

116th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Southeast
May 6-7, 2022
Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN

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

“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, MAY 6, 2022

116-01 CALL TO ORDER with prayer at 3:00 PM by Moderator TE Jeff Chadwick

Candidate Landon Paul of Cedar Springs Church led commissioners in a worshipful singing of “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand.”

WELCOME – Moderator Chadwick welcomed commissioners to Presbytery and called on TE Margaret Ferguson to open the meeting with a devotional and prayer. She read and expounded on the text of Colossians 3:1 and then led the Presbytery in prayer.

116-02 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 – After consulting with the Stated Clerk, the Moderator declared a quorum was present. Those recorded present for the meeting include 41 Teaching Elders and 55 Ruling Elders along with 4 Candidates for ministry and 35 Observers.

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

CHURCHTEACHING ELDERRULING ELDERS PRESENT

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

All Souls Fellowship
Decatur, GASteven Good
Mike St. DenisChet Berge
Paul HummelBethany Church
Kingsport, TNDaniel Cheevers
Lesley CheeversDeanne Kitson
Cheryl WexlerBrainerd Church
Chattanooga, TN

Dane Deatherage

Buck Hill Church
Newland, NC

Jim Hoilman

Unexcused

Cedar Springs Church
Knoxville, TNAlan Edick
Clay Harrington
Andrew Keasling
Mark SteimerTom Reesor
Tim RutherfordCentral Church
Hyden, KYMerle Caudill CP
William JohnsonChristChurch
Dalton, GAEric Geil
Matt ChristianBob Bethel
Clay Dykes
Palmer Griffin
Steve SandersChurch of Redeemer
Maryville, TNDavid Strunk
Ben RuyackCommunity Evangelistic
Knoxville, TN

Buddy Sexton

Michael Hurston
Reginald Strong CPCornerstone Church
Franklin, NC

Tommy Jordan

Jonathan Hodges

Crosswalk Church
Knoxville, TN

Ryan Randolph

John Carson
Courtney ScollardEastminster Church
Knoxville, TN

Sean White

Mark Hastings

Faith Church
McDonough, GA

John Cleveland

Steve Norton

Farner Church
Farner, TN

Pulpit Vacant

Jim Parmer
Keith Williamson

First Church Rome, GA	Bill Pardue Ken Chivers Jonathan Schwartz Jimmy Latham		Alan Storey
First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters		Dee Robbins
First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston		Debbie Goodman John Hungerford Mike Jones
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope		Don Dewhurst
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY	Pulpit Vacant		
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA			Matthew Everhart, CP Unexcused
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Grady Davidson	Excused	
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris	Excused	
Murphy Church Murphy, NC	Christopher Flick	Excused	Grace Frederick
New Beginning Spring City, TN			Nancy Hood CP Wayne Hood CP Howard Knechtel Ron McCabe
New Hope Church Kingsport,			Scott Glover
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson		Bob Bird Austin Lance
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Jay Miller		Charles Kicker Nanette Kicker
Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridge CP
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer		
Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn		

Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Andy Cornett Paul Manuel Joey Sherrard	Excused	Don Drumm Julie Foreman Bruce Novkov Diane Mizell Jarrell Reeves
Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Excused	Norma Billingsley Kathy Traylor
Trion Church Trion, GA	Bill Flannagan	Excused	
Valleybrook Church Hixson, TN	Tracy Edwards		Ben Brychta Art Johnson
Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN	Pulpit Vacant		Ronnie Ables Dianne Constant Linda Garcia
Wooten Presbyterian EPC Wooten, KY			Greg Whitaker CP, Excused
EVANGELISTS JOHNSON, Will MANLEY, Chris WOODWORTH, Steven		Excused	
ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL ARAUJO, Aparecido BUSH, Daniel HODGE, Robert HOLMES, Rick FERGUSON, Margaret GREGORY, Mark LOONEY, Charles ROGERS, Tim THOMAS, Michael WILSON, Kevin		Unexcused Unexcused Unexcused Unexcused Present Present Unexcused Unexcused Unexcused Unexcused	
ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS KILGORE, Jim LAWRY, Scott MACERE, John PINCKNEY, Dan REESE, Julian ROBINSON, Chris THALOS, Adel – Transitional		Unexcused Excused Unexcused Present Present Excused Unexcused	
ACTIVE – RETIRED Jeff Chadwick		Present	

William Dudley, Stated Clerk	Present
Keith Gallagher	Present
Bill Swafford	Excused
Tom Warren	Present

CANDIDATES

Jennifer Agan
 Alan Hawkins
 Mason Leaf
 Johnny Long
 Landon Paul
 Esme Teal

OBSERVERS

Becky Ables	Wilson Station Presbyterian
Joseph Agan	Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Steven Arnt	Valleybrook Presbyterian
Clay Barnett	First Presbyterian Rome
Margie Brychta	Valleybrook Presbyterian
Carolyn Carso	Crosswalk Community Church
Joe Carvajal	St. Giles, Presbytery of Central Carolinas
Sara Cleveland	Faith Presbyterian
Breanna Crump	Renovation Atlanta
Leonce Crump	Renovation Atlanta
Cindy Dykes	Christchurch Presbyterian
Cindy Edwards	Valleybrook Presbyterian
Rusty Frederick	Murphy Presbyterian
Brenda Garcia	Wilson Station Presbyterian
Brian Garcia	Wilson Station Presbyterian
Wallace Goodman	First Presbyterian Thomasville
Dana Hall	Cedar Springs Presbyterian
Kathy Hastings	Eastminster Presbyterian
Melinda Hawkins	Faith Presbyterian
Harry T. Jones	First Presbyterian Thomasville
Matt Koehn	Church Planting Resident
Callie Latham	First Presbyterian Rome
Lucy Long	Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Hanna Randolph	Crosswalk Community Church
Joe Rutherford	Cedar Springs Presbyterian
Harry Mair	Trinity Church Manchester, UK
Sean McKelvey	World Outreach Team
Debbie Parmer	Farner Presbyterian
Carolyn Rider	Wilson Station Presbyterian
Caleb Sanders	First Presbyterian Rome
Grant Shaffer	Resurrection Chattanooga
Michael Watson	Resurrection Chattanooga
Dean Weaver	EPC Stated Clerk
Debra Williamson	Farner Presbyterian
Tyler Wilson	First Presbyterian Thomasville

116-03 PRESENTATION OF DOCKET - The docket was presented with the following Orders of the Day:

5:00 PM Prayer Ministry
5:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Evening Worship

MOTION To adopt the docket Seconded APPROVED

116-04 INTRODUCTIONS – Moderator Chadwick on behalf of Presbytery welcomed guests, first-time Commissioners, and other EPC Teaching Elders. Special recognition was given to General Assembly Stated Clerk, TE Dean Weaver, who attended the weekend meeting.

MOTION To give Assembly Stated Clerk, Dean Weaver, privilege of the Floor Seconded APPROVED

116-05 WELCOME extended to the court by the Host Church’s Associate Pastor, TE Andrew Keasling

116-06 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the 115th Meeting were presented in written form.

MOTION To approve the minutes Seconded APPROVED

116-07 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE/THANKS

Moderator Chadwick appointed TE Ken Chivers and RE Alan Storey from First Church, Rome, GA to serve as the Committee on Thanks.

116-08 PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – RE Bruce Novkov, Past-Moderator
Opening prayer was given by RE Novkov

1. INFORMATION – The Council approved the 2022 Committee memberships as stated in ADDENDUM 1

2. MOTION – To amend the Presbytery By-Laws and Operational Guidelines by separating from the Ministerial Committee assignments the matter of CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY as a separate permanent committee of the Presbytery effective January 1, 2023. Vote required is 2/3 of those present.

MOTION To approve the motion Seconded APPROVED

3. MOTION – To separate from the Ministerial Committee assignments the matter of COMMISSIONED PASTORS and to establish such as a separate permanent committee of the Presbytery effective January 1, 2023. Vote required is 2/3 of those present.

MOTION To approve the motion Seconded APPROVED

The following items are amendments which require two readings: the First Reading at this meeting and in written form. The Second Reading is to be at the October 2022, meeting with a potential vote to come after the Second Reading.

4. FIRST READING - The Candidates for Ministry Committee would be defined as in
ADDENDUM 2
Vote required is 2/3 of those present following the Second Reading.
5. FIRST READING - The Commissioned Pastor Committee would be defined as in
ADDENDUM 3
Vote required is 2/3 of those present following the Second Reading.
6. FIRST READING – To approve amendment to the By-Laws for new STAFFING
PATTERN of Presbytery Committees
ADDENDUM 4
Vote required is 2/3 of those present following the Second Reading.
7. FIRST READING – To approve amendment to the By-Laws – Article VII.C.1.d by
adding the following wording for TERM LIMITS:

A member may serve a one-year unexpired term and then up to two additional three year terms on the same committee. In no case will a member serve more than seven consecutive years on a committee.

Vote required is 2/3 of those present following the Second Reading.

8. FIRST READING – To approve amendment to the By-Laws to include Article VII-C.6 regarding the REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:
If a member of a committee becomes inactive on the committee, his membership moved to the inactive roll of the local church, moves his membership from any EPC church in the Presbytery of the Southeast (or from the Presbytery in the case of a TE), is a distraction to the work of the committee or has a moral failure, that elder should be counseled by the chairman and/or members of Council to resign if appropriate. If that member does not resign, then he can be relieved of committee duties by majority vote of the Council and a vacancy declared. The Council may appoint a member to the committee once a vacancy is declared. If a committee member is a Teaching Elder and meets a criteria above, the Ministerial Care Committee shall be represented in the counseling and deliberations.

Vote required is 2/3 of those present following the Second Reading.

With edits in other areas of the By-Laws that are applicable, including being applicable to the Chairman of a committee.

NOTE – The By-Laws currently provide for the removal of office of a committee member that rises to the level of the Book of Discipline infractions (Article V.A.2) The addition of “removal from office” guidelines as proposed could be implemented for committees for concerns not rising to the level of Book of Discipline issues.

9. FIRST READING – To approve amendment to the By-Laws to include a provision to allow for CO-CHAIRS OF A COMMITTEE, including voice and vote in Council meetings. This practice has been working well with the Ministerial Care Committee in recent years:

Article VII.D.5

Upon recommendation by Council and approved by the Presbytery a committee may appoint co-chairmen. This may be done in the best interest of the efficiency of the work of a committee. Duties should be defined between the co-chairmen so that all responsibilities of a committee are executed in a responsible manner. Co-chairmen will be members of the committee. Co-chairmen of a committee will be members of the Presbytery Council with rights of a chairman afforded to each.

Vote required is 2/3 of those present following the Second Reading.

With edits in other areas of the By-Laws that are applicable.

Commissioners may provide feedback, request clarifications, or suggest edits to these proposed By-Law amendments in writing to the Council through the Stated Clerk no later than July 1, 2022.

10. MOTION – To appoint a study committee to develop guidelines for SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION policy with the study committee to include two Trustees and study committee to be appointed by Presbytery Council.

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

11. MOTION – To approve the Presbytery participating in the General Assembly Church Health mission, including the identifying of a Church Health Coordinator for Presbytery of the Southeast.

The Presbytery Coordinator position is funded by the General Assembly in the amount of \$12,500 annually for two years.

Church Health coaches would be recruited to work with local congregations. The ministry is focused in three areas: evangelism, church health, and Transitional Pastors.

Council will recruit the Church Health Coordinator from our Presbytery.

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

12. MOTION – For Presbytery to transfer the following memberships from Covenant Church in Rome, Georgia (now dissolved) to the listed Churches:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Carol) Greissing to First Presbyterian Church of Rome, GA
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Niederhuth to Trion Presbyterian Church of Trion, GA.
Ms. Sherri Whorton Davis to Sumach Cumberland Presbyterian Church,
Chatsworth, GA

MOTION To approve the Transfers Seconded APPROVED

116-09 CHURCH HEALTH AND GROWTH COMMITTEE – RE Palmer Griffin, Chairman
The Chairman opened his report with prayer.

RE Griffin referenced and commented on their committee’s printed report highlighting the grants available to churches by this committee at ADDENDUM 5

116-10 CHURCH PLANTING AND RECEIVING COMMITTEE – TE Eric Geil, Chairman
TE Geil prayed prior to making the following report:

1. INFORMATION – Our committee remains in communication with the PCUSA congregation who has expressed interest in entering the EPC. We have made one visit and met with their congregation at the request of their committee and Session and with the PCUSA presbytery being informed by them of our visit. We were represented by our chairman, our Stated Clerk and three Ruling Elders from First Church, Thomasville, GA.
2. INFORMATION – Providence Church, Hazelwood, NC requested a transfer of their membership from the Presbytery of the Southeast to the Presbytery of Central Carolina, a new presbytery being formed in the sub-dividing of the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic. This new presbytery is within miles of the Providence Church location. Our leadership is in communication with the General Assembly office discussing the process for boundary identification and other churches which might request the same. The new Presbytery of Central Carolina has not constituted for receiving any congregations. Our report and recommendation will be presented to Presbytery at our October meeting.

116-11 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue, Chairman
The Chairman began his committee report with prayer.

1. EXAMINATION – CANDIDATE UNDER CARE: Clay Barnett

Home Church – First Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA

Membership for more than six months – Yes (over two years)

Endorsement of Session – Yes

Educational Credentials

Reinhardt University 2015-2017
Atlanta, GA

Luther Rice College/Seminary 2017-2020 BA degree – Biblical Theology
Atlanta, GA

Seminary

Reformed Theological Seminary 2020 – anticipated graduation 2023
Atlanta, GA

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 Candidate were presented by the Moderator

MOTION – To approve the examination of and reception of Clay Barnett as a Candidate for Ministry of the Presbytery of the Southeast EPC

Seconded

APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving was given by Pastor Ken Chivers of First Church, Rome, GA

Charge was presented the Candidate by Pastor Jonathan Schwartz of First Church, Rome, GA

Advisor to the Candidate to be appointed by Ministerial Care Committee.

116-12

REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – TE Keith Gallagher, Chairman
The Chairman prayed before presenting his report.

1. REPORT – The report of the review of Session minutes was presented as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1. All Souls Fellowship PC	Approved with Comments
2. Bethany PC	Approved with Comments
3. Brainerd PC	Approved with Notations
4. Buck Hill PC	<i>(Not Submitted)</i>
5. Cedar Springs PC	Approved with Comments
6. Central PC	Approved with Notations
7. Christ Church PC	Approved with Comments

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

- 116-18 ORDER OF THE DAY: PRAYER MINISTRY led by TE Toby Pope
- 116-19 ORDER OF THE DAY: DINNER
120 persons were served dinner with only 102 reservations being given. Commendation was due to the outstanding provisions made by Cedar Springs Church.
- 116-20 ORDER OF THE DAY: EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE was held in the church's Sanctuary with GA Stated Clerk, TE Dean Weaver, preaching. The Sacrament of Communion was celebrated following the sermon by TE Ryan Randolph of the Crosswalk Church in Knoxville.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

- 116-21 PRESBYTERY RECONVENED at 8:30 AM as Moderator TE Chadwick called the court to order. He called on RE Dianne Constant of Wilson Station Church in Englewood, TN for the morning Scripture, devotional, and prayer.
- 116-22 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue

Introduction of Callie Latham as new Assistant for Ministerial Care Committee was made by TE Pardue.
- 1 EXAMINATION – COMMISSIONED PASTOR: RE Alan Hawkins
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| Home Church | Faith Presbyterian Church, McDonough, GA | |
| Calling Church | Wilson Station Presbyterian Church, Englewood, TN | |
| Educational Credentials | | |
| | DeKalb Technical College
Atlanta, GA | 1981-1982 |
| Seminary | Metro Atlanta Seminary
Atlanta, GA | 2018-2021 |
| Candidate | Presbytery of the Southeast | |
| Employment | Mechanical Engineer – The Coca-Cola Company | |

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*

Questions regarding Commissioned Pastors were presented to Alan by the Moderator

Commissioning Question

MOTION – To sustain the examination and receive RE Alan Hawkins as a Commissioned Pastor of the Presbytery of the Southeast

MOTION To approve Secended APPROVED

Terms of Call

MOTION – To approve the terms of call for Alan Hawkins as Commissioned Pastor as presented to the Ministerial Care Committee by the Session of Wilson Station Church.

MOTION To approve Secended APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving – RE Dianne Constant
Wilson Station Church, Englewood, TN

Charge RE/CP Merle Caudill
Central Church, Hyden, KY

Teaching Elder Mentor TE Keith Gallagher
New Beginning, Spring City, TN

2. EXAMINATION – COMMISSIONED PASTOR: RE Jonathan Hodges

Home Church Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC

Educational Credentials

Mobile College 1989-1992 BS degree
Mobile, AL

Seminary

Georgia School of Ministry 2014-2017 Certificate/Ministry
Atlanta, GA

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*

Questions regarding Commissioned Pastors were presented to Alan by the Moderator

Commissioning Question

MOTION – To approve Jonathan Hodges as a Commissioned Pastor with the Presbytery of the Southeast and with Presbytery appointing Ministerial Care Committee to serve as an Administrative Commission to act in appointing Jonathan to a congregation in the near future according to the specifications and assignments in the Book of Order. (Process approved by TE Jerry lamurri, GA Assistant Stated Clerk)

MOTION	To approve	Seconded	APPROVED
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Prayer of Thanksgiving -	TE Tommy Jordan Cornerstone Church, Franklin, NC
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Teaching Elder Mentor	TE Tommy Jordan
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3. PASTOR EMERITUS

MOTION – To approve the request of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN to name their former pastor, TE John Wood, as Pastor Emeritus of their congregation.

TE John Wood served as pastor of the Cedar Springs congregation for over 28 years.

BOOK OF ORDER – GOVERNMENT 15-3

When any Teaching Elder shall terminate a pastorate because of age or incapacity, and the congregation is moved by affection and gratitude to continue an association in an honorary relationship, it may, at a regularly called congregational meeting, elect the Teaching Elder as Pastor Emeritus, with or without honorarium, but with no pastoral authority or duty. This action shall be taken only after consultation with the Ministerial Committee of the Presbytery concerning the wisdom of this relationship for the peace of the church. This action will be subject to the approval of the Presbytery and shall take effect upon the approval of the Presbytery.

MOTION	To approve	Seconded	APPROVED
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4. WAIVE ‘UNDER CARE’ REQUIREMENT

MOTION – To concur with Candidate for Ministry, Matt Koehn, in waiving the one-year “under care” requirement.

This action is approved by the Ministerial Care Committee and commended to the Presbytery for approval. Motion must receive a 2/3 vote of Presbytery.

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

5. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOTION – To receive the Minutes of the Commission to Install TE John Cleveland as Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, McDonough, GA and to dismiss the Commission with thanks.

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

6. EXCUSED ABSENCES

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

RE Gary Buchanan, Moderator-Elect
Andy Cornett
Grady Davidson
Bill Dudley (early departure Saturday for family)
Bill Flannagan
Christopher Flick
Eric Geil (Saturday only for church funeral)
RE Palmer Griffin (Saturday only for church funeral)
Bryant Harris
Tully Hunter
Scott Lawry
Chris Robinson
Steven Woodworth

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

116-23 EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – TE Jeff Chadwick

1. REPORT – VISION CASTING: EPC World Outreach Unreached Peoples’ Focus – Indonesia by EPC Global Worker Sean M. RE Johnny Long presented new World Outreach document to be presented at 2022 General Assembly.
2. UPDATE – EPC World Outreach Missions Advocate and Missionary Prayer Coordinator: TE Phil Thrash
3. INFORMATION – “Connecting with Your Muslim Neighbors Workshop (On-line) Tuesdays, September 6, 2022 (day after Labor Day) continuing until October 11, 2022.
Cost: \$30 (Scholarships available through Evangelism and Outreach Committee)

116-24 OLD BUSINESS

No business was presented

116-25 NEW BUSINESS

No business was presented

116-26 COMMITTEE ON THANKS – TE Ken Chivers and RE Alan Storey

ADDENDUM 7

1. MOTION – To adopt the Resolution of Thanks

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

116-27 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting

MOTION To approve Seconded APPROVED

CLOSING PRAYER was given by RE Bruce Novkov, Chairman of Presbytery Council


NEXT MEETINGS

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

117th Stated Meeting
September 30 – October 1, 2022
First Church – Rome, GA



William Dudley, Stated Clerk



Jeff Chadwick, Moderator

ADDENDUM 1

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 Evang, 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 Julie Foreman (1)
Signal Mountain Church, TN

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 Retired

TE Jeff Chadwick (2)**

TE Chris Flick (2)
Murphy Church, Murphy, NC

RE

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

RE Alan Hawkins (2)
Faith Church, McDonough, GA

RE Palmer Griffin (1)**
ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

RE Mike Jones (2)
First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE Jarrell Reeves (1)
Signal Mountain Church, TN

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) New Hope Church, Kingsport, TN	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
RE Thomas Goode (1) Community Evang, Knoxville, TN	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	Evangelist – without call
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

AMENDMENT TO THE PRESBYTERY BY-LAWS
PERMANENT COMMITTEE – Candidates Committee

- 1. This committee advances the Presbytery responsibility of receiving, nurturing, and guiding Candidates for Ministry within the Presbytery.
- 2. The committee consists of the Chairman and five members.
There shall be two Teaching Elders and four Ruling Elders.
 - a. The committee shall be divided into three classes with two classes having one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder and one class having two Ruling Elders.

One class shall be selected at each October meeting of Presbytery for a term of 3 calendar years that begins the following January 1st.

A second term of 3 years may be permitted for any member, after which one year must elapse before the member can be selected to serve on this or any other permanent committee.

- 3. Committee duties: Reference – Operational Guidelines: Article VII – D

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ADDITION TO OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES OF PRESBYTERY
PERMANENT COMMITTEE – Candidates Committee
Reference – By-Laws: Article K

- 1. The duties of the committee are:
 - a. Responsible for all matters related to Candidates for Ministry within the Presbytery, including, but not limited to:
 - communicating with the Session of the Candidate’s home church to receive written Session Endorsement of the Candidate,
 - providing counsel with the Candidate in the selection of a reformed seminary and reviewing and educating the candidate on minimum EPC Educational Requirements for Ordination,
 - examining the Candidate on his/her call to ministry and preparing him/her for presentation and examination before Presbytery to come under care,

appointing a Teaching Elder-Advisor from the Presbytery for each candidate, with the stipulation that the Advisor will be from a congregation other than the Candidate's home church,

facilitating annual Advisor reporting for each candidate,

coordinate with the Ministerial Vocation Committee (MVC) to arrange a CEEP (Candidate's Educational Equivalency Program) interview, when necessary,

Coordinate with the MVC concerning its recommended additional courses of study for CEEP candidates, as necessary,

Provide oversight for completion of additional courses of study for CEEP candidates, as necessary,

nurturing and encouraging Candidates and their families,

providing pastoral counsel,

maintaining communications with the home church of the Candidate regarding the Candidate's progress in seminary and the church's communication and personal support,

reviewing the progress of the Candidate in seminary, including a review of the academic record at seminary and other considerations measuring the preparedness of the candidate,

providing understanding of ordination and the call process as the Candidate approaches the conclusion of seminary course work.

- b. Encourage candidates to attend Presbytery meetings and events and to provide one Presbytery meeting of each year when candidates are hosted by this committee and presented at the Presbytery meeting.
- c. Facilitate ordination exams for candidates and communicate with the presbytery issuing a call to a candidate as to ordination exams and the receiving of the candidate for examination.

ADDENDUM 3

AMENDMENT TO PRESBYTERY BY-LAWS PERMANENT COMMITTEE – Commissioned Pastor Committee

1. This committee advances the Presbytery responsibility of receiving, training, nurturing, and guiding Commissioned Pastors within the Presbytery.
2. The committee consists of the Chairman and five members, with a minimum of two members being Commissioned Pastors. In the event two CP members are not available, the two positions will be filled by Ruling Elders.

There shall be two Teaching Elders and four Ruling Elders, with two being Commissioned Pastors.

- a. The committee shall be divided into three classes with two classes having one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder and one class having two Ruling Elders. A minimum of two Ruling Elders are to be Commissioned Pastors. One class shall be selected at each October meeting of Presbytery for a term of 3 calendar years that begins the following January 1st. A second term of 3 years may be permitted for any member, after which one year must elapse before the member can be selected to serve on this or any other permanent committee.

3. Committee duties: Reference – Operational Guidelines: Article _____

**ADDITION TO THE OPERATION GUIDELINES OF THE PRESBYTERY
PERMANENT COMMITTEE – Commissioned Pastor Committee
Reference – By-Laws: Article L**

1. The duties of the committee are:
 - a. Responsible for all matters related to Commissioned Pastors within the Presbytery
 - b. Defining with Presbytery approval requirements for becoming a Commissioned Pastor
 - c. Developing a course study for Ruling Elders sensing a call as Commissioned Pastor and presenting the study and all requirements to Presbytery for approval
 - d. Enlisting Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders to teach the course study
 - e. Providing continuing education events and courses for all Commissioned Pastors of the Presbytery
 - f. Examining potential Commissioned Pastors and presenting the potential Commissioned Pastor for examination by Presbytery
 - g. Approving details of a call for a Commissioned Pastor, including financial compensation, specified vacation, and any related benefits and present such to Presbytery for approval
 - h. Communicating with the calling congregation for a service of installation
 - i. Ensuring that the committee's actions to fulfill all relevant requirements of, and are consistent with, the Book of Order
 - j. Ensuring that annual call is issued for Commissioned Pastors to submit a report of ministries and activities for the previous year; and taking appropriate action in response to any issues raised; and submitting these reports with the Stated Clerk for inclusion in the CP's file
 - k. Nominate to Presbytery Council Commissioned Pastors to serve on Presbytery committees
 - l. Coordinating with the Commissioned Pastor and the Session of the church wherein the CP has served for the dissolution of call and the reporting of such to Presbytery for approval

ADDENDUM 4

REVISIONS TO EXISTING PRESBYTERY BY-LAWS
Staffing Patterns for Presbytery Committees

- FOR: BY-LAWS Article VII
F. Church Health and Growth Committee
G. Church Planting and Receiving Committee
H. Evangelism and Outreach Committee
J. Review of Session Minutes Committee
(and proposed committees)
K. Committee on Candidates
L. Committee on Commissioned Pastors (wording specific to the staffing of this Committee with CPs into classes will be included in the final draft)

The committee consists of the Chairman and ~~8~~ 5 members.

The committee shall have ~~at least three~~ two Teaching Elders and ~~at least three~~ four Ruling Elders.

- a. The committee shall be divided into three classes of equal size with ~~at least~~ one Teaching Elder and ~~at least two~~ one Ruling Elder in each class.

One class shall be selected at each October meeting of Presbytery for a term of 3 calendar years that begins the following January 1st.

A second term of 3 years may be permitted for any member, after which one year must elapse before the member can be selected to serve on this or any other permanent committee.

A committee may enlist "Additional Support" as stipulated in Operational Guidelines – Article VII.G.

With edits in other areas of the By-Laws that are applicable.

- FOR: BY-LAWS Article VII.I – Ministerial Care Committee
The committee consists of the Chairman and ~~11~~ 9 members.
There shall be ~~six~~ five Teaching Elders and ~~six~~ five Ruling Elders.

- a. The committee shall be divided into three classes of ~~two Teaching Elders and Two Ruling Elders and~~

“maintained in such a way as to ensure that the differences between the number of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders on the Committee shall never be greater than one” (Book of Government 21-2-A).

One class shall be selected at each October meeting of Presbytery for a term of 3 calendar years that begins the following January 1st.

A second term of 3 years may be permitted for any member, after which one year must elapse before the member can be selected to serve on this or any other permanent committee.

A committee may enlist “Additional Support” as stipulated in Operational Guidelines – Article VII.G.

With edits in other areas of the By-Laws that are applicable.

ADDENDUM 5

Church Health and Growth Committee Report 116th Stated Meeting Presbytery of the Southeast May 6, 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), Jarrell Reeves (Signal Mountain- Signal Mt, TN) Palmer Griffin (ChristChurch-Dalton, GA)

We appreciate RE Jarrell Reeves joining with RE Alan Hawkins and TE Alan Edick 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 a few days after the meeting 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. The publication is designed to be shared with church officers and the congregation if so desired.

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

-Funds are available for financial grants to local churches. 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 short narrative provided to the Committee on a form.

ADDENDUM 6

DISBURSEMENTS	TOTAL	Budget 2022
EPC Gen Assembly & Benevol	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	-	5,000.00
OFFICERS		
St. Clerk Travel	-	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	46.80	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	-	3,000.00
Commissions	290.66	1,000.00
Gen Oper	959.96	6,000.00
Webmaster	-	1,500.00
Web Maintenance	-	1,500.00
Leadershp	-	2,500.00
St Clerk Salary	12,255.78	49,023.12
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	6,063.30	24,253.20
PSE Tax Liability	2,153.88	8,615.64
Other (Audit etc.)	-	3,500.00
Project 2020 transfer		
Ministerial Care		
Travel	280.34	2,000.00
Backgr cks	-	300.00
Administrator		-
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	390.65	4,000.00
Misc	-	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
Travel & meals	28.96	500.00
Mission Partner	-	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	83.40	100.00
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	-	1,500.00
Sustentation	-	12,000.00
Misc.	-	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	-	75.00
Travel	-	250.00
TOTAL	32,553.73	158,416.96

Presbytery of Southeast RECEIPTS 2022	2022 Operating Receiv'd	Proj 2028 Receiv'd	2022 Faith Commitment	Project 2028 Commitment
All Souls	3,000.00			
Project 2028		-		
Bethany Pres	-		820.00	
Project 2028		-		
Brainerd Pres	434.00		2,604.00	
Project 2028		-		
Buck Hill Pres	-			
Project 2028		-		
Cedar Springs	3,333.34		20,000.00	
Project 2028		-		16,000.00
Central Pres, Hyden KY	-		700.00	
Project 2028		-		500.00
ChristChurch (CCP)	2,525.01		10,100.00	
Project 2028		1,500.00		6,000.00
Church of the Redeemer	450.00		1,800.00	
Project 2028		1,000.00		6,000.00
Community Evangelistic	-			
Project 2028		-		
Cornerstone	141.00		560.00	
Project 2028		-		
Covenant Pres, Rome	-			
Project 2028		-		
Crosswalk Community Church	-		1,100.00	
Project 2028		-		
Eastminster	2,720.00		2,720.00	
Project 2028		-		
Faith Pres, McDonough GA	-			
Project 2028		450.00		
Farmer	-			
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Rome)	3,897.55			
Project 2028		2,500.00		
First Pres (Stanton)	-			
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Thomasville)	-		10,620.00	
Project 2028		-		
Grace Pres (Franklin)	249.99		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Greenbriar	-		1,460.00	
Project 2028		-		
Hope Fellowship	312.50		900.00	
Project 2028		-		500.00
Lookout Valley	600.00			
Project 2028		-		
Mars Hill	1,470.00			
Project 2028		690.00		
Murphy	400.00			
Project 2028		-		
New Beginning	380.00		380.00	
Project 2028		-		
New Hope	350.00			
Project 2028		120.00		
New Life Gathering	350.00		2,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Parkway			3,500.00	
Project 2028		-		
Plumtree			1,200.00	
Project 2028		-		
Providence			-	
Project 2028		-		
Resurrection Chattanooga			-	
Project 2028		-		
Signal Mountain			-	
Project 2028		-		
Trinity Grace			820.00	
Project 2028		-		
Trion			800.00	
Project 2028		-		
Valleybrook			1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Wilson Station			-	
Project 2028		-		
Wootton Presbyterian			700.00	
Project 2028		-		500.00
Other			-	
Project 2028		-		
Individual Offerings			-	
Other receipts, transfers or r			-	
TOTAL	20,613.39	6,260.00	64,784.00	29,500.00
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	130,010.67			
Project 2028 Savings	50,004.08			

Resolution of Thanks

Recognizing that every good and perfect gift is from above (James 1:16), we give thanks to our God for the chance to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ for this 116th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southeast.

We are thankful for the chance to pray together, sing together, hear God's Word, partake in the sacrament of Communion, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

We are thankful to God for the hospitality of the pastors, elders, and congregation of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church as our host church.

We thank God for the journey that you have put Clay Barnett on as he came under care of our Presbytery and for the call as Commission Pastors of Alan Hawkins and Jonathan Hughes.

We thank God for the Kingdom work of our Presbytery's Church planting teams as they reach new believers in our presbytery and our EPC World Outreach team of Global Workers as they reach the unreached people groups around the world and as they give us a vision for how our Presbytery can partner in this work.

We thank God for our time with our EPC Stated Clerk, Dean Weaver, who passionately reminded us of the Great Commission that drives our denomination.

We thank God for the leadership of our Presbytery in Bill Dudley, Diane Mizell, Moderator Jeff Chadwick, and the Presbytery Council.

Finally we thank God for His promise to be with us always as we head back to our communities.

Submitted by the Special Committee on Thanks, TE Ken Chivers and RE Alan Storey.

This concluded the report of the Special Committee on Thanks.