

MINUTES - 118th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Southeast
February 3-4, 2023
First Presbyterian Church – Thomasville, Georgia

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

“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, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

118-01 CALL TO ORDER was at 3:00 PM by Moderator RE Gary Buchanan

Worship was opened with praise singing led by Bryan Watt and Bree Cunningham of the Worship Team of First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville.

RE Johnny Long of Signal Mountain Church was a member of the Presbytery Mission Team who recently returned from their mission work in Indonesia. The Prayer Ministry of this Presbytery meeting will be led by members of this mission team at intervals throughout the meeting.

RE Long read from Psalm 96 and shared perspectives on the Indonesia mission trip and led the Presbytery in opening prayer.

118-02 PARITY

Approved at Presbytery meeting of October 1, 2022: For the correction of Disparity in 2023 or Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, all Presbytery churches from AllSouls Fellowship, Decatur, GA to Wooten EPC, Wooten, KY are given one additional Ruling Elder commissioner for each Presbytery meeting.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – The Moderator confirmed with the Stated Clerk there was a quorum present to constitute the meeting.

The attendance record for this meeting was given by the Stated Clerk as follows: There were 33 Teaching Elders, 27 Ruling Elders and 37 Observers in attendance 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, GA	Steven Good Mike St. Denis	Excused	Rick Clark
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Daniel Cheevers Lesley Cheevers		
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN			
Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Unexcused	
Cedar Springs Church Knoxville, TN			
Central Church Hyden, KY			
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil Matt Christian		Celeste Creswell Gary Fleet Naomi Swanson
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk Ben Ruyack Matt Koehn	Unexcused	Eleanore Womack
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton	Excused	Thomas Goode
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan		
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Ryan Randolph	Unexcused	
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White		
Faith Church McDonough, GA	John Cleveland		Steve Norton
Farner Church Farner, TN			
First Church Rome, GA	Bill Pardue Ken Chivers Jonathan Schwartz Jimmy Latham		Eddie Johnson Tim Morgan
First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters		

First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston Tyler Wilson		Joe A. Davis, Jr. Doug Harrell Chris Hart Nelray Lilly Ben Lindquist
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope		
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY			
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA			Matthew Everhart, CP Excused
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Grady Davidson		Sherrie Ford Ken Fryar Keith Thompson
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris	Excused	
Murphy Church Murphy, NC			
New Beginning Spring City, TN			Nancy Hood CP Excused Wayne Hood CP Excused
New Hope Church Kingsport, TN			Scott Glover Excused
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson	Unexcused	
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Jay Miller		
Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridgeo CP
Providence Church Hazelwood, NC	Edward Brouwer	Excused	
Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn		
Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Andy Cornett Paul Manuel Joey Sherrard	Excused Excused	Tony Boals Bruce Novkov Carter Newbold Diane Mizell Frank Peele Jarrell Reeves
Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Unexcused	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 Unexcused
Wooten Presbyterian EPC Wooten, KY			Greg Whitaker CP, Excused

EVANGELISTS

JOHNSON, Will	Excused
MACERE, John	Present
MANLEY, Chris	Present

ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL

ARAUJO, Aparecido	Unexcused
BUSH, Daniel	Unexcused
HODGE, Robert	Unexcused
HOLMES, Rick	Unexcused
LOONEY, Charles	Unexcused
ROGERS, Tim	Unexcused
THOMAS, Michael	Unexcused
WILSON, Kevin	Unexcused

ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS

KILGORE, Jim	Unexcused
FERGUSON, Margaret	Present
GREGORY, Mark	Excused
LAWRY, Scott	Excused
MACERE, John	Present
PINCKNEY, Dan	Excused
REESE, Julian	Excused
ROBINSON, Chris	Excused
THALOS, Adel – Transitional	Unexcused

ACTIVE – RETIRED

Jeff Chadwick	Present
William Dudley, Stated Clerk	Present
Keith Gallagher	Present
Gordon Gartrell	Present
Tom Warren	Present

CANDIDATES

Johnny Long	Present
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OBSERVERS

Dave Bailey, FPC Donalsonville, PCUSA
Hunter Bailey, Central South Presbytery, EPC Church Planting Network
Mike Bixler, FPC Thomasville
Holly Bridgeo, Plumtree Presbyterian
Sara Cleveland, Faith Presbyterian
Patrick Coelho, EPC CFO
Becky Crane, FPC Thomasville
Billy Fain, FPC Donalsonville, PCUSA
Scott Ferguson, Resurrection Chattanooga
Jay Flowers, FPC Thomasville
Jim Ford, Lookout Valley
Julie Gardenhire, Brainerd Presbyterian
Trey Gardenhire, Brainerd Presbyterian
Bob Garment, EPC General Assembly
Dorothy Gartrell, Lookout Valley
Cindy Gelert, Murphy Presbyterian
Michael Godby, FPC Donalsonville, PCUSA
Debbie Goodman, FPC Thomasville
Jay Harvard, FPC Thomasville
Jim Hobby, House of Gladness, Thomasville, GA
Shari Hobby, House of Gladness, Thomasville, GA
Saul Huber, EPC World Outreach
Mike Jones, FPC Thomasville
Powell Jones, FPC Thomasville
Tiffany Koehn, Church of the Redeemer
Callie Latham, FPC Rome
Lucy Long, Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Terry Mizell, Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Caroline Newsome, Murphy Presbyterian
Susan Norton, Faith Presbyterian
Stacey Pardue, FPC Rome
Barby Reeves, Signal Mountain Presbyterian
Larry Swanson, Christchurch Presbyterian
Laura Thompson, Lookout Valley
Harry D. Vann, FPC Thomasville
Jennifer Waters, FPC Stanton

118-03 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 was
Seconded APPROVED

118-04 WELCOME to OUR GUESTS
Ruling Elders attending for the first time were recognized, as were other visitors.
Among the visitors were two members of the General Assembly staff:
TE Bob Garment, Chief Parliamentarian of the Assembly and Patrick Coelho,
Chief Financial Officer of the Assembly.

MOTION was made to grant privilege of the floor to these two brothers.
Seconded APPROVED

118-05 WELCOME was extended to the court by the Host Church through Associate
Pastor, Tyler Wilson.

118-06 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 117th Meeting
MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented and distributed.
Seconded APPROVED

118-07 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE/THANKS – The Moderator appointed the
following to serve as the Committee on Thanks:
TE Grady Davidson, Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN
RE Ken Fryar and RE Sherrie Ford of Lookout Valley Church

118-08 MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue
TE Pardue opened his report with prayer.

1. EXAMINATION – CANDIDATE UNDER CARE: Tom Morris (Trey) Gardenhire III
The chairman presented Trey Gardenhire, member of Brainerd Church in
Chattanooga, TN, for examination as a Candidate Under Care.

Trey was called to Brainerd Church in June, 2021 as Director of Spiritual
Foundation. With the pulpit at Brainerd presently vacant, Trey has served as Pulpit
Supply.

Membership for more than six months – Yes

Family
Trey is married to Dr. Julie Gardenhire who is professor of Marriage and
Family Therapy at Lee University in Cleveland, TN.

Endorsement of Session – Yes

Educational Credentials
Lee University Cleveland, TN 2009 BA degree

Seminary
Beeson Divinity School Birmingham, AL 2012 MDiv

Motive for seeking Ordination and call to ministry was shared by the proposed Candidate

Questions for Candidate (G.11-2C) – The Moderator presented the questions from the Book of Order; these were answered in the affirmative by the proposed Candidate.

MOTION – To approve Tom Morris (Trey) Gardenhire as a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery of the Southeast EPC following:
the endorsement of the Session of his home church,
the examination and recommendation of the Ministerial Care Committee, and
the examination before Presbytery,
including his affirmative response to questions presented from the Book of Order by the Moderator.

Seconded APPROVED

Prayer of Thanksgiving was offered by TE Tracy Edwards

Charge was given to the Candidate by TE Tracy Edwards

Advisor appointed by the Ministerial Committee was TE Jeff Chadwick

2. ANNUAL REPORTS OF TEs

The Ministerial Care Committee presents to the Presbytery the following Teaching Elders who have submitted Annual Reports to our committee for review and pastoral oversight:

Scott Bowen	Tracy Edwards	Matt Koehn
Ryan Bridgeo	Matt Everhart CP	James Latham
Edward Brouwer	Tim Filston	Scott Lawry
Merle Caudill CP	Steven Good	Toby Pope
Daniel Cheevers	Bryant Harris	Chris Robinson
Lesley Cheevers	Nancy Hood CP	Jonathan Schwartz
Ken Chivers	Wayne Hood CP	Ben Ruyack
John Cleveland	Tully Hunter	Buddy Sexton
Andy Cornett	Scott Jackson	Mark St. Denis
Grady Davidson	Tommy Jordan	Mark Steimer
Bill Dudley	Andrew Keasling	David Strunk
		Tyler Wilson

3. CHANGES IN CALL REPORTS OF TES

The Ministerial Care Committee presents to the Presbytery the following Teaching Elders who have submitted Changes in Terms of Call to our committee for review and approval:

Ryan Bridgeo CP	Bill Dudley	Scott Jackson
Edward Brouwer	Tracy Edwards	Tommy Jordan
Merle Caudill CP	Matt Everhart CP	Toby Pope
Daniel Cheevers	Tim Filston	Buddy Sexton
Lesley Cheevers	Eric Geil	Sean White
Grady Davidson	Wayne Hood CP	

4. EXCUSED ABSENCES REQUESTED

TE Mike Ford	RE Austin Lance
TE Steven Good	TE Landon Paul
TE Clay Harrington	TE Julian Reese
TE Bryant Harris	TE Chris Robinson

MOTION – That requests from those persons listed be excused from this meeting. Seconded APPROVED

5. RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESURRECTION CHATTANOOGA PLANT

Ministerial Committee recently learned that the two evangelists at the Presbytery church plant at Resurrection Chattanooga had not received contributions to their retirement benefits with the GA. The evangelist since the church plant began, TE Ryan Van Horn, has not received these benefits for the past six years. TE Mark Gregory, who has been an evangelist there for one year and is no longer at the church plant, has been without contributed benefits, for the year he served.

The Ministerial Committee has communicated with both evangelists and the Administrative Commission of this church plant to correct the omissions of the past years. The following two motions are presented in an effort to bring the obligated retirement contributions to date as quickly as possible.

MOTION – To resolve the retirement payments for TE Mark Gregory at Resurrection Chattanooga:

Ministerial Care Committee will confirm with Resurrection Administrative Commission the exact amount of retirement contribution for TE Mark Gregory for the period in which he served; and

Presbytery will contribute this amount to the General Assembly's retirement benefits with payment being made from balances of 2022 accounts, beginning with Ministerial Care Committee and including other committee surpluses as needed.

Seconded APPROVED

MOTION – That Resurrection Chattanooga Administrative Commission submit to the Ministerial Care Committee and the Stated Clerk a copy of minutes taken at each Commission meeting, including a monthly financial report.

This is to fulfill Book of Order 21-1-A
“A commission shall make a written report of its actions which shall then be inserted in the minutes of the appointing court and be regarded as the action of the court itself.”

Seconded APPROVED

118-09

PROJECT 2028 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – TE Andy Cornett
This report was begun with prayer by the chairman, TE Cornett.

1. ANNUAL REPORT

The chairman presented a report to the court of Project 2028 funds, expenditures, and projects online, as well as partnership updates. An informative handout was distributed to the court as an annual report.

2. HIGHLIGHTS of two church planters were presented to Presbytery: TE Matt Koehn and TE Chris Manley.

Matt spoke of the projected church plant in Smyrna, GA near the Atlanta Braves stadium in Cobb County. This church plant is known as “WaterStone Church”. Matt asked for prayer support, networking, and financial growth for this plant. Following Matt’s presentation there was a time of dedicated prayer for Matt and his family and WaterStone Church.

In similar form, Chris spoke of the unique church plant in Chattanooga, TN known as “Maranatha Fellowship”. Following his presentation, the Presbytery prayed for Chris, his family, and the future growth of Maranatha Fellowship.

118-10 REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – TE Keith Gallagher
The chairman opened his report with prayer.

INFORMATION – TE Gallagher presented for the churches at Presbytery the schedule and process for reviewing Session minutes.

118-11 PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – TE Jeff Chadwick
TE Chadwick prayed as he began his report.

1. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & TRUSTEE

MOTION - That Presbytery approve the following appointments:

RE Powell Jones – Trustee – Class of 2025

TE Joey Sherrard – Chairman/Candidates Committee – Class of 2025

TE Daniel Cheevers – Chairman/Commissioned Pastors Committee –
Class of 2025

Seconded APPROVED

2. STUDY COMMITTEE

MOTION – That Presbytery approve appointing the Stated Clerk and Council chairman to assemble a group of Presbytery leaders named by them to review the meetings and operations of Presbytery.

Seconded APPROVED

3. INFORMATION – Corporation papers were filed with the State of Georgia by RE Palmer Griffin and said papers have been returned to the Presbytery.

4. INFORMATION – The Moderator of the General Assembly, RE Rosemary Lukens, requested a visit to our Presbytery. Council has extended an invitation for her to attend and speak at our May meeting.

5. UPDATE – Church Health Coordinator position
This update report was presented to Presbytery by TE Chadwick.
The content of this report may be found on pages 225-228.

ADDENDUM 1

6. FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE OFFERING

Announcement was made that the offering from Friday evening's worship service would be directed to the General Assembly's request for Tornado Relief in Selma, Alabama through our EPC congregation there.

7. GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHT

TE Bob Garment, Chief Parliamentarian for General Assembly

Bob brought greetings from the General Assembly and explained his position and leadership in the GA. He invited churches and pastors to call for inquires and needs.

8. ANNUAL REVIEW PRESBYTERY STAFF

The committee chairman requested that Presbytery staff members excuse themselves from the meeting for this portion of his report.

MOTION – That the Presbytery approve a 9% salary increase for calendar year 2023 (retroactive to January 1, 2023) for Stated Clerk/ TE Bill Dudley and Assistant to the Stated Clerk RE Diane Mizell.

Seconded APPROVED

The Council chairman reported that the Council had conducted an Annual review of the Stated Clerk and was unanimous in their recommendation. The Presbytery vote was unanimous and *“the Presbytery was pleased that God has blessed the Presbytery with the resources to be able to both recognize the increased cost of living ... as well as to recognize the strong ministry among us.”*

118-12

REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell

Prayer was offered as the Treasurer began her report.

1. MOTION – To receive the following Financial report:

Presbytery has four bank accounts and two designated funds. December 31, 2022, balances are:

Operating Checking balance	232,146.73
Operating Savings	130,021.77
Designated Funds	
CH&G	-10,972.19
Church Courts Attending Scholarships	-10,395.18
Special – Kentucky Flood Relief	-131,302.90
TOTAL OPERATING	209,498.23
Project 2028 Account	108,153.42
Project 2028 Savings	50,008.44
TOTAL ASSETS	367,660.05

Seconded APPROVED

2. 2023 Budget

MOTION – To approve the 2023 Proposed Budget as presented in this second reading.

Budget presented on page 231.

ADDENDUM 2

Seconded APPROVED

3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHT – Patrick Coelho,
Chief Financial Officer for the Office of General Assembly

RE Mizell presented to the court Mr. Coelho, who addressed specifically the transition of churches from PMA (per member asking) to POI (percent of income). He stated the transition will take at least three years. The stunning point of his report was that 35% of EPC churches do not give to the GA.

118-13 INDONESIA REVISITED and BLESSING FOR DINNER
Lucy Long of Signal Mountain Church, TN shared insights of the mission trip to Indonesia and then prayed for the believers in that country and gave thanks for the Lord’s blessing for our evening dinner.

118-14 ORDER OF THE DAY: DINNER
The Presbytery was served a delicious evening supper by the people of the Thomasville Church.

118-15 ORDER OF THE DAY: EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
The music ministry of First Church, Thomasville offered glorifying, worshipful music by Bryan Watt and Bree Cunningham and the Sanctuary Choir. The choir sang a portion of Vivaldi’s “Gloria” which blessed richly the worshippers.

TE Jonathan Schwartz, Associate Pastor at First Church, Rome, GA, was a member of Presbytery’s Indonesia Mission Team and presented other highlights of their trip. He led in prayer for the witness for Christ in Indonesia and prayed for the community of Selma, AL as the evening offering was to be received. The amount of the offering totaled \$1,034.

Commissioned Pastor Ryan Bridgeo of Plumtree Presbyterian Church in Plumtree, NC was the preacher for the evening worship service. His Scripture text was Matthew 6:19-21 and his inspiring sermon was “My Treasure”.

Communion was celebrated by TE Tim Filston and the Elders of First Church, Thomasville.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

118-16 CALL TO ORDER – Moderator, RE Gary Buchanan
The Moderator called the court to order and presented Cindy Gelert from Murphy Presbyterian Church, Murphy, NC

As a member of the Presbytery Mission Team, Cindy shared personal highlights into Indonesia. She opened the Presbytery meeting with Scripture and morning prayer.

118-17 CHURCH HEALTH AND GROWTH COMMITTEE – TE Lucas Waters
TE Waters opened his report with prayer.

1. INFORMATION – Communication with the Kentucky Flood Relief through our Presbytery Kentucky churches will resume as winter thaws there.

RE Palmer Griffin will continue to serve as administrator of the Presbytery's Flood Relief Fund. The total of that fund to-date is \$131,302.90.

118-18 EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – TE Jeff Chadwick
RE Johnny Long opened their report with prayer as he concluded the prayer highlights for Indonesia.

1. WORLD OUTREACH MOBILIZATION COORDINATORS –

The committee chairman presented to the Presbytery new Mobilization Coordinators for EPC's World Outreach: Saul and Jesse Huber from Carbondale, Illinois.

Saul Huber addressed the court on their new call and the work before them.

118-19 CHURCH PLANTING AND RECEIVING COMMITTEE – TE Eric Geil
In the absence of the committee chairman, the report was presented by RE Powell Jones who offered an opening prayer.

1. UPDATE ON CHURCH IN TRANSITION – Church Planting and Receiving continues alongside First Presbyterian Church in Donalsonville, GA in their process of being dismissed from the PCUSA to the EPC

We also are in communication and prayerful support for another church in their earliest stages of discernment.

2. PRESBYTERY BOUNDARY

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 changes to the boundary which would allow two churches of our presbytery who are in close proximity to Asheville, NC to align with Central Carolina Presbytery rather than POSE. This required both our presbytery and Central Carolina to agree on an overture for this purpose to be presented to the General Assembly in June. Central Carolina Presbytery voted a week before our meeting to adopt the overture; their vote was unanimous.

MOTION – That the Presbytery of the Southeast approve the related ascending Overture found on page 232 ADDENDUM 3

Seconded
APPROVED with no dissenting vote

118-20 REPORT OF STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley
The Stated Clerk opened his report with prayer.

1. PASTORALS

TE Dudley shared pastoral concerns in the Presbytery:

RE Bob McEuen of Brainerd Church who is in treatment for a malignancy. Bob is a long-standing and faithful elder in the Presbytery

TE Steve Riser died December 15, 2022, and

RE John Perry of Brainerd Church died October 31, 2022. John served as Presbytery Treasurer for sixteen years and has been a significant figure throughout the years of the Presbytery.

Memorial tributes will be offered to them at the May meeting.

2. ANNUAL REPORT

The Stated Clerk called attention to the mailing from the General Assembly office regarding the 2022 Annual Report of each congregation. He encouraged each congregation to complete and have mailed their annual report by the designated deadline of February 28, 2023.

118-21 OLD BUSINESS
There was no Old Business offered.

118- 22 NEW BUSINESS
There was no New Business presented.

118-23 COMMITTEE ON THANKS – TE Grady Davidson
RE Ken Fryar and RE Sherrie Ford
of Lookout Valley Church, Chattanooga presented a Resolution of Thanks for the
meeting to be concluded. The resolution is on page 233. ADDENDUM 4

1. MOTION – To adopt the Resolution of Thanks

Seconded APPROVED

118-24 ADJOURNMENT
MOTION – To adjourn the meeting

Seconded APPROVED

CLOSING PRAYER was offered by the Moderator and the Moderator-Elect,
TE Margaret Ferguson

NEXT MEETINGS 119th Stated Meeting
May 5-6, 2023
Signal Mountain Church, TN

General Assembly – 43rd
June 20-22, 2023
Cherry Hills Community Church
Highlands Ranch (Denver), CO

120th Stated Meeting
October 6-7, 2023
Community Evangelistic Church, Knoxville, TN



William Dudley, Stated Clerk



Gary Buchanan, Moderator

Presbytery Church Health Coordinator –

Summary of Responsibilities and Expectations

General Summary:

With support and guidance from the EPC GA Church Health Director, the Presbytery Church Health Coordinator (PCHC) serves as the champion for church health, and fosters a culture within the presbytery that embraces intentional church health and vitality, specifically promoting and facilitating:

1. A process for church vitality and revitalization;
2. Transitional ministry and transitional pastor recruiting and training;
3. A process for every church/every member evangelism.

This will include regular and open communication with other presbytery coordinators and the Church Health Director and members of the Church Health Team for support and sharing best practices. At this time, GA will financially support the CHC position with up to \$12,500 annually.

Particular Responsibilities:

1. A process for church vitality and revitalization:

- 1) Learn and use as a guide the process presented in the “Transforming Our Churches – A Church Health Coordinator and Coaches Manual”.
- 2) Learn the “Church Vitality Seminar” material and present periodic seminars for churches. This seminar typically serves to introduce the church to revitalization and initiates the church to the revitalization process.
- 3) Identify and encourage TEs and REs who can serve as effective coaches within the presbytery’s churches who will come alongside churches going thru the revitalization process, helping them stick with it and contextualize the process to their setting and culture.
- 4) The manual and the seminar materials is provided by the Church Health Leadership Team

2. Transitional ministry and transitional pastor recruiting and training

- 1) Learn and use as a guide the “Transitional Pastor Training Manual” (developed and provided by the GA Church Health Leadership Team)
- 2) In conjunction with the presbytery Ministerial Committee, identify and encourage TEs who might develop into effective transitional pastors within the presbytery.
- 3) Arrange for training (based on the guidance and resources provided from the Church Health Director) of TE candidates for transitional ministry.
- 4) Assist in making effective connections between transitional pastors and churches in transition.
- 5) Provide ongoing support and encouragement for transitional pastors on assignment

3. The process for every church/every member evangelism

- 1) Encourage and assist churches in developing an intentional evangelistic initiative, utilizing as a primary resource (provided by the Church Health Leadership Team), Turing Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations, by Jimmy Scroggins.

CHURCH HEALTH COORDINATOR POSITION

Presbytery Update
February 3-4, 2023

1. Presbytery and Council Actions taken to Date:

A. Presbytery approved the following motion presented by Council at the May 2022 Presbytery Meeting:

MOTION 116-08 (11) – 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.

B. At its September Presbytery Council meeting, Council tasked the Evangelism and Outreach Committee to take action to implement the Presbytery approved motion, with report back to Council and Presbytery.

2. Progress toward implementing the above motions/actions:

On January 17, 2023, Council approved the following:

- Once identified, the Coordinator will be employed on a one-year trial basis during which time the Position Description provided by GA will be the working PD.
- During the trial period, the Coordinator will report to Presbytery Council through the Stated Clerk and Council Chairman and will work in coordination with the Chairmen of the Ministerial Committee (Transitional Pastors), Church Health and Growth Committee (Church Health) and Evangelism and Outreach Committee (Evangelism).
- As a part of the first year, the Council will work with the Coordinator to evaluate the benefits of the position and how/if the Position Description might be enhanced to have the strongest impact on Church Health in our Presbytery and keep Presbytery updated as to that evaluation.

- The Coordinator will be a Contract Employee (1099) paid by funds provided to Presbytery by the General Assembly with annual salary of \$12,000, plus potential supplement to that salary coming from Presbytery funds as approved by Council if it is deemed necessary.

- The Presbytery will provide funds for Coordinator and potential church health coach expenses to include travel, professional expenses, and administrative support as needed. Any funds provided by Presbytery will come from undesignated surplus funds for at least this first year.

3. Progress toward recruiting the Church Health Coordinator as tasked by Presbytery: A potential Church Health Coordinator has been identified and has been in conversation with Presbytery leadership and Bob Stauffer, Church Health Coordinator for the General Assembly. The candidate is currently seeking input and approval from their local church leadership and will attend a national gathering of Presbytery Church Health Coordinators next month for further clarification as to whether this is God's call. Whenever Council believes they have identified the person God is calling to this position, whether this person or another candidate, Council will present that candidate to Presbytery for affirmation by Presbytery.

If there are other individuals within the Presbytery who may want to be considered for this position, please contact Jeff Chadwick, Chair of Council and Co-Chair of Evangelism and Outreach.

**After this motion was approved by Presbytery, the General Assembly clarified that the amount they will provide is \$12,000 and may be provided up to three years.*

ADDENDUM 2

Presbytery of Southeast RECEIPTS 2022	2022 Operating Receiv'd	Proj 2028 Received	2022 Faith Commitment	Project 2028 Commitment
All Souls	3,000.00			
Project 2028		-		
Bethany Pres	820.00		820.00	
Project 2028		-		
Brainerd Pres	2,604.00		2,604.00	
Project 2028		-		
Buck Hill Pres	-			
Project 2028				
Cedar Springs	20,000.04		20,000.00	
Project 2028		16,000.00		16,000.00
Central Pres, Hyden KY	700.00		700.00	
Project 2028		500.00		500.00
ChristChurch (CCP)	10,100.04		10,100.00	
Project 2028		6,000.00		6,000.00
Church of the Redeemer	1,800.00		1,800.00	
Project 2028		6,000.00		6,000.00
Community Evangelistic	2,000.00			
Project 2028		-		
Cornerstone	513.00		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	2,000.00			
Project 2028		1,800.00		
Farner	-			
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Rome)	14,840.00		15,000.00	
Project 2028		2,500.00		
First Pres (Stanton)	-			
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Thomasville)	7,965.00		10,620.00	
Project 2028		-		
Grace Pres (Franklin)	1,083.29		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Greenbriar	1,095.00		1,460.00	
Project 2028		-		
Hope Fellowship	1,250.00		900.00	
Project 2028		1,200.00		500.00
Lookout Valley	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028		-		
Mars Hill	5,880.00		5,880.00	
Project 2028		2,760.00		2,760.00
Murphy	400.00			
Project 2028		-		
New Beginning	380.00		380.00	
Project 2028		-		
New Hope	2,100.00		2,100.00	
Project 2028		720.00		720.00
New Life Gathering	2,100.00		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	36,000.00		36,000.00	
Project 2028		25,000.00		25,000.00
Trinity Grace	615.00		820.00	
Project 2028		-		
Trion	800.00		800.00	
Project 2028		-		
Valleybrook	1,008.00		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Wilson Station	262.00		262.00	
Project 2028		-		
Wooton Presbyterian	-		700.00	
Project 2028				500.00
Other	695.00		695.00	
Project 2028		13,134.84		
Individual Offerings	-		-	
Other receipts, transfers or ref	146,557.24			
KY Flood Relief payout	(15,254.34)			
TOTAL	273,387.61	75,614.84	127,621.00	57,980.00

Designated Funds	
Court Attendance	10,395.18
Church Health & Growth	10,972.19
Engage 2025	-
Special Fund	131,302.90
Total Designated Funds	152,670.27
Operating Checking	232,146.73
Operating Savings	130,021.80
Total	362,168.53
Project 2028 Checking	108,853.42
Project 2028 Savings	50,008.44
Total	158,861.86

Operating Budget

	YTD TOTAL	Budget 2022
EPC Gen Assembly & Benevoler	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	3,474.88	5,000.00
OFFICERS		
St. Clerk Travel	6,240.98	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	1,548.82	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	927.29	3,000.00
Commissions	290.66	1,000.00
Gen Oper	7,121.89	6,000.00
Webmaster	1,032.50	1,500.00
Web Maintenance	509.86	800.00
Leadershp	1,184.18	2,500.00
St Clerk Salary	49,023.12	49,023.12
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	24,253.20	24,253.20
PSE Tax Liability	8,604.05	8,615.64
Other (Audit etc.)	3,889.84	3,500.00
Project 2028 transfer		
Ministerial Care		
Travel	880.34	2,000.00
Backgr cks	30.20	300.00
Administrator	1,588.75	-
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	1,250.13	4,000.00
Misc	-	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
Travel & meals	254.94	500.00
Mission Partner	12,000.00	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	83.40	100.00
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	601.78	1,500.00
Sustentation	12,500.00	12,000.00
Misc.	-	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	-	75.00
Travel	-	250.00
TOTAL	147,290.81	157,716.96

Proposed 2023 Budget

	Budget 2022	Prps'd 2023 Budget
EPC Gen Assembly & Benevo	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	5,000.00	3,000.00
OFFICERS		
St. Clerk Travel	6,000.00	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	3,000.00	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	3,000.00	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		
Ministerial Care		
Travel	2,000.00	1,200.00
Backgr cks	300.00	1,350.00
Administrator	-	2,000.00
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	4,000.00	2,000.00
Misc	300.00	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
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
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sustentation	12,000.00	12,000.00
Misc.	500.00	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	75.00	75.00
Travel	250.00	100.00
TOTAL	158,416.96	158,216.96

ADDENDUM 3

ASCENDING OVERTURE to the 43rd General Assembly

From: Presbytery of Central Carolinas
 Presbytery of the Southeast

We rejoice and give thanks to our God for the growth of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church namely in the Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic which in the past two years has arranged itself into three individual presbyteries to more intentionally address their ministry model to congregations and to greater ministry efforts. One of these three presbyteries created is that of Central Carolinas.

Among those attracted to the ministry model of Central Carolina and to their geographic location inclusive of western North Carolina are two congregations presently identified with the Presbytery of the Southeast:

Plumtree Presbyterian Church, Plumtree, North Carolina
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clyde, North Carolina

One of these two churches previously held membership in Mid-Atlantic Presbytery of the EPC in the early years of the denomination and was an active congregation in a similar geographic area as that of the present Central Carolinas; and

Because these two churches are within a short distance from the western boundary of Central Carolinas and could more readily access the greater portion of this new presbytery and could more easily participate and offer gifts and leadership; and

Because these two churches were not previously contacted concerning possible membership in the accessible Presbytery of Central Carolinas, and

Because these two churches have expressed a commitment to request the General Assembly include them as members of the newly-formed Presbytery of Central Carolinas;

We, therefore, as the Presbytery of Central Carolinas and the Presbytery of the Southeast, overture the 43rd General Assembly to realign the boundaries of the Presbyteries of the Southeast and Central Carolinas to move these two churches

Plumtree Presbyterian Church, Plumtree, North Carolina
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clyde, North Carolina

formerly in the Presbytery of the Southeast into the Presbytery of Central Carolinas.

Moderator – Presbytery of Central Carolinas
Don Kirkey

Moderator – Presbytery of Southeast
Gary Buchanan

Stated Clerk- Presbytery of Central Carolinas
Robert Howard

Stated Clerk – Presbytery of Southeast
William Dudley

ADDENDUM 4

Resolution of Thanks

Whereas the members and staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville Georgia welcomed the Commissioners and Observers of the Presbytery of the Southeast with most gracious and generous hospitality and cheerful love in Christ,

Whereas Presbytery Moderator Gary Buchanan and Stated Clerk Bill Dudley have faithfully shepherded us through the conducting of the business that came before this 118th meeting of the Presbytery of the Southeast,

Whereas the Presbytery Council, the Committees, and Commissions of Presbytery have presented their reports and brought their respective items of information, consideration and action before this court, bringing a candidate for ministry under the Presbytery's care and hearing the vision of emerging church planters,

Whereas the Presbytery of the Southeast has heard report of mission fields of least-reached peoples in Southeast Asia that are ripe unto harvest,

Whereas the Presbytery of the Southeast has had the joy of uniting as one body in the ministry of prayer; in the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with grace in our hearts; and in the ministry of the word and sacrament, being powerfully reminded that we are the treasure which Christ came to seek;

And whereas the hour has come for us each to slog through Atlanta, returning home to our congregations spread from the Ohio River to the Florida Georgia line, and from the mountains of western North Carolina to Lookout Valley in Tennessee, there to proclaim once again the matchless grace of Christ on the Lord's Day,

We do submit this resolution of thanks to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, to the Presbytery officers and committee members, and commissioners, and representatives of the General Assembly, and to all God's holy people who have faithfully participated in this 118th meeting of Presbytery, and above all to our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom alone be honor and praise and dominion and glory forever and ever, Amen.