

MINUTES  
107th Stated Meeting  
PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST  
Mars Hill Presbyterian Church  
Acworth, Georgia

Moderator	RE Palmer Griffin	Stated Clerk	TE Bill Dudley
Moderator-Elect	TE Bryant Harris	Asst to the Stated Clerk	RE Diane Mizell
Parliamentarian	TE Tommy Jordan	Past Moderator/Moderator of Council	TE Tommy Jordan

FRIDAY, May 3, 2019

107-01           CALL TO ORDER by Moderator RE Palmer Griffin at 3:00 PM

107-02           WELCOME & WORSHIP – The Moderator welcomed commissioners to Presbytery and called the meeting to order.

A Devotional from II Timothy 3:1-4 and Opening Prayer was given by TE Jason Minter of Faith Church in McDonough, Georgia.

107-03           DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Moderator Griffin declared, after consultation with the Stated Clerk, that a quorum was present.

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 ELDERS PRESENT</u>	
All Souls Fellowship Decatur, GA	Shayne Wheeler Mike St. Denis	Present Excused	
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Charles Echols	Excused	
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN	Dane Deatherage	Present	
Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Excused	
Cedar Springs Church Knoxville, TN	Alan Edick Clay Harrington Andrew Keasling Mark Steimer	Excused Present Absent Absent	Tom Reesor
Central Church Hyden, KY			
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil	Present	Stephanie Reynolds Bud Williams
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk	Present	Tom Howard
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton	Present	Reginald Strong CP Thomas Goode
Community United Wooten Wooten, KY			
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan	Present	
Covenant Church Rome, GA	Walter Turner	Present	Jim Brumbelw Carol Greissingner Frank Randall
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Kirk Werner	Present	John Carson Greg Waldrop
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White	Present	
Faith Church McDonough, GA	Jason Minter	Present	Alan Hawkins
Farner Church Farner, TN	Matthew Atteberry	Present	Kathleen Hearl Rebecca Stone

First Church Rome, GA	Jeff Chadwick Bill Pardue Jonathan Schwartz	Present Excused Present	Bill Brewster Tony Pemerton
First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters	Present	Laura Cockrell Diana Elam
First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston Skylar Adams	Present Excused	Mike B Jones Powell Jones Ruth Ann Maxwell Jeanne Thompson
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope	Present	Chad Boniface David Dennis
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY			
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA	Mark Gregory	Excused	
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Grady Davidson	Present	Fred Anderson Alberta Anderson Keith Thompson
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris	Present	Michelle Marshall Amanda McFerrin Brad Moore
Murphy Church Murphy, NC	Christopher Flick	Present	Jill Thistle Ted Thistle
New Beginning Spring City, TN	Nathan Holloway	Absent	
New Hope Church Kingsport, TN	Richard Willis	Excused	
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson	Excused	Bob Bird
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Adel Thalos (Interim)	Present	Tom Harrell Joe Negley
Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer	Present	Robert Dresdow Phil Inglis
Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn	Present	

Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Margaret Ferguson Andy Cornett Joey Sherrard	Present Present Present Excused	Julie Foreman Diane Mizell Bruce Novkov
Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Present	Steve Rowe
Trion Church Trion, GA Stated Supply	Bill Flannagan	Excused	Charles Frady
Valleybrook Church Chattanooga, TN	Tracy Edwards	Present	Gary Buchanan Ben Brychta
Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN			

#### OTHER ACTIVES

Bill Dudley	Presbytery Stated Clerk
Will Johnson	Evangelist

#### ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL

ARAUJO, Aparecido	Absent
AUSTIN, Michael	Excused
BUSH, Daniel	Absent
GRAPENGATER, Mark	Absent
HODGE, Robert	Absent
HOLMES, Rick	Absent
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	Present
KILGORE, Jim	Absent
KUHN, Mike	Excused
LAWRY, Scott	Excused
MURREY, Edward	Absent
REESE, Julian	Present
ROBINSON, Chris	Excused
ROGERS, Tim	Excused
SWAFFORD, Bill	Present
WOODWORTH, Steven	Present

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	
GALLAHER, Keith		Present
Retired		
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	2/03	
RAGON, Ronald		Present
Retired Associate	2/3/2012	
RISER, Steve		Absent
Retired	10/1/11	
SCHUSSLER, Richard		Absent
Retired		
SMITH, H. Andrew		Absent
Retired		
WALLACE, Allen		Absent
WARE, Cobb		Absent
Retired	5/7/11	
WILDSMITH, Alan		Absent
Retired	5/17	
WOOD, John		Absent
Retired	5/18	
ZINN, Roy		Absent
Retired	9/30/11	

CANDIDATES UNDER CARE

BRIERE, Maurice	Crosswalk Church/Knoxville, TN	Absent
BULLARD, Matthew	Parkway Church/Cumming, GA	Present
DAVIS, Rob	First Church/Rome, GA	Absent
GLOVER, Scott	New Hope Church/Kingsport, TN	Absent
WALKER, Sonny	First Church/Rome, GA	Absent

OBSERVERS

Brainerd Church	Carole Baker Paul Baker
ChristChurch/Dalton	Judith Ragon Bob Bethel Palmer Griffin Hallie Sterrett Jay Sterrett
Covenant Church	Pam Brumbelow Gary Cassidy Jan Cassidy Carl Greissinger Jane Palmer Margaret Turner
Crosswalk Church	Ben Baker Becky Baker Carolyn Carson Sue Werner
First Church/Stanton Grace Church/Franklin Lookout Valley/Chattanooga Parkway Church	Jared Cockrell Sandra Dennis Laura Thompson Lynne Thalos Ellen Whisenant Johnny Whisenant
Signal Mountain Church	Esme Brien Callie Latham Jimmy Latham
Trion Church	Katherine Frady

OTHERS

TE Dan Pinckney TE Phil Thrash	EPC Presbytery of the East EPC World Outreach
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107-04

APPROVAL OF DOCKET – ORDER OF THE DAY

The Moderator presented the docket noting the Order of the Day for prayer. The Moderator asked for any amendments to the docket. Ministerial Committee (TE Margaret Ferguson, chairman) stated that the examination of TE William Herndon, as noted in the printed docket, would be postponed, but Ministerial Committee had added the examination for candidacy of John Macere.

The Moderator asked for any objection to these changes in the docket. There were none.

MOTION was made to adopt the docket. It was seconded, and

APPROVED

107-05 INTRODUCTIONS – Moderator Griffin welcomed on behalf of the Presbytery a number of guests and asked the first-time ruling elders to stand. Presbyters welcomed those standing with personal greeting.

Welcome was extended to the Presbytery by TE Bryant Harris of the Host Church, Mars Hill Church.

107-06 APPROVAL OF MINUTES for 105th Stated Meeting  
Moderator Griffin entertained corrections or additions to the printed and distributed minutes. There were none.

MOTION: That the Provisional Minutes of the 106th Presbytery be approved.  
Seconded. APPROVED

107-07 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THANKS  
Moderator Griffin appointed TE Tully Hunter and RE Steve Rowe from Trinity Grace Church in Loganville, Georgia to serve as this special committee.

107-08 CHURCH PLANTING/RECEIVING COMMITTEE – RE Diane Mizell  
The chairman opened her report with prayer.

Mercy Underground Church with TE Will Johnson as Evangelist, has Incorporated in Georgia. Will is now making connections in his neighborhood and has a church planting coach approved by our committee and TE Mike Moses, his mentor. He and Pastor Leonce Crump of Renovation Church/Atlanta have had conversations. All Souls Fellowship will be taking on bookkeeping duties for this new church plant.

107-09 REPORT OF STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley  
The Clerk led in prayer prior to his report.

#### BETHEL CHURCH

The prayers of Presbytery continue for Bethany Church/Kingsport, TN. Holston Presbytery PCUSA has filed a law suit against Bethany Church for their church property.

#### WINTER PRESBYTERY DATE

Clarification on the date of the winter Presbytery meeting in February, 2020  
Is January 31 – February 1, 2020 at a location to be named.

#### RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Presbytery celebrated the retirement of two long-standing pastors: Kirk Werner and Chuck Echols. The Clerk gave a historical record of each pastor's ministry. Kirk Werner is the founding pastor of Crosswalk Church in Knoxville.

MOTION – To bestow honorable retirement on TE Kirk Werner, Pastor of Crosswalk Community Church/Knoxville with his retirement date being August 1, 2019 and his last Sunday at Crosswalk to be June 30, 2019.

Seconded and

APPROVED

MOTION – To bestow honorable retirement on TE Charles Echols, Pastor of Bethany Church in Kingsport, TN with his retirement date and last day at the church being May 31, 2019.

Seconded and

APPROVED

PASTORAL CARE – The Clerk reported on pastoral concerns and named: RE John Henning of Grace Church, Franklin, North Carolina and former Presbytery Moderator and active committee member; Shana Pardue, wife of TE Bill Pardue of First Church, Rome, Georgia; TE Tully Hunter of Trinity Grace Church in Loganville, Georgia, and Rhonda Riddle, wife of RE Max Riddle, active committee member, from Cornerstone Church in Franklin, North Carolina, and TE Bill Flannagan, former pastor at First Church in Rome, Georgia and former Moderator and Stated Supply of Trion Church, Georgia. Various presbyters led in prayer for these beloved saints of the Church.

The Clerk called upon the Moderator to express appreciation to TE Tommy Jordan, for his year of serving as Presbytery Moderator. RE Griffin offered prayer for Tommy and presented him with a personal gift from the Presbytery.

107-10

MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE - TE Margaret Ferguson  
TE Margaret Ferguson as chairman led in prayer.

CANDIDATE EXAMINATION – John Macere was examined as a Candidate for Ministry

Educational/Seminary Credentials – Master of Divinity degree from Erskine  
Theological Seminary (ARP)

Endorsement of Session- All Souls Fellowship

John shared his personal testimony of faith and his discerning call by God into ministry, as well as his motive for seeking ordination.

Questions for Candidate from the Book of Order were presented to John by the Moderator.

MOTION - To approve the examination of and the reception of John Macere as a Candidate for Ministry.

Seconded

APPROVED

A Prayer of Thanksgiving was offered by TE Ryan Van Horn followed by a Charge by TE Shayne Wheeler.



GENERAL MATTERS

MOTION – To approve the call of TE David Strunk to serve as Pastor of Church of the Redeemer in Maryville, Tennessee.

Dave is a member of the Presbytery of Southeast and was called by Cedar Springs Church In Knoxville as an Evangelist for the church plant which is now Church of the Redeemer. The church was approved as a local church at the February, 2019 Presbytery meeting. The call of David is the first action of Church of the Redeemer at their very first Congregational Meeting.

APPROVED

MOTION – To approve the Reverend Jim Baliff, Baptist minister, to officiate at the Lord's Supper at Lookout Valley Church during the three months that TE Grady Davidson, Pastor, is on sabbatical.

APPROVED

MOTION – To approve TE Tim Rogers of our Presbytery to moderate the Session of Crosswalk Church following the retirement of TE Kirk Werner and to serve as their Stated Supply.

MOTION - to receive the Minutes of Commission to Install TE Dane Deatherage as Pastor at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee and the Commission to Ordain and Install TE Lucas Waters and to dismiss both Commissions.

APPROVED

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Ministerial Committee presented a proposal on Excused Absences for the Presbytery's consideration and with the plan to vote at the October meeting. The intent is to clarify our commitment to be present at Presbytery meetings and to understand which absences are excused and which are not.

MOTION – To approve the following Teaching Elders as Excused for this Presbytery meeting: Michael Austin, Chris Robinson, Alan Edick, Bill Flannagan, Mark Gregory, Richard Willis, Skylar Adams, Bill Pardue, Scott Jackson, Joey Sherrard, Scott Lawry, Michael St. Denis, Tim Rogers, Mike Kuhn, Merle Caudill, Chuck Echols, Jim Hoilman, and Greg Whitaker.

APPROVED

107-11 REPORT OF ASSISTANT TO STATED CLERK – RE Diane Mizell  
Mrs. Mizell opened her report with prayer.

All Clerks of Session were reminded to submit Certifications for all Ruling Elders attending General Assembly as Commissioners.

107-12 REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell  
RE Mizell opened her report with prayer.

The account balances for the two bank accounts are:

Operating Fund	\$218,052.00
Designated Funds	\$ 21,323.68 (Community United Wooton Trust)
	\$ 9,667.00 (Church Courts Attendance Scholarship)
Church Development	\$110,260.46
Designated Funds	11,455.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$285,866.78

The Presbytery is in good financial health.

The offering taken at Friday evening Worship Service totaled \$764.72.

107-13

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH COMMITTEE - TE Jeff Chadwick

Chairman Chadwick opened his report with prayer.

#### COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Chairman reminded the Presbytery that their committee worked in two sub-teams – one focusing on supporting and resourcing our churches in the work of evangelism, and the other seeking to do the same in the area of global missions, with a particular focus on the EPC’s mission vision through World Outreach, our denomination’s missions mobilizing and sending arm. At this meeting, the committee report comes from the sub-team on global missions.

#### MISSION AND VISION OF WORLD OUTREACH

The chairman then summarized the mission and vision of World Outreach which is to go together to hard places where others are not, and in so doing to plant churches, to raise up national leaders, to equip, and to educate them to the place where they are sending their own people to hard places to reproduce this “full-cycle church planting” model.

#### TEs IN WORLD OUTREACH

As our Presbytery has two of our own pastors serving as missionaries with World Outreach, one of the committee’s goals is to continuously keep TE Stephen Woodworth and TE Mike Kuhn before us for prayer and personal knowledge of their lives and ministries, to develop personal connections between our churches and these two, and to encourage broad financial support for them as “our” World Outreach missionaries.

#### ITEN – International Theological and Educational Network

TE Stephen Woodworth then was invited to share a video about the work of ITEN, with which both he and the Kuhns serve. Stephen also gave personal insights of recent field visits. He emphasized how critical it is for the work of ITEN that the Kuhn family be fully funded financially by July in order to devote full attention to the emerging opportunities for ITEN. The Kuhns recently transitioned into ITEN from their long-term field assignment.

## ENGAGE 2025

Chairman Chadwick called the Presbytery to continued prayer for steady progress in our Presbytery's goal of developing an Engage 2025 home team to lead us to take our place in the EPC's commitment that each presbytery will identify an unengaged people group as "ours", devoting our prayers, energy and resources to recruiting and sending a missionary team that might be used of God as a part of seeing the Church planted among that people.

In closing his report, Chairman Chadwick reminded the Presbytery of the monthly Skype call that focuses on our Engage 2025 goals. That call is now being led by TE Edward Brouwer, a member of this committee and leader in this sub-team. He also recognized Phil Thrash, who serves as World Outreach Associate for Mission Advancement for our region and encouraged people to connect with him at the missions table in the narthex, and to sign up at that table to connect with him or with our committee.

107-14

CHURCH HEALTH/GROWTH COMMITTEE – TE Jonathan Schwartz  
The chairman opened with prayer.

## PARTNERSHIPS

The Church Health and Growth Committee currently has two active partnerships with churches in our Presbytery. Both churches, Parkway and Trinity Grace, are seeking to improve the health of their churches through the development of youth ministries. Other churches are inquiring about such partnerships. Each church who desire supporting funds must complete an application form developed by the committee.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

Our committee invites church leaders to schedule time at Presbytery to meet with the CHG for encouragement and prayer. Our committee is prepared also to visit churches to ensure greater connectionalism and to offer assistance where problems may exist. Almost all churches have been contacted by phone since the last Presbytery meeting, and several churches were visited at their location.

## EVALUATIONS

CHG has adopted a brief evaluation form to be used by committee members when contacting their assigned Presbytery churches. The form is to be filled out by the Pastor and/or Clerk of Session and followed up by a personal contact from CHG to discuss the written remarks on the form. The six areas to be evaluated are: God-Exalting Worship, Servant Leadership Development, Discipleship Ministries, Loving Fellowship, Outward Focus, and Functional Structures. Churches are beginning now to complete these forms. The Committee's desire is to see all churches thoughtfully complete their form by the October 2019 Presbytery meeting.

#### GO CENTER

Since the last Presbytery meeting, one of our churches has completed Ken Priddy's TruPoint Church Health and Vitality Assessment. The results will be sent to Ken Priddy who will consult with CHG about how to interpret and act upon this analysis. CHG commends this assessment tool to all interested churches in the Presbytery.

It is also the desire of the CHG to extend an invitation to Dr. Ken Priddy to speak again to our Presbytery at the October 2019 fall meeting.

107-15 ORDER OF DAY – Prayer Ministry was led by TE Eric Geil.

107-16 RECESS for Supper was declared at 5:45 PM.

107-17 EVENING WORSHIP and THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Presbytery gathered again in the sanctuary of Mars Hill Church for evening worship. TE Bryant Harris presided at the service.

The Stated Clerk presented members of Covenant Church in Rome, Georgia for their unceasing zeal and commitment to Presbytery and to the developing of new churches and to the support and care of congregations who may be struggling. Covenant Church has 38 members. In 2018 after they had fulfilled their per member asking, the church committed themselves to tithe their income to Presbytery. In 2018 after fulfilling their per member asking, this congregation contributed \$9,000 to church planting and church health and growth. Their Stated Supply TE Walter Turner shared with the Presbytery the encouragement and blessing this act of faith has been for their church family. The Stated Clerk had their members line the center aisle of the church and presbyters gathered around them and prayed over this church of few persons with a great bounty for the Lord.

The Guest Preacher for the evening service was TE Case Thorp, Moderator-Elect of the General Assembly and Senior Associate at First Church in Orlando, Florida. His sermon was "Pivot Church" from II Chronicles 36:22-23 and Ezra 1:1-4.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated by TE Bryant Harris and the ruling elders of Mars Hill Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

107-18 PRESBYTERY RECONVENED at 8:30 AM.

Moderator Palmer Griffin called the Presbytery into session and called upon TE Jack Foley, Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Services at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia for the morning devotion. His text was John 10:14 on "I am the good shepherd". Jack opened the Saturday meeting with prayer

which was concluded with the Presbytery singing “The Lord’s Prayer.”

107-19 PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – Chairman/Past Moderator: TE Tommy Jordan  
TE Jordan opened with prayer.

GA NOMINATION

MOTION -To endorse TE David Strunk, Pastor at Church of the Redeemer in Maryville, Tennessee to the GA Nominating Committee to serve on the GA National Leadership Team. APPROVED

107-20 REVIEW/SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – RE Tom Harrell  
RE Harrell opened his report with prayer.

Having read the minutes of the churches submitting such records, the following report was presented to Presbytery:

All Souls Fellowship	Approved with Notation
Bethany Church	Approved with Notations
Brainerd Church	Approved with Comments
Buck Hill Church	Approved with Comments
Cedar Springs Church	Approved with Exception, requiring response
Central Church	Not submitted
ChristChurch	Approved with Notation
Church of the Redeemer	Not submitted – new to Presbytery
Community Evangelistic Church	Approved with Notations
Cornerstone Church	Not submitted
Covenant Church	Approved with Comment
Crosswalk Community Church	Approved with Notations
Eastminster Church	Approved with Comment
Faith Church	Not submitted
Farner Church	Approved with Notation
First Church, Rome	Approved with Notations
First Church, Stanton	Approved with Notations requiring response
First Church, Thomasville	Approved with Notations
Grace Church	Approved with Comment
Greenbriar Church	Approved with Notations requiring response
Hope Fellowship	Not submitted
Lookout Valley Church	Approved with Comment
Mars Hill Church	Approved with Notations
Murphy Church	Approved with Notation requiring response
New Beginning (KY)	Approved with Comment
New Life Gathering	Approved with Notation
New Hope Evangelical Church	Approved with Notations requiring response
Parkway Church	Approved with Notations
Plumtree Church	Approved with Notations

Providence Church	Approved with Notations
Signal Mountain Church	Approved with Notations
Trinity Grace Church	Approved with Notations
Trion Church	Approved with Notations requiring response
Valleybrook Church	Approved with Notations requiring response
Wilson Station Church	Approved with Notations requiring response
Woodland Church	Approved with Notations requiring response
Wooton Community Church	Approved with Notations requiring response

107-21

MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Margaret Ferguson  
TE Ferguson led in prayer before her report.

EXAMINATION for Candidates under Care

The chairman presented two members of Signal Mountain Church requesting to be Candidates under Care.

She first presented Esme Brien who will be coming under the extraordinary clause. She is studying for her MA in Christian Leadership.

Educational Credentials – While Esme has attended college classes, a degree was not earned. Thus, she is seeking candidacy under the extraordinary clause.

Seminary – Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte

Endorsement of Session by Signal Mountain Church

Experience of saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth (G.12-2B) – Ms. Brien shared her personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

Motive for seeking Ordination and call to ministry

Ms. Brien detailed her discernment of the Lord’s call and her desire to seek ordination.

Questions for Candidate

The Moderator presented the appropriate questions from the Book of Order.

MOTION - To approve the examination of and reception of Esme Brien as a Candidate for Ministry APPROVED

The second church member from Signal Mountain Church, James (Jimmy) Latham, was presented.

Educational Credentials – University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Seminary – Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte

Endorsement of Session by Signal Mountain Church

Experience of saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and and progress in spiritual growth (G.12-2B) Mr. Latham shared his personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

Motive for seeking Ordination and call to ministry  
Mr. Latham detailed his discernment of the Lord's call on his life and his desire to seek ordination.

Questions for Candidate  
The Moderator presented the appropriate questions from the Book of Order

MOTION - To approve the examination of and reception of James (Jimmy) Latham as a Candidate for Ministry APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving was offered by both candidates by RE Bruce Novkov.

A Charge was given to Ms. Brien by TE Scott Bowen and a Charge to Mr. Latham by TE Andy Cornett.

#### DISMISSAL OF PASTOR

MOTION – To acknowledge receipt of the resignation of TE Nathan Holloway from New Beginning Church in Spring City and the church's confirmation and, therefore, to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the pastor and congregation.

APPROVED

EXPLANATION – The Stated Clerk and Ministerial Committee received a call from Sessional leadership from New Beginning Church. TE Holloway submitted his resignation unexpectedly in a brief statement. Communications by Presbytery with TE Holloway concluded he did not want to reconsider or to take steps for reconciliation. Additionally, he expressed his differences with EPC in several areas and desired to resign his membership from the Presbytery and from the EPC.

MOTION – To remove TE Nathan Holloway from the membership rolls of Teaching Elders of the Presbytery of the Southeast at his request. APPROVED

107-22

#### REPORT OF PRESBYTERY TRUSTEES

This report was presented by RE Diane Mizell, a Trustee, and she led with prayer.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT/AUDIT

The Audit for years 2017 and 2018 was performed by J.D. Frost and Associates, Chattanooga. The audit was received by the Trustees and approved.

MOTION – To approve the Audit for years 2017 and 2018 APPROVED

#### TRUST

There being no real property owned by the Presbytery there is no report to be made.

A Trust in the amount of \$21,323.68 has been held by the Presbytery for Community United Wooton Church EPC. These funds were kept in trust by Transylvania Presbytery PCUSA since 1998 for the church's building of and renovations to their Community Center. The trust was transferred from the PCUSA presbytery to our Presbytery at the time of their reception into the EPC. The church has had ongoing expenses to complete this building project. The Trustees are of the opinion that this congregation faithfully has addressed this project and should receive this trust for remaining expenses.

MOTION – That Presbytery distribute the funds from this trust to Community United Wooton Church EPC and that these funds be used for their community building Improvements. APPROVED

#### INCORPORATION

The Presbytery of the Southeast is incorporated in the state of Georgia. RE Palmer Griffin of ChristChurch, Dalton, Georgia serves as our agent. He made the yearly filing on our behalf with the State.

107-23

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk reported on the dismissal of the Woodland Church in Memphis. He reported that the Woodland Church in Memphis, Tennessee had been examined by Central South Presbytery and received as a particular church of their presbytery on April 26, 2019. Their pastor, Matt Miller, was examined at this same time and was received also. This is per the report from TE Ken Van Kampen, Stated Clerk of Central South Presbytery. Our Presbytery of the Southeast heard the request of Woodland Church and TE Matt Miller at our previous meeting and approved this dismissal.

107-24

#### NEW BUSINESS

No items were submitted.

107-25

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON THANKS

RE Steve Rowe presented the following expression of thanks:

Whereas, We met in the 107th meeting of the Presbytery of the Southeast of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, We were graciously welcomed and humbly served by the people, Session, and staff of the Mars Hill Church of Acworth, GA, under the wonderful leadership of Bryant and Linda Harris, and Host Committee chair, the incomparable, Jan Lauer; and

Whereas, We celebrated the movement of God's Holy Spirit throughout the portion of the body of Christ we call the Presbytery of the Southeast, recognized the retirement of faithful servants, celebrated the generosity



and faithfulness of particular congregations, and received individuals under care of the Presbytery as they follow Christ's call into Gospel ministry; and  
Whereas, We rejoiced in churches serving those in need and making Jesus known across this land and throughout the world; and  
Whereas, We conducted the business before this portion of the body of Christ in prayer, kindness, joy, and integrity; and  
Whereas, We worshiped God in spirit and in truth; therefore

*Be It Resolved*, That we give thanks to Almighty God for the 107th meeting of the Presbytery of the Southeast of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church which was blessed by the Spirit of the Living God, focused on the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, gave all glory to our Creator, and celebrated the community of the people of God in order to encourage us in the building of the kingdom of God for the glory of God. Let us, therefore, join our voices with the eternal Heavenly host, praising God, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 4:8b and 5:12).  
Steve Rowe, Ruling Elder and Tully Hunter, Teaching Elder, Trinity Grace Church

MOTION – To adopt this expression of thanks.

APPROVED

107-26

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator reminded the court of meetings of General Assembly June 18-21, 2019 in Denver and of Presbytery on October 4-5, 2019 at ChristChurch in Dalton, Georgia.

Closing prayer was given by TE Bryant Harris, Moderator-Elect.

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RE Palmer Griffin, Moderator

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TE William Dudley, Stated Clerk

# PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES – 2019

## MINISTERIAL CARE

(12 members: 6 RE/6 TE in 3 classes)

CLASS/2019

TE Grady Davidson (1)  
TE Margaret Ferguson (2)  
RE Celeste Creswell (1)  
RE Bruce Novkov (1)

CLASS/2020

TE Adel Thalos (2)  
TE Shayne Wheeler (1)  
RE Ben Brychta (2)  
RE Phil Inglis (2)

CLASS/2021

TE Bill Pardue (2)  
TE Andrew Keasling (1)  
RE David Dennis (1)  
RE Tony Pemerton (1)

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

(9 members in 3 classes with 6 RE and 3TE)

CLASS/2019

TE Edward Brouwer (1)  
RE Kathleen Hearl (1)  
RE John Henning (1)

CLASS/2020

TE Jeff Chadwick (1)  
RE  
RE

CLASS/2021

TE Matt Miller (2)  
RE Harvey Wages (2)  
RE

## CHURCH HEALTH & GROWTH

(9 members in 3 classes)

CLASS/2019

TE Jonathan Schwartz (1)  
RE Bob McEuen (1)  
RE Dan Stanley (1)

CLASS/2020

TE Mark Steimer (1)  
RE Tom Reesor (1)  
RE Mike Jones (1)

CLASS/2021

TE Alan Edick (1)  
RE Ryan Bridgeo (2)  
RE Alan Hawkins

## CHURCH PLANTING-RECEIVING

(9 members in 3 classes)

CLASS/2019

TE Mark Gregory (1)  
TE Dave Strunk (1)  
RE Diane Mizell (2)

CLASS/2020

TE Bryant Harris (2)  
TE Ryan Van Horn (1)  
RE Paul Bowling (1)

CLASS/2021

TE Eric Geil (1)  
RE Thomas Goode (2)  
RE Bob Bethel

## REVIEW of SESSION MINUTES

(6 members in 2 classes without term restrictions)

CLASS/2019

TE Tim Rogers (3)  
RE Tom Harrell (2)  
RE Max Riddle (4)

CLASS/2020

TE Keith Gallagher (1)  
RE Alan Storey (2)  
RE David Snyder (1)

## TRUSTEES (with Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer)

CLASS/2019

RE Jeff Hollingsworth

CLASS/2020

RE John Graham

CLASS/2021

RE Jim Bethel

POSE Statement of Activity  
2019

4/8/2019 2019 Budget

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Benevolences

EPC Gen Assembly	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects		TBD
Ch.Dev. distributions		6,000.00

Officers

St. Clerk Travel	493.87	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	311.36	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	530.72	3,000.00
Commisssons		1,000.00
Gen Oper	1,721.96	5,000.00
Webmaster		2,500.00
Web Maint.		500.00
Leadershp	1,500.00	2,500.00
St Clerk Salary	11,439.99	45,760.00
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	5,659.68	22,638.72
PSE Tax Liability	1,308.15	5,500.00
Other (Audit etc.)		3,500.00

Ministerial Care

	5,956.68	22,638.72
Travel & Misc	694.67	3,000.00
Backgr cks		300.00

Church Planting/Receiving

Travel	1,218.62	6,000.00
Misc	85.86	300.00
Ch.Dev. distributions	19,900.00	25,000.00

Evangelism/ Outreach

	Travel		500.00
	Youth Partner	1,500.00	10,000.00
	Miscellaneous		100.00
Church Health & Growth			
	Travel	575.53	1,500.00
	Misc.	90.93	800.00
	Sustentation		8,000.00
Records and Minutes Review			
	Office		75.00
	Travel		250.00
		<b>62,988.02</b>	<b>195,362.44</b>

RECEIPTS	4/8/2019	4/8/2019	2019 Faith Commitment
All Souls Church Ch. Dev.	6,000.00		6,000.00
Bethany Pres Ch. Dev.	500.00		500.00
Brainerd Pres Ch. Dev.	76.34		4,000.00
Buck Hill Pres Ch. Dev.			
Cedar Springs Ch. Dev.	6,666.68		20,000.00
Central Pres, Hyden KY Ch. Dev.			
ChristChurch (CCP) Ch. Dev.	4,554.99	9,000.00	9,220.00
Church of the Redeemer			1,800.00

	450.00	
Ch. Dev. Community Evangelistic		500.00
Ch. Dev. Community United Wooton, KY		
Ch. Dev. Cornerstone		
Ch. Dev. CrossWalk Community		
Ch. Dev. Covenant Pres, Rome	200.00	800.00
Ch. Dev. Eastminster	2,500.00	2,500.00
Ch. Dev. Faith Pres, McDonough GA		
Ch. Dev. Farner		450.00
Ch. Dev. First Pres (Rome)	5,746.80	17,000.00
Ch. Dev. First Pres (Thomasville)	3,300.00	13,200.00 22,000.00
Ch. Dev. Grace Pres (Franklin)	83.32	1,000.00
Ch. Dev. Greenbriar	575.00	
Ch. Dev. Hope Fellowship	312.50	
Ch. Dev. Lookout Valley	600.00	
Ch. Dev. Mars Hill	2,660.32	7,980.00
Ch. Dev. Murphy		2,775.00 1,100.00
Ch. Dev.		925.32

New Beginning, Spring City  
TN)

Ch. Dev.

New Hope 320.00

Ch. Dev.

New Life Gathering 2,000.00

Ch. Dev.

Parkway 875.00

Ch. Dev.

Plumtree

Ch. Dev.

Providence 100.00

Ch. Dev.

Resurrection Chattanooga

Ch. Dev.

Signal Mountain 9,000.00 36,000.00

Ch. Dev.

Trinity 700.00

Ch. Dev.

Trion

Ch. Dev.

Valleybrook 252.00 1,008.00

Ch. Dev.

Wilson Station

Ch. Dev.

Woodland

Ch. Dev.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,498.94</b>	<b>10,375.32</b>	<b>159,083.00</b>
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<b>Operating Fund 4/8/2019</b>			<b>218,052.00</b>
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Community United Wooton			(21,323.68)
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Scholarship Fund			(9,667.00)
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<b>Church Development</b>			<b>110,260.46</b>
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Designated Ch. Dev.			(11,455.00)
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<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>285,866.78</b>
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