

HANDBOOK FOR Savannah Presbytery

626th Session
Winter Stated Meeting

February 15, 2019



**Saint Simons Presbyterian Church
Saint Simons Island, Georgia**



Savannah Presbytery

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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Welcome

History

In 1945, a small group of St. Simons residents gathered for weekly prayer services in their homes. The Rev. Thomas L. Harnsberger, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Brunswick, led the prayer services. St. Simons Presbyterian Church (SSPC) was officially organized in 1946 with forty-six members. The church met in local public buildings until it dedicated its own building in 1954. It added space for Sunday classes in 1956. During the 1980s and 1990s the church grew in numbers, facilities and programs. In 1984 it dedicated a new fellowship hall with a kitchen, choir rehearsal room, additional classrooms, a large multi-purpose recreation room and an enlarged sanctuary. In 2007, SSPC completed a new children and youth building with Sunday School and activity rooms as well as a new administrative building containing staff offices and meeting spaces. We are now in the process of completing a successful capital campaign in support of a renovation of our sanctuary space that will begin later in 2019.

Today, St. Simons Presbyterian is a family of faith made up of people who come from all walks of life. We are active both in our fellowship and learning as well as in our service to the world around us. Among the many local mission activities of the church are our bi-annual "Day of Service," BRIDGE Mission Program, Hunger Action Team, and serving neighbors each month at Manna House. We also support numerous agencies in our community, PCUSA mission co-workers around the globe, and Presbyterian institutions through benevolent giving. The St. Simons Presbyterian Preschool, which opened its doors in 1983, is also a vibrant outreach ministry of the church that welcomes nearly ninety children onto our campus every day. Since our founding, we have been blessed by wonderful pastors and lay leaders who have and continue to guide us in our efforts to serve others and live out our mission to be "a people who celebrate God!"

Welcome to St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

Alan Dyer
Pastor

Directions to Saint Simons Presbyterian Church

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From the St. Mary's / Jacksonville areas:

Follow I-95 North to the first Brunswick exit. (Exit 29). At the end of the ramp, turn right (North) on US 17, follow it across the Sidney Lanier Bridge into Brunswick and proceed to the St. Simons/Sea Island Causeway (F.J. Torras Causeway). Turn right onto the causeway and proceed to the **first** traffic light on St. Simons Island. At this intersection, turn right and proceed to the flashing light and stop sign at King's Way. Turn left and follow King's Way for approximately 1.5 miles. The church is on the left side of the street, just past the airport.

From the Savannah / Hinesville areas:

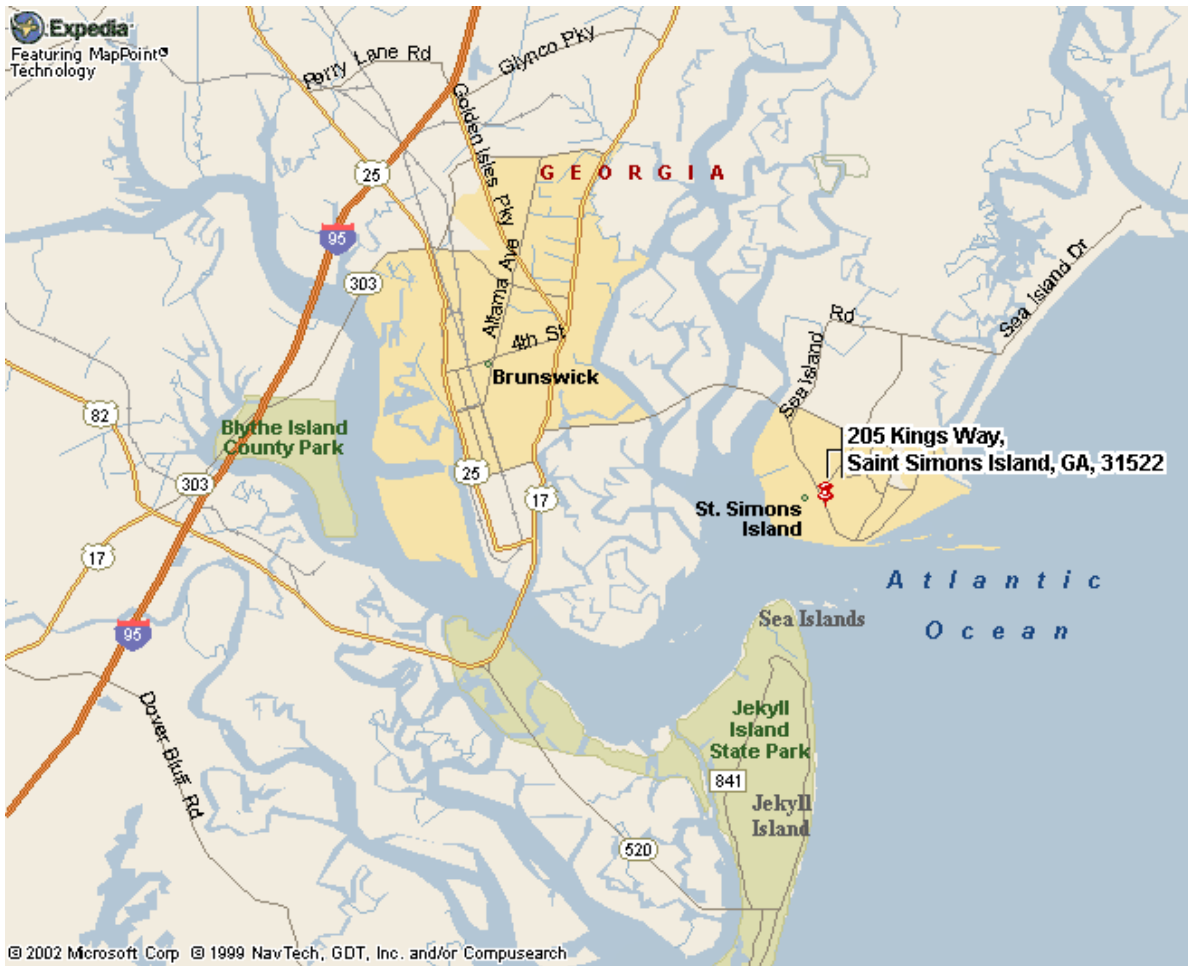
Follow I-95 South to the first Brunswick exit. (Exit 38). At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Golden Isles Parkway (GA Spur 25). Follow GA Spur 25 until it merges with US 17 South and continue on US 17 South to the St. Simons/ Sea Island Causeway (F. J. Torras Causeway). Turn left onto the causeway and proceed to the **first** traffic light on St. Simons Island. At this intersection, turn right and proceed to the flashing light and stop sign at King's Way. Turn left and follow King's Way for approximately 1.5 miles. The church is on the left side of the street, just past the airport.

From the Eastman / McRae / Jesup areas:

Follow US 341 South to Brunswick. Continue on US 341 South to Gloucester Street. Turn left on Gloucester Street and proceed to US 17. Turn left on US 17 (North) and get in the right lane. Continue about 200 feet to the St. Simons/ Sea Island Causeway (F. J. Torras Causeway). Turn right onto the causeway and proceed to the **first** traffic light on St. Simons Island. At this intersection, turn right and proceed to the flashing light and stop sign at King's Way. Turn left and follow King's Way for approximately 1.5 miles. The church is on the left side of the street, just past the airport.

From the Douglas / Waycross areas:

Follow US 82 to Brunswick. At Brunswick, US 82 will merge with US 17. Continue on US 17 North, follow it across the Sidney Lanier Bridge into Brunswick and proceed to the St. Simons/Sea Island Causeway (F.J. Torras Causeway). Turn right onto the causeway and proceed to the **first** traffic light on St. Simons Island. At this intersection, turn right and proceed to the flashing light and stop sign at King's Way. Turn left and follow King's Way for approximately 1.5 miles. The church is on the left side of the street, just past the airport.



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. Handbooks are posted before each presbytery meeting. 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 at a cost of \$10.00. **PLEASE BRING A CHECK OR EXACT CHANGE.**
- **Session Minutes Readings:** Minutes are no longer 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. 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 Liz Richardson, mrichardson@savannahpresbytery.org; or Russell Gladding at, rgladding@savannahpresbytery.org; or call Savannah Presbytery at 1 (800) 616-3671.

Docket

626th Session of Savannah Presbytery, Winter Stated Meeting February 15, 2019

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 Begins	
9:15 AM	First Time Commissioner Orientation – RE Jean Vernon	
10:00 AM	Opening Prayer and Call to Order – TE Ozeas Silva, Moderator Election of Moderator for Today's Meeting, TE Andy Meeker Welcome to Saint Simons Presbyterian Church – Welcome & Organization – Moderator Andy Meeker Quorum & Appointment Standing Committees Introduction of First Time Attendees and Visitors Requests for Voice on the Floor Approval of Minutes: June and October, 2018 (as submitted online) Docket/Handbook/Adoption of Docket – Stated Clerk	
10:15 AM	Worship – Preaching – CRE Russell Gladding Liturgist – TE Ed Ayers	
11:00 AM	Special Reports: Joyce Lieberman, Synod of South Atlantic Exec/Stated Clerk Jerry Dean Webber, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia	
11:30 AM	Report of the General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer Report of the Stewardship & Finance Committee – RE Paul Scott	11-17
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00PM	Savannah Presbytery moving forward: TEs Alan Dyer, Ben Beasley, Andy Meeker, & RE David York, Consultant Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Breakout discussion around the tables.	
2:30 PM	Voting on the Amendments to the PCUSA Constitution	
3:00PM	Report of Savannah Presbytery Council RE Johnye Gillans, Moderator	
3:15PM	Team and Committee Reports: Committee on Ministry—TE Andy Meeker	18-19

	Committee on Preparation for Ministry –TE Alan Dyer Discipling and Education Team –TE Jamil el-Shair & TE Will Shelburne	19-21
3:30PM	Report of Presbyterian Women Charlotte Goff	21
3:45PM	Committee on Resolution and Thanks	
4:00 PM	Adjourn with Prayer	

There will be a special meeting with David York and members of the Savannah Presbytery Council Immediately after the Stated Meeting.

Save the Date

Spring Stated Meeting
Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Fall Stated Meeting
FPC St. Marys
Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Savannah Presbytery Commissioners		
Church	Minister Members Serving Churches	Ruling Elder Commissioner(s)
Allenhurst	Ben Beasley	David Sapp
Altama	Trip McKinnon	
Blackshear	Hampton Williams	
Brunswick Second	**Benjamin Holmes, CRE, Stated Pastor	
Butler Memorial	Don Johnson	
Christ	Kenneth McKenzie	
First, Brunswick	Chris Noyes	Cynthia Sering
First, Darien	Richard Grice, Stated Pastor	
First, Douglas	Don Dilley, Stated Pastor	
First, Eastman	**Louis Buckner, CRE Supply Preacher	
First, Saint Marys	Rick Douylliez	
First, Savannah	Stephen Williams	John Tatum
	William Shelburne, Associate Pastor	
First, Statesboro	Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman	Doty Dunn
Flemington	Greg Loskoski	
Fort Frederica	**Danny Grace, CRE, Stated Pastor	Doug Alexander
Grant Chapel	Rev. Hazel Wilson, Supply Preacher	
Henry Memorial	Ricky Porter, Transitional Pastor	Norm Buckhouse
Jekyll	Bert Cramer, Stated Pastor	Jim McKenna
Jesup	Pete Ullmann	Charlene Hand
McGregor	Wayne McDaniel, Stated Pastor	
McRae	*Norwood Davidson, Supply Preacher	
Metter	Mark George, Stated Pastor	Lori McGowan
Midway First	Jamil el-Shair	
Montgomery	VACANT	
Peabody Heights	*David Muntford, Stated Pastor	
Riceboro	*Janet Odegaard, Supply Preacher	
Richmond Hill	Ed Ayers, Stated Pastor	
Saint Simons (2)	Alan Dyer	Anna Henry
	Annie Franklin Arvin, Associate Pastor	Fred Griffith
	Jann Briscoe, Parish Associate,	
Skidaway Island	Jeff Garrison	
	Deanie Strength, Parish Associate	
Iglesia Latina at Swainsboro	Ozeas Silva, Stated Pastor	
Vidalia	Proctor Chambliss, Stated Pastor	Mike Walton
Walthourville	VACANT	
Washington Street	Ricky Porter	Lois Stroman
White Bluff	Eric Beene,	Sue Jonas
Wilmington Island	Andy Meeker	

* 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

*Required to Attend Presbytery Meetings

*Active Minister Members

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

Mary Beene, Openings: Let the Spirit In
Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach/New Member Pastor at
Wesley Monumental UMC**EXCUSED**
Stuart Fletcher, Savannah Korean PC .**EXCUSED**
Rachel Greiner, Chaplain, Memorial Hospital
EXCUSED
Kathi Parchem, Interim Pastor, Monticello PC
Choongyun Yu, Pastor, Immanuel PC.....

Honorably Retired Members

Art Bishop.....
Bob Brearley.....
Fairy Caroland.....
**Bert Cramer.....
Don Dilley
Tom Dunlap.....
**Richard Grice.....
Harry Horne
John Law.....
Diane Lovin
Bob Morgan
Bill Platt.....
**Wayne McDaniel.....
Carl Schlich
Steve Tisinger
Jessie Truvillion.....

*Members at Large

John Ruehl**EXCUSED**
Claire Williams.....

**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

** Ozeas Silva, Moderator
Johnye Gillans, Moderator of Council
**Alan Dyer
Paul Scott
**Andy Meeker
**Will Shelburne
**Ben Beasley
**Jamil el-Shair
Jean Vernon
Charlotte Goff, PW President

Presbytery Staff

(NV) Liz Richardson . Business Administrator

Special Reports
Exec and Stated Clerk, Joyce Lieberman
Synod of South Atlantic

Jerry Dean Webber
Presbyterian Homes of Georgia

Report of the General Presbyter
CRE Russell Gladding

Welcome to our Stated Meeting! We are grateful to the folks here at St. Simons Presbyterian Church for hosting us today.

We welcome some special guests into our bounds. Exec/Stated Clerk Joyce Lieberman, Synod of South Atlantic; Jerry Dean Webber, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia; and David York. If you do not already know him, you will be formally introduced to David after lunch. He is here as a consultant to help the Presbytery in its transition into a new structure and organization which will help us to continue to be faithful in our ministry and God's mission here in southeast Georgia.

After lunch you will have an opportunity around the tables to be involved as we begin to talk and listen to each other in this important "new thing" God is calling us toward.

We will also be voting on the amendments to our Book of Order. You were given copies of these amendments at the October Stated Meeting, and they were also sent to pastors and clerks.

There is good news about the matching fund from an anonymous donor that reduced our deficit in 2018. We are thankful for your increase in giving that allowed for an additional \$26,000 over 2017 giving.

Friends, sometimes it is easy for us to be discouraged about the state of our churches and the Presbytery. As we meet today, let us acknowledge that whatever we have concerns about, we follow a God of the New Covenant in Jesus Christ. The ever faithful God leads us still! That is our hope. Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Russell

Report of the Stated Clerk CRE Russell Gladding

Recommendations:

- That the Savannah Presbytery Council nominates the Rev. Deanie Strength to be elected to serve a three-year term as Moderator Elect, 2019, Moderator of Savannah Presbytery, 2020, and Moderator of the SP Council, 2021.

Information:

- Today we will be voting on the proposed Amendments to The Book of Order. We have allotted a half an hour for this discussion and voting on these amendments. All members and Commissioners were given the Amendments to study at the October 23, 2018 Stated Meeting. We also sent another copy of the Amendments and a copy of the analysis work done by the Association of Stated Clerks to Pastors and Clerks to help you be prepared. To that end any discussion shall rotate back and forth between pro and con positions, and no one person speak on any amendment more than once. Unless otherwise requested we will vote by a show of hands. A simple majority of the votes cast will determine whether the presbytery is for or against any amendment.
- All clerks of Sessions are advised that the deadline for Annual Church statistics
- Pastors and Clerks are notified that Pastor Terms of Call for 2019, including any changes in the terms, are due on or before the May21,2019 Stated meeting. They should be sent to the Stated Clerk. There are no exceptions to this. These documents are not published but are used by the Committee on Ministry and the GP/SC to ensure guidelines for salary are being observed and pastors are being fairly compensated.
- All churches need to send documentation of Liability Insurance on your property by May 21, 2019.
- We welcome the following guests to our meeting today, Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Exec/ Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Atlantic and Ruling Elder David York from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, and Jerry Dean Webber, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia.

Report of the Treasurer CRE Russell Gladding

There is some good news for the Presbytery in the final financial statements from 2018. Thanks to the faithful giving of our churches, we increased our giving by \$13,248.00 in 2018 over 2017. That increase triggered an additional matching by an anonymous donor equaling \$13,248.00. This added income of \$26,496.00 allowed us to close the gap of our deficits from the recent past. These deficits had been in the <\$40,000 to \$50,000> range in the last several years. In 2018 our deficit was <\$27,126.63>. Many thanks to all our pastors, sessions, and congregations for your faithful support.

One negative in this report is that we still have churches that do not pledge or give to Savannah Presbytery. This is disappointing and is not Presbyterian. Ours is a connectional church, and the ministries across southeast Georgia that Savannah Presbytery sponsors and supports, in my view, are part of our responsibility as Presbyters in this time and place. I urge and pray that every session will consider, and reconsider, being a part of the continuing ministry that is the 35 churches in Savannah Presbytery.

The Presbytery voted at our October Stated Meeting to continue to use the 2018 budget as our guide as we seek God's guidance in transforming us in a time of transition. Today you will hear the beginning plans for this transition. During the time of transition, we will continue our operation of Savannah Presbytery and its programs.

There will certainly be some financial changes in the course of 2019. The Savannah Presbytery Council will keep you updated as we seek to "hold on to what is good," and to be good stewards of the resources God provides us.

Grace and Peace,

Russell

Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2018

10:12 AM
02/07/2019
Cash Basis
Dec 31, 18

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

01 · Atl Natl - UNIFIED CHECK 3103 (Atlantic National Checking)	2,424.12
02 · Atl. Nat'l - Unified MM 0495 (UNIFIED MONEY MARKET)	1,305.86
03 · Atl. Nat'l -Selected MM 0503 (MONEY MARKET)	28,817.38
04 · Atl Natl - Special Uses/Scholar (Special Uses/Scholarship)	11,878.39
06 · BoA Ck -MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund / Ecology Checking)	2,853.81
07 · BoA MM - MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund Ecology - Money Market)	<u>15,175.94</u>

Total Checking/Savings 62,455.50

Other Current Assets

17 · CD - Habersham Clay	30,000.00
18 · CD - Presb. Investment Prog	37,628.60
19 · New Covenant Fund	1,182,847.31
38 · Note Afr Amer Cong	2,150.00
41 · Note Latina Iglesia	<u>15,000.00</u>

Total Other Current Assets 1,267,625.91

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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	22,000.00
73 · Note Receivable - PC Midway	<u>5,904.90</u>

Total Other Assets 27,904.90

TOTAL ASSETS

1,428,550.69

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

005 · Payroll Liabilities	2,311.86
010 · Accrued Expenses	<u>570.50</u>

Total Other Current Liabilities 2,882.36

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Equity

003 · Fund Balance (Retained Earnings)	703,029.28
004 · Opening Bal Equity	291,697.49
008 · Fund Balance Ecology	35,168.35
Net Income	<u>395,773.21</u>

Total Equity 1,425,668.33

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

1,428,550.69

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - Report

02/07/2019

January through December 2018

Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
1000 - Unified Pledge Income				
p1 - PLDG - Allenhurst	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	100.0%
p2 - PLDG - Altama	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.0%
p3 - PLDG - Blackshear	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
p4 - PLDG - Brunswick Second	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
p5 - PLDG - Butler Memorial	5,367.00	6,000.00	-633.00	89.45%
p6 - PLDG - Christ PC	1,080.00	0.00	1,080.00	100.0%
p9 - PLDG - First Brunswick	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%
p10 - PLDG - First Darien	3,682.50	3,000.00	682.50	122.75%
p11 - PLDG - First Douglas	5,250.00	5,250.00	0.00	100.0%
p12 - PLDG - First Eastman	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.0%
p13 - PLDG - First Hinesville	3,305.00	3,305.00	0.00	100.0%
p14 - PLDG - First Midway	130.00	0.00	130.00	100.0%
p15 - PLDG - First Saint Marys	17,493.00	17,550.00	-57.00	99.68%
p16 - PLDG - First Savannah	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100.0%
p17 - PLDG - First Statesboro	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	100.0%
p18 - PLDG - First Waycross	9,669.00	9,669.00	0.00	100.0%
p19 - PLDG - Flemington	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p20 - PLDG - Frederica PC	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	100.0%
p21 - PLDG - Grant Chapel	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
p22 - PLDG - Henry Memorial	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	100.0%
p23 - PLDG - Jekyll PC	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%
p24 - PLDG - Jesup PC	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00	100.0%
p25 - PLDG - Lyons PC	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	100.0%
p26 - PLDG - McGregor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p27 - PLDG - McRae	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
p28 - PLDG - Metter	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	100.0%
p29 - PLDG - Montgomery	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
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	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	100.0%
p34 - PLDG - Saint Simons PC	66,000.00	66,000.00	0.00	100.0%
p36 - PLDG - Skidaway Island	15,240.00	15,240.00	0.00	100.0%
p37 - PLDG - Swainsboro	1,650.00	1,800.00	-150.00	91.67%
p38 - PLDG - Vidalia	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	100.0%
p40 - PLDG - Washington Street PC	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%
p41 - PLDG - White Bluff	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	100.0%
p42 - PLDG - Wilmington Island PC	18,800.00	18,000.00	800.00	104.44%
Total 1000 - Unified Pledge Income	269,666.50	235,814.00	33,852.50	114.36%
2000 - Education & Training Income				
2001 - Summer Camp Income	12,583.00	17,000.00	-4,417.00	74.02%
2002 - Montreat Youth Conference - Inc	10,345.00	12,000.00	-1,655.00	86.21%
2003 - Faith 3d/Triennium - Inc	3,000.00			
2005 - Faith Enrichment Conf - Inc	11,929.00	13,750.00	-1,821.00	86.76%
2006 - School of the Laity - Inc	12,813.00	10,500.00	2,313.00	122.03%
Total 2000 - Education & Training Income	50,670.00	53,250.00	-2,580.00	95.16%
3000 - Mission - Inc				
3000A - Mission Team Inc.				
3000A2 - Crosswalk Grant - Inc	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 3000A - Mission Team Inc.	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 3000 - Mission - Inc	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4000 - Other Income				
4003 - Interest Income (Interest)	99.88	135.00	-35.12	73.99%
4008 - PILP Investment CD - Inc	165.94	220.00	-54.06	75.43%
4009 - Jean Alexander Fund CRT- Inc (Charitable Remainder)	426.71	445.00	-18.29	95.89%
40010 - BofA - Habersham Clay CD -Inc	-129.71	200.00	-329.71	-64.86%
Total 4000 - Other Income	562.82	1,000.00	-437.18	56.28%
6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income				
6002 - Annual Inc/New Covenant	31,636.00	31,636.00	0.00	100.0%
6003 - Special Offering				
6003A - PC Swainsboro Air Conditioning	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	100.0%
6003B - McGregor Desig Youth	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
Total 6003 - Special Offering	3,600.00	4,800.00	-1,200.00	75.0%
6005 - Misc.				
6005D - Faith PC	14,128.42			
6005 E - Circle of Friends	8,050.00			
6005 - Misc. - Other	25,878.40	15,000.00	10,878.40	172.52%
Total 6005 - Misc.	48,056.82	15,000.00	33,056.82	320.38%
6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income - Other	375.50	41,000.00	-40,624.50	0.92%
Total 6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income	83,668.32	92,436.00	-8,767.68	90.52%
Total Income	429,567.64	407,500.00	22,067.64	105.42%

Expense					
7000 - Team & Committee Expenses					
7001 - Presbytery Council					
7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas					
7001A1	- GP/SC/Treas - Salary -	23,855.95	23,855.95	0.00	100.0%
7001A2	- GP - Housing - Exp	30,550.00	30,550.00	0.00	100.0%
7001A3	- GP - Social SecurityPymt -Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7001A4	- GP/SC/Treas - Cont. Ed	1,724.27	1,500.00	224.27	114.95%
7001A5	- GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp				
7001A5a	- Auto Allowance - Exp	7,091.66	7,000.00	91.66	101.31%
Total 7001A5 - GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp		7,091.66	7,000.00	91.66	101.31%
7001A6	-GP/SC/Trea - Board of Pension	24,295.32	24,295.32	0.00	100.0%
7001A10	- GP/SC/Treas Allow in Lieu FICA	4,162.00	4,162.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas		91,679.20	91,363.27	315.93	100.35%
7001D - Business Administrator					
7001D1	- Business Admin Salary - Exp	46,255.18	46,255.18	0.00	100.0%
7001D2	- Pension and Major Medical - Exp	22,115.52	22,006.56	108.96	100.5%
Total 7001D - Business Administrator		68,370.70	68,261.74	108.96	100.16%
7001G - Staff Assoc/Communication - Exp					
7001G	- Gen Assembly & Synod Expense	9,278.72	20,242.84	-10,964.12	45.84%
7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense					
7001I1	- G.A. Per Capita -Exp	37,227.68	37,227.68	0.00	100.0%
7001I3	- Synod - Per Capita -Exp	7,224.00	7,224.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense		44,451.68	44,451.68	0.00	100.0%
7001J - PCUSA Conference Attendance					
7001J	- PCUSA Conference Attendance	333.94	4,000.00	-3,666.06	8.35%
7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp					
7001Kz4	- Faith PC - Exp	10,501.66	0.00	10,501.66	100.0%
7001Ka	- Recording Clerk - Exp	225.00	225.00	0.00	100.0%
7001Kd	- Electricity and Gas - Exp	3,780.74	3,000.00	780.74	126.03%
7001Ke	- Telephone and DSL - Exp	5,753.48	2,000.00	3,753.48	287.67%
7001Kf	- Water - Exp	513.25	500.00	13.25	102.65%
7001Kg	- Insurance - Exp	6,849.00	11,000.00	-4,151.00	62.26%
7001Kh	- Postage - Exp	735.74	750.00	-14.26	98.1%
7001Ki	- Legal Fees - Exp	4,507.50	1,000.00	3,507.50	450.75%
7001Kj	- Supplies - Exp	2,148.62	1,000.00	1,148.62	214.86%
7001Kk	- Audit - Exp	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
7001Kl	- Equipment Contracts - Exp	12,621.49	6,000.00	6,621.49	210.36%
7001Kn	- Equipment Purchase - Exp	3,869.37	2,000.00	1,869.37	193.47%
7001ko	- Building Maintenance - Exp	7,022.84	8,500.00	-1,477.16	82.62%
7001Kp	- Webpage Maint - Exp	582.96	1,000.00	-417.04	58.3%
7001Kq	- Software - Exp	2,510.47	1,300.00	1,210.47	193.11%
7001Kr	- Staff Travel Expenses - Exp	37.37	100.00	-62.63	37.37%
7001Ks	- Pastoral Relations - Exp	3,003.54	3,000.00	3.54	100.12%
7001Kt	- Misc. Service Charges	585.00	300.00	285.00	195.0%
7001Kx	- Council Miscellaneous	7,785.76	8,000.00	-214.24	97.32%
7001Kz2	- Payroll Expense	6,774.36	6,200.00	574.36	109.26%
7001kz3	- Payroll Direct Deposit - Exp	217.25	250.00	-32.75	86.9%
Total 7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp		80,025.40	59,625.00	20,400.40	134.22%
Total 7001 - Presbytery Council		294,139.64	287,944.53	6,195.11	102.15%
7002 - Church & Polity					
7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp					
7002Bd	- Emergency Pastoral Contingency	1,987.00	1,000.00	987.00	198.7%
7002Be	- COM Cmte Team -Exp	2,347.40	2,500.00	-152.60	93.9%
Total 7002B - - COM Cmte - Exp		4,334.40	3,500.00	834.40	123.84%
7002D - - CPM - Exp					
7002Db	- Inquirers, Candidates, CRE	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7002Dc	- Inquirers, Cand, CRE Misc. Exp.	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
7002D	- CPM - Exp - Other	1,500.00			
Total 7002D - - CPM - Exp		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 7002 - Church & Polity		5,834.40	5,000.00	834.40	116.69%
7003 - Discipling Education & Training					
7003O	- Iglesia Latina	32,500.00	30,000.00	2,500.00	108.33%
7003N	- African-American Ministry	23,991.96	23,100.00	891.96	103.86%
7003A	- Team Expense	317.90	13,300.00	-12,982.10	2.39%
7003B	- School of the Laity - Exp	16,377.42	15,000.00	1,377.42	109.18%
7003D	- Faith Enrichment Conf Expense	17,348.14	16,900.00	448.14	102.65%
7003H	- Montreat Youth Conference - Exp	12,355.47	12,000.00	355.47	102.96%
7003J	- Camps - Summer - Exp	20,096.10	18,750.00	1,346.10	107.18%
Total 7003 - Discipling Education & Training		122,986.99	129,050.00	-6,063.01	95.3%
7006 - Mission					
7006S	- Trip Subsidy for Participants	1,000.00	3,000.00	-2,000.00	33.33%
7006Q	- Associate Stipend	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00	100.0%
7006R - Domestic Mission					
7006R2	- Domestic Mission Support	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7006R1	- Crosswalk	39,412.60	37,500.00	1,912.60	105.1%
Total 7006R - Domestic Mission		39,412.60	38,500.00	912.60	102.37%
7006A	- Mission Ministry Team Exp	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7006P	- International Mission	1,218.66	1,000.00	218.66	121.87%
7006K	- Thornwell Home for Children	550.00	550.00	0.00	100.0%
7006M	- Presbytery Youth Mission Trip	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total 7006 - Mission		46,981.26	49,350.00	-2,368.74	95.2%
Total 7000 - Team & Committee Expenses		469,942.29	471,344.53	-1,402.24	99.7%
Total Expense		469,942.29	471,344.53	-1,402.24	99.7%
Net Ordinary Income		-40,374.65	-63,844.53	23,469.88	63.24%
Net Income		-40,374.65	-63,844.53	23,469.88	63.24%

Finance & Stewardship Committee

RE Paul Scott

Recommendation:

That Savannah Presbytery authorize the Stewardship and Finance Committee to convene a two-person audit team to perform a financial review of the Savannah Presbytery annually in accordance with G-3.0113.

Rationale:

The Book of Order now provides for a financial review by a committee of members versed in accounting procedures. The Presbytery can save \$3,500.00 per year from using a CPA firm to do an annual audit. The Stewardship and Finance Team is soliciting persons with training in finance, accounting, or having business backgrounds to serve in this capacity.

Information:

Savannah Presbytery is operating on the 2018 budget until such time as our work in transition allows for a budget for the new structure and function of Savannah Presbytery. We solicit your 2019 pledges as soon as possible so that we may know what we can count on to plan for the remainder of the year.

Savannah Presbytery Council

TE Andy Meeker

Council Membership

2019: Ozeas Silva (Mod/Council); Alan Dyer (CPM); Jean Vernon (Dist. III At Large); Vacant (Chair, Personnel Committee)

2020: Andy Meeker (COM); Paul Scott (Stewardship/Finance); Jamil el-Shair (Discipling/Education); Vacant (Dist. II At Large)

2021: Vacant (Mission Team Chair); Deanie Strength (Moderator Elect); Will Shelburne (Discipling/Education); Vacant (Dist. I At Large); Vacant (Chair, Nominating Committee); Vacant (Chair, Committee on Representation)

For Information:

Over the past several years the Council has been engaged in a discussion as to the future direction/mission of Savannah Presbytery. This discussion has come out of the recognition that our Presbytery – and our culture – is different now than it was even a few years ago, and that it will continue to change in the future. One of the changes that will soon have an impact is that our current General Presbyter/Stated Clerk/Treasurer, Russell Gladding, will likely be pursuing other ministry options sometime later this year.

Out of this discussion came the formation of the *2020 Task Force* that was tasked with engaging the Presbytery in looking at questions such as: *Who are we as Savannah Presbytery? What are we about? Where is God leading Savannah Presbytery?* Task Force Chairs, Alan Dyer and Ben Beasley, presented

their report to the Council, and they will present their report at the February Stated Presbytery Meeting. Following their report, there will be break-out sessions to foster additional conversations and to garner constructive feedback.

While there was much in the report that the Council supported unanimously and enthusiastically, one area in which the Council was unable to reach a consensus had to do with future staffing of our Presbytery. Last fall, the Council decided the best course of action was to pursue an outside consultant to help the Council continue to look at our Presbytery and its staffing needs. The Council had conversations with two qualified candidates, and in the end hired David York. David has worked with Savannah Presbytery on several occasions over the years and has worked with many of our churches through Holy Cow Consulting. He will be present with us at our February Stated Meeting and will meet with the Council before the Faith Enrichment Conference kicks off.

The Council will continue to keep the Presbytery informed of its deliberations and decisions, and we hope to have recommendations ready for the Presbytery to consider at an upcoming meeting this year.

Other items of information

- Council approved using New Covenant Funds to pay our 2018 *Per Capita* for the Synod and General Assembly
- Council approved stipends to be paid to directors/coordinators of our Faith Enrichment Conference, Summer Camp and School of the Laity programs in 2019.
- Council accepted the resignation of Rev. Tisinger as Mission Coordinator of Savannah Presbytery.

Team & Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry

TE Andy Meeker

Membership of Committee

2019: TE Ed Ayers, Richmond Hill, TE Stephen Williams, First, Savannah; TE Hampton Williams, Blackshear; RE Molly McCarthy, White Bluff; Jimmy Griffin, Wilmington Island

2020: TE Andy Meeker, Wilmington Island; TE Pete Ullman, Jesup; RE Jean Vernon, First Brunswick; TE Bob Brearley, Honorably Retired; RE Jean Strong, Montgomery

2021: RE Willie Washington, Midway First; RE Cynthia Sering, First Brunswick; RE Judy Walker, Wilmington Island; TE Steve Tisinger, Honorably Retired;

For Action by the Presbytery:

The Committee on Ministry recommends that Savannah Presbytery grant the Committee on Ministry the authority to act on the Presbytery's behalf in oversight of minister members and churches between meetings of the Presbytery when it is prudent to do so. Oversight shall include the ability to dissolve pastoral relationships, dismiss minister members or change the status of minister members. All such actions shall be reported at the next Presbytery meeting.

Rationale:

According to the Book of Order, G-3.0307, final paragraph, the presbytery...

"may delegate its authority to designated entities" including "its oversight of minister of the Word and Sacrament members including dissolution of relationships."

"All actions carried out as a result of delegated authority must be reported to the presbytery at its next regular meeting."

And according to Savannah Presbytery's manual, 19.2, the Committee on Ministry is responsible for... "dissolving pastoral relationships with a church" and "fulfilling responsibilities of G-3.03, which deal with transferring, examining, dissolving pastoral relationships, granting permission for laboring within or outside the bounds, and dismissing Teaching Elders. *Presbytery must annually grant this authority, ordinarily at the winter meeting.* (emphasis added).

Information:

- COM is reviewing Savannah Presbytery's "*Minimum Compensation Standards for Ministers*" which have not been updated since 2014.
- First Presbyterian Church, Douglas, Vidalia Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Darien are actively circulating their Ministry Information Forms as each seeks its next pastor.
- In Savannah Presbytery, we have:
 - 17 churches being served by an installed pastor
 - 2 churches being served by multiple installed pastors
 - 13 churches being served by some sort of "temporary" pastor (interim, stated supply, etc.; some are part time, others are full time)
 - 3 churches being served by a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)
 - 1 church without a pastor/CRE
- The standard mileage rate, as determined by the IRS, is 58 cents for 2019.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry **TE Alan Dyer**

Information:

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry met in-person in January 2019. At present, CPM of Savannah Presbytery has one active candidate for ministry under its care. Ruling Elder Russell Gladding has completed online coursework including a Hebrew language course, engaged in independent study under the guidance of the CPM, and completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Memorial Health in Savannah. As of January, he has passed four of the five standard ordination exams. Upon passing the fifth required ordination exam, he will meet with the CPM for final assessment and certification ready to receive a call. Please continue to be in prayer for Russell.

CPM has also begun conversation with a ruling elder in Savannah Presbytery who is discerning a call to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

Lastly, CPM is beginning to implement a transition plan for members completing service on the committee. Specifically, Rev. Rachel Greiner and Rev. Alan Dyer have each served 5+ years on the committee and are requesting to step down for a time beginning this summer. Rev. Jeff Garrison will assume responsibility as chair beginning in June 2019. Additionally, Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin has

agreed to join the CPM at the same time. CPM members are also actively searching for at least two additional lay members to join the committee.

No recommendations for presbytery action at this time.

Discipleship & Education Training Ministry Team TE Jamil el-Shair & TE Will Shelburne

During the last four months, the Education Team has accomplished a great deal. The first Family Camp Connect was successfully conducted. Planning for the Savannah Presbytery Summer Camp has begun. The Faith Enrichment Conference, formerly the Leadership Development Conference, has been planned to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the conference and its rebranding.

Family Camp Connect, winter camp, was designed to give families insight into the Summer Camp experience that would encourage them to attend the Summer Camp, spread the word about camp, and affirm that being and growing in Christ includes having fun. The camp was divided into two age groups. The youngest group of campers had 18 people, ranging from 2 years old to 6th grade (each camper was accompanied by an adult). There were 13 youth campers.

Six staff members gave the campers the opportunity to experience a campfire – complete with toasting marshmallows, making Smores, and singing; a nature scavenger hunt, crafting, Bible study, a mixer, games, and worship. And yes, they ate. The staff was encouraged to hear from several campers that they were interested in participating in Summer camp.

Summer camp begins June 17, 2019. The elementary group, rising 3rd – 6th grades are at camp Monday through Thursday. The Youth Camp, rising 7th – graduating seniors, are at camp Monday through Friday. The Family Camp begins Thursday evening and ends Friday; parent(s) camp along with their children who are 2nd grade or younger.

If you would like to be involved in the Savannah Presbytery Summer Camp, we will be meeting immediately after the close of the Stated Meeting.



*If you missed the opportunity to participate this year,
plan for February 14-15, 2020.*

The Faith Enrichment Conference, celebrating 40 years of cultivating opportunities for members of our presbytery to grow in their faith, begins February 15, today! The conference is alive and well. Nearly

100 people are registered to participate in this year's conference. The conference theme is *In Defense of Kindness*. The keynote speaker is Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow.

The change in the name of the conference to Faith Enrichment Conference rebrands the conference to reflect a desire to have the conference seen as an educational opportunity for laity and the ordained to grow in and enrich their faith. At the heart of Christianity is reflecting the love of God to all of creation. This year's conference starts with a simple growth challenge inherent in being a Christian: the practice of kindness.

If you were unable to register for this year's conference, clear your calendar for next year!

Presbyterian Women Charlotte Goff

My time as your Moderator with the Savannah Presbytery Presbyterian Women for the last six years has come to an end. After serving two terms back to back I passed the gavel on to your next Moderator, Charlotte Goff.

Thank you for your support and love in my journey. Yours prayers, words of encouragement and support helped me in more ways than you will ever realize. Please embrace Charlotte and the rest of the coordinating team on to the next chapter of Presbyterian Women. The work and willingness to serve is always on going in the life of PW! Blessings to all!

Molly McCarthy
Past Moderator of PW

Committee on Resolution and Thanks

Adjournment with Prayer

Save the Date

Spring Stated Meeting
Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Fall Stated Meeting
FPC St. Marys
Tuesday, October 22, 2019

March is School of the Laity (SOL) Month!

Help us promote this excellent presbytery program through Minutes for Mission, bulletin inserts and personal conversations. The Class of 2020 will begin courses this summer – March 9-10 at Epworth by the Sea.

Here are some thoughts from some of our graduates:

"...The School of the Laity helped me to think out of the box to come up with creative ways to spread the news of Jesus Christ."

"...The School of the Laity has given me the courage to soar!"

"...The most meaningful part of the School of the Laity for me has been that it has provided a safe place to explore, to question, to express both doubts and disagreements."

Information and registration materials are at our website.

Announcing Three Classes for March 2019
Register Now For:

New Testament

Rev. Bob Brearley

This class is a School of the Laity requirement and is open to those who are exploring SoL, those seeking a refresher, or those with a desire to deepen their understanding of God's Word.

Practical Ministry I

Instructor to be confirmed

Evangelism

Instructor to be confirmed

Registration forms are available on the website.

History of School of the Laity

In the fall of 1988, ten laypeople of Savannah Presbytery became the first graduating class of an innovative presbytery ministry known as the School of the Laity. A very demanding program of study requiring a two-year commitment and additional hours of class and preparation time, the School of the Laity was a vision of then Executive Presbyter Dr. J. Richard Bass, who saw the desire of laypersons to engage in serious study of scripture, theology, and ministry.

The students participate in two summer courses taught by college professors. Each session involves eighteen hours of class time and additional hours of personal study. The courses are: Introduction to the Bible and Introduction to Reformed Theology. In the final summer, they complete their studies with an in-depth course in Practical Ministry.

Students complete brief courses in the spring and fall of two successive years. Savannah Presbytery ministers lead studies on Old Testament, New Testament, History, Mission & Polity and Practical Ministry 1. To date, over 250 laypeople have participated in the School of the Laity, representing two-thirds of the churches of the presbytery. Its graduates are providing outstanding leadership in their congregations, the presbytery and the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ SoL Class of: _____

COURSE TITLE: _____ DATE **March 9-10, 2019**

The School of the Laity holds classes at Epworth by the Sea located on St. Simons Island, Georgia. All accommodation options include three meals. Commuters must pay even if they do not intend to eat meals per our contract with Epworth. Tuition & accommodation required. Tuition may be paid in advance at beginning of program.

<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Per Person Fees</u>	<u>Fee Enclosed</u>
1. _____	Course Fee - Tuition\$	\$75.00/person
	<i>(Ignore Step 1 if \$500 tuition fee paid upfront)</i>	
2. Choose Accommodation - Per Person Fee		
_____	COMMUTER \$49.00	\$ _____
_____	DOUBLE* \$95.00	\$ _____
_____	SINGLE \$145.00	\$ _____

Optional Expenses: - Circle fees below to include in total.

Per Room	Add a Friday Night Stay (Pitts/Booth) **	\$105.00
Per Room/Per Night	Upgrade your room to Robertson Inn	\$20.00/night
	<i>(may not be available - first come, first served)</i>	

Total Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

*Roommate (if double): _____

Make checks payable to the Savannah Presbytery indicating "SOL - HMP" in the memo section of the check.

Mail this form and your fee to:

**School of the Laity
Savannah Presbytery
3590 Darien HWY, Suite 8
Brunswick, GA 31525**

PLEASE REGISTER BY: February 28, 2019