

# MINUTES FOR Savannah Presbytery

614th Session  
Spring Stated Meeting  
May 19, 2015



## White Bluff Presbyterian Church Savannah



### SCHEDULE

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



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## Directions to White Bluff, Savannah, Georgia

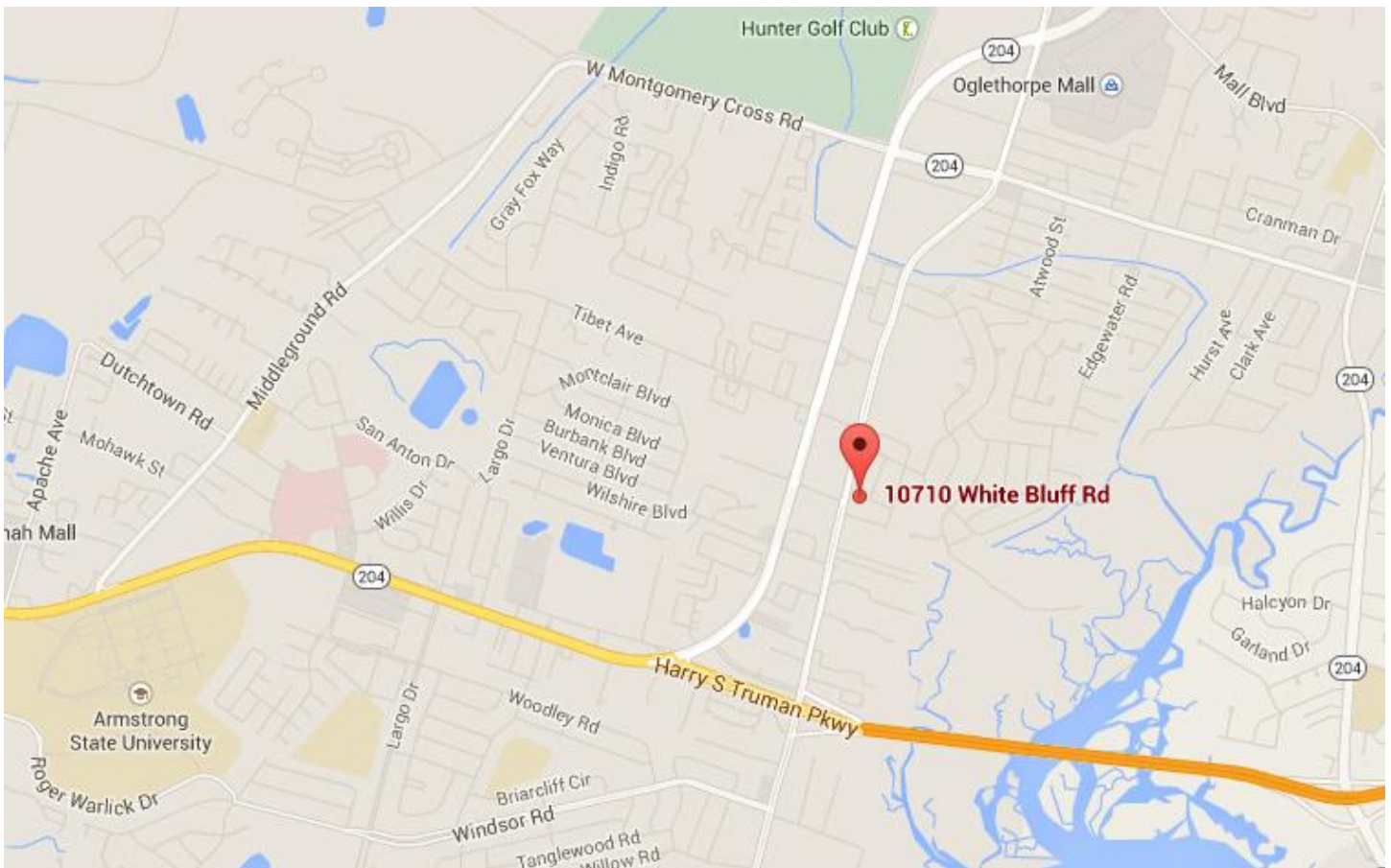
**10710 White Bluff Rd. Savannah GA 31406**  
**912-927-1731**

### **From the West:**

Take I-16 E towards Savannah. Take I-516 at Exit #164A/Lynes Pkwy, turning right. I-516 will become Derenne Ave. Follow Derenne Ave. to the second stoplight with is White Bluff Rd. Follow White Bluff Rd. through the major intersections at Abercorn and Montgomery Crossroads. You will find the church about 300 yards south of Tibet Ave. on the left at the caution light, across from the Fire Station.

### **From the South:**

Follow I-95 N to Exit #94 (GA-204 E) Turn right onto GA-204 E for about 10 miles to the stoplight at Tibet Avenue. Turn right at Tibet Ave, and proceed one block to White Bluff Rd, turning right onto White Bluff. The church is about 300 yards down on the left, at the caution light across from the Fire Station.



## Welcome from White Bluff Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to White Bluff Presbyterian Church! We are always happy to host our fellow congregations of Savannah Presbytery here! God's people have been worshipping and serving our community on this piece of land since 1745; if you have a chance, you can go see a copy of the land grant for the White Bluff Meeting House on the wall of the Conference Room in our Education Building. When it was founded by Reformed German immigrants, this place served as more than a place of worship. It was also a community center, where the people who lived in the settlements and farms along White Bluff Road would gather for meetings, school, and other events.

In addition to our worship and Christian education, our congregation has embraced our roots as a community center, providing opportunities for everything from a twice-weekly Parents' Morning Out to weekly Line Dancing classes to Boy Scouts to a Food Pantry to tutoring for children from the local public school to meeting space for many local groups. We hope you will take a few minutes during the meeting to wander through our historic cemetery and appreciate this holy ground! And if you need anything at all, do not hesitate to ask me or one of the White Bluff members who are here today.

Peace,

Rev. Eric Beene, Pastor

## Stated Meeting Notes and Announcements

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- **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. Handbooks are posted 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](mailto: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 at 12:00 at a cost of \$10.00. **PLEASE BRING A CHECK OR EXACT CHANGE.**
- **Meeting Location:** White Bluff Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia
- **NEW!!! Session Minutes Readings: Minutes will NOT be read during the Stated Meeting.** Please complete the Minutes checklist, find another clerk and swap minutes. Bring your signed checklist to Stated Clerk, Russell Gladding for his records and signature.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting are on our website, [www.savannahpresbytery.org](http://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](mailto:bsutton1@savannahpresbytery.org).

**Docket**  
**614th Session of Savannah Presbytery, Winter Stated Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2015**

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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	
9:15 AM	First Time Commissioner Orientation	
10:00AM	Opening Prayer and Call to Order – Moderator RE Jean Vernon; Eric Beene	
10:15 AM	Worship Rev. Don Johnson Preaching	
10:55 AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Organization</b> – RE Jean Vernon Quorum - <b>Quorum Established</b> Appointment Standing Committees – <b>Resolution of Thanks: TE Dan Lewis and RE Doty Dunn</b> Introduction of First Time Attendees and Visitors Requests for Voice on the Floor Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2015 (as submitted online) <b>Approved</b> Docket/Handbook/Adoption of Docket – <b>*Docket Adopted with Noted Changes</b>	
11:00 AM	<b>Report of the General Presbyter/Treasurer*</b> CRE Russell Gladding	<b>10</b>
11:20AM	<b>Using the Tools of Discipling and Transformation</b> Chuck Salter	
12:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM	Reconvene with Liturgy and Song	
1:40 PM	<b>A Service of Remembrance</b> <b>Necrology</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>*PJC Report - Bills and Overtures – TE Bob Brearley</b>	<b>20</b>

2:00 PM	<b>*Report of Stated Clerk</b>	<b>21</b>
2:30 PM	<b>*Report of Savannah Presbytery Council – No Report</b> TE Kevin Hicks, Moderator Elect- <b>Absent</b>	
3:00PM	<b>Reports of Teams and Committees</b> Committee on Ministry Committee on Preparation For Ministry Discipleship Renewal & Transformation Education and Training Team Mission Ministry Team	22
3:20 PM	<b>Report of Presbyterian Women – RE Molly McCarthy</b>	24
3:30PM	<b>Special Reports</b> Board of Pensions, Clark Simmons Thornwell Home for Children, Sheri Bozardt	25
3:50PM	<b>Two Minute Promotions</b>	
4:00PM	<b>Adjourn with Prayer</b>	<b>26</b>

The next Presbytery Meetings will be:  
 Tuesday, October 20, 2015  
 St. Marys Presbyterian Church

## Savannah Presbytery Commissioners

Church	Minister Members Serving Churches	Ruling Elder Commissioner(s)
Allenhurst	Ben Beasley	Jan Troha
Altama	Trip McKinnon	
Blackshear	VACANT	Frances McFadyen <b>Absent</b>
Brunswick Second	<b>**Benjamin Holmes, CRE, Excused</b>	
Butler Memorial	Don Johnson	Al Mullice
Christ	Kenneth McKenzie, Stated Supply <b>Excused</b>	Rick Smith
English Eddy	<b>**Bob Mathews, CRE Absent</b>	
Faith	Mary Beene, Stated Supply	Betsy deQuelho
First, Brunswick	*Sam Henderson, Interim Minister	Cynthia Sering
First, Darien	Richard Grice, Stated Supply	
First, Douglas	Ed Ayers, Stated Supply <b>Excused</b>	Grace James
First, Eastman	VACANT	John Harrington
First, Hinesville	Roland S. Banks	
First, Midway	*Damon Williams, Supply <b>Absent</b>	Curtes Roberts
First, Saint Marys	Rick Douylliez <b>Excused</b>	Chuck Cobb <b>Absent</b>
First, Savannah (2)	Stephen Williams	Jenell Griffith
	William Shelburne, Associate Pastor	Mary Eckwall
First, Statesboro	Dan Lewis	Doty Dunn
First, Waycross	VACANT	
Flemington	Greg Loskoski	
Frederica	Kathi Parchem	Wells Kilgore <b>Absent</b>
Grant Chapel	*Jimmie Sanders, Supply <b>Absent</b>	
Henry Memorial	W. Mark George	Katie Hogan
Jekyll	Bert Cramer, Stated Supply	Elsie Sederholm (all year)
Jesup	Pete Ullmann	Dick Woodward
Lyons	*Trent Akins, Supply <b>Absent</b>	
McGregor	Wayne McDaniel, Stated Supply	
McRae	*Norwood Davidson, Supply <b>Absent</b>	
Metter	<b>**Joe Anderson, CRE Excused</b>	Julie Hall
Montgomery	*Jeff Myers, Interim Minister, <b>Excused</b>	Jean Strong
Mount Vernon	VACANT	
Peabody Heights	*David Muntford, Stated Supply <b>Absent</b>	
Riceboro	*Janet Odegaard, Supply <b>Absent</b>	
Richmond Hill	Don Dilley, Interim Minister <b>Absent</b>	Rodney Denmark
Saint Simons (2)	Bob Brearley	Coco Bujold
	Alan Dyer, Associate Pastor	Rich Goeldner
	Jann Briscoe, Parish Associate, <b>Excused</b>	
Skidaway Island	Jeff Garrison	Shelly Barquist
Swainsboro	Ozeas Silva, Stated Supply	Antonio Ledesma Castillo
Vidalia	Kevin Hicks <b>Excused</b>	Leba Goode
Walthourville	VACANT	
Washington Street	Ricky Porter	Lois Stroman
White Bluff	Eric Beene	Karl Branch
Wilmington Island	Andy Meeker	Melisa Orr

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

\*\* indicates a Commissioned Ruling Elder whose vote counts as an Elder Commissioner, not as a Minister Commissioner



## Voting Minister Members

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### \*Required to Attend Presbytery Meetings

#### \*Active Minister Members

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

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach/New Member Pastor at Wesley Monumental UMC .....	Present
Rachel Greiner, Chaplain, Memorial Hospital .....	Present
George Brink, Missionary Stuart Fletcher, Savannah Korean Presbyterian Church .....	Excused
**Ken McKenzie, Part Time Chaplain, Memorial Hospital .....	Excused
Heahwan Rim, Synod Ex. Pres. ....	Present
**Ozeas Silva, Latina Iglesia PC, Swainsboro Hispanic Ministry .....	Present
Choongyun Yu, Pastor, Immanuel Presbyterian Church .....	Present

#### Honorably Retired Members

Grady Allison .....	
Bob Allman .....	
Art Bishop .....	
Fred Boozer .....	
John Bressler .....	
Tom Dunlap.....	
**Richard Grice .....	
Harry Horne.....	
Larry Kennon .....	
John Law .....	Present
Diane Lovin.....	
Bill Platt.....	
**Wayne McDaniel.....	
Thomas Mueller .....	
Carl Schlich .....	
Steve Tisinger.....	Present
Jessie Truvillion .....	

#### \*Members At Large (G-2.0503B)

Fairy Caroland.....	Excused
Susan Lewis.....	Excused
Deanie Strength .....	<b>Absent</b>
Claire Williams.....	Present

\*\*Listed also as a pastor of church

\*\*\*Listed also as Elder Commissioner

## Other Voting Members

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### \*Officer of the Presbytery

Russell Gladding, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk/Treasurer

### \*Presbytery Council

Jean Vernon, Moderator of Savannah Presbytery

\*\*Rick Douylliez, Moderator of SP Council **Excused**

\*\* Kevin Hicks, Moderator Elect **Excused**

\*\*Ed Ayers **Excused**

\*\*Alan Dyer

Johnye Gillans

John Law

\*\*Trip McKinnon

\*\*Andy Meeker

\*\*Kathi Parchem

\*\*Will Shelburne

\*\*Ben Beasley

Molly McCarthy, PW President

## Nonvoting Guests

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### Presbytery Personnel

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

### TOTALS

Voting Minister Members .....	29
Voting Elder Commissioners .....	25
Voting Commissioned Lay Pastors .....	0
Other Voting Members.....	4
Other Attendees & Visitors.....	12
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>70</b>

**Call to Order**  
**TE Jean Vernon**

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**Worship**  
**Rev. Don Johnson Preaching**

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

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As we continue our faith journey seeking to be and make disciples, we are focusing at the Presbytery level on how we can help our congregations in this exciting new way of looking at evangelism. Our Discipleship Renewal and Transformation Team (DRT) is leading the way as we work with Iglesia Latina in Swainsboro and Crosswalk in Brunswick. These two New Worshipping Communities are exciting and vibrant in what is going on. They are capably lead by the Rev. Ozeas Silva and the Rev. Trip McKinnon, who are working at a level of discipleship making and building, instead of organizing and institutionalizing. Where is the Holy Spirit leading, calling to us to come and follow? That can be scary at times, but it has, I believe, a great upside, perhaps like the early church discovered.

But our journey also includes those of us used to the more traditional and structured church. Many of these congregations are sensing a movement of the Spirit within the walls of our church building that beckons us to move outside the walls and find the vitality that cannot be found inside by doing the latest program. We just may be hearing our calling for a new time of discipling our folks within and attracting new friends outside. Our expectation needs some adjustment I think, but the goal has never been to make new church members. It is to tell and show the good news to the world and to make disciples, starting where we are.

The DRT Team will be trying to help and enable us in how we can convey this gospel in a new way. But who will we convey it to and where will we find them. One thing we want to bring to you today is a tool for this purpose. It can be used by every church in this Presbytery and it will not cost a cent for you to use it in your congregation. It is called MissionInsite. Its President, Chuck Salter, is here today to demonstrate how you can know your neighbors, those in your community, so that you can go and love them as you have been loved by God in Jesus Christ.

I hope that this can be a day that we will not just begin to see a new toy. But that we may envision new potential to get up and go as those first disciples went. For in our going, in our following, we will not be alone. Do we really believe this?

In this way our 41 congregations are just like the two New Worshipping Communities. We are dependent on God's Holy Spirit! How exciting is that?!!!

Grace and Peace,

Russell

## **Report of the Treasurer**

### **CRE Russell Gladding**

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The report for the first quarter of 2015 is attached. Although it shows a deficit for the three month period ending March 31, 2015, there are several factors that need to be considered. You will note that Unified Pledge Giving was under what was budgeted for the period by \$6,647 or approximately 11% less than budgeted. Please note here that there are six churches which pledged, but had not made a payment during the first quarter. There are also churches which usually pledge which have not done so as of the date of this report.

Our total Income is off by almost \$22,000 for the quarter. However you will note that nothing had been drawn on the budgeted \$32,000 for Crossroads NWC and likewise nothing had been drawn on the \$34,000 budgeted from the New Covenant Growth Fund. Liz and I try to watch cash flow and trends of the income stream and not draw these funds unless we need them.

On the expense side you will note that overall we underspent the budgeted items. However, there are again some items you should be aware of. We did not pay our full per capita for the Synod or General Assembly during the quarter. We paid audit expenses of \$3,500 for 2012 and 2013 which were budgeted in those years. We received the audit in early January and paid them in this calendar year. Other items in the council expense that are noteworthy are \$1,860 spent for new technology for virtual remote meetings, at least part of which will be refunded due to the vendor not living up to our agreement. Under Council Miscellaneous, \$4,687 of the \$6,674 expended were for the annual payment for Missionsite (\$2,494), a tool to help our Churches and NWCs in discipleship renewal and transformation, some travel reimbursement to St Marys for our 2014 Moderator's presbytery travels, and some furnishings for the presbytery's new second conference room. One last item of \$5,417 under Cluster Training is a reimbursable item from the Synod for the Georgia Cluster of Presbyteries meeting in January at the Calvin Center.

That is a lot of explaining to let you know Savannah Presbytery is in solid financial shape as our Balance Sheet indicates. We need to continue to encourage our churches to pledge to the Presbytery and if at all possible pay on that pledge monthly. We ask that our teams and staff to continue to be good stewards in spending.

The new Finance and Stewardship Committee has met twice and is looking at how we might find new ways of funding the presbytery's ministries. We are checking into bringing in the Presbyterian Foundation to assist us in seeking to build endowments for some or all of our major programs. We would like to explore ways to solicit members of our congregations in helping this through major gifts and including Savannah Presbytery and their local congregation in their wills. We hope the Robert Hay from the Foundation may be with us at our Stated Meeting in October, 2015.

We would welcome your thought and ideas regarding stewardship and finance in the future as we continue to be God's Presbyterian people in Southeast Georgia.

**Savannah Presbytery  
Balance Sheet  
As of March 31, 2015**

	<b>Mar 31, 15</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
01 - Atl Natl - UNIFIED CHECK 3103 (Atlantic National Checking)	19,411.07
02 - Atl. Nat'l - Unified MM 0495 (UNIFIED MONEY MARKET)	4,362.04
03 - Atl. Nat'l -Selected MM 0503 (MONEY MARKET)	210.56
04 - Atl Natl - Special Uses/Scholar (Special Uses/Scholarship)	38,751.12
06 - BoA Ck -MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund / Ecology Checking)	3,508.87
07 - BoA MM - MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund Ecology - Money Market)	20,447.28
	86,690.94
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	86,690.94
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
17 - CD - Habersham Clay	30,000.00
18 - CD - Presb. Investment Prog	37,628.60
19 - New Covenant Fund	853,716.09
37 - Note Receivable Gladding (2010 Toyota Camry)	2,000.00
38 - Note Afr Amer Cong	2,500.00
	925,844.69
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	925,844.69
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,012,535.63
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
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	-523.42
	70,564.38
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	70,564.38
<b>Other Assets</b>	
72 - Note Receivable Christ PC	272,003.85
73 - Note Receivable - PC Midway	5,904.90
	277,908.75
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	277,908.75
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,361,008.76</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
005 - Payroll Liabilities	2,607.84
010 - Accrued Expenses	570.50
	3,178.34
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	3,178.34
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	3,178.34
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	3,178.34

**Savannah Presbytery  
Balance Sheet  
As of March 31, 2015**

<b>Equity</b>	
003 · Fund Balance (Retained Earnings)	1,046,897.75
004 · Opening Bal Equity	291,697.49
008 · Fund Balance Ecology	35,168.35
Net Income	<u>-15,933.17</u>
Total Equity	<u>1,357,830.42</u>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	 <b><u>1,361,008.76</u></b>

**Savannah Presbytery – Income & Expense Report  
Jan - Mar 15**

	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	% of Budget	Tot Budget	TOTALS \$ Over Budget	% Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
1000 · .Unified Pledge INcome						
p1 · __PLDG - Allenhurst	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 900.00	400%	\$3,600.00	\$ -	100%
p2 · __PLDG - Altama	\$ -	\$ 124.97	0%	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0%
p3 · __PLDG - Blackshear	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p4 · __PLDG - Brunswick Second	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p5 · __PLDG - Butler Memorial	\$1,065.00	\$1,500.00	71%	\$6,000.00	\$(4,935.00)	18%
p6 · __PLDG - Christ PC	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	200%	\$ 600.00	\$ (300.00)	50%
p7 · __PLDG - English Eddy	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p8 · __PLDG - Faith PC	\$1,500.00	\$ 375.00	400%	\$1,500.00	\$ -	100%
p9 · __PLDG - First Brunswick	\$4,374.99	\$4,375.03	100%	\$ 17,500.00	(11,666.68)	33%
p10 · __PLDG - First Darien	\$ -	\$1,214.58	0%	\$4,858.50	\$(4,858.50)	0%
p11 · __PLDG - First Douglas	\$ -	\$1,249.97	0%	\$5,000.00	\$(5,000.00)	0%
p12 · __PLDG - First Eastman	\$ 481.95	\$1,000.03	48%	\$4,000.00	\$(3,518.05)	12%
p13 · __PLDG - First Hinesville	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	100%	\$ 600.00	\$ (450.00)	25%
p14 · __PLDG - First Midway	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p15 · __PLDG - First Saint Marys	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00	100%	\$ 16,200.00	(10,800.00)	33%
p16 · __PLDG - First Savannah	\$ -	\$4,500.00	0%	\$ 18,000.00	(15,096.00)	16%
p17 · __PLDG - First Statesboro	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	100%	\$9,600.00	\$(6,400.00)	33%
p18 · __PLDG - First Waycross	\$ -	\$ 625.03	0%	\$2,500.00	\$(2,500.00)	0%
p19 · __PLDG - Flemington	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p20 · __PLDG - Frederica PC	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	100%	\$4,500.00	\$(3,000.00)	33%
p21 · __PLDG - Grant Chapel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.03	100%	\$4,000.00	\$(3,000.00)	25%
p22 · __PLDG - Henry Memorial	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p43 · __PLDG - Hinesville Korean	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p23 · __PLDG - Jekyll PC	\$ -	\$1,249.97	0%	\$5,000.00	\$(5,000.00)	0%
p24 · __PLDG - Jesup PC	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	100%	\$7,200.00	\$(5,400.00)	25%
p25 · __PLDG - Lyons PC	\$1,000.02	\$1,000.03	100%	\$4,000.00	\$(2,999.98)	25%

**Savannah Presbytery – Income & Expense Report**

**Jan - Mar 15**

**TOTALS**

	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	% of Budget	Tot Budget	\$ Over Budget	% Budget
p26 · __PLDG - McGregor	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p27 · __PLDG - McRae	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p28 · __PLDG - Metter	\$ -	\$ 250.03	0%	\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)	0%
p29 · __PLDG - Montgomery	\$1,750.00	\$2,625.00	67%	\$ 10,500.00	\$(7,875.00)	25%
p30 · __PLDG - Mount Vernon	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p31 · __PLDG - Peabody Heights	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p32 · __PLDG - Riceboro	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p33 · __PLDG - Richmond Hill	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	100%	\$7,200.00	\$(4,800.00)	33%
p34 · __PLDG - Saint Simons PC	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	100%	\$ 62,400.00	(46,800.00)	25%
p35 · __PLDG - Savannah Korean	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p36 · __PLDG - Skidaway Island	\$5,499.99	\$5,500.03	100%	\$ 22,000.00	(14,666.68)	33%
p37 · __PLDG - Swainsboro	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	100%	\$1,200.00	\$ (800.00)	33%
p38 · __PLDG - Vidalia	\$1,944.32	\$ -	100%	\$ -	\$ 2,916.32	100%
p39 · __PLDG - Walthourville	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p40 · __PLDG - Washington Street PC	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
p41 · __PLDG - White Bluff	\$1,776.74	\$3,375.00	53%	\$ 13,500.00	(10,620.41)	21%
p42 · __PLDG - Wilmington Island PC	\$4,200.00	\$4,125.00	102%	\$ 16,500.00	(10,900.00)	34%
Total 1000 · .Unified Pledge Income	55,718.01	62,364.70	89%	249,458.50	(179,969.98)	28%
2000 · Education & Training Income						
2001 · Summer Camp Income	\$ 953.75	\$4,142.53	23%	\$16,570.00	\$(13,306.25)	20%
2005 · - LDC - Laity - Inc	\$12,655.00	\$3,240.00	391%	\$ 12,960.00	\$ (305.00)	98%
				\$		
2006 · School of the Laity - Inc	\$5,755.00	\$2,642.53	218%	10,570.00	\$(3,540.00)	67%
Total 2000 · Education & Training Income	\$19,363.75	\$10,025.06	193%	\$ 40,100.00	\$(17,151.25)	57%
4000 · Other Income						
4003 · Interest Income (Interest)	\$ 0.77	\$ 4.97	15%	\$ 20.00	\$ (19.23)	4%
4008 · PILP Investment CD - Inc	\$ 60.06	\$ 72.47	83%	\$ 290.00	\$ (229.94)	21%
4009 · Jean Alexander Fund CRT- Inc (Charitable Remainder Trust. Income to be used for NCD)	\$ 108.12	\$ 109.97	98%	\$ 440.00	\$ (331.88)	25%
40010 · BofA - Habersham Clay CD -Inc	\$ 80.70	\$ 62.53	129%	\$ 250.00	\$ (169.30)	32%
4006 · New Church Development Income	\$ 240.99	\$ 750.00	32%	\$3,000.00	\$(2,759.01)	8%
Total 4000 · Other Income	\$ 490.64	\$ 999.94	49%	\$4,000.00	\$(3,509.36)	12%
6000 · Miscellaneous Other Income						
6002 · Annual Inc/New Covenant	\$ -	\$8,516.72	0%	\$34,067.00	\$(34,067.00)	0%
6003 · Special Offering	\$ 487.45					
6004 · Grant - 1001 New Worshiping Com						
6004A · Iglesia Latina	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	0%
6004B · Crossroads	\$ -	\$1,875.00	0%	\$7,500.00	\$(7,500.00)	0%
6004C · NCG Fund - Crossroads	\$ -	\$7,999.97	0%	\$ 32,000.00	\$(32,000.00)	0%
Total 6004 · Grant - 1001 New	\$ -	\$9,874.97	0%	\$ 39,500.00	\$(39,500.00)	0%

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	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	% of Budget	Tot Budget	\$ Over Budget	% Budget
Worshiping Com						
Total 6000 · Miscellaneous Other Income	\$ 487.45	\$18,391.69	3%	\$ 73,567.00	\$(72,834.27)	1%
Total Income	\$76,059.85	\$91,781.39	83%	\$7,125.50	(273,464.86)	26%
Expense						
7000 · Team & Committee Expenses						
7001 · Presbytery Council						
7001A · General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas						
7001A1 · - GP/SC/Treas -						
Salary -	\$5,605.38	\$5,605.36	100%	\$ 22,421.50	\$(15,881.89)	29%
7001A2 · - GP - Housing -						
Exp	\$9,237.52	\$7,637.53	121%	\$ 30,550.00	\$(18,639.56)	39%
7001A3 · - GP - Social						
SecurityPymt -Exp	\$ 862.44	\$ 862.44	100%	\$1,006.18	\$ -	100%
7001A4 · GP/SC/Treas -						
Cont. Ed	\$ 186.83	\$ 375.00	50%	\$1,500.00	\$(1,313.17)	12%
7001A5 · - GP/SC/Treas -						
Travel -Exp						
7001A5a · - Auto						
Allowance - Exp	\$2,238.20	\$2,125.03	105%	\$8,500.00	\$(6,261.80)	26%
Total 7001A5 · -						
GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp	\$2,238.20	\$2,125.03	105%	\$8,500.00	\$(6,261.80)	26%
7001A6 · -GP/SC/Trea -						
Board of Pension	\$5,614.77	\$5,179.34	108%	20,717.39	\$(13,231.03)	36%
7001A9 · GP Pastoral						
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ 375.00	0%	\$1,500.00	\$(1,500.00)	0%
7001A10 · GP/SC/Treas						
Allow in Lieu FICA	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$2,443.07	\$(2,443.07)	0%
Total 7001A · General						
Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas	\$23,745.14	\$22,159.70	107%	\$88,638.14	\$(59,270.52)	33%
7001D · Business Administrator						
7001D1 · Business Admin						
Salary - Exp	\$10,833.48	\$10,833.46	100%	\$43,333.90	\$(30,694.84)	29%
7001D2 · Pension and						
Major Medical - Exp	\$4,183.47	\$3,972.00	105%	\$15,888.00	\$(10,259.56)	35%
7001D3 · Business Admin						
Pro Exp	\$ -	\$ 124.97	0%	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	0%
Total 7001D · Business						
Administrator	\$15,016.95	\$14,930.43	101%	\$59,721.90	\$(41,454.40)	31%
7001G · Staff						
Assoc/Communication - Exp	\$4,740.30	\$4,741.13	100%	\$18,964.46	\$(13,434.11)	29%
7001I · Gen						
Assembly &						
Synod Expense						
7001I1 · - G.A. Per Capita -						
Exp	\$3,320.54	\$9,961.66	33%	\$39,846.52	\$(36,525.98)	8%
7001I3 · - Synod - Per Capita						
	\$ 704.50	\$2,113.50	33%	\$8,454.00	\$(7,749.50)	8%

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	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	% of Budget	Tot Budget	\$ Over Budget	% Budget
-Exp						
Total 7001I · Gen Assembly & Synod Expense	\$4,025.04	\$ 12,075.16	33%	\$48,300.52	\$(44,275.48)	8%
7001J · PCUSA Conference Attendance	\$ -	\$1,000.03	0%	\$4,000.00	\$(4,000.00)	0%
7001K · Presbytery Office Operating Exp						
7001Ka · - Recording Clerk - Exp	\$ 75.00	\$ 56.25	133%	\$ 225.00	\$ (150.00)	33%
7001Kd · - Electricity and Gas - Exp	\$1,104.81	\$ 874.97	126%	\$3,500.00	\$(2,395.19)	32%
7001Ke · - Telephone and DSL - Exp	\$1,947.92	\$1,687.50	115%	\$6,750.00	\$(4,627.06)	31%
7001Kf · - Water - Exp	\$ 85.63	\$ 87.47	98%	\$ 350.00	\$ (222.34)	36%
7001Kg · - Insurance - Exp	\$3,833.50	\$1,999.97	192%	\$8,000.00	\$(4,166.50)	48%
7001Kh · - Postage - Exp	\$ 347.59	\$ 212.53	164%	\$ 850.00	\$ (502.41)	41%
7001Ki · - Legal Fees - Exp	\$ -	\$ 250.03	0%	\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)	0%
7001Kj · - Supplies - Exp	\$1,485.41	\$ 750.00	198%	\$3,000.00	\$(1,514.59)	50%
7001Kk · - Audit - Exp	\$3,500.00					
7001Kl · - Equipment Contracts - Exp	\$2,388.62	\$2,125.03	112%	\$8,500.00	\$(5,683.52)	33%
7001Km · - Equipment Maintenance - Exp	\$ -	\$ 375.00	0%	\$1,500.00	\$(1,500.00)	0%
7001Kn · - Equipment Purchase - Exp	\$1,859.48	\$ 375.00	496%	\$1,500.00	\$ 748.39	150%
7001ko · - Building Maintenance - Exp	\$1,944.55	\$1,875.00	104%	\$7,500.00	\$(5,140.45)	31%
7001Kp · - Webpage Maint - Exp	\$ -	\$ 499.97	0%	\$2,000.00	\$(2,000.00)	0%
7001Kq · - Software - Exp	\$ 19.99	\$ 62.53	32%	\$ 250.00	\$ (230.01)	8%
7001Kr · - Staff Travel Expenses - Exp	\$ -	\$ 62.53	0%	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)	0%
7001Ks · - Pastoral Relations - Exp	\$ 363.08	\$ 750.00	48%	\$3,000.00	\$(2,636.92)	12%
7001Kt · Misc. Service Charges	\$ 58.99	\$ 75.00	79%	\$ 300.00	\$ (286.01)	5%
7001Kx · Council Miscellaneous	\$6,673.61	\$1,875.00	356%	\$7,500.00	\$ 807.81	111%
7001Kz2 · Payroll Expense	\$1,671.69	\$1,249.97	134%	\$5,000.00	\$(3,104.38)	38%
7001kz3 · Payroll Direct Deposit - Exp	\$ 56.40	\$ 52.97	106%	\$ 212.00	\$ (146.20)	31%
Total 7001K · Presbytery Office Operating Exp	\$27,416.27	\$15,296.72	179%	\$61,187.00	\$(30,499.38)	50%
Total 7001 · Presbytery Council	\$74,943.70	\$70,203.17	107%	\$280,812.02	(192,933.89)	31%
7002 · Church & Polity						
7002A · - PJC Cmte - Exp	\$ 81.60	\$ 49.97	163%	\$ 200.00	\$ (118.40)	41%



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	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	% of Budget	Tot Budget	\$ Over Budget	% Budget
7002B · - COM Cmte - Exp						
7002Bc · Clustering Training LDC	\$5,417.33					
7002Bd · Emergency Pastoral Contingency	\$ -	\$ 250.03	0%	\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)	0%
7002Be · COM Cmte Team -Exp	\$ 448.18	\$ 874.97	51%	\$3,500.00	\$(2,901.82)	17%
7002B · - COM Cmte - Exp - Other	\$ -	\$ 49.97	0%	\$ 200.00	\$( 200.00)	0%
Total 7002B · - COM Cmte - Exp	\$5,865.51	\$1,174.97	499%	\$4,700.00	\$ 1,315.51	128%
7002D · - CPM - Exp						
7002Db · Inquirers, Candidates, CRE	\$ 280.50	\$ 750.00	37%	\$3,000.00	\$(2,719.50)	9%
Total 7002D · - CPM - Exp	\$ 280.50	\$ 750.00	37%	\$3,000.00	\$(2,719.50)	9%
Total 7002 · Church & Polity	\$6,227.61	\$1,974.94	315%	\$7,900.00	\$(1,522.39)	81%
7003 · Education & Training						
7003A · Team Expense	\$ -	\$ 39.00	0%	\$ 156.00	\$( 156.00)	0%
7003B · - School of the Laity - Exp	\$1,442.64	\$3,225.00	45%	12,900.00	(11,457.36)	11%
7003D · - LDC Expense	\$1,798.15	\$3,925.03	46%	15,700.00	\$( 442.03)	97%
7003J · - Camps - Summer - Exp	\$ -	\$5,125.03	0%	20,500.00	(20,500.00)	0%
7003k · - Youth Connects/MidHigh - Exp	\$ -	\$ 625.03	0%	\$2,500.00	\$(2,500.00)	0%
7003L · - Stipend	\$ -	\$ 375.00	0%	\$1,500.00	\$(1,500.00)	0%
Total 7003 · Education & Training	\$3,240.79	\$13,314.09	24%	\$ 53,256.00	\$(36,555.39)	31%
7004 · Discipling, Renewal, Transforma						
7004H · D,R,T Team - Exp	\$ -	\$ 49.97	0%	\$ 200.00	\$( 162.80)	19%
7004A · 1001 New Worshiping Communities						
7004A1 · Iglesia Latina	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	100%	\$ 30,000.00	\$(21,250.00)	29%
7004A2 · Crossroads	\$9,375.03	\$9,375.00	100%	\$ 37,500.00	\$(24,999.96)	33%
Total 7004A · 1001 New Worshiping Communities	\$16,875.03	\$16,875.00	100%	\$67,500.00	\$(46,249.96)	31%
7004D · SP African-Amer Coalition	\$ -	\$ 750.00	0%	\$3,000.00	\$(3,000.00)	0%
Total 7004 · Discipling, Renewal, Transforma	\$16,875.03	\$17,674.97	95%	\$70,700.00	\$(49,412.76)	30%
7006 · Mission						
7006A · Mission Ministry Team	\$ -	\$ 49.97	0%	\$200.00	\$( 200.00)	0%
7006K · Thornwell	\$ -	\$ 250.03	0%	\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)	0%
7006L · Adult Mission Trip	\$ -	\$ 250.03	0%	\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)	0%
7006M · Youth Mission Trip	\$ -	\$ 250.03	0%	\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)	0%
Total 7006 · Mission	\$ -	\$ 800.06	0%	\$3,200.00	\$(3,200.00)	0%

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	Jan - Mar 15	Budget	% of Budget	Tot Budget	\$ Over Budget	% Budget
7007 · - Nominating Committee - Exp	\$ -	\$ 49.97	0%	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)	0%
Total 7000 · Team & Committee Expenses	101,287.13	104,017.20	97%	416,068.02	(283,824.43)	32%
Total Expense	101,287.13	104,017.20	97%	416,068.02	(283,824.43)	32%
Net Ordinary Income	(25,227.28)	(12,235.81)	206%	(48,942.52)	\$10,359.57	79%
Net Income	(25,227.28)	(12,235.81)	206%	(48,942.52)	\$10,359.57	79%

**Using the Tools of Discipling and Transformation**  
**Chuck Salter, President of MissionInsite**

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Chuck Salter presented introduction to MissionInsite, a program developed to chart demographics of a church's geographical region to best utilize and understand people and resources within an area. Discussion followed the presentation with instructions for use by the churches in Savannah Presbytery.

**Lunch**

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**Reconvene with Liturgy & Song**

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**A Service of Remembrance**

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**For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest...  
 We Remember and Give Thanks to God**

**Leader:** God of our history, God of the Church, God of Savannah Presbytery: We thank You for Your Spirit, poured out on all who have served You so faithfully, whom You have welcomed into that great church triumphant.

For those who endured, even in the midst of threats and persecutions:

**People:** **God of life – Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer – we give You great thanks.**

**Leader:** For those who believed in your ever-renewing spirit; for those who refused glory because they followed Christ's example of humbleness and humility:

**People:** **God of life – Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer – we give You great thanks.**

**Leader:** For those who have opened long-closed windows for the fresh air of Your Spirit and doors to allow others to enter freely into the joy of Your family of faith:

**People:** **God of life – Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer – we give You great thanks.**

**Leader:** For those who have been steadfast in the struggle for Your kingdom:

**People:** **God of all life – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - we give You thanks and praise.**

**ALL:** **Lord of all, we remember today and celebrate the lives of those from our ranks who have helped keep our faith alive. We give special thanks for those who have run the race, fought the good fight, and now rest from their labors in Your eternally loving arms. Thank You for their faithfulness and service in life and for their full realization now in death of the certainty**

of resurrection and new life. You have welcomed them, O Lord, into the great church triumphant. Help us to welcome and bless their memory now.

(A time of silent prayer and remembrance as names are read by leader.)

**2013/2015 Church Triumphant  
(Through April 30, 2015)**

**Teaching Elder**

Honorably Retired	Cecil Robert Taylor	11/25/14
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**Ruling Elders**

Blackshear	William “Bill” Long	1/27/15
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Butler Memorial	Virginia Dingle Nelson	11/15/14
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FPC Brunswick	C. V. Waters	10/8/14
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	Norman “Steve” Stevens	7/18/14
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FPC Hinesville	Jon Whitlock Collins	1/18/14
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FPC Midway	Clinton Roberts	3/7/14
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FPC Savannah	Mary Jane Gallaher McCane	11/15/13
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	Marianne Ward Deaton	1/30/14
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	Charles David Parkinson	9/9/14
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FPC Statesboro	Eleanor (Ellie) James	9/26/14
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	Alton Odom	12/2/14
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Henry Memorial	Ken Ross	10/11/13
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	Mavis William	11/22/14
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	Marion Sims New	3/17/15
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Jekyll Community	William Kiddy	7/1/14
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	Dan Daniel	2/25/15
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St. Simons	Dick Wicker	12/3/13
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	Mimi Franklin	5/5/14
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	Roni McCloskey	5/14/14
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	Bill Royal	6/26/14
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	Sue Brase	7/4/14
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	Jerry Schueneman	7/16/14
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	Tom Denmark	7/25/14
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	George Mower	12/20/14
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	Fran Dowling	12/30/14
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Vidalia	John Charles “Chip” Matheson	10/15/13
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White Bluff	Sondra Peck	10/24/14
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	John Giddens	7/24/14
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Leader: God of history, continue to pour out Your Spirit upon us.

**ALL:** Thank You, Gracious God, for life! Praise be to You for the lives of saints remembered who now dwell with You, the Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the fullness of Your Kingdom. Praise be to You for the joyful memory of those who have served You and for their example to us and all the church. And, thank You, O God, for the lives You give to each of us and the joy that we have in serving You. May the memories of saints past and our mission in the future be fully grounded in the truth of our confession and the reality of our living and dying, that in life and in death, we belong to You! Amen and Amen.

HYMN NO. 526 "For All the Saints" (Verses 1 and 3)

## Team & Committee Reports with Recommendations

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### Report of the Permanent Judicial Commission to Savannah Presbytery Rev. Bob Brearley

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Fossil Fuel Overture to the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Saint Marys is requesting that the Presbytery of Savannah overture the General Assembly to encourage investing in fossil fuel companies that take a responsible position in reducing carbon emissions by utilizing leading edge technologies to clean emissions or develop clean burning fuels.

#### **Recommendation:**

1. Approval of the overture with the amendment that the last sentence be deleted. This sentence in our opinion weakens the overture's opposition to a general divestment action and confuses the issue at hand.

**Rational:** The tone of this overture is positive, and it encourages investment that is helpful in solving an ecological concern rather than seeking general divestment actions that are punitive and not practical.

A Substitute Motion was made that the Moderator appoint a Bills and Overture Committee to review and to work with authors of St. Mary's overture and bring recommendations to October 2015 Stated Meeting for approval. The substitute motion was duly discussed and was passed to become the main motion. This motion was approved.

#### **Approved**

## Report of the Stated Clerk CRE Russell Gladding

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### **Information:**

1. The congregation of Vidalia Presbyterian Church on Sunday April 19, 2015 petitioned Savannah Presbytery by a vote of 44 to 38 to enter into the presbytery's Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy. The first step of that policy is that a Discernment team consisting of four members of the Vidalia congregation and four members of Savannah Presbytery be chosen and that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery will convene the first meeting. In accordance with the Moderator of the Presbytery, moderator of Council and the General Presbytery shall recommend the four names from the Presbytery.

**Motion made to appoint Teaching Elders: Andy Meeker and Pete Ullman, and Ruling Elders: Karl Branch and Betsy deQueljoe as Savannah Presbytery members of the Discernment team.**

**Approved.**

2. The Lyons Presbyterian Church Session informed the Stated Clerk on Thursday, April 23, 2015 of their desire to enter into the Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy. We have received this in writing from the session. A congregational meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Congregational meeting has been scheduled for May 31, 2015.**

3. The presbytery need hosts for its Stated Meetings in May and October, 2016 and 2017. Please contact us if your church would like to host Savannah Presbytery.
4. The interim Nominating process for filling vacancies between Nominating Committees it the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk and the Moderator present names to the Presbytery. Although Ben Beasley has been serving on the Mission Team he is now the Chair of this team so we give you this as information.
5. We welcome Clark Simmons, BOP, and Chuck Salter, Missionsite to our Stated Meeting today and offer them the privilege of voice on the floor.
6. Reverend Ken McKenzie has requested and received his changing of his Validated Ministry to the following: Part time Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Pooler and part time chaplain at Memorial Hospital in Savannah.
7. General Presbyter has received a Certificate in Theology and Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary signifying attendance in a year (2014) of weekly online classes and completion of all written assignments.
8. The First Presbyterian Church, Hinesville Session met on May 5<sup>th</sup> and voted to begin Discernment process with a congregational meeting to held on June 28, 2015.

### **Recommendations:**

- 1) The Interim Nominating duo recommends that Elder Paul Scott be elected to serve a three year term on the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

**Approved**

## Report of Committee on Ministry

### TE Rev. Kathi Parchem, Chair

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#### **For Information:**

1. With the authorization of the Presbytery at our previous meeting, the Committee appointed for the Installation Commission for **Don Johnson**: Teaching Elders Ricky Porter, Ed Ayers, Stephen Williams and Andy Meeker. The Ruling Elders are Johnye Gillans, Jean Vernon, Moderator, and Russell Gladding, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. The service is set for 4PM on Sunday June 7, 2015 at Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Earl Callaway will be the guest Preacher.
2. With the authorization of the Presbytery at our previous meeting, the Committee appointed for the Installation Commission for **Trip McKinnon**: Teaching Elders Jann Briscoe and Ricky Porter. The Ruling Elders are Ron Polmanteer, Orion Douglas, Johnye Gillans, Jean Vernon, Moderator, and Russell Gladding, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. The service will be on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 4PM at Altama Presbyterian Church. Guests of the Commission participating in the Installation will include Ruling Elder Heath Rada, Moderator of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, Guest Preacher, Teaching elders Jim McKinnon, John McKinnon, and Sam Henderson.
3. The Committee notes the initiation of the Vidalia Presbyterian Church into the Discernment Process regarding the possibility of Gracious Separation. We offer our prayer for the church and its pastor and do indeed seek God's grace and guidance.
4. Welcome to retired Rev. Bob Morgan who has transferred to Savannah Presbytery from Genisee Vally, Rochester, New York.

## Report on Education and Training Team

### TE Rev. Will Shelburne

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#### **For Information**

1. **Summer Camp**: Marty Susie and Kevin Hicks have been very busy planning another great summer of camp. You can still sign up, but as of May 15<sup>th</sup> the early bird registration is no longer applicable. A staff training meeting was held on May 16 at Christ Church.
2. **LDC**: 2015 LDC went well and there was a lot of positive feedback. E & T team is exploring opportunities for families to participate in LDC together in 2016 and beyond. Michael Jinkins, president of Louisville Seminary will be the keynote speaker for next year's conference. Please contact Alan Dyer or Will Shelburne if you are interested in leading a workshop in 2016.
3. **School of the Laity**: There are currently only 2 people "officially" registered for the SOL class of 2017 so please encourage anyone you know who might be interested to sign up as soon as possible. The E & T team is discussing the creation of a small endowment for the program, but no firm plans have been made. The E & T team will be offering additional Advanced Classes at each session for SOL graduates who wish to continue their theological education. *Worship & Sacraments* will be offered in the Summer of 2016. Please check the Presbytery website for updates on other classes that will be offered in the Spring and Fall.

## Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry

TE Dan Lewis, Co-Chair & TE Alan Dyer, Co-Chair

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After an opening prayer, Alan Dyer explained the primary purpose of the meeting, which was for the committee to meet Brandon Jolley, a member of the St. Simons church since 2009 and a first year student at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary (Jacksonville), who has requested enrollment as an inquirer by the Savannah Presbytery.

The committee enjoyed a good meeting with Jolley, as he explained the long and winding road that has led him to this point in his life. He articulated a strong sense of call to the ministry, and an appropriate level of openness to learn and explore more about this call as he continues to study and grow. The committee was more than satisfied that Jolley is ready to be an inquirer, and is ready to support him as he continues through the process. Committee recommends that Teaching Elder Jeff Garrison serve as liaison between Brandon and the committee.

The meeting was concluded with updates on previous items, including the ongoing work to revise the CPE portion of Presbytery's Operations Manual, particularly as it relates to Commissioned Ruling Elders. This effort, headed by Alan Dyer and Jeff Garrison, is making good progress will continue through the spring and summer months.

### Action items:

1. CPM recommends that Savannah Presbytery enroll Brandon Jolley as an inquirer.

### Approved

## Report of the Discipleship Renewal & Transformation

TE Ricky Porter

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The Discipleship Renewal and Transformation Team continues with encouraging and God blessed progress as we move toward multiple goals. Some of those goals upon which the "DRT" Team is focused are:

1. Assisting Congregations and Sessions to reach new levels of commitment toward making and becoming disciples of Jesus Christ - both for those within the church and those without the church.
2. Experiencing and celebrating the transformation and spiritual renewal - both for those within the church and those without the church - which takes place when a faithful commitment to and a joyful expectation of discipleship for Jesus Christ is pursued.
3. Growing in the understanding of our own challenge and call as the DRT team to stand with, support, encourage and work together with the saints of Savannah Presbytery in all our varied ministries, challenges, celebrations and struggles to claim one of the foundational principles as followers of Jesus Christ: to both make and be faithful disciples for Him.

We are currently involved in ongoing efforts to be partners with two distinct and exciting ministries of Savannah Presbytery: 1. *Iglesia Latina Presbyterian Church* in Swainsboro with Rev. Ozeas Silva; 2. *Crosswalk*, our second New Worshiping Community in Brunswick with organizing pastor, Trip McKinnon.

*At this time in the report, the Reverends Trip McKinnon and Sam Henderson modeled a way they are moving into discipling through conversation with others and inviting them into beginning relationship as they are forming the Crosswalk community.. This practice involves asking friends, co-workers, or even strangers three questions. 1. What is one thing are you thankful for today? 2. What is one thing on your mind today? 3. What is one thing you would ask prayer for today for yourself or another?*

Two other important desires for our future efforts are as follows.

1. Ministry, support and encouragement of our African American congregations.
2. Praying, researching, and communicating with all the congregations of Savannah Presbytery to find how we can best assist them in their evangelistic outreach and discipling mission while, at the same time, seeking to fulfill our own calling and charge as Discipleship Renewal and Transformation Team.

*"People are like dirt. They can either nourish you and help you grow as a person, or they can stunt your growth and make you wilt and die."* -- Plato

*"Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."* -- Jesus; Luke 7:7-8

## **Other Committee Reports**

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### **Report on Presbyterian Women RE Molly McCarthy, Moderator**

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Here is the list of the members of the Coordinating team for 2015. Each of these ladies represents all three districts of our Presbytery. The bonds of friendship and fellowship will stay with each one after their term of office ends.

Moderator-Molly McCarthy, White Bluff PC  
Secretary-Sharon Smith, Christ PC  
Treasurer-Linda Stokes, Montgomery PC  
Historian-Barbara Dieterman, St. Simons PC  
Vice Moderator for Mission-Charlotte Goff, Hinesville PC  
Vice Moderator for Justice & Peace-Janet Ward, First PC, Statesboro  
District I-Marti Stein, Christ PC  
District II-Jean Ruthruff, Henry Memorial PC  
District III-Justina Westberry, Jesup PC  
Moderator of Search-Charlotte Keenoy, First PC, Savannah

Thank you to each of these ladies for answering a call to serve!

#### **FYI:**

In June we will have a voting representative from our Savannah PW attending the triennial of the 2015 Churchwide Gathering being held June 17-21, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Our Moderator, Molly McCarthy will be attending a business meeting as one of several others moderators from our Synod PW before the gathering begins. Please keep all those that attend in your prayers for safe travel to and from the gathering! There will be women from all across the US and from around the world attending this event. When Molly returns she will have lots to tell and share with everyone.



Plans are in the works for our Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 26, at Allenhurst PC. More information will be released at a later date. Looking for a host church for our Annual Gathering in January 2016, if your church would like to host this event please contact a member of the coordinating.

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## Special Reports

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### **Board of Pensions - Clark Simmons**

The Board of Pensions announced that a 4.7% apportionment increase for retirees in 2015. Our benefit plans are fiscally healthy and better situated for the future than most government plans. The BOP is encouraging everyone to participate in the Call To Health initiative to reduce their medical insurance deductibles by one third, and to practice preventable healthcare. The BOP will meet in June to discuss future benefits for members including the possibility of unbundling future benefits for lay employees. Rev. Frank Spencer is on board as the new BOP president.

### **Thornwell Home for Children - Jean Vernon**

Jean Vernon spoke on behalf Sherry Bozardt in thanking everyone on behalf of Sherry and Thornwell Home for Children, for the participation of Presbytery members at the Brunswick Country Club luncheon for Thornwell. The participation of our members is important for the support of Thornwell Home for Children and is much appreciated.

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## Two Minute Promotions

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### **Ricky Porter**

Washington Street Presbyterian Church and Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church will worship together on the fifth Sundays in May and August.

### **Rachel Greiner**

Memorial Hospital will offer internships and ministerial training. Contact Rachel Greiner for more information.

### **Andy Meeker**

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Savannah are jointly hosting the acclaimed Strikepoint Handbell Choir from Duluth, Minnesota in concert at First Presbyterian Church of Savannah on June 16th at 7:00 p.m.

### **Bob Morgan**

There will be a three day prisoner's ministry training retreat in September. Contact Bob Morgan for more information.

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## Committee on Resolution and Thanks Rev. Dan Lewis and Doty Dunn

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We give thanks to God for the wonder of this day, for the gift of a beautiful worship space and the extraordinary hospitality of the White Bluff Church. For a challenging word from the Rev. Don Johnson, and especially for the musical leadership of Nancy Stone, we are thankful as well. And whereas...

- we received an exciting introduction to the Mission Insite demographic program from Chuck Salter, sparking many fruitful conversations about the communities in which we are planted...and
- we remembered and gave thanks for the saints who have gone on to the Church Triumphant this past year...and
- we heard a challenge from our Stated Clerk and Treasurer to recommit to the basic connectional bonds and responsibilities that undergird our ordination vows...and
- we enjoyed a lesson in parliamentary procedure and agreed to study an overture to the General Assembly proposed by the session of the St. Mary's church...and
- we welcomed the Rev. Bob Morgan, honorably retired, to the presbytery...and
- we heard encouraging updates from new worshipping communities Iglesia Latina (Swainsboro) and Crosswalk (Brunswick), as well as the Savannah Presbytery African American Cluster...and
- we were led to pray with and for one another by the Rev. Sam Henderson...and
- we heard a wonderfully positive update from Clark Simmons from the Board of Pensions...

Therefore... we resolve to go into the future that God has prepared for us, into whatever is next in ministry – in our individual communities, our presbytery, and the world – trusting always in the grace of God because it is, after all, that grace that has brought us this far, Amen? Amen.

### **Adjournment with Prayer**

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Respectfully Submitted,



Russell B. Gladding

The next Presbytery Meetings will be:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015  
St. Marys Presbyterian Church