MINUTES - 115th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Southeast
February 5, 2022
ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, Georgia

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

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"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.

115-01 CALL TO ORDER at 9:30 AM by Moderator TE Jeff Chadwick who opened the meeting with the reading of Scripture after which the court worshipped in the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy".

RE Carol Griesinger of Covenant Church in Rome, GA offered the opening prayer.

115-02 PARITY

Approved at Presbytery meeting of October 1, 2021: For the correction of disparity in 2022 all Presbytery churches from All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA to Wooten EPC, Wooten, KY are given one additional Ruling Elder commissioner for each Presbytery meeting.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Moderator Chadwick declared, after consultation with the Stated Clerk, that a quorum was present.

Those recorded present for the meeting include 33 Teaching Elders and 56 Ruling Elders along with 2 Candidates for ministry and 30 Observers. Those observing the meeting virtually were 7 TEs and 17 REs.

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

No designation by a name indicates the person was "Present"

CHURCH	TEACHING ELDER		RULING ELDERS PRESENT
All Souls Fellowship	Steven Good	Excused	George Thomas
Decatur, GA	Mike St. Denis	Excused	Rusty Pritchard
Bethany Church	Daniel Cheevers	Virtual	Rachel Agner
Kingsport, TN	Lesley Cheevers		
Brainerd Church	Dane Deatherage		Jerry Griswold

Chattanooga, TN				
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 Virtual		
Central Church Hyden, KY			Merle Caudill CP	Virtual
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil Matt Christian		Bob Bethel Clay Dykes Nancy Hyatt Stephanie Reynolds David Snyder Nancy Zelinsky	
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk Ben Ruyack		Rod Huckaby	
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton		Thomas Goode Reginald Strong CP	Virtual Virtual
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan		Jonathan Hodges	
Covenant Church Rome, GA			Gary Cassidy Carol Greissinger Jane Palmer	
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Ryan Randolph	Unexcused	Craig Davis	Virtual
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White			
Faith Church McDonough, GA	Pulpit Vacant		Alan Hawkins Steve Norton Mark Watts	
Farner Church Farner, TN	Pulpit Vacant		Leroy Conner Dean Ray	Virtual Virtual
First Church Rome, GA	Bill Pardue Ken Chivers Jonathan Schwartz Jimmy Latham	Excused	Lynn Collier Rob Davis Mike Garrett Tony Pemerton Alan Storey	

First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters	Virtual		
First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston		Mark Courtney Mike Jones Harry Vann	
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope		David Dennis	
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY	Pulpit Vacant			
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA			Matthew Everhart, CP Penny Howerton David Peterson Phil Talley	
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Grady Davidson		Jeanne Crawford Susan Fryar	
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris	Virtual	Craig Bicknell Doug Smith	
Murphy Church Murphy, NC	Christopher Flick		Rhonda Adams Grace Frederick Sarah Thomas	
New Beginning Spring City, TN			Nancy Hood CP Wayne Hood Larry Myers	Excused Excused
New Hope Church Kingsport,			Scott Glover,CP	
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson		Austin Lance	Virtual
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Jay Miller	Excused	Tom Harrell Charles Kicker Nanette Kicker	Virtual
Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridgeo, CP, Unexcused	
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer	Virtual	Jason Edwards Will Roberts	Virtual Virtual
Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn			
Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Andy Cornett Paul Manuel Joey Sherrard		Julie Foreman Diane Mizell Bruce Novkov Jarrell Reeves	

Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Excused	Cathy Cutts Steve Rowe Kathy Traylor	 Virtual
Trion Church Trion, GA	Bill Flannagan	Excused	Charles Frady David Humble	
Valleybrook Church Hixson, TN	Tracy Edwards		Gary Buchanan Ben Brychta	
Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN	Keith Gallagher		Ronnie Ables Carolyn Ryder Linda Garcia	
Wooten Presbyterian EPC Wooten, KY			Greg Whitaker, CP	Excused

EVANGELISTS	
JOHNSON, Will	Excused
MANLEY, Chris	Unexcused
WOODWORTH, Steven	Excused
ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL	
ARAUJO, Aparecido	Unexcused
BUSH, Daniel	Unexcused
HODGE, Robert	Unexcused
HOLMES, Rick	Unexcused
FERGUSON, Margaret	Present
GREGORY, Mark	Present
LOONEY, Charles	Unexcused
ROGERS, Tim	Unexcused
THALOS, Adel – Transitional	Virtual
THOMAS, Michael	Unexcused
WILSON, Kevin	Unexcused
ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS	
Adel Thalos	Virtual
KILGORE, Jim	Unexcused
LAWRY, Scott	Excused
MACERE, John	Present
PINCKNEY, Dan	Present
REESE, Julian	Excused
ROBINSON, Chris	Virtual
ACTIVE – RETIRED	
Jeff Chadwick	Present
William Dudley, Stated Clerk	Present
Michael Horton	Excused
Bill Swafford	Unexcused
Tom Warren	Present
CANDIDATES	
Jennifer Agan	
Hannah Andreades	Virtual
Matthew Bullard	
Esme Teal	Virtual

OBSERVERS
Clay Barnett, First Presbyterian Rome
Gary Brannan, Faith Presbyterian
Laurie Brannon, Faith Presbyterian
Jan Cassidy, Covenant Presbyterian
Sarah Cleveland, Faith Presbyterian
Dianne Constant, Wilson Station Presbyterian
Sherri Davis, Covenant Presbyterian
Sandra Dennis, Grace Presbyterian
Holly Denton, Covenant Presbyterian
Wylene Eason, Faith Presbyterian
Cindy Edwards, Valleybrook Presbyterian
Rusty Frederick, Murphy Presbyterian
Ellen Freeman, Covenant Presbyterian
Carl Greissinger, Covenant Presbyterian
Palmer Griffin, Christchurch
Melinda Hawkins, Faith Presbyterian
Matt Koehn
Tiffany Koehn
Johnny Long, Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Nancy Lowry, Faith Presbyterian
Jonathan Mauney, Resurrection Chattanooga
Carl Neal, Covenant Presbyterian
Susan Norton, Faith Presbyterian
Dorothy Myers, New Beginning
Dan Patterson, Faith Presbyterian
Michael Payne, Mid-Atlantic Presbytery
Frank Randall, Covenent Presbyterian
Carol Smith, Faith presbyterian
Peggy Thomas, Faith Presbyterian
Mark Vanderput, EPC World Outreach
Michael Watson, Resurrection Chattanooga
Jane Watts, Faith Presbyterian
Deborah Williamson, Farner Presbyterian Virtual

115-03 PRESENTATION OF DOCKET with Orders of the Day
11:00 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – Lunch
MOTION made and seconded to approve the docket with Orders of the Day as presented. APPROVED

115-04 WELCOME to OUR GUESTS
The Moderator welcomed all guests and invited introductions of first-time Ruling Elder commissioners and other guests.

MOTION made and seconded to welcome TE Michael Paine from the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic and give him the privilege of the floor. APPROVED

115-05 WELCOME was extended to the court by the Host Church's pastor, TE Eric Geil

115-06 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 114th Meeting
MOTION made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented and distributed.

APPROVED

115-07 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE/THANKS
The Moderator appointed RE Larry Myers – New Beginning, Spring City, TN to serve as the Committee on Thanks.

115-08 REPORT from GENERAL ASSEMBLY – "Proposed Change in Giving by Churches to the General Assembly"
The report was presented by TE Dave Strunk after he had opened with prayer. Dave is a member of the GA's National Leadership Team and also serves on the Giving Culture Study Committee. His report came from action of the General Assembly explaining and detailing the proposed change in giving by churches. His report is the second presentation made to Presbytery with the first one being made at the 114th meeting. His creative and practical presentation was followed by questions from commissioners.

115-09 CHURCH PLANTING & RECEIVING COMMITTEE – TE Eric Geil
TE Geil opened with prayer.
DISSOLVING COVENANT CHURCH
The chairman presented members of the Session and congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Rome, GA, who after prayer and counsel, have discerned the time has come for their church to be dissolved. Ruling Elder Palmer Griffin and Teaching Elders Jeff Chadwick, Bryant Harris, and Jonathan Schwartz have met with the Session, moderated Session and Congregational meetings, preached, and provided pastoral counseling to the Covenant Church since early December. Ruling Elder Griffin presented a detailed history of Covenant Church and the process for consideration in making this request to Presbytery.

MOTION – To concur with the congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Rome, GA in their request to be dissolved as a congregation effective February 5, 2022, as expressed by a congregational vote of 12 in favor and 4 opposed (congregation of 26 active members). UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Their letter addressed to the Stated Clerk is attached, as is information regarding the Covenant Church. ADDENDUM 1

Chairman Geil invited the ruling elders and members of Covenant Church to come forward for the fellowship of hands by Presbytery members and prayer led by TE Jonathan Schwartz.

PCUSA CHURCH INQUIRY
Chairman Geil shared that his committee has been communicating with a church from the Presbyterian Church USA who desires to be dismissed from the PCUSA. The congregation is in its earliest stage of discernment. We have a team consisting of: TE Eric Geil, RE Mike Bixler, RE Powell Jones, RE Becky Crane, and Stated Clerk, Bill Dudley who have met with this congregation and are working with them.

115-10 PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – RE Bruce Novkov

The Moderator of Council opened his report with prayer.

2022 COMMITTEES
RE Novkov directed the court to Addendum 2 in the packet to the list of 2022 committees as approved by Presbytery Council with the correction that TE Chris Flick could not serve on the Records and Session Minutes Committee because he presently serves on Evangelism and Outreach Committee. ADDENDUM 2

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION – To approve the following consent agenda:

CORPORATION REGISTRATION
Corporation registration of the Presbytery for 2022 has been filed by RE Palmer Griffin with the Georgia Secretary of State.

CHURCH HEALTH/GROWTH COMMITTEE
Report from Church Health/Growth Committee (Palmer Griffin, Chairman) was identified as ADDENDUM 3
APPROVED

STAFF SALARIES
Presbytery Council has reviewed the two staff members and their call packages and make the following recommendation:

MOTION – To provide a 3% increase on the 2021 base effective January 1, 2022, for both Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk/Treasurer. APPROVED

115-11 REPORT OF STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley
TE Dudley opened his report with prayer.

UPDATE ON BETHANY CHURCH/KINGSPORT PROPERTY
TE Lesley Cheevers and RE Rachel Agner from Bethany Church in Kingsport, TN were presented by the Clerk to update the court on the continuing property issue with PCUSA. The court case of Holston Presbytery, PCUSA, against Bethany Church, EPC was heard in Chancery Court in Kingsport, TN on January 11th. Bethany Church departed the PCUSA in 2014. The hearing was a short 20-30 minute session. The judge had reviewed all information submitted, and he ordered both parties to mediation in the hopes that a "morally just settlement" could be found. The attorney for Bethany Church hopes to schedule a session with PCUSA in the next 30 days. In the event the mediation fails, parties will return to court for the judge to rule in the matter.

TE Tommy Jordan prayed over TE Cheevers and RE Agner as commissioners gathered around the two leaders of Bethany Church.

115-12 REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell

RE Mizell began with prayer.

MOTION – To accept the following Financial report:
Presbytery has four bank accounts and two designated funds

December 31,2021 balances are:	
Operating Checking balance	112,726.01
Operating Savings	130,008.72
Designated Funds	
CH&G	-10,972.19
Church Courts	
Attendance Scholarships	- 10,300.18
TOTAL OPERATING	221,462.46
Project 2028 Account	142,101.61
Project 2028 Savings	50,003.37
TOTAL ASSETS	413,567.44

Seconded and Approved

MOTION – To approve the 2022 Budget with this second reading and with corrected salary entries. ADDENDUM 7

Seconded and Approved

115-13 REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – TE Keith Gallagher
TE Gallagher opened with prayer and reminded the court of the review process and the due date for minutes

115-14 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE - TE Grady Davidson
TE Davidson opened with prayer.

EXCUSED ABSENCES
MOTION – To approve the following Teaching Elders as Excused for this Presbytery meeting:

Steven Good	Jay Miller
Bill Flannagan	Tully Hunter
Will Johnson	Scott Lawry
Bill Pardue	Julian Reese
Mike St. Denis	Steven Woodworth

APPROVED

COMMISSIONS DISMISSED
MOTION – To receive the Minutes of Commission to Install TE Paul Manuel as Associate Pastor at Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN;

and the Commission to Ordain and Install TE James Latham as Assistant Pastor at First Church, Rome, GA;

and the Commission to Ordain TE John Macere for out/bounds call;

and to dismiss all three Commissions with thanks. APPROVED

DISSOLVING PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP
MOTION – To approve the dissolving of the pastoral relationship between TE Mark Gregory (Evangelist) and Resurrection Chattanooga church plant.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF TEACHING ELDERS
MOTION – To commend the following Teaching Elders for the submission of their Annual Reports:

Scott Bowen	Wayne Hood (CP)
Merle Caudill (CP)	Tommy Jordan
Daniel Cheevers	Andrew Keasling
Lesley Cheevers	Scott Lawry
Ken Chivers	Toby Pope
Grady Davidson	Chris Robinson
Bill Dudley	Ben Ruyack
Tracy Edwards	Jonathan Schwartz
Matthew Everhart (CP)	Calvin 'Buddy' Sexton
Margaret Ferguson	Mike St. Denis
Chris Flick	David Strunk
James Forsyth	Adel Thalos
Eric Geil	Lucas Waters
Nancy Hood (CP)	

APPROVED

ANNUAL TERMS OF CALL

1. *The initial terms of call shall be approved in public by both congregations and presbyteries, using the forms found in the Book of Order…*
2. *Changes in terms of call must be noted and voted upon by presbyteries on recommendation from the Ministerial Committee. The changes may be noted as either a dollar amount, or percentage amount, with only the change, not the new total noted." Acts of Assembly 12-11*

MOTION – To commend the following Sessions reporting Annual Terms of Call for Teaching Elders:

Merle Caudill (CP), Central Church, Hyden, KY
Matt Christian, ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
Ken Chivers, First Presbyterian, Rome, GA
Grady Davidson, Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga, TN
Dane Deatherage, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, TN
Bill Dudley, Presbytery of the Southeast EPC

Alan Edick, Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
Tracy Edwards, Valleybrook, Hixson, TN
Matthew Everhart, Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA
Chris Flick, Murphy Church, Murphy, NC
James Forsyth, Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
Eric Geil, ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
Clay Harrington, Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
Bryant Harris, Mars Hill Church, Acworth, GA
Nancy Hood (CP), New Beginning Church, Spring City, TN
Wayne Hood (CP), New Beginning Church, Spring City, TN
Tully Hunter, Trinity Grace, Loganville, GA
Scott Jackson, New Life Gathering Church, Knoxville, TN
Andrew Keasling, Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
Jimmy Latham, First Presbyterian, Rome, GA
Bill Pardue, First Presbyterian, Rome, GA
Jonathan Scwhartz, First Presbyterian, Rome, GA
Mark Steimer, Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN
Calvin 'Buddy' Sexton, Community Evang Church, Knoxville, TN
Reginald Strong (CP), Community Evang Church, Knoxville, TN
David Strunk, Church of the Redeemer, Alcoa, TN
Sean White, Eastminster Church, Knoxville, TN

115-15 ORDER OF THE DAY: MORNING WORSHIP

TE John Cleveland, to be examined for his call as pastor of Faith Church in McDonough, GA, preached at the morning worship service, followed by the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Celebrants were TE Eric Geil, host pastor, with TE John Cleveland, and the elders of ChristChurch in Dalton.

115-16 ORDER OF THE DAY: LUNCH

Blessing was offered in Fellowship Hall by TE Dan Pinckney after which Dan presented to all commissioners a copy of his latest book on the healing ministry which he provides in Chattanooga, TN.

115-17 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE - TE Tim Filston

TE Filston opened with prayer.

EXAMINATION - TRANSFER from ANOTHER EPC PRESBYTERY

TE John Cleveland from EPC Presbytery of Florida and Caribbean was examined as Pastor of Faith Church in McDonough, GA. The examination was conducted by TE Tim Filston of the Ministerial Committee.

EPC Presbytery – Presbytery of Florida and Caribbean

Present Ministry – Assistant Pastor for Youth and Communications

Educational Credentials--
B.A./Biblical Studies – 2009 - Trinity College of Florida, Trinity, FL – Salutatorian

Seminary --
MDiv – 2019 - Knox Theological Seminary – Fort Lauderdale, FL - Graduated Summa Cum Laude

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

Examination (on views only)
- Theology and Sacraments
- English Bible
- Book of Order
- History of Church and Reformed Tradition
- Nature of the office of Teaching Elder

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms without exception

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

INSTALLATION QUESTION was presented by the Moderator
MOTION – To sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE John Cleveland as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast and as Pastor of Faith Church, McDonough, GA. Seconded and Approved

TERMS OF CALL
MOTION – To approve the terms of call as presented and agreed upon by Faith Presbyterian Church, McDonough, GA as presented to the Ministerial Committee.
Seconded and Approved

COMMISSION TO INSTALL
MOTION – To approve the following Commission to Install TE John Cleveland as Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church of McDonough, GA on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM with the following members of Presbytery serving:

TE Jonathan Schwartz First Church, Rome, GA	RE Palmer Griffin ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
TE Matt Christian, Chrm ChristChurch, Dalton, GA	RE Dan Patterson Faith Church, McDonough, GA
	RE Steve Rowe Trinity Grace Church, Loganville, GA
	RE Mark Watts Faith Church McDonough, GA

Ratio 2:1 Ruling Elders to Teaching Elders
from at least 3 churches
Chairman not to be from local church
Seconded and Approved

Prayer of Thanksgiving was offered by Ruling Elder Mark Watts with members of the Faith Church gathered around John.

MENTOR for the new pastor was named as TE Matt Christian.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE UNDER CARE: Ruling Elder John Long

CEEP Candidate (Candidate Educational Equivalency Program)

Current Presbytery of Candidacy – Presbytery of the West EPC

Home Church – Signal Mountain Church, TN

Membership for more than six months

Endorsement of Session – Received

Educational Credentials

University of Memphis	1978-1980	coursework

Seminary
Fuller Theological Seminary 2014-2019
MA in Global Leadership Intercultural Studies

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 for Candidate were presented by the Moderator

MOTION – To approve the transfer of candidacy for John Long from the Presbytery of the West EPC Seconded and Approved

MOTION – To approve the examination of and reception of John Long as a Candidate for Ministry of the Presbytery of the Southeast EPC Seconded and Approved

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was given by TE Scott Bowen, Pastor Signal Mountain Church

CHARGE was given by TE Andy Cornett

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE UNDER CARE: Matthew Koehn
CEEP Candidate (Candidate Educational Equivalency Program)

Home Church – Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN

Membership for more than six months - yes

Endorsement of Session – Received

Educational Credentials
University of Georgia 1999 – 2003
BS – Political Science
BA - Psychology

Seminary
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS 2007-2009
Master of Arts and Theological Studies
Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta 2010-2017
Masters level credits

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 for Candidate were presented by the Moderator

MOTION – To approve the examination of and reception of Matthew Koehn as a Candidate for Ministry of the Presbytery of the Southeast EPC
Seconded and Approved

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was given by TE Dave Strunk, Pastor of Church of Redeemer, Maryville, TN

CHARGE was given by TE Strunk as well.

ADVISOR named for Candidate Matt Koehn was TE Tracy Edwards.

115-18 EVANGELISM and OUTREACH COMMITTEE – TE Jeff Chadwick
After leading in prayer, the Moderator requested the former Moderator, Ruling Elder Bruce Novkov, to assume the chair so that the Moderator, who is the Committee chairman, could make his report.

INFORMATION
The chairman referred the court to the committee report as presented in
ADDENDUM 4

MISSIONS REPORT
The chairman presented to the court, Reverend Mark V. of EPC World Outreach

and Outreach Coach, who presented an informative and inspiriting report.

115-19 PROJECT 2028 COMMISSION -TE Andy Cornett
After offering prayer to introduce his report, TE Andy Cornett presented an oral report and update on the ministry of Project 2028. ADDENDUM 5

115-20 RESURRECTION CHATTANOOGA COMMISSION – TE Matt Christian
TE Christian acted on behalf of the Commission and opened his report with prayer.

INFORMATION – TE Christian reported that RE Brad Wier had resigned as chairman of the Commission. RE Chet Burge is serving as chairman until Presbytery appoints another chairman.
MOTION: We move to accept the resignation of Brad Wier as Chairman of Resurrection Chattanooga Administrative Commission. Seconded APPROVED

INFORMATION – TE Christian reported on the ministry at Resurrection Chattanooga and referred the court to the details of this report at ADDENDUM 6

115-21 OLD BUSINESS
No business was presented.

115-22 NEW BUSINESS
No business was presented.

115-23 COMMITTEE ON THANKS – RE Larry Myers
RE Myers of New Beginning, Spring City, TN presented a resolution of thanks for the Presbytery meeting, the host church, and leadership throughout the meeting.

MOTION – To adopt the resolution of thanks. Seconded and Approved

115-24 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM.
Seconded and Approved

CLOSING PRAYER was given by Moderator-Elect RE Gary Buchanan,

NEXT MEETINGS

116th Stated Meeting
May 6-7, 2022
Cedar Springs Church – Knoxville, TN

42nd General Assembly
June 21-24, 2022
Ward Church – Northville (Detroit), Michigan

William Dudley, Stated Clerk

Jeff Chadwick, Moderator

ADDENDUM 1

Information on Covenant Presbyterian Church dissolution request

The members of Covenant Presbyterian Church are requesting that the Presbytery of the Southeast dissolve the church. Discussions have taken place within the church leadership and church members in small and large group settings over time as they have discussed ways to meet their present and future challenges. The Presbytery Council, through an appointed work group of three elders, has been included in discussions and meetings and have offered prayers for God's guidance in this matter. The Ministerial Committee appointed a veteran Pastor as Moderator for the Covenant Session to assist and guide the Session since the passing of Rev. Dr. Walter Turner on September 9, 2021.

After these deliberations and season of discussion and prayer the members voted in a properly called Congregational Meeting to concur with the recommendation of Session to recommend to this Presbytery that the church be dissolved.

The Covenant Session has been attentive to the members and regular attendees in this process. Many of these persons drive many miles to worship and church activities some 30, 40 or 50 miles. The Session has been responsible to each other and to the members in dispersing the physical and financial assets of the church.

Covenant has a legacy to be celebrated in their relatively short life. This church was born from the hearts, hands and feet of Christ followers that felt the need for a Bible based, evangelical Presbyterian church in Floyd County Georgia southeast of Rome. They have had two full time ministers and most recently Dr. Walter Turner served as their part-time Stated Supply Pastor. Covenant PC has distinguished themselves by participating in local, national and international missions and services whether hands-on or through financial contributions. This church has been a pace setter in donations to the Presbytery with funds directed to church health, growth and development above and beyond what has been asked of a 30-member church.

It is with rejoicing that we can state that it's been "job well done" for Covenant Presbyterian Church and pray that God will be glorified as these members now work and worship in churches in Rome and Northwest Georgia.

Covenant
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EPC
www.covenantrome.com

Dear Dr. Dudley,

November 22, 2021

We, the members of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Rome, Georgia after giving prayerful consideration, request that the Presbytery of the Southeast dissolve our church effective the date of the 115th Stated Meeting of Presbytery (scheduled for February 2, 2022), or the following Presbytery meeting if providentially necessary.

This request follows a congregational meeting, *moderated by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Schwartz*, which was held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 14, 2021. After a chance for discussion, a secret ballot was distributed to the 16 present Covenant members on the active roll. The final tally was 12 voting to request the dissolution of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4 opposed.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Cassidy - ELDER
Mark Randall - Elder
[illegible] - Elder
Carol Stassinger, Elder
Jane Palmer, Clerk

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1645 Cartersville Highway SE
Rome, Georgia 30161

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES
2022

MINISTERIAL CARE

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

CLASS/2022	CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024
TE Grady Davidson (2)** Lookout Valley, Chattanooga, TN	TE Buddy Sexton (2) Community Evangelistic, Knoxville, TN	TE Bill Pardue (2)** First Church, Rome, GA
TE Tim Filston (1) First Church, Thomasville, GA	TE Tracy Edwards (1) Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN	TE Andrew Keasling (2) Cedar Springs, Knoxville, TN
RE Celeste Creswell (2) ChristChurch, Dalton, GA	RE Merle Caudill (1) – CP Central Church, Hyden, KY	RE David Dennis (2) Grace Church, Franklin, NC
RE Bruce Novkov (2) Signal Mountain Church, TN	RE	RE Tony Pemerton (2) First Church, Rome, GA

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

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

CLASS/2022	CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024
TE Edward Brouwer (2) Providence Church, Hazelwood, NC	TE Jeff Chadwick (2)** Retired	TE Chris Flick (2) Murphy Church, Murphy, NC
RE Kathleen Hearl (2) Farner Church, Farner, TN	RE Alan Storey (1) First Church, Rome, GA	RE Johnny Long (1) Signal Mountain Church, TN
RE Harry Jones (1) First Church, Thomasville, GA	RE	RE Gary Fleet (1) ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

CHURCH HEALTH & GROWTH

(9 members in 3 classes)

CLASS/2022	CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024
TE Lucas Waters (1) First Church, Stanton, KY	TE Mark Steimer (2) Cedar Springs, Knoxville, TN	TE Alan Edick (2) Cedar Springs, Knoxville, TN
RE Bob McEuen (2) Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, TN	RE Gary Buchanan (1) Valleybrook Church, Chattanooga, TN	RE Alan Hawkins (2) Faith Church, McDonough, GA
RE Palmer Griffin (1)** ChristChurch, Dalton, GA	RE Mike Jones (2) First Church, Thomasville, GA	RE

CHURCH PLANTING-RECEIVING (9 members in 3 classes)

CLASS/2022	CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024
TE	TE Joey Sherrard (2) Signal Mountain, TN	TE Eric Geil (2)** ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
RE Doug Gregory (1) Signal Mountain Church, TN	RE	RE
RE Scott Glover (1) Trinity Grace, Loganville, GA	RE	RE Steve Rowe (2) Trinity Grace, Loganville, GA

RECORDS & SESSION MINUTES (6 members in 2 classes – no term restriction)

CLASS/2022	CLASS/2023
TE Keith Gallagher (2)** Retired	TE Tommy Jordan (2) Cornerstone Church, Franklin, NC
TE Chris Flick (1) Murphy Church, Murphy, NC	RE David Peterson (1) Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA
RE Austin Lance (1) New Life Gathering, Knoxville, TN	RE Susan Fryar (2) Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga, TN

TRUSTEES (with Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer)

CLASS/2022	CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024
RE Powell Jones First Church, Thomasville, GA	RE John Graham First Church, Rome, GA	RE Jim Bethel ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – Project 2028

TE Andy Cornett	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain
TE Will Johnson	Mercy Underground Fellowship, Atlanta
TE Dave Strunk	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville
TE Ryan Van Horn	Resurrection Church, Chattanooga
RE Ken Bell	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville
RE Bob Bethel	ChristChurch, Dalton
RE Piers van der Merwe	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville
RE Bob Berry	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain
RE	First Church, Rome
RE	First Church, Thomasville
RE	from any church in Presbytery
RE	from any church in Presbytery
RE Diane Mizell	Presbytery Treasurer, Ex Officio

MODERATOR	TE Jeff Chadwick
MODERATOR-ELECT	RE Gary Buchanan
PAST MODERATOR	RE Bruce Novkov

REPORT: Church Health and Growth Committee

February 5, 2022

Committee members are: Alan Edick (Cedar Springs-Knoxville, TN), Lucas Waters (First Pres-Stanton, KY), 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), Palmer Griffin (ChristChurch-Dalton, GA)

We appreciate RE Alan Hawkins and TE Alan Edick volunteering to serve in the Class of 2024.

-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 local church is prayed for regularly.

-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

-We have approved one grant for church revitalization in 2022, funds are available for additional grants. 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. We would like to hear your proposal thru a simple narrative provided to the Committee on a form.

ADDENDUM 4

REPORT: Evangelism and Outreach Committee
February 5, 2022

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1) We are pleased to report to the Presbytery that we were able to support the following EPC World Outreach global workers in 2021 through the funds allotted to our committee. Each of these are either from our Presbytery or have been actively involved with resourcing our Presbytery in its global missions goals.
    - Stephen Woodworth
    - Phil Thrash
    - Mike Kuhn
    - Sean McKelvey
    - Thomas Davis

2) The committee continues to pursue the Presbytery-sponsored and supported Vision Tour to SE Asia with the goal of encouraging and supporting the work that is already ongoing there, and to investigate the possibility of the Presbytery adopting an expansion of that work as our Engage 2025 focus people group. Plans have not been able to proceed due to COVID travel restrictions. However, one of the EPC World Outreach workers leading the current work has just been allowed to be in country which is a very encouraging development. Please continue to pray for your Engage 2025 team, led by Edward Brouwer, as they seek the mind of God as to recommendations, they will bring to our Presbytery concerning our potential involvement with the work there.

3) As part of our commitment to stirring the hearts and minds of our churches to tangible investment with unreached peoples, the committee would like to make the Presbytery aware of a valuable resource, the Joshua Project. Joshua Project provides key information and resources to bring awareness of and stimulate prayer for the people groups of the world with the least access to the gospel. We encourage you to explore their website, https://joshuaproject.net/.

    One resource that you may find particularly helpful in engaging with unreached peoples is the Unreached of the Day app which can be downloaded at app stores for your particular mobile device platform. Using this app, you'll receive a daily update on one particular Unreached People Group with basic information and a reminder to pray for them at some point during the day.

ADDENDUM 5

Project 2028 Annual Report - January 2022

Members:
RE Bob Bethel (ChristChurch Dalton)
RE Piers van der Merwe (Cedar Springs),
RE Ken Bell (Church of the Redeemer)
RE Bob Berry (Signal Mountain Pres)
RE Matthew Everhart (Hope Fellowship)
TE Andy Cornett (Signal Mountain Pres) - Chair
TE Dave Strunk (Church of the Redeemer) - Resident Director
TE Ryan Van Horn (Resurrection)
TE Eric Geil (ChristChurch Dalton) - chair of Church Planting and Receiving
Ex Officio: RE Diane Mizell (Presbytery Treasurer)
Ex Officio: TE Bill Dudley (Presbytery: Stated Clerk)

Guests:
TE Chris Manley (Evangelist - planning work)
Matt Koehn (Resident: Church of the Redeemer)

Specific Actions to celebrate from this past year

I. Calling Matt Koehn and beginning his work as our first Resident in Church Planting.
II. Chris Manley joining us as a TE planning a church plant.
III. A significant group from Presbytery of Southeast gathering together at the annual EPC church planting retreat in October 2021 in Colorado Springs for tremendous fellowship, growth, and prayer.
IV. IV. Tom Ricks leading our presbytery in how to establish good, functional admin commissions for mission churches to become local churches.
V. Growth in God's provision through fundraising from churches! We have delighted in gifts big and small and messages from churches eager to partner with planters. See Attached 2022 Budget in this docket.
VI. Numerous conversations with churches and potential church planters.
VII. Our team is getting better at listening to, caring for, and praying for church planters/plants.

Specific Prayer Directions for 2022:

I. For people! We are actively seeking a few Ruling Elders from Presbytery churches who are passionate about evangelism, soaked in the grace of the gospel, and beginning new works of ministry. You or your church - join in this work!
II. Will Johnson (Audriana) in his work at Mercy Underground / Atlanta GA - the ongoing challenges and stress of Covid-19, its impact on home-focused models

of ministry and outreach, wisdom for future direction, and personal health and growth.

III. Ryan Van Horn (Erin) and Resurrection in Chattanooga TN - prayer for growing and training local leadership to become elders, for strengthening community life among men, women, and families, and for continued relationships and evangelism among unchurched people.

IV. Chris Manley (Elizabeth) in his part time work with Kairos Church / Ooltewah TN (not an EPC church but has a ministry model congruent with his plans), part-time work at coffee shop for relationships/evangelism, and developing plan for local church plant via missional communities. For unbelieving friends, cultivating relationships, mature leaders, racially diverse community, and for fundraising efforts.

V. Matt Koehn (Tiffany) in his researching and reviewing (for Project 2028) potential locations in Presbytery for future planting), and for big prayers for God's faithfulness for him and his family in discerning future location, direction for their work, and developing his heart and skills for the ministry ahead.

VI. For planning and development of our next Church Planter Residency (we aim to begin searching fall 2022) and seeking the Lord's will and person for it.

VII. For identifying planters. I (Andy) am ever more keen on Jesus' direction in Matthew 9:36ff - "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Please pray for the Lord to raise up, call, and send those he has appointed for this work and for wisdom on our part to discern, call, and help provide.

VIII. Regional coordination among the EPC across the south for future church planting strategy and plans. The south is booming in population and gospel needs

Addendum 6

Resurrection Report
January 17th, 2022
resurrectionchatt.org

Sunday Morning's
The overall vibe at Resurrection has been really good. It has been encouraging for me. We are seeing new people come every Sunday, we've had 13 people in the last 2 months say "Resurrection is our church home", our staff is stronger than ever, giving has remained positive, and people are communing with Christ and his church. In early Dec. of 2021 we had the privileged of baptizing a mom and her son (2 years old) together. Video of the moment can be found on our Instagram page. She (the mom) didn't grow up in church, never baptized and asked me one day "how do I become a part of Christ's Church?"to which I responded "what do you know about baptism?" A month later we offered her this gift of Grace and welcomed her and her son to the family of God. We have work to do still, we always will, but I am very thankful for the grace and mercy of our people and the trust that they have placed in me as their pastor. I remain thankful to the presbytery (Southeast), our supporting churches, and our commission for their love and support of Resurrection church.

Community Groups:
3 Groups will start again on February 6th

- East Ridge meets once a month (Ryan & Erin VanHorn leaders)
- Signal Mountain meets once a month (Jonathan & Lindsay Mauney leaders)
- St. Elmo meets bi-weekly (Jim & Emily Owens leaders)

Men's Fellowship:
Beginning January 23rd men will gather at 6:30am at the church for morning prayer (Book of Common Prayer) and to study Ray Cannata's book "Rooted" which is a line by line study through the Apostle's Creed. Our goal for this is not just more information but for Men to connect, pray, and deepen their relationship with Jesus and each other. It is co-led by Jonathan Mauney and Ryan VanHorn

Cultivate Class:
Our Values at Resurrection are Worship, Community, CULTIVATE, Presence. The Cultivate piece of the vision is simple, love and devotion to/for Jesus and His church doesn't come naturally to sinful hearts it has to be Cultivated.

- Starting February 27th we are offering an in depth study on Sunday mornings at 9am that will seek to answer the question "What is Liturgy?" We are seeing a lot of people that are drawn to and appreciate our Liturgy but don't fully understand why we do what we do. I'm really excited about this class. Should last 6 to 8 weeks.

- This is the foundation of our study will begin and end with this truth; "Liturgy is God's gift before it is a human response. It is not something we construct according to our own ideas and preferences. Liturgy is the story of the Gospel rehearsed over and over again. It is about the activity of God through Christ to His Beloved people. It reminds us that God always moves toward us first. In the Liturgy God turns to us, and we receive what He generously gives, especially the central mystery of our union with Him through Jesus Christ."

Rezkids: Erin (wife) has been overseeing/leading our children's church ministry since June 2021.
• This involves scheduling all volunteers, "check in" center, choosing the curriculum, background checks, training etc. and she is going to a great job and I am not being bias.
• She is a volunteer leader and I am grateful to her for work in this vital ministry. Our kids program is the running more efficiently than ever with more kids coming than we have ever had.

ADDENDUM 7

DISBURSEMENTS	TOTAL	Budget 2021
Benevolences		
EPC Gen Assembly	10,500.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	11,385.98	
OFFICERS		
St. Clerk Travel	5,533.55	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	2,010.57	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	0.00	3,000.00
Commisssions	0.00	1,000.00
Gen Oper	6,109.14	6,000.00
Webmaster	1,552.08	1,500.00
Web Maint.	476.34	1,500.00
Leadershp	1,200.00	2,500.00
St Clerk Salary	47,595.24	47,595.24
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	23,546.76	23,546.76
PSE Tax Liability	6,697.01	6,697.01
Other (Audit etc.)	3,500.00	3,500.00
Ministerial Care		
Travel	1,923.40	2,000.00
Backgr cks	84.95	300.00
Administrator	0.00	-
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	458.38	4,000.00
Misc	0.00	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
Travel & meals	78.40	500.00
Mission Partner	12,000.00	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	149.90	100.00
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	722.24	1,500.00
Sustentation	10,000.00	12,000.00
Misc.	0.00	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	0.00	75.00
Travel	-	250.00
TOTAL	145,523.94	149,364.01

Presbytery of Southeast RECEIPTS 2021	2021Received	Proj 2028 Rec	2021 Faith Commitme	Project 2028
All Souls	-			
Project 2028		-		
Bethany Pres	820.00			
Project 2028		-		
Brainerd Pres	2,604.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028		-		
Buck Hill Pres	700.00			
Project 2028		-		
Cedar Springs	20,000.04		20,000.00	
Project 2028		16,000.00		16,000.00
Central Pres, Hyden KY	640.00		640.00	
Project 2028		-		
ChristChurch (CCP)	9,780.00		9,780.00	
Project 2028		6,000.00		6,000.00
Church of the Redeemer	1,800.00		1,800.00	
Project 2028		6,000.00		6,000.00
Community Evangelistic	-			
Project 2028		-		
Cornerstone	650.00		600.00	
Project 2028		-		
Covenant Pres, Rome	680.00			
Project 2028		2,500.00		
Crosswalk Community Churc	800.00			
Project 2028		-		
Eastminster	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Project 2028		-		
Faith Pres, McDonough GA	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Project 2028		7,800.00		1,800.00
Farner	-		720.00	
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Rome)	16,040.00		16,040.00	
Project 2028		10,000.00		10,000.00
First Pres (Thomasville)	12,940.00		12,940.00	
Project 2028		10,000.00		10,000.00
First Pres (Stanton)	-			
Project 2028		-		
Grace Pres (Franklin)	999.96		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Greenbriar	1,160.00		1,160.00	
Project 2028		-		
Hope Fellowship	1,250.00			
Project 2028		-		
Lookout Valley	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028		-		
Mars Hill	5,880.00		5,880.00	
Project 2028		2,760.00		2,760.00
Murphy	-		660.00	
Project 2028		-		
New Beginning	-		480.00	
Project 2028		-		
New Hope	2,100.00		2,100.00	
Project 2028		-		
New Life Gathering	4,000.00			
Project 2028		-		
Parkway	3,500.00			
Project 2028		-		
Plumtree	-		1,180.00	
Project 2028		-		
Providence	500.00		100.00	
Project 2028				
Resurrection Chattanooga	-			
Project 2028		-		
Signal Mountain	36,000.00		36,000.00	
Project 2028		6,000.00		6,000.00
Trinity Grace	355.00		700.00	
Project 2028		-		
Trion	800.00		800.00	
Project 2028		-		
Valleybrook	1,008.00		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Wilson Station	640.00			
Project 2028		-		
Wooton Presbyterian	1,403.00			
Project 2028		-		
Other				
Project 2028		17,963.00		
Individual Offerings	9,538.00			
Other receipts, transfers or r	21,324.16			
TO	164,812.16	85,023.00	122,880.00	58,560.00
Designated Funds				
Court Attendance	10,300.18			
Church Health & Growth	10,972.19			
Engage 2025	-			
Special Fund	-			
Total Designated Funds	21,272.37			-
Operating Savings	130,008.82			
Project 2028 Savings	50,003.37			

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
Commisssions	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	49,023.12
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	23,313.55	24,253.20
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	162,089.32