

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING
Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
May 9, 2020
Held Via Zoom

Preliminary Information for this meeting:

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ZOOM PRESBYTERY MEETING

** We will be doing our best to make this meeting secure from unwanted distractions and interruptions. If something inappropriate occurs, we will quickly remove that person.

Instructions for the Zoom Presbytery Meeting to be held on May 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM:
The material for the meeting is in the Handbook posted on the Presbytery's website. Only essential business shall be dealt with, thus the meeting is expected to last only about one hour.

1. Download and install Zoom onto your device.
 - a. Computer - go to https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting
 - b. Tablets and smartphones, install Zoom from your App Store. This version of Zoom will look different than the computer version.
2. Joining the Meeting:
 - a. You will be emailed a link to join the meeting a week before the meeting.
 - b. To join the meeting, click the link and allow Zoom to open on your device.
 - c. Choose your audio input setting; choose computer audio if you are unsure.
 - d. You may be placed in the waiting room when you join the meeting. Please do not disconnect. The hosts will let you in when we are ready to begin.
3. Meeting Settings:
 - a. If there are multiple voting commissioners in a household, you will need to use one device per commissioner to vote. This is to allow each vote in the household to be counted.
 - b. Please be a few minutes early and adjust your settings during this time. Doublecheck that your video and audio are working. If you are using video, check that lighting is good and minimize background distractions if possible. We will be admitting attendees beginning at 8:45 if you want to join early to be sure you are able to connect.
 - c. Dialing in will not be available. We will be voting and voting will be done using the Zoom application instead of calling in.
 - d. Please keep your audio on mute. If you have a question or comment, use the chat feature to message the meeting host, Chip Blankinship. The host will let the Moderator know and the Moderator will call on you to speak. The host will unmute you when called on and resume muting after you are finished speaking.
 - e. Turning on your video feed is optional but audio is required to participate in discussion.
4. There will be times when votes are necessary. At those times, you will be instructed as to how to cast your vote.
5. If you are having trouble entering the meeting, contact Miranda Segrest at memery@atlpcusa.org.

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Moderator **Destiny Williams** at 9:05.

As people got settled into the meeting, the Moderator asked folks to change the name on their screens so that attendance could be recorded with proper names. She gave instructions to the body on how to accomplish this task.

Being our first ever virtual Presbytery meeting, we spent time with instructions, given by Director of Operations of the Presbytery, **Chip Blankinship**. Instructions included:

- How votes would be cast
- How questions through the Chat feature would be handled
- How people would be recognized to speak
- A reminder that only commissioners could vote
- How attendance would be recorded

A quorum was then declared by Stated Clerk, **Donna Wells**.

Although only essential business was to be dealt with, an offering was received to benefit the New Church Development Commission Emergency Pastoral Support Fund. An overwhelming support poured out. We received over \$6,300 in gifts along with an additional match of \$5,000 from Ormewood Church.

COMMUNICATIONS

For Information:

1. The Necrology report will be done at a future Presbytery meeting.
2. We lift up the letter from the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) celebrating the gifts of **Catherine Foster** to their ministry and work. Please see the addendum for the letter.
3. Received a letter of thanks from Thornwell Homes for a gift to the ministry.
4. Received the decision from the General Assembly regarding a remedial case that originated in this Presbytery. The order arrived on April 27, 2020.

History

In September 2018, a Remedial Case (numbered Remedial Case 18-01) was filed with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta alleging irregularities by various parties in the selection of a new pastor at Korean Community Presbyterian Church located in Duluth, GA.

The Case was accepted by our Permanent Judicial Commission. As it moved through the judicial process, the two sides attempted to come to a settlement of the dispute (the session of the church and the “complaints who called themselves, Save Our Church Committee or SOCC). The individual acting as the SOCC’s counsel, Mr. Samuel Chung, was removed as counsel as the

parties got closer to a settlement. On March 9, 2019, the two parties reached a settlement of the dispute and our PJC accepted the settlement and the case was dismissed.

Mr. Chung, formally acting as Counsel for the SOCC, attempted to refile the case with himself as the complainant. Our PJC ruled on March 25, 2019 that he did not have standing to file. Mr. Chung appealed that ruling to the Synod. The Synod PJC upheld the Presbytery's PJC at its meeting on April 19, 2019. Mr. Chung appealed that ruling to the General Assembly PJC. On April 26, 2020, the General Assembly sustained the original ruling that Mr. Chung did not have standing to file. Therefore, the case has been dismissed and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery has been ordered to report this and add the decision to its minutes at its next stated meeting.

Please find the entire decision as an addendum to these minutes.

Admit to Record:

1. That the following people served on the commission to install **Neeley Rentz Lane** as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church Covington on March 8, 2020.
 - a. Rev. Kimmy Briggs, First Presbyterian Church Covington
 - b. Rev. James Goodlet, First Presbyterian Church LaGrange
 - c. Rev. Mike Watson, Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church
 - d. Rev. Erin Morgan, Monroe Presbyterian Church
 - e. Elder Sam Hay, First Presbyterian Church Covington
 - f. Elder Mark Roberson, Roswell Presbyterian Church
2. That the minutes of the installation of **Neeley Rentz Lane** as pastor of First Presbyterian Church Covington on March 8, 2020 be admitted to the record.

For Recommendation:

The following items are contained in the omnibus motion for approval:

- The approval of the docket
- The minutes of the February 8, 2020 Stated Meeting
- The admit to record items in the Communications Report
- The admit to record items in the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
- The admit to record items in the Committee on Ministry Report
- The admit to record items in the Operations Report
- The recommendation item in the Council Report

The moderator asked if there were any nominations from the floor (Council report put forth a name to sit on the nominating committee). The omnibus motion was *approved by 98% vote with no extractions*.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Admit to Record:

1. That the following person was enrolled as an inquirer as of the date shown:
 - **Karen Fletcher**, (April 23, 2020), North Decatur Presbyterian Church
2. The following individuals had annual consultations

- Mary Beth Walker, Kairos Presbyterian Church
- Sally Foster, Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Melva Lowry, Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Diana Ramos-Garcia, Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Roger McFarquhar, New Life Presbyterian Church

For Recommendation:

That the following people be approved to become candidates as of the date shown:

Ashely Chung, (December 12, 2019), Korean Community Presbyterian Church
Sally Foster, (April 23, 2020), Covenant Presbyterian Church
Diana Ramos-Garcia, (April 23, 2020), Covenant Presbyterian Church
Mary Beth Walker, (February 27, 2020), Kairos Presbyterian Church
(Robert) Drew Wilmesherr, (February 27, 2020), Decatur Presbyterian Church

Each inquirer was voted on separated. All were *approved to move to candidacy by 98% and 99% of the vote*. The Moderator asked the candidates the Constitutional questions. **Kimmy Briggs** offered a charge and prayer.

EXAMINATIONS

The following people were examined by the Commission in the areas of Theology, Worship and Sacraments, Bible and Polity. If the exam was for ordination, the person also preached a sermon. The Commission recommends the following people to be received by the Presbytery:

1. **Katie Day** (San Jose Presbytery) has been called as the Head of Staff to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. Effective date: May 1, 2020.
2. **Thelma Goodrum** (United Presbyterian Church of Brazil) is coming for dual membership while serving as a chaplain at Emory University Hospital. Her ministry was validated on March 19, 2020. Effective date: May 9, 2020.
3. **(Ibhar) Jasiel Hernandez Garcia** (Whitewater Valley Presbytery) has been called as an Associate Pastor at Central Presbyterian Church. Effective date: July 1, 2020.
4. **Emily Wilmesherr** (candidate of Middle Tennessee Presbytery) has been called as a Contract Call Associate at Decatur Presbyterian Church. Effective date: upon ordination.

Each individual was voted on separately. All four individuals *were approved receiving 100% yes votes*.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Admit to Record

1. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between **Rix Threadgill** and Loyd Presbyterian Church and place him on the minister member at large roll. Effective date: June 5, 2020.

2. Remove **Charles Junn** from the rolls of Presbytery. There has been no contact since 2016 and it has been reported that he has moved back to Korea. Effective date: May 9, 2020.
3. Remove **Gina Campbell** from the rolls of Presbytery. She has been on the inactive list since 2015. A certified letter was sent and returned. Effective date: February 20, 2020.
4. Place **Kimbrell Teegarden** on the inactive roll of the Presbytery. There has been no contact since 2016 and certified mail has been returned. Effective date: February 28, 2020.
5. Approve the terms of call between **Katie Day** (San Jose Presbytery) and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church as Head of Staff. Effective date: May 1, 2020.
 - a. Salary and housing 88,000
 - b. Full Board of Pensions 32,893
 - c. Continuing education 3,000
 - d. SECA allowance 6,801
 - e. Cell phone 900
 - f. Dental 1,633
 - g. Book Allowance 600
 - h. Church Preschool tuition 2,400
 - i. One-time transition payment 3,000
 - j. Four weeks vacation
 - k. Two weeks study leave
 - l. Sabbatical after 7 years of service
6. Place **Kevin Knab** on the inactive roll per his request. Effective date: January 23, 2020.
7. Grant the status of Honorable Retirement to **Leah Horton**. Effective date: February 15, 2020.
8. Change the status of **Meda Stamper** to minister member at large. Effective date: January 1, 2019.
9. Approve the Contract Call Associate contract renewal between **Laura Jernigan** and Shallowford Presbyterian Church. This contract is for 20 hours per week. Effective date: January 1, 2020.
 - a. Salary 26,781
 - b. Housing 11,000
 - c. Professional expenses 1,400
 - d. SECA 2,890
 - e. Board of Pensions including dental 17,166
 - f. Continuing Education 1,400
 - g. Cell phone
 - h. Four weeks vacation
 - i. Two weeks continuing education
10. Approve the Contract Call contract renewal between **Bobbie Wrenn Banks** and Gum Creek Presbyterian Church. This contract is for 22 hours per week. Effective date: January 1, 2020.
 - a. Salary 2,970

b. Housing	21,870
c. Continuing education	900
d. Travel and auto	2,340
e. Deferred Compensation	2,160
f. Twelve weeks vacation and continuing education	

11. Grant the status of Honorably Retired to **Frank Eldridge**. Effective date: February 1, 2020.

12. Grant permission to **Al Myers** to preach and administer the sacraments once a month at Eatonton Presbyterian Church located near Madison, GA with the permission of Northeast Georgia Presbytery for six months. Effective date: February 1, 2020.

13. Approve the renewal of the Contract Call contract between **Sung Sik Baek** and Atlanta Korean Presbyterian Church. This contract is for 20 hours per week. Effective date: January 1, 2020.

a. Salary	18,000
b. Housing	12,000
c. SECA allowance	1,400
d. Board of Pensions	3,065.28
e. Continuing education	1,000
f. Mileage	3,000
g. Other vouchered expenses	3,000
h. Four weeks vacation	
i. Two weeks continuing education	

14. Approve the Contract Call Contract between **Dave Pearce** and Smyrna Presbyterian Church. Effective date: March 1, 2020. This contract is for 28 hours per week.

a. Salary	44,300
b. Post Retirement dues	5,316
c. Four weeks vacation	
d. Two weeks continuing education	

15. Grant permission to **Hyunsung Cho** to labor in the bounds of the Presbytery of East Tennessee to be pulpit supply for The Korean Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga twice a month. He has received permission from East Tennessee Presbytery. Effective date: February 1, 2020.

16. Renew the Contract Call contract between **Millicent Thomson** (AME) and Kelley Presbyterian Church. This contract is for 13-19 hours per week. Effective date: February 1, 2020.

a. Salary	1,396.80
b. Housing	18,364.44
c. SECA allowance	3,399
d. Four weeks vacation	
e. Two weeks continuing education	

17. Approve the Contract Call contract between **Merrie Roberts** (Baptist) and First Presbyterian Church Manchester-Warm Springs. This contract is for 12-15 hours per week. Effective date: January 1, 2020.

a. Salary	7,000
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b. Housing	5,400
c. Continuing education	500
d. Mileage	100
e. Four weeks vacation	

18. Approve the Contract Call Associate contract renewal between **Jan Tolbert** and First Presbyterian Church LaGrange. This contract is for 24 hours per week. Effective date: February 1, 2020.

a. Salary	7,200
b. Housing	28,372.88
c. Full Board of Pensions	11,427.12
d. Four weeks vacation	
e. Two weeks continuing education	

19. Approve the renewal of the Contract Call Pastor contract between **Becky Baker** and Jackson Presbyterian Church. This contract is for 25 hours per week. Effective date: January 1, 2020.

a. Housing	24,500
b. Two weeks continuing education	
c. Four weeks vacation	
d. SECA	1,874
e. Continuing education	1,000
f. Mileage	1,000
g. Professional expenses	2,000

20. Conclude the Contract Call Associate contract between **Katie Owen Aumann** and Covenant Presbyterian Church. Effective date: May 3, 2020.

21. Approve the terms of call between **Katie Owen Aumann** and Morningside Presbyterian Church. Effective date: May 31, 2020.

a. Salary	45,000
b. Housing	50,000
c. Full Board of Pensions	
d. SECA allowance	7,267
e. Continuing education	1,000
f. Additional continuing education per year for 5 years	2,000
g. Dental	1,600
h. Book allowance, professional expenses	5,000
i. Sabbatical after 7 years	
j. Paid family leave for 8 weeks	

22. Dismiss **Annie Kakun Tsai** to the Presbytery of New Brunswick per their request. Effective date: September 1, 2019.

23. Grant permission to **Steven Barnes** to labor outside our bounds in Northeast Georgia Presbytery in order to serve as the interim pastor of Oconee Presbyterian Church in Watkinsville. Effective date: March 24, 2020.

24. Validate the ministry of **Thelma Goodrum** (Presbyterian Church of Brazil) as a hospital chaplain at Emory University Hospital. Date of validation: March 19, 2020.

25. Approve the Contract Call Associate contract between **Emily Wilmesherr** (candidate of Middle Tennessee) and Decatur Presbyterian Church. Effective date: May 1, 2020.
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| a. Salary and housing | 45,000 |
| b. SECA allowance | 3,442 |
| c. Continuing education, travel, prof. expenses | 4,200 |
| d. Full Board of Pensions including death and disability | |
| e. Dental from the Board of Pensions | |
| f. 4 weeks vacation | |
| g. 2 weeks continuing education | |
26. Approve the terms of call between (**Ibhar**) **Jasiel Hernandez Garcia** and Central Presbyterian Church as an associate pastor. Effective date: July 1, 2020.
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| a. Salary | 34,652 |
| b. Housing | 27,348 |
| c. Full Board of Pensions | 22,940 |
| d. SECA | 4,743 |
| e. Continuing education | 2,000 |
| f. Professional expenses including mileage | 2,500 |
| g. Cell phone | 400 |
| h. Actual moving expenses | |
| i. Four weeks vacation | |
| j. Two weeks continuing education | |
| k. Eligible for paid 12-week sabbatical after seven years of service | |
| l. Paid family leave up to 8 weeks | |
27. Approve the renewal of the Contract Call Pastor contract between **Young Jeon** and the New Presbyterian Church of Georgia. Effective date: March 1, 2020.
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| a. Salary | 24,000 |
| b. Housing | 12,000 |
| c. SECA | 1,652 |
| d. Continuing education | 1,000 |
| e. Cell Phone | 750 |
| f. Mileage reimbursement | 3,650 |
| g. Book Allowance | 1,00 |
| h. Four weeks vacation | |
| i. Two weeks continuing education | |
28. Tallapoosa Presbyterian Church had their year 2019 minutes reviewed on January 28, 2020 and were found to be with exception.
29. The following churches had their year 2019 minutes reviewed on March 1, 2020:
- Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, with exception
 - Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, without exception
 - Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, with exception
 - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, without exception
 - Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church, without exception
30. The following churches had their year 2019 minutes reviewed on March 3, 2020:
- Covenant Presbyterian Church, without exception
 - Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, with exception
 - First Presbyterian Church Peachtree City, without exception

- d. Hillside Presbyterian Church, without exception
- e. North Avenue Presbyterian Church, without exception
- f. Northwest Presbyterian Church, with exception

31. The following people have submitted annual reports with a declared housing allowance:

a. Chough, Gloria	0
b. Dawson, Kathy	0
c. Dewberry, Wendy	0
d. Jeong, Yeonkwon	0
e. Johnson, Julie	10,000
f. Sankey, Steven	0
g. Speakman, Stephen	0
h. Strong, Lucy	28,000
i. Young, Fred	0

For Recommendation

Background information:

Luther Hays Presbyterian Church has been in the Respectful Discernment process since April 30, 2019. The PET team was formed and was able to complete its work regarding phase one of the policy...the team met with the congregation, a survey was conducted with 99% return rate, a town hall meeting was held to discuss theological viewpoints and the reason/desire to separate. The team moved forward with phase two, negotiations. The church had 2 separate appraisals and supplied the requested information.

Enter the pandemic...The PET team met via Zoom to discuss an offer and a letter was sent to the church. The offer has “been accepted” but the policy requires a congregational advisory vote. The policy states that a congregational meeting needs to be advertised for 30 days, and an advisory vote by ballot is to be taken regarding the terms of dismissal. At this time, the congregation is unable to meet physically and does not know when it will be safe.

We have added challenges with this church for the following reasons:

- Not everyone has an email
- Not everyone can maneuver a conference call per the acting pastor
- An electronic meeting via Zoom is out of the question

The congregation is 26 members, mostly elderly.

Therefore, Committee on Ministry offers the following recommendation:

For Recommendation:

That the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta suspend the normal voting rules of the Respectful Discernment Policy for a one time only, for Luther Hays Presbyterian Church during this pandemic and the extenuating circumstances of this congregation. The voting shall take place instead as follows:

- The pastor shall place the motion in each person’s mail box.
- The ballot shall contain the motion, a place for questions
- The ballot shall contain the person’s signature next to their vote
- The time span for this vote shall take place within a 7-day time period; to be concluded by June 15.

- If any questions are written on the ballot, they shall be answered and mailed in return to the members of the congregation and reported to the presbytery along with the vote total.

The above motion was *approved by a vote of 261 yes, 1 no and 9 abstentions.*

COUNCIL

For Information

Council has appointed a Financial Sustainability Task Force to begin to examine the financial situation of the Presbytery. Those appointed include:

David York, Central Presbyterian Church, sits on Council
 Todd Speed, Decatur Presbyterian Church
 Norm Fikes, Hillside Presbyterian Church
 Tully Fletcher, Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church of Resurrection and Conyers Presbyterian Church
 Mary Martin, Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church, sits on Council
 Kim Clayton, Trinity Presbyterian Church Atlanta
 David Carr, Trinity Presbyterian Church Atlanta, sits on Council
 Russ Weekley, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Moderator elect
 Aisha Brooks-Lytle, Executive Presbyter, staff
 Chip Blankinship, Director of Operations, staff

For Recommendation (both are part of the omnibus motion)

1. That the following person be nominated to serve on the Presbytery's Nominating Committee:
 - a. Phil Brown, Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church
2. That the Nominating Committee's description in the by-laws requires some clarification. The motion before the body is to approve this revision. This requires a 2/3 vote of Presbytery. Changes are in red.

Council Approved: ~~October 16, 2017~~ **March 30, 2020**

Presbytery Approved: ~~November 14, 2017~~ **May 9, 2020**

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Purpose and Scope

The Nominating Committee shall determine the best available persons to perform the Presbytery's work and shall present these names to the Presbytery as candidates for election to the respective offices and positions.

Mindful of this purpose, care shall be taken to use the available talents of as many as possible and to represent the Presbytery in the selection of members for all committees and commissions of the Presbytery.

For each committee and commission, the Nominating Committee shall

- consider the qualifications, the availability and the abilities of each person to meet the needs of the committee/commission
- seek leadership and service from all of the congregations of the Presbytery
- maintain a record of those persons contacted to serve
- ordinarily limit individuals to one area of service

Membership

There shall be nine members of the Nominating Committee. Members shall be ordained ministers and elders who serve terms of three years in three classes with a limit of two terms or six years. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be representative of and approved by the Presbytery.

Paid employees of the Presbytery shall not be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Executive Presbyter, the Stated Clerk, the Congregational Consultants and the ~~Administrative Assistant~~ **Office Manager and Medial Specialist for the Presbytery** may advise the Nominating Committee.

Method of Selection

Presbytery shall ordinarily elect the members of the Nominating Committee at the last Stated Meeting of Presbytery annually. Nominations to serve on this committee shall be presented to the Presbytery by the Council. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the prior consent of the person nominated.

Chair

A Chair or Co-chairs will be appointed by the Executive Presbyter. The Chair or one of the co-chairs will serve as a voting member of Council. The Nominating Committee shall have one elected member elder serve as a Commissioner to Presbytery per the policy on parity.

Meetings

The Nominating Committee shall meet at the call of its Chair. In order to present nominations to the Presbytery at the last scheduled stated meeting of the Presbytery each calendar year, the Nominating Committee schedules one major meeting in late summer and a second meeting 4-6 weeks following the first meeting. A spring meeting is called, if needed, to fill vacancies.

One member from the Committee on Representation shall be invited to meetings to assist in keeping representation in the forefront.

Positions for Nomination

The Committee shall prepare nominations for the following offices and positions:

- Moderator-Elect/Moderator/Chair of Council*
- Elected Members of the Council*
- Commissioners to Synod*
- Commissioners to General Assembly/Bills & Overtures Committee*
- The Committee on Ministry*
- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry*

- The Committee on Representation
- Examinations Commission*
- The Grants Committee
- The Presbytery New Church Development Commission
- Operations Committee
- The Permanent Judicial Commission*
- Personnel Committee
- The Presbytery Worship and Planning Committee
- Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee and other committees as requested by Council

*Must be a Ruling or Teaching Elder in the PCUSA to serve

Council's Relationship to the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall invite the Presbytery Council and chairs of committees and commissions to delineate needs and suggest persons for service. Committee and commission chairs shall also report the names of members who are inactive. The Nominating Committee shall not be bound by such suggestions.

Committee on Representation's relationship to Nominating Committee

As defined by the Book of Order, Committee on Representation (COR) shall partner with and advise the Nominating Committee to achieve the goal of representation in the Presbytery.

Nominating Committee and Committee on Representation shall work together to build up the portfolio of nominees and to invite nominations for all committees and commissions of the Presbytery.

Nomination of the Moderator-Elect, Presbytery Moderator and Chair of Council

At the last Stated Meeting of the Presbytery each calendar year the Nominating Committee shall propose the name of a person for election as Moderator-Elect. In selecting this person, consideration shall be given to seniority, geography, general service to the church, and the timeliness of the election. Care shall be exercised to see that the number of elders and ministers nominated is approximately equal, though there need not be an exact alternation in the sequence of those elected.

Election as the Moderator-Elect is a three-year obligation. In Year 1 the elected serves *ex officio* as a member of Presbytery's Council. In Year 2 the elected serves as Presbytery Moderator and in Year 3 the elected serves as Chair of Council. Nominee will also serve as a Commissioner to General Assembly once during this term. Nominees shall be fully informed of the three-year commitment prior to nomination and shall agree to serve as delineated.

A brief biographical sketch of the nominee shall be presented to the Presbytery by the Nominating Committee in the Commissioner's Handbook.

The floor shall always be open for additional nominations for Moderator-Elect provided that the nominee is fully informed of the responsibilities and expectations of the office(s), consents in advance to nomination and agrees to the three-year commitment. Nominations from the floor shall be accompanied by written information contained in the Volunteer Information Form.

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 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.

- The Nominating Committee shall issue broad invitations to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to submit names for consideration as Commissioners to General Assembly.
- The Nominating Committee will nominate ordained elders and ministers as delineated by the General Assembly for election.
- Nominations shall include:
 - a. The Moderator of Presbytery during the year of the General Assembly.
 - b. The Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery during the year of the General Assembly.
 - c. Women Minister(s)
 - d. Racial Ethnic Minister(s)
 - e. Racial Ethnic Elder(s)
 - f. Women Elders
 - g. Minister or Elder under age of ~~35~~ 40
 - h. Other Ministers
 - i. Other Elders
 - j. Advisory Participants as authorized
- 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 2 years on the Bills and Overtures Committee.
- A brief biographical sketch for each nominee shall be presented to the Presbytery by the Nominating Committee in the Commissioner's Handbook.
- 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.
 - b. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the person(s) nominated has/have been obtained.

c. 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.

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.

- Election shall be by majority vote.
- 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.

The above motion of a revision of the by-laws for the Nominating Committee *was approved in the omnibus motion by 98% approval.*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For Information

When isolation is over and life can return to “normal,” will you offer your help... making decisions, visioning, planning and supporting the work of the Presbytery?

Your Presbytery Nominating Committee must fill vacancies in committees and commissions each year... some 50-60 vacancies! Please let us know that you are interested in serving by completing a Volunteer Interest Form (VIF), found online at www.atlpcusa.org/committees or in the Handbook of each Presbytery Meeting.

The Nominating Committee meets in August so please complete and submit VIFs NOW. You can find a form at the back of your Handbook.

Thank you!

Sylvia Wilson, Robert Hay, Rob Sparks, Nicole Lock, Vivian Hodo, Mark Roberson, Billy Wade and Mary Evans

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

For information:

The New Church Development Commission (NCDC) of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is pleased to report that we have never been more impressed with our new church leaders, our NCDC executive director, staff and board, and the entire Presbytery new church eco-system.

As people across the nation are experiencing uncertainty and disruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is also a particularly challenging time for the 6000+ people who are part of PGA's fragile and young new worshipping communities. Approximately one-third are economically insecure and are among the most vulnerable, first and hardest hit.

Nonetheless, faced with unprecedented conditions, all are rapidly adapting, and the speed of change continues to be remarkable. Here are a few highlights as of April 15, which was the Handbook deadline:

- Worship has been online since March 15 or 22 for twenty-five of PGA's new worshipping communities.
- Since mid-March, the NCDC executive director and its new worshipping community leaders have been intentionally meeting online and strategizing in order to build and improve congregational care, Bible Studies, prayer meetings, youth group, etc.
- Through online church, at least 14 of our new worshipping communities have doubled their weekly worship and program attendance, with 7 of those communities discovering a pleasant surprise: hearty international engagement!
- Since March 17, the NCDC has held weekly think tank conversations.
- Starting March 25, the NCDC has offered mid-week check-ins for our new worshipping community leaders.
- Beginning March 30, the NCDC has led weekly prayer times for new worshipping community leaders and/or friends.
- The NCDC is providing three free coaching sessions to any interested new worshipping community leaders and is working to expand that opportunity.
- The NCDC continues to provide grants for technology starter kits for new worshipping communities in need.
- The NCDC is initiating a webinar series on behalf of the entire Presbytery.
- As of mid-April, the NCDC is turning to the task of providing invaluable support to vulnerable new worshipping community leaders and/or families who have been overlooked by official government responses.

We hope that you will prayerfully and seriously consider giving. You can do so at this Presbytery meeting, since the offering has been designated to meeting the emergency needs of some of our most economically vulnerable leaders. If you are in a financial situation that has not changed much in recent months or that has benefitted from the stimulus package, and you'd like to get money into the hands of those who need it critically, please donate any time through the donate button on the NCDC page of the PGA website <https://www.atlpcusa.org/ncdc> or this direct link <https://bit.ly/ncdc-pf>. Either option will take you straight to the NCDC's Presbyterian Foundation giving page, and you can set up as well as designate your emergency aid. Plus, the Presbyterian Foundation will send you a year-end tax statement.

The reality is that this crisis has forced many in our Presbytery to the economic edge. It is important to remember that the vulnerabilities of these people and communities existed before the crisis cast them in such stark relief. Nonetheless, with COVID-19 sharpening our awareness, we have an opportunity and responsibility to improve our connections and systems to better support the most vulnerable not just during this crisis, but after it passes.

The NCDC hopes you will be able to help.

While none among us knows where all of the COVID related changes lead, we expect that the relationships we build now and some habits we are developing will continue to be a part of robust church life long after this crisis has passed. In the meantime, we pray that you stay healthy and well during this difficult season that is still filled with resilience, grace, and the life changing presence of God.

For more information about the New Church Development Commission, visit <https://www.atlpcusa.org/ncdc> and/or <https://www.facebook.com/NCDCAtlanta>

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

For Information: Online Giving

As indicated earlier, we are taking an offering during this meeting, but you can use the QR code, or the “Give” button on the PGA website, at any time – and for other reasons. Besides the option to give to the Presbytery Meeting, there are also options for individuals or churches to give to the “General Fund” (Shared Ministry Support for congregations) or to “Per Capita.” If you would like to support the budget of the presbytery, or if this is a more convenient way for your churches to send their per capita payments and contributions to the presbytery, we invite you to use this method to process your giving electronically.

Please note: at this time, we are not able to receive payments for special offerings or other causes collected by congregations and sent to the presbytery for redistribution to other ministries. We will still need the checks mailed along with the transmittal forms in order to ensure that your designated funds are being sent where you intend for them to be used.

Thank you, as always, to our churches and other individuals for your continued contributions to your presbytery. We only exist because you are part of us!

Admit to Record

Please see the following pages which contain the financial reports to date.

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Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
Monthly Benevolence Report
March 2020

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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	\$0.00	\$877.75
100-403020 - Christmas Joy Offering	\$200.00	\$1,713.00	\$3,145.58
100-403050 - Peacemaking Special Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$336.00
100-403200 - Designated for Missionaries	\$416.67	\$3,325.01	\$2,400.01
Total Budgeted General Assembly	<u>\$616.67</u>	<u>\$5,038.01</u>	<u>\$6,759.34</u>
Budgeted Presbytery			
100-403510 - Designated Thornwell Home & School	\$869.34	\$869.34	\$1,737.46
100-403550 - Johnson C. Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
100-403580 - Presbyterian Homes	\$156.84	\$156.84	\$467.46
100-403590 - Villa International	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Budgeted Presbytery	<u>\$1,026.18</u>	<u>\$1,276.18</u>	<u>\$2,454.92</u>
Total Budgeted Designated	<u>\$1,642.85</u>	<u>\$6,314.19</u>	<u>\$9,214.26</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$1,642.85</u>	<u>\$6,314.19</u>	<u>\$9,214.26</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$1,642.85</u>	<u>\$6,314.19</u>	<u>\$9,214.26</u>
Disbursements and Expenses			
Benevolent Disbursements			
100-500100 - G. A. Budgeted Benevolence	\$616.67	\$5,038.01	\$6,759.34
100-500500 - Designated for Presbyterian Homes	\$156.84	\$156.84	\$467.46
100-504010 - Designated for Villa International	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
100-504030 - Designated for Thornwell	\$869.34	\$869.34	\$1,737.46
100-506020 - Designated for JC Smith Seminary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Total Benevolent Disbursements	<u>\$1,642.85</u>	<u>\$6,314.19</u>	<u>\$9,214.26</u>
Total Disbursements and Expenses	<u>\$1,642.85</u>	<u>\$6,314.19</u>	<u>\$9,214.26</u>
Net Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position
Operations Fund
As of March 31, 2020

Assets

Cash		\$422,568.49
Investments		\$698,846.22
Accounts Receivable		
Allowance for Accounts Receivable	(\$46,400.00)	
A/R--Operations	\$15,163.50	
A/R--Due from Clifton Sanctuary Min.	(\$3,181.78)	
A/R--Hanbit PC	\$36,394.87	
A/R - Rockspring PC	\$24,365.44	
A/R- Ormewood Park	\$25,432.24	
A/R - College Park PC	\$40,717.31	
A/R - Church of the New Covenant	(\$24,613.46)	
A/R - Luther Hays PET	\$20.10	
A/R--Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$34,818.23	
A/R -Church os St. Andrew	\$24,324.82	
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$775,000.00	
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	(\$538,024.67)	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$364,016.60
Prepaid Expenses		\$4,038.98
Property & Equipment		\$1,200,523.54
Total Held for Sale or Transfer		\$330,000.00
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)		\$8,012,960.50
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(\$1,346,187.79)
Total Assets		<u><u>\$9,686,766.54</u></u>

Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

Liabilities		
Non-Budgeted Benevolence		\$285.00
A/P Operations		\$10,509.29
A/P Tree of Life Ministries		\$10,000.00
HFSA		\$788.49
Accrued Vacation		\$17,375.11
Promise to Give	\$0.00	
Promise to Give Mary Christopher		\$0.00
Long-term Debt		
Due to Wachovia (CSM)	\$52,944.24	
Total Long-term Debt		\$52,944.24
Other Liabilities	\$65,226.73	
		<u>\$65,226.73</u>
Total Liabilities		\$157,128.86
Total Restricted Funds		\$734,668.05
Fund Principal		
Fund Balance--Operations	\$10,748,348.33	
Reclasses for Audit Prep	(\$1,968,840.08)	
Net Income Year-to-Date	\$15,461.38	
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date		<u>\$8,794,969.63</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		<u><u>\$9,686,766.54</u></u>

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
Operations Fund Revenues and Disbursements-Preliminary
Period Ending March 31, 2020

	Actual Period Ending <u>3/31/20</u>	Actual Period Ending <u>3/31/19</u>	Annual Budget <u>FYE 01/31/2021</u>
Operation Support	\$ 35,936.77	\$ 64,601.27	\$ 620,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 89,741.78	\$ 93,628.02	\$ 660,000.00
Budgeted Presbytery	<u>\$ 6,646.03</u>	<u>\$ 9,701.72</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
Total Designated	<u>\$ 132,324.58</u>	<u>\$ 167,931.01</u>	<u>\$ 1,283,200.00</u>
Interest Income	\$ 104.40	\$ 490.18	\$ 7,000.00
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 7,469.01	\$ 26,896.66	\$ 44,500.00
Other Income	<u>\$ 108,017.35</u>	<u>\$ 8,540.45</u>	<u>\$ 196,150.00</u>
Total Revenues before Transfers	<u>\$ 247,915.34</u>	<u>\$ 203,858.30</u>	<u>\$ 1,530,850.00</u>
Transfers			
Transfer to Pilgrimage	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Transfers	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 69,705.37	\$ 90,093.11	\$ 533,418.36
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 2,496.57	\$ 13,233.88	\$ 25,000.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 139,845.53	\$ 99,343.40	\$ 809,099.25
Administrative Costs	<u>\$ 20,406.49</u>	<u>\$ 22,109.78</u>	<u>\$ 163,050.00</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 162,748.59</u>	<u>\$ 134,687.06</u>	<u>\$ 997,149.25</u>
Total Transfers and Disbursements	<u>\$ 232,453.96</u>	<u>\$ 224,780.17</u>	<u>\$ 1,530,567.61</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 15,461.38</u>	<u>\$ (20,921.87)</u>	<u>\$ 282.39</u>
Other Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating Total	\$ 15,461.38	\$ (20,921.87)	\$ 282.39

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PEACHTREE			\$182,936.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	7010	6788
ROSWELL	\$45,000.00		\$64,814.75		\$0.00			\$0.00	2351	2405
First PRES-ATLANTA			\$50,908.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	1856	1889
KOREAN COMMUNITY			\$45,922.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	1836	1704
TRINITY ATLANTA	\$106,000.00		\$57,996.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	1771	2152
SHALLOWFORD		\$555.27	\$28,728.70	\$7,182.27	\$7,737.54			\$7,737.54	984	1066
NORTH AVENUE *		\$5,003.01	\$25,225.20		\$5,003.01	\$1,420.01	\$365.00	\$6,788.02	927	936
ALPHARETTA	\$22,450.00		\$22,449.35		\$0.00			\$0.00	833	833
DECATUR			\$21,937.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	800	814
ST LUKES	\$36,000.00	\$3,100.00	\$20,212.50	\$10,104.70	\$13,204.70			\$13,204.70	727	750
First AFRICAN			\$19,350.10		\$0.00			\$0.00	692	718
JOHNS CREEK			\$18,110.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	685	672
MCDONOUGH	\$10,083.00	\$2,520.75	\$14,418.25	\$14,419.00	\$16,939.75	\$625.00	\$837.50	\$18,402.25	532	535
First PRES-LAGRANGE	\$5,000.00		\$14,256.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	521	529
CENTRAL		\$1,779.17	\$13,286.35	\$13,286.35	\$15,065.52			\$15,065.52	515	493
BUFORD	\$0.00		\$13,798.40	\$1,133.06	\$1,133.06		\$155.75	\$1,288.81	512	512
MOUNT VERNON			\$12,774.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	396	474
NEWNAN	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,699.15	\$1,783.20	\$6,783.20	\$1,118.00		\$7,901.20	394	397
NORTHMINSTER		\$3,500.00	\$13,043.80	\$2,173.96	\$5,673.96			\$5,673.96	391	484
PLEASANT HILL	\$19,000.00		\$13,690.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	375	508
MORNINGSIDE			\$14,930.30		\$0.00			\$0.00	365	554
NORTH DECATUR	\$0.00		\$9,513.35		\$0.00			\$0.00	354	353
CLAIRMONT			\$9,863.70	\$2,466.00	\$2,466.00			\$2,466.00	322	366
OAKHURST		\$666.66	\$8,192.80	\$1,313.50	\$1,980.16			\$1,980.16	321	304
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$9,189.95		\$0.00			\$0.00	314	341
NEW LIFE	\$2,000.00		\$8,085.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	314	300
FAYETTE	\$0.00		\$7,222.60	\$1,805.65	\$1,805.65			\$1,805.65	268	268
EASTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$9,594.20	\$959.42	\$959.42			\$959.42	258	356
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$0.00		\$7,680.75	\$1,920.19	\$1,920.19			\$1,920.19	255	285
First PRES-COVINGTON	\$10,000.00	\$833.33	\$6,926.15	\$577.18	\$1,410.51			\$1,410.51	238	257
ST ANDREWS	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,982.90	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00			\$7,500.00	232	222
NORTHWEST		\$2,500.00	\$6,252.40		\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	231	232
CARRLITON		\$250.00	\$6,333.25	\$1,300.00	\$1,550.00	\$200.00		\$1,750.00	230	235
RADCLIFFE			\$6,333.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	228	235
LOYD	\$4,200.00	\$666.66	\$6,063.75	\$2,021.26	\$2,687.92		\$200.00	\$2,887.92	221	225
First PRES-PEACHTREE CITY			\$5,147.45		\$0.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	206	191
CONYERS	\$0.00		\$5,443.90		\$0.00			\$0.00	200	202
MORROW			\$5,336.10	\$5,336.00	\$5,336.00			\$5,336.00	199	198

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COVENANT	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,093.55	\$424.50	\$1,424.50	\$75.00		\$1,499.50	196	189
LAWRENCEVILLE	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$5,875.10	\$1,468.78	\$2,218.78		\$100.00	\$2,318.78	194	218
KOREAN CENTRAL			\$4,851.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	180	180
CROSSROADS	\$1,000.00		\$4,446.75		\$0.00			\$0.00	162	165
KAIROS			\$4,096.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	152	152
STOCKBRIDGE			\$3,907.75	\$3,045.00	\$3,045.00	\$25.00		\$3,070.00	136	145
HAMILTON MILL	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,692.15	\$923.04	\$2,923.04			\$2,923.04	138	137
DRUID HILLS	\$4,500.00		\$3,530.45		\$0.00			\$0.00	129	131
EMORY	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,314.85	\$3,314.85	\$4,314.85	\$2,250.00	\$500.00	\$7,064.85	122	123
SMYRNA		\$200.00	\$3,422.65		\$200.00			\$200.00	118	127
RICE MEMORIAL	\$2,500.00		\$3,180.10		\$0.00			\$0.00	118	118
AUSTELL		\$407.18	\$2,695.00		\$407.18	\$313.68	\$156.84	\$877.70	116	100
HILLSIDE			\$3,476.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	114	129
CHURCH OF THE MASTER			\$2,802.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	106	104
OGLETHORPE	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,773.00	\$734.50	\$1,734.50			\$1,734.50	104	140
MEMORIAL DRIVE			\$2,748.90		\$0.00			\$0.00	102	102
FAIRVIEW			\$2,317.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	96	86
PHILADELPHIA			\$2,587.20		\$0.00			\$0.00	93	96
COLUMBIA			\$2,371.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	91	88
GOOD NEWS GARDEN			\$2,398.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	89	89
First PRES-MONROE			\$3,449.60		\$0.00			\$0.00	87	128
First PRES-JONESBORO	\$7,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,317.70	\$1,050.00	\$2,250.00			\$2,250.00	86	86
TRINITY DECATUR	\$500.00		\$2,182.95		\$0.00			\$0.00	80	81
BETHANY			\$2,075.15	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$125.00		\$675.00	80	77
TIMBERRIDGE			\$2,236.85		\$0.00			\$0.00	78	83
GUM CREEK	\$0.00		\$2,156.00		\$0.00	\$250.00		\$250.00	74	80
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECT'N			\$2,021.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	74	75
NORCROSS			\$3,934.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	64	146
ATLANTA TAIWANESE			\$1,805.65		\$0.00			\$0.00	62	67
HANBIT			\$1,778.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	58	66
JACKSON	\$2,000.00	\$200.00	\$1,536.15	\$150.92	\$350.92			\$350.92	54	57
GRACE KOREAN			\$1,401.40		\$0.00			\$0.00	52	52
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES			\$1,347.50		\$0.00			\$0.00	50	50
KELLEY	\$2,000.00		\$1,778.70		\$0.00			\$0.00	44	66
SUMMIT OF SOUTH FAYETTE			\$1,751.75		\$0.00			\$0.00	34	65
HEMPHILL MEMORIAL			\$943.25		\$0.00			\$0.00	33	35
DALLAS-DODD	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$943.25	\$943.25	\$1,943.25			\$1,943.25	27	35
ATLANTA KOREAN			\$781.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	24	29

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First PRES-MANCHESTER WM SPRGS. GREENVILLE			\$646.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	24	24
FRIENDSHIP LUTHER HAYS			\$646.80		\$0.00			\$0.00	24	24
BARNESVILLE			\$619.85		\$0.00			\$0.00	23	23
WESTHILLS			\$592.90		\$0.00			\$0.00	22	22
NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GA. EBENEZER	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$889.35	\$565.95	\$0.00			\$0.00	21	33
First PRES-BREMEN TALLAPOOSA	\$0.00		\$700.70	\$700.70	\$565.95			\$565.95	20	21
FELLOWSHIP ROCK SPRING			\$404.25	\$404.25	\$1,100.70			\$1,100.70	19	26
CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT COLLEGE PARK			\$377.30		\$0.00			\$404.25	16	15
			\$242.55		\$0.00			\$0.00	14	14
			\$1,967.35		\$0.00			\$0.00	9	9
			\$0.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	0	73
			\$0.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	0	0
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$314,633.00	\$37,032.03	\$915,976.60	\$88,057.48	\$125,089.51	\$6,401.69	\$2,815.09	\$134,306.29	32697	33988
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL								\$760.00		
* OVERALL TOTAL		\$40,939.78		\$92,207.78				\$147,213.22		

* Kairos & Tallapoosa

- COLUMN (1)** Benevolence Pledges from church sessions.
- COLUMN (2)** All funds for basic benevolence support of GA, Synod & Presbytery Missions. Not included here are special designations, which are reported in Column 5.
- COLUMN (3)** Per Capita due by April 1, 2020 is \$26.95 per member based on the active membership of the congregation as of January 1, 2019 as reported in the Assembly statistics for Dec. 31, 2018.
- COLUMN (4)** Per Capita received at Presbytery.
- COLUMN (5)** Total Receipts to Presbytery Budget.
- COLUMN (6)** Designated amounts that support the budgeted work of the governing bodies and institutions of the church.
- COLUMN (7)** Designated amounts that support non-budgeted work of institutions of the church, such as E.C.O.'s, Disaster Relief & Capital Funds Campaign, etc.
- COLUMN (8)** Total of all receipts.

MEMBERSHIP - Shown for 12/31/19; per capita based on 12/31/18 membership.

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

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

We were reminded that the Presbytery is in the midst of the Matthew 25 initiative. Today's meeting was to focus on structural racism. We will find new ways to engage this discussion and more as we move through the year (not knowing when we can gather again in person).

Aisha expressed her sincere praise to all the churches on how they are becoming creative with on-line worship, attempting to offer pastoral care in new ways and continuing to be faithful with community ministries. Words of encouragement to continue to have hope in light of this pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made from the floor and seconded as new business:

Move that the Presbytery Council, in collaboration with other Presbyteries of Georgia, write a letter to the local Brunswick (GA) officials and newspaper demanding a full process of justice be ensured in the Ahmaud Arbery murder investigation.

A friendly amendment was made and seconded. The motion *was approved overwhelmingly with only 4 negative votes.*

Moderator Williams closed the meeting in prayer at 11:02.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna E. Wells

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ADDENDUM #1



March 20, 2020

To all of La Gonâve Haiti Partners,

Today, the whole world faces a crucial problem, the Covid-19. This virus is still a challenge and is considered as one of the worst enemies of humanity. We need to be stronger than before and rely on God's guidance as we pray and encourage each other.

As your brother in Christ, I keep you all in my prayers. I pray for your safety and ask that God send His enlightened light to the medical researchers to find a solution to this pandemic which is ravaging us all over the world.

God who helped humanity in the fight against leprosy, disease, black death, and so many other illnesses, will help us against this mean and malicious virus. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He will not abandon us to ourselves. Pray for each other in these times of crisis.

At this time there is no case in Haiti. We keep in faith and pray so that we are not overwhelmed by this Coronavirus. We are a fragile nation. We do not have the resources to protect and defend ourselves.

God loves us all and we are His people!

With Faith,

Père Jean Madoché Vil
St. Francis d'Assisi Parish
Eglise Episcopale d'Haiti

ADDENDUM #2



ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EDUCATORS, INC.

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March 31, 2020

Ms. C. J. Drymon, Clerk of Session
Shallowford Presbyterian Church
2375 Shallowford Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30345

Dear Session of Shallowford Presbyterian Church:

On behalf of the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE), we would like gratefully acknowledged the contribution of Catherine Foster to our Association as Co-Chair of our 2020 Annual Event in Little Rock, Arkansas. Along with Miatta Wilson, Catherine served APCE's five member denominations and the larger church as they imagined, created, designed and implemented the 49th year of APCE's outstanding faith formation annual events.

Over the past two years, Catherine and Miatta assembled a team of volunteers who faithfully worked to create an event that would empower, enrich, connect and sustain Christian educators in the United States, Canada, and beyond. Using the theme, *"Getting Outside the Box: Discipleship Through Retreat, Mission, and Justice Ministries,"* they invited educators to consider all types of discipleship and the meaning of following in Jesus' footsteps in the 21st century.

The 2020 annual event had more than 650 participants and countless more who watched via live-streaming. Catherine and her team worked on every aspect of the conference including multiple worship services, plenaries, keynote addresses, and music that built on the theme. She also worked with Bonnie Edwards, David Gill, and Jeannie Ford to make sure more than 60 on-site workshops and 10 off-site extended workshops were all successful.

Perhaps what was most impressive about her leadership was the faithful way in which she approached all things. It was clear to all that Catherine has a servant's heart and is willing to do whatever she can to build up the church locally and universally. Her positive attitude was a joy and spread to all who worked with her. We were most grateful for her amazing organizational skills which allowed the conference to run smoothly.

We would ask that you might take the time at your next meeting to honor and thank Catherine for her extraordinary effort to the larger church and present her with this certificate. On behalf of all 3,500 members of our association, we give thanks for the time, energy and dedication she shared with the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. Behind every great leader is a team of prayer, support and resource. The session and members of Shallowford Presbyterian Church have made Catherine's contribution to our Association and the larger church possible. We give thanks to God for your commitment to the larger church and your support of Catherine in this role.

Rev. Carl Horton

Rev. Carl Horton
President 2019-2020
Association of Presbyterian Church Educators

Thom Cunningham

Thom Cunningham
Moderator, Annual Event Ministry Team
Association of Presbyterian Church Educators

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ADDENDUM #3

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

<p>Kum Ham, <i>et al.</i>, Appellants,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>The Session of Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Appellee.</p>	<p>((((((((</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Decision and Order</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remedial Appeal 224-09</p>
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Arrival Statement

This is an Appeal to the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GAPJC or this Commission) from a decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the South Atlantic (SPJC). In that decision, the SPJC affirmed the dismissal of the complaint by the SPJC’s Moderator and Clerk based upon lack of standing.

Jurisdictional Statement

This Commission has jurisdiction, Samuel S. Chung has standing to file the appeal, the appeal was properly and timely filed, and the appeal states one or more of the grounds for appeal set forth in D-8.0105.¹

Appearances

The parties agreed to the appeal being considered by this Commission without appearing in person for a hearing. (See further detail in final paragraphs of “History” below.)

History

The history of this case begins with the untimely death of the Rev. In Soo Jung, pastor of Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta (KCPC). The Rev. Woojin Shim, an

¹ *Book of Order* citations in this Decision are from 2017-2019 edition, which was in effect during the time of the actions and PJC decisions herein.

associate pastor of the church, assumed the role of acting head of staff. Controversy ensued around the process and appropriate roles for the Session, pastor nominating committee, congregation, and the Presbytery in the selection of the next pastor of the congregation. This process was complicated by the consideration of the associate pastor for the pastor position.

On September 4, 2018, a joint meeting of representatives of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (PGA), Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta Session (KCPC Session), and representatives from a group calling itself the “Save Our Church Committee” (SOCC) was held at the offices of the PGA. Kum Ham was the identified moderator of SOCC at this meeting and served as translator and interpreter for some of the members of the group. Samuel S. Chung (who later identified himself as counsel for SOCC), along with others, outlined the concerns of the SOCC in a PowerPoint presentation.

From the beginning there was confusion about the nature of the September 4, 2018, SOCC presentation. The PGA representatives and KCPC Session considered it an airing of grievances while the counsel for SOCC later asserted it was a filing of a formal remedial complaint. The PGA Stated Clerk sought to clarify the matter and encourage SOCC counsel to file a complaint in written form other than a PowerPoint presentation. Ultimately counsel for SOCC prevailed in insisting that the presentation met the minimum standard for a remedial complaint and that it had been served in person. On September 12, 2018, an amendment to the complaint was filed identifying Kum Ham, *et al.*, as complainant and as member of SOCC.

The Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission (PPJC) Executive Committee reviewed the complaint and made its preliminary ruling on the preliminary questions on January 14, 2019. The ruling was appealed, and a PPJC hearing was scheduled for February 23, 2019. In the meantime, the parties engaged in settlement discussions. On February 11, 2019, Chung, counsel for SOCC, submitted his resignation from the SOCC. In order to accommodate work toward a settlement, the identified Complainant, Ham, requested on February 19, 2019, an extension for the date of the hearing, which was granted. On February 20, 2019, the SOCC and Ham removed Chung as counsel. On February 24, 2019, Ham, SOCC, and the KCPC Session filed a settlement agreement with the Stated Clerk resolving all the issues in the complaint between Ham (inclusive of SOCC), and KCPC Session. In a hearing on March 9, 2019, the PPJC received the joint request of Ham, SOCC, and the KCPC Session to accept the settlement agreement and dismiss the complaint. The PPJC accepted the settlement and dismissed the complaint.

During the negotiation of the settlement, on February 20 and February 22, 2019, Chung sought to amend the original complaint by adding names to the complaint and seeking to reinstate himself first as counsel and then as a complainant while a settlement was being negotiated. On March 9, 2019, the PPJC, ruling on the preliminary questions, determined that Chung did not have standing to continue the case because he was not identified as one of the original complainants.

On March 25, 2019, Chung appealed the ruling of the PPJC to the SPJC. On April 19, 2019, the Executive Committee of the SPJC ruled on the preliminary questions that Chung did not have standing to make the appeal on the grounds that he was not one of the original complainants.

On July 1, 2019, Chung amended his appeal and appealed the ruling of the Executive Committee to the full SPJC. On August 27, 2019, the SPJC held a hearing and ruled that Chung did not have standing to make the appeal on the grounds that he was not one of the original complainants.

On October 7, 2019, Chung appealed the ruling of the SPJC to the GAPJC. On November 12, 2019, the Executive Committee of the GAPJC accepted the case.

On March 23, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the GAPJC informed the parties by letter that the April 24, 2020, face-to-face hearing had been cancelled due to the decision by the Office of the General Assembly to cancel all face-to-face meetings until further notice. The GAPJC gave the parties the option of having the case decided on the briefs and record alone. The Commission invited the parties to file an additional two-page brief. Both parties agreed to this arrangement. Both parties filed second briefs. On April 14, 2020, the GAPJC voted to amend its Manual of Operations to allow deliberations to take place electronically.

Per its amended Manual of Operations, the GAPJC conducted deliberations by videoconference during its stated meeting between April 23 and 26, 2020.

Specification of Error

Chung did not delineate “Specifications of Error” in the appeal; therefore, this Commission has formulated the following Specification of Error, drawn from Chung’s arguments in the case.

That the SPJC erred in its determination on the challenge to the preliminary question(s) pursuant to D-8.0302 that Chung does not have standing to file an appeal and therefore erroneously dismissed the case.

The specification of error is not sustained.

Chung claims continuous membership in the KCPC since 2008, and that he was one of the original complainants in the case when it was before the PPJC. However, from the beginning of this case, and certainly when Chung filed an amended complaint on September 12, 2018, he did not identify himself as one of the original complainants, but only as “counsel.”

It is noteworthy that the case has been styled² “Kum Ham, *et al.* v. the Session of Korean Community Presbyterian Church” since its origination before the PPJC. At no time has a full list been provided of complainants otherwise obscured by the “*et al.*” Elsewhere in the record, only one additional person is identified as one of the original complainants, Kun Kil An, who signed the settlement agreement. In his brief, Chung lists himself and others as complainants in the original case, but this list does not appear in any other document in the record. Tellingly, Chung

² The “styling” of a case is the material at the top of the case records that identify the various individuals and/or councils that are parties to the case, the body hearing the case or appeal, the reference number, and whether the case is remedial or disciplinary.

filed a motion with PPJC to change the name of the complainant in Remedial Case 18-01 to “Jane Chung”; even then no list of original complainants appears, and thus no record of Samuel Chung as being among them exists. Appellee’s brief includes language that it claims was in the Synod’s Determination of Preliminary Questions Pursuant to D-8.0302 that states, in pertinent part, that Samuel Chung was not party to the “above and foregoing matter.”

Decision

Book of Order D-8.0102 states, “An appeal may be initiated only by one or more of the original parties in the case and is accompanied by the filing of written notice of appeal.” In 2002, this Commission, in *Presbytery of San Joaquin v. Permanent Judicial Commission, Synod of the Pacific, and Synod of the Pacific* (Remedial Case 215-3), held that “Our Rules of Discipline do not permit a person to seek remedial relief, as San Joaquin is attempting here, against a judicial commission based upon that commission’s rulings in another case in which that person was not a party.” It further noted that San Joaquin could 1) have joined the original case as a complainant, or 2) have filed its own original case against the Synod. This Commission dismissed the appeal for lack of standing.

The same principle is applicable here. Chung, who throughout referred to himself as “counsel” for the complainants, did not seek to join the complaint until shortly before the matter was dismissed by the PPJC. He sought to change the names of the complainants when a settlement appeared imminent. The PPJC noted that Chung could have filed his own case. Chung elected not to do so.

In addition, this Commission notes its concern over the styling of this case from its inception at the PPJC level. A complete list of the names of individuals that comprise the parties in the case is an essential element of a complaint, so that all parties and councils are clearly identified. Collective terms such as “*et al.*” in case styling may be convenient after the parties have been identified, but their use in the initial case styling often creates confusion by obscuring the full list of participants. In the instant case, the problem is complicated by the fact that the original complaint was in the form of a PowerPoint presentation that did not identify any complainants by name. Courts of original jurisdiction throughout the church are advised to clearly identify all parties in a complaint.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the decision of the SPJC is affirmed and the complaint is dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the South Atlantic report this Decision to the Synod of the South Atlantic at the first meeting after receipt, that the Synod of the South Atlantic enter the full Decision upon its minutes, and that an excerpt from those minutes showing entry of the Decision be sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta report this Decision to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta at the first meeting after receipt, that the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta enter the full Decision upon its minutes, and that an excerpt from those minutes showing entry of the Decision be sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Session report this Decision to the Session of the Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, at the first meeting after receipt, that the Session enter the full Decision upon its minutes, and an excerpt from those minutes showing entry of the Decision be sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.


Absences and Non-Appearances

All current commissioners were present and participated in the deliberations. The commissioner position from the Synod of the Northeast was vacant.

Certificates

We certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Remedial Appeal 224-09, Kum Ham, *et al.*, Appellants v. The Session of Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Appellee, deliberating by videoconference under the provisions of 6.02.90e of its Manual of Operations, made and announced in Louisville, KY, this 26th day of April, 2020

Dated this 26th day of April, 2020



Ruth Goldthwaite, Moderator
Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly



Deborah Little Cohn, Clerk
General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission

I certify that I did transmit a certified copy of the foregoing to the following persons by Federal Express Next Day Air, directing Flor Vélez-Díaz to deposit it in the mail in Louisville, KY

Samuel Chung, Counsel for the Appellant
Philla Kim, Counsel for the Appellee
Stated Clerk, Synod of South Atlantic
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission

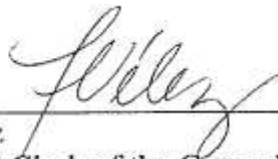
I further certify that I did transmit a certified copy of the foregoing to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by delivering via electronic transmission to Flor Vélez-Díaz, on April 26, 2020.



Deborah Little Cohn, Clerk
General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission

I certify that I received a certified copy of the foregoing, that it is a full and correct copy of the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), sitting during an interval between meetings of the General Assembly, on April 26, 2020, in Remedial Appeal 224-09, Kum Ham, et al., Appellant v. The Session of Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Appellee, and that it is the final judgment of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the case.

Dated in Louisville, KY on April 26, 2020.



Flor Vélez-Díaz
Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Assembly,
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
and Manager of Judicial Process and Social Witness