.15	\$7,554.36
100-506010 - Designated for Columbia Seminary	\$0.00	\$1,852.20	\$1,350.00
100-506020 - Designated for JC Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$1,087.49	\$1,500.00
Total Benevolent Disbursements	<u>\$8,389.17</u>	<u>\$92,766.65</u>	<u>\$105,052.47</u>
Total Disbursements and Expenses	<u>\$8,389.17</u>	<u>\$92,766.65</u>	<u>\$105,052.47</u>
Net Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

THE PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA
2022 BENEVOLENCE GIVING RECORDS
1/31/23

CHURCH	COLUMN 1 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PLEDGE	COLUMN 2 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT RECEIVED	COLUMN 3 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT \$26.98	COLUMN 4 PER CAPITA RECEIVED	COLUMN 5 TOTAL RECEIPTS TO PRESBYTERY BUDGET <small>(Column 2 + Column 4)</small>	COLUMN 6 SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 7 NON-BUDGETED DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 8 TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS <small>(Column 5+Columns 6&7)</small>	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/21
PEACHTREE			\$187,753.82		\$0.00		\$0.00	7136	
ROSWELL		\$45,000.00	\$64,239.38	\$64,239.39	\$109,239.39		\$109,239.39	2386	
First PRES-ATLANTA		\$22,500.00	\$51,450.86	\$51,451.00	\$73,951.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$78,451.00	1732
KOREAN COMMUNITY		\$35,000.00	\$48,779.84		\$35,000.00			\$35,000.00	1430
TRINITY ATLANTA		\$79,603.00	\$45,056.60	\$45,045.60	\$124,648.60			\$124,648.60	1575
SHALLOWFORD	\$3,781.14	\$3,781.00	\$27,168.86	\$27,169.00	\$30,950.00	\$125.00		\$31,075.00	989
ALPHARETTA	\$22,400.00	\$22,400.00	\$22,393.40	\$22,400.00	\$44,800.00	\$4,718.00	\$1,400.00	\$50,918.00	815
DECATUR		\$28,959.47	\$21,341.18	\$21,584.00	\$50,543.47	\$18,250.00	\$3,750.00	\$72,543.47	738
ST LUKES	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$19,830.30	\$19,749.36	\$54,749.36	\$4,073.12		\$58,822.48	715
NORTH AVENUE		\$20,012.04	\$19,398.62	\$12,963.57	\$32,975.61	\$5,300.04	\$1,030.00	\$39,305.65	715
JOHNS CREEK			\$18,022.64	\$9,234.00	\$9,234.00			\$9,234.00	457
MCDONOUGH	\$11,097.18	\$11,097.00	\$14,380.34	\$14,380.34	\$25,477.34	\$2,891.00	\$3,200.00	\$31,568.34	514
First PRES-LAGRANGE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$13,948.66	\$14,257.00	\$19,257.00	\$3,902.29		\$23,159.29	509
CENTRAL	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$13,732.82	\$13,732.82	\$32,732.82	\$540.21	\$270.10	\$33,543.13	498
First AFRICAN			\$12,950.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	362
BUFORD	\$0.00		\$10,738.04	\$11,168.00	\$11,168.00	\$239.44	\$1,339.76	\$12,747.20	392
NEWMAN			\$10,738.04	\$9,808.29	\$9,808.29			\$9,808.29	398
MOUNT VERNON		\$15,000.00	\$10,603.14	\$10,700.00	\$25,700.00	\$3,598.00	\$532.00	\$29,830.00	385
MORNINGSIDE			\$10,441.26	\$10,441.26	\$10,441.26	\$4,575.69	\$2,244.16	\$17,261.11	387
NORTHMINSTER	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$10,360.32	\$10,360.32	\$36,360.32			\$36,360.32	381
PLEASANT HILL	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$10,252.40	\$10,252.40	\$21,252.40			\$21,252.40	362
NORTH DECATUR		\$20,000.00	\$8,984.34	\$9,550.92	\$29,550.92	\$5,718.89	\$44,150.00	\$79,419.81	335
CLAIRMONT			\$8,687.56	\$8,686.92	\$8,686.92		\$910.00	\$9,596.92	248
OAKHURST	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,660.58	\$8,660.58	\$10,660.58	\$1,485.00	\$275.00	\$12,420.58	331
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,417.76	\$8,417.76	\$8,417.76	\$633.81		\$9,051.57	304
NEW LIFE			\$8,363.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	306
FAYETTE			\$7,311.58	\$3,655.79	\$3,655.79			\$3,655.79	271
EASTMINSTER			\$6,825.94	\$6,826.00	\$6,826.00			\$6,826.00	285
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$0.00		\$6,583.12	\$6,556.14	\$6,556.14			\$6,556.14	242
COVINGTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	\$10,000.00	\$9,166.63	\$6,286.34	\$5,762.68	\$14,929.31		\$500.00	\$15,429.31	231
CARROLTON	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,178.42	\$5,486.00	\$6,486.00	\$609.43		\$7,095.43	220
NORTHWEST		\$10,000.00	\$6,151.44	\$6,152.00	\$16,152.00			\$16,152.00	193
RADCLIFFE	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,800.70	\$5,800.70	\$7,300.70	\$2,725.00	\$220.00	\$10,245.70	202
LOYD			\$5,746.74	\$5,962.58	\$5,962.58			\$5,962.58	170
ST ANDREWS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,719.76	\$5,719.76	\$8,219.76	\$1,034.10	\$130.01	\$9,383.87	200

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1/31/23**

CHURCH	COLUMN 1 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PLEDGE	COLUMN 2 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT RECEIVED	COLUMN 3 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT \$26.98	COLUMN 4 PER CAPITA RECEIVED	COLUMN 5 TOTAL RECEIPTS TO PRESBYTERY BUDGET <small>(Column 2 + Column 4)</small>	COLUMN 6 SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 7 NON-BUDGETED DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 8 TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS <small>(Column 5+Columns 6&7)</small>	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/21
First PRES-PEACHTREE CITY		\$2,000.00	\$5,449.96	\$5,449.96	\$7,449.96		\$13,445.00	\$20,894.96	181
CONYERS			\$5,207.14	\$3,905.25	\$3,905.25	\$545.00		\$4,450.25	187
MORROW			\$5,207.14	\$5,207.14	\$5,207.14	\$1,648.26	\$3,000.00	\$9,855.40	190
COVENANT	\$12,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$5,072.24	\$5,072.00	\$16,072.00			\$16,072.00	172
LAWRENCEVILLE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,018.28	\$5,018.00	\$8,018.00	\$1,871.52	\$1,698.10	\$11,587.62	159
KOREAN CENTRAL			\$4,856.40	\$4,856.40	\$4,856.40			\$4,856.40	180
CROSSROADS	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$4,235.86	\$4,235.86	\$5,485.86	\$1,449.99		\$6,935.85	160
KAIROS			\$4,100.96	\$4,100.96	\$4,100.96			\$4,100.96	128
STOCKBRIDGE	\$4,000.00	\$800.00	\$3,642.30	\$4,800.00	\$5,600.00	\$310.00		\$5,910.00	123
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
HAMILTON MILL	\$5,000.00	\$4,090.92	\$3,264.58	\$2,671.02	\$6,761.94			\$6,761.94	110
HILLSIDE	\$2,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$3,264.58	\$3,210.62	\$5,085.62	\$8,151.14	\$703.29	\$13,940.05	119
EMORY		\$1,500.00	\$3,210.62	\$3,211.00	\$4,711.00	\$2,796.67	\$211.33	\$7,719.00	61
AUSTELL	\$0.00	\$2,485.30	\$3,021.76	\$293.98	\$2,779.28	\$5,629.47	\$510.53	\$8,919.28	98
RICE MEMORIAL	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,832.90	\$2,832.90	\$5,332.90	\$261.01	\$49.59	\$5,643.50	98
SMYRNA			\$2,751.96	\$3,183.64	\$3,183.64			\$3,183.64	95
OGLETHORPE	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,751.96	\$2,752.00	\$6,752.00	\$865.33	\$30.67	\$7,648.00	99
CHURCH OF THE MASTER			\$2,724.98		\$0.00			\$0.00	100
COLUMBIA			\$2,563.10	\$2,563.12	\$2,563.12	\$2,088.16	\$31.33	\$4,682.61	93
FAIRVIEW		\$1,000.00	\$2,482.16	\$2,482.16	\$3,482.16	\$932.50	\$43.75	\$4,458.41	89
PHILADELPHIA	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$2,401.22	\$2,401.22	\$2,501.22	\$1,059.20		\$3,560.42	79
GOOD NEWS GARDEN			\$2,401.22		\$0.00			\$0.00	79
First PRES-MONROE			\$2,212.36	\$2,212.36	\$2,212.36			\$2,212.36	81
First PRES-JONESBORO	\$7,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,104.44	\$1,675.90	\$5,675.90		\$600.00	\$6,275.90	76
BETHANY	\$0.00		\$2,077.46	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$779.00		\$2,979.00	77
TRINITY DECATUR		\$500.00	\$1,996.52	\$2,182.95	\$2,682.95	\$686.80	\$31.25	\$3,401.00	72
TIMBERRIDGE	\$0.00		\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54			\$1,969.54	76
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECT'N	\$0.00		\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54	\$1,969.54			\$1,969.54	63
GUM CREEK			\$1,861.62	\$1,996.52	\$1,996.52	\$135.00		\$2,131.52	67
NORCROSS	\$1,258.28		\$1,726.72	\$1,726.70	\$1,726.70	\$1,071.00	\$132.00	\$2,929.70	66
ATLANTA TAIWANESE			\$1,672.76	\$1,672.76	\$1,672.76			\$1,672.76	59
HANBIT			\$1,349.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	54
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES			\$1,349.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	50
JACKSON	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,295.04	\$1,295.04	\$3,295.04	\$100.00		\$3,395.04	51
GRACE KOREAN			\$1,106.18	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00	38

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HEMPHILL MEMORIAL	\$450.00		\$890.34		\$0.00	\$450.00		\$450.00	33
ATLANTA KOREAN			\$647.52	\$647.52	\$647.52			\$647.52	28
FRIENDSHIP	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$647.52	\$647.52	\$3,647.52	\$550.00		\$4,197.52	25
First PRES-MANCHESTER WM SPRGS.			\$620.54	\$620.54	\$620.54	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$670.54	14
BARNESVILLE			\$593.56		\$0.00			\$0.00	22
DALLAS-DODD			\$566.58	\$566.58	\$566.58			\$566.58	22
WESTHILLS			\$512.62	\$533.70	\$533.70	\$735.00		\$1,268.70	17
GREENVILLE			\$485.64		\$0.00			\$0.00	18
EBENEZER	\$514.36	\$514.36	\$485.64	\$485.64	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	14
NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GA.	\$1,000.00		\$458.66		\$0.00			\$0.00	18
First PRES-BREMEN	\$0.00		\$377.72	\$377.72	\$377.72			\$377.72	14
TALLAPOOSA	\$0.00		\$377.72		\$0.00			\$0.00	6
FELLOWSHIP			\$215.84		\$0.00			\$0.00	8
EL NAZERENO		\$325.50		\$674.50	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$204,750.96	\$476,960.22	\$850,328.66	\$565,054.62	\$1,042,014.84	\$95,879.07	\$82,887.88	\$1,220,781.78	30244
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL				\$637.31				\$22,428.92	
* OVERALL TOTAL		\$476,960.22		\$565,691.93				\$1,243,210.70	

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.
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position
Operations Fund
As of January 31, 2023

Assets

Cash	\$136,747.97
Investments	\$1,004,295.72
Accounts Receivable	
Allowance for Accounts Receivable	(\$46,400.00)
A/R--Operations	\$1,778.70
A/R-Due from Clifton Sanctuary Min.	(\$4,271.60)
A/R Memorial Drive PC	\$13,128.50
A/R-Hanbit PC	\$0.00
A/R - Atlanta Korean	\$33,361.65
A/R- Ormewood Park	\$42,139.24
A/R - College Park PC	\$0.00
A/R - Church of the New Covenant	(\$13,212.33)
A/R - Luther Hays PET	\$20.10
A/R-Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$46,519.83
A/R -Church os St. Andrew	\$49,801.24
Total Accounts Receivable	\$122,865.33
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$725,000.00
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	(\$490,759.85)
Total Pledges Receivable	\$234,240.15
Prepaid Expenses	\$18,135.25
Property & Equipment	\$1,206,393.49
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)	\$8,608,207.39
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,331,025.10)
Total Assets	<u><u>\$9,999,860.20</u></u>

Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

Liabilities	
Prepaid Income	\$2,693.25
A/P Operations	\$2,457.72
A/P - Insurance W/H	(\$7.92)
Due to (from) Other Funds	\$0.00
HFSA	\$1,260.82
Accrued Vacation	\$20,051.81
GA Ave. Bldg Agency Funds	\$16,894.91
Long-term Debt	
Due to Wachovia (CSM)	\$0.00
Total Long-term Debt	\$0.00
Other Liabilities	\$0.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$43,350.59
Total Restricted Funds	\$1,155,051.16
Fund Principal	
Fund Balance-Operations	\$8,951,124.63
Net Income Year-to-Date	(\$149,666.18)
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date	<u>\$8,801,458.45</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	<u><u>\$9,999,860.20</u></u>

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

	Actual Period Ending <u>1/31/23</u>	Actual Period Ending <u>1/31/22</u>	Annual Budget <u>FYE 01/31/2023</u>
Operation Support	\$ 456,948.18	\$ 456,210.16	\$ 535,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 544,043.46	\$ 570,473.40	\$ 600,000.00
Budgeted Designated	\$ 80,196.51	\$ 91,510.40	
Budgeted Presbytery	\$ 13,570.14	\$ 17,105.44	\$ 3,000.00
Total Designated	<u>\$ 1,094,758.29</u>	<u>\$ 1,135,299.40</u>	<u>\$ 1,138,000.00</u>
Interest Income	\$ 10,167.01	\$ 15,431.81	\$ 10,000.00
Unrealized Gain (Loss) - Ops	\$ (38,084.29)	\$ (3,143.11)	\$ 12,000.00
Realized(Gain) & Loss-Ops		\$ 9,107.10	
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 41,662.53	\$ 45,413.37	\$ 46,500.00
Interest-Presbyterian Foundation	\$ 2.61	\$ 0.01	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 347,864.65	\$ 251,096.51	\$ 332,500.00
Total Revenues before Transfers	<u>\$ 1,456,370.80</u>	<u>\$ 1,444,097.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,539,000.00</u>
Transfers			
Transfer from Other Funds	\$ 5.23	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfers	<u>\$ 5.23</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 580,658.49	\$ 604,551.77	\$ 508,803.06
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 7,538.66	\$ 4,535.16	\$ 11,150.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 863,725.32	\$ 856,948.08	\$ 865,540.99
Administrative Costs	\$ 154,109.28	\$ 148,661.09	\$ 153,505.95
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 1,025,373.26</u>	<u>\$ 1,010,144.33</u>	<u>\$ 1,030,196.94</u>
Total Transfers and Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,606,031.75</u>	<u>\$ 1,614,696.10</u>	<u>\$ 1,539,000.00</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ (149,666.18)</u>	<u>\$ (161,491.01)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,851,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating Total	\$ (149,666.18)	\$ 1,689,508.99	\$ -

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
 Monthly Benevolence Report
 March 2023

Attachment N

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

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)
Revenues			
Support and Revenue			
Budgeted Designated			
Budgeted General Assembly			
100-403000 - One Great Hour of Sharing	\$849.51	\$849.51	\$510.00
100-403020 - Christmas Joy Offering	\$3,584.33	\$6,676.33	\$4,675.08
100-403030 - Pentecost Offering	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$25.00
100-403050 - Peacemaking Special Offering	\$0.00	\$228.56	\$2,740.24
100-403200 - Designated for Missionaries	\$916.67	\$2,750.01	\$2,050.01
Total Budgeted General Assembly	<u>\$5,733.51</u>	<u>\$10,887.41</u>	<u>\$10,000.33</u>
Budgeted Presbytery			
100-403510 - Designated Thornwell Home & School	\$712.50	\$2,012.50	\$1,219.81
100-403520 - Columbia Seminary	\$351.34	\$645.94	\$0.00
100-403550 - Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$362.49
100-403580 - Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$640.96
Total Budgeted Presbytery	<u>\$1,063.84</u>	<u>\$2,858.44</u>	<u>\$2,223.26</u>
Total Budgeted Designated	<u>\$6,797.35</u>	<u>\$13,745.85</u>	<u>\$12,223.59</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$6,797.35</u>	<u>\$13,745.85</u>	<u>\$12,223.59</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$6,797.35</u>	<u>\$13,745.85</u>	<u>\$12,223.59</u>
Disbursements and Expenses			
Benevolent Disbursements			
100-500100 - G. A. Budgeted Benevolence	\$5,733.51	\$10,887.41	\$9,447.83
100-500500 - Designated for Presbyterian Homes	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$640.96
100-504030 - Designated for Thornwell	\$712.50	\$2,012.50	\$1,219.81
100-506010 - Designated for Columbia Seminary	\$351.34	\$645.94	\$0.00
100-506020 - Designated for JC Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$362.49
Total Benevolent Disbursements	<u>\$6,797.35</u>	<u>\$13,745.85</u>	<u>\$11,671.09</u>
Total Disbursements and Expenses	<u>\$6,797.35</u>	<u>\$13,745.85</u>	<u>\$11,671.09</u>
Net Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$552.50

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PEACHTREE			\$202,305.60		\$0.00		\$0.00	7396	
ROSWELL			\$67,643.10		\$0.00		\$0.00	2415	
First PRES-ATLANTA			\$49,102.20	\$49,102.00	\$49,102.00	\$50.00	\$1,120.00	\$50,272.00	1755
TRINITY ATLANTA			\$44,651.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	1598
KOREAN COMMUNITY			\$40,540.50		\$0.00		\$160.00	\$160.00	1423
SHALLOWFORD	\$3,412.00	\$485.34	\$28,038.15	\$4,673.00	\$5,158.34			\$5,158.34	967
ALPHARETTA			\$23,105.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	749
DECATUR			\$20,922.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	727
ST LUKES	\$30,000.00		\$20,270.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	702
NORTH AVENUE		\$3,335.34	\$20,270.25		\$3,335.34	\$833.34	\$50.00	\$4,218.68	700
MCDONOUGH			\$14,571.90		\$0.00			\$0.00	464
First PRES-LAGRANGE	\$5,000.00		\$14,430.15		\$0.00			\$0.00	456
CENTRAL	\$14,000.00		\$14,118.30		\$0.00	\$228.56	\$114.27	\$342.83	487
JOHNS CREEK	\$0.00		\$12,955.95	\$3,042.90	\$3,042.90			\$3,042.90	322
NEWMAN			\$11,283.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	402
BUFORD	\$0.00		\$11,113.20	\$1,352.20	\$1,352.20		\$144.25	\$1,496.45	390
MORNINGSIDE			\$10,971.45		\$0.00			\$0.00	402
MOUNT VERNON			\$10,914.75		\$0.00			\$0.00	383
NORTHMINSTER			\$10,801.35		\$0.00			\$0.00	299
First AFRICAN			\$10,262.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	360
PLEASANT HILL	\$11,000.00		\$10,262.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	312
NORTH DECATUR	\$20,000.00		\$9,497.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	348
OAKHURST			\$9,383.85		\$0.00			\$0.00	332
NEW LIFE			\$8,675.10		\$0.00			\$0.00	298
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,618.40		\$0.00	\$728.00		\$728.00	290
EASTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$8,079.75	\$807.98	\$807.98			\$807.98	239
FAYETTE			\$7,682.85		\$0.00			\$0.00	258
CLAIRMONT	\$0.00		\$7,030.80	\$1,297.31	\$1,297.31			\$1,297.31	245
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$0.00		\$6,860.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	222
COVINGTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	\$10,000.00	\$833.33	\$6,548.85	\$545.74	\$1,379.07			\$1,379.07	190
CARROLTON			\$6,237.00		\$0.00	\$140.00		\$140.00	161
RADCLIFFE	\$1,600.00		\$5,726.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	192
ST ANDREWS	\$2,500.00		\$5,670.00		\$0.00	\$615.00		\$615.00	193
NORTHWEST			\$5,471.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	190
MORROW			\$5,386.50	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	184
CONYERS			\$5,301.45		\$0.00			\$0.00	187
First PRES-PEACHTREE CITY			\$5,131.35		\$0.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	194
KOREAN CENTRAL	\$1,000.00		\$5,103.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	185

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COVENANT	\$4,000.00	\$333.33	\$4,876.20	\$406.35	\$739.68		\$739.68	167	
LOYD			\$4,819.50		\$0.00		\$0.00	165	
CROSSROADS	\$1,250.00		\$4,536.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	153	
LAWRENCEVILLE	\$3,000.00		\$4,507.65		\$0.00		\$0.00	169	
KAIROS			\$3,628.80		\$0.00		\$0.00	128	
STOCKBRIDGE	\$2,000.00		\$3,487.05		\$0.00		\$0.00	128	
DRUID HILLS	\$4,500.00		\$3,487.05		\$0.00		\$0.00	120	
HILLSIDE			\$3,373.65		\$0.00		\$0.00	117	
HAMILTON MILL	\$5,000.00		\$3,118.50		\$0.00		\$0.00	111	
CHURCH OF THE MASTER			\$2,835.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	89	
OGLETHORPE			\$2,806.65		\$0.00		\$0.00	98	
AUSTELL	\$1,500.00		\$2,778.30		\$0.00	\$344.60	\$294.60	\$639.20	95
RICE MEMORIAL			\$2,778.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	92
SMYRNA			\$2,693.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	82
COLUMBIA			\$2,636.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	57
FAIRVIEW			\$2,523.15	\$630.79	\$630.79	\$45.00		\$675.79	85
First PRES-MONROE	\$0.00		\$2,296.35		\$0.00			\$0.00	80
PHILADELPHIA	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$2,239.65		\$500.00	\$1,524.00	\$200.00	\$2,224.00	78
GOOD NEWS GARDEN			\$2,239.65		\$0.00			\$0.00	79
BETHANY	\$0.00		\$2,182.95		\$0.00			\$0.00	78
First PRES-JONESBORO	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,154.60	\$600.00	\$1,600.00	\$750.00		\$2,350.00	72
TIMBERRIDGE	\$0.00		\$2,154.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	66
TRINITY DECATUR			\$2,041.20		\$0.00			\$0.00	67
GUM CREEK			\$1,899.45		\$0.00			\$0.00	70
NORCROSS	\$0.00		\$1,871.10		\$0.00			\$0.00	66
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECT'N			\$1,786.05		\$0.00			\$0.00	62
EMORY	\$1,500.00		\$1,729.35		\$0.00			\$0.00	56
ATLANTA TAIWANESE			\$1,672.65		\$0.00			\$0.00	59
HANBIT			\$1,530.90		\$0.00			\$0.00	50
JACKSON	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,445.85	\$1,445.85	\$3,445.85			\$3,445.85	54
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES			\$1,417.50		\$0.00			\$0.00	50
GRACE KOREAN			\$1,077.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	45
KELLEY			\$1,077.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	42
HEMPHILL MEMORIAL			\$935.55	\$935.55	\$935.55			\$935.55	33
EL NAZERENO			\$850.50		\$0.00			\$0.00	35
ATLANTA KOREAN			\$793.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	
FRIENDSHIP	\$3,000.00		\$708.75		\$0.00			\$0.00	24
BARNESVILLE			\$623.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	22

**THE PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA
2023 BENEVOLENCE GIVING RECORDS
3/31/23**

CHURCH	COLUMN 1 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PLEDGE	COLUMN 2 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT RECEIVED	COLUMN 3 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT \$28.35	COLUMN 4 PER CAPITA RECEIVED	COLUMN 5 TOTAL RECEIPTS TO PRESBYTERY BUDGET <small>(Column 2 + Column 4)</small>	COLUMN 6 SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 7 NON-BUDGETED DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 8 TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS <small>(Column 5+Columns 6 & 7)</small>	MEMBERSHIP 12/31/22
DALLAS-DODD			\$623.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	22
GREENVILLE			\$510.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	18
NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GA.			\$510.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	18
WESTHILLS			\$481.95		\$0.00			\$0.00	17
First PRES-MANCHESTER WM SPRGS.			\$396.90		\$0.00			\$0.00	13
EBENEZER	\$703.10	\$703.10	\$396.90	\$396.90	\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00	19
First PRES-BREMEN	\$0.00		\$396.90	\$396.90	\$396.90			\$396.90	14
FELLOWSHIP			\$226.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	6
TALLAPOOSA			\$170.10	\$305.00	\$305.00	\$40.00		\$345.00	5
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$132,165.10	\$9,190.44	\$858,267.90	\$67,938.47	\$77,128.91	\$7,298.50	\$2,083.12	\$86,510.53	29793
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL								\$1,025.00	
* OVERALL TOTAL		\$9,190.44		\$67,938.47				\$87,535.53	

COLUMN (1) Benevolence Pledges from church sessions.

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

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

COLUMN (4) Per Capita received at Presbytery.

COLUMN (5) Total Receipts to Presbytery Budget.

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

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

COLUMN (8) Total of all receipts.

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

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

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.
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position
Operations Fund
As of March 31, 2023

Assets

Cash		\$212,722.00
Investments		\$804,295.72
Accounts Receivable		
Allowance for Accounts Receivable	(\$46,400.00)	
A/R--Operations	\$1,778.70	
A/R-Due from Clifton Sancturary Min.	\$0.00	
A/R Memorial Drive PC	\$19,748.00	
A/R - Atlanta Korean	(\$33,303.40)	
A/R- Ormewood Park	\$42,139.24	
A/R - Church of the New Covenant	(\$11,748.57)	
A/R - Luther Hays PET	\$20.10	
A/R-Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$48,041.92	
A/R -Church os St. Andrew	\$52,738.89	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$73,014.88
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$725,000.00	
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	<u>(\$490,759.85)</u>	
Total Pledges Receivable		\$234,240.15
Prepaid Expenses		\$18,110.25
Property & Equipment		\$1,206,393.49
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)		\$8,608,207.39
Total Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(\$1,331,025.10)</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$9,825,958.78</u></u>

Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

Liabilities		
A/P Operations		(\$79.02)
A/P - Insurance W/H		(\$7.89)
HFSA		\$3,022.81
Accrued Vacation		\$20,051.81
GA Ave. Bldg Agency Funds		\$16,894.91
Total Liabilities		\$39,882.62
Total Restricted Funds		\$997,414.52
Fund Principal		
Fund Balance-Operations	\$8,801,458.45	
Net Income Year-to-Date	(\$12,796.81)	
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date		<u>\$8,788,661.64</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		<u><u>\$9,825,958.78</u></u>

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
 Operations Fund Revenues and Disbursements-Preliminary
 Period Ending February 28, 2023

	Actual Period Ending <u>3/31/23</u>	Actual Period Ending <u>3/31/22</u>	Annual Budget <u>FYE 01/31/2024</u>
Operation Support	\$ 36,288.67	\$ 99,416.36	\$ 534,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 131,579.89	\$ 109,986.05	\$ 600,000.00
Budgeted Designated	\$ 10,887.41	\$ 10,000.33	
Budgeted Presbytery	\$ 3,158.44	\$ 3,223.26	\$ 3,000.00
Total Designated	<u>\$ 181,914.41</u>	<u>\$ 222,626.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,000.00</u>
Interest Income	\$ 1.23	\$ 121.22	\$ 10,000.00
Unrealized Gain (Loss) - Ops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Realized(Gain) & Loss-Ops			
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 6,873.67	\$ 7,174.89	\$ 46,500.00
Interest-Presbyterian Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	<u>\$ 97,979.20</u>	<u>\$ 46,852.83</u>	<u>\$ 330,500.00</u>
Total Revenues before Transfers	<u>\$ 286,768.51</u>	<u>\$ 276,774.94</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,000.00</u>
Transfers			
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 3.67	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from Other Funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Transfers	<u>\$ 3.67</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 115,782.56	\$ 103,746.73	\$ 516,361.64
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 790.00	\$ 150.50	\$ 11,150.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 158,541.10	\$ 144,698.99	\$ 849,697.59
Administrative Costs	<u>\$ 24,447.99</u>	<u>\$ 20,726.00</u>	<u>\$ 158,790.77</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 183,779.09</u>	<u>\$ 165,575.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,019,638.36</u>
Total Transfers and Disbursements	<u>\$ 299,561.65</u>	<u>\$ 269,322.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,000.00</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ (12,796.81)</u>	<u>\$ 7,452.72</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating Total	\$ (12,796.81)	\$ 7,452.72	\$ -

**Presbyterian Women
Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
March 2022-March 2023**

Presbyterian Women continue to be a vital part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as we continue to serve our churches and our Lord in this post COVID time. The PW Coordinating Team continues to meet via Zoom and in person and we held our 2023 PW Annual Gathering in person with a Zoom component.

Everything we do at the local church level reflects our PW Purpose. Our women continue to meet in circles for prayer and Bible Study, enjoying this year's study, Celebrating Sabbath by Carol Betchel, as they continue to build an inclusive, caring community of women. PW serve in their own churches as deacons, elders, and Sunday School teachers as well as caring for the youngest and the oldest members around them. Many PW circles have monthly projects that benefit their local community and/or organizations in our Presbytery.

In June 2022 we held, via Zoom, Leadership Workshops with classes for Moderators, Bible Study teachers, Mission Opportunities, and a Book Review.

Spring means **Come See Columbia** Day for Presbyterian Women as PW gathered on campus, as members of the Columbia Friendship Circle, to meet the scholarship recipients, worship, attend lectures, and visit over lunch. Many toured Mission Haven to learn about the Clothes Closet and how PW contributions make a difference in this vital ministry to missionary families.

PW participated in **AMIS'** (Atlanta Ministry with International Students) 44th Welcome Reception for International Students & Scholars on September 24th.

This one-of-a-kind event gathered 300 students from 14 colleges/universities and 75 countries for a community reception that featured live music, free food, icebreaker games, and the opportunity to meet international students who are attending colleges and Universities all over Metro Atlanta.

Presbyterian Women celebrated **Villa International's** 50th Anniversary in October 2022 remembering that Villa was started years ago with the gift of the Birthday Offering from Presbyterian Women churchwide. PW had presented Camille Gaffron with a PW Honorary Life Membership in February 2022 for her service and dedication to Villa.

PW members also gathered in October for supper to hear Rev Heleviao Poget, an international peacemaker in the PC(USA) Program and her ministry in Madagascar that is focused on youth, street ministry and human trafficking prevention. Her ministry: Mamonjy, A Human Trafficking Prevention Campaign had received a prior gift from the PW Thank Offering in 2019.

And about 20 women from the presbytery attended the **PW Synod of South Atlantic (SOSA)** Triennial Gathering at Epworth by the Sea, October 21-23, where we gathered with other PW sisters from Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida for worship, education, fellowship, and fun.

Debra Durden, from Greater Atlanta Presbytery, was chosen as Moderator Elect and will be serving SOSA as Moderator for the next few years beginning this July 1, 2023.

Church Women United, Atlanta Unit, is currently led by Sheila Louder, President, who also serves as PW District Leader for District 10. Sheila keeps PW informed of the many great programs available with CWU and we support the Least Coin Offering through our local circles each year.

In addition to Columbia Friendship Circle, Mission Haven. Amis, Villa International, and CWU our women also support Memorial Drive Ministries, Thornwell, JCSTS, Presbyterian Homes. We have liaisons on our coordinating team to keep us informed of their needs and activities.

Our PW members are generous with their financial support. **PW Celebration Giving** totaled \$ 25,147 in 2022 for the Birthday Offering, Honorary Life Membership, Least Coin, Mission Pledge, Thank Offering. Additional funds of \$8,751 were donated to Calvin Center, Childspring International, Church Women United, Columbia Friendship Circle, Haiti Missions, Johnson C Smith Seminary, Memorial Drive Ministries, Mission Haven, Presbyterian Homes, St Labre Indian School, Thornwell, and Villa International.

In addition to these ministries, each local PW in the congregation has projects that are special to them. These include:

Summer Lunch Program Processing 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger

Good Shepherd Clinic Morrow Presbyterian Food Pantry Securus House

Partners in Education Fayette Samaritans Matthew 28 in Haiti

LaGonave Goat Project Stirred Up Ministries Easter Egg Hunts VBS

Diapers, face masks, supplies for Toco Hills Community Alliance

Christmas Child Boxes Thanksgiving Meals Souper Bowl of Caring

Bake Sales Father's Day Breakfast Cradle Cross & Bible for newborns.

Santa Claus Express MDM; bedding, kitchen utensils, diapers

Family Promise's Day Center Seminary Student Support Women's Retreats

Massimo's Team Chef Shawl Ministry La Amistad tutoring Fairview Elem

Neighborhood Cooperative Ministry etc etc etc etc

Presbyterian Women have definitely lived out the theme for 2022.

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Colossians 3:12

Presbyterian Women are an integral part of our Presbyterian Churches and continue to have struggles in this post COVID era. We are grateful for support from our local pastors and sessions. While our vibrant women are active in many areas of church life and various ministries, we continue to experience decreasing numbers of women who participate, especially younger women. In many churches we are an aging population who is running out of steam. The younger women are busy working, managing childcare and senior care. They want to participate in mission opportunities and Bible Study but are not interested in meetings and gatherings of an organization. We need new leadership when currently we are all tired.

Our PW Annual Gathering was held March 19th At Clairmont Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jiyhun Oh brought our message on Galatians 6:9-10

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

So we continue in 2023 to follow Jesus and love up on our communities. We will do what is right and we will not give up. We seek your prayers of support as we serve our Lord together.

Pepe Bowman, PW Moderator
Presbytery of Greater Atlanta