

**PROVISIONAL MINUTES**  
**104<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST**  
**Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church**  
**Signal Mountain, Tennessee**

**FRIDAY, May 4, 2018**

- 104-01**            **Call to Order - The Presbytery was called to order at 3:00 by Moderator TE Tommy Jordan.**
- 104-02**            **Worship – TE Ryan Van Horn led the Presbytery in singing ‘Blessed Assurance’ and opened the meeting with prayer. TE Toby Pope, to be examined as pastor for Grace Church, Franklin, NC preached a devotional from Exodus 4:10-17 on God’s call and our responses.**
- 104-03**            **Declaration of Quorum – Moderator Jordan declared after consultation with the Stated Clerk that a quorum was present.**
- Excused absences were offered for: Edward Brouwer, Chuck Echols, Bill Flannagan, Jack Foley, Mark Grapengater, Clay Harrington, Andrew Keasling, Ed Langham, and Bill Swafford.**
- Stated Clerk, Bill Dudley, presented in written form the Attendance Report for this meeting. That report follows.**

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>		<u>RULING ELDER</u>	
All Souls Fellowship Decatur, GA	Shayne Wheeler	Present		
	Mike St. Denis	Present		
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Charles Echols	Excused		
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN			Bob McEuen	Present
			Richard Wald	Present
Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Absent		
Cedar Springs Church Knoxville, TN	John Wood	Present	Geo Hall	Present
	Matt Avery	Absent	Daryl Armentrout	Present
	Alan Edick	Present	Tom Reesor	Present
	Clay Harrington	Excused		
	Andrew Keasling	Excused		
Central Church Hyden, KY				
			Merle Caudill CP	Present
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil	Present	Bob Bethel	Present
			Buddy King	Present
			Bud Williams	Present
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk	Present		
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton	Present	Reginald Strong, CP	Present
			Thomas Goode	Present
Community United Wooten Wooten, KY			Gregory Whitaker, CP	Present
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan	Present		
Covenant Church Rome, GA	Walter Turner	Present	Gary Cassady	Present
			Jim Arp	Present
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Kirk Werner	Present		
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White	Present	Mark Hastings	Present
			Jeff Petrik	Present
Faith Church McDonough, GA	Jason Minter	Absent		

<b>Farner Church</b>	<b>Adel Thalos (Interim)</b>	<b>Present</b>		
<b>First Church Rome, GA</b>	<b>Jeff Chadwick</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>John Cowan</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Bill Pardue</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Dathan Sorrow</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Jon Schwartz</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Alan Storey</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>First Church Stanton, KY</b>			<b>Laura Cockrell</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Diane Elam</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Bill Harnson</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>First Church Thomasville, GA</b>	<b>Tim Filston</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Frank Beverly</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Micajah B. Jones</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>John Brown</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Grace Church Franklin, NC</b>			<b>Chad Boniface</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>David Dennis</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Don Dewhurst</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY</b>			<b>Paul Bowling</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA</b>	<b>Mark Gregory</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Chris Fehr</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN</b>	<b>Grady Davidson</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Fred Anderson</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Chris Ripple</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA</b>	<b>Bryant Harris</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Lee Austin</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Joe Baker</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Charlotte Holmes</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Murphy Church Murphy, NC</b>	<b>Christopher Flick</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Susan Spalding</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Jan Emigh</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Ted Thistle</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>New Beginning Spring City, TN</b>	<b>Nathan Holloway</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Larry Myers</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Ron McCabe</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>New Hope Church Kingsport, TN</b>	<b>Richard Willis</b>	<b>Absent</b>		
<b>New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN</b>	<b>Scott Jackson</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Bob Bird</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Parkway Church Cumming, GA</b>			<b>Tom Harrell</b>	<b>Present</b>
			<b>Joe Negley</b>	<b>Present</b>

Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridgeo, CP	Absent
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer	Excused	Sam Mitchell Phil Inglis	Present Present
Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN – Ch Development Evangelist	Ryan Van Horn	Present		
Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Margaret Ferguson Andy Cornett Joey Sherrard	Present Present Present Present	Doug Gregory Jeff Hollingsworth John Langworthy Peggy LaRochelle Joe McCall Bruce Nokov Frank Peele Jarrell Reeves Jean Smith	Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Present
Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Excused	Norma Billingsley Kathy Traylor	Present Present
Trion Church Trion, GA Stated Supply	Bill Flanagan	Excused	Charles Frady	Present
Valleybrook Church Chattanooga, TN			Gary Buchanan Ben Brychta Ron Bunger	Present Present Present
Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN			Jarrod Johnson, CP	Absent
Woodland Church Memphis, TN	Matt Miller	Present	Doug Boggs Bob Jones	Present Present
ACTIVE – Without Call				
ARAUJO, Aparecido		Present		
AUSTIN, Michael		Absent		
BUSH, Daniel		Absent		
GRAPENGATER, Mark		Excused		
HODGE, Robert		Absent		
HOLMES, Rick		Excused		
LOONEY, Charles		Absent		
THOMAS, Michael		Absent		
WILSON, Kevin		Absent		

**ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS**

Call approved for a definite period of time. After the expiration of that time, the Minister must receive further approval to continue. If the nature of this call impedes or prevents regular and/or required attendance at Presbytery meetings, the Teaching Elder may be granted the status of Associate Member.

FOLEY, Jack	Excused
KILGORE, Jim	Absent
KUHN, Mike	Excused
MURREY, Edward	Absent
REESE, Julian	Absent
ROBINSON, Chris	Present
ROGERS, Tim	Excused
SWAFFORD, Bill	Excused
WOODWORTH, Steven	Excused

**RETIRED - ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Non-voting Member**

Retired or serving in a capacity outside of bounds of presbytery which may impede or prevent regular and/or required attendance at Presbytery meetings. Must be requested within two years of change of call to status of Associate Member. After two years of being retired, Presbytery may place on Associate roll. Voice and vote given on all committees of Presbytery.

Voice but no vote on Commissions. Not eligible to serve as officers of the court.

BAKER, Carlton	Absent
CALLAHAN, George	Absent
Retired Inactive	2/6/09
Associate	2/1/14
FAIRALL, Craig	Absent
FLANNAGAN, Bill	Excused
Retired	5/1/07
HALEY, Pam	Absent
Retired	10/6/12
HARRIS, Sam	Absent
Retired	5/4/02
Associate	10/2/15
HOFFMAN, Dave	Absent
HORTON, Michael	Absent
Retired	2/5/16
JENNINGS, William	Absent
Retired	10/1/11
JONES, Steve	Absent
Retired	1/1/06
KEYSER, David	Absent
Retired	2/103
LANGHAM, Edward	Excused
Retired	
RAGON, Ronald	Absent
Retired	
RISER, Steve	Absent
Retired	10/1/11
SMITH, H. Andrew	Absent
Retired	
WALLACE, Allen	Absent
WARE, Cobb	Absent
Retired	5/7/11
WILDSMITH, Alan	Excused
Retired	5/17
ZINN, Roy	Absent
Retired	9/30/11

**CANDIDATES UNDER CARE**

<b>BRIERE, Maurice</b>	<b>Crosswalk Church/Knoxville, TN</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>DAVIS, Rob</b>	<b>First Church/Rome, GA</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**OBSERVERS**

<b>Mizell, Diane</b>	<b>Signal Mountain Church</b>
<b>Hall, Dana</b>	<b>Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville</b>
<b>Griffin, Palmer</b>	<b>ChristChurch, Dalton</b>
<b>Adams, Skylar</b>	<b>First Church, Thomasville – Candidate to be examined</b>
<b>Storey, Evelyn</b>	<b>First Church, Rome</b>
<b>Harrell, Mary</b>	<b>Parkway Church, Cumming</b>
<b>Bethel, Jim</b>	<b>ChristChurch, Dalton</b>
<b>Palmer, Jane</b>	<b>Covenant Church, Rome</b>
<b>Brown, Anna Marie</b>	<b>First Church, Thomasville</b>
<b>Anderson, Alberta</b>	<b>Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga</b>
<b>Dennis, Sandra</b>	<b>Grace Church, Franklin</b>
<b>Pope, Toby</b>	<b>Candidate to be examined for Grace Church, Franklin</b>
<b>Baker, Carole</b>	<b>Brainerd Church, Chattanooga</b>
<b>Hastings, Kathy</b>	<b>Eastminster Church, Knoxville</b>
<b>Edwards, Tracy</b>	<b>Candidate to be examined for Valleybrook Church, Chattanooga</b>
<b>Brien, Esme</b>	<b>Signal Mountain Church</b>
<b>Walker, Sonny</b>	<b>First Church, Rome to be examined as Candidate</b>
<b>Peterson, Donna</b>	<b>Signal Mountain Church</b>
<b>Strong, D'nese</b>	<b>Community Evangelistic Church, Chattanooga</b>
<b>McGrew, R</b>	<b>Brainerd Church, Chattanooga</b>
<b>Davison, Becky</b>	<b>Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga</b>
<b>Palmer, Ed</b>	<b>Covenant Church, Rome</b>
<b>Blockley, Tom</b>	<b>Signal Mountain Church</b>
<b>Mohney, Ralph</b>	<b>Signal Mountain Church</b>
<b>Hayslett, Tommy</b>	<b>Signal Mountain Church</b>

- 104-04**      **Approval of the Docket – The Stated Clerk corrected an error in the presented docket; the corrected item was in stating TE Tracy Edwards is a member of the PCUSA when he actually is an EPC pastor. No other corrections or additions were presented. Motion was made to approve the docket with the one correction, seconded, and** **APPROVED**
- 104-05**      **Introductions – Moderator Jordan welcomed on behalf of the Presbytery first-time commissioners and guests, including three Ruling Elders from First Presbyterian, Stanton, Kentucky, recently dismissed from the PCUSA. TE Scott Bowen welcomed the Presbytery to Signal Mountain Church.**
- 104-06**      **Approval of Minutes of 103<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Moderator Jordan entertained corrections or additions to the printed and distributed minutes.**
- MOTION: That the Provisional Minutes of the 103rd Presbytery be approved as printed and distributed. Seconded.** **APPROVED**
- 104-07**      **Special Committee on Thanks**  
**Moderator Jordan appointed TE Chris Flick and RE Ted Thistle to this special committee.**
- 104-08**      **Report of Stated Clerk**  
**The Clerk began his report with prayer.**  
**Stated Clerk Bill Dudley presented for continued prayers the following Presbytery leaders: Chuck Echols, Craig Fairall, Bill Flannagan, Ed Langham, Margaret (Walter) Turner, and Nathan (Buddy) Sexton.**
- He also shared the challenges facing Bethany Church regarding property issues with PCUSA at the same time of their pastor’s (Chuck Echols) illness.**
- Stated Clerk Dudley presented TE John Wood who has served as pastor at Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville for the past 28 years. Personal remarks were presented for John after which TE Scott Jackson, Chairman of Ministerial Committee, moved the following:**
- MOTION – That the Presbytery of the Southeast concur with the request of the Cedar Springs congregation to dissolve the pastoral relationship with TE John Wood effective April 1, 2018.                      Seconded.                      APPROVED**
- MOTION – That TE John Wood be placed on the Retired Inactive roll.                      Seconded                      APPROVED**

**MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Scott Jackson**

TE Jackson opened with prayer.

**1. Examination of Candidates**

The Chairman presented to the court two candidates for examination.

Sonny Walker has been approved by the Session of First Church, Rome, as a candidate. Sonny currently is the director of student ministries at First, Rome. He has completed his MA from Reformed Theological Seminary with languages.

In accordance with G.11-2C the Presbytery examined Sonny in his Christian experience and spiritual growth, motives for seeking ordination, and his personal call to ministry.

The Candidate responded in the affirmative to the constitutional questions posed by the Moderator.

**MOTION – That Sonny Walker be enrolled as a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery of the Southeast.                      Seconded                      APPROVED**

Prayer for the Candidate was offered by TE Bill Pardue, as well as a charge. TE Shayne Wheeler was appointed as the Candidate’s Advisor/Mentor.

Skylar Adams is currently a student at Covenant Seminary where he will complete his MDiv in May 2018. He is under care of the Missouri Presbytery (PCA) and is a member of Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship (PCA).

The MCC approved the transfer of Skylar’s candidacy from the PCA presbytery.

In accordance with G.11-2C, the Presbytery examined Skylar on his Christian experience and spiritual growth, motives for seeking ordination, and his personal call to ministry. After hearing his testimony and call to ministry, the constitutional questions were presented by the Moderator with all responses being answered in the affirmative.

**MOTION – That Skylar Adams be approved and enrolled as a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery of the Southeast.                      Seconded                      APPROVED**

Prayer was offered for Skylar by TE Bill Pardue with a charge following. TE Tim Filston was appointed as Skylar’s Advisor/Mentor.

**2. Examination of two TEs being called to churches within the Presbytery.**

TE Tracy Edwards is an ordained EPC minister and is being called as Pastor of Valleybrook Church, Chattanooga. Currently Tracy is pastor at Middle Sandy EPC, Homeworth, Ohio. The MCC has received his PIF, transcripts for his MDIV from Dubuque Seminary, his statements of faith, and background checks.



The terms of call are found acceptable, and Tracy has no exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Having sustained an oral examination before the MCC in May, Tracy Edwards was presented to the Presbytery for examination. Following a thorough examination by the court, the following action was taken:

**MOTION – That the examination of Tracy Edwards be sustained in all its parts and that he be installed to serve as pastor at Valleybrook Church and that he be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast.**

**Seconded and APPROVED**

**MOTION – That the following Administrative Commission be appointed to install Tracy Edwards as pastor at Valleybrook Church on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 6:00PM with commissioners:**

<b>TE Grady Davidson, Lookout Valley</b>	<b>RE Ben Brychta, Valleybrook</b>
<b>TE Bill Dudley, Presbytery</b>	<b>RE Bruce Novkov, Signal Mountain</b>
	<b>RE Tom Francescon, Signal Mountain</b>
	<b>RE Ron Bunger, Valleybrook</b>

Tracy signed his ministerial obligation forms.

TE Toby Pope is an ordained minister of the PCA and is being called as pastor of Grace Church, Franklin, NC. He currently is serving as pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC and a member of Fellowship Presbytery (PCA). The MCC has received MDiv transcripts from Covenant Seminary, PIF, and his statements of faith and background check.

The terms of call are found acceptable, and Toby has no exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Having sustained an oral examination before the MCC in May, Toby Pope was presented to the Presbytery for examination. Following a thorough examination by the court, the following action was taken:

**MOTION – That the examination of Toby Pope be sustained in all its parts and that he be installed to serve as pastor at Grace Church, Franklin and that he be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast.**

**Seconded and APPROVED**

**MOTION – That the following Administrative Commission be appointed to install Toby Pope as pastor at Grace Church on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 6:00PM:**

<b>TE Tommy Jordan, Cornerstone</b>	<b>RE David Dennis, Grace Church</b>
<b>TE Bill Dudley, Presbytery</b>	<b>RE Don Dewhurst, Grace Church</b>
<b>RE John Henning, Cornerstone</b>	<b>RE Chad Boniface, Grace Church</b>

**Seconded and APPROVED**

**Toby signed his ministerial obligation forms.**

**Prayer was offered for Toby Pope and Tracy Edwards by TE Jeff Chadwick.**

### **3. Two EPC Pastors transferring to our Presbytery**

**TE Scott Lawry is an ordained EPC minister and is requesting a transfer of his membership from Florida Presbytery (EPC). Scott will be serving as Hospice Chaplain in Sweetwater, TN. The MCC has received MDiv transcripts from Covenant Seminary, PIF, and statements of faith and background check. Having sustained an oral examination before the MCC, Scott was presented to the Presbytery for examination. The terms of call were found to be satisfactory. Scott has no exceptions to Westminster.**

**MOTION – That the examination of TE Scott Lawry be sustained in all its parts and that he be received into the Presbytery of the Southeast and enrolled therein with a call to serve out of bounds as Hospice Chaplain. Seconded and APPROVED**

**TE Scott Lawry signed his ministerial obligation forms.**

**TE Keith Gallagher, ordained EPC minister, is requesting a transfer of his membership from Rivers and Lakes Presbytery (EPC). Keith has served as pastor of Bethel EPC, Reading, Minnesota and retired a short time ago from that ministry. The MCC has received MDiv. transcripts from Gordon Conwell Seminary, PIF, and his statements of faith and background check. Having sustained his examination before the MCC, Keith was presented to the Presbytery for examination. Keith declared no exceptions to Westminster.**

**MOTION – That the examination of TE Keith Gallagher be sustained in all its part and that he be received into the Presbytery of the Southeast and enrolled as a member therein as Associate Member. Seconded and APPROVED**

**Keith signed his ministerial obligation forms.**

### **4. Other approvals/changes**

**MOTION – That retired pastor Darrell Emerson be approved as occasional supply at Parkway Church, Cumming, GA. Seconded and APPROVED**

**MOTION – That TE Andrew Keasling, previously called as Associate Pastor from Assistant Pastor, at Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, effective May 7, 2018, be installed May 7, 2018 with the following Administrative Commission:**

TE Dave Strunk (Redeemer Church)  
TE Scott Jackson (New Life)

RE Chris Martin (Cedar Springs)  
RE Torrey McMurray (Cedar Springs)  
RE Jim McKinney (Cedar Springs)  
RE Joe Bryant (Cedar Springs)  
RE Mike Green (Cedar Springs)  
RE Brad Lewis (Cedar Springs)

Seconded and

APPROVED

TE Mark Hutton was dismissed to the PCUSA.

TE Richard Holmes was moved to Retired Inactive status at his request.

**104-10 PRAYER TIME – TE Matt Miller**

The order of the day was called by the Moderator and TE Matt Miller led the presbytery in a consecrated time of prayer.

**104-11 Recess for Supper**

**104-12 FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Friday evening service was held in the sanctuary of Signal Mountain Church. TE Scott Bowen, Pastor, led in the worship, and the sermon was preached by TE Tracy Edwards.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017**

**104-13 Presbytery reconvened Saturday morning promptly at 8:30 with Moderator Tommy Jordan continuing to provide quality leadership.**

**104-14 Saturday morning worship was led by TE Scott Lawry from Genesis 50:20. He concluded his sermon and opened the presbytery with prayer.**

Point of Privilege by TE Margaret Ferguson stressing need for submitting Annual Reports and she announced new training for those interested in Interim Pastor duties.

**104-15 Presbytery Council - Moderator-Elect: RE Palmer Griffin  
RE Griffin opened his presentation with prayer.**

**1. REPORT - Special Committee to revise 2015 Presbytery Bylaws (RE Palmer Griffin/RE Max Riddle) presented the rationale for revisions and dividing the 2015 Bylaws into two documents: Bylaws and Operational Guidelines.**

**MOTION - To dispense with the physical reading of the proposed two documents today.**

APPROVED

MOTION - To receive the two documents, Bylaws and Operational Guidelines, into the record today as the first reading.

APPROVED

The Chairman detailed the next steps toward adoption to include posting on the Presbytery website with feedback, questions, and clarification being presented to Palmer Griffin ([pgriffin@optilink.us](mailto:pgriffin@optilink.us)) until June 26<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION - That Presbytery authorize its Council to approve expenditures/ disbursements up to \$10,000 annually from any surplus funds, if available, to fund ministry opportunities presented to Council by Presbytery committees for which budgeted funds are insufficient.

APPROVED

This motion has been generated by requests from congregations to Church Health/ Growth, Evangelism/Outreach, and Church Planting/Receiving. These requests are for ministries, church interns/interim part-time staff. Approval by Council would facilitate our congregations being supported without delays till the next Presbytery meeting.

104-16

CHURCH PLANTING and RECEIVING – RE Diane Mizell  
RE Diane Mizell opened with prayer.

Two churches in Kentucky seeking to be received from Transylvania Presbytery have been in process with Leadership training and GOCenter seminars. First Presbyterian Church, Catlettsburg, KY, was released from Transylvania Presbytery this week and the session will be examined by our Administrative Commission in the coming weeks.

First Presbyterian Church of Stanton, KY, session was examined by our Administrative Commission and that commission recommends receiving the church into our presbytery. Their former pastor retired as the vote to seek departure from the PCUSA was made and the search for a new pastor will begin immediately.

The First Presbyterian Church, Stanton, KY, Ruling Elders, Laura Cockrell, Diana Elam and Bill Harrison, were introduced to the presbyters. Laura Cockrell presented a short history of the church.

Chairman Mizell presented the following:

MOTION - Having received their *Petition to be Received* into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and having examined their Ruling Elders on Saturday, April 7, 2018, and having received word from Rev. Philip Lotspeich, General Presbyter, that First Presbyterian Church of Stanton, KY, was dismissed by vote of the Transylvania Presbytery of PCUSA on March 13, 2018, the Church Planting and Receiving Committee moves that First Presbyterian Church Stanton, KY, be received to membership in the Presbytery of the Southeast of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church on this day, May 5, 2018.

APPROVED

TE Ryan Van Horn administered the Ordination Questions from BOG 13-2A to the session members present.

**MOTION** That the elders of First Presbyterian Church, Stanton, KY, having been previously examined and now having answered the questions of BOG 13-2A positively, be approved as the Ruling Elders of First Presbyterian Church, Stanton, KY, EPC.

**APPROVED**

Prayer for this new church was offered by Paul Bowling, Chairman of the Administrative Commission. The newly ordained session members were charged with ordaining the Ruling Elders from First Presbyterian Church Stanton, KY, upon their return.

**104-17**      **REPORT OF ASST/STATED CLERK – RE Diane Mizell**  
**Assistant Stated Clerk Mizell opened with Prayer**

Appreciation for her bookkeeping assistance to Presbytery and Resurrection Chattanooga was expressed to Carol Simmons. New webmaster Stacey McKinney was announced and appreciation to outgoing webmaster Will Johnson was expressed.

**104-18**      **REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell**

The Presbytery holds a healthy financial status as Faith Commitments continue to be received. The audit has been completed for Fiscal Year 2017 with all in good standing.

The current account balances for the Presbytery’s two bank accounts are:

Operating Fund	187,801.19
Designated Funds	-21,323.68 Community United Wooton Trust
	- 8,434.78 Church Courts Attendance Scholarship
Church Dev. Fund	<u>108,870.30</u>
Total assets	266,913.03

Church Receipts and Financial Summary report are attached for review of committee balances and church receipts as of April 30, 2018.      **ATTACHMENT 1**

**104-19**      **TRUSTEE REPORT – RE Jeff Hollingsworth**

Trustee Hollingsworth opened with prayer. He reported that the annual financial audit was completed by J. D. Frost and Associates, Chattanooga, TN, and all was in order. Trustees received a copy prior to the annual meeting. Inova Payroll continues keeping all payroll and IRS filings for the Presbytery.

Trust – there being no real property owned by the Presbytery no report was necessary.

A trust in the amount of \$21,236.68 is held by the Presbytery for Community United Wooton EPC, Wooton, KY. This is the remainder of funds formerly kept in trust by Transylvania Presbytery for renovations and an addition to their Community Center. These funds are listed as a designated line item in the Presbytery Operating Budget. At our 2017 Trustees meeting, RE Ross Schram asked that the church send a written request with expenditures listed to claim the funds once work is completed on the Community Center. Trustee Dudley suggested we memorialize payments of funds with a brief history of the trust and payout of funds with this occurs.

Incorporation of the Presbytery lies with the State of Georgia. RE Palmer Griffin, Christchurch, Dalton, GA, is our agent and he made the yearly filing with the state.

104-20

**EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH – TE Jeff Chadwick**  
Chairman Chadwick opened his report with prayer.

**1. Sub-Division of the Committee**

TE Chadwick detailed the Committee's division into Global Missions and Local Outreach and Evangelism in order to give full attention to each of these ministry areas.

**2. Remembering Andrew Brunson**

The Chairman provided the Presbytery with a factual and personal update of the past weeks, as well as the call to pray for the Turkish court's hearing on May 7, 2018.

**3. Youth Partnerships**

The Chairman shared with the court the increased number of requests for financial support for youth positions.

**4. Request from floor of Presbytery by RE Richard Wald, Brainerd Presbyterian Church, for Nicaragua.**

104-21

**CHURCH HEALTH/GROWTH – TE Jonathan Schwartz**  
TE Schwartz opened his report with prayer.

**1. Pastors in Residence -**Recently, the Church Health and Growth Committee had conversations with Pastor Mark Holler who represents a GA-sponsored ministry called Pastors in Residence (PIR). Pastor Holler was originally scheduled to come to our Presbytery and speak about this ministry, but will need to reschedule for another time. We hope to invite him to speak at the fall 2018 Presbytery.

**2. Parkway Presbyterian Church -**It is the ongoing responsibility of the CHG Committee to encourage churches in their missional health and growth, partly by providing resources or financial support to that end. The CHG, having received both written and face-to-face requests for funding from Parkway Presbyterian Church (Cumming, Ga) to help them secure a 2018 summer youth intern, submits the following motion:

**MOTION** - In joyful support and partnership with Parkway Presbyterian Church, we gift \$2,000 (or 2/3 of the total amount of \$3,000 needed) for the securing of a 2018 summer youth intern, to be provided from CHG sustentation funds as soon as possible.

**APPROVED**

3. Pastors Retreat -The CHG Committee is pleased to announce the details of the Presbytery Pastors Retreat to be held October 4-5, 2018 in Rome, Ga. The purpose is for relationships, renewal, and recreation. The guest speaker will be Sandy Willson. The time will be spent in worship, in study of God's word, and in fellowship, both during small group discussions and throughout the weekend as we enjoy relaxed time together.

The anticipated costs of the Retreat, particularly the costs associated with the hotel, will require considerable Presbytery subsidizing. Therefore, the CHG Committee submits the following motion:

**MOTION** That Presbytery approve support of the 2018 Pastors Retreat by providing \$2,500 from Leadership budget, along with up to \$5,000 from excess funds from the operational budget, to be combined with the total monies derived from registration fees from pastors (\$100/pastor).

**APPROVED**

104-22

**REVIEW of SESSION MINUTES – RE Palmer Griffin**  
Chairman Palmer Griffin opened his report with prayer.

The following report is presented to Presbytery:

**MINUTES REVIEW/Without Exception**

Cornerstone, Eastminster, First/Rome, First/Thomasville, Plumtree, Providence

**MINUTES REVIEW/Without Exception with Notations**

Bethany, Brainerd, Central, Community United- Wooten, Covenant, Crosswalk Community, Farner, Greenbriar, Lookout Valley, Mars Hill, New Beginning, New Life Gathering (first time for review), Parkway, Trion, Valleybrook, Woodland.

**MINUTES REVIEW/With Notations requiring a Response**

All Souls Fellowship, Buck Hill, Cedar Springs, ChristChurch, Community Evangelistic, Faith, Grace, Hope Fellowship, Murphy, Signal Mountain, Trinity, Wilson Station.

**MINUTES REVIEW/With Exception requiring a Response:** New Hope

**INFORMATION** - With this review all Session minutes reviews will be on a calendar year cycle with minutes being submitted by the Clerk with a completed Report Form in conjunction with the February Presbytery meeting. The Committee will review the minutes from February – April and will present a status report at the May POSE Stated Meeting.

RE Griffin closed with a prayer of thanks for all Clerks of Session.

**104-23 OLD BUSINESS**  
No business was submitted.

**104-24 NEW BUSINESS**  
No business was submitted.

**104-25 SPECIAL COMMITTEE on THANKS**  
TE Chris Flick and RE Ted Thistle

**104-26 ADJOURNMENT**  
The Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn.  
The motion to adjourn was made from the floor and seconded. **APPROVED**

The Moderator-Elect Palmer Griffin closed the meeting with prayer  
at 10:20 AM.

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TE Tommy Jordan, Moderator

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TE William Dudley, Stated Clerk



## ATTACHMENT 1

### Presbytery of Southeast RECEIPTS 2018

4/30/2018

CHURCH	2018 Received	Ch. Dev. Received	2018 Faith Commitment
All Souls Church	6,000.00		6,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Bethany Pres	500.00		500.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Brainerd Pres	1,416.49		4,008.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Buck Hill Pres	0.00		740.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Cedar Springs	6,666.68		20,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Central Pres, Hyden KY	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
ChristChurch (CCP)	2,500.00		10,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Church of the Redeemer	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Community Evangelistic	0.00		1,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Community United, Wooton, KY	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Cornerstone	180.00		720.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
CrossWalk Community	200.00		2,160.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Covenant Pres, Rome	190.00		760.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Eastminster	0.00		2,500.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Faith Pres, McDonough GA	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		900.00	1,800.00
Farner	0.00		900.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
First Pres (Rome)	4,044.03		16,180.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
First Pres (Thomasville)	2,750.00		11,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Grace Pres (Franklin)	166.64		500.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Greenbriar	575.00		2,300.00

Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Hope Fellowship	250.00		1,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Lookout Valley	600.00		2,400.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Mars Hill	2,660.32		7,980.00
Ch. Dev.		925.32	2,776.00
Murphy	2,000.00		2,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
New Beginning, Spring City TN)	540.00		540.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
New Hope	640.00		1,920.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
New Life Gathering	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Parkway	875.00		3,500.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Plumtree	0.00		760.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Providence	0.00		2,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Resurrection Chattanooga	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Signal Mountain	9,125.00		36,500.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Trinity	205.00		820.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Trion	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Valleybrook	150.00		600.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Wilson Station	0.00		
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Woodland	0.00		1,000.00
Ch. Dev.		0.00	
Other receipts (offerings)	1,158.00		
Individual Offerings	45.00		
Other receipts or refunds	25,747.68		25,747.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,184.84</b>	<b>1,825.32</b>	<b>170,611.68</b>

DISBURSEMENTS	As of 4/30/2018	Total	Budget 2018
Benevolences		10,000.00	10,000.00
			TBD
		0.00	6,000.00
Officers		0.00	3,000.00
		749.20	5,000.00
		757.00	2,000.00
		0.00	1,000.00
		0.00	1,000.00
		1,775.28	3,000.00
		580.00	2,500.00
		220.00	500.00
		0.00	2,500.00
		12,373.68	44,000.00
		7,360.32	21,768.00
		460.44	5,500.00
		3,150.00	3,500.00
Ministerial Care		0.00	3,000.00
		0.00	300.00
		0.00	3,000.00
Church Planting/Receiving		858.14	6,000.00
		0.00	250.00
		11,506.32	25,000.00
Evangelism/ Outreach		0.00	200.00
		2,000.00	8,640.00
		0.00	100.00
Church Health & Growth		0.00	1,500.00
		0.00	800.00
		0.00	8,000.00
Records and Minutes Review		0.00	75.00
		0.00	250.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>51,790.38</b>	<b>168,383.00</b>
Operating Fund	187,801.19		
Com United Wooten Trust	-21,323.68		
Scholarship Fund	-8,434.78		
Church Dev. Fund	108,870.30		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>266,913.03</b>		