

111th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Southeast
October 2, 2020
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church – Signal Mountain, TN

Moderator	TE Bryant Harris	Stated Clerk	TE Bill Dudley
Moderator-Elect	RE Bruce Novkov	Asst to the Stated Clerk & Treasurer	RE Diane Mizell
Parliamentarian	RE Palmer Griffin	Past Moderator/Moderator of Council	RE Palmer Griffin

“A Family of Churches”

VISION and MISSION

The vision of the Presbytery of the Southeast is to extend God's Kingdom to the world. The Presbytery's mission is to establish relationships that effectively connect and enhance achievement of the vision within Presbytery and the local churches.

FRIDAY, October 2, 2020

111-01 CALL TO ORDER at 10:00AM by Moderator TE Bryant Harris at 10:00AM

110-02 Moderator Harris welcomed commissioners to Presbytery and prayed.

Worship began with a hymn “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art” with music provided Jason DuRoy, Trish Ross, and Stephen Ingram, Music staff at Signal Mountain Presbyterian.

The Moderator introduced TE James Forsyth, to be examined for call as pastor to Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, to present the devotional. He prayed and presented the devotional with text taken from Hebrews 1.

110-03 DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Moderator Harris declared, after consultation with the Stated Clerk, that a quorum was present. Those recorded present for the meeting included 35 Teaching Elders and 25 Ruling Elders along with 7 Candidates for ministry and 5 Observers. Those observing the meeting virtually were 7 TEs and 21 REs and one Candidate.

The attendance record for this meeting was given by the Stated Clerk as follows:

No designation next to a name indicates “PRESENT”

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDERS PRESENT</u>
All Souls Fellowship Decatur, GA	Steven Good Mike St. Denis	Excused Excused
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Daniel Cheevers Lesley Cheevers	
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN	Dane Deatherage	Virtual
Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Absent
Cedar Springs Church Knoxville, TN	James Forsyth Alan Edick Clay Harrington Andrew Keasling Mark Steimer	Geo Hall Virtual Tom Reesor Virtual OBSERVER – Torrey McMurray Paul Landon
Central Church Hyden, KY		Merle Caudill CP Virtual
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil Matt Christian	Ruth Lee Hair Kenneth Harless Bob Chandler Virtual Eric Duffy Virtual James Lesslie Virtual OBSERVER – Palmer Griffin
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk Ben Ruyack	
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton	Reginald Strong CP Absent Thomas Goode Virtual
Community United Wooten Wooten, KY		Greg Whitaker CP Absent
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan	OBSERVER -Camille Jordan
Covenant Church Rome, GA	Walter Turner	Dane Freeman
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN		Carolyn Carson John Carson
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White	
Faith Church	Jason Minter	Absent

McDonough, GA				
Farner Church Farner, TN	Matthew Atteberry			
First Church Rome, GA	Jeff Chadwick Bill Pardue Jonathan Schwartz		Frank Brown Lynn Collier Tony Pemerton OBSERVER – Stacey Pardue Callie Latham	
First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters			
First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston Skylar Adams	Virtual Virtual	Mike Bixler Harry T. Jones Powell Jones Ken Manwaring	Virtual Virtual Virtual Virtual
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope			
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY				
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA	Mark Gregory			
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Grady Davidson		Jeanne Crawford Susan Fryar	Virtual
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris		Elders requested for Excuse	
Murphy Church Murphy, NC	Christopher Flick			
New Beginning Spring City, TN	Keith Gallagher, Interim		Harold Knechtel Ron McCabe	
New Hope Church Kingsport, TN			Tony Bowman Scott Glover	
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson	Absent		
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Jay Miller		Tom Harrell Joe Negley Billy Saville	
Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridgeo, CP	Absent
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer	Virtual	Bob Dresdow Phil Inglis	Virtual Virtual

Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn			
Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Margaret Ferguson Andy Cornett Joey Sherrard		David Barker Tony Boals Don Drumm John Kinard Diane Mizell Bruce Novkov Jarrell Reeves Stokes Smith	
Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Excused	Steve Rowe Kathy Traylor Cathy Cutts	Virtual Virtual
Trion Church Trion, GA	Bill Flannagan	Excused	Elders requested excuse	
Valleybrook Church Chattanooga, TN	Tracy Edwards		Ben Brychta	
Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN			Jarrod Johnson CP Absent	
Wooten Presbyterian EPC Wooten, KY			Greg Whitaker CP Absent	

EVANGELISTS

Will Johnson

ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL

ARAUJO, Aparecido	Absent
BUSH, Daniel	Absent
HODGE, Robert	Absent
HOLMES, Rick	Absent
LOONEY, Charles	Absent
ROGERS, Tim	Absent
THALOS, Adel – Transitional	Absent
THOMAS, Michael	Absent
WILSON, Kevin	Absent

ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS

KILGORE, Jim	Absent
LAWRY, Scott	Present
MURREY, Edward	Absent
PINCKNEY, Dan	Present
REESE, Julian	Virtual
ROBINSON, Chris	Present
WOODWORTH, Steven	Absent

ACTIVE – RETIRED

DUDLEY, Bill	10/14	Present
HORTON, Michael	2/5/16	Absent

ASSOCIATE MEMBER – Non-voting Member

AUSTIN, Michael		Absent
SWAFFORD, Bill		Excused

CANDIDATES UNDER CARE

AGAN, Jennifer	Signal Mountain Church, TN	Present
BRIEN, Esme	Signal Mountain Church, TN	Present
BRIERE, Maurice	Crosswalk Church/Knoxville, TN	Absent
BULLARD, Matthew	Parkway Church/Cumming, GA	Virtual
COBB, Ryan	ChristChurch/Dalton, GA	Absent
DAVIS, Rob	First Church/Rome, GA	Absent
GLOVER, Scott	New Hope Church/Kingsport, TN	Present
LATHAM, James	Signal Mountain Church, TN	Present
MACERE, John	All Souls Church, Decatur, GA	Present
PAUL, Landon	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	Present
WALKER, Sonny	First Church/Rome, GA	Absent
WHITESCARVER, Adam	Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA	Present

111-04 APPROVAL OF DOCKET - Order of the Day for Prayer and Worship being at 12:30 PM. The Moderator asked for any amendments to the docket and removal of examination of John Macere was noted.

MOTION: to adopt the docket with amendment
Seconded

APPROVED

111-05 INTRODUCTIONS– Moderator Harris welcomed on behalf of the Presbytery guests, virtual attendees and first time Commissioner, RE Stokes Smith, Signal Mountain. Mrs. Stacy Pardue, First Presbyterian, Rome, GA, was introduced.

Welcome was extended by host church pastor, TE Scott Bowen.

111-06 SPECIAL COMMITTEE/THANKS
Moderator Harris appointed TE Tracy Edwards and RE Ben Brychta, Valleybrook church, Chattanooga to serve as this special committee

111-07 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue opened in prayer and then presented with TE Grady Davidson.

EXAMINATION- Candidate Under Care: Landon A. Paul
Home Church – Cedar Springs Presbyterian, Knoxville, TN

Endorsement of Session – Yes

Educational Credentials -University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Seminary – Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS

Experience of saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth (G.12-2B)

Landon shared his testimony of faith and his motive and discernment for seeking Ordination and his call to ministry.

Questions for Candidate – The Moderator presented standard questions for Candidacy from the Book of Order. Landon answered in the affirmative.

MOTION – To approve the examination of and reception of Landon Paul as a Candidate for Ministry in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Motion was Seconded and APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving – the Moderator invited members and commissioners from Cedar Springs Church to gather near as he prayed for Landon.

The charge was given by TE Andrew Keasling, Cedar Springs.

EXAMINATION – Candidate Under Care: Jennifer Agan
Home Church – Signal Mountain Presbyterian, Signal Mountain, TN

Endorsement of Session – Yes

Educational Credentials

Tulane University – BS with double major in Science in
Mathematics and Education

Loyola University – Masters of Science in Teaching
Mathematics

University of TN at Chattanooga – Masters in Leadership

Seminary – Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC

Experience of saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth (G.12-2B)

Jennifer shared her testimony of faith and her motive and discernment for seeking Ordination and her call to ministry.

Questions for Candidate – The Moderator presented standard questions for Candidacy from the Book of Order. Jennifer answered in the affirmative

MOTION – To approve the examination of and reception of Jennifer Agan as a Candidate for Ministry in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Motion was Seconded and APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving – the Moderator invited members and commissioners from Signal Mountain Church to gather near as he prayed for Jennifer.

The Charge was given by TE Margaret Ferguson, Signal Mountain

EXAMINATION - TRANSFER from ANOTHER EPC PRESBYTERY

TE Dan Pinckney from EPC Presbytery of the East to be examined and received as Evangelist laboring outside the bounds

Present Ministry – SOZO Chattanooga, Inc (out of bounds)

Educational Credentials

BA degree – Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA

Seminary – MDiv – Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS

Experience of saving grace in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth. Dan shared his personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord and his divine call to ministry.

Oral Examination (on views only) was presented by TE Grady Davidson

Theology and Sacraments

English Bible

Book of Order

Reformed Tradition

Nature of the office of Teaching Elder

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms was confirmed by Dan.

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC* was confirmed by Dan.

Installation Questions from the Book of Order were presented by the Moderator and all were answered in the affirmative.

MOTION – To sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE Dan Pinckney as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast as an Evangelist.

Motion: to table the motion. Motion was denied following a standing vote. The original motion was Seconded and APPROVED

MOTION – To approve TE Dan Pinckney laboring outside the bounds with SOZO Chattanooga, Inc., a ministry of Christ-centered prayer - counseling and healing. The motion was seconded and APPROVED

A Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by Moderator Harris

RETIREMENT REQUEST

MOTION – To bestow honorable retirement on TE Jeff Chadwick, Pastor of First Church in Rome, GA with his retirement date being November 15, 2020. Jeff's desire is to remain on the active roll of Presbytery. APPROVED

Jeff's retirement will be commemorated at the February meeting of Presbytery.

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PRESBYTERY COUNCIL Moderator RE Palmer Griffin offered prayer

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION - To approve the following consent agenda.

APPROVED

APPROVAL OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES of 110th Meeting

MOTION – To approve the minutes as printed and distributed.

MOTION – To amend the minutes of 2019 and any previous minutes to reflect the separate listing of Retired Active TEs and Associates.

This is following the “exception” of our 2019 minutes from the General Assembly Presbytery Review Committee.

REVIEW/SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – RE Tom Harrell - No Report

CHURCH HEALTH/GROWTH COMMITTEE– RE Palmer Griffin

INFORMATION – To receive the committee report found in ADDENDUM 1

INFORMATION - RE Tom Reesor is rotating off the Committee after many years of service. We appreciate Tom’s love for the Lord, for the churches in our Presbytery and dedication in reaching out to churches to provide support through prayer and his physical presence.

CHURCH PLANTING/RECEIVING COMMITTEE – TE Mark Gregory

MOTION – To appoint an Administrative Commission to serve as the session for Resurrection Chattanooga in all matters through 2022. An additional Ruling Elder will be brought for your approval. Members to be approved for the Commission are:

TE Matt Christian

RE Bob Berry

TE Andy Cornett

RE Brad Wier, Chairman

RE Chet Berge

Resurrection Chattanooga was constituted as a Mission Church at 106th Stated Meeting of Presbytery on February 1, 2019. An Administrative Commission was appointed by Presbytery at that time to serve through 2020. That Commission was composed of TE Shayne Wheeler, TE Andy Cornett, RE’s Tom Hayslett, Brad Wier, and Chet Berge. No written minutes were received from this Commission by Presbytery

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH COMMITTEE – TE Jeff Chadwick

INFORMATION – To receive the committee report found in ADDENDUM 2

MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue/TE Grady Davidson

MOTION -To provide excused absences to those who requested: TE Michael St. Denis; TE Bill Flannagan; Res from Trion Church; TE Tully Hunter; REs from Mars Hill Church

INFORMATION – Approval given to TE John Wood to serve as Interim Senior Pastor at Pacific Crossroads Church (PCA) in Los Angeles, CA (Pacific Presbytery) for one year beginning September 1, 2020.

MOTION - To receive the minutes of the Administrative Commission to ordain and install Daniel Cheevers as Pastor and Lesley Cheevers as Associate Pastor of Bethany Church in Kingsport, TN on August 2, 2020 and to dismiss the Commission with thanks for their service to the Presbytery.

INFORMATION – The Administrative Commission approved for the installation of TE Steven Good as Pastor of All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA continues in their appointment. Due to Covid restrictions, the congregation has not held on-site worship services since March, relying instead on virtual worship. The Commission continues in communication with All Souls. Commission members are: TE Bill Dudley (chairman) and TE Matt Christian and REs Rick Clark, Palmer Griffin, Amrah Johnson, Diane Mizell, and Steve Rowe.

REPORT FROM PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

2021 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MOTION - To approve the following Committee chairmen for 2021 as recommended by Council:

Evangelism & Outreach	TE Jeff Chadwick
Church Health & Growth	RE Palmer Griffin
Review of Session Minutes	RE Tom Harrell
Ministerial Care	TE Bill Pardue TE Grady Davidson
Church Planting/Receiving	TE Eric Geil

TRUSTEE – CLASS of 2023

MOTION – To approve for Presbytery Trustee, Class of 2023:
RE John Graham

MODERATOR-ELECT

MOTION – To approve for Moderator-Elect for 2021:
TE Jeff Chadwick

REPORT OF ASSISTANT TO STATED CLERK – RE Diane Mizell – No Report

REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell

INFORMATION – Treasurer’s report

Presbytery has two bank accounts and two designated funds.

August 31, 2020 balances are:

Operating Account balance	218,102.74
Designated Funds	
CH&G	9,518.57
Church Courts Attendance	
Scholarships	10,186.64
TOTAL OPERATING	198,397.53
Project 2028 Account	145,702.21
TOTAL ASSETS	344,099.74

INFORMATION – First Reading of 2021 Budget and Financial Report found in ADDENDUM 3

This completed the Consent Agenda Portion of the Council Moderators Report.

MODERATOR for 2021

MOTION – To approve the nomination of RE Bruce Novkov as Presbytery Moderator for 2021. Motion was Seconded and APPROVED

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR FOR 2021 by outgoing Moderator Harris. RE Bruce Novkov was installed as Presbytery Moderator effective January 1, 2021

RETIRING MODERATOR service addressed by Past Moderator TE Palmer Griffin Expression of thanks for the leadership and service of retiring Moderator TE Bryant Harris were concluded with a gift from Presbytery.

REPORT – ANNUAL REVIEW OF STATED CLERK by Moderator Harris

On behalf of Council I am pleased to report that the annual performance review with our Stated Clerk, Dr. Dudley, was completed. His review was “excellent” in every indicator.

MOTION: On recommendation from Presbytery Council a 1% increase in 2021 base pay (over base pay 2020) is recommended for the Stated Clerk and Assistant to the Stated Clerk and Treasurer. This is recommended to be effective January 1, 2021 and is to be included in the 2021 Operating Budget. Motion was Seconded and APPROVED

111-09 REPORT OF STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley
INFORMATION – Recognized at the General Assembly are ten congregations from our Presbytery who fulfilled 100% of the Per Member Asking to the GA Central
Church, Hyden, KY Murphy Church, Murphy, NC
ChristChurch, Dalton, GA New Beginning, Spring City, TN
Covenant Church, Rome, GA New Hope, Kingsport, TN
First Church, Rome, GA Trinity Grace, Loganville, GA
Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA Trion Church, Trion, GA

Clarification of delay on Candidate John Macere's examination for Ordination was addressed.

111-10 ORDER OF THE DAY
CALL TO WORSHIP - The Meditation – Candidate for Ordination, John Macere, All Souls Fellowship, preached on raising the Banner of God high, taking his text from Exodus 7.

PRAYER TIME for those attending in person and virtually was led in three parts:
Confession TE Ben Ruyack, Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN
Thanksgiving RE Jeanne Crawford, Lookout Valley Church,
Chattanooga, TN
Consecration TE Chris Flick, Murphy Church, Murphy, NC

THE LORD'S SUPPER was administered by TE Scott Bowen, Signal Mountain

111-11 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE - TE Bill Pardue/TE Grady Davidson

EXAMINATION - Pastor from Another Reformed Body

TE James Forsyth from Potomac Presbytery (PCA-Presbyterian Church in America) to be examined and received as Pastor at Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville.

Present Ministry at McLean Presbyterian Church (PCA), McLean, Virginia

Educational Credentials

University of Edinburgh – MA

Seminary – MDiv – Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS

Experience of saving grace in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth. James shared his personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord and his divine call to ministry.

Oral Examination on views and knowledge was presented by TE Grady Davidson

Theology and Sacraments

English Bible

Book of Order

Reformed Tradition

Nature of the office of Teaching Elder

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms was confirmed with one exception by James.

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC* was confirmed by James.

Installation Questions from the Book of Order were presented by the Moderator and all were answered in the affirmative.

MOTION – To sustain the examination as a whole and receive James Forsyth as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast pending his installation. Motion was Seconded and APPROVED

A Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by Moderator Harris

Terms of Call

MOTION – To approve the terms of call as presented and agreed upon by Cedar Springs Presbyterian, Knoxville, TN as presented to the Ministerial Committee. Motion was Seconded and APPROVED

Commission to Install

MOTION – To approve the following Commission to Install TE James Forsyth as Pastor of Cedar Springs Presbyterian, Knoxville on Sunday, November 29, 2020 with the following members of Presbytery serving:

- TE Andrew Keasling
Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
- TE David Strunk, Chairman
Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN
- TE Scott Jackson
New Life Gathering, Knoxville, TN
- RE John Lyons
Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
- RE Torrey McMurray
Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
- RE Arnie Lumsdaine
Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
- RE Josh Schneider
Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
- RE Lanie Britton
Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN
- RE Austin Lance
New Life Gathering, Knoxville, TN

Motion was Seconded and APPROVED

A Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by Moderator Harris

CALL AS PASTOR was presented by TE Grady Davidson

MOTION – To approve the call of TE Bill Pardue as Pastor of First Church, Rome, GA effective November 16, 2020.

The Session of First Church, Rome at their meeting on May 13, 2020 concurred with the Search Committee's request by a unanimous vote of those elders present and a vote of the required three-fourths of the entire elected Session. The Session called a Congregational Meeting on August 30, 2020, and the vote to call Bill was 147 yes votes, 7 no votes, and one abstention.

Terms of Call

MOTION – To approve the terms of call as presented and agreed upon by First Church, Rome, GA as presented to the Ministerial Committee.

Commission to Install

The date of Bill's installation has not been set but likely will be in February 2021. The date and the Administrative Commission members will be presented at our stated February meeting of Presbytery.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by TE Jeff Chadwick, First Church, Rome, GA.

111-12

PROJECT 2028 COMMISSION – TE Andy Cornett opened his report with prayer. A slide presentation on what Project 2028 Commission is presently working on and what the goals for the Commission are was presented. Creation of two church planting residencies is underway.

Two at large Project 2028 Commissioner Ruling Elder positions have been created to accommodate non-partner Presbytery churches. Interested RE's or pastors with names of RE's are encouraged to contact Andy Cornett at andycornett@gmail.com

A current budget report can be found in ADDENDUM 4

111-13

OLD BUSINESS

TORNADO RELIEF – Presbytery sent personal checks (\$558 each) from The Tornado Disaster Relief to five families of Brainerd Presbyterian Church/Chattanooga. These families suffered significant losses from the tornado which struck the Brainerd area on Easter Sunday. These five families continue the rebuilding and recovery of their homes. Below are notes from two of these families:

THE POTTS FAMILY – We want to thank you and everyone in our wonderful Southeast Presbytery for this generous gift. (Thank you) to those who made it possible for us to have a nice, cleared front year again. While this has been and continues to be a challenging time, wonderful blessings of God's plan and love continue to be shown to us. The EPC went above and beyond, and we are so grateful. God is good all the time. Thank you again and continued

blessings for your ministries and your families. Surely "Blest be the tie that binds." In Christ - The Potts Family

The Potts returned a portion (\$100) of their check for our Presbytery helping others.

MARIE BROOKS – *I want to give you my sincere expression of gratitude for your kind support. I have lost a great deal this year: my dear husband, David Brooks, passed away very suddenly in February. Also very suddenly on Easter Sunday I lost my home to the tornado. Through all of this I know God is good. Thank you.*

TIM & MARILYN MILLER – *Thank you for your gift. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness very much. This gift will help a lot during the rebuilding of our home. Yours in Christ.*

111-14 REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON THANKS
TE Tracy Edwards and RE Ben Brychta, Valleybrook Church, Chattanooga, TN, presented their recommendation of thanks highlighting the new Candidates for Ministry and Teaching Elders, attention to prayer, work of project 2028 and brevity of much business accomplished.

111-15 ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn. Seconded APPROVED

Closing Prayer by Moderator-Elect RE Bruce Novkov was given at 2:35PM

NEXT MEETINGS 112th Presbytery Meeting
February 5 – 6, 2021
First Church/Thomasville, GA

113th Presbytery Meeting
April 30 -May 1, 2021
Parkway Presbyterian, Cumming, GA

114th Presbytery Meeting
October 1 – 2, 2021
Valleybrook Presbyterian Church, Hixson, TN

ADDENDUM 1

CHURCH HEALTH & GROWTH COMMITTEE

- Committee members continue to contact a Pastor, the Clerk of Session or a key leader of each church. We have attempted to provide encouragement to the contact person and Session as deemed appropriate. Every church in the presbytery is prayed for regularly.
- At this time most churches have returned to in-person worship exercising safety protocols to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID virus and meeting local guidelines. A few are worshipping outdoors, others are worshipping in venues other than their sanctuary so distancing can be maintained. Few continue to worship 100% virtually and are monitoring the spread of the virus in their local community looking forward to a Sunday that in-person worship can resume.

Many churches are now having in-person Sunday study gatherings, small groups, fellowship dinners and other common gatherings. Others are not meeting in person but are continuing with electronic opportunities for these activities.

Pastors across the presbytery can quickly list the ways that the virus has changed their method of operation for worship, studies, pastoral care, conducting baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Each pastor is striving to remain safe but execute necessary duties in this extraordinary season.

Another typical comment is that the use of electronic media will bring changes to the method that an individual church might worship and broadcast services for the long term.
- The efforts of individuals and churches that have assisted in the Easter Sunday tornado disaster areas in SE Tennessee and NW Georgia has been warmly received and greatly appreciated. TE Joey Sherrard (SMPC) has coordinated this relief ministry and we thank him for his leadership. Most activity is now managed by Brainerd Church (Chattanooga). Funds that were donated to the Presbytery Tornado Relief have ceased. In consultation with the BEPC leadership the Presbytery Council authorized the balance in the fund be divided and sent to individuals who were in need of a financial boost. This division of funds is detailed in the Old Business part of our meeting.
- In this time of economic stress financial contributions to some churches have decreased. Loss of jobs, stress on personal income and churches not physically meeting have added to this drop in financial contributions.

If your church is financially stressed, please contact this committee so that we can assist. Our committee is not in the position to pay salaries, utilities and other costs of church operation but there are ways that we can be of support and assistance.
- The Session and Pastor of Providence PC (Clyde, NC) applied for and received a grant of \$2,000 to provide childcare during Sunday activities. The goal is to provide quality, consistently staffed childcare for families with young children so the parents can study and worship with peace of mind. The Session desires to use quality childcare as a magnet to non-churched families.
- The Session and Pastor of New Hope EPC (Kingsport, TN) applied for and is being awarded a grant for \$3,500 in 2021 to provide support for a position to work with youth in worship and in planned church activities. The goal is to provide programming and opportunity for youth to participate in worship in this church.

ADDENDUM 2

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Your Evangelism and Outreach Committee is pleased to make this written report to this Fall meeting of Presbytery. It is a privilege for each of us to serve the POSE in our efforts to engage women and men, boys and girls with the Good News of the Gospel, whether we encounter them at our work, school, and neighborhoods, or whether we send our own to people groups around the world who are outside the reach of Gospel witness.

Attached you will find two reports:

- 1) First is a report from committee member Edward Brouwer who has accepted the role of Engage 2025 Home Team Leader for our Presbytery. In this recent report to me as committee chairman, written to be shared with you as the Presbytery, you will see that he is actively engaged in that role and some tangible steps forward are emerging for us. In that report you will notice several things, including that:
 - a. The monthly Skype prayer time for Engage 2025/Unreached Peoples is going strong. This has proved to be fertile ground, along with consultation with several World Outreach partners, for a developing E2025 vision for our Presbytery. The folks that are meeting for this call monthly would love to have you, or a representative from your church to join them. Contact Edward at edwardwilliambrouwer@gmail.com for more information.
 - b. The next step in exploring this vision will include a Vision Tour/Site Visit to the work in Indonesia in 2021. This is critical to being able to bring information back to the presbytery about the possibility of us making this significant and Kingdom-building investment as our Presbytery's corporate commitment to the Great Commission. In talking with Presbytery Treasurer, Diane Mizell, we are aware that there are Presbytery funds above the regular budget that may be requested to fund this important next step. At our February meeting we look forward to presenting a proposal that some of these funds be designated toward this Engage 2025 vision trip next year, and to be able to present details of this emerging project, and vision trip to you in person.
- 2) The second report is from Stephen Woodworth, one of our POSE Teaching Elders who serves with ITEN, the EPC's International Theological Education Network. As our only World Outreach missionary currently from our Presbytery, we are committed to doing all we can to keep his work in front of our churches, either by getting reports to you (in person and written) and to seek to get him into our churches to share this vital EPC World Outreach ministry. A portion of our committee budget is used to support the work so that he sees his Presbytery standing with him. We would also encourage each of our churches to consider including some amount of financial support for him in your mission budgets. As many of those budgets are set in the fall, this is a great time for you to explore this possibility with your Missions Teams and Sessions.

In addition, as soon as we are able to present a verbal report to Presbytery, we will be featuring an outreach ministry lead by the women of Farnier Presbyterian Church. Through a quilting ministry, they are able to engage women from outside of their church which gives them key opportunities to connect and build relationships. We have also committed a small portion of our committee budget to facilitate them meeting with other churches in our Presbytery and helping them get started with this as a model.

We consider it a high privilege to be your co-workers helping move the Presbytery forward in our evangelism, outreach, and missions commitments.



SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

Vietnam— The pandemic initially interrupted our plans for launching our three-year training program through which we will train 30 trainers who will then train the 1000 church leaders in North Vietnam. Steve Woodworth and Ed McCallum were slated to teach our first courses in October in Hanoi. That is not possible. But the Lord provided a path to a hybrid course model, teaching online from here and deploying additional Vietnamese teaching assistants. By God's grace and with a lot of challenging and energy-consuming work we transitioned the program to this new format and will launch in October.

Ethiopia— Bruce Anderson is leading our ITEN effort in Ethiopia to form a permanent training program that will equip their own teachers with seminary degrees, advise them, support them with funds, and help build and outfit a theological education center in their remote region. The churches with whom we are partnered are in a rural Muslim region. In addition to progressing with their educational goals, our national leaders have also recently completed the development of a Christian burial ground as a powerful witness within their Muslim community.

Pakistan— Please pray for Dr Maqsood Kamil at Gujranwala Theological Seminary. He is a dear friend and key ministry partner. These days, he is facing very strong forms of opposition against the seminary and is moving forward courageously. It is important that we pray against evil strongholds and that the seminary will be released to a new and fruitful season. Can you imagine what it is like for Maqsood to lead a Christian theological education institution in the heart of 96% Muslim Pakistan?

ICETE Academy- ITEN is an official partner with a ministry called ICETE Academy (IA). ICETE is the umbrella organization for agencies that accredit institutions that offer Theological Education around the globe. IA is the training arm of the organization, offering dozens of free online courses for faculty members and administrators. Over the next 6 months, Steve Woodworth will be mentoring 7 of our national leaders as they take 2 courses on Theological Education to further develop their goals, objectives and long-term strategic planning.

West Africa- While it may be quite some time before we can visit Sierra Leone and Liberia in the next few months, Zoom meetings have provided a wonderful outlet for the continuation of our development of these sites. Currently, one of our national leaders has entered a graduate program for continued education and we are working on developing a new Reformed Institute with an existing seminary in Freetown where rural pastors can be trained and commissioned for ministry.

Space limits the total amount of updates we could provide. If you would like to hear more about our current work in Albania, Siberia, Myanmar, Sudan or how you might partner us through resourcing, champion churches, or funding for any of our sites or workers please contact at www.ITENglobal.org

REPORT from the ENGAGE 2025 COORDINATOR

Jeff, thank you for inviting me to lead the Home Team of the Engage 2025 initiative for our presbytery. For the last year or so I have been leading a group (via Skype) in monthly prayer for clarity about a gospel work that we in POSE could get behind. This is in line with the World Outreach desire that each presbytery have one mission project that we support together. We have about 8 churches represented in our monthly prayer time.

Some exciting developments:

Thomas Davis joined World Outreach earlier this year and has been a great catalyst for casting vision. He is helping put together people and conversations regarding best practices related to the experiences of other Presbyteries that have Engage 2025 Home teams and are supporting outreach and church planting in Muslim majority areas.

We had the joyful privilege of having *Sean McKelvey* join us and pray and share about the Business as Mission Sea Cucumber Project in Batam amongst Muslim Indonesians. Sean and his family live currently in Chattanooga, TN, for family reasons, but have spent several decades in Indonesia. At present he gives leadership to the project remotely and by visiting there—though 2020 has been a bust in terms of visits due to Covid 19.

We are getting a sense that this may be an area that we at POSE can partner. It takes time to build vision and momentum and one part I believe is to see the work. As such I am hoping to participate in a site visit in 2021 with Thomas and several other key people. Jeff, I invite your wisdom and experience in speaking to the possibility of that.

My hope and prayer is that we can partner together as POSE with this Engage 2025 initiative and gradually gain momentum in communicating to our pastors and elders the opportunity we have, to advance the gospel in hard places.

Edward Brouwer
Pastor at Providence Waynesville NC
Engage 2025 Home Team Leader

ADDENDUM 3

Proposed 2021 Budget		2020	2,021.00
RECEIPTS		160,000.00	150,500.00
Church & transfer of Ch. Dev. Receipts			
DISBURSEMENTS			
Benevolences	EPC Gen Assembly	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Special Projects	TBD	
Officers			
	St. Clerk Travel	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Asst. Stated Clerk travel	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Moderator Travel	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Commissions	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Gen Oper	5,000.00	6,000.00
	Webmaster	2,500.00	1,500.00
	Web Maint.	500.00	1,500.00
	Leadershp	2,500.00	2,500.00
	St Clerk Salary	47,124.00	47,124.00
	Asst. SC /Tres. salary	23,313.55	23,313.55
	PSE Tax Liability	6,288.00	6,288.00
	Other (Audit etc.)	3,500.00	3,500.00
Ministerial Care	Travel	3,000.00	2,000.00
	Backgr cks	300.00	300.00
	Administrator	6,000.00	0.00
Church Planting/Receiving	Travel	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Misc	300.00	300.00
Evangelism/ Outreach	Travel & meals	500.00	500.00
	Mission Partner	10,000.00	12,000.00
	Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
Church Health & Growth	Travel	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Misc.	800.00	500.00
	Sustentation	10,000.00	12,000.00
Records and Minutes Review	Office	75.00	75.00
	Travel	250.00	250.00
		150,550.55	138,250.55
Project 2028			
Receipts		56,000	56,000.00

8-31-2020 Budget Report		Total	Budget	
Benevolences	EPC Gen Assembly	10,000.00	TBD	10,000
	Special Projects			
Officers	St. Clerk Travel	12.00		6,000.00
	Asst. Stated Clerk tr	102.85		3,000.00
	Moderator Travel	-		3,000.00
	Commissions	0.00		1,000.00
	Gen Oper	2,811.48		5,000.00
	Webmaster	507.50		2,500.00
	Web Maint.	363.40		500.00
	Leadership	0.00		2,500.00
	St Clerk Salary	31,416.00		47,124.00
	Asst. SC /res. salary	15,542.35		23,313.55
	PSE Tax Liability	3,590.26		6,288.00
	Other (Audit etc.)	3,075.00		3,500.00
Ministerial Care	Travel	180.10		3,000.00
	Backgr cks	325.00		300.00
	Administrator	0.00		6,000.00
Church Planting/Receiving	Travel	0.00		4,000.00
	Misc.	0.00		300.00
Evangelism/ Outreach	Travel & meals	0.00		500.00
	Youth Partner	2,000.00		10,000.00
	Miscellaneous			100.00
Church Health & Growth	Travel	35.04		1,500.00
	Church Partners	2,000.00		10,000.00
	Misc.	0.00		800.00
Records and Minutes Review	Office			75.00
	Travel	-		250.00
		71,960.98		150,551.55
Operating Fund Balance		218,702.74		
Designated Funds in Oper. Acct				
	CH&G	442.57		
	Court Attnd Scholarship	10,186.64		
	Engage 2025	-		
	Disaster Relief Fund	-		
		16,611.21		
Undesignated Oper. Fund				
Balance		202,091.53		
Project 2028 Acct.		150,822.57		
Interest		4.22		
Transfer to Oper Acct		(8,924.57)		
Balance		141,902.22		
Total Assets		343,993.75		
Presbytery of Southeast				
RECEIPTS 2020	2020 Received	Proj 2028 Received	2020 Faith Commitment	Project 2028 Commitment
All Souls	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Project 2028				
Bethany Pres				
Project 2028				
Brainerd Pres	1,085.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028				
Buck Hill Pres				
Project 2028				
Cedar Springs	13,333.36		20,000.00	16,000.00
Project 2028				
Central Pres, Hyden KY				
Project 2028				
ChristChurch (CCP)	6,293.36		9,440.00	
Project 2028		4,500.00		6,000.00
Church of the Redeemer	1,200.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028		2,500.00		6,000.00
Community Evangelistic			1,000.00	
Project 2028				
Cornerstone	361.69		620.00	
Project 2028				
Covenant Pres, Rome	820.00		820.00	
Project 2028		1,105.00		
Crosswalk Community Church				
Project 2028				
Eastminster	2,500.00			
Project 2028				
Faith Pres, McDonough GA				
Project 2028				
Farner			900.00	
Project 2028				500.00
First Pres (Rome)	10,533.28		15,800.00	
Project 2028		6,000.00		8,000.00
First Pres (Thomasville)	6,270.00		12,540.00	
Project 2028		10,000.00		10,000.00
First Pres (Stanton)	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Project 2028		800.00		800.00
Grace Pres (Franklin)	583.31		500.00	
Project 2028				
Greenbriar	1,365.00		1,580.00	
Project 2028				
Hope Fellowship	625.00			
Project 2028				
Lookout Valley	1,200.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028				
Mars Hill	3,920.00		5,880.00	
Project 2028		1,840.00		2,760.00
Murphy				
Project 2028				
New Beginning, Spring City TN			560.00	
Project 2028				
New Hope	1,200.00		1,800.00	
Project 2028				
New Life Gathering				
Project 2028				
Parkway				
Project 2028				
Plumtree			1,200.00	
Project 2028				
Providence	100.00		100.00	
Project 2028				
Resurrection Chattanooga				
Project 2028				
Signal Mountain	18,000.00		36,000.00	6,000.00
Project 2028				
Trinity Grace	350.00		700.00	
Project 2028				
Trion	800.00		800.00	
Project 2028				
Valleybrook	672.00		1,000.00	
Project 2028				
Wilson Station			640.00	
Project 2028				
Wootton Presbyterian				
Project 2028				
Individual Offerings	4,056.00			
Other receipts, transfers or refu	8,924.57			
	91,792.57	28,095.00	126,880.00	56,060.00

ADDENDUM 4

2020 Project 2028 budget (Draft)

Church	Budgeted Revenue	Notes	Actual Revenue
COTR - Maryville	\$ 6,000.00		as of March 1, 2020
CSPC - Knoxville	\$16,000.00		\$12,410
Signal Mtn		\$6,000.00	
Resurrection	\$ 6,000.00		as of July 1, 2020
ChristChurch - Dalton	\$ 6,000.00		\$21,885.00
1st Pres Thomasville	\$ 10,000.00		
Mars Hill	\$ 2,760.00		As of Sept 9, 2020
1st Pres Stanton	\$ 800.00		\$28,095.00
1st Pres Rome	\$8,000.00		
Covenant, Rome		\$2,000.00	
Resident Fundraising	\$12,000.00		Money projected to be raised in the last 3 months of 2020
Total Revenue (projected)		\$75,560.00	

Line Item	Budgeted Expenses	Notes
Resident Salaries	\$10,000.00	Assumes an annualized salary of \$40,000
Resident Medical Benefits	\$4,000.00	Annualizes to \$12,000
Resident Retirement	\$1,600.00	Annualizes to \$4,000
Presbytery church plant supports	\$10,000.00	
Travel	\$1,000.00	
Supplies	\$200.00	
Admin Fees (online, background checks, etc.)	\$360.00	
Assessments	\$4,000.00	
Committee Work and Travel	\$300.00	
Total Expenses (projected)	\$31,460.00	

This page represents a statement of our projected income and expense for 2020.

As you might surmise, plans here have been affected and delayed as in most other places under our current situation. As our report at Presbytery will make clear, we are both celebrating some forward progress and prayerfully making new plans for 2021.