

MINUTES FOR
Savannah Presbytery
608th Session
Spring Stated Meeting
May 21, 2013



Faith Presbyterian Church, Rincon, GA



Savannah Presbytery

SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	Registration Begins
9:15 AM	Commissioner Orientation
10:00 PM	Meeting Called to Order
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Reconvene
4:00 PM	Meeting Adjourned



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Message from Faith’s Pastor, Mary Beene:

Welcome to our church home. We are delighted to have you with us today as we celebrate spring and new growth at Faith Presbyterian Church. Just last week we hosted families through Savannah’s Interfaith Hospitality Network, but we’re not stopping there. We are among a core group developing our own network for homeless families through Family Promise right here in Effingham County. If you catch a glimpse of a green wagon, you’ll see one sign of our outreach to Manna House, an ecumenical food pantry, thrift shop and so much more. Take a walk around our grounds and you might see the very first stage of our community garden. We’re a small church, but we have a big passion for the work of Jesus Christ, so we don’t let anything stand in our way. I hope today you will see that our big passion is to make you feel welcome. Enjoy your time with us and let us know if there is anything at all that you need.

Blessings,

Pastor Mary

Directions to Faith Presbyterian Church, Rincon, Georgia

Address: 2000 Lexington Avenue, Rincon, 31326

Take I-95 North to the GA Route 21 exit. This is exit 109 and the last Georgia exit before the South Carolina border. Take GA route 21 north to Rincon. Once you are in Rincon, turn right onto Fourth Street (beside Rincon Elementary School; there will be a Presbyterian Church (USA) denominational sign). Go two blocks, and then take a left onto Lexington Avenue (there will be a PC(USA) sign there also). Follow Lexington approximately 1 mile and the church will be on the right.

There are a few hotels in Rincon, but more options can be found 20 minutes from the church in Port Wentworth at exit 109 off of I-95.



Faith Presbyterian Church History

During the mid 1980's, the Savannah Presbytery looked to the future and foresaw growth in Effingham County, Georgia. As a result, Savannah Presbytery bought five acres of land on Highway 21 just south of Rincon, Georgia. In 1995 a New Church Development Committee (NCD) was formed from various churches in the Presbytery – First Presbyterian of Savannah, Wilmington Island Presbyterian, First Presbyterian of Brunswick, Saint Simons Island Presbyterian, Skidaway Island Presbyterian, and Effingham County resident Brenda Harrelson. Richard Bass, Executive Presbyter, oversaw all activities of the Committee. In late summer 1996, Rev. Frank Webster was called by unanimous vote by the NCD to the organizing pastor of the new Presbyterian Church in Rincon, Georgia. It should be noted that a Presbyterian church had never been in Effingham County.

In late 1996, a group of 12 people met for the first church service in a cabin at Ebenezer Retreat of what would become Faith Presbyterian Church. Services had to be moved from Ebenezer Retreat Center by spring of 1997 because of unavailability of meeting space. The Rincon Lions Club became the new meeting location for the next two years. While at the Lions Club facility there was slow steady growth and in 1999 the congregation moved to a vacated Christian Alliance Church building on Wisenbaker Road. While at that location the church continued growth and plans were laid to start a church building program. After it was determined that massive site preparation would be required for building on the five acres on Hwy. 21 that property was sold and 12 acres were bought on Lexington Avenue in Rincon, GA. Ground breaking services were held on May 19, 2002 at 3:30 PM with Rev. Frank Webster officiating. Rev. Webster moved to Virginia Aug. 11, 2002. The new church building was dedicated in 2004. Currently under the leadership of the Reverend Mary Beene, the church continues to grow in both members and service to the community. Members are actively involved in Manna House Ministries, Habitat for Humanity of Effingham County, Treutlen House, Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise, a Community Garden, funded in part by the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund and other community efforts. With the Lord's guidance and blessing, Faith Presbyterian will continue to do God's work.

Stated Meeting Notes and Announcements

- ✓ **Handbook:** Please print a copy and bring your handbook with you to the meeting. Take time to familiarize yourself with the contents of this handbook. Please read all material carefully prior to coming to the meeting, particularly the Consent Agenda (if there is one), which will be voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Handbooks are posted online two weeks before each presbytery meeting. In order to be good stewards of the presbytery's resources, we ask that each church print out copies for the pastor, clerk, and Elder Commissioner.
- ✓ **PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR ELDER COMMISSIONER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE A COPY OF THIS HANDBOOK.**
If they do not, you can get a copy from the presbytery office, or download it from the website.
- ✓ **Excuses:** If a Minister or Elder Commissioner cannot attend the meeting, a written request for excuse is required. You can email it to bsutton1@savannahpresbytery.org or mail it to Savannah Presbytery, 3590 Darien Highway, Suite 8, Brunswick, GA 31525.
- ✓ **Registration & Lunch:** Registration begins at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served around noon with a cost of \$10.00.
- ✓ **Meeting Location:** Faith Presbyterian Church, Rincon, GA
- ✓ **Session Minutes Readings:** Minutes will be read during the Stated Meeting. Before you submit your Minutes to be read, **PLEASE FILL OUT THE "SESSION MINUTES CHECKLIST" COMPLETELY AND INCLUDE IT INSIDE THE COVER OF YOUR MINUTES.** You can get a checklist on the presbytery website or by contacting the presbytery office.

PLEASE NOTE: The Minutes of the Feb 15, 2013 Stated Meeting are on our website, www.savannahpresbytery.org. These will be voted for approval at the Stated Meeting, please download and review these prior to the presbytery meeting in preparation to vote for their approval. If you are unable to get them from the website, a paper copy can be provided by the presbytery office. Please contact Beth Sutton at 912-264-1997 or bsutton1@savannahpresbytery.org.

Docket
608th Session of Savannah Presbytery, Spring Stated Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2013

We are called by God to this Time and Place.
 We gather in Worship to praise God for all we are and are to be.
 We seek to honor God in the work we do this day,
 for all moments are holy as we seek God's will for God's Church.
 We welcome all to this gathering and seek to fellowship together as we celebrate the
 gift of all life
 and of our individual lives by God's grace.
 May you find today that you have been blessed
 through the ordinary as well as in the extraordinary,
 for we are standing, in all our days, on Holy Ground!

9:00 AM	Registration (please turn off all cell phones)	
9:15 AM	First time Commissioner Orientation – RE Jean Vernon	
10:00 AM	Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Rev. Kathi Parchem, Moderator	
	Worship and Reflection : Alan Dyer, Candidate for Ordination and Installation as Associate Pastor of St Simons Presbyterian Church	
Order of the Day	Examination of Alan Dyer CPM Chair Revs. Dan Lewis & Craig Pope, COM Moderator – Rev. Eric Beene	10
	Welcome from Faith Presbyterian Church - Brenda Harrelson	
	Welcome and Introduction of First Time Elder Commissioners and Visitors	
	Determination of Quorum – Quorum established	
	Appointment of Standing Committees – Danny Grace	
	Introduction and Welcoming of First time Elder Attendees & Visitors	
	Organization of the Docket & Meeting	
	Approval of Minutes: Feb 15, 2013 (as submitted online) Approved	
	Presentation of the Docket, Handbook	
	Docketing of New Business - None	
	Adoption of the Docket	

11:15 AM	Our Ordination Vows – Rev. Rick Douylliez Break out Sessions – Discussion: How are we living out our vows?	15
12:30PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Reconvene with a Song and a Liturgy	
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	Reports of Teams and Committees with recommendations Committee on Ministry – Rev. Eric Beene Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Revs. Dan Lewis & Craig Pope Education and Training – Rev. Andy Meeker Mission Ministry Team – Rev. Trip McKinnon M. K. Pentecost Nominating Committee – RE Jean Vernon	33
	Report of Presbyterian Women – RE Molly McCarthy	37
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	Two Minute Promotions	
	Committee on Resolution and Thanks – Danny Grace	
	Benediction and Adjournment We renew our ordination vows together (W-4.4003.)	

The next Presbytery Meetings will be:

**Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at
Washington Street Presbyterian Church, Dublin, GA**

**Friday, February 14, 2014
Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, GA**

Savannah Presbytery Commissioners

Church	Minister Members Serving Churches	Elder Commissioner(s)
Allenhurst	Ben Beasley	Charles Rogers
Altama	Bert Cramer	Buddy Berry
Blackshear	*Ainars Berzinch, Supply	Kevin Manders
Brunswick Second	**Benjamin Holmes, CRE Absent	
Butler Memorial	VACANT	Alfred L. Mullice
Christ	Kenneth McKenzie, Stated Supply, Excused	Gary Johnson
English Eddy	*Bob Mathews, Supply	
Faith	Mary Beene, Stated Supply	Charlotte McClain
First, Brunswick	Dawn Mayes	Jean Vernon
First, Darien	**Danny Grace, CRE	Kay Burch
First, Douglas	Ed Ayers, Stated Supply	
First, Eastman	**Anne Gibbons, CRE	
First, Hinesville	Kathi Parchem, Interim Pastor	David Sapp
First, Midway	VACANT	
First, Saint Marys	Rick Douylliez,	Alex Brough
First, Savannah (2)	Stephen Williams	Bertha Rogers
	William Shelburne, Associate Pastor	Steven Smith
First, Statesboro	Dan Lewis	Jamie Copeland
First, Waycross	Trip McKinnon	Doug Black
Flemington	Greg Loskoski, Excused	
Frederica	Andy Chambers, Excused	
Grant Chapel	*Jimmie Sanders, Supply	
Henry Memorial	W. Mark George	Eddie Hendricks
Jekyll	John Law	Elsie Sederholm
Jesup	Richard Grice, Interim Pastor	Bud Frankenthaler
Lyons	VACANT	
McGregor	*David Blalock, Supply	
McRae	*Norwood Davidson, Supply	
Metter	**Joe Anderson, CRE, Absent	
Montgomery	Craig Pope	Jim McGaw
Mount Vernon	VACANT	
Peabody Heights	*David Muntford, Supply Pastor	
Riceboro	*Janet Odegaard, Supply	
Richmond Hill	VACANT	Jeff Wood
Saint Simons (2)	Bob Brearley	Leslie McCracken
		Anne Caswell
	Jann Briscoe, Parish Associate	
Skidaway Island	*Sam Henderson, Interim Pastor	Gail Vergoz, Excused
Swainsboro	VACANT	
Vidalia	Kevin Hicks	
Walthourville	VACANT	
Washington Street	Ricky Porter	Lois Stroman
White Bluff	Eric Beene	Ruth Love
Wilmington Island	Andy Meeker	Melissa Orr

* indicates a non-voting minister as Interim or Supply who is not a member of Savannah Presbytery

** indicates a Commissioned Lay Pastor whose vote counts as an Elder Commissioner, not as a Minister Commissioner

Voting Minister Members

*Required to Attend Presbytery Meetings

*Active Minister Members

Members serving Validated Ministries beyond the jurisdiction of the church (G-2.0503)

Rachel Butler, Chaplain, Memorial Hospital Absent
 George Brink..... Absent
 Stuart Fletcher, Savannah Korean PC..... Absent
 Harry Horne Present
 **Ken McKenzie, Egret's Roost Respite Center,
 Excused
 Heahwan Rim, Transitional Synod Executive
 Present
 Ozeas Silva, Swainsboro Hispanic Ministry Present
 Choongyun Yu, Pastor, Immanuel Presbyterian
 Church..... Present

Honorably Retired Members

Grady Allison
 Bob Allman
 Art Bishop
 Fred Boozer
 John Bressler
 Gil Clary
 Tom Dunlap
 Don Fehr
 Larry Kennon
 **John Law Present
 Diane Lovin
 Bill Platt
 Wayne McDaniel
 Thomas Mueller
 Carl Schlich
 Cecil R. Taylor
 Jessie Truvillion

*Members At Large (G-2.0503B)

Alan Baroody Excused
 Nelle Bordeaux Present
 Fairy Caroland Excused
 Don Dilley..... Present
 Greg Gillispie..... Excused
 Susan Lewis Absent
 Deanie Strength..... Excused
 Claire Williams Present

**Listed also as a pastor of church
 ***Listed also as Elder Commissioner

Other Voting Members

*Officer of the Presbytery

Russell Gladding, *General Presbyter/Stated Clerk/Treasurer*

*Presbytery Council

** Kathi Parchem, Moderator of Savannah Presbytery
 Paul Scott, Moderator of SP Council
 **Rick Douylliez
 ** Kevin Hicks
 Karl Branch
 Johnye Gillans
 **Andy Meeker
 **Trip McKinnon
 Greg Gillispie
 (listed also as a Member At Large)..... Absent
 ***Bud Frankenthaler
 Molly McCarthy, PW President

Nonvoting Guests

Presbytery Personnel

Liz Richardson Business Administrator
 Beth Sutton.... Staff Associate – Communications

TOTALS

Voting Minister Members.....28
 Voting Elder Commissioners.....24
 Voting Commissioned Lay Pastors2
 Other Voting Members5
 Other Attendees & Visitors25
Total84

Examination of Alan Dyer

CPM Chairs Revs. Dan Lewis & Craig Pope; COM Moderator, Rev. Eric Beene

Bio



Georgia born and Ohio raised, I am a native Midwesterner who has never quite been able to outrun his Southern roots. The second of two sons born in Atlanta to Jim and Sally Dyer, our family moved to Dayton, Ohio when I was still an infant. Growing up in Dayton, I was involved in a variety of school and community activities including theatre, band, and golf. I was also very active in the youth and mission programs in my home congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church. The community of faith at WPC taught me early on about the love of Jesus Christ and helped to lay the foundation for my faith and eventual call to ministry.

In August 2004 I packed my bags and headed south to begin the next chapter in my life as a student at Vanderbilt University. As a student, I quickly found my academic niche studying political science and economics, which became my major and minor respectively. Outside the classroom, I was active in the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF) group, which became my church home over my four years as an undergraduate. The fellowship, worship, and mission of PSF played an integral role in nurturing my call to the ministry by challenging me to dig deeper and grow further in my faith.

It was also at Vanderbilt where I met a beautiful young woman from Lexington, Virginia named Erin. We started dating shortly after meeting in the same freshman orientation group, were engaged in the summer of 2008, and married in the fall of 2009. We spent our honeymoon on a delightful little island off the Georgia coast called St. Simons. We had a wonderful time and were sad to leave at the end of the week. Little did we know that God would call us back a little over three years later!

After graduating from Vanderbilt, Erin and I headed out into the “real world.” Erin began working as an elementary school teacher in Fairfax, Virginia, and I followed my passion for politics by taking a job working as a staffer on a congressional campaign back in my hometown of Dayton. After a successful campaign, I joined Erin in Washington D.C. working first on Capitol Hill and then for a consulting firm doing best-practice research for university administrators.

Our two years living and working in Washington D.C. were both fun and formative; however, after much prayer and many conversations with Erin and others, I felt that God was calling me to ordained ministry. And so in July 2010 we packed our bags once again and headed back south to Atlanta where I enrolled in the Masters of Divinity program at Columbia Theological Seminary. And what a blessing these past three years have been! Together, Erin and I have enjoyed being part of a diverse community of fellow students and leaders in the church. Additionally, my studies in the classroom and work on the staff at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta during this period has afforded me a chance to discover and nourish my love for leading worship, teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people of all ages, and sharing the love of God through mission both locally and abroad.

Erin, I, and our two-year old retriever mix, Gordy, are so excited to come live, learn, and do ministry in and with the loving congregation of St. Simons Presbyterian Church. I give thanks to God for calling me to be their next associate pastor. We look forward to joining in the work of rejoicing and responding to God’s steadfast love together!

Statement of Faith – Alan Dyer

I believe in Creator God. Our life with God started at the beginning of time when God brought into being the cosmos, the earth, and all life. God breathed goodness into this new creation and gave dominion over it to humankind. But humans quickly used this precious gift of free will to turn from God in pursuit of selfish desires. Yet even in the face of deep human sinfulness, God did not turn away. Instead God remains faithful to creation, extending God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness to all.

I believe in Jesus Christ. Formed in the image of creator God, Jesus Christ is the living incarnation of God's love for the world. Fully human and fully divine, Jesus bore out God's love by preaching the Word, caring for the poor and needy, and striving for peace. Viewed as a threat by religious and civil authorities, Jesus was arrested and died on the cross. God raised Jesus Christ up from the dead, thereby freeing humankind from sin and delivering us from death to eternal life.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that was with Jesus during his life moves today. The Spirit dwells in each person and guides us in our everyday activities and ministry to the world. A mysterious but constant presence, the Spirit inspires us to prophetic activity, comforts us in our grief, and delivers the peace of Jesus Christ.

I believe in the work of one Triune God in the Church. The Church has been called through the ages to proclaim the Gospel to the world, bear witness to God's love in the face of injustice, and to care tenderly for the outcast and downtrodden. Scripture is the unique and authoritative witness to the work of the living God, and it directs the Church as it seeks to discern God's presence today and learn how to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Within the community of the Church, God brings together a broken and disordered people to worship together and share in the sustaining power of the two holy sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. In the waters of Baptism the cleansing of our sin and welcoming into the body of Christ is confirmed. In the elements of the Lord's Supper we remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection and receive a foretaste of the coming kingdom. Sealed and nurtured by the sacraments, the members of the Church are called to respond with thanksgiving by using our individual gifts to build up the kingdom of God on earth through worship, service, and the sharing of the Good News.

Covenant

A COVENANT BETWEEN ALAN F. DYER AND THE CONGREGATION OF ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA

We, the members of the congregation of St. Simons Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island, Georgia, and Alan Dyer, called to be Associate Pastor of St Simons Presbyterian Church, understanding ourselves to have been called to enter into God's service at St. Simons Presbyterian Church, do hereby enter into the following covenant.

The conditions of this covenant will take effect in July, 2013, and will remain in effect until the covenant is reviewed, amended, or sustained as needed, after prayerful consideration and review by all parties involved in this covenant.

Alan Dyer, called to be Associate Pastor of the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, embraces the Covenant for the Associate Pastor as presented by the congregation and endorsed by the Committee on Ministry of the Savannah Presbytery. We are in agreement regarding the terms of call for the Associate Pastor, and declare our intention to review those terms of call on an annual basis as described in The Book of Order G-2.0804. Cost of living adjustments and merit increases will be considered on an annual basis

beginning in 2015. The Personnel Policies of St. Simons Presbyterian Church will apply to this position.

We understand that this covenant, in keeping with the biblical witness of covenants between God and God's people, to be a document:

1. Grounded in faith in God and God's gracious will for us;
2. Which takes into account our sinfulness and God's judgment of that sinfulness, as well as God's forgiveness; and
3. Which provides the basic structure for the relationship we will build with one another as we go about our respective tasks in leading and being a community of faith in this place.

We affirm our allegiance to God in Jesus Christ as is borne witness to by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (cf. Book of Order G-2.0101). We subscribe to all the polity issues and theological affirmations as outlined in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We consider ourselves to be partners in mission, "fellow workers for God" (1 Cor. 3:9) in the divine plan for creation. We take very seriously the commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ to "love one another" (John 15:12) even as Christ loves us. Our objective is to be faithful leaders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), toward the end of having the congregation worship, study, engage in mission, engage in fellowship, become responsible stewards, and exercise pastoral care toward one another. Other primary objectives, identified as essential are defined in "The Church and Its Mission," F-1.01 – F-1.0404 of the Book of Order.

This call is for a generalist Associate Pastor who will have the opportunity to work in all areas of pastoral ministry. This position includes worship leadership, the preaching ministry, presiding at the sacraments, hospital and emergency visitation care, church administration, oversight of the congregational ministry teams, participation in the outreach ministries of the church locally and globally, teaching in the Sunday school, helping people to live into God-given vocations, planning retreats for young families, monitoring the rolls of our church membership, attending Session and the Board of Deacons meetings, and visiting members in their homes. There will be opportunities to conduct weddings and funerals. The associate pastor should strengthen the fellowship of the church by seeking to make activities relevant, fun, meaningful, and rooted in our historic faith.

In addition to general pastoral duties and congregational activities, Alan will develop a particular "sphere of influence" as he assumes leadership responsibilities by staffing ministry teams that plan and direct the mission of the church. These particular areas of leadership will be decided in consultation with the pastor and the Session and with consideration of the special interests and passions of our associate pastor.

Alan will have access to veteran pastors for consultation and guidance but will be expected to be a self-starter who takes initiative and works well independently. We are blessed to have a mature, loving team of secretaries, administrators, and other staff members already in place to support our pastors in their work. This congregation enjoys its pastors and is a constant encouragement to them as they labor for the Lord in this place. In addition to the other pastors, Alan will work with a program staff that includes a full-time Director of Christian Education and Youth Minister and a part-time Director of Children's Ministry. Alan will also be expected to be a good presbyter by attending the meetings of Savannah Presbytery and serving on its committees.

We believe evangelism to be the presentation of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, so that persons may be led to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, within the fellowship of the church. We expect the pastors, the Session and the congregation to participate equally in the sharing of Christ's Good News with the church and the unchurched in the community and in the world inviting people into discipleship and community service in the name of Jesus Christ.

We expect Alan to exercise strong interpersonal skills in his relationships with the other members of the church staff, the Session, and the Diaconate, creating a climate conducive to the delegation of tasks and shared leadership, as together they seek to glorify God through their worship and service.

We see Alan's role in the education program to be that of teaching and working with other staff members, the Session, and the Congregation in preparing them to teach and actively participate in the educational program. Alan may expect that all members of the Session will affirm the importance of education in the church by actively participating in the educational program as resource persons, teachers, and/or class participants.

Alan should express everyday concern for members of the congregation. He should keep the pastor and other pastors on staff updated about pastoral concerns. He should also be cognizant of his responsibility to his wife, not as a minister, but as a husband, since God has also ordained this ministry. Alan's family shall enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of any member of the church.

Because the professional ministry demands a good deal of time emotionally, we expect that Alan will be a good steward of time and his own health. We strongly urge him to take at least one uninterrupted day off a week, and another day off a week at his discretion. We urge both the congregation and Session to be sensitive to Alan's work schedule, encouraging him to take time for himself and his family.

Alan will have 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks of study leave per year. Additional time may be taken by Alan to attend the Company of New Pastors annual conference and gatherings. In general, it is expected that vacation will be taken a week at a time, but it is understood that, occasionally, single days will be preferable. Alan will consult with the pastor and advise the Church Administrator of scheduled time off.

Alan should be available for counseling of persons who face personal and/or spiritual problems, all the while recognizing that he is not trained as a psychologist or psychiatrist. Ordinarily, he will restrict himself to first-line, short-term counseling, being prepared to refer the person or couple being counseled to a more qualified resource person once that first-line or short-term counseling has been passed.

We expect Alan to be a faithful Presbyterian and to participate in the life of the community, maintaining an appropriate balance between work in this particular church, work in the larger church, and work beyond the church. Alan will be supported in his investment of time in higher governing body work. Time for this work will be scheduled through the pastor and the Personnel Committee of the Session.

From the Session, the Deacons, and the Congregation, Alan can expect:

1. Cooperation in fulfilling needed tasks, including, but not limited to:
 - the evangelization of prospective members;
 - pastoral care of members, including visitation and/or counseling of members in members' homes, the hospital and other settings;
 - all other responsibilities of the Session and Congregation stated in the Book of Order [G-3.0201];
2. Encouragement in the exercise of Alan's gifts and strengths;
3. Understanding and patience regarding challenges that Alan may face in his professional and personal life;
4. Support and prayers;
5. A continuing alertness to Alan's own and his family's need for grace and ministry.

This covenant will guide us as we seek to encourage one another in ministry for Jesus Christ, our Lord, and to strengthen the church as the community of faith in this time and place. Relying upon the grace of God and praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every step of the way, we will endeavor to love each other and to witness together to the redeeming mercy of Jesus Christ.

Alan Dyer
Savannah Presbytery Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PASTOR SALARY FORM

I. COMPENSATION	<u>2013</u>
1. Annual Cash Salary	\$ 28,700.00 *
2. Payment in lieu of Social Security (Amount equal to _____% of FICA Tax)	\$ 4,000.00
3. Housing:	
a) Housing Expense	\$ 25,000.00 *
b) Free Use of Manse (30% of line1)	\$
4. Utilities:	
Utilities paid by Church (except for personal long distance)	_____ *
TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$ <u>57,700.00</u>
II. BENEFITS FOR PASTOR 2013 dues equal 21% medical, 11% pension, and 1% death and disability	
1. Pension & Medical Insurance dues (33%)*	\$ 18,480.00
2. Deferred Income (IRA, Deferred Savings . . . for future housing, etc.) (Optional)	\$ *
3. Insurance Policies (Optional)	\$ 1,500.00 *
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$ <u>19,980.00</u>
III. PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	
1. Travel	\$ 1,040.00
2. Continuing Education/Books	\$ 750.00
3. Other (Medical out-of-pocket)	\$ 800.00 *
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>2,590.00</u>
IV. TOTAL SALARY PACKAGE	\$ <u>80,270.00</u>

* = Effective Salary 2013 56,000.00

**Worship, Reflection & Examination of Alan Dyer,
Candidate for Assoc. Pastor SSPC
CPM Rev. Craig Pope & Rev. Dan Lewis
COM Rev. Eric Beene**

Alan Dyer provided a very meaningful opening worship with an excellent sermon. He was then examined by the presbyters.

1. The CPM, having examined Alan Dyer, following his examination and certification as ready to receive a call by the Presbytery of Miami Valley, certifies to Savannah Presbytery his readiness to receive a call as Associate Pastor at St Simons Presbyterian Church.

Approved

2. The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery enroll Alan Dyer as a member of Savannah Presbytery following his ordination as a Teaching Elder by Miami Valley Presbytery and install him as Associate Pastor of the St. Simon's Island Church.

Rationale: The Committee met with Mr. Dyer and the members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to determine the suitability of his call to serve the St. Simon's congregation. In addition, the Committee reviewed the Pastoral Covenant and Terms of Call and found them to be in order.

Approved

3. The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery appoint the following Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders to serve as a Commission to install Mr. Dyer; The Reverends Kathi Parchem Moderator of Savannah Presbytery, Craig Pope, Pastor Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Dr. George Wirth Honorably Retired formerly Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, and Sandy McConnel, Pastor Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio, and Ruling Elders Lisa Godbee Wood, Frederica Presbyterian Church, Gwen Mayberry and Rich Goeldner St Simons Presbyterian, and Russell Gladding, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Savannah Presbytery. The date of the installation service is scheduled for August 4, 2013 at 5 O'clock PM.

Approved

At the conclusion, Rev. Bob Brearly thanked the presbytery for the spirit-filled process.

**Welcome from Faith Presbyterian Church
Brenda Harrelson**

Ruling Elder Brenda Harrelson warmly welcomed the presbyters to Faith PC sharing their history and some of the meaningful programs they have enjoyed over the last few years.

**Our Ordination Vows/Breakouts
Rev. Rick Douylliez**

The body broke into six groups to discuss and consider our ordination vows as Teaching and Ruling Elders. When the groups reunited, we renewed our ordination vows together.

Lunch/Reconvene with Song and a Liturgy

Report of the Stated Clerk

Russell Gladding, CRE

In my reports as Treasurer and General Presbyter I have talked about Savannah Presbytery, where we are and where we are headed with God's help. Today our concentration as a connectional church is on how we understand and live out our ordination vows. The vows we take as Teaching Elders (TEs) and Ruling Elders (REs) are the same, except for the last one which defines our function as Elders in the PCUSA. However, even here, some of those words are nearly identical for TEs and REs. As REs we answered this question, "Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?" With insignificant differences in the words TEs answer this in their last vow. The Presbytery is our mid-council and we vow to be a part of it and to serve in it.

I am convinced that Ruling Elders are the key to how God's church will continue to be viable in our time. Teaching Elders are needed to teach us and lead us, but it is our task to nurture our congregations so they grow in the faith and so that the Great Ends of the Church are fulfilled. It is our task to be the link in our sessions to the presbytery in order to do the work together that we cannot do alone in a single congregation.

And yet, we can't seem to get each church to have RE commissioners at three Stated Meetings a year which are published well in advance: The Friday before the Leadership Development conference in February and the third Tuesday in May and October. We struggle with a budget that this group approves but our sessions don't fund. We complain that the same people do all of the work and make the decisions, but we don't have time to serve when asked.

I love the people within all of our congregations and see wonderful things as I continue to visit and seek to build relationships. I am sure there are many stories about why we don't participate or pledge or volunteer. But I have to say for many of us in this place today, we want to say, ENOUGH! Isn't it time to get on with what we vowed to do when we were ordained?

So I think it is that time where we all take a deep look into our own mirror and answer the questions I have posed using this question; "What am I going to do about this?" "Are we willing to do what we vowed to do?"

Recommendation:

1. That the privilege of voice on the floor be given to the Savannah Presbytery Staff.

Information:

1. Teaching Elders in called and Installed positions are reminded that the Book of Order requires that Terms of Call be submitted for review annually to the presbytery. These are no longer published and are placed in your file. This was to be done by this meeting. Our records indicate that we need the following churches to send in their forms – Brunswick Second, First Darien, First Savannah, Flemington, Henry Memorial, Vidalia and Washington Street. The Stated Clerk appreciates your prompt compliance with this request.
2. Church hosts will be needed for the Stated Meetings in May and October in 2014 and beyond. Please see Russell Gladding if your church is interested in hosting a Stated Meeting.

Report of the General Presbyter **Russell Gladding, CRE**

I, perhaps like you have had some difficulty in dealing with our budget recently. At times it has consumed me and frozen me in moving forward on anything I believe we are called to be about in our ministries within Savannah Presbytery. My theological underpinning, my faith itself has been in conflict with the deficit and how in the world can the presbytery survive?

Then as I prepared and preached an Easter message several weeks ago, I was confronted by a resurrected Christ who took a rag tag group of disciples, who had betrayed him and deserted him, and denied him. Jesus' focus for 40 days was to get this group, with no resources, and who were underground in fear for their lives, to carry His message and to change the world. And I'm worried about a \$63,000 shortfall! My friends, we have a resource beyond all resources.

I also, about this time, began to remember what someone told me a leader does when there is not a clear path; a leader takes a step forward. Sometimes step by step is a way we discover the path. My friends, that is also the way to follow - step by step. I believe that God is doing something new with God's church and in the part of it here we know as Savannah Presbytery. To find it we will have to follow even when we cannot see the end of the journey.

I don't think Jesus calls us, however, to turn off our brains. Indeed some of the thoughts that have been rumbling in my head recently started after I sensed I was trying to lead instead of follow. I'll briefly share these with you.

1. We did not waste our time last year in talking with the presbytery about God's transformation of us. We have a path we feel and think God has called us to.
2. The old form of budgeting may not be sufficient.
3. There might be a disconnect in our communication between the presbytery and the sessions of our churches. We need a plan to get our message to the governing bodies of our churches.
4. We need to think long range and outside the box about our revenue.
5. We need to keep on going with our plan utilizing our assets, as necessary, as we plan for a better way in our future.

May God's blessing, and our faith, be sufficient for the next steps.

Grace and Peace,

Russell

Report of the Treasurer **Russell Gladding, CRE**

In accordance with the action of the Presbytery at its Stated meeting in February, Finance and Stewardship, Ministry teams, and sessions were to deal with the \$63,000 projected budget deficit in 2013 through additional income, and further cuts to expenditures to bring a budget to be voted on at the May 2013 Stated Meeting. The reports before you today attempt to do this. The income changes are as follows:

1. One addition to pledges was received from FPC Savannah for \$4,000.

2. Miscellaneous Income was increased \$17,500 from two sources, a \$7500 from a proposed grant to the Swainsboro Hispanic Ministry, and \$10,000 projected from the special offering to the presbytery.

The reductions to expenses include the following items proposed by the Finance and Stewardship. This committee acted on these items in isolation as no information was given by any team, except the COM that reduced a line item by \$500, or committee.

1. A reduction of the general Presbyters package of \$2,500 on salary with accompanying reduction in BOP benefits.
2. \$4,000 additional cuts to the Presbytery Office Operating account.
3. \$2,500 from the COM budget.
4. \$2,000 from the CPM budget.
5. \$9,500 from the Education and Training budget.
6. \$3,000 from the Mission Team budget.
7. \$2,000 from Presbyterian Women budget.

The result of these actions would be to bring the projected deficit down to \$ 15,371. It is now up to the Presbytery Council to affirm these actions as proposed by the F& S Committee or to adjust these accounts and propose a budget for approval to the Presbytery at its Stated Meeting in May.

The current first quarter, 2013 picture of giving and the deficit reveals several things.

1. The giving at the end of 3/31/2013 was only 69.5% of pledges for that period.
2. Although as April 30, 2013, some churches have caught up on the first quarter and others are paying some or all of their second quarter giving this only equals 29% of budgeted pledges have been paid. This should be at 33.33% to be current.
3. There are nine, listed in red, pledging churches that had not made a payment in the first quarter of 2013. Additionally there are eleven, listed in blue, churches on our rolls who have not pledged anything to the presbytery for this year. That total number is 20 out of 41 churches not contributing or under paying their pledge through March 31, 2013.
4. To run a budget as lean as this one is, the Presbytery needs to request and encourage churches to put their giving on a regular monthly basis and to make a pledge if at all possible.
5. The expenses for the first quarter were slightly over budget, but this was due to some of the front end of some office and Education Team expense.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Gladding

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2013

05/06/2013

Cash Basis

Mar 31, 13

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

01 · Atl Natl - UNIFIED CHECK 3103 (Atlantic National Checking)	2,076.32
02 · Atl. Nat'l - Unified MM 0495 (UNIFIED MONEY MARKET)	10,960.92
03 · Atl. Nat'l - Selected MM 0503 (MONEY MARKET)	210.56
04 · Atl Natl - Special Uses/Scholar (Special Uses/Scholarship)	34,406.99
06 · BoA Ck -MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund / Ecology Checking)	10,504.14
07 · BoA MM - MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund Ecology - Money Market)	<u>20,549.77</u>

Total Checking/Savings 78,708.70

Other Current Assets

17 · CD - Habersham Clay	30,000.00
18 · CD - Presb. Investment Prog	37,628.60
19 · New Covenant Fund	546,190.84
36 · Due to Savannah Pres	-5,100.00
37 · Note Receivable Gladding (2010 Toyota Camry)	<u>8,000.00</u>

Total Other Current Assets 616,719.44

Total Current Assets 695,428.14

Fixed Assets

50 · Office Equipment	57,769.18
52 · Office Bldg - Rt 17	115,000.00
53 · Equip for Ecology	571.00
54 · Leasehold Improvements	29,344.36
60 · Accumulated Depreciation	-131,596.74
71 · Accum Depreciation Ecology	<u>-523.42</u>

Total Fixed Assets 70,564.38

Other Assets

72 · Note Receivable Christ PC	272,003.85
73 · Note Receivable - PC Midway	5,904.90
74 · Note Receivable-Immanuel PC (Purchase of former Hineville Korean PC property)	<u>220,000.00</u>

Total Other Assets 497,908.75

TOTAL ASSETS 1,263,901.27

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities	
005 - Payroll Liabilities	2,307.24
010 - Accrued Expenses	<u>-8,142.50</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-5,835.26</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-5,835.26</u>
Total Liabilities	-5,835.26
Equity	
003 - Fund Balance (Retained Earnings)	966,273.50
004 - Opening Bal Equity	289,197.49
008 - Fund Balance Ecology	35,168.35
Net Income	<u>-20,902.81</u>
Total Equity	<u>1,269,736.53</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,263,901.27</u>

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - Report

January through March 2013

05/06/2013
Cash Basis

	Jan - Mar 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
1000 - .Unified Pledge Income				
p1 - __PLDG - Allenhurst	2,500.00	625.03	1,874.97	399.98%
p2 - __PLDG - Altama	0.00	112.50	-112.50	0.0%
p3 - __PLDG - Blackshear	1,604.78	1,249.97	354.81	128.39%
p4 - __PLDG - Brunswick Second	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p5 - __PLDG - Butler Memorial	0.00	1,249.97	-1,249.97	0.0%
p6 - __PLDG - Christ PC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p7 - __PLDG - English Eddy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p8 - __PLDG - Faith PC	167.10	250.03	-82.93	66.83%
p9 - __PLDG - First Brunswick	3,400.00	3,499.97	-99.97	97.14%
p10 - __PLDG - First Darien	0.00	1,375.03	-1,375.03	0.0%
p11 - __PLDG - First Douglas	0.00	2,500.03	-2,500.03	0.0%
p12 - __PLDG - First Eastman	1,068.49	1,174.97	-106.48	90.94%
p13 - __PLDG - First Hinesville	50.00	150.00	-100.00	33.33%
p14 - __PLDG - First Midway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p15 - __PLDG - First Saint Marys	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	100.0%
p16 - __PLDG - First Savannah	0.00	3,499.97	-3,499.97	0.0%
p17 - __PLDG - First Statesboro	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%
p18 - __PLDG - First Waycross	764.74	1,150.03	-385.29	66.5%
p19 - __PLDG - Flemington	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%

p20 · __PLDG - Frederica PC	900.00	900.00	0.00	100.0%
p21 · __PLDG - Grant Chapel	0.00	825.00	-825.00	0.0%
p22 · __PLDG - Henry Memorial	0.00	1,099.97	-1,099.97	0.0%
p23 · __PLDG - Jekyll PC	0.00	1,000.03	-1,000.03	0.0%
p24 · __PLDG - Jesup PC	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	100.0%
p25 · __PLDG - Lyons PC	900.00	900.00	0.00	100.0%
p26 · __PLDG - McGregor	500.00	750.00	-250.00	66.67%
p27 · __PLDG - McRae	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p28 · __PLDG - Metter	0.00	250.03	-250.03	0.0%
p29 · __PLDG - Montgomery	1,750.00	2,625.00	-875.00	66.67%
p30 · __PLDG - Mount Vernon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p31 · __PLDG - Peabody Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p32 · __PLDG - Riceboro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p33 · __PLDG - Richmond Hill	0.00	1,249.97	-1,249.97	0.0%
p34 · __PLDG - St Simons PC	10,000.00	15,000.00	-5,000.00	66.67%
p36 · __PLDG - Skidaway Island	5,500.03	5,500.03	0.00	100.0%
p37 · __PLDG - Swainsboro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p38 · __PLDG - Vidalia	2,916.48	2,500.03	416.45	116.66%
p39 · __PLDG - Walthourville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p40 · __PLDG - Washington Street PC	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
p41 · __PLDG - White Bluff	1,657.48	2,875.03	-1,217.55	57.65%
p42 · __PLDG - Wilmington Island PC	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 1000 · .Unified Pledge Income	45,979.10	66,112.59	-20,133.49	69.55%
2000 · Education & Training Income				
2001 · Summer Camp Income	140.00	6,000.00	-5,860.00	2.33%
2005 · - LDC - Laity - Inc	13,795.00	3,750.00	10,045.00	367.87%
2006 · School of the Laity - Inc	1,639.28	1,249.97	389.31	131.15%
2007 · - Youth Connects/MidHigh - Inc	0.00	375.00	-375.00	0.0%
Total 2000 · Education & Training Income	15,574.28	11,374.97	4,199.31	136.92%
3000 · MissionPartner-SynodGrant Income	2,362.20	2,500.03	-137.83	94.49%
4000 · Other Income				
4003 · Interest Income (Interest)	12.18			
4008 · PILP Investment CD - Inc	91.56			
4009 · Jean Alexander Fund CRT- Inc (Charitable Remainder Trust. Income to be used for NCD)	127.15			
40010 · BofA - Habersham Clay CD -Inc	-461.39			
4006 · New Church	460.13			

Development Income				
Total 4000 - Other Income		229.63		
6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income				
6002 - Annual Inc/New Covenant	0.00	5,500.03	-5,500.03	0.0%
6003 - Special Offering	565.00	2,500.03	-1,935.03	22.6%
6004 - Grant - Hispanic	0.00	1,875.00	-1,875.00	0.0%
Total 6000 - Misc. Other Income	565.00	9,875.06	-9,310.06	5.72%
Total Income	64,710.21	89,862.65	-25,152.44	72.01%
Expense				
7000 - Team & Committee Expenses				
7001 - Presbytery Council				
7001A - General				
Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas				
7001A1 - -				
GP/SC/Treas - Salary -				
	13,650.00	13,024.97	625.03	104.8%
7001A4 - GP/SC/Treas				
- Cont. Ed				
	13.10	375.00	-361.90	3.49%
7001A5 - -				
GP/SC/Treas - Travel -				
Exp				
7001A5a - - Auto				
Allowance - Exp				
	1,854.76	1,800.00	54.76	103.04%
Total 7001A5 - -				
GP/SC/Treas - Travel -				
Exp				
	1,854.76	1,800.00	54.76	103.04%
7001A6 - -GP/SC/Trea -				
Board of Pension				
	4,647.99	4,298.25	349.74	108.14%
Total 7001A - General				
Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas				
	20,165.85	19,498.22	667.63	103.42%
7001D - Business				
Administrator				
7001D1 - Business				
Admin Salary - Exp				
	10,200.00	10,200.00	0.00	100.0%
7001D2 - Pension and				
Major Medical - Exp				
	3,500.49	3,366.00	134.49	104.0%
7001D3 - Business				
Admin Pro Exp				
	0.00	375.00	-375.00	0.0%
Total 7001D - Business				
Administrator				
	13,700.49	13,941.00	-240.51	98.28%
7001G - Staff				
Assoc/Communication - Exp				
	4,320.00	4,159.97	160.03	103.85%
7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod				
Expense				
7001I1 - - G.A. Per				
Capita -Exp				
	0.00	10,342.74	-10,342.74	0.0%
7001I3 - - Synod -				
Per Capita -Exp				
	8,713.00	2,178.28	6,534.72	399.99%
7001I4 - - Synod -				
Unified -Exp				
	0.00			
Total 7001I - Gen Assembly &				
	8,713.00	12,521.02	-3,808.02	69.59%

Synod Expense

7001J - PCUSA Conference Attendance	430.52	874.97	-444.45	49.2%
7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp				
7001Ka - - Recording Clerk - Exp	75.00	56.25	18.75	133.33%
7001Kd - - Electricity and Gas - Exp	686.87	874.97	-188.10	78.5%
7001Ke - - Telephone and DSL - Exp	1,859.97	1,687.50	172.47	110.22%
7001Kf - - Water - Exp	82.44	124.97	-42.53	65.97%
7001Kg - - Insurance - Exp	4,437.00	1,999.97	2,437.03	221.85%
7001Kh - - Postage - Exp	683.88	375.00	308.88	182.37%
7001Ki - - Legal Fees - Exp	0.00	250.03	-250.03	0.0%
7001Kj - - Supplies - Exp	989.09	1,000.03	-10.94	98.91%
7001Kl - - Equipment Contracts - Exp	2,588.74	2,500.03	88.71	103.55%
7001Km - - Equipment Maintenance - Exp	813.87	750.00	63.87	108.52%
7001Kn - - Equipment Purchase - Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7001ko - - Building Maintenance - Exp	1,872.54	1,774.97	97.57	105.5%
7001Kp - - Webpage Maint - Exp	0.00	499.97	-499.97	0.0%
7001Kq - - Software - Exp	439.99	0.00	439.99	100.0%
7001Kr - - Staff Travel Expenses - Exp	0.00	124.97	-124.97	0.0%
7001Ks - - Pastoral Relations - Exp	252.18	250.03	2.15	100.86%
7001Kt - Misc. Service Charges	269.94	87.47	182.47	308.61%
7001Kx - Council Miscellaneous	1,798.71	1,000.03	798.68	179.87%
7001Kz2 - Payroll Expense	2,322.55	2,325.75	-3.20	99.86%
7001kz3 - Payroll Direct Deposit - Exp	52.80	52.97	-0.17	99.68%
Total 7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp	19,225.57	15,734.91	3,490.66	122.18%
Total 7001 - Presbytery Council	66,555.43	66,730.09	-174.66	99.74%
7002 - Church & Polity				
7002A - - PJC Cmte - Exp	126.64	62.53	64.11	202.53%
7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp				
7002Ba - Fraser Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7002Bb - Training & Conferences	45.00			
7002Bd - Emergency Pastoral Contingency	0.00	250.03	-250.03	0.0%
7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp - Other	696.51	1,249.97	-553.46	55.72%
Total 7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp	741.51	1,500.00	-758.49	49.43%

7002D - - CPM - Exp				
7002Da · Candidate Testing	0.00	124.97	-124.97	0.0%
7002Db · CLP Program	0.00	250.03	-250.03	0.0%
7002Dc · Other	0.00	62.53	-62.53	0.0%
Total 7002D - - CPM - Exp	0.00	437.53	-437.53	0.0%
Total 7002 · Church & Polity	868.15	2,000.06	-1,131.91	43.41%
7003 · Education & Training				
7003A · Team Expense	58.85	49.97	8.88	117.77%
7003B - - School of the Laity - Exp	2,796.82	3,750.00	-953.18	74.58%
7003D - - LDC Expense	17,260.45	4,500.00	12,760.45	383.57%
7003G - - Faith 3D/Triennium - Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7003J - - Camps - Summer - Exp	0.00	7,000.03	-7,000.03	0.0%
7003k - - Youth Connects/MidHigh - Exp	0.00	499.97	-499.97	0.0%
7003L - - Stipend	0.00	499.97	-499.97	0.0%
Total 7003 · Education & Training	20,116.12	16,299.94	3,816.18	123.41%
7004 · Evangelism & Transformation				
7004A · E&T Team Exp	42.31			
7004D · SP African-Amer Coalition	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
Total 7004 · Evangelism & Transformation	42.31	750.00	-707.69	5.64%
7006 · Mission				
7006A · Mission Ministry Team Exp	0.00	124.97	-124.97	0.0%
7006B · Hispanic Min Swainsboro Exp	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	100.0%
7006F · White Bluff Tutoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7006K · Thornwell Home for Children	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7006L · Presbytery Adult Mission Trip	0.00	175.03	-175.03	0.0%
7006M · Presbytery Youth Mission Trip	0.00	124.97	-124.97	0.0%
Total 7006 · Mission	7,500.00	7,924.97	-424.97	94.64%
7008 - - Presbyterian Women - Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 7000 · Team & Committee Expenses	95,082.01	93,705.06	1,376.95	101.47%
Total Expense	95,082.01	93,705.06	1,376.95	101.47%
Net Income	-30,371.80	-3,842.41	-26,529.39	790.44%

2013 Pledges (As of May 8, 2013)

	First Quarter 2013 Pledges				Annual			
	Jan - Mar 2013	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Jan - Dec 2013	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Allenhurst	2,500.00	625.03	1,874.97	399.98%	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Altama	0.00	112.50	-112.50	0.0%	225.00	450.00	-225.00	50.0%
Blackshear	1,604.78	1,249.97	354.81	128.39%	2,181.78	5,000.00	-2,818.22	43.64%
Brunswick 2nd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Butler Memorial	0.00	1,249.97	-1,249.97	0.0%	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Christ PC, English Eddy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Faith PC	167.10	250.03	-82.93	66.83%	167.10	1,000.00	-832.90	16.71%
1st Brunswick	3,400.00	3,499.97	-99.97	97.14%	5,833.38	14,000.00	-8,166.62	41.67%
1st Darien	0.00	1,375.03	-1,375.03	0.0%	1,427.08	5,500.00	-4,072.92	25.95%
1st Douglas	0.00	2,500.03	-2,500.03	0.0%	2,500.00	10,000.00	-7,500.00	25.0%
1st Eastman	1,068.49	1,174.97	-106.48	90.94%	1,617.56	4,700.00	-3,082.44	34.42%
1st Hinesville	50.00	150.00	-100.00	33.33%	50.00	600.00	-550.00	8.33%
1st Midway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
1st Saint Marys	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00	15,000.00	-10,000.00	33.33%
1st Savannah	0.00	3,499.97	-3,499.97	0.0%	2,499.99	14,000.00	-11,500.01	17.86%
1st Statesboro	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%	4,000.00	12,000.00	-8,000.00	33.33%
1st Waycross	764.74	1,150.03	-385.29	66.5%	1,147.11	4,600.00	-3,452.89	24.94%
Flemington	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Frederica PC	900.00	900.00	0.00	100.0%	1,200.00	3,600.00	-2,400.00	33.33%
Grant Chapel	0.00	825.00	-825.00	0.0%	0.00	3,300.00	-3,300.00	0.0%
Henry Memorial	0.00	1,099.97	-1,099.97	0.0%	0.00	4,400.00	-4,400.00	0.0%
Jekyll PC	0.00	1,000.03	-1,000.03	0.0%	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
Jesup PC	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	100.0%	2,400.00	7,200.00	-4,800.00	33.33%
Lyons PC	900.00	900.00	0.00	100.0%	1,200.00	3,600.00	-2,400.00	33.33%
McGregor	500.00	750.00	-250.00	66.67%	1,000.00	3,000.00	-2,000.00	33.33%
McRae	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Metter	0.00	250.03	-250.03	0.0%	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Montgomery	1,750.00	2,625.00	-875.00	66.67%	3,500.00	10,500.00	-7,000.00	33.33%
Mount Vernon, Peabody Hgts, Riceboro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Richmond Hill	0.00	1,249.97	-1,249.97	0.0%	1,312.50	5,000.00	-3,687.50	26.25%
Saint Simons	10,000.00	15,000.00	-5,000.00	66.67%	20,000.00	60,000.00	-40,000.00	33.33%
Skidaway	5,500.03	5,500.03	0.00	100.0%	7,333.36	22,000.00	-14,666.64	33.33%
Swainsboro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Vidalia	2,916.48	2,500.03	416.45	116.66%	3,924.64	10,000.00	-6,075.36	39.25%
Walthourville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Washington St.	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
White Bluff	1,657.48	2,875.03	-1,217.55	57.65%	4,554.07	11,500.00	-6,945.93	39.6%
Wilmington Isl.	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	100.0%	6,250.00	15,000.00	-8,750.00	41.67%
Total Pledges	45,979.10	66,112.59	-20,133.49	69.55%	81,823.57	264,450.00	-182,626.43	30.94%

Committee Reports with Recommendations

Report of the Presbytery Council RE Paul Scott, Moderator Rev Andy Meeker, Finance and Stewardship Subcommittee

For Information

It was noted that the Presbytery is dependant on regular monthly giving from the churches to keep cash flow stable. It was also suggested that we return to the procedure of a letter of asking in early fall.

For Action:

1. The Council recommends that Savannah Presbytery approve the 2013 budget containing:
 - A. Cuts in expenses of \$25,500 as indicated in the Treasurer's Report of May 21, 2013.
 - B. An estimate of additional revenue from the special offering and other items of \$21,500 as detailed in the Treasurer's Report.
 - C. That the remaining budget deficit of \$15,371 be paid using monies from the New Covenant Growth Fund in order to balance the budget.

Approved

2. That the Presbytery direct the Council through its Finance and Stewardship subcommittee to consider alternative sources of revenue in its future budget planning to help address anticipated budget challenges.

Approved

3. That the Presbytery encourages Savannah Presbytery Teams and Committees to look at independent/alternate sources of funding for their programs and ministries.

Approved

Profit & Loss Budget January through December 2013

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

1000 - .Unified Pledge INcome

p1 - __PLDG - Allenhurst	2,500.00
p2 - __PLDG - Altama	450.00
p3 - __PLDG - Blackshear	5,000.00
p4 - __PLDG - Brunswick Second	0.00
p5 - __PLDG - Butler Memorial	5,000.00
p6 - __PLDG - Christ PC	0.00
p7 - __PLDG - English Eddy	0.00
p8 - __PLDG - Faith PC	1,000.00
p9 - __PLDG - First Brunswick	14,000.00
p10 - __PLDG - First Darien	5,500.00
p11 - __PLDG - First Douglas	10,000.00
p12 - __PLDG - First Eastman	4,700.00
p13 - __PLDG - First Hinesville	600.00
p14 - __PLDG - First Midway	0.00
p15 - __PLDG - First Saint Marys	15,000.00
p16 - __PLDG - First Savannah	14,000.00
p17 - __PLDG - First Statesboro	12,000.00

p18 · __PLDG - First Waycross	4,600.00
p19 · __PLDG - Flemington	0.00
p20 · __PLDG - Frederica PC	3,600.00
p21 · __PLDG - Grant Chapel	3,300.00
p22 · __PLDG - Henry Memorial	4,400.00
p23 · __PLDG - Jekyll PC	4,000.00
p24 · __PLDG - Jesup PC	7,200.00
p25 · __PLDG - Lyons PC	3,600.00
p26 · __PLDG - McGregor	3,000.00
p27 · __PLDG - McRae	0.00
p28 · __PLDG - Metter	1,000.00
p29 · __PLDG - Montgomery	10,500.00
p30 · __PLDG - Mount Vernon	0.00
p31 · __PLDG - Peabody Heights	0.00
p32 · __PLDG - Riceboro	0.00
p33 · __PLDG - Richmond Hill	5,000.00
p34 · __PLDG - Saint Simons PC	60,000.00
p36 · __PLDG - Skidaway Island	22,000.00
p37 · __PLDG - Swainsboro	0.00
p38 · __PLDG - Vidalia	10,000.00
p39 · __PLDG - Walthourville	0.00
p40 · __PLDG - Washington Street PC	6,000.00
p41 · __PLDG - White Bluff	11,500.00
p42 · __PLDG - Wilmington Island PC	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total 1000 · .Unified Pledge Income	264,450.00
2000 · Education & Training Income	
2001 · Summer Camp Income	24,000.00
2005 · - LDC - Laity - Inc	15,000.00
2006 · School of the Laity - Inc	5,000.00
2007 · - Youth Connects/MidHigh - Inc	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 2000 · Education & Training Income	45,500.00
3000 · Mission Partner-Synod Grant Income	10,000.00
6000 · Miscellaneous Other Income	
6002 · Annual Inc/New Covenant	22,000.00
6003 · Special Offering	10,000.00
6004 · Grant - Hispanic	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total 6000 · Miscellaneous Other Income	<u>39,500.00</u>
Total Income	359,450.00
Expense	
7000 · Team & Committee Expenses	

7001 - Presbytery Council	
7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas	
7001A1 - GP/SC/Treas - Salary -	52,100.00
7001A4 - GP/SC/Treas - Cont. Ed	1,500.00
7001A5 - GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp	
7001A5a - Auto Allowance - Exp	<u>7,200.00</u>
Total 7001A5 - GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp	7,200.00
7001A6 - GP/SC/Trea - Board of Pension	<u>17,193.00</u>
Total 7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas	77,993.00
7001D - Business Administrator	
7001D1 - Business Admin Salary - Exp	40,800.00
7001D2 - Pension and Major Medical - Exp	13,464.00
7001D3 - Business Admin Pro Exp	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 7001D - Business Administrator	55,764.00
7001G - Staff Assoc/Communication - Exp	
	16,640.00
7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense	
7001I1 - G.A. Per Capita -Exp	41,371.14
7001I3 - Synod - Per Capita -Exp	<u>8,713.00</u>
Total 7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense	50,084.14
7001J - PCUSA Conference Attendance	
	3,500.00
7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp	
7001Ka - Recording Clerk - Exp	225.00
7001Kd - Electricity and Gas - Exp	3,500.00
7001Ke - Telephone and DSL - Exp	6,750.00
7001Kf - Water - Exp	500.00
7001Kg - Insurance - Exp	8,000.00
7001Kh - Postage - Exp	1,500.00
7001Ki - Legal Fees - Exp	1,000.00
7001Kj - Supplies - Exp	4,000.00
7001Kl - Equipment Contracts - Exp	10,000.00
7001Km - Equipment Maintenance - Exp	3,000.00
7001Kn - Equipment Purchase - Exp	0.00
7001ko - Building Maintenance - Exp	7,100.00
7001Kp - Webpage Maint - Exp	2,000.00
7001Kq - Software - Exp	0.00
7001Kr - Staff Travel Expenses - Exp	500.00
7001Ks - Pastoral Relations - Exp	1,000.00
7001Kt - Misc. Service Charges	350.00
7001Kx - Council Miscellaneous	4,000.00
7001Kz2 - Payroll Expense	9,303.00
7001kz3 - Payroll Direct Deposit - Exp	<u>212.00</u>
Total 7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp	<u>62,940.00</u>

Total 7001 - Presbytery Council	266,921.14
7002 - Church & Polity	
7002A - - PJC Cmte - Exp	250.00
7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp	
7002Ba - Fraser Center	0.00
7002Bd - Emergency Pastoral Contingency	1,000.00
7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp - Other	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total 7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp	6,000.00
7002D - - CPM - Exp	
7002Dd - CPM Comte - Exp	0.00
7002Da - Candidate Testing	500.00
7002Db - CLP Program	1,000.00
7002Dc - Other	<u>250.00</u>
Total 7002D - - CPM - Exp	<u>1,750.00</u>
Total 7002 - Church & Polity	8,000.00
7003 - Education & Training	
7003A - Team Expense	200.00
7003B - - School of the Laity - Exp	15,000.00
7003D - - LDC Expense	18,000.00
7003G - - Faith 3D/Triennium - Exp	0.00
7003J - - Camps - Summer - Exp	28,000.00
7003k - - Youth Connects/MidHigh - Exp	2,000.00
7003L - - Stipend	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total 7003 - Education & Training	65,200.00
7004 - Evangelism & Transformation	
7004D - SP African-Amer Coalition	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total 7004 - Evangelism & Transformation	3,000.00
7006 - Mission	
7006A - Mission Ministry Team Exp	500.00
7006B - Hispanic Min Swainsboro Exp	30,000.00
7006F - White Bluff Tutoring	0.00
7006K - Thornwell Home for Children	0.00
7006L - Presbytery Adult Mission Trip	700.00
7006M - Presbytery Youth Mission Trip	<u>500.00</u>
Total 7006 - Mission	31,700.00
7008 - - Presbyterian Women - Exp	<u>0.00</u>
Total 7000 - Team & Committee Expenses	<u>374,821.14</u>
Total Expense	<u>374,821.14</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-15,371.14</u></u>

For Information:

Gracious Separation Policy Information

Members of team: Andy Meeker, Karl Branch, Kathi Parchem, Russell Gladding

The team charged with drafting a policy for Savannah Presbytery concerning churches who might be considering leaving the PC(USA) for another Reformed denomination met on April 16, 2013. While the work of drafting a policy statement is ongoing, the following were seen as important guiding principles:

One policy may not fit all situations:

- A policy that is “brief and general” is preferable to one that is “long and specific”
- The policy should be focused more on the process than preconceived outcomes
- The policy should encourage all voices to be heard
- The policy should encourage a timely process
- The policy should seek to bring the Presbytery into the congregation’s discernment process
- The policy should encourage a collegial engagement among all parties, however it should include strong deterrents in the case of any who would seek to circumvent to process

With these guiding principles, the team will continue to meet with the goal of having a first reading of a draft policy ready for the October 2013 meeting of Savannah Presbytery.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

In Honor of the Retirement of the Rev. Edward (Harry) Horne

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord who is good.*
People: **God’s love is everlasting.**
Leader: *Come, let us praise God joyfully.*
People: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**
Leader: *For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors.*
People: **Thank you, God.**
Leader: *For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor;
for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;*
People: **Thank you, God.**
Leader: *For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and
Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord.*
People: **Thank you, God.**
Leader: *For the gifts of Christian ministry given to your servant Harry Horne;*
People: **Thank you, God.**
Leader: *Celebrating the years of his labor in the fields of our Lord, and rejoicing in the blessings so
many have received through his ministry;*
People: **We praise you, O God.**
Leader: *For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;
and whose power enables our ministries to bear fruit;*
People: **We praise you, O God.**
Leader: *Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our
salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;*
People: **We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**
Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.*

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we meet as a Presbytery to recognize the Honorable retirement of Harry Horne and in accordance with the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the action of this Presbytery. We count it a privilege to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the faithful service which this servant of Jesus Christ has rendered to the Church.

AFFIRMATION RESPONSES FROM THE PRESBYTERY COLLEAGUES

Rev. John Law, RE Kay Burch

DECLARATION OF HONORABLE RETIREMENT

Leader: *Beloved in Christ, in as much as God has brought you to years of Christian Maturity in the gospel Ministry and you have now requested retirement, Savannah Presbytery, in granting your request, desires to make public acknowledgement of our appreciation for your service to Christ's Church.*

Words of appreciation and best wishes have been directed to you across the years and in this meeting today. It is my privilege as General Presbyter of this Presbytery to grant you the status of Honorably Retired, and to say for all of us: Continue to go into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of Savannah Presbytery, I extend the right hand of fellowship and invite the Presbytery to stand and join in the right hand of fellowship by means of applause.

Rev. Harry Horne expressed his appreciation for the celebration and for the Presbytery carrying him on the rolls while he was working as a missionary.

***LITANY OF INTERCESSION**

Leader: *Almighty God, our creator, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who so loved the world that he gave Himself for it, we give you hearty thanks for your servant, Harry, who has labored long and well in your service. Give him a sense of fulfillment and completion, a time of refreshment and rest, and new opportunities for living the good news of your love in Jesus Christ.*

People: **We thank you for all who have learned to know the risen Christ through his preaching and example. We thank you for all who have been drawn closer to Christ because of his Ministry.**

Leader: *Hear now our prayers for loved ones, who have stood at his side across the years and for the church which has been strengthened by his faithfulness. Grant him satisfaction as they recall difficult tasks accomplished, life's lessons learned, and persons touched by his ministry.*

People: **Continue to grant him and his loved ones, O God, a full measure of your grace until that day when all of us shall praise you face to face and hear in heaven your final word, "well done, good and faithful servants," through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

Team Reports

Report of Committee on Ministry Rev. Eric Beene, Chair

For Information:

- The Committee approved the renewal of the covenant between the Metter Church and Commissioned Ruling Elder Joe Anderson.
- The Committee approved the renewal of the Contract for Temporary Pastoral Services between the Blackshear Church and the Rev. Ainars Berzinch.
- The Committee approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Skidaway Island Church and the Rev. Greg Gillispie for Rev. Gillispie to provide pastoral services on a temporary, part-time basis, similar to a Parish Associate arrangement.
- The Committee has been informed that the Wilmington Island Church has named the Rev. Tom Dunlap and the Rev. Tino Ballesteros as Pastors Emeriti. This action was taken by the congregation as a part of their Golden Jubilee celebrating the 50th anniversary of the congregation in April.

For Action:

1. The Committee recommends that the Presbytery appoint the following Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders to serve as an Administrative Commission for the Walthourville Church: Teaching Elders Ben Beasley, Don Dilley and John Law; and Ruling Elders George Burroughs (Richmond Hill) and Jean Vernon (First, Brunswick). The Commission shall investigate the status of the church, consider options for its future, and make recommendations to the Presbytery about the church's ministry and property. The Commission shall have authority to assume Original Jurisdiction on behalf of the Presbytery in accordance with G-3.0303e. The Commission shall have a quorum of a majority of its members to act.
Rationale: The historic Walthourville church in Liberty County was organized in 1855 by former members of the Midway Congregational Church, and at one time it was the second largest congregation in Savannah Presbytery. For many years, the church has held worship only once each year, there has been no Session, and the building and cemetery have been maintained by members of the community with long-time ties to the church.

Approved

2. The Committee recommends that the Presbytery affirm that its Administrative Commission for the First Church in Hinesville includes the following five members only: Ruling Elders Alex Sifford (St. Simon's), Gwen Mayberry (St. Simon's), and Wells Kilgore (Frederica), and Teaching Elders Eric Beene and Claire Williams. The Commission shall have a quorum of a majority of its members to act.
Rationale: The Presbytery established the Administrative Commission for First Church, Hinesville, in October, 2008, at the request of the Session of that congregation. At the time, the Book of Order required that the Commission have seven members. The Commission worked diligently to resolve some acute problems at that church in its first years. More recently, the Commission has kept updated about the stressors affecting the Hinesville Church but has not had reason to meet. The Commission remains in place to be able to respond on behalf of the Presbytery if an urgent need arises. Two members of the original Commission have resigned for personal reasons, and the new Book of Order does not require that a Commission have at least seven members. This action will allow the current members of the Commission to continue to act if the need arises and to discern with the Session of the congregation when will be the appropriate time to dissolve the Commission.

Approved

Report on the Committee on Preparation For Ministry

Rev. Dan Lewis & Rev. Craig Pope

Information Only:

1. The CPM met with Jacob Douylliez on February 16th, 2013 and voted to enroll him as an Inquirer under the care of Savannah Presbytery. Jacob will attend Princeton Theological Seminary in the fall.
2. The CPM met with Kate Watkins on May 6th, 2013 and voted to enroll her as an Inquirer under the care of Savannah Presbytery. Kate will attend Columbia Theological Seminary in the fall.
3. The CPM plans to have completed work on a handbook for presbytery-specific requirements for the preparation for ministry process by the October Stated Meeting.

For Action:

1. The CPM requests that in the case of prospective Commissioned Ruling Elder Bob Matthews (English Eddy), should he in the committee's judgment meet all the requirements for commissioning this spring, presbytery grant to CPM the temporary authority to act this spring/summer as a commissioning body on behalf of the presbytery, commissioning Bob to full CRE service at English Eddy until the fall stated meeting, when the entire presbytery may confirm the commissioning in worship.

Approved

Report on Education and Training Team

Rev. Andy Meeker

No items for action.

For information:

The following were approved as leaders for the Education & Training Sub-teams:

- School of the Laity – Ann Gibbons and Leslie McCracken
- Summer Camp – Nat Scott, Andy Chambers, Jean Vernon
- Leadership Development Conference – Will Shelbourne, Charles Rogers
- Youth Events – Nat Scott, Trip McKinnon, Trey Haddon

Sub-teams are not limited to actual members of the Education & Training Team members; each sub-team will recruit others as needed to accomplish the work before them.

The 2013 Leadership Development Conference was a success. Plans are already coming together for 2014. The event will take place on February 14 & 15, 2014 at Epworth-by-the-Sea with Neil Pressa, Moderator of the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), as our keynote speaker. With the conference falling on Valentine's Day, our working theme is "We ♥ the Presbyterian Church!"

School of the Laity is back up and running and we look forward to a new class beginning in June. There are still concerns about the Presbytery's subsidy of the program, and alternative funding sources are

being considered (fundraising from churches and alums; increasing tuition; asking churches to help with the costs of their own students; etc.).

Summer Camp will be held the week of June 17-22 at Camp New Ebenezer in Rincon. Registrations are now being accepted (you may register through your church or directly through the Presbytery). To receive the early-bird discount (saving you \$35 per camper!), registration forms must be postmarked no later than May 10th. Limited scholarship funds are available – please contact the Presbytery office for more information.

Plans are still coming together for a summer youth mission trip to District II...be watching for more details. Other youth events are ongoing. Check out the Presbytery website for information.

Report of Mission Ministry Team **Rev. Trip McKinnon, Chair**

No Recommendations

For Information

1. July 14-19 youth and adults from across the presbytery will once again spend a week engaging in “hands on mission.” This year’s trip will be within the bounds of District 2. The host church, Vidalia Presbyterian Church opened registration in April and materials to register youth from all of our churches is available on-line by visiting the presbytery website www.savannahpresbytery.org
2. Frederica Presbyterian Church will sponsor a trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras in February 2014 to once again work with the children of El Hogar Home of Love and Hope. Those interested in partnering with Frederica should contact Andy Chambers (912) 634-2240 or (706) 499-2917.



*Summer 2012 Youth and Adults in Mission with hosts
from First Presbyterian Church, Brunswick*

M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund Report **Rev. Mary Beene**

Information only:

1. Some of you may not know what the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund is. In the 1990s, Mr. M.K. Pentecost left a large charitable trust to the Savannah Presbytery, established for "the presbytery's ministry of environmental justice and ecological stewardship of natural resources including marine and wild life. The M. K. Pentecost Ecology Fund was set up as a committee, elected by Presbytery, to administer this grant-making program. Most grants go to regional nonprofit organizations working on coastal and ecological efforts in the southern coastal region, the geographic area specified in Mr. Pentecost's will. Through the "Go Green" program, some grants are also given to churches in the Presbytery working on ecological projects that fit the requirements of the trust. Funds for the grants and programs of the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund come directly from the investment income of M.K. Pentecost's trust, and are managed by the Presbyterian Foundation. Please contact the Fund's Coordinator, Mary Beene (mbeene@savannahpresbytery.org) for more information or if you have interest in or ideas for getting the word out in your community about this great work.
2. Announce 2013 Grants – our meeting will be held May 20, 2013.
3. Announce the development of the Pentecost Ecology Network an online Eco-theology Resource for churches, families, environmentalists and others who want to integrate Creation Care into their life of discipleship. We plan to be able to do a run through of the website/FB and blog sites during the meeting.

Nominating Committee Report

RE Jean Vernon

The Presbytery will elect one Teaching Elder Commissioner, one Ruling Elder Commissioner and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to attend the 221st General Assembly to be held in Detroit, Michigan from June 14-21, 2014. If you are interested in being one of our presbytery's representatives to the General Assembly in 2014, please complete the application which is available on our website and send it to the office. We will vote at our October Meeting for each commissioner and delegate position.

Other Committee Reports

Report on Presbyterian Women

RE Molly McCarthy, Moderator

We started a year with a change in leadership and team members. Something we experience each January and may welcome back a former member or two. Each woman has stepped out in faith to help serve our Presbytery. Our Coordinating Team is as follows:

Moderator-Molly McCarthy (White Bluff)
Secretary-Sharon Smith (Christ)
Treasurer-Barbara Dieterman (St. Simons)
Historian-Lois Smith (Washington)
Vice/ Mod for Mission-Charlotte Goff (Hinesville)
Vice/Mod Justice & Peace-Janet Ward (1st Statesboro)
District 1-Marti Stein (Christ)
District 2-Bertha Hornberger (Lyons)

District 3-Emily Sanders (Grant Chapel)
Moderator of Search-JoAnne Beasley (Lyons)

Leadership training was held in each district for all officers or a representative from each PW on three separate dates in each district. Thanks to District 1- White Bluff, District 2-Lyons and District 3-Jesup. The best part was the fellowship among all the ladies!

Our *Horizons* Bible Study for 2013-2014 will be on “An Abiding Hope”, The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy, by Janice Catron. More information can be found on www.pcusa.org/horizons.

Save The Dates:

At this time plans are in the works towards planning our Fall Gathering, September 28, 2013 at Wilmington Island PC. More information will come at a later date.

From our Synod CT plans are in place for our Triennial Gathering at Epworth by the Sea, October 25-27, 2013. Theme for the conference is “Migration: Journey of Faith”. Worship will be led by The Rev. Dr. Jeri-Paris Perkins and Bible Study Leader will be The Rev. Janice Catron. Registration begins May 1, 2013. For more details and forms see Molly.

Two Minute Promotions

Mark George urged members to participate in Small Congregation Conference at Epworth in the future. **Rick Douylliez** thanked the members on behalf of Thornwell for presbytery support. He will send out an email soon regarding a new program for building families.

Bert Cramer stated that he had brought choral music to make available to members.

Ben Beasley announced that the monthly clergy group meeting will be at Allenhurst at 10:30 a.m. for lunch.

Russell Gladding announced that Gradye Parsons will be present at the October Stated Meeting. We need churches to consider hosting meetings in 2014 and beyond. He also announced that we will be setting up a special fund for Oklahoma tornado victims. An email will be sent out advising the best way for members respond to the tragedy.

Stephen Williams stated that Gil Clary is at home and in frail health. Please remember him in your prayers and make effort to reach out to him by phone or visit.

Committee on Resolution and Thanks

CRE Danny Grace summed up the day’s activities and offered thanks to all who helped create a wonderful day of fellowship, worship and business.

The next Presbytery Meetings will be:

**Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at
Washington Street Presbyterian Church, Dublin, GA**

**Friday, February 14, 2014
Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, GA**