

MINUTES FOR Savannah Presbytery

629th Session
Winter Stated Meeting

February 7, 2020



First Presbyterian Church Brunswick Brunswick, Georgia



Savannah Presbytery

SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	Registration Begins
9:15 AM	Commissioner Orientation
10:00 AM	Meeting Begins
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Reconvene
3:30 PM	Meeting Adjourned



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Welcome from First Presbyterian Church Brunswick Joe Gore

Directions to First Presbyterian Church Brunswick

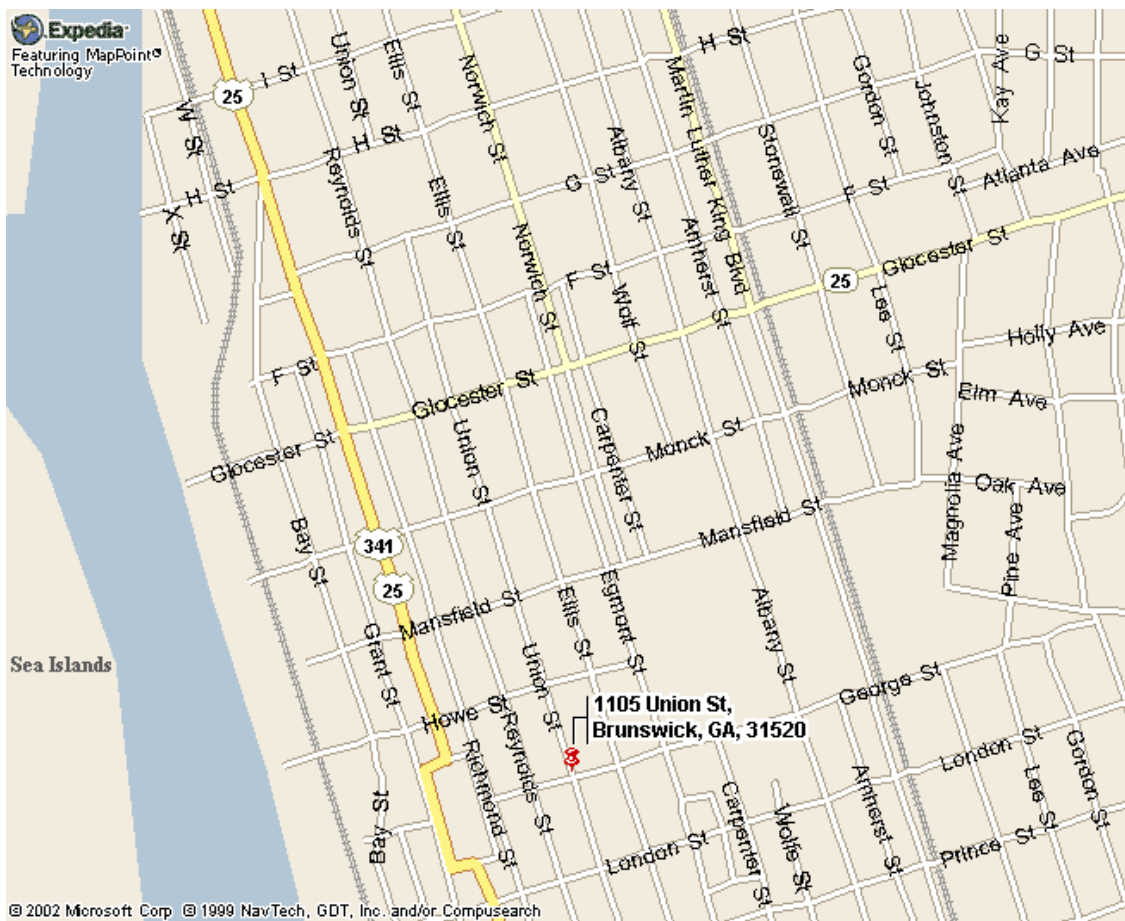
First Presbyterian is located at 1105 Union St. in Brunswick.

From I-95:

Take I-95 Exit #36 US 341. Take the US 341 SOUTH exit and proceed into Brunswick. Follow US 341 south to Gloucester St and turn left. Take the third right which is Union St. and proceed approximately .5 miles. The church will be on the right side of the street.

From the Jesup area:

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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 mrichardson@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. Please speak to Acting Stated Clerk Eric Beene with questions.

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 call Savannah Presbytery at 1 (800) 616-3671.

Docket

629th Session of Savannah Presbytery, Winter Stated Meeting February 7, 2020

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 Andy Meeker, Presbytery Moderator Transition to Moderator-Elect – TE Deanie Strength Welcome to First Presbyterian Church – Joe Gore Welcome & Organization – Moderator TE Deanie Strength Quorum & Appointment of Standing Committees Roll Call, Introduction of First Time Attendees and Visitors Requests for Voice on the Floor - Approved Approval of Minutes: Fall Stated Meeting 10/22/2019 (as submitted online) Approved Adoption of Docket - Approved Consent Agenda – TE Eric Beene, Acting Stated Clerk Including items for action from the following: Committee on Ministry, Transition Team, Stated Clerk, Nominating Committee, and Education and Training Team	P. 9-12
10:15 AM	Worship Preaching – Candidate Kate Brearley Buckley Installation of Moderator and Moderator-Elect	
11:00 AM	Report of Committee on Ministry – TE Andy Meeker Examination of Kate Brearley Buckley, A Candidate of Savannah Presbytery	P. 12-17
11:15 PM	Report of the General Presbyter – TE Alan Baroody	P. 17-18
11:20 AM	Report of the Transition Team – TE Will Shelburne Breakout Groups Under Supervision of Consultant, David York	P. 19

12:15 PM	Lunch	
1:15 PM	Special Reports – Buddy Ferguson, Thornwell (5 Minutes) Clark Simmons, PCUSA Board of Pensions (5 Minutes) Jerry Dean Weber, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia (5 Minutes)	
1:30 PM	Recognition of Honorably Retired States - TE Proctor Chambless	
1:45 PM	Report of Acting Stated Clerk – TE Eric Beene Report of Savannah Presbytery Council – TE Deanie Strength (Outgoing Chair) Report of the Savannah Presbytery Trustees – TE Andy Meeker, Chair Annual Meeting of the Savannah Presbytery Board of Trustees Altama Presbyterian Church Property Pending Sale Second Ebenezer Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midway – Hermina Glass-Hill (5 minutes) Report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee – RE Jay Martin, Chair Report of Nominating Committee – TE Jamil el-Shair, Chair Report of Committee on Ministry – TE Andy Meeker, Chair Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry – TE Jeff Garrison, Chair Report of Education & Training Committee – TE Will Shelburne Report of the MK Pentecost Committee – TE Ed Torgersen, Chair Report of the Presbyterian Women – RE Charlotte Goff, PW Moderator	P.20-33
3:15 PM	Committee on Resolution and Thanks – TE Stephen Williams Two Minute Promotions	P.33
3:30 PM	Adjourn with Prayer	

Save the Date

Spring Stated Meeting

May 19, 2020

First Presbyterian Church
Statesboro, GA

Roll of Savannah Presbytery Members & Commissioners

Member Congregations & Ruling Elder Commissioners:

Allenhurst Presbyterian Church:	Dave Sapp
Blackshear Presbyterian Church:	Mary Lott Walker
Altama Presbyterian Church, Brunswick:	Penny Moore
First Presbyterian Church, Brunswick:	Cynthia Sering
Second Presbyterian Church, Brunswick:	
First Presbyterian Church, Darien:	Okie Alexander
Grant Chapel Presbyterian Church, Darien:	Dwight Hall
First Presbyterian Church, Douglas:	Ben Wilson
Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dublin:	Katie Hogan
Washington Street Presbyterian Church, Dublin:	Jean Wolfe
First Presbyterian Church, Eastman:	John Ricks
Peabody Heights Presbyterian Church, Eastman:	
Flemington Presbyterian Church, Hinesville:	
Jekyll Community Presbyterian Church:	Jim McKenna
Jesup Presbyterian Church:	Ed Exley
McGregor Presbyterian Church:	
McRae Presbyterian Church:	
Metter Presbyterian Church:	
First Presbyterian Church, Midway:	Rodney Fuller
Christ Presbyterian Church, Pooler:	
Riceboro Presbyterian Church:	
Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church:	Rodney Denmark
First Presbyterian Church, St. Marys:	Barbara Dickman
Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Savannah:	Johnye Gillans
First Presbyterian Church, Savannah:	Daniel Walters
Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Savannah:	Louis Buckner
Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church:	Laurel McKeith
White Bluff Presbyterian Church, Savannah:	Sue Jonas
Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church:	Sue Burdette
Frederica Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island:	
St. Simons Island Presbyterian Church:	Anna Henry and Fred Griffith
First Presbyterian Church, Statesboro:	Eileen Bayens
Swainsboro Presbyterian Church:	Flor Lopez Ramirez
Vidalia Presbyterian Church:	Tom Meredith
Walthourville Presbyterian Church:	

Teaching Elder Members:

Ministers Serving in Validated Ministries:

Ed Ayers (Pastor, Richmond Hill) EXCUSED	Rick Douylliez (Pastor, St. Marys)
Alan Baroody (Transitional General Presbyter)	Alan Dyer (Pastor, St. Simons Island)
Ben Beasley (Pastor, Allenhurst)	Annie Franklin-Arvin (Associate Pastor, St. Simons Island)
Eric Beene (Acting Stated Clerk)	Jeff Garrison (Pastor, Skidaway Island)
Nelle Bordeaux (Wesley Monumental UMC) ABSENT	Mark George (Pastor, Metter)
Jann Briscoe (Spiritual Director)	Mark Giuliano (Pastor, Montgomery)
Barbara Connor (CRE, First St. Marys)	Russell Gladding (Pastor, Vidalia)
Bert Cramer (Pastor, Jekyll Community)	Rachel Griener (Chaplain, Memorial Hospital)
Ozeas da Silva (Evangelist, Iglesia Latina)	ABSENT

Jimmy Griffin (CRE, First Darien)
 Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman (Pastor, First Statesboro)
 Michael Kizzia ABSENT
 Mark Knowles (Pastor, First Douglas)
 Greg Loskoski (Pastor, Flemington) EXCUSED
 Jen Marshall (Wesley UMC, Frederica) ABSENT
 Wayne McDaniel (Pastor, McGregor) ABSENT
 Andy Meeker (Pastor, Wilmington Island)
 Chris Noyes (Pastor, First Brunswick)
 Ricky Porter (Pastor, Washington Street)
 Will Shelburne (Associate Pastor, First Savannah)

Ozeas Silva (Pastor, Iglesia Latina)
 Deanie Strength (Parish Associate, Skidaway Island)
 Steve Tisinger (Temporary Pastor, Christ) ABSENT
 Pete Ulmann (Pastor, Jesup)
 Hampton Williams (Pastor, Blackshear)
 Claire Williams
 Stephen Williams (Pastor, First Savannah)
 Hazel Wilson (Pastor, Grant Chapel)
 Choongyun Yu (Pastor, Hinesville Korean) ABSENT

Ministers At-Large:

George Brink (ABSENT)
 Jamil el-Shair
 Stuart Fletcher (ABSENT)
 Kathi Parchem (EXCUSED)

Craig Pope (ABSENT)
 John Ruehl (EXCUSED)
 Richard Troost (ABSENT)

Honorably Retired Members:

Art Bishop
 Bob Brearley
 John Bressler
 Fairy Caroland
 Proctor Chambless (PRESENT)
 Don Dilley
 Calvin Dixon
 Tom Dunlap
 Richard Grice

Larry Kennon
 John Law (PRESENT)
 Diane Lovin
 Ken McKenzie
 Bob Morgan
 Tom Mueller
 Bill Platt
 Carl Schlich
 Jesse Truvillion

Commissioned Ruling Elders:

Benjamin Holmes (Pastor, Second Brunswick) ABSENT

Jimmy Griffin (Pastor, First Darien)
 Barbara Connor (First, St. Marys)

Ruling Elder Members of Presbytery Council:

Jean Vernon
 Johnnie Washington
 Jay Martin (ABSENT)
 Leslie McCracken (ABSENT)

Margaret Brooks (ABSENT)
 Charlotte Goff
 Ken Bailey (ABSENT)

Voting Members -	26
Voting Elder Commissioners -	24
Commissioned Ruling Elders -	2
Other Voting Members -	3
<u>Other Attendees and Visitors -</u>	<u>27</u>
Total -	82

According to the Savannah Presbytery Manual of Operations, Section 9.4, Ruling Elder members of the Savannah Presbytery Council are enrolled as members of Savannah Presbytery with full voice and vote during their term of service.

Consent Agenda

Note: If any voting member or commissioner wants to discuss or vote separately on any item on this Consent Agenda, they may have any item removed. The item will then be considered during the report of the committee bringing the item.

From the Committee on Ministry:

1. In accordance with the Book of Order (G-3.0307) and our presbytery's Operations Manual (19.2), the Committee 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.

From the Transition Team:

2. With the approval of Council, the Transition Team recommends that Savannah Presbytery approve the job description for the position of Stated Clerk.(See end of Consent Agenda for job description)

From the Acting Stated Clerk:

3. I recommend that the Commissioned Ruling Elders serving Savannah Presbytery congregations, including RE Benjamin Holmes, RE Jimmy Griffen, and RE Barbara Conner, be given voice and vote at today's meeting. Further, I recommend that the following be given voice only for today's meeting: the Worship Leaders listed in the order of worship, RE Clark Simmons (Board of Pensions), Buddy Ferguson (Thornwell), RE David York (Holy Cow Consulting), Jerry Dean Weber (Presbyterian Homes of Georgia), RE Hermina Glass-Hill (Susie King Taylor Women's Institute and Ecology Center), and Candidate Kate Brearley Buckley.
4. The Association of Smaller Congregations of the Synod of the South Atlantic (ASC) is sponsoring their annual Conference at Epworth-by-the-Sea Conference Center on St. Simon's Island from March 13-15, 2020. For more information about this excellent conference, see the ASC website at www.presbyasc.org. Because the conference will take place within the bounds of Savannah Presbytery, they have requested that we authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper during their closing worship service on Sunday, March 15, in accordance with G-3.0301b.

From the Nominating Committee:

Note: if any voting member or commissioner wants to make a nomination from the floor, they may have the nomination removed from the Consent Agenda. The nomination will then be considered during the Nominating Committee report.

5. Moderator-Elect: According to the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual, the Moderator-Elect is nominated each year by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery. Ordinarily, the Moderator-Elect then is elected as the Moderator of Presbytery the following year and serves as Moderator of the Presbytery Council the year after that. The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve as the Moderator-Elect in 2020:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>RE or TE</u>	<u>Other Relevant Demographics</u>
Doty Dunn	2/2021	2	First, Statesboro	RE	

Doty Dunn has served the Presbytery on the Committee on Ministry, and she is currently a member of the Transition Team. She has served several terms on the Session at First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro.

6. Treasurer: According to the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual, the Treasurer is nominated by the Nominating Committee for a three-year term. The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve as Treasurer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>RE or TE</u>	<u>Other Relevant Demographics</u>
Ann Henderson	2/2023	2	First, Statesboro	RE	

Ann Henderson is a Certified Public Accountant who teaches in the Accounting department at Georgia Southern University. She has served on the Session at First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro as well as on the boards of several non-profit organizations.

7. Finance & Stewardship Committee: According to the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual, six members of the Finance and Stewardship Committee are nominated by the Nominating Committee, with two from each district. The Finance and Stewardship Committee also includes the Moderator-Elect, the Moderator, the Council Moderator, the General Presbyter, and the Treasurer. Currently, there are two vacancies on the Finance and Stewardship Committee. The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve on the Finance and Stewardship Committee (we may present an additional nominee at the meeting):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>RE or TE</u>	<u>Other Relevant Demographics</u>
Stephen Williams	2/2022	1	First, Savannah	TE	

8. Personnel Committee: According to the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual, six members of the Personnel Committee are nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Personnel Committee also includes the Moderator-Elect, the Moderator, the Council Moderator, the General Presbyter, and the Stated Clerk. Currently, there are three vacancies on the Personnel Committee. The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve on the Personnel Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>RE or TE</u>	<u>Other Relevant Demographics</u>
Brenda Harrelson	5/2021	1	Christ	RE	

9. Committee on Ministry: According to the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual, the Committee on Ministry has 14 members, with equal numbers of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders. This month, five members' terms expire. The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve on the Committee on Ministry:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>RE or TE</u>	<u>Other Relevant Demographics</u>
Hampton Williams	2/2023	2	Blackshear	TE	
Molly McCarthy	2/2023	1	White Bluff	RE	
Jimmy Griffen	2/2023	2	First, Darien	RE	
Mark Knowles	2/2023	2	First, Douglas	TE	
Ed Ayers	2/2023	1	Richmond Hill	TE	

10. Mission Ministry Team: According to the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual, the Mission Ministry Team should have 12 members. Because there are currently no members of the Mission Ministry Team, we are nominating two members to serve as Co-Chairs. They will develop a proposal to narrow the focus of the Ministry Team, then we will nominate more members who have skills and interest in supporting that focus. The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve on the Mission Ministry Team:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>RE or TE</u>	<u>Other Relevant Demographics</u>
Barbara Conner	2/2023	3	St. Marys	RE	

From the Education & Training Team:

11. The Education and Training Team recommends that Savannah Presbytery approve the celebration of Holy Communion at the 2020 Faith Enrichment Conference, School of the Laity gatherings, and Summer Camp.

Consent Agenda Approved

Savannah Presbytery Stated Clerk Job Description January 2020

The Stated Clerk is elected by the Presbytery for a three-year term. The Clerk may serve additional terms upon nomination by the Presbytery Nominating Committee and election by the Presbytery. An annual performance review of the Stated Clerk is conducted by the Personnel Committee.

Responsibilities

The Savannah Presbytery Stated Clerk is responsible for the functions described in the Book of Order and the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual. Those responsibilities include:

- Maintain the Rolls and Records of the Presbytery:
 - Prepare the minutes of each meeting of the Presbytery, including the attendance, proceedings, and actions of the Presbytery
 - Maintain the required rolls and registers of the Presbytery, including rolls of Congregations, Minister Members, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Certified Christian Educators & Associate Christian Educators, Inquirers & Candidates, and former Permanent Judicial Commission members
 - Prepare the Presbytery's minutes and other records for review by the Synod and for preservation
 - Provide information and extracts of the records as required or as requested
 - Receive and report notifications such as renunciations of jurisdiction, written dissents and protests, judicial proceedings and decisions, administrative commission reports, ordinations, and certifications
 - Certify PIFs for minister members with Church Leadership Connection
- Assist with judicial proceedings of the Presbytery in accordance with the Rules of Discipline:
 - Receive written allegations and requests for judicial action
 - Communicate with the parties involved in judicial cases to request materials and provide information about judicial process as described in the Rules of Discipline
 - Provide training and support for the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission
- Communicate with congregations, Presbytery members, Synod, and General Assembly:
 - Use online data systems to share minister changes, votes on overtures and concurrences, commissioner names, and other required information with the General Assembly
 - Support congregations in submitting their annual statistical reports and prepare and submit the annual statistical report for the Presbytery to the General Assembly
 - Provide notice of Presbytery meetings to congregations and prepare the packet of materials for each Presbytery meeting
 - Support the process of reviewing Session minutes and receive reports of minutes review
 - Prepare reports for each meeting of the Presbytery
- Guide congregations and Presbytery entities in applying the principles of our polity and mandates of the Book of Order and Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual:

- Provide interpretation and counsel for Session moderators, clerks, Presbytery committees, staff & officers, and other entities on the provisions of the Book of Order and Operations Manual
 - Advise the Presbytery and its congregations, committees, and entities on parliamentary procedure as specified in Roberts Rules of Order
 - Serve as an ex officio member and as the Clerk of the Presbytery Council, including recording and distributing minutes of Council meetings
 - Serve on the Presbytery Trustees and as an ex officio member of the Nominating Committee
- Other:
- Prepare GA Commissioners.
 - Supervise/direct the work of administrative staff/volunteers as it pertains to the work of the stated clerk.
 - Serve as a resource for Clerks of Session of Savannah Presbytery.

Qualifications:

- Ordination as a Ruling Elder or Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) (see G-3.0104)
- Thorough working knowledge of the Book of Order, Robert’s Rules of Order, and the Operations Manual of Savannah Presbytery
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Strong written and oral communication skills, including the ability to communicate clearly about mandates, regulations, requirements, and processes
- Ability to teach, affirm, and support members and leaders of Presbytery congregations and entities; the ability to be a “friend among your colleagues in ministry”
- Ability and comfort working with electronic tools, including e-mail, word processing and spreadsheets, online meeting platforms such as Zoom, databases, and online communication and data management systems
- Ability to maintain confidence and preserve confidential information

Requirements:

The Stated Clerk’s hours will vary depending on need, but he/she will work up to 30 hours per month.

Compensation:

\$25/hour

Team & Committee Reports

Report of the Committee on Ministry Rev. Andy Meeker, Chair

Membership of Committee

2020: TE Andy Meeker, Wilmington Island; TE Pete Ullman, Jesup; RE Jean Vernon, First Brunswick; RE Jean Strong, Skidaway

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

2022:

FOR ACTION:

1. The Committee presents Kate Brearley Buckley to be examined as she seeks to be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament to fulfill her call to serve as the Parish Associate for Visitation at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. Kate is a graduate of Columbia Seminary, has passed all her ordination exams and has been certified ready to receive a call by the Committee of Preparation for Ministry. She has already begun her work at St. Simons, and, if the way be clear for Kate and her ordination, COM has approved this work as a validated ministry. Kate is seeking to be approved and received as a minister member of our presbytery upon her ordination. Kate's Statement of faith and the position description for her work follow.

Approved

2. The Committee recommends that the presbytery amend its Operations Manual to include under the responsibilities listed in 19.2 the additional authority to appoint commissions for the purpose of ordaining and/or installing pastors if the timing of such commissions falls outside the meeting schedule of the presbytery.

Approved

FOR INFORMATION:

On Behalf of Savannah Presbytery, the Committee on Ministry:

- Acted to dismiss Rev. Mary Beene from Savannah Presbytery upon her reception as a minister member of the Presbytery of the Redwoods on or near February 4, 2020 as she begins a new call to the Windsor Presbyterian Church of Windsor, California.
- Concurred with the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Eric Beene and White Bluff Presbyterian Church, effective January 31, 2020.
- Approved Rev. Eric Beene's service as Acting Stated Clerk of Savannah Presbytery as a validated ministry.
- Approved the part-time, temporary pastor agreement between Rev. Steve Tisinger and the session of Christ Presbyterian Church in Pooler.
- Received (back) Rev. Craig Pope as a minister member of Savannah Presbytery as an At-Large member. Rev. Pope teaches at Glynn Middle School.
- Received Rev. Dr. Jennifer Marshall as a minister member of Savannah Presbytery and approved her work as the Organist and Assistant Director of Music Ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church on St. Simons as a validated ministry. Dr. Marshall comes to us from Tyler, Texas, where she served as the Associate Pastor for Student Ministries at First Presbyterian Church. Prior to that she served churches in Nacogdoches, Texas and Lexington, Kentucky. She has degrees from Newberry College, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity, Winthrop University, and the University of South Carolina. Jenni is married to Dr. Zach Marshall, Director of Music Ministries at Wesley, and they have a daughter, (aptly named!) Georgia.

Other work of the Committee:

- Approved Rev. Paula Hoffman, minister member of Flint River Presbytery, to moderate the session of First, Eastman.
- Approved Henry Memorial's request to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Celebrated with Danny Grace as he ended his time of service to Fort Frederica Presbyterian Church as a Commissioned Ruling Elder at the end of December.

Committee on Ministry Report Addendum

For Action:

The Committee on Ministry recommends that the following serve as an Administrative Commission for the purpose of installing Rev. Mark Knowles as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Douglas:

TE Andy Meeker, Wilmington Island
TE Eric Beene, Stated Clerk
RE Willie Washington, Midway First
RE Bobbie Scott, Jesup
TE Hampton Williams, Blackshear
RE Ben Wilson, First Douglas

The Commission shall act on behalf of Savannah Presbytery to organize and lead the service of worship and installation at First Douglas on February 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Approved

For Information:

While the Administrative Commission is not yet ready to be approved, Rev. Dr. Mark Giuliano and Montgomery Presbyterian Church are planning to have his installation service on March 15, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Kate Brearley Buckley

Statement of Faith

I trust in God, the one who formed the first human from the dirt of the ground and breathed life into fleshy nostrils. I trust in my Creator, the one who never stops creating and re-creating despite humans consistent un-creating and destruction; the one who is always forming and transforming.

I trust in Jesus Christ, my God who became flesh and breathed new life into a broken and blind world. I trust in my Redeemer, who died on the cross after demonstrating what a fully and whole human life should be – a life in tune with God’s will and a life which treasures the marginalized and loves all people (even the frustrating religious elite).

I trust in the Holy Spirit, the “fresh air” which sometimes whispers with subtlety and nuance, filling cracks and crevices of the human heart, breathing order into chaos, and seeping out into the world to transform and restore Creation; the “fresh air” which sometimes blows like gale winds, stirring up comfortable and stagnant pools of believers, breathing chaos into order for the sake of new life and God’s glory. I trust in my Sustainer, the one who vivifies the human heart, which on its own would burn out, wither, and fade; the one who is even now working to make all things new.

I believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is any place which proclaims the good news of the gospel to the world and in the world; it is any place where two or more are gathered in Jesus’ name – it is a community which knows its created goodness, its state of brokenness, and its redemption in the revelation of Jesus Christ who came that the whole world might be saved. The Church is engaged in the fragile and important work of translating into the vernacular the sacred and also locating and celebrating the sacred in the everyday. The Church is called not to charity for the poor, but cherishing of the poor.

At its very best, the Church is not afraid to be the broken body of Jesus Christ, blessed, broken, and given to the whole world; that all may eat and be filled.

The waters of baptism welcome children of God into a family, which is too diverse for the world's comfort. We are baptized to signify Christ's dying and rising, the newness of life possible in following Jesus, and the everlasting love of a God who will never leave us; of the Holy Spirit which acts before we are able to speak our gratitude in response to the God who knit us together in our mothers' wombs and does not leave us even when we are trapped in cold, harsh tombs.

The grapes and the wheat on our communion tables are the meal which sustains the Christian community. The same God who rained manna from heaven on the Hebrews in the wilderness is the same God who broke bread on that poignant night with friends and betrayers. The Table is a proclamation of a God who provides; often in ways that we do not recognize readily. It is a promise that we encounter God not merely in the abstract or other-worldly realm; we meet our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer in bread and wine, in common meals, at tables with betrayers and enemies. "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." The Table set with the fruit of the vine stirs in us longings for Eden, memories of the Upper Room, promises of the empty tomb, and spiritual calories to face all the tables of our lives – the breakfast meetings, the lunches-on-the-go, the dinner tables which inform and form our families. At Table, we meet Jesus; the host and the menu; the table-setter and the feast.

The Kingdom of God is even now breaking in, in tiny glimpses and fleeting blurs. Creation groans in labor pains as the old is passing into something new. "Since God is in it, the Kingdom of God is always both present and future." The lush landscape of Eden is a far cry from our polluted and war-torn vistas. My hope comes in God's promise that God will never again destroy the face of the Earth; instead, God is working to make all things new.

Parish Associate for Visitation

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"We are a people who celebrate God, follow Jesus Christ,
and are led by the Holy Spirit in mission, service, and love."*

Purpose and Description

The Parish Associate for Visitation is a part-time (16 hour/week) position responsible for providing staff support in the areas of visitation and pastoral care. This position contributes to the overall mission of the church by providing direct ministry to the aged, sick, homebound, grieving, and those experiencing other significant life events. This position also serves to equip and educate others to participate in the congregational care ministry of the church.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ **Visit hospital, nursing facilities, and homes three days per week** to provide pastoral care and prayer to church members and friends. Proactively identify, track, and call upon those in need of visitation.
- ❖ **Provide vision for growing and deepening pastoral care ministry** through new ideas and programs that may include but not be limited to regular homebound communion, support groups, and other creative ideas for nurturing spiritual care.
- ❖ **Attend weekly staff meeting and bi-weekly pastoral care team meeting** in order to assist in coordinating pastoral care across the church. Regularly update pastor and staff on pastoral care needs within the church.
- ❖ **Participate in monthly diaconate meeting** and work to support the education and equipping of lay members to serve in the ministry of "compassion, witness, and service."
- ❖ **Other duties as assigned by pastor** that may include occasional teaching, worship leadership, and participation in staff-related training and other events. The parish associate may be asked to preach up to two times per year.

Skills and Abilities

Must possess a strong work ethic and intense desire to promote the spiritual nurture and physical well-being for individuals of varying ages, backgrounds, and generational identities. A grounding in the scriptures and Christian Faith as well as a commitment to daily prayer and other spiritual practices is essential. Should be comfortable speaking in public and possess the ability to work well both independently and collaboratively within a team setting. Attention to detail and ability to concisely and clearly organize and communicate are important. Must demonstrate strong emotional stability, maturity, and personal integrity.

Revised 10/19

Recognition of the Retirement of Rev. Dr. Proctor Chambless, Minister of Word and Sacrament

REVIEW OF PROCTOR'S MINISTERIAL CAREER
AFFIRMATIONS FROM PRESBYTERY COLLEAGUES
PROCTOR'S REFLECTIONS
LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Proctor, you have completed your active service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Your sisters and brothers of Savannah Presbytery rejoice with you in the evidence of the Holy Spirit in your work and ministry.

We give thanks to God for your dedicated service in and for the church of Jesus Christ, and we praise God for the grace that has allowed your ministry to touch so many lives.

Now we come to mark with you the fulfillment of your calling, and it is our privilege to recognize and affirm your status as an Honorably Retired minister. While we celebrate that you have begun a new chapter in your life, we continue to value the experience you have gained and the skills you have acquired throughout your years of ministry. Therefore, we welcome your continued participation in the life of the church and our presbytery, using your gifts in meaningful ways.

You remain a valued colleague in ministry, and the church will continue to seek your wisdom, counsel and fellowship.

Together with the whole church, we trust that you will find new opportunities to fulfill your baptismal calling, as one marked by the Holy Spirit, a disciple of Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bring the blessings of joy and peace to you and your family, just as you have blessed the Presbyterian Church with your gospel ministry.

PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE #438 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Report of the General Presbyter TE Alan Baroody

It's good to be back in what I consider to be my home presbytery. But as in all situations, when you go away for a while and then return home, you notice that while much is familiar, there are a few things that have changed. While I was away, we lost a few churches, and we ask that God bless them on their journeys wherever they have gone. Congregations are aging and some churches are struggling with their finances. And in some of our smaller churches, there is the challenge of finding consistent leadership for Sunday morning worship services.

Having spent the last six years serving on the COM of Grace Presbytery, one of the wealthiest and largest presbyteries in the PCUSA, I can tell you that they struggle with those very same issues. In Grace, some churches have jumped the PCUSA ship, some churches are financially strapped, and finding consistent worship leadership for smaller faithful congregations at great distances from each

other has become very difficult. In other words, though we're small in size, around 35 churches, our challenges are no different than a presbytery with 144 churches.

But let me tell you what is different is the energy and spirit within Savannah Presbytery. And this is what I find exciting. I've spent the past three months visiting with sessions, congregations, and pastors, and what I've discovered, is the Holy Spirit nudging us to reconnect, recommit, and re-imagine.

There is a hunger for our reconnecting with each other as congregations for the purpose of shared ministry and discipleship. There's a desire to not let distances isolate us from each other. Another way we are reconnecting is through our Presbytery Committees. Some of our more dormant but important committees have begun meeting again, and not just for the sake of meeting, and not just in the coastal region. There is energy and purpose behind our committees, and they are made up of folks from all districts in Savannah Presbytery. Additionally, when folks can't come to meetings, meetings go to them. We are increasingly making more use of technology to bring us together. In other words, members are meeting via the internet.

Later this month we will have the first meeting of our new Technology Task Group. This task group will be assisting our presbytery as well as our churches to make better use the technological gifts that God has made available to us in the age we live in. To participate in a connectional church, we need to know about ministries of other congregations and how we might join with them for the glory of God in Word and Deed. Making use of the best of technology available, will help us do this in new ways.

The Spirit is nudging us to Recommit. Encouraged by our Transition Committee, we are already recommitting to wiser use of the financial resources that God has provided. Our Stewardship and Finance Committee is working with us to trim the costs of running our presbytery. Later they will be presenting an accurate budget of where we stand and what it costs to run Savannah Presbytery. We have not yet arrived, but we are well on our way to being more efficient and more effective. We are also getting a an extremely qualified Treasurer. You'll be voting on her later in this meeting and that's only part of the picture. My hope is that the Stewardship Committee coordinating with the Technology Committee, can promote year-round stewardship as better to interpret to you the way that the money you give goes to building up the Kingdom of God in Savannah Presbytery and around the world.

And we are being nudged to re-imagine. Our consultant David York will work with us today as we meet around tables for Holy conversations. You'll have a chance to share with pastors and elders from other churches about how Jesus Christ through the Spirit is working in your church. We'll be getting to know each other and answering various questions that point to a greater question, "Who is God calling us to be as a Presbytery, and where is God leading us in the Future".

During our meeting today, you'll be meeting new commissioners and pastors, ordaining a new pastor, honorable retiring a pastor, and giving away a church that we didn't know we had. Thanks to a wonderful member of First Presbyterian Church in Midway, we have rediscovered Second Ebenezer church which is within our bounds. Our hope is to transfer it to an organization that will preserve it and help educate us on the African-American Presbyterian heritage that is within our bounds.

I think I've said enough for now. It is an exciting time to be in Savannah Presbytery, and I feel blessed to be here. Please know that I welcome invitations to fellowship gatherings, session meetings, and church events. If possible, it is my hope to get around to visiting with all of our Savannah Presbytery congregations.

Transition Team Report

TE Will Shelburne

Team Members: Will Shelburne, chair, Mary Beene, Ben Beasley, Doty Dunn, Grace James, Al Mullice, John Ricks, Deanie Strength, Jean Vernon, Hampton Williams

FOR INFORMATION:

With the hiring of Alan Baroody as Transitional General Presbyter, the Transition Team has moved on to the next phase of its work. The Transition Team will continue evaluating the presbytery's committee and staffing needs, and, in consultation with Alan Baroody, the Personnel and Nominating Teams and Council, make recommendations regarding both immediate needs and sustainable models for the future of Savannah Presbytery. We are working with David York to organize three listening sessions, one in each district, where we will build off the feedback received from our breakout groups at the February 7th presbytery meeting. The Transition Team hopes to hold the listening sessions in late February or early March. Alan will work closely with David and the Transition Team throughout our time together. The Transition Team has approved Mr. York's consulting plan and agreed to the fee of \$1500, plus accommodations and travel, which includes the February presbytery meeting.

Consulting plan for Savannah Presbytery Transition

Submitted by David E. York

- 1.) Consultant will moderate listening sessions at the February Stated Meeting of the Presbytery at the February meeting. There will be 6 groups led by members of the Transition Team with the consultant setting the purpose and giving the instructions. He will move from group to group for listening and monitoring the progress of discussions. The questions will be open ended and will help form a foundation for Core Values conversations to take place at a later date as planned by the Interim General Presbyter. The Transition Team will be instructed about the process and specific questions on a call during the week of Presbytery.
- 2.) Subsequent regional listening sessions will be scheduled with advice from the Transition Team and the Interim General Presbyter. Suggested format is three locations—Savannah area, South, and Western parts of the Presbytery. There could be two areas covered on a Saturday and another one on Sunday after church. Other scheduling is possible depending on the advice of the leaders of the Presbytery.
- 3.) The fees for these services will be \$1500 (\$500) plus travel and accommodation expenses. Arrangements will be made to keep expenses as low as possible.

The Transition Team was also tasked with creating a job description for the position of Stated Clerk and reached out to Acting Stated Clerk, Eric Beene, for his assistance. After consulting with Synod Executive Joyce Lieberman, other part-time Stated Clerks in similar presbyteries, and evaluating his own work with Savannah Presbytery, Eric provided a draft job description. The Transition Team reviewed the job description and presented it to Council for its approval.

Special Reports

Report of Acting Stated Clerk TE Eric Beene

FOR INFORMATION:

- Today, we will experiment with a Consent Agenda. A Consent Agenda is a tool to make our time together more efficient. Matters which the Stated Clerk believes will not be controversial will be marked throughout the docket with the words "CONSENT AGENDA." At the beginning of the meeting, the Clerk will move the approval of all of the items on the Consent Agenda in one motion. At that time, any voting member or commissioner may request that any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and vote during the appropriate report on the Docket. Then, the Presbytery will vote on the motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. Those items will not be discussed again during the meeting.

- Statistics: The Clerks of Session and Pastors of the Presbytery should have received several communications by e-mail from me about the annual Statistical Reports which the Book of Order requires each congregation to submit (see G-3.0202f). I have attached a sheet to the e-mails which gives step-by-step instructions for submitting your statistics, and I have extra copies of the sheet with me today. If you have any questions about how to submit your statistics, please let me know! Remember, **the deadline to submit statistics is February 15, 2020.**

- Clerks of Session: watch your e-mail! We are working to schedule training and information sessions for Clerks of Session in Savannah Presbytery congregations in each District. There will be a time and a location which will be convenient for you! More information will be available soon!

Savannah Presbytery Council

TE Deanie Strength - Outgoing Chair

RE Ken Bailey (*First St. Marys*), RE Margaret Brooks (*First Savannah*), TE Rick Douylliez (*First St. Marys*), TE Jamil el-Shair (*At Large*), TE Jeff Garrison (*Skidaway*), RE Jay Martin (*Frederica*), RE Leslie McCracken (*St. Simons*), TE Andy Meeker (*Wilmington Island*), TE Will Shelburne (*First Savannah*), TE Ozeas Silva (*Iglesia Latina/Swainsboro*), TE Deanie Strength (*Skidaway*), RE Jean Vernon (*First Brunswick*), RE Johnnie Washington (*Grant Chapel*)

Ex-Officio Members: TE Alan Barody - Transitional General Presbyter (*Validated Ministry*), TE Eric Beene - Stated Clerk (*Validated Ministry*), RE Charlotte Goff - PW Moderator (*Allenhurst*)

For Information:

- **Altama Presbyterian Church Proposed Property Sale** - The Council concurred with the request of the Savannah Presbytery Trustees to authorize TE Andy Meeker, outgoing Presbytery moderator to continue serving as the Chair of the Trustees (a responsibility given to the Presbytery moderator by the bylaws of the Savannah Presbytery, Inc.) through the sale of the Altama Presbyterian Church property to Hand in Hand of Glynn County. The Council recommends this to the Presbytery for approval.

- **2020 Budget** – The Council approved the proposed 2020 budget prepared by the Finance & Stewardship Committee and recommends its passage by the Presbytery as a challenge budget.
- **Council Chair:** The Council voted at its January 21, 2020 meeting to elect TE Jeff Garrison (CPM Chair) to serve as Moderator of Council until the Winter Stated Meeting February 2021.
- **Technology Task Force** – The following have agreed to serve: Andrew Allen (*First Statesboro*), Mark Giuliano (*Montgomery*), Gary Johnson (*Christ*), Ada Owen (*St. Simons*). The Task Force will be convened in February to assess the technological needs to administer and communicate within the Presbytery and to prepare a grant application for available Synod funds by the end of 2020.
- **PCUSA Moderators’ Conference** – Deanie Strength received Presbytery funds to cover half the expenses to attend this event. She reports that her perspective was enlarged greatly as she learned the many different ways Presbyteries gather and organize themselves. The Spirit is apparently able to inspire people to carry out the work of the Church in ways that fit their context, geographical distances, population centers, financial resources, and personnel. She came away knowing that Savannah Presbytery has what it needs to pull together and succeed in its mission.
- **Check Signing** - The Council approved the Finance & Stewardship Committee’s recommendation that Jean Vernon (*First Brunswick*) be an additional authorized signer of Presbytery checks. Circumstances have made it difficult for others so authorized. Alan Baroody will be on the bank’s signature card but will not be called upon to regularly sign checks. This was at his request and with concurrence from the Finance & Stewardship Committee and the Council.
- **2020 Stated Presbytery Meetings** – The Council approved the following dates and locations of meetings:
 - **Spring Stated Meeting - Tuesday, May 19** – First Presbyterian Church, Statesboro
 - **Fall Stated Meeting - SATURDAY, October 24** – *Location TBA*
 - We encourage repeat commissioners to help with continuity in this transition.
- **2020 Dates:**

Deadline to post Congregational Statistical Reports on pcusa.org	February 15
School of the Laity – <i>Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons</i>	March 14-15
Association of Smaller Congregations – <i>Epworth</i>	March 14-15
Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting – <i>First, Statesboro</i>	May 19
Montreat Youth Conference Trip for Savannah Presbytery	June 7-13
Presbytery Summer Camp - <i>New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Rincon</i>	July 19-24
Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting – <i>Location TBA</i>	October 24

2021 Dates:

Savannah Presbytery Trustees

TE Andy Meeker, Chair

Members of the Board of Trustees:

TE Andy Meeker (Presbytery Moderator), TE Deanie Strength (Presbytery Moderator-elect), RE Jay Martin (Chair, Finance & Stewardship), TE Eric Beene (Stated Clerk), TE Alan Baroody (Transitional General Presbyter)

FOR ACTION:

The Board of Trustees recommends that Savannah Presbytery give its consent to the Trustees to transfer the property of the former Second Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in the Freedman Grove area of Liberty County to The Susie King Taylor Women’s Institute and Ecology Center, if the way be clear.

Rationale:

Second Ebenezer Presbyterian Church was an historic African American Presbyterian congregation that was a congregation of the John Knox Presbytery of the former United Presbyterian Church in the USA. The Susie King Taylor Women’s Institute and Ecology Center is an organization that seeks to honor the memory of Susie King Taylor, who was born into slavery, escaped bondage and served as a nurse during the Civil War, and became an activist following the war. Since 2015, the Institute has worked in Liberty County to provide a space for retreats, research and experiential learning relating to the life and legacy of Susie King Taylor. The transfer of this property would provide such an additional space and would help preserve an important piece of Presbyterian, African American, and Georgia history.

The Savannah Presbytery Trustees and Council are already on board in support of this property transfer. The Trustees are working with an attorney to research the property’s deed and ownership history. “Consent” by the Presbytery body would be in accordance with our Presbytery’s Manual of Operations, Section 11.2 and would help move make ensure this property transfer is done “decently and in order.”

Approved

FOR INFORMATION:

- The closing of the sale of the Altama Presbyterian Church property in Brunswick to Hand in Hand of Glynn, Inc. is scheduled for February 13th, 2020. Andy Meeker has been authorized to sign all needed documents on behalf of the Trustees.
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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

RE Jay Martin – Chair

RE Allene Groote (*First St. Marys*), RE Jay Martin (*Frederica*), TE Andy Meeker –Presbytery Moderator (*Wilmington Island*), TE Ozeas Silva – Immediate Past-Moderator (*Iglesia Latina*), TE Deanie Strength – Council Moderator/ Moderator-Elect (*Skidaway*), RE Lewis Stubblefield (*Douglas*), Judy Walker (*Wilmington Island*)

Ex-Officio: Alan Baroody – TGP

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee recommends the 2020 budget as presented.

Approved

FOR INFORMATION:

New Committee Orientation: A newly-formed Finance & Stewardship Committee of elders elected at the October Presbytery meeting met in December and January. The committee was introduced to its work by the General Presbyter and Council Chair.

2019 Expense Review: The committee went line by line through the 2019 Profit & Loss statement, receiving complete details of expenditures from the Business Administrator. The committee also reviewed a chart of funds held by the Presbytery and will continue to become familiar with their original intent and their current use.

The 2019 budget was funded primarily by income from the congregations (61%), a 5-6% draw from the Presbytery's New Covenant Investment Funds (21%), and fees from educational programming of summer camp, Montreat Youth Conference, Youth Triennium, and School of the Laity (13%). With these funds, the Presbytery met its obligations to all except the General Assembly 2019 per capita fees of just over \$41,000. We intend to meet this obligation and will work with a Presbytery treasurer to make a plan to meet this and address our 2020 per capita pledges to the Synod and General Assembly in a timely manner. The committee appreciates the efforts of Sessions to bring their membership rolls into order and submit statistics that reflect current participation. This is sure to lower our per capita assessments for 2021.

2020 Budget Preparation: There was considerable discussion about new budget numbers for 2020 based on actual spending in 2019 and the probing work of the committees, the Transition Team, and Council to examine our spending and to discern together how the Spirit is guiding the ministry of our Presbytery in this moment.

This budget enables us to pay reasonable salaries and stipends to persons who are reliably helping us carry out our work (Transitional General Presbyter, Business Administrator, Stated Clerk, Interim Director of Programming, and proposed treasurer). We will continue funding the Iglesia Latina in Swainsboro but take a sabbatical from other mission spending until a re-established Mission Committee is formed and, through prayer and the Presbytery's listening sessions, identifies priorities.

This budget reflects savings gained from changing several contracts related to office upkeep and administration. The committees will continue to consider how the work of the Presbytery gets done, who does it, and from where it is best organized and administered and make recommendations when research is complete.

This budget was designed with the hope that congregations would at least maintain their level of support in 2019, that the Education & Training Committee would moderately increase its fees for events, and that a 6% draw of New Covenant Funds would be considered reasonable for this year (with many expressing the desire that this not be considered the practice in perpetuity). The committee also anticipates income from congregations repaying outstanding Presbytery loans.

2020 Pledges from the Churches: A letter was mailed to each congregation with a pledge card to be returned by January 24. As Sessions reflect on the pledged income to their own budgets and commit to their own spending plans, we hope that they will be in touch with our Business Administrator with their pledges to the Presbytery. We will continue to work with committees to hone the Presbytery's expenses and live into a spending plan that sustains our Presbytery's work in a responsible way.

Savannah Presbytery
Proposed 2020 SP Budget
 January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 19	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
1000 - Unified Pledge Income			
p1 - PLDG - Allenhurst	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
p2 - PLDG - Altama	600.00	600.00	0.00
p3 - PLDG - Blackshear	0.00	500.00	0.00
p5 - PLDG - Butler Memorial	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
p6 - PLDG - Christ PC	1,080.00	0.00	0.00
p9 - PLDG - First Brunswick	7,500.00	15,000.00	0.00
p10 - PLDG - First Darien	3,900.00	3,000.00	3,600.00
p11 - PLDG - First Douglas	5,250.00	5,250.00	4,400.00
p14 - PLDG - First Midway	0.00	0.00	0.00
p15 - PLDG - First Saint Marys	17,550.00	17,550.00	17,550.00
p16 - PLDG - First Savannah	16,666.67	18,000.00	18,000.00
p17 - PLDG - First Statesboro	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
p19 - PLDG - Flemington	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
p20 - PLDG - Frederica PC	3,500.00	1,550.00	3,500.00
p21 - PLDG - Grant Chapel	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
p22 - PLDG - Henry Memorial	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
p23 - PLDG - Jekyll PC	6,200.00	6,000.00	0.00
p24 - PLDG - Jesup PC	6,600.00	7,200.00	6,500.00
p25 - PLDG - Lyons PC	0.00	5,600.00	800.00
p26 - PLDG - McGregor	0.00	0.00	0.00
p27 - PLDG - McRae	0.00	0.00	0.00
p28 - PLDG - Metter	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
p29 - PLDG - Montgomery	1,200.00	10,000.00	1,200.00
p31 - PLDG - Peabody Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00
p32 - PLDG - Riceboro	0.00	0.00	0.00
p33 - PLDG - Richmond Hill	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
p34 - PLDG - Saint Simons PC	66,000.00	66,000.00	66,000.00
p36 - PLDG - Skidaway Island	15,240.00	15,240.00	15,240.00
p37 - PLDG - Swainsboro	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
p38 - PLDG - Vidalia	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
p40 - PLDG - Washington Street PC	4,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
p41 - PLDG - White Bluff	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
p42 - PLDG - Wilmington Island PC	15,400.00	18,000.00	0.00
Total 1000 - Unified Pledge Income	232,286.67	253,590.00	179,090.00
2000 - Education & Training Income			
Total 2000 - Education & Training Income	49,985.26	53,250.00	50,000.00
3000 - Mission - Inc			
Total 3000 - Mission - Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00
4000 - Other Income			
Total 4000 - Other Income	883.09	997.92	602.40
6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income			
Total 6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income	82,049.44	41,400.00	71,290.00
Total Income	365,204.46	349,237.92	300,982.40

Expense				
7000 - Team & Committee Expenses				
7001 - Presbytery Council				
2A 3a - Interim EP				
Total 2A 3a - Interim EP		9,337.94	9,352.95	81,118.00
7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas				
Total 7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas		79,770.78	92,366.16	0.00
7001D/7001G - Presbytery Staff				
Total 7001D/7001G - Presbytery Staff		84,187.77	69,556.92	99,811.17
7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense				
700111 - - G.A. Per Capita -Exp		0.00	41,304.25	39,836.00
700113 - - Synod - Per Capita -Exp		7,224.00	7,224.00	7,224.00
Total 7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense		7,224.00	48,528.25	47,060.00
Total 7001J - PCUSA Conference Attendance		1,017.45	4,000.00	4,000.00
7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp				
Total 7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp		75,723.45	52,400.77	57,184.58
Total 7001 - Presbytery Council		257,261.39	276,205.05	289,173.75
7002 - Church & Polity				
Total 7002 - Church & Polity		2,257.31	5,000.00	5,000.00
7003 - Discipling Education & Training				
Total 7003 - Discipling Education & Training		103,786.60	128,989.20	93,300.00
7004 - Discipling, Renewal, Transforma				
Total 7004 - Discipling, Renewal, Transforma		0.00	307.77	0.00
7006 - Mission				
Total 7006 - Mission		12,750.00	30,862.56	2,000.00
Total 7000 - Team & Committee Expenses		376,055.30	441,364.58	389,473.75
Total Expense		376,055.30	441,364.58	389,473.75
Net Ordinary Income		-10,850.84	-92,126.66	-88,491.35
Net Income		-10,850.84	-92,126.66	-88,491.35

Savannah Presbytery		11:09 AM
Balance Sheet		01/29/2020
As of December 31, 2019		Cash Basis
		Dec 31, 19
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
	01 · Atl Natl - UNIFIED CHECK 3103 (Atlantic National Checking)	12,406.40
	02 · Atl. Nat'I - Unified MM 0495 (UNIFIED MONEY MARKET)	13,099.83
	03 · Atl. Nat'I -Selected MM 0503 (MONEY MARKET)	18,887.22
	04 · Atl Natl - Special Uses/Scholar (Special Uses/Scholarship)	14,219.74
	06 · BoA Ck -MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund / Ecology Checking)	3,096.80
	07 · BoA MM - MK Pentecost Ecology (M.K. Pentecost Fund Ecology - Money Market)	15,178.48
	Total Checking/Savings	76,888.47
Other Current Assets		
	17 · CD - Habersham Clay	30,000.00
	18 · CD - Presb. Investment Prog	37,628.60
	19 · New Covenant Fund	1,188,182.49
	38 · Note Afr Amer Cong	1,750.00
	41 · Note Latina Iglesia	9,999.96
	Total Other Current Assets	1,267,561.05
	Total Current Assets	1,344,449.52
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	-523.42
	Total Fixed Assets	70,564.38
Other Assets		
	72 · Note Receivable Christ PC	22,000.00
	73 · Note Receivable - PC Midway	4,904.90
	Total Other Assets	26,904.90
	TOTAL ASSETS	1,441,918.80
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
	005 · Payroll Liabilities	2,422.05
	010 · Accrued Expenses	570.50
	Total Other Current Liabilities	2,992.55
	Total Current Liabilities	2,992.55
	Total Liabilities	2,992.55
Equity		
	003 · Fund Balance (Retained Earnings)	1,111,650.75
	004 · Opening Bal Equity	291,697.49
	008 · Fund Balance Ecology	35,168.35
	Net Income	409.66
	Total Equity	1,438,926.25
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,441,918.80

Savannah Presbytery				3:46 PM			
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - Report				01/28/2020			
January through December 2019				Cash Basis			
				Jan - Dec 19	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%		
p10 - __PLDG - First Darien		3,900.00	3,000.00	900.00	130.0%		
p11 - __PLDG - First Douglas		5,250.00	5,250.00	0.00	100.0%		
p14 - __PLDG - First Midway		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%		
p15 - __PLDG - First Saint Marys		17,550.00	17,550.00	0.00	100.0%		
p16 - __PLDG - First Savannah		16,666.67	18,000.00	-1,333.33	92.59%		
p17 - __PLDG - First Statesboro		11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	100.0%		
p19 - __PLDG - Flemington		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.0%		
p2 - __PLDG - Altama		600.00	600.00	0.00	100.0%		
p20 - __PLDG - Frederica PC		3,500.00	1,550.00	1,950.00	225.81%		
p21 - __PLDG - Grant Chapel		500.00	1,000.00	-500.00	50.0%		
p22 - __PLDG - Henry Memorial		4,500.00	4,000.00	500.00	112.5%		
p23 - __PLDG - Jekyll PC		6,200.00	6,000.00	200.00	103.33%		
p24 - __PLDG - Jesup PC		6,600.00	7,200.00	-600.00	91.67%		
p25 - __PLDG - Lyons PC		0.00	5,600.00	-5,600.00	0.0%		
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		1,200.00	10,000.00	-8,800.00	12.0%		
p3 - __PLDG - Blackshear		0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%		
p31 - __PLDG - Peabody Heights		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%		
p32 - __PLDG - Riceboro		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%		
p33 - __PLDG - Richmond Hill		9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	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		1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	100.0%		
p38 - __PLDG - Vidalia		7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	100.0%		
p40 - __PLDG - Washington Street PC		4,500.00	6,000.00	-1,500.00	75.0%		
p41 - __PLDG - White Bluff		12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	100.0%		
p42 - __PLDG - Wilmington Island PC		15,400.00	18,000.00	-2,600.00	85.56%		
p5 - __PLDG - Butler Memorial		6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%		
p6 - __PLDG - Christ PC		1,080.00	0.00	1,080.00	100.0%		
p9 - __PLDG - First Brunswick		7,500.00	15,000.00	-7,500.00	50.0%		
Total 1000 - .Unified Pledge INcome		232,286.67	253,590.00	-21,303.33	91.6%		
2000 - Education & Training Income							
2001 - Summer Camp Income		16,507.00	17,000.00	-493.00	97.1%		
2002 - Montreat Youth Conference - Inc		11,587.26	12,000.00	-412.74	96.56%		
2003 - - Faith 3d/Triennium - Inc		5,765.00	0.00	5,765.00	100.0%		
2005 - - Faith Enrichment Conf - Inc		10,051.00	13,750.00	-3,699.00	73.1%		
2006 - School of the Laity - Inc		6,075.00	10,500.00	-4,425.00	57.86%		
Total 2000 - Education & Training Income		49,985.26	53,250.00	-3,264.74	93.87%		
3000 - Mission - Inc							
3000A - Mission Team Inc.		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%		
Total 3000 - Mission - Inc		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%		
4000 - Other Income							
40010 - BofA - Habersham Clay CD -Inc		30.01	200.00	-169.99	15.01%		
4003 - Interest Income (Interest)		250.54	132.96	117.58	188.43%		
4008 - PILP Investment CD - Inc		281.80	219.96	61.84	128.11%		
4009 - Jean Alexander Fund CRT- Inc (Charitable Re		320.74	445.00	-124.26	72.08%		
Total 4000 - Other Income		883.09	997.92	-114.83	88.49%		
6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income							
6002 - Annual Inc/New Covenant		74,772.45	32,000.00	42,772.45	233.66%		
6003 - Special Offering							
6003C - St. Simons - Desig Youth/Breit		0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%		
6003D - St. Simons - Undesignated		0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%		
6003 - Special Offering - Other		0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%		
Total 6003 - Special Offering		0.00	9,200.00	-9,200.00	0.0%		
6005 - Misc.							
6005 E - Circle of Friends		2,700.00					
6005 - Misc. - Other		4,576.99	0.00	4,576.99	100.0%		
Total 6005 - Misc.		7,276.99	0.00	7,276.99	100.0%		
6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income - Other		0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%		
Total 6000 - Miscellaneous Other Income		82,049.44	41,400.00	40,649.44	198.19%		
Total Income		365,204.46	349,237.92	15,966.54	104.57%		

Expense					
7000 - Team & Committee Expenses					
7001 - Presbytery Council					
2A 3a - Interim EP					
2A3-a	- IEP - Cash Salary - Exp	2,883.32	2,883.32	0.00	100.0%
2A3-b	- IEP - Housing - Exp	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
2A3-c	- IEP - SS Payment - Exp	603.00	603.00	0.00	100.0%
2A3-D	- IEP - Continuing Ed	130.00	283.32	-153.32	45.89%
2A3-E	- IEP - Travel	721.62	583.32	138.30	123.71%
Total 2A 3a - Interim EP		9,337.94	9,352.96	-15.02	99.84%
7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas					
7001A1 - GP/SC/Treas - Salary -					
7001A10	- GP/SC/Treas Allow in Lieu FICA	2,962.80	4,162.00	-1,199.20	71.19%
7001A2	- GP - Housing - Exp	28,004.24	30,550.00	-2,545.76	91.67%
7001A3	- GP - Social SecurityPymt -Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7001A4	- GP/SC/Treas - Cont. Ed	486.98	1,500.00	-1,013.02	32.47%
7001A5	- GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp				
7001A5a	- Auto Allowance - Exp	2,764.61	7,000.00	-4,235.39	39.49%
Total 7001A5 - GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp		2,764.61	7,000.00	-4,235.39	39.49%
7001A6	- GP/SC/Trea - Board of Pension	22,863.28	24,295.32	-1,432.04	94.11%
7001A9	- GP Pastoral Discretionary Fund	71.60	117.00	-45.40	61.2%
Total 7001A - General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas		79,770.78	92,366.16	-12,595.38	86.36%
7001D - Business Administrator					
7001D1 - Business Admin Salary - Exp					
7001D2	- Pension and Major Medical - Exp	22,875.24	22,006.56	868.68	103.95%
Total 7001D - Business Administrator		70,401.52	69,556.92	844.60	101.21%
7001G - Staff Assoc/Stipend - Exp					
7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense					
7001I1	- G.A. Per Capita -Exp	0.00	41,304.25	-41,304.25	0.0%
7001I3	- Synod - Per Capita -Exp	7,224.00	7,224.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 7001I - Gen Assembly & Synod Expense		7,224.00	48,528.25	-41,304.25	14.89%
7001J - PCUSA Conference Attendance					
7001K	- Presbytery Office Operating Exp	1,017.45	4,000.00	-2,982.55	25.44%
7001Ka - Recording Clerk - Exp					
7001Kd	- Electricity and Gas - Exp	3,039.84	3,780.00	-740.16	80.42%
7001Ke	- Telephone and DSL - Exp	3,115.87	2,000.00	1,115.87	155.79%
7001Kf	- Water - Exp	347.06	500.00	-152.94	69.41%
7001Kg	- Insurance - Exp	9,014.50	7,000.00	2,014.50	128.78%
7001Kh	- Postage - Exp	652.60	750.00	-97.40	87.01%
7001Ki	- Legal Fees - Exp	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7001Kj	- Supplies - Exp	2,390.29	2,000.00	390.29	119.52%
7001Kl	- Equipment Contracts - Exp	15,328.53	6,000.00	9,328.53	255.48%
7001Kn	- Equipment Purchase - Exp	1,005.78	2,000.00	-994.22	50.29%
7001ko	- Building Maintenance - Exp	6,254.90	8,500.00	-2,245.10	73.59%
7001Kp	- Webpage Maint - Exp	1,399.54	1,000.00	399.54	139.95%
7001Kq	- Software - Exp	2,582.90	2,500.00	82.90	103.32%
7001Kr	- Staff Travel Expenses - Exp	69.20	100.00	-30.80	69.2%
7001Ks	- Pastoral Relations - Exp	1,489.16	3,000.00	-1,510.84	49.64%
7001Kt	- Misc. Service Charges	569.60	300.00	269.60	189.87%
7001Kx	- Council Miscellaneous	21,897.97	6,224.72	15,673.25	351.79%
7001Kz2	- Payroll Expense	6,139.21	5,271.05	868.16	116.47%
7001kz3	- Payroll Direct Deposit - Exp	201.50	250.00	-48.50	80.6%
Total 7001K - Presbytery Office Operating Exp		75,723.45	52,400.77	23,322.68	144.51%
Total 7001 - Presbytery Council		257,261.39	276,205.06	-18,943.67	93.14%
7002 - Church & Polity					
7002B - COM Cmte - Exp					
7002Bd	- Emergency Pastoral Contingency	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7002Be	- COM Cmte Team -Exp	2,257.31	2,500.00	-242.69	90.29%
Total 7002B - COM Cmte - Exp		2,257.31	3,500.00	-1,242.69	64.5%
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%
Total 7002D - CPM - Exp		0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
Total 7002 - Church & Polity		2,257.31	5,000.00	-2,742.69	45.15%
7003 - Education & Training					
7003A - Team Expense					
7003B	- School of the Laity - Exp	8,017.19	15,000.00	-6,982.81	53.45%
7003D	- Faith Enrichment Conf Expense	13,117.13	16,900.00	-3,782.87	77.62%
7003G	- Faith 3D/Triennium - Exp	5,163.61			
7003H	- Montreat Youth Conference - Exp	14,603.92	12,000.00	2,603.92	121.7%
7003J	- Camps - Summer - Exp	21,953.31	18,689.20	3,264.11	117.47%
7003N	- African-American Ministry	10,800.00	23,100.00	-12,300.00	46.75%
7003O	- Iglesia Latina	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 7003 - Education & Training		103,786.60	128,989.20	-25,202.60	80.46%
7004 - Discipling, Renewal, Transforma					
7004H - D,R,T Team - Exp					
Total 7004 - Discipling, Renewal, Transforma		0.00	307.77	-307.77	0.0%
7006 - Mission					
7006A - Mission Ministry Team Exp					
7006K	- Thornwell Home for Children	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.0%
7006M	- Presbytery Youth Mission Trip	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
7006P	- International Mission	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
7006R - Domestic Mission					
7006R1	- Circle of Friends	10,750.00	23,812.56	-13,062.56	45.14%
7006R2	- Domestic Mission Support	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total 7006R - Domestic Mission		10,750.00	24,812.56	-14,062.56	43.33%
7006S	- Trip Subsidy for Participants	2,000.00	3,000.00	-1,000.00	66.67%
Total 7006 - Mission		12,750.00	30,862.56	-18,112.56	41.31%
Total 7000 - Team & Committee Expenses		376,055.30	441,364.59	-65,309.29	85.2%
Total Expense		376,055.30	441,364.59	-65,309.29	85.2%
Net Ordinary Income		-10,850.84	-92,126.67	81,275.83	11.78%
Net Income		-10,850.84	-92,126.67	81,275.83	11.78%

Nominating Committee TE Jamil el-Shair

Committee Members: TE Eric Beene (White Bluff), TE Jann Briscoe (St. Simon's), RE Barbara Conner (First, St. Marys), TE Jamil el-Shair (At Large), RE Paul Pressly (First, Savannah)

FOR ACTION:

Stated Clerk Nominating Committee: according to the Savannah Presbytery Operations Manual, the Stated Clerk is nominated by a Stated Clerk Nominating Committee for a three-year term. Members of the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery. The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve on the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>RE or TE</u>	<u>Other Relevant Demographics</u>
Lois Stroman	N/A	2	Washington Street	RE	
Hampton Williams	N/A	3	Blackshear	TE	
Johnye Gillans	N/A	1	Butler Memorial	RE	
Jann Briscoe	N/A	3	St. Simons	TE	
Laurel McKeith	N/A	1	Skidaway Island	RE	

Approved

We will present the names of additional nominees during the meeting.

FOR INFORMATION:

We will be seeking nominees to serve on the following teams and committees of the Presbytery to be nominated at the May meeting:

- Personnel Committee (2 positions)
- Nominating Committee (3 positions)
- Committee on Representation (3 positions)
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry (2-3 positions)
- Mission Ministry Team

If you are interested in serving, or if you have suggestions about members of Presbytery congregations who might be interested in serving, please contact Jamil el-Shair at 404-839-6241 or elshairj@gmail.com.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry TE Jeff Garrison, Moderator

Members:

TE Jeff Garrison, Moderator (Skidaway Island), TE Annie Franklin Arvin, Secretary (St. Simons), RE Marcia Dodd (Skidaway Island),
RE Ann Henderson (First Statesboro), TE Ben Beasley (Allenhurst)

FOR INFORMATION:

The committee has not met since the last Presbytery meeting, but have done some business via email/phone. We have two new candidates for the Commissioned Lay Elder program:

Kelvin Hill - (FPC, Midway)
Rodney Fuller - (FPC, Midway)

RE Marcia Dodd and TE Jeff Garrison will be serving as readers of the ordination exams in early February. This is our presbytery's assigned time to read and grade the exams for 2020, an act we do for the larger church. This is all done over the internet. Readers do not know the names or the location of the exams they grade.

There are currently no candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament within Savannah Presbytery.

Education & Training Ministry Team

TE Will Shelburne

Team Members: Will Shelburne, chair, Proctor Chambless, Rodney Denmark, Jamil el-Shair, Jeff Garrison, Al Mullice, Chris Noyes, Deanie Strength, Marty Susie

FOR INFORMATION:

- 1) The Breitenhirt Scholarship is being put to good use and we want to make sure that we are able to continue to provide scholarship funding for our youth events. In order to do so, we need folks to continue to donate generously!
- 2) In order to continue providing programming for both youth and adults in Savannah Presbytery we need to increase participant fees. The Education & Training Team is working hard to get accurate numbers for the real costs of FEC, SOL, and Summer Camp. The presbytery is committed to continuing to subsidize these programs but must adjust fees in order to keep up with increased costs. This means that Summer Camp 2020, as well as the June session of SOL, will see an increase in fees.

School of the Laity dates are set, **March 14-15, June 26-28, October 3-4**, and each session will include a visiting professor. In order to make SOL more cost effective and to provide educational opportunities to more people, the ETT has opened up ALL of its classes to whomever would like to attend. We have some great classes coming up, including, *“What’s Wrong with Paul? A Look at the Love/Hate Relationship with the Pauline Letters* taught by Dr. Beth Johnson, Professor of New Testament, Columbia Seminary (March); *Introduction to the Bible* taught by Dr. Bob Bryant, Professor of Bible at Presbyterian College (June); *David, Kingship, and the idea of the Messiah* taught by Dr. Dan Pioske, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Georgia Southern University, (October). Please save the date and plan to take part in these incredible educational opportunities.

Montreat Youth Conference trip for youth (rising 9th-graduate seniors) of Savannah Presbytery, is June 7-13. There are still a few spots open, please sign your youth up ASAP. The cost is \$430 and the deadline to register is March 13. Scholarships are available. Please contact Susan Parrish susan@fpcstatesboro.org for questions or to register your youth.

Summer Camp will be held **July 20-24** at New Ebenezer Retreat Center. Please contact Camp Director, Nat Scott (nat@sspres.org) or Camp Administration Director Marty Susie (marbull@comcast.net) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help. Registration materials will be coming soon.

The 2021 Faith Enrichment Conference will be held on **February 5-6**. Our keynoter will be Dr. David Gushee, Distinguished Professor of Christian Ethics & Director of the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology. Mark your calendars!

M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund Report TE Mary Beene

INFORMATION ONLY:

- Some of you may not know what the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund is. In the 1990s, Mr. M.K. Pentecost left a large charitable trust to the Savannah Presbytery, established for "the presbytery's ministry of environmental justice and ecological stewardship of natural resources including marine and wild life. The M. K. Pentecost Ecology Fund was set up as a committee, elected by Presbytery, to administer this grant-making program. Most grants go to regional nonprofit organizations working on coastal and ecological efforts in the southern coastal region, the geographic area specified in Mr. Pentecost's will. Through the "Go Green" program, some grants are also given to churches in the Presbytery working on ecological projects that fit the requirements of the trust. Funds for the grants and programs of the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund come directly from the investment income of M.K. Pentecost's trust, and are managed by the Presbyterian Foundation. Please contact the Fund's Coordinator, Mary Beene (mbeene@savannahpresbytery.org) for more information or if you have interest in or ideas for getting the word out in your community about this great work.
 - Ed Torgersen was elected chair of the Committee at our January 16, 2020 meeting.
 - We are excited to offer our next round of "Go Green" grants to Savannah Presbytery Churches for \$400 projects to help your church go green. Applications are available online at www.savannahpresbytery.org. For ideas, contact Mary Beene.
 - Rev. Mary Beene will be transitioning out of the role of Coordinator of the M.K. Pentecost Ecology Fund. His last meeting will be May 21, 2020. The Committee has developed a full job description, which is in this packet and online on the Savannah Presbytery website. Interested applicants can send a cover letter, resume and three references by March 6 to Ed Torgersen at torge40@gmail.com.
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Presbyterian Women Charlotte Goff, Moderator

FOR INFORMATION:

The year of 2019 was a busy year with each woman moving forward in our search for the call God has given us. Our challenge is to have more churches involved in organized PW work. Most of our churches have a bible study but do not work toward the support of the mission of our domination. We

have such a wonderful heritage to maintain. I would love to visit our inactive groups and explain how we are all Presbyterian Women and can become active on different levels. The latest church to close their group was Statesboro First. Wonderful leaders have come out of this area.

The last of October found PW from the South Atlantic Synod at Epworth. Our attendance from Savannah was about 10 and the total was near 400. We had great speakers, music and fun. One of the events was a fashion show of the women of the Bible. You should have seen Eve. Also, we prepared kits for disaster area. We did over 100 in about 30 minutes.

Our CT met on November 2nd, making plans for the annual gathering in 2020. I was blessed to attend Darien First and Grant Chapel in November. After an invitation, I attended the tree lighting at Grant Chapel in December. You should put this event on your calendar. Swainsboro Apartments had two visits from me in December with gifts for the residence. On January 7, 2020, the CT met to complete plans for our gathering.

The gathering was held at Allenhurst Presbyterian Church on January 25, 2020, on a beautiful sunny day. Guest speaker for worship was a missionary, Nancy Dimmock. We received a blessing on this day. The music was wonderful, the church was beautiful, food was plentiful, and God was with us. If you have not been to an annual gathering of PW, treat yourself. Workshops were given by Deanie Strength, Nancy Dimmock, and Sam McGaw. We had installation of officers for the 2020 year. About 70 persons were in attendance, and \$737.00 was collected for Mission Haven. In addition, all Blessing Box funds collected in 2020 will go to Mission Haven at the end of 2020.

Our statistics and history reports will be sent in March. Presbyterian Women's day will be in March, and Come Columbia will be in April. We also plan to rest and rejuvenate on April 25, 2020. Save this date.

Committee on Resolution and Thanks **TE Stephen Williams**

Adjournment with Prayer
