

**DOCKET - 117<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Presbytery of the Southeast**  
**September 30 – October 1, 2022**  
**First Presbyterian Church – Rome, 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/Chairman 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.*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

**117-01**      **CALL TO ORDER** was at 3:00 PM by Moderator TE Jeff Chadwick

TE Lesley Cheevers, Associate Pastor, shared with the Presbytery the latest update of court proceedings between their congregation, Bethany Church in Kingsport, TN and the PCUSA for title to Bethany's church property. The judge had ruled earlier in Bethany's favor, but the PCUSA has appealed the ruling. Following her update, she read from Psalm 16 and led the Presbytery in opening prayer.

**117-02**      **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** – The Stated Clerk announced to the Moderator that a quorum was present. Those recorded present for the meeting include 37 Teaching Elders and 51 Ruling Elders along with 3 Candidates for ministry and 34 Observers.

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	Excused	Rick Clark
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Daniel Cheevers Lesley Cheevers		
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN	Dane Deatherage		Clay Gardenhire
Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Unexcused	
Cedar Springs Church	Alan Edick Clay Harrington Andrew Keasling Mark Steimer		Geo Hall
Central Church Hyden, KY			Merle Caudill CP Carolyn Johnson William Johnson
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil Matt Christian	Excused	Ruth Lee Hair Nancy Hyatt Jack McPhillips Lamar Pierce Mary Ellen Pierce
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk Ben Ruyack		Rod Huckaby Donna Tipton Eleanore Womac
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton	Excused	Thomas Goode
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan		Jonathan Hodges
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Ryan Randolph		
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White		Mark Hastings
Faith Church McDonough, GA	John Cleveland	Excused	
Farner Church Farner, TN	Pulpit Vacant		Jim Parmer

First Church Rome, GA	Bill Pardue Ken Chivers Jonathan Schwartz Jimmy Latham		Paul Broock Rob Davis Mike Garrett Eddie Johnson Ross Johnson Dan Pate
First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters		Tim Dye Dee Robbins
First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston		Harry T. Jones Mike Jones Powell Jones Harry Vann
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope	Excused	
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY	Pulpit Supply		Les Nicholson Vickie Nicholson
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA			Matthew Everhart, CP Phil Talley
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Grady Davidson		Ken Fryar Keith Thompson
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris		
Murphy Church Murphy, NC	Pulpit vacant		Rhonda Adams Grace Frederick Sarah Thomas
New Beginning Spring City, TN			Nancy Hood CP Wayne Hood CP
New Hope Church Kingsport,			Scott Glover
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson	Unexcused	
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Jay Miller	Unexcused	Charles Kicker
Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridgeo CP Unexcused
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer		
Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn	Excused	

Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Andy Cornett Paul Manuel Joey Sherrard	Excused  Excused	Julie Foreman Bruce Novkov Diane Mizell Jarrell Reeves Stokes Smith
Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Unexcused	Cathy Cutts Steve Rowe
Trion Church Trion, GA	Bill Flannagan	Excused	
Valleybrook Church Hixson, TN	Tracy Edwards		Ben Brychta Gary Buchanan
Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN			Alan Hawkins CP
Wooten Presbyterian EPC Wooten, KY			Greg Whitaker CP, Excused
EVANGELISTS			
JOHNSON, Will		Excused	
MACERE, John		Present	
MANLEY, Chris		Present	
WOODWORTH, Steven		Excused	
ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL			
ARAUJO, Aparecido		Unexcused	
BUSH, Daniel		Unexcused	
HODGE, Robert		Unexcused	
HOLMES, Rick		Unexcused	
LOONEY, Charles		Unexcused	
ROGERS, Tim		Present	
THOMAS, Michael		Unexcused	
WILSON, Kevin		Unexcused	
ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS			
KILGORE, Jim		Unexcused	
FERGUSON, Margaret		Present	
GREGORY, Mark		Present	
LAWRY, Scott		Present	
MACERE, John		Present	
PINCKNEY, Dan		Present	
REESE, Julian		Unexcused	
ROBINSON, Chris		Unexcused	
THALOS, Adel – Transitional		Unexcused	
ACTIVE – RETIRED			

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

CANDIDATES

Jennifer Agan  
 Matt Koehn  
 Johnny Long  
 Landon Paul  
 Esme Teel

OBSERVERS

Rhonda Adams	Murphy Presbyterian
Russ Adams	Murphy Presbyterian
Joseph Agan	Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Dave Bailey	First Presbyterian Donalsonville
Ginny Bailey	First Presbyterian Donalsonville
Clay Barnett	First Presbyterian Rome
Linda Boniface	Grace Presbyterian
Jonathan Bromhead	Cedar Springs
Joe Carvajal	St. Giles, Presbytery of Central Carolinas
Ann Caudill	Central Presbyterian
Billy Fain	First Presbyterian Donalsonville
Mike Ford	Cedar Springs Presbyterian
Rusty Frederick	Murphy Presbyterian
Dorothy Gartrell	Lookout Valley Presbyterian
Gordon Gartrell	Lookout Valley Presbyterian
Cindy Gelert	Murphy Presbyterian
Palmer Griffin	Christchurch Presbyterian
Dana Hall	Cedar Springs Presbyterian
Kathy Hastings	Eastminster Presbyterian
Melinda Hawkins	Wilson Station Presbyterian
Mike Jones	First Presbyterian Thomasville
Callie Latham	First Presbyterian Rome
Lucy Long	Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Debbie Parmer	Farner Presbyterian
Evan Potts	Brainerd Presbyterian
Dave Thomas	Murphy Presbyterian
Laura Thompson	Lookout Valley Presbyterian
Josh Walker	First Presbyterian Donalsonville
Kendra Walker	First Presbyterian Donalsonville
Jennifer Waters	First Presbyterian Stanton
Allison Wilson	First Presbyterian Thomasville
Tyler Wilson	First Presbyterian Thomasville

117-03 PRESENTATION OF DOCKET with Orders of the Day  
5:45 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Evening Worship

MOTION – To approve the docket with Orders of the Day as presented.

Seconded APPROVED

117-04 WELCOME to OUR GUESTS  
Ruling Elders attending for the first time were recognized, as were other visitors. Among the visitors was a delegation from the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Donalsonville, Georgia. Their Session has voted for departure from the PCUSA and their desire is to enter the EPC. TE Eric Geil, chairman of Church Planting and Receiving Committee, presented these visitors individually and had them to come to the front of the sanctuary for the Presbytery to pray over them.

117-05 WELCOME was extended to the court by the Host Church's Pastor, TE Bill Pardue

117-06 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented and distributed.  
Seconded APPROVED

117-07 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE/THANKS – The Moderator appointed the following to serve as the Committee on Thanks:  
TE Dane Deatherage – Brainerd Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN  
RE Palmer Griffin -- ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, GA

117-08 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue  
TE Pardue opened his report with prayer.

1. EXAMINATION for ORDINATION and INSTALLATION  
Candidate for Ministry – Tyler W. Wilson

Called by First Church, Thomasville, GA as Associate Pastor

Home Church – First Presbyterian Church EPC, Orlando, FL

Presbytery of Candidacy – Presbytery of Florida and Caribbean EPC  
Candidate for at least one year – (G-11-2H)

Education Credentials

University of Florida 2014-2017 Bachelor's Degree/Journalism

Seminary

Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL MDiv

## 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 were presented to the Candidate by the Moderator

Primary Assigned Responsibilities of Calling Church (G-10-5)

These were presented to Ministerial Committee by First Church, Thomasville and approved by the Committee.

The motion to approve the examination, as a whole, was presented on Saturday morning following Tyler's preaching. The following actions were taken pending his approval:

### TERMS OF CALL

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

### COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL

MOTION - To approve the following Commission to Ordain and Install Candidate Tyler W. Wilson as Teaching Elder and as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, Georgia on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM with guest TE Michael Glodo of Reformed Theological Seminary, and the PCA approved to preach.

TE Timothy Filston                      First Church, Thomasville, GA

TE Bill Dudley                            Pastor Emeritus, Signal Mountain Church, TN

RE Palmer Griffin                        ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, GA (Chairman)

RE Debbie Goodman                      First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE Mike Grimsley                      First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE John Hungerford                      First Church, Thomasville, GA

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was led by TE Jimmy Latham as elders and leaders from First Church, Thomasville gathered around Tyler.

2. EXAMINATION for ORDINATION and INSTALLATION

Candidate for Ministry – Matthew B. Koehn

Called by Presbytery of the Southeast as an Evangelist (Church Planter)

Home Church – Church of the Redeemer in Alcoa, TN

Presbytery of Candidacy – Presbytery of the Southeast

Candidate for at least one year – (G-11-2H)

Education Credentials

University of Georgia    1999-2003

BS -- Psychology

BA – Political Science

Seminary

Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA

Master of Arts/Theological Studies

Ordination Written Examinations

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

Questions from the floor were entertained on Matt's testimony and his discernment of call.

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

The chairman reported Matt stated in his word "reservations" but no exceptions to Westminster.



Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Ordination Questions from Book of Order were presented to the Candidate by the Moderator

The motion to approve the examination as a whole was presented on Saturday morning following Tyler's preaching at the Friday evening worship service . The following actions were taken pending his approval:

TERMS OF CALL

MOTION - To approve the terms of call as presented to the Ministerial Committee and agreed upon with the Presbytery of the Southeast.

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL

MOTION - To approve the following Commission to Ordain and Install Candidate Matthew B. Koehn as Teaching Elder and as Evangelist In the Presbytery of the Southeast on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

TE Andrew Keasling	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	(Chairman)
TE Tracy Edwards	Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN	
RE Rod Huckaby	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN	
RE Diane Mizell	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mtn, TN	
RE Donna Tipton	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN	
RE Eleanore Womac	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was offered by TE David Strunk.

117-09

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – TE Jeff Chadwick

The chairman opened his report with prayer and presented RE Johnny Long who will be serving in 2023 as co-chairman. RE Long presented portions of their report.

1. REPORT – TE Steve Woodworth

Steve Woodworth has served as Assistant Director of the EPC's International Theological Education Network for 10+ years, during which time he has made immeasurable contributions to the development and growth to maturity of ITEN. As this season of his ministry draws to a close, Steve presented a video as his final report to the Presbytery of the Southeast.

2. INDONESIA VISION TOUR TEAM

TE Edward Brouwer presented an informational report on plans for this mission trip.

Persons served on this mission team were commissioned by prayer led by the chairman, TE Chadwick.

3. EPC INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS IN UKRAINE  
A stirring video of EPC ministry in Ukraine was presented to the court.

117-10 CHURCH HEALTH AND GROWTH COMMITTEE – RE Palmer Griffin  
The chairman opened his report with prayer.

Report from the Church Health and Growth Committee is at ADDENDUM 1

As a part of the committee report, church members from Greenbriar Church in Manchester, Kentucky presented an oral report on their work following the disastrous flood in the region of their state. They prepared an illustrative video of the flood damage in certain communities and showed the work their church has been doing in rebuilding devastated homes.

Presbytery churches gave generous gifts for this ministry totaling \$140,530. Our smaller congregations were commended for their sacrificial gifts to the four Kentucky congregations working in flood relief.

Dedicated prayer was offered for the elders and members present at Presbytery from our EPC churches and their work for the Lord in caring for these communities and families who lost everything.

117-11 CHURCH PLANTING AND RECEIVING COMMITTEE – TE Eric Geil  
TE Eric Geil as chairman began his report with prayer.

1. INFORMATION – We are currently communicating with two churches who have expressed interest in the EPC. One church has completed successfully the first step for dismissal from their present denomination and are moving toward completion of that process. The second church is in the earliest phase of study and prayer. We express appreciation to several REs at First Church in Thomasville, GA for their joyful and significant relationship with these churches during this time of discernment.
2. PLANTING – We rejoice alongside Project 2028 Commission in celebrating Matt Koehn’s successful completion of his ordination exams. Pray for Matt and Tiffany as they seek God’s leading in planting an EPC church in the Atlanta area.
3. PRESBYTERY BOUNDARIES  
Our committee has been in communication with Central Carolina Presbytery (one of the new presbyteries formed from the division of Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic) and with the General Assembly regarding possible boundary changes which would allow a church of our presbytery in close proximity to Asheville, NC to align with Central

Carolina rather than POSE. This will require both our presbytery and Central Carolina to agree on an overture to the Assembly, followed by a vote of the Assembly to allow this change. We will present more detailed information at our February Presbytery meeting. Pray with us for clarity and good communication on this matter.

117-12

REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – TE Keith Gallagher  
The committee chairman opened his report with prayer.

1. REPORT – The report of the review of Session minutes is 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. ChristChurch PC	Approved with Comments
8. Church of the Redeemer	Approved with Notations
9. Community Evangelistic, EPC	Approved with Comments
10. Cornerstone PC	Approved with Comments
11. Covenant PC	Approved with Comments
12. Crosswalk Community Church	Approved with Notations
13. Eastminster PC	Approved with Comments
14. Faith PC, EPC	Approved with Comments
15. Farner PC	Approved with Notations
16. First PC, Rome GA	Approved with Comments
17. First PC, Stanton KY	Approved with Notations
18. First PC, Thomasville, GA	Approved with Comments
19. Grace PC	Approved with Comments
20. Greenbriar PC, EPC	Approved with Comments
21. Hope Fellowship, EPC	Approved with Notations
22. Lookout Valley PC	Approved with Comments
23. Mars Hill PC	Approved with Comments
24. Murphy PC	Approved with Notations
25. New Beginning PC	Approved with Comments
26. New Hope PC	<i>(Not Submitted)</i>
27. New Life Gathering	Approved with Notations
28. Parkway Presbyterian, EPC	Approved with Comments
29. Plumtree PC	Approved with Notations
30. Providence Church	Approved with Notations
31. Signal Mountain PC	Approved with Comments
32. Trinity Evangelical PC	Approved with Notations
33. Trion PC	Approved with Notations
34. Valleybrook PC	Approved with Notations
35. Wilson Station PC	Approved with Notations

117-13 REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell  
The Treasurer opened her report with prayer.

1. MOTION – To receive the following Financial report:

Presbytery has four bank accounts and two designated funds.

August 31, 2022 Balances are:

Operating Checking balance	235,073.29
Operating Savings	130,017.46
Designated Funds	
CH&G	-10,972.19
Church Courts Attending Scholarships	-10,395.18
Special – Kentucky Flood Relief	-124,665.00
TOTAL OPERATING	219,058.38
Project 2028 Account	131,547.87
Project 2028 Savings	50,006.68
TOTAL ASSETS	400,612.93

2. INFORMATION – The first reading of the proposed 2023 Presbytery Budget was presented. Questions were entertained; there were none. ADDENDUM 7

117-14 ORDER OF THE DAY: DINNER  
A bountiful dinner was served by members of First Church, Rome.

117-15 ORDER OF THE DAY: EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE was held in the church’s historic Sanctuary with Candidate Matthew Koehn preaching the evening sermon from Luke 1:67-80. The Sacrament of Communion was celebrated following the sermon by TE Bill Pardue, host pastor, and Elders of First Church, Rome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

117-16 PRESBYTERY RECONVENED at 8:30 AM Saturday morning as Moderator TE Chadwick called the court to order. He reported that the offering at Friday evening's service had been designated for flood ministry in Kentucky. The offering was \$1,027.

He called on Candidate Tyler Wilson to preach for our morning worship.

Candidate Tyler Wilson preached from I Kings 17 and led the Presbytery in opening prayer for the Saturday morning session.

117-17 EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – TE Jeff Chadwick  
Chairman Jeff Chadwick opened their committee presentation for Saturday with prayer.

1. INFORMATION – Committee Report ADDENDUM 2
2. VISION CASTING: International Business as Mission (IBAM)  
RE Harry Jones, committee member and elder at First Church, Thomasville, GA, made an informative and challenging presentation on the mission of Christian business internationally.

117-18 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue and TE Grady Davidson  
TE Pardue began this portion of their report and examinations with prayer.

1. EXAMINATION for ORDINATION and INSTALLATION  
Candidate for Ministry – Tyler W. Wilson  
Called as Associate Pastor of First Church, Thomasville, GA

MOTION – To sustain the examination for ordination as a whole for Tyler W. Wilson, including the preaching of The Word, and to receive him as a Teaching Elder In the EPC and as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast pending his ordination and installation.

2. EXAMINATION for ORDINATION and INSTALLATION  
Candidate for Ministry – Matthew B. Koehn  
Called by Presbytery of the Southeast as an Evangelist (Church Planter)

MOTION – To sustain the examination for ordination as a whole, including the preaching of The Word, and receive Matthew B. Koehn as Teaching Elder In the EPC and as a member of the Presbytery of the Southeast and Evangelist pending his Ordination and installation.

3. EXAMINATION – CANDIDATE UNDER CARE: Matthew Everhart  
Home Church – Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA

Membership for more than six months – Yes

Endorsement of Session – Yes

Educational Credentials

Berean School of the Bible      2007-2008      Ministry credentials

Seminary

Heartland Seminary (CEEP Candidate) EPC

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 were entertained from the floor

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

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving – RE Phil Talley from Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA prayed for Matthew.

Charge – TE Grady Davidson charged Matthew with texts from Jeremiah

Advisor appointed was Matt Koehn

4. PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP DISSOLUTION

MOTION – To approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Chris Flick and Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, NC in response to the congregational action and request.

Seconded

APPROVED

5. DISMISSALS

MOTION to dismiss the following Teaching Elders:

TE Stephen Woodworth from Evangelist - Missionary (EPC World Outreach) to Georgia Foothills Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America as Assistant Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, GA.

TE Chris Flick from Pastor of Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, NC to Second Presbytery, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church as Pastor of Hopewell ARP, Covington, GA.

Seconded

APPROVED

6. CHANGES OF CALL – To Labor Outside Bounds

These Teaching Elders are in communication with changes in call:

TE Margaret Ferguson is now serving as Chaplain at Alexian Village, Signal Mountain, TN

TE Mark Gregory is now Chaplain/Bible Teacher at The McCallie School, Chattanooga, TN

7. EXCUSED ABSENCES

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

Scott Bowen	Jay Miller	Greg Whitaker CP
Matt Christian	Toby Pope	
John Cleveland	Joey Sherrard	
Tully Hunter	Mike St. Denis	
Will Johnson	Calvin (Buddy) Sexton	

Seconded

APPROVED

8. EXAMINATION from ANOTHER REFORMED BODY

TE D. Gordon Gartrell to be examined as Teaching Elder – Retired

PRESBYTERY

Presbytery of Western Kentucky, Presbyterian Church USA

CHURCH ATTENDING

Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church, EPC, Chattanooga, TN

MINISTRY

Pastor	1980-1990
Missionary to Brazil, PCUSA	1990-2020

EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS

Montreat College, Montreat, NC	1972-1974	Associate Degree
Gordon College, Wenham, MASS	1974-1976	BA – History

SEMINARY

Reformed Theological Seminary – Jackson, MS	1976-1980	MDiv
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Training as Supply Pastor

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:





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)  
Exception declared was WCF 21.8 regarding sabbath and recreation  
The exception was declared acceptable to the court.

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Installation Questions from Book of Order were presented to the Candidate by the Moderator

MOTION – To sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE Jonathan Bromhead as a Teaching Elder and member of the Presbytery of the Southeast pending his Installation as Assistant Pastor

Seconded APPROVED

TERMS OF CALL

MOTION – To approve the terms of call as agreed upon by the Ministerial Committee and Cedar Springs Church.

Seconded APPROVED

COMMISSION TO INSTALL

MOTION – To approve the following Commission to Install TE Jonathan Bromhead as Assistant Pastor for Families and Youth at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN on October 16, 2022 at 6:30 PM with the following members of Presbytery serving:

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| TE Dave Strunk     | Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN     | Chairman |
| TE Andrew Keasling | Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN       |          |
| TE Ryan Randolph   | Crosswalk Community Church, Knoxville, TN |          |
| RE Dick Bennett    | Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN       |          |
| RE Geo Hall        | Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN       |          |
| RE Jim Odle        | Crosswalk Community Church, Knoxville, TN |          |
| RE Ken Rutherford  | Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN       |          |

RE Josh Schneider Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN

RE Greg McWhorter Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN

Seconded APPROVED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was offered for Jonathan by TE Andrew Keasling

10. EXAMINATION from ANOTHER REFORMED BODY

TE Michael A. Ford called as Assistant Pastor by Session of Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville

PRESBYTERY

Tennessee Valley Presbytery of Presbyterian Church in America

PREVIOUS MINISTRY

RUF Campus Minister at University of Tennessee

CALLED

Assistant Pastor of Young Adults at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN

Primary Assigned Responsibilities of Calling Church (G-10-5) were presented to the Ministerial Care Committee and approved

EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL	2005-2007	
University of Missouri, Columbia, MO	2007-2009	BA – Communications

SEMINARY

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO	2012-2015	MDiv
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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)  
Exceptions taken by Teaching Elder Ford were: (1) Chapter 21, Section 8 regarding defined activities of the Sabbath, including recreational; and

(2) Larger Catechism 109 regarding worship and images.  
These exceptions were declared acceptable to the court.

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC*

Installation Questions from Book of Order were presented by the Moderator

MOTION – To sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE Michael Ford as a Teaching Elder and member of the Presbytery of the Southeast pending his Installation as Assistant Pastor

Seconded APPROVED

TERMS OF CALL

MOTION – To approve the terms of call as agreed upon by the Ministerial Committee and Cedar Springs Church.

Seconded APPROVED

COMMISSION TO INSTALL

MOTION – To approve the following Commission to Install TE Michael Ford as Assistant Pastor for Young Adults at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN on October 16, 2022 at 6:30 PM with the following members of Presbytery serving:

TE Dave Strunk	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN	Chairman
TE Andrew Keasling	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	
TE Ryan Randolph	Crosswalk Community Church, Knoxville, TN	
RE Dick Bennett	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	
RE Geo Hall	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	
RE Jim Odle	Crosswalk Community Church, Knoxville, TN	
RE Ken Rutherford	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	
RE Josh Schneider	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	
RE Greg McWhorter	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN	

Seconded APPROVED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was offered for Teaching Elder Ford by Teaching Elder David Strunk

11. THANKS was expressed by chairman, TE Pardue, for TE Grady Davidson, who has

Co-chaired the Ministerial Committee for the past two terms. Pardue characterized Grady as one serving with a “full heart”. Amens within the Presbytery were audible in expression of thanks for Grady’s leadership

117-19

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – RE Bruce Novkov  
Ruling Elder Novkov prayed as he began his report.

INFORMATION - The following items were presented as amendments to the Presbytery By-Laws and Operating Guidelines. Such amendments required two readings: the First Reading was at the May Presbytery meeting and was presented in written form. The Second Reading was at this Presbytery meeting with a potential vote to come after the Second Reading.

The chairman of Council explained the items being voted upon and the process. He stated that he would present all the proposed amendments and the court would express their opinion in one vote – unless there was objection. No objection was expressed. The chairman also stated that the vote required is 2/3 of those present following the Second Reading.

1. SECOND READING - The Candidates for Ministry Committee would be defined as in  
ADDENDUM 3
2. SECOND READING - The Commissioned Pastor Committee would be defined as in  
ADDENDUM 4
3. SECOND READING – To approve amendment to the By-Laws for new STAFFING  
PATTERN of Presbytery Committees  
ADDENDUM 5
4. SECOND 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.

5. SECOND 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 rolle 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



8. SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY  
INFORMATION – Presbytery approved at the May Presbytery Meeting for Council to appoint a study committee to develop guidelines for SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION policy with the study committee to include at least two Trustees. The following persons have been appointed by Council for this special committee:  
RE Celeste Creswell, Chairman  
RE Jim Bethel, Trustee  
RE John Graham, Trustee  
Each of these have law degrees and professional experience in the formulation of such statements.

9. PARITY FOR 2023  
MOTION – To approve the Ratio Correction for TE/RE for 2023 by the following procedure: for the correction of disparity in 2023 of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, all churches in the Presbytery from All Souls Fellowship in Decatur, GA to Wooton Church EP in Wooton, KY are to be given one additional Ruling Elder Commissioner for each Presbytery meeting.

Seconded

APPROVED

10. GA CHURCH HEALTH COORDINATOR  
INFORMATION – Presbytery approved at the May Presbytery meeting participating in the General Assembly Church Health mission, including the identification of a Church Health Coordinator for Presbytery of the Southeast.  
Presbytery Council referred the identification of such Coordinator to the Evangelism and Outreach Committee (TE Jeff Chadwick, Chairman).

The Presbytery Coordinator position is funded partially 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.

11. NEXT GEN MEETING at General Assembly  
Ryan Cobb, Candidate for Ministry and on staff at ChristChurch, Dalton, GA and Camille Ward, staff member at Signal Mountain Church, TN, will represent the Presbytery at the NEXT GEN (Next Generation) meeting in Orlando this fall.

12. MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS – Covenant Church, Rome, GA  
MOTION – for Presbytery to transfer the following memberships from Covenant Church in Rome, Georgia (now dissolved):  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brumbelow (Pam)  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cassidy (Jan)  
Ms. Jane Palmer  
Ms. Ellen Freeman

to First Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA.

Seconded

APPROVED

13. MOTION – for Presbytery to appoint Council to act on its behalf in the transfer of church members of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA (dissolved) as requested by other Christian churches.

Seconded

APPROVED

EXPLANATION – Presbytery assumed the pastoral care and oversight of the church members of Covenant Church when the congregation was dissolved at their request in 2021. This oversight included the transfer of church memberships. Requests for transfer of memberships have come steadily in past months, but because Presbytery meets three times a year such transfers are not being processed for many weeks. Presbytery Council meets more frequently and can provide more speedy transfers. Council is willing to provide this pastoral care and administration.

14. PRESBYTERY HOST

MOTION – To accept with gratitude the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, GA to host Presbytery on February 3-4, 2023.

Council will strive to make the May Presbytery meeting a one-day meeting.

Seconded

APPROVED

15. COMMISSION FOR RESURRECTION CHATTANOOGA

MOTION – To accept the resignation of RE Brad Wier (Signal Mountain Church) from Presbytery's Administrative Commission for the church plant at Resurrection Chattanooga and to fill the two Ruling Elder vacancies on the Commission with

RE Scott Ferguson (Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN) and  
RE Piers van der Merwe (Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN).

Seconded

APPROVED

16. ELECTION OF STATED CLERK

Council Chairman Novkov requested the Stated Clerk and Treasurer to excuse themselves from this portion of the meeting.

MOTION – Council recommends Presbytery approve the nomination and election of Dr. Dudley, present Stated Clerk, for a third term.

Seconded

APPROVED

17. ELECTION OF TREASURER

MOTION – Council recommends Presbytery approve the nomination and election of RE Diane Mizell, present Treasurer, for a third term.

Seconded

APPROVED

The Stated Clerk and Treasurer returned to the meeting with Presbytery expressing their vote, encouragement, and thanks for these two servants of the court.

18. ELECTION OF PRESBYTERY TRUSTEE – Class of 2025

This nomination and election will be presented at the February meeting.

19. ELECTION OF 2024 PRESBYTERY MODERATOR-ELECT

On behalf of Presbytery Council, the Chairman placed the name of TE Margaret Ferguson as Moderator of Presbytery for the term of 2024.

Nominations from the floor were entertained. There were none.

MOTION – That Presbytery approve the nomination and election of TE Margaret Ferguson as Moderator.

Seconded APPROVED

20. ELECTION OF 2023 PRESBYTERY MODERATOR

MOTION - To elect Moderator-Elect RE Gary Buchanan (Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN) as the 2023 Moderator and that he be installed effective January 1, 2023.

Seconded APPROVED

Installation Service was conducted by Moderator TE Jeff Chadwick

117-20

PROJECT 2028 COMMISSION – TE Andy Cornett

An opening prayer to the report of Project 2028 was led by TE Cornett.

1. UPDATE REPORT was given about each church planter and details of the church plants.

TE Cornett also requested of all churches for Ruling Elders to serve on the Administrative Commission for Project 2028, as there are several RE vacancies.

2. MOTION – That Presbytery approve RE Matthew Everhart, Commissioned Pastor and Candidate for Ministry, as member of Project 2028 Commission.

Seconded APPROVED

117-22

REPORT OF STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley

The Stated Clerk opened his brief report with prayer.

- 1 General Assembly Review of Presbytery Minutes (Errata) ADDENDUM 6  
The Stated Clerk reviewed the corrections to the Presbytery Minutes as noted by the GA Review Committee.

MOTION – That Presbytery note these corrections, made such corrections as possible, and report the same to the GA Review Committee.

Seconded APPROVED

117-23

OLD BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk reported no Old Business was to be offered.



117-24 NEW BUSINESS  
The Stated Clerk reported no New Business was to be offered.

117-25 COMMITTEE ON THANKS – TE Dane Deatherage – RE Palmer Griffin  
TE Deatherage offered a detailed expression of thanks to the Host Church and staff, to the Presbytery leaders, and to the court in its attentiveness to a full docket.

1. MOTION – To adopt the Resolution of Thanks  
Seconded APPROVED

117-26 ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM.  
Seconded APPROVED

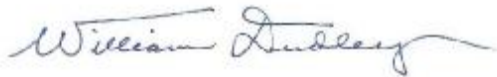
CLOSING PRAYER was led by Moderator-Elect Gary Buchanan

NEXT MEETINGS

118<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
February 3-4, 2023  
First Church – Thomasville, GA

119<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
May 5-6, 2023

120<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
October 6-7, 2023



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William Dudley, Stated Clerk



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Jeff Chadwick, Moderator

**Church Health and Growth Committee**  
**Report to the 117<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting Presbytery of the Southeast**  
 September 30-October 1, 2022

-An email was sent to each pastor/church that showed infant, child baptisms, adult Professions of Faith and gains in membership year-over-year 2020 to 2021 using the EPC Annual Church Report as the data source.

Across the Presbytery there were **130 Professions of Faith, 107 church/infant baptisms** and numerical growth documented. This is thanks to the fact that 100% of our Clerks of Session took in submitting their 2021 Annual Church Report in early 2022 with these and other requested data points.

**-Funds continue to be available for financial grants for health and growth initiatives in local churches.** Grant requests must be received, approved and paid before December 21, 2022.

-The Stated Clerk and the Chairman of CH&G have been in contact with a representative of each of our

**4 Kentucky churches subsequent to the flooding rains** on July 27-29<sup>th</sup>. We have ascertained there is no damage to any church physical plant nor loss of life of members and property but each knows of persons and property in the flooded areas that have been adversely effected, some very dramatically. Our churches are FPC-Stanton, northwest of the flooded areas; Central PC-Hyden, Greenbriar EPC- Manchester and Wooton EPC- Wooton all located west of the flooded areas.

The North Fork of the Kentucky River starts on the Cumberland Mountains in southeastern Kentucky, the Middle and South Forks start in other southeastern Kentucky counties and each runs northwestward to a merging point at Beatyville then into the Ohio River at Carrollton, KY. Each of the three branches rose to record breaking levels in some cases taking entire communities with the flood waters. More than thirty-five lives were lost.

**We are grateful for the prayers and the offerings received in our PoSE churches and have been sent to the Treasurer. The amount received to date is \$140,530 and is very generous and sufficient for us to undertake our committee work walking alongside each of the churches and supporting efforts financially. The avenue each church takes in providing relief is unique to that church and their manpower. To my information we have had PoSE churches to do physical work in the communities of Hazard and Oneida AND members of PoSE churches have worked in the flood zone thru Samaritan's Purse.**

Our committee priorities as we receive requests for funding are seeking the will of God, supporting the relief and rebuilding effort with prayer, being flexible and open minded in our review and approval of projects and being in this effort for the long term- after emergency agencies leave the region.

**CH&G does not foresee organizing work parties in the flood zones but will assist PoSE churches to find disaster relief agencies that are working in the flood zone whether our local churches in Kentucky or an organization such as Samaritan's Purse. Below is the Samaritan's Purse web address with the Kentucky Disaster Relief information. Scroll down to find the work centers in Floyd and Breathitt Counties. There is no cost to volunteer with Samaritan's Purse other than personal travel expense.**

**Website: [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org)**

**Get Involved tab**

**Volunteer tab**

**U.S. Disaster Relief**

**The phone number is on the bottom of the site pages: (828) 588-5711**

Evangelism and Outreach Committee Report  
to the Presbytery of the Southeast  
September 30 - October 1, 2022

1) Presbytery of the Southeast Engage 2025 Vision Tour to Indonesia:

Sent out by our Presbytery, we are excited to report that in late January, Lord willing, a team of five - seven people will head to Indonesia to "scout out the land" on our behalf, and then to bring back recommendation(s) to Presbytery about if/how they believe God might use us in focusing the energy, resources and prayers of our family of churches to reach this people/region with the gospel. They will be joined by veteran WO workers who have been involved in this region for many years, some of whom have an established Business as Mission platform which we will investigate replicating in another part of the country. They will also connect with Indonesian national church planters with whom we are already partnered through the existing work there.

As your partnership in this Vision Tour, we are asking that you set a reminder to pray every Tuesday sometime between 11 and 11:40 am. That is the same time that the Engage 2025 Home Team meets by Zoom to pray and to plan for this potential investment of the Presbytery of the Southeast. Better yet, if you'd like to join in that Zoom call, contact Edward Brouwer, E2025 Home Team Chairman at [edwardwilliambrouwer@gmail.com](mailto:edwardwilliambrouwer@gmail.com).

2) Evangelism and Global Missions "Point People" in Your Church:

Our committee needs your help to be able in coordinating with your church about evangelism and global missions opportunities and resources. Please be sure that you or someone from your church provides the names and contact information for the Evangelism and Global Missions point people in your congregation. Our goal is to build a network of leaders in our Presbytery that will more actively equip and engage us all in the Great Commission ministries of our churches locally and globally. Send that contact information as soon as you can to:

Johnny Long

Email: [jlong@signalpres.org](mailto:jlong@signalpres.org)

(In fact, since you just read this, why not go ahead and shoot that info to him right now?)

3) Evangelism Focus at February 2023 Presbytery Meeting:

Presbytery Council has asked our committee to partner with Grady Davidson and others to provide an Evangelism focus at our February 2023 meeting in Thomasville, GA. Details will be publicized as the meeting grows closer. For now, would you put a bug in the ear of your church's key leaders in the area of evangelism to plan to join us at the meeting on February 3 and 4, 2023?

4) Recommended World Outreach Resources:

As part of our commitment to stirring the hearts and minds of our churches to tangible investments with unreached peoples around the world, and in local evangelism among internationals God has placed within reach of our churches, the committee would like to make the Presbytery aware of the following resources:

A. EPC World Outreach KAIROS Project (currently on Zoom):

From beginning to end, the Scriptures call followers of Jesus to be actively engaged in "letting the nations be glad and sing for joy", ensuring that those we encounter every day, and those all over the globe, have someone near to them who knows and shares with them the Good News that is our steadfast and only hope.

KAIROS is an easily accessible means to help our people be passionate about and equipped to do just that. It's a course that helps transform worldviews so that the believer understands God's purpose for every cultural group in the world, including those that still have few or no churches and those whom God may have sovereignly placed in our own cities and neighborhoods. It's a nine-session course that utilizes a variety of learning methods and activities including devotional teaching, prayer for the least reached peoples, introductions to readings, video teachings, readings, worksheets, small group interaction, and special cultural activities.

The next Zoom cohort runs from January 26 – March 23, 2023. POSE Evangelism and Outreach Committee will reimburse the registration cost of \$80 for up to 3 people from any of our POSE churches. To register, or to get more information about KAIROS, go to [www.epcwo.org/kairos](http://www.epcwo.org/kairos).

B. EPC World Outreach "Connecting with Your Muslim Neighbor" Workshop:

"Connecting with Your Muslim Neighbor" is a six-week online workshop presented by EPC World Outreach. Each week you'll spend two hours with like-minded individuals, learning how to foster and create meaningful, ongoing relationships with Muslims in

y our communities or in nearby communities. This time includes training intentional discussion, and application.

To find out more about the workshop, go to [www.epcwo.org/woworkshop/](http://www.epcwo.org/woworkshop/)

The POSE Evangelism and Outreach Committee will cover the \$35 registration cost for anyone from the Presbytery that wants to participate. The next workshop dates are not yet announced. But, if you're interested in attending, contact Jeff Chadwick at [jeffchadwick308@gmail.com](mailto:jeffchadwick308@gmail.com) who will let you know as soon as dates are known.

ADDENDUM 3

AMENDMENT TO THE PRESBYTERY BY-LAWS

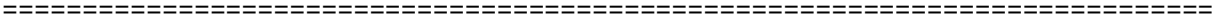
PERMANENT COMMITTEE – Candidates Committee

- 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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



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.



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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 6

### ERRATA of 2021 PRESBYTERY MINUTES (Notations and Corrections by the General Assembly's Committee on Review of Presbytery Minutes)

#### EXCEPTIONS

Recommend that the Minutes of the Southeast Presbytery be approved with the following  
EXCEPTIONS:

1. No assigned Advisor for Candidate Hannah Sikes Andresdes or for Candidate Alan Hawkins
2. No Duration of Call or primary duties for Assistant Pastor Ken Chivers or for Assistant Pastor James Latham (First Presbyterian Church, Rome, GA) or for Assistant Pastor Paul Manuel (Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, Signal Mountain, TN)
3. No Duration of Call shown for TE John Macere as Out-of-Bounds
4. Minutes shall report that the meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

The Review Committee will forward the following NOTATIONS REQUIRING RESPONSES to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Southeast Presbytery.

1. Churches whose Session Minutes were reviewed are not listed in the Minutes
2. TE Christopher Manley's Exceptions or lack of same were not noted or approved
3. Descriptive sentence was not included with Overture 20-A
4. There were churches that did not have a Teaching Elder listed in attendance. Assumption is that the pulpit is vacant. If so, this should be noted.

The Review Committee will forward the following NOTATIONS to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the Minutes of the Southeast Presbytery.

1. "Transfer" is not the correct term for the actions regarding TEs Adams, Minter, or Murrey.
2. TEs were noted as "absent" in the attendance report. Correct term is "unexcused".
3. REs attendance list of REs present includes candidates and observers. These must be listed separately.

Proposed 2023 Budget

ADDENDUM 7

	Budget 2022	Prps'd 2023 Budget
EPC Gen Assembly & Benev	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	5,000.00	3,000.00
<b>OFFICERS</b>		
St. Clerk Travel	6,000.00	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	3,000.00	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	3,000.00	1,000.00
Commissions	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gen Oper	6,000.00	6,000.00
Webmaster	1,500.00	1,500.00
Web Maintenance	1,500.00	800.00
Leadershp	2,500.00	1,000.00
St Clerk Salary	49,023.12	49,023.12
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	24,253.20	24,253.20
PSE Tax Liability	8,615.64	8,615.64
Other (Audit etc.)	3,500.00	3,900.00
Project 2020 transfer		
<b>Ministerial Care</b>		
Travel	2,000.00	1,200.00
Backgr cks	300.00	1,350.00
Administrator	-	2,000.00
<b>Church Planting/Receiving</b>		
Travel	4,000.00	2,000.00
Misc	300.00	300.00
<b>Evangelism/Outreach</b>		
Travel & meals	500.00	500.00
Mission Partner	12,000.00	10,000.00
Indonesia/Engage 2025	-	5,000.00
Evangelism Three Circles	-	1,000.00
Church Engagement & Promo materials	-	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
<b>Church Health/Growth</b>		
Travel	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sustentation	12,000.00	12,000.00
Misc.	500.00	500.00
<b>Records and Minutes Review</b>		
Office	75.00	75.00
Travel	250.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158,416.96</b>	<b>158,216.96</b>

	YTD 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	590.72	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	666.49	3,000.00
Commissions	290.66	1,000.00
Gen Oper	1,810.65	6,000.00
Webmaster	560.00	1,500.00
Web Maintenance	220.00	800.00
Leadershp	-	2,500.00
St Clerk Salary	32,682.08	49,023.12
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	16,168.80	24,253.20
PSE Tax Liability	5,742.73	8,615.64
Other (Audit etc.)	3,889.84	3,500.00
Project 2020 transfer		
Ministerial Care		
Travel	880.34	2,000.00
Backgr cks	30.20	300.00
Administrator	597.50	-
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	390.65	4,000.00
Misc	-	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
Travel & meals	254.94	500.00
Mission Partner	4,500.00	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79,359.00</b>	<b>157,716.96</b>



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	1,519.00		2,604.00	
Project 2028		-		
Buck Hill Pres				
Project 2028				
Cedar Springs	11,666.69		20,000.00	
Project 2028		16,000.00		16,000.00
Central Pres, Hyden KY			700.00	
Project 2028				500.00
ChristChurch (CCP)	6,733.36		10,100.00	
Project 2028		4,000.00		6,000.00
Church of the Redeemer	1,200.00		1,800.00	
Project 2028		4,000.00		6,000.00
Community Evangelistic				
Project 2028		-		
Cornerstone	327.00		560.00	
Project 2028		-		
Covenant Pres, Rome				
Project 2028		-		
Crosswalk Community Churc			1,100.00	
Project 2028		-		
Eastminster	2,720.00		2,720.00	
Project 2028		-		
Faith Pres, McDonough GA				
Project 2028		1,350.00		
Famer				
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Rome)	10,087.80		15,000.00	
Project 2028		2,500.00		
First Pres (Stanton)				
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Thomasville)	5,310.00		10,620.00	
Project 2028		-		
Grace Pres (Franklin)	583.31		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Greenbriar	730.00		1,460.00	
Project 2028		-		
Hope Fellowship	625.00		900.00	
Project 2028		1,200.00		500.00
Lookout Valley	1,200.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028		-		
Mars Hill	3,920.00		5,880.00	
Project 2028		1,840.00		2,760.00
Murphy	400.00			
Project 2028		-		
New Beginning	380.00		380.00	
Project 2028		-		
New Hope	1,400.00			
Project 2028		480.00		
New Life Gathering	1,400.00		2,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Parkway			3,500.00	
Project 2028		-		
Plumtree	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Project 2028		-		
Providence	500.00		500.00	
Project 2028		-		
Resurrection Chattanooga				
Project 2028		-		
Signal Mountain	18,000.00		36,000.00	
Project 2028		12,500.00		25,000.00
Trinity Grace	410.00		820.00	
Project 2028		-		
Trion	800.00		800.00	
Project 2028		-		
Valleybrook	672.00		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Wilson Station				
Project 2028		-		
Wootton Presbyterian			700.00	
Project 2028				500.00
Other	695.00		695.00	
Project 2028		13,134.84		
Individual Offerings				
Other receipts, transfers or r	117,965.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193,444.16</b>	<b>57,004.84</b>	<b>125,259.00</b>	<b>57,260.00</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>				
Court Attendance	10,395.18			
Church Health & Growth	10,972.19			
Engage 2025	-			
Special Fund	117,965.00			
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>139,332.37</b>			