

114th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Southeast
 October 1-2, 2021
 Valleybrook Presbyterian Church, Hixson, Tennessee

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

“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 1, 2021

- 114-01 CALL TO ORDER at 2:00 PM by Moderator RE Bruce Novkov after which the worship team from Valleybrook Church led presbytery in a time of celebratory singing.

- 114-02 WELCOME - Moderator Novkov welcomed commissioners to Presbytery and introduced Teaching Elder Ryan Randolph who was to be examined for a call as Pastor of Crosswalk Church in Knoxville, to lead in a devotional and prayer. The Moderator prayed for Ryan as he presented him.

- 114-03 DEVOTIONAL and PRAYER was given by TE Randolph.

- 114-04 DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Moderator Novkov declared, after consultation with the Stated Clerk, that a quorum was present. Those recorded present for the meeting include 46 Teaching Elders and 51 Ruling Elders along with 4 Candidates for ministry and 32 Observers. Those observing the meeting virtually were 2 TEs and 10 REs.

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

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>	<u>RULING ELDERS PRESENT</u>	
No designation by a name indicates the person was "Present"			
All Souls Fellowship Decatur, GA	Steven Good Mike St. Denis	Chet Berge Ricky Busby Amrah Johnson CANDIDATE John Macere	Virtual Virtual Virtual
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Daniel Cheevers Lesley Cheevers		
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN	Dane Deatherage	Bob McEuen Mike Pierce	

Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Unexcused	
Cedar Springs Church Knoxville, TN	James Forsyth Alan Edick Clay Harrington Andrew Keasling Mark Steimer	Unexcused Unexcused Excused Unexcused	Geo Hall Tom Reesor Candidate Landon Paul OBSERVER Dana Hall Virtual
Central Church Hyden, KY			Merle Caudill CP
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil Matt Christian		Clay Dykes Palmer Griffin Kenneth Harless Lamar Pierce Virtual
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk Ben Ruyack		Donna Tipton Eleanore Womac
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton		Thomas Goode
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan		Shelby Bankston OBSERVERS-Camille Jordan, Karen Jordan
Covenant Church Rome, GA			Frank Randall OBSERVER Margaret Turner
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Ryan Randolph		Carolyn Carson John Carson Frank Clepper OBSERVERS -Becky Baker Ben Baker Karin Morton Hanna Randolph Jayden Randolph Riley Randolph
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White		
Faith Church McDonough, GA			Steve Norton CANDIDATE – Alan Hawkins OBSERVER- Melinda Hawkins
Farner Church Farner, TN			Keith Williamson, Virtual
First Church Rome, GA	Bill Pardue Ken Chivers Jonathan Schwartz		Greg Davidson Ross Johnson Tim Morgan Tony Pemerton CANDIDATE – Jimmy Latham OBSERVERS – Clay Barnett Callie Latham, Stacey Pardue

First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters		Dee Robbins
First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston		Debbie Goodman Wallace Goodman Mike Jones
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope		David Dennis John Sill OBSERVER Sandra Dennis
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY			
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA			Matthew Everhart, C David Peterson OBSERVERS – Lisa Talley Phil Talley
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Grady Davidson		Jeanne Crawford Ken Fryar Susan Fryar OBSERVERS – Caryn Fryar Dorothy Gartrall Ken Gartrell
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris		Connie Legrand Paula Walls
Murphy Church Murphy, NC	Christopher Flick		Grace Frederick OBSERVER Rusty Frederick
New Beginning Spring City, TN	Keith Gallagher		Jerry Morgan Virtual Deborah Outten
New Hope Church Kingsport,	Scott Glover		OBSERVER – Tiffany Glover
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson	Virtual	Austin Lance Virtual
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Jay Miller		Tom Harrell Virtual CANDIDATE Matthew Bullard Virtual
Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridgeo, CP
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer		
Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn Mark Gregory		
Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Andy Cornett Paul Manuel Joey Sherrard		Tony Boals Jeff Hollingsworth Peggy LaRochelle Diane Mizell

			Bruce Novkov Jarrell Reeves Steve Tipps CANDIDATE – Jennifer Agan Esme Teel OBSERVERS – Johnny Long Donna Peterson	
Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Virtual	Cathy Cutts	Virtual
Trion Church Trion, GA	Bill Flannagan	Excused	Charles Frady David Humble OBSERVERS – Catherine Frady Sue Humble	
Valleybrook Church Hixson, TN	Tracy Edwards		Gary Buchanan Ben Brychta OBSERVERS – Kay Camenisch Robert Camenisch	
Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN			Dianne Constant Carolyn Ryder	
Wooten Presbyterian EPC Wooten, KY			Greg Whitaker CP	
EVANGELISTS JOHNSON, Will MANLEY, Chris WOODWORTH, Steven		Absent		
ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL ARAUJO, Aparecido BUSH, Daniel HODGE, Robert HOLMES, Rick FERGUSON, Margaret LOONEY, Charles ROGERS, Tim THALOS, Adel – Transitional THOMAS, Michael WILSON, Kevin		Absent Absent Absent Absent Present Absent Absent Absent Present Absent		
ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS KILGORE, Jim LAWRY, Scott MURREY, Edward PINCKNEY, Dan REESE, Julian ROBINSON, Chris		Absent Excused Absent Present Excused Present		
ACTIVE – RETIRED Jeff Chadwick William Dudley, Stated Clerk Bill Swafford Tom Warren		Present Present Excused Present		

OBSERVERS

Dana Driver, Hope Church, Cordova, TN
Patrick Kinyanjui, International Outreach Community Church
Sean McKelvey, EPC World Outreach
Claire McMahan (TE Walter Turner's daughter)
Shawn Stewart, EPC World Outreach

114-05 **APPROVAL OF DOCKET**
The docket was presented with common consent to include the installation of the 2022 Presbytery Moderator.

PRAYER TIME

Explanation was given to the court that the traditional prayer time for the meeting would be different due to continued Covid precautions. The meeting was highlighted throughout the two days with special accents of prayer.

MOTION: To adopt the docket Seconded **APPROVED**

114-06 **INTRODUCTIONS**– Moderator Novkov welcomed, on behalf of the Presbytery, guests, virtual attendees, and first time Commissioners. As part of the Prayer Ministry, TE Margaret Ferguson prayed for the guests and for the oneness of the Body of Christ.

114-07 **WELCOME** was extended by host church pastor, TE Jay Miller.

114-08 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the 113th Meeting were presented in written form.

MOTION: To approve the minutes Seconded **APPROVED**

114-09 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE/THANKS**

Moderator Novkov appointed RE Peggy LaRochelle and RE Jarrell Reeves to serve as this special committee

114-10 **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** – TE Bryant Harris, Moderator
TE Bryant Harris opened the Council report with prayer.

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESCENDING OVERTURES

- 21-A BOG 19-4.C.1
- 21-B BOG 20-4.A.3
- 21-C BOOK/WORSHIP 7-5
- 21-D BOG 9-5.E BOOK/WORSHIP 3-1.A

ADDENDUM 1

The descending overtures from General Assembly were presented for first reading with second reading and vote to follow. The Stated Clerk clarified that each overture had to be voted upon individually with a recorded vote for each. Each amendment was presented, and questions were entertained. There were none.

MOTION made from floor, seconded, and APPROVED
to receive the second reading and vote at the Presbytery's session on
Saturday morning.

2. DISPARITY RECOMMENDATION

BOG 19-2-A-4b

*When a disproportionate ratio of Teaching Elders to Ruling
Elders occurs in a Presbytery, the Presbytery shall move to
correct the ratio by assigning to member churches in a yearly
alphabetical rotational basis the right to elect additional Ruling
Elder Commissioners to the Presbytery.*

MOTION - That Presbytery approve Council's recommendation
for the correction of disparity in 2022 by having all churches of
the Presbytery from All Souls Fellowship in Decatur, GA to Wooten
Presbyterian EPC in Wooten, KY be given one additional Ruling Elder
commissioner for each Presbytery meeting.

MOTION was APPROVED

3. ELECTION OF 2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MOTION - That Council recommends the following persons to serve
as 2022 Committee Chairmen:

Ministerial Care TE Bill Pardue and TE Grady Davidson

Evangelism & Outreach TE Jeff Chadwick

Church Health & Growth RE Palmer Griffin

Church Planting & Receiving TE Eric Geil

Review of Session Minutes TE Keith Gallagher

Nominations were entertained from the floor. None were offered.

MOTION - To accept the proposed nominees APPROVED

4. ELECTION OF PRESBYTERY TRUSTEE – Class of 2024

RE Jim Bethel, ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, GA

Nominations were entertained from the floor. None were offered.

MOTION - To accept the proposed nominee APPROVED

5. ELECTION OF 2023 PRESBYTERY MODERATOR-ELECT

RE Gary Buchanan, Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN

Stated Clerk, TE Dudley, made personal remarks and introductions
of the candidate to the court.

Nominations were entertained from the floor. None were offered.

MOTION - To accept the proposed nominee APPROVED

6. ELECTION OF 2022 PRESBYTERY MODERATOR
MOTION – To elect Moderator-Elect TE Jeff Chadwick as the 2022
Presbytery Moderator and that he be installed effective January 1,
2022.

MOTION was

APPROVED

Installation Service was conducted by Moderator RE Bruce Novkov.

7. REVIEW OF STATED CLERK – Moderator RE Bruce Novkov
The Stated Clerk left the court during this report. Dr. Dudley was commended for his
performance of duties as Stated Clerk especially as pastor to the pastors.

114-11

MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE - TE Bill Pardue/TE Grady Davidson, Chairmen
TE Grady Davidson as chairman led in prayer.

1. EXAMINATION – Candidate Under Care: Mason Leaf was presented by TE Pardue
CEEP (Candidates Education Equivalency Program)

Home Church – Cedar Springs Presbyterian, Knoxville, TN

Endorsement of Session – Yes

Has been member for more than six months

Educational Credentials

Murray State University – Murray, KY

Seminary

Reformed Theological Seminary – Charlotte, NC

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

Motive for seeking Ordination and call to ministry

Questions from the floor were entertained.

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

MOTION – To approve the examination of and reception of Mason Leaf as a
Candidate for Ministry of the Presbytery of the Southeast EPC.

Motion was SECONDED and

APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving was led by RE Geo Hall of Cedar Springs Church as elders
from that church stood around the candidate.

A Charge was given to Mason by TE Andrew Keasling, Associate Pastor at Cedar Springs Church.

The Mentor named by the Ministerial Committee for Mason is RE Ben Ruyack.

2. EXAMINATION – TRANSFER from ANOTHER EPC PRESBYTERY
TE Ryan Randolph from EPC Great Plains Presbytery was presented by TE Davidson.

Present Ministry – Assistant Pastor and Director of Care and Compassionate Ministries at Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, KS

Educational Credentials

University of Kansas 1998-2001

Calvary College, Kansas City, MO
BS – Biblical Counseling 2007

Seminary

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
2009-2010

Reformed Theological Seminary – Orlando, FL
MDiv - 2020

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

Examination orally on Views of:

Theology and Sacraments

English Bible

Book of Order

History of Church and Reformed Tradition

Nature of the office of Teaching Elder (G.3.A; 12-2C)

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms (G.12-4). There were no exceptions.

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC* were affirmed.

Questions by Commissioners from the floor were posed to Ryan

Installation Questions were presented by the Moderator.

MOTION – To sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE Ryan Randolph as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast and as Pastor of Crosswalk Church, Knoxville.

Motion was seconded and

APPROVED

TERMS OF CALL

MOTION – To approve the terms of call as presented by and agreed upon by Crosswalk Presbyterian, Knoxville, TN and as presented to the Ministerial Committee.

Motion was seconded and

APPROVED

COMMISSION TO INSTALL

MOTION – To approve the following Commission to install TE Ryan Randolph as Pastor of Crosswalk Presbyterian Church of Knoxville on Sunday November 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM with the following members of Presbytery serving:

TE Andrew Keasling, Chairman, Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
TE Calvin "Buddy" Sexton, Community Evangelistic Church, Knoxville, TN
RE Becky Baker, Crosswalk Church, Knoxville, TN
RE John Carson, Crosswalk Church, Knoxville, TN
RE Greg Davis, Crosswalk Church, Knoxville, TN
RE Mike Pierce, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, TN
RE Jim Slyman, Crosswalk Church, Knoxville, TN

Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by RE John Carson, Search Committee Chairman at Crosswalk Church, Knoxville.

3. EXAMINATION – TRANSFER from ANOTHER EPC PRESBYTERY
TE Robert Camenisch from EPC Central South Presbytery was presented.
Robert desires to transfer his membership as a Retired-Active.

Educational Credentials

BA-King College, Bristol, VA

Seminary

Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
MDiv - 1977

Reformed Theological Seminary

DMin - 2006

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

Examination orally on views of:

Theology and Sacraments
English Bible
Book of Order
History of Church and Reformed Tradition
Nature of the office of Teaching Elder (G.3.A; 12-2C)

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms

(G.12-4) Robert declared to the Ministerial Committee and reported to Presbytery no exceptions to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms. However, in the course of his examination, he stated in the Theology and Sacraments portion his belief and practice of second baptisms. Robert explained succinctly his view with reasons and stated he had provided second baptisms upon request.

Questions by Commissioners from the floor were posed to Robert. Robert was requested to leave the sanctuary while the court deliberated this matter. Ministerial Committee declared this was the first declaration to them of this exception.

MOTION from the floor was made – To approve Robert being received with the provision that he will not teach his view of a second baptism nor participate in second baptisms. Seconded and APPROVED

Robert was counseled regarding this action and declined to agree with the action of the court.

MOTION was made not to sustain the examination of Robert Camenisch and not to receive him.

Motion was seconded and APPROVED

Prayer was offered in the court.

4. EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOTION – To grant excused absences for the following who submitted a request:

TE William Flannagan
TE Clay Harrington
TE Tully Hunter
TE Scott Lawry
RE Larry Myers
RE Steve Row
TE Julian Reese

5. TE TRANSFERS

MOTION – To approve the following transfers of memberships for Teaching Elders:

Skylar A. Adams to Eastern Carolina Presbytery of Presbyterian Church in America for RUF Ministry; and

Jason Minter to Presbytery of Florida of Evangelical Covenant Order (ECO) as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Haines City, FL; and

Edward Murrey to the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church where Edward serves as pastor at First United Methodist Church in Rockmart, GA. Edward has been serving for the past ten years as out-of-bounds with UMC churches in middle Tennessee. APPROVED

6. TE REQUEST
MOTION – To approve permission for Stated Clerk Bill Dudley to serve as professional mentor for The Rev Dr. Gabe Fluhrer, new Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Chattanooga. This request comes from the Session and Pastor Search Committee of First Church, and Dr. Dudley has elected to consider this ministry without compensation.

APPROVED

8. CLERK-SUPPORT REQUEST
MOTION – To approve the request of Wilson Station Church to appoint a non-Ruling Elder secretary to take minutes of the Session meetings in assistance to the Clerk of Session.

APPROVED

9. OUT-OF-BOUNDS RENEWAL
MOTION – To approve the renewal of Out-of-Bounds call and Terms of Call for TE Julian Reese with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Graduate/Faculty Ministries as Senior Staff at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

APPROVED

114-12 REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley
TE Dudley opened his report with prayer.

1. THANKS TO MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE
The Stated Clerk expressed thanks to the Ministerial Committee for their leadership at this meeting with the large number of examinations scheduled.
2. PASTORAL CARE – The Turner Family
The Clerk called to the attention of the court the number of persons within the Presbytery suffering from Covid and those who have died from the disease. He mentioned Doug Hearl, husband of RE Kathleen Hearl, at Farner Church, and more recently TE Walter Turner, Pastor at Covenant Church in Rome, GA who died in the past few weeks with Covid/pneumonia. His wife, Margaret, was hospitalized also with Covid and pneumonia. She was dismissed to a therapy center in Cleveland, TN but was able to attend the Presbytery meeting for the court's remembrance of Walter. Attending with Margaret was their daughter, Claire McMahan.

TE Toby Pope, cello, and TE Tommy Jordan, piano, presented arrangements of hymns after which the Clerk presented a remembrance of Walter Turner and his ministry among all within the Presbytery of the Southeast. A prayer of

intercession and ministry was offered by RE Frank Randell of Covenant Church in Rome, GA where Walter served.

3. REPORT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

In the Assembly's Review of Presbytery Minutes, we were noted for numerous violations for our 2020 Presbytery minutes. A copy of those notations may be found at ADDENDUM 2

MOTION – That Presbytery note and acknowledge the errors and notations regarding our 2020 Minutes and directs our Stated Clerk to comply with this report and correct existing and noted errors.

Motion seconded and APPROVED

4. HURRICANE RELIEF – General Assembly Fund

Our General Assembly has reached out and been present in the past days with our EPC congregations related to the two recent hurricanes along the Gulf coast. EPC churches and Pastors in this area include:

First Church, Thibodeaux, LA (Bill Crawford)

First Church, Houma, LA (Bill Crawford)

Woodland Church, New Orleans, LA (Joseph McDaniels)

Church of Resurrection, New Orleans (Ben Cunningham)

New Covenant, Mandeville, LA (Hunter Gray)

Faith Church, Covington, LA (Jason Wood)

River Community Church, Prairieville, LA

First Church, Baton Rouge, LA (Gerrit Dawson)

EPC churches have been requested by our GA office to take special offerings to affected areas for specific, identified needs. The offering at the evening's worship service was received for Hurricane Relief.

A time of prayer was led by Candidate Jennifer Agan of Signal Mountain Church. Her family lost their New Orleans home during Hurricane Katrina.

114-13

PROJECT 2028 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – TE Andy Cornett

The chairman opened his report with prayer.

1. INFORMATION – Project 2028 welcomed Matt Koehn (and his wife, Tiffany) as the first Church Planting Resident of the Presbytery. Matt has come to us by way of extensive ministry in Cru (formerly Campus Crusade) and work at RTS Atlanta. He is in residency for the next two years at Church of the Redeemer (Maryville/Alcoa, TN) with TEs Dave Strunk and Ben Ruyack. He will be researching potential locations within our Presbytery for a church plant.

114-14

CHURCH HEALTH AND GROWTH COMMITTEE – RE Palmer Griffin

RE Griffin open his report with prayer.

1. INFORMATION
The chairman detailed and referred to the committee's report found at
ADDENDUM 3

114-15 REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – TE Keith Gallagher
TE Gallagher opened with prayer.

1. INFORMATION
In the absence of the committee chairman, RE Tom Harrell, TE Gallagher reminded churches of the schedule for reviewing the minutes.

114-16 REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell
The Treasurer opened her report with prayer.

1. INFORMATION – Treasurer's Report
Presbytery has four bank accounts and two designated funds.
August 31, 2021, balances are:

Operating Checking balance	108,249.91
Operating Savings	130,003.38
Designated Funds	
CH&G	-9,004.57
Church Courts Attendance	-10,622.64
Scholarships	
TOTAL OPERATING	218,626.08
Project 2028 Checking	127,926.17
Project 2028 Savings	50,001.29
TOTAL PROJECT 2028	177,927.46
TOTAL ASSETS	396,553.54

2. INFORMATION
First Reading of the 2022 Budget and Financial Report found in
ADDENDUM 4

3. Motion: To receive the Treasurer's report as presented. APPROVED

114-17 CHURCH PLANTING AND RECEIVING COMMITTEE – TE Eric Geil
TE Geil prayed as he began his report.

1. INFORMATION
Renovation Church Atlanta pastor, Leonce Crump, wrote to the leadership of this committee and Presbytery that "the clearest path forward for Renovation and the EPC is for me to enter as a CEEP candidate." He stressed there is still hope for the entire church to join, but now is not the season for that to occur."

2. INFORMATION

The committee continues to work alongside Project 2028 in seeking to plant five churches by 2028. The committee provides assistance and encouragement in a timely manner as mission churches seek to be received as local churches into the Presbytery.

3. INFORMATION

Resurrection Church/Chattanooga continues to meet, worship, and grow during the challenging Covid season.

114-18 REPORT FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY – “Proposed Change in Giving by Churches to the Assembly” – TE Dave Strunk
TE Strunk began his report with prayer.

1. INFORMATION

TE Strunk is a member of the GA’s National Leadership Team, and he also serves on the Giving Culture Study Committee. His report comes from action of the General Assembly explaining and detailing the proposed change in giving by churches. After TE Strunk presented the proposed new format for computing giving, he opened the floor for questions. There were none.

114-19 RECESS FOR DINNER at Bethel Bible Village at 5:45 PM.

114-20 EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE was held in the sanctuary of Valleybrook Church at 7:00 PM. The music team of the church offered sacred music and led in hymns for the service. Candidate for Ordination James “Jimmy” Latham preached on the text of Colossians 3:20-21 with his sermon title being “Living to please the Lord”. The celebration of the Lord’s Supper was celebrated by the host pastor, Tracy Edwards, and the Elders of Valleybrook Church.

SATURDAY, October 2, 2021

114-21 PRESBYTERY RECONVENED at 8:30 AM and Moderator Novkov called the court to order. He called on Candidate John Macere to preach and lead in opening prayer. Macere has been a Candidate for Ordination and was to be examined as an Evangelist of the Presbytery.

114-22 MORNING WORSHIP

Candidate Macere preached on growth of faith with his text being Hebrews 11:1. He led in prayer for the Presbytery’s day.

114-23

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – TE Bryant Harris
TE Harris opened with prayer.

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESCENDING OVERTURES

Each overture was presented for the second reading with opportunity for questions or comments. The court was asked if they were ready to vote. The response was affirmative.

TE Harris presented each overture in order, and the court was asked to stand in favor of or to stand in opposition.

These are the tallied results of the voting:

21-A	BOG 19-4.C.1	65 in favor	0 opposed
21-B	BOG 20-4.A.3	58 in favor	0 opposed
21-C	Book/Worship 7.5	56 in favor	1 opposed
21-D	BOG 9-5.E		
	Book/Worship 3-1A	60 in favor	0 opposed

2. HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

The offering from Friday evening’s worship service totaled \$6,652. Presbytery Council committed to match any funds from the offering.

114-24

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue/TE Grady Davidson
TE Bill Pardue opened the report with prayer.

1. EXAMINATION – COMMISSIONED PASTOR: RE Wayne Hood

RE Wayne Hood has been a Commissioned Pastor in the PCUSA and is now a member and worshipping at Wilson Station Church in Englewood, TN. He has served in several congregations in Florida, more recently as Co-Pastor at Bushnell Presbyterian Church in Bushnell, Florida (2004-2020).

Home Church Wilson Station Presbyterian Church
Englewood, TN

Educational Credentials
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL

Seminary
Presbyterian School of Christian Education
Richmond, VA
Masters/Christian Ed 1985-1987

Reformed Theological Seminary 1997-1999

Experience of saving grace in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Commissioning Question presented by the Moderator

Questions from the floor

MOTION – To sustain the examination and receive RE Wayne Hood as a
Commissioned Pastor of the Presbytery of the Southeast.

Motion seconded and APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Teaching Elder Supervisor – TE Sean White, Eastminster Church

2. EXAMINATION – COMMISSIONED PASTOR: RE Nancy Hood
RE Nancy Hood has been a Commissioned Pastor in the PCUSA and is now a member and worshipping at Wilson Station Church in Englewood, TN. She has served in several congregations in Florida, more recently as Co-Pastor at Bushnell Presbyterian Church in Bushnell, Florida (2004-2020).

Home Church Wilson Station Presbyterian Church
Englewood, TN

Educational Credentials
University of Central Florida

Seminary
Presbyterian School of Christian Education
Richmond, VA
Masters/Christian Ed 1985-1987

Experience of saving grace in Jesus Christ and progress in
spiritual growth

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Commissioning Question presented by the Moderator

Questions from the floor

MOTION – To sustain the examination and receive RE Nancy Hood as a
Commissioned Pastor of the Presbytery of the Southeast.

Motion seconded and

APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving by TE Keith Gallagher

Teaching Elder Supervisor – TE Margaret Ferguson

3. EXAMINATION – COMMISSIONED PASTOR: RE Matthew Everhart
RE Matthew Everhart has been in ministry most of his adult life and is now a member and worshipping at Hope Fellowship in Chickamauga, GA. He has served in several congregations in Alabama.

Home Church Hope Fellowship
Chickamauga, GA

Educational Credentials
Berean School of the Bible 2007-2008

Experience of saving grace in Jesus Christ and progress in
spiritual growth

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Commissioning Question presented by the Moderator

Questions from the floor

MOTION – To sustain the examination and receive RE Matthew Everhart as a
Commissioned Pastor of the Presbytery of the Southeast.

Motion seconded and

APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving by TE Mark Gregory

Teaching Elder Supervisor – TE Grady Davidson, Lookout Valley Church

114-25

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

1. INFORMATION – Engage 2025
TE Edward Brouwer continues to coordinate Engage 2025 for our presbytery. Plans continue to be made for the Presbytery-related mission trip to Indonesia with the anticipation that five from our Presbytery will be on this team.

2. INFORMATION – Focus on Afghanistan
TE Chadwick shared in detail about Presbyterian, particularly EPC, mission efforts in Afghanistan. He provided updates on experiences with Afghan peoples seeking escape from atrocities in their land.

As part of the Prayer Time of this meeting, Commissioned Pastor Greg Whitaker of Wooten Church, Wooten, KY offered a prayer for the people of Afghanistan and our continued witness for Christ there.

114-26

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue/TE Grady Davidson
TE Bill Pardue opened the report with prayer.

1. EXAMINATION for ORDINATION and INSTALLATION
Candidate for Ministry – James (Jimmy) Latham
Called by First Church, Rome, GA as Assistant Pastor for Student Ministries

Home Church – Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN

Presbytery of Candidacy – Presbytery of Southeast
Candidate for at least one year – (G-11-2H)

Education Credentials – University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, TN
BA – Communications – 2008

Seminary – Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC
MDiv – 2020

Ordination Written Examinations

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

Competency in Original Languages/Scripture

Examination orally on Knowledge and Views of:

Theology and Sacraments

English Bible

Book of Order

History of the Church and Reformed Tradition

Nature of the Office of Teaching Elder (G.3.A;12-2C)

Questions by commissioners from the floor

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Ordination Questions from Book of Order – The Moderator

Primary Assigned Responsibilities of Calling Church (G-10-5) will be as Director of Student Ministries. These responsibilities were reported and detailed before the court.

MOTION – To sustain the examination for ordination as a whole, including, the preaching of The Word, and receive James (Jimmy) Latham as Teaching Elder In the EPC and as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast pending his ordination and installation.

Motion seconded and

APPROVED

TERMS OF CALL

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

Motion seconded and

APPROVED

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL

MOTION - To approve the following Commission to Ordain and Install Candidate James (Jimmy) Latham as Teaching Elder and as Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Rome, Georgia on Sunday, November 14, 2021.

TE Bill Pardue
First Church, Rome, GA

TE Bill Dudley
Retired/Pastor Emeritus
Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN

RE Bruce Novkov, Chairman
Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN

RE Sean Coleman
ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

RE Greg Garrett
First Church, Rome, GA

RE Frank Peele
Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was given by TE Ken Chivers.

2. EXAMINATION FOR ORDINATION: Candidate John Macere as Evangelist

Home Church – All Souls Church, Decatur, GA

Presbytery of Candidacy – Presbytery of Southeast
Candidate for at least one year – (G-11-2H)

Educational Credentials- Africa Theological Seminary in Kenya
BA in Theology

Seminary - Erskine Theological Seminary (ARP) – Due West, SC
MDiv

Ordination Written Examinations

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

Oral Examination

Competency in Original Languages/Scripture

Examination - Knowledge and Views of
Theology and Sacraments

English Bible

Book of Order

History of the Church and Reformed Tradition

Office of Teaching Elder

Questions by Commissioners from the floor

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Ordination Questions from Book of Order – The Moderator

MOTION – To sustain the ordination examination as a whole, including,
the preaching of The Word, and receive John Macere as a Teaching Elder of
the EPC and as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast as an Evangelist
pending his ordination.

Motion seconded and

APPROVED

MOTION - To approve the out-of-bounds call for John Macere at
International Community Outreach Church in Grayson, GA.

This is the congregation of Kenyan members where John has been serving as pastor.

Motion seconded and

APPROVED

TERMS OF CALL

MOTION - To approve the terms of call presented to the Ministerial Committee

Motion seconded and

APPROVED

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL

MOTION - To approve the following Commission to Ordain and Installation John Macere as Teaching Elder and Evangelist:

TE Margaret Ferguson, Chairman	Pastor At-Large
TE Steven Good	All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA
TE Bill Pardue	First Church, Rome, GA
RE Jeanne Crawford	Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga, TN
RE Celeste Creswell	ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, GA
RE Palmer Griffin	ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, GA
RE Diane Mizell	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mtn, TN
RE Rusty Pritchard	All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA
RE Donia Culberson	All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING by RE Jeanne Crawford, Lookout Valley.

MOTION – To authorize the preceding Commission to Ordain and Install to set a date and time for the Ordination and Installation Service for John Macere and to communicate these arrangements with the Stated Clerk.

3. EXAMINATION - Pastor from Another Reformed Body

TE Paul Manuel from Central Florida Presbytery (PCA) is to be examined for a call as Associate Pastor at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, Signal Mountain, TN

His present ministry has been at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Lecanto, FL

Educational Credentials – Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL
BA – Bible (1989)
Masters/Arts: Biblical Studies (1991)

Seminary – MDiv – Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL

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

Examination orally on Views (and Knowledge acceptable with transfer from other reformed body) of:

Theology and Sacraments
English Bible

Book of Order
History of the Church and Reformed Tradition
Nature of the office of Teaching Elder (G.3.A; 12-2C)

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms (G.12-4)

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Primary Assigned Responsibilities of Calling Church (G-10-5)
These responsibilities were reported and detailed before the court.

Installation Questions from Book of Order- The Moderator

MOTION – To sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE Paul Manuel as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast pending his installation.

Motion seconded and APPROVED

TERMS OF CALL

MOTION – To approve the terms of call as presented and agreed upon by Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN as presented to the Ministerial Committee.

COMMISSION TO INSTALL

MOTION – To approve the following Commission to Install TE Paul Manuel as Assistant Pastor of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, Signal Mountain, TN on Sunday, December 5, 2021 with the following members of Presbytery serving:

TE Tracy Edwards (Chairman)	Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN
TE Scott Bowen	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE Fred Anderson	Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga, TN
RE Gary Buchanan	Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN
RE Don Drumm	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE Jarrell Reeves	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN

with TE Ray Cortese, PCA Pastor, as the Guest Preacher.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was offered by TE Scott Bowen.

114-27

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

114-28

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

114-29

REPORT from COMMITTEE ON THANKS

RE Jarrell Reeves and RE Peggy LaRoche of Signal Mountain Church shared in a creative report affirming the leadership of Presbytery's Moderator, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, and committee chairman and expressing thanks to the members and

Elders of Valleybrook Church for the setting, the dinner, the music team, and the volunteers who served the Presbytery during their two-day stay at Valleybrook.

MOTION – To approve adoption of the Resolution of Thanks. APPROVED

114-30 NEXT MEETING of the Presbytery of the Southeast is its 115th meeting on February 5, 2022 at ChristChurch in Dalton, GA. This will be a one-day meeting.

114-31 ADJOURNMENT
MOTION To adjourn Seconded and APPROVED
The meeting was closed at 1:00 PM.

Handwritten signatures of William Dudley and Bruce Novkov in blue ink.

William Dudley, Stated Clerk

Bruce Novkov, Moderator

Addendum 1

ADDENDUM 2

ERRATA (NOTATIONS/CORRECTIONS) of 2020 PRESBYTERY MINUTES

Among the multiple notations requiring response to the General Assembly Presbytery Review Committee are the following:

1. Irregularity in the change of call of Teaching Elder St. Denis from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor
2. Irregularity of the Congregational Meeting in calling TE Good to All Souls Church, Decatur
3. Times when minutes do not reflect that the Presbytery has been allowed time for questions and discussion in TE examinations
4. Minute pages are numbered for each meeting rather than running continuous across all meetings
5. Failure to distinguish Out-of-Bound calls from initial calls to renewal calls
6. Error in listing TE Bill Flannagan as Retired but showing him as Supply Pastor at Trion Church
7. Error in not stating that Candidates have been members of their church for the minimum of 6 months
8. Treasurers Report stated in Friday afternoon minutes the amount of the worship service offering when the service was not held until Friday evening
9. TE Ruyack's Terms of Call do not reflect his definite period of time or primary responsibilities
10. Descending Overtures must state a summary of each overture
11. Attendance report must list Unexcused Absence with Excused in the master attendance list
12. Minutes should not list the objections to the Westminster Confession, only that there were objections
13. Correct with proper grammar the phrase that "*the 2020 Moderator was installed*" to read
"he was installed as the 2020 Moderator."
14. MCC does not name Mentors for Candidates
15. MCC does not name Teaching Elder Supervisor
16. MCC must submit the Terms of Call to the Stated Clerk
17. Major violation: Associate Roll must be kept separate from the Retired Active Roll

ADDENDUM 3

CHURCH HEALTH & GROWTH COMMITTEE

Committee members are: Alan Edick (Cedar Springs-Knoxville, TN), Ryan Bridgeo (Plumtree Church, NC), Bob McEuen Brainerd Church-Chattanooga, TN), Alan Hawkins (Faith Church-McDonough, GA), Mark Steimer (Cedar Springs-Knoxville, TN), Mike Jones (First Pres-Thomasville, GA), Gary Buchanan (Valleybrook Church-Hixson, TN), Lucas Waters (First Pres-Stanton, KY), Palmer Griffin (ChristChurch-Dalton, GA)

-The CH&G Committee exists to encourage local churches to model effective Christian witness through healthy internal relationships and effective ministries, and assists local churches that are experiencing discord or declining attendance.

Contact Palmer Griffin (706-483-9452 or pgriffin@optilink.us) or talk with your committee contact person if we can be of assistance to your church.

-A Committee member contacts a Pastor, the Clerk of Session or a key leader of each church regularly. The goal is to provide encouragement to the contact person and Session in a manner appropriate to the individual church. Our committee members would like to lend an ear, give a hand and in all cases provide prayer support. Every Pastor, Session and church in the presbytery is prayed for regularly.

-Following the EPC General Assembly, a member of the committee contacted each Pastor, Clerk or key leader (when the church does not have a called pastor) with an “Atta Boy” based on membership growth data reported in the 2020 EPC Annual Church Report (ACR). The ACR is to be submitted by the Clerk of Session early each calendar year. The membership gain could have been in Profession of Faith- under or over age 18- Child/Infant baptism or overall membership growth. Eighteen churches had gains in one of the above categories even in the pandemic year.

The total church membership in our presbytery reported at the 2020 General Assembly showed a loss of 3,982 members. Most of the apparent loss is that data from the 2020 ACR from six churches was not reported. If those churches had submitted a 2020 ACR at the same membership level as in 2019 then the net loss in membership in the presbytery would be 234.

-The CH&G Committee publishes a “Did You Know” recap of the Stated Meetings of presbytery coupled with activities in our churches three times a year. We’d like to include information from local churches with items such as anniversary of ordination (5s and 10s), anniversary of pastoral relation with a church (5s and 10s), anniversary of establishment of a church (the 10s, 50s or 100s), a pastor earning an advanced degree, occupying or dedicating a building, and other special activities in your church that will be of interest across the presbytery.

Please send information to be considered for publication to Palmer Griffin, Church Health and Growth Committee at pgriffin@optilink.us

- If a church Session is interested in applying for a grant to start or support a health and/or growth effort within the church please contact one of the CH&G Committee members listed above. These grants are not limited to any specific area of the health and growth of a local church; the committee is open to hearing your idea through a simple narrative provided to the reviewers on a form.

We currently have four grants in place with an accountability check-in quarterly.

-We thank CP/RE Ryan Bridgeo (Plumtree) for his six years of service to the Presbytery through this committee.

ADDENDUM 4

DISBURSEMENTS	Budget 2021	Proposed Budget 2022
Benevolences		
EPC Gen Assembly	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects		5,000.00
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	6,000.00
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	12,000.00	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sustentation	12,000.00	12,000.00
Misc.	500.00	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	75.00	75.00
Travel	250.00	250.00
	154,250.55	159,250.55

DISBURSEMENTS	TOTAL 8-31-21	Budget 2021
Benevolences		
EPC Gen Assembly	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	0.00	
OFFICERS		
St. Clerk Travel	293.26	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	963.58	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	0.00	3,000.00
Commissions	0.00	1,000.00
Gen Oper	5,878.75	6,000.00
Webmaster	988.75	1,500.00
Web Maint.	220.00	1,500.00
Leadershp	0.00	2,500.00
St Clerk Salary	31,730.16	47,124.00
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	13,735.61	23,313.55
PSE Tax Liability	3,879.17	6,288.00
Other (Audit etc.)	5,771.56	3,500.00
Ministerial Care		
Travel	0.00	2,000.00
Backgr cks	84.95	300.00
Administrator	0.00	-
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	0.00	4,000.00
Misc	0.00	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
Travel & meals	0.00	500.00
Mission Partner	0.00	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	336.41	1,500.00
Sustentation	7,875.00	12,000.00
Misc.	0.00	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	0.00	75.00
Travel	-	250.00
	81,757.20	148,250.55
Designated Funds		
Court Attendance	10,622.64	
Church Health & Growth	9,004.57	
Engage 2025	-	
Special Fund	-	
Total Designated Funds	19,627.21	
Operating Savings	130,003.41	
Operating Checking	108,249.91	
Total	238,253.32	
Project 2028 Savings		
Project 2028 Savings	50,001.71	
Project 2028 Checking	127,926.19	
Total	177,927.90	

	2021Receive	Proj 2028 Re	2021 Faith	Project
Presbytery of Southeast				
All Souls	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Bethany Pres	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Brainerd Pres	1,736.00	-	2,400.00	
Project 2028				
Buck Hill Pres	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Cedar Springs	15,000.03	-	20,000.00	
Project 2028		8,000.00		16,000.00
Central Pres, Hyden KY	640.00	-	640.00	
Project 2028				
ChristChurch (CCP)	7,335.00	-	9,780.00	
Project 2028		4,500.00		6,000.00
Church of the Redeemer	1,350.00	-	1,800.00	
Project 2028		4,000.00		6,000.00
Community Evangelistic	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Cornerstone	350.00	-	600.00	
Project 2028				
Covenant Pres, Rome	2,870.00	-	-	
Project 2028				
Crosswalk Community Church	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Eastminster	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	
Project 2028				
Faith Pres, McDonough GA	-	-	2,000.00	
Project 2028		1,350.00		1,800.00
Farmer	-	-	720.00	
Project 2028				
First Pres (Rome)	12,030.02	-	16,040.00	
Project 2028		7,500.00		10,000.00
First Pres (Thomasville)	6,470.00	-	12,940.00	
Project 2028		10,000.00		10,000.00
First Pres (Stanton)	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Grace Pres (Franklin)	666.64	-	1,000.00	
Project 2028		-	1,160.00	
Greenbriar	580.00	-	-	
Project 2028				
Hope Fellowship	937.50	-	-	
Project 2028				
Lookout Valley	1,200.00	-	2,400.00	
Project 2028				
Mars Hill	4,410.00	-	5,880.00	
Project 2028		2,070.00		2,760.00
Murphy	-	-	660.00	
Project 2028				
New Beginning	-	-	480.00	
Project 2028				
New Hope	1,575.00	-	2,100.00	
Project 2028				
New Life Gathering	4,000.00	-	-	
Project 2028				
Parkway	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Plumtree	-	-	1,180.00	
Project 2028				
Providence	-	-	100.00	
Project 2028				
Resurrection Chattanooga	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Signal Mountain	18,000.00	-	36,000.00	
Project 2028		3,000.00		6,000.00
Trinity Grace	355.00	-	700.00	
Project 2028				
Trion	800.00	-	800.00	
Project 2028				
Valleybrook	756.00	-	1,000.00	
Project 2028				
Wilson Station	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Wooton Presbyterian	-	-	-	
Project 2028				
Individual Offerings	436.00			
Other receipts, transfers or re	-			
TOTAL	83,997.19	40,420.00	122,880.00	58,560.00
Designated Funds				
Court Attendance	10,622.64			
Church Health & Growth	6,004.57			
Engage 2025	-			
Special Fund	-			
Total Designated Funds	16,627.21			-
Operating Savings	130,003.41			
Project 2028 Savings	50,001.30			