

MINUTES - 119th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Southeast
Saturday, May 6, 2023
Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, Tennessee

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.

119-01 CALL TO ORDER and MORNING WORSHIP

The Presbytery was called to order by Moderator RE Gary Buchanan at 9:00 AM. After welcoming commissioners to Presbytery, he announced that an offering would be received during the Morning Worship service and was being directed to the support of the Presbytery’s new church plant (Water Stone) in Smyrna, Georgia plant by TE Matt Koehn.

The Moderator called on TE Bill Pardue for Ministerial Care Committee’s provision for Morning Worship led by Candidate for Ordination Mason Leaf from Cedar Springs Church in Knoxville.

MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue

Call to Worship
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Worship with Praise
Reading of Scripture – Matthew 9:35-38
Sermon – Candidate Mason Leaf
Prayer
Offering
Sacrament of Holy Communion – TE Scott Bowen & Signal Mountain Elders
Hymn
Closing Prayer

119-02 PARITY

Approved at Presbytery meeting of October 1, 2022: For the correction of Disparity in 2023 for Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, 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 Moderator confirmed with the Stated Clerk a quorum was present to constitute the meeting.

There were 36 Teaching Elders, 50 Ruling Elders and 28 Observers in attendance The Attendance record for this meeting was given by the Stated Clerk as follows:

CHURCH	TEACHING ELDER	RULING ELDERS PRESENT	
No designation by a name indicates the person was "Present"			
All Souls Fellowship Decatur, GA	Steven Good Mike St. Denis		
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Daniel Cheevers		
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN			Jerry Griswold Richard Wald
Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Unexcused	
Cedar Springs Church	Alan Edick Mark Ford Mark Steimer	Unexcused	
Central Church Hyden, KY			Merle Caudill CP
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil Matt Christian		Ruth Lee Hair Randy Pepper Mary Ellen Pierce Sarah Pierce Stephanie Reynolds
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk Ben Ruyack	Unexcused Excused	
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN	Buddy Sexton		Thomas Goode
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan		
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Ryan Randolph	Excused	Becky Baker Carolyn Carson
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White		Mark Hastings Bob Winter
Faith Church McDonough, GA	John Cleveland		

**Farner Church
Farner, TN**

Pulpit Vacant

**Ray Dean
Jim Parmer
Keith Williamson**

**First Church
Rome, GA**

**Bill Pardue
Ken Chivers
Jonathan Schwartz
Jimmy Latham**

**Dennis Darville
Greg Davidson
Sandy Hosea
Eddie Johnston**

**First Church
Stanton, KY**

Lucas Waters

**Laura Cockrell
Kristie Miller**

**First Church
Thomasville, GA**

**Tim Filston Excused
Tyler Wilson**

**Jay Flowers
Mike Jones
Harry Vann**

**Grace Church
Franklin, NC**

Toby Pope Unexcused

**Greenbriar Church
Manchester, KY**

Pulpit Supply

**Hope Fellowship
Chickamauga, GA**

**Matthew Everhart, CP
Devon Bowman
Penny Howerton
Phil Talley**

**Lookout Valley Church
Chattanooga, TN**

Grady Davidson

**Ken Fryar
Susan Fryar
Keith Thompson**

**Mars Hill Church
Acworth, GA**

Bryant Harris

**Murphy Church
Murphy, NC**

Pulpit Open

Sarah Thomas

**New Beginning
Spring City, TN**

**Nancy Hood CP
Wayne Hood CP**

**New Hope Church
Kingsport,**

Scott Glover Excused

**New Life Gathering
Knoxville, TN**

Scott Jackson Unexcused

**Parkway Church
Cumming, GA**

Jay Miller

Excused

**Plumtree Church
Plumtree, NC**

**Providence Church
Hazelwood, NC**

Edward Brouwer

**Resurrection Church
Chattanooga, TN**

**Ryan Van Horn
Margaret Ferguson**

Excused

**Signal Mountain Church
Signal Mountain, TN**

**Scott Bowen
Andy Cornett
Paul Manuel
Joey Sherrard**

**Excused T. W. Francescon
Jim Hynds
John Kinard
Tal Mincey
Diane Mizell
Frank Peele
Donna Peterson
Jarrell Reeves
Steve Tipps
Andy Tucker
John Wilson
Julie Foreman**

**Trinity Grace Church
Loganville, GA**

Tully Hunter

Excused Steve Rowe

**Trion Church
Trion, GA**

Bill Flannagan

Excused

**Valleybrook Church
Hixson, TN**

Tracy Edwards

**Ben Brychta
Ron Bunger
Art Johnson**

**Wilson Station Church
Englewood, TN**

Alan Hawkins CP

**Wooten Presbyterian EPC
Wooten, KY**

**EVANGELISTS
JOHNSON, Will
KOEHN, Matt
MACERE, John
MANLEY, Chris**

**Present
Present
Unexcused
Present**

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
LAWRY, Scott	Unexcused
MACERE, John	Unexcused
PINCKNEY, Dan	Present
REESE, Julian	Present
ROBINSON, Chris	Present
THALOS, Adel – Transitional	Unexcused

ACTIVE – RETIRED

Jeff Chadwick	Present
William Dudley, Stated Clerk	Present
Keith Gallagher	Present
Gordon Gartrell	Present
Bill Swafford	Excused
Thomas Warren	Present

CANDIDATES

Trey Gardenhire
Johnny Long
Landon Paul

OBSERVERS

Carole Baker	Brainerd Presbyterian
Chris Blackman	Christ Community Church
Gary Buchanan	Valleybrook Presbyterian
Sarah Cleveland	Faith Presbyterian
Joe Carvajal	EPC Chaplain
Dorothy Gartrell	Lookout Valley Presbyterian
Cindy Gelert	Murphy Presbyterian
Melinda Hawkins	Wilson Station
Katherine Jonas	Teach Beyond – World Outreach
Tiffany Koehn	Church of the Redeemer
Callie Latham	First Presbyterian Rome
Cindy Leaf	UT Campus Outreach
Mason Leaf	UT Campus Outreach
Debbie Parmer	Farner Presbyterian
Michael Payne	Brainerd Presbyterian

Lenora Perry Brainerd Presbyterian
Debbie Sexton
Annliese Smith Resurrection of Chattanooga
Jena Smith River Community (EPC Central South)
Lisa Talley Hope Fellowship
Debra Williamson Farner Presbyterian

119-03 PRESENTATION OF DOCKET with Order of the Day:
12:00 Noon – Lunch

The Moderator received the following amendments to the docket:

a. That the Stated Clerk’s Report with Memorials be docketed as Order of the Day at 11:35 AM to accommodate family members’ attending.

Seconded APPROVED

b. That the Church Planting and Receiving Committee report be added to the docket at 1:00 PM following lunch.

Seconded APPROVED

119-04 WELCOME to OUR GUESTS

The Moderator recognized Ruling Elders attending for the first time and other guests. Among guests presented was Bart Francescone, Executive Director of EPC Benefit Resources, from General Assembly staff.

119-05 WELCOME was extended to the court by the Host Church’s Pastor, TE Scott Bowen

119-06 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 118th Meeting

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 118th Meeting as presented and distributed.

Seconded APPROVED

119-07 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE/THANKS – The Moderator appointed the following to serve as the Committee of Thanks for this Presbytery meeting:
TE Jimmy Latham – First Presbyterian Church, Rome, Georgia
RE Sandy Hosea – First Presbyterian Church, Rome, Georgia

119-08 REPORT FROM EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Benefit Resources

The Stated Clerk introduced Bart Francescone, Executive Director of EPC Benefit Resources, Inc., and prayed as he came to address the court.

Bart joined the EPC as Executive Director of EPC Benefit Resources, Inc (BRI) in October, 2017. He left the corporate world with a vision of serving the Lord in a place where he could utilize his 22-year experience in health benefits administration and investment management in a Christian ministry. Bart is in his 6th year with the EPC. He oversees the operation of the EPC health and retirement programs along with the Orlando based BRI team.

Bart presented an informative report on benefits for Teaching Elders offered through the Assembly’s Benefits office.

MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue

TE Pardue opened his report with prayer.

1. EXAMINATION – CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION: Mason Leaf
Mason is called as an Evangelist of the Presbytery of the Southeast and as Campus Minister for the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Home Church – Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN

Presbytery of Candidacy – Presbytery of the Southeast

Candidate under care of Presbytery for at least one year
(G-11-2H) – Yes

Family - Mason and his wife, Cindy, have three children: Harrison (19), Anna Claire (18), and Abigail (15).

Educational Credentials

Murray State University	Murray, KY	2000
BA degree/Education		

Seminary

Reformed Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	2021
Master of Arts in Biblical Studies		

Ordination Written Examinations

The Candidate passed all written exams.

Experience of saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth (G.12.2B) was shared by the Candidate.

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

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; 12-2-C)

Chairman Pardue presented extensive and diverse questions in each of the categories stated above.

Questions from the floor were entertained.

Acceptance of Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms was expressed by the Candidate with no exception declared.

Acceptance of *The Essentials of the EPC* was declared by the Candidate.

Ordination Questions from the Book of Order were presented by the Moderator. These were answered in the affirmative by the Candidate for Ordination.

MOTION – Having completed the required course work ((G.11-2G); and having completed successfully, the written ordination examinations as required in G.12-2; and having been examined by Presbytery in Christian experience and progress in spiritual growth; and having preached a sermon from the text of Matthew 9:35-38 and demonstrated an ability to expound the Word of God effectively; and having completed satisfactorily the oral examinations on Theology and Sacraments, English Bible, Book of Order, Reformed Tradition, and Nature of the Office of Teaching Elder; and having affirmed the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Essentials of the EPC; and having affirmed with positive affirmation the Ordination questions of the EPC Book of Order; It is so moved that the full examination of Candidate Mason Leaf be sustained and that he be received as Teaching Elder and Evangelist upon the service of Ordination.

DISCUSSION – The Candidate was dismissed as the court discussed the motion.

VOTE of the COURT

Seconded

APPROVED

The Candidate for Ordination was returned to the court for declaration.

MOTION – That Mason Leaf be approved for Out of Bounds call as Evangelist at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville under Campus Outreach Ministry.

Seconded

APPROVED

TERMS OF CALL

MOTION – To approve the Terms of Call as presented to the Ministerial Committee by Campus Outreach Ministry.

Seconded

APPROVED

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL

MOTION – To approve the following Commission to Ordain and Install Candidate Mason Leaf as Teaching Elder and as Evangelist on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 6:30 PM at Cedar Springs Church in Knoxville:

TE Ben Ruyack, Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN (Chairman)

TE Buddy Sexton, Community Evangelistic Church, Knoxville, TN

TE Mark Steimer, Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN

RE Andy Puckett, Cedar Springs Church

RE Dick Bennett, Cedar Springs Church

RE Geo Hall, Cedar Springs Church

RE Josh Hethcox, Cedar Springs Church

RE Ken Rutherford, Cedar Springs Church

RE Randy Overbey, Cedar Springs Church

Seconded

APPROVED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING was offered for Candidate Leaf by TE Matt Koehn

2. MURPHY CHURCH, MURPHY, NC

Chairman Pardue reported that TE Keith Gallagher has completed his time at Murphy Church as Moderator of the Session at Murphy Church.

MOTION – To approve CP Jonathan Hodges as Stated Supply for Murphy Church and as Moderator of the Session.

Seconded

APPROVED

3. TRANSITIONAL PASTOR FOR BRAINERD CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA

MOTION – To approve TE Michael Payne as Transitional Pastor for Brainerd Church for twelve months (May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024) and as Moderator of the Brainerd Session

Book of Order: 10-7 Transitional Pastoral Relationships

“Temporary Pastoral Relationships may be established with lawfully ordained Ministers or Commissioned Pastors when a church is without a pastor...

A Transitional Pastor is called by the Session to serve during the period....leads the congregation toward greater health and readiness for their next pastor and will ordinarily be appointed by the Presbytery to moderate the Session...

Transitional Pastors called from another Presbytery in the EPC will ordinarily, maintain membership in their home presbytery....

Transitional Pastors are introduced to the receiving presbytery and enrolled as corresponding members (voice but no vote).

INTRODUCTION of TE Michael Payne, PhD

Dr. Payne was a seminary professor for over twenty years before entering the pastorate in 2007. His most recent pastorate was in Greenwood, Virginia. He retired from the pastorate in 2021 and served subsequently as an EPC Transitional Pastor from 2022-2023 in Florence, South Carolina.

Seconded

APPROVED

MOTION – That Dr. Payne be enrolled as a corresponding member with voice but without vote

Seconded

APPROVED

4. RETIREMENT INACTIVE

MOTION – To approve the request of TE Michael Austin to be placed on the Retired roll of Presbytery as Inactive.

Seconded

APPROVED

The Stated Clerk, TE Dudley, presented a review of TE Austin’s ministry both in the Presbyterian Church in America and in the EPC and led in prayer for TE Austin and his family.

RETIREMENT ACTIVE

MOTION – To approve the request of TE Calvin “Buddy” Sexton to be placed on the Retired roll of Presbytery as Active.

Seconded

APPROVED

Book of Order 15-1

“a service of appreciation and thanksgiving should be conducted, either at the meeting of Presbytery or at the place of service of the retiring Teaching Elder. Ordinarily, a Presbytery shall appoint a special commission to conduct this Service and a record of it inserted in the minutes of Presbytery.”

The Stated Clerk, Dr. Dudley, presented a review of the ministry of TE Buddy Sexton and his gifted leadership in the Presbytery. Buddy and his wife, Debbie, were called to the front and members of the court from the churches and ministries where TE Sexton had served were invited to stand with the Sextons for prayer led by the Clerk.

5. EXCUSED ABSENCES

Those requesting an excused absence from this Presbytery meeting include:

TE Lesley Cheevers

TE Andrew Keasling

TE Andy Cornett

TE Scott Lawry

TE Tim Filston

TE Jay Miller

CP Scott Glover

TE Ryan Randolph

TE Clay Harrington

TE Ben Ruyack

TE Tully Hunter

TE Ryan Van Horn

6. DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

MOTION – that the pastoral relationship between Lookout Valley Church in Chattanooga, TN and TE Grady Davidson be dissolved at the request of the congregation and the pastor (Congregational Meeting: April 30, 2023) effective May 29, 2023.

This request comes with sincere thanks to God for the twenty-one year ministry shared by this congregation and pastor.

Seconded

APPROVED

The court recognized this exceptional ministry between Lookout Valley Church and TE Davidson with sustained applause.

A prayer of thanksgiving and intercession was given by the Stated Clerk.

7. OUT OF BOUNDS CALL

MOTION – That approval be given for an Out of Bounds call for TE Grady Davidson with Timothy Two Project International as a Global Instructor.

Questions were entertained from the floor.

Seconded

APPROVED

119-10

REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES – TE Keith Gallagher

Prayer was led by the chairman.

MOTION - To approve the following review of Session minutes:

All Souls Fellowship	Approved with Comments
Bethany Church	Approved with Comments
Brainerd Church	Approved with Comments
Buck Hill Church	Approved with Notations
Cedar Springs Church	Approved with Notation
Central Church	Approved with Comments
ChristChurch	Approved with Comments
Church of the Redeemer	Approved with Notations
Community Evangelistic	Approved with Comments
Cornerstone Church	Approved with Comments
Crosswalk Community Church	Approved with Notations
Eastminster Church	Approved with Comments
Faith Church	Approved with Notations
Farner Church	Approved with Notations
First Church, Rome, GA	Approved with Comments
First Church, Stanton, KY	Approved with Notations
First Church, Thomasville, GA	Approved with Comments
Grace Church	Approved with Comments
Greenbriar Church	Approved with Comments
Hope Fellowship	Approved with Comments
Lookout Valley Church	Approved with Comments
Mars Hill Church	Approved with Comments
Murphy Church	Approved with Comments
New Beginning Church	Approved with Notations
New Hope Church	Approved with Notations
New Life Gathering	Approved with Comments
Parkway Church	Approved with Comments
Plumtree Church	Approved with Notations
Providence Church	Approved with Notations
Signal Mountain Church	Approved with Comments

Trinity Evangelical Church	Approved with Comments
Trion Church	Approved with Comments
Valleybrook Church	Approved with Comments
Wilson Station Church	Minutes Submitted – Incomplete
Wooton Church	Approved with Notations

The committee provided an “Explanation of Dispositions” that details the responses to the Session minutes.

ADDENDUM 1

119-11

REPORT OF STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley
PRAYER by the Stated Clerk opened his report.

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ASCENDING OVERTURE

The Ascending Overture approved by the court at a previous meeting and approved jointly by the Presbytery of Central Carolina regarding two churches from the Presbytery of the Southeast desiring to be received into the Presbytery of Central Carolina has been removed from consideration at the General Assembly in June 2023.

The two presbyteries worked closely with one another in framing the overture with the guidance and influence of General Assembly leadership. When the overture was received and presented to the Permanent Judicial Commission for consideration at the 2023 Assembly, the PJC determined the overture was in direct conflict with the Book of Order on the drawing of Presbytery boundaries.

Our Stated Clerk, TE Bill Dudley, met with PJC leadership on the matter of the overture three times and consented for our Presbytery to withdraw the overture due to the PJC ruling. This way the Assembly would not hear the request, and another overture in 2024 could be presented.

Additionally, as the PJC was looking into the matter, General Assembly leadership realized that the boundaries of the newly-formed Presbytery of Central Carolina are incorrectly identified and must be corrected before our particular overture can be considered. They also determined that the newly-formed Presbytery of New River must be included in any of these conversations.

The conclusion is that the overture is withdrawn and is not to be considered in its present form.

MOTION – To withdraw the overture as previously presented

Seconded

APPROVED

2. RESIGNATION by RE Bob Berry from the Presbytery’s Administrative Commission for Resurrection Chattanooga. Letter was received shortly after last Presbytery meeting with his resignation dated February 28, 2023.
Commission members remaining include: TE Matt Christian, TE Andy Cornett, RE Scott Ferguson, RE Piers van de Merwe, RE Chet Burge.

MOTION – To receive the resignation of RE Bob Berry.

Seconded

APPROVED

3. IN MEMORIAM

TE Steve Riser – died: December 15, 2022

Remembered by TE Mark Steimer, friend and brother, with personal remarks and ministry highlights. A prayer of thanksgiving for TE Riser and prayers for comfort for his wife and family.

RE John Perry – died: October 31, 2022

Remembered by TE Jonathan Schwartz, former pastor to Perry family
John served for fifteen years as Presbytery Treasurer and was a valued member of the Presbytery staff. His wife, Lenora Perry, and their daughter were present for the memorial. John and Lenora were married for sixty-four years.

TE Schwartz recalled John’s spiritual leadership in the Presbytery and at Brainerd Church in Chattanooga. He led in prayer for John’s ministry and for the Perry family.

119-12

REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell
PRAYER was led by RE Mizell.

1. INFORMATION on churches listed and giving was presented.

ADDENDUM 2

3. MOTION – To receive the following Financial report:

Presbytery has four bank accounts and three designated funds.
March 30, 2023, balances are:

Operating Checking balance	133,261.70
Operating Savings	200,023.80
Designated Funds	
CH&G	-10,972.19
Church Courts Attending Scholarships	- 8,021.75
Special – Kentucky Flood Relief	-127,659.16
TOTAL OPERATING	186,632.40
Project 2028 Account	95,854.20
Project 2028 Savings	50,009.06
TOTAL ASSETS	332,495.66

Seconded

APPROVED

119-13

PRESBYTERY TRUSTEES – ANNUAL REPORT – RE Diane Mizell
PRAYER for her report was led by RE Mizell

1. MOTION – To approve the 2022 Presbytery financial review, as presented by the Trustees after their having reviewed the financial review document to their full satisfaction.

Seconded

APPROVED

2. INCORPORATION – The Presbytery of the Southeast is Incorporated In the State of Georgia with RE Palmer Griffin of ChristChurch in Dalton, Georgia, being our agent. RE Griffin made the yearly filing with the state.

3. TRUST – The Presbytery of the Southeast owns no real property.

119-14

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – RE Johnny Long
PRAYER was offered by RE Long

1. Engage 2025/Indonesia Proposal – Presented by TE Jonathan Schwartz Supporting materials were sent prior to Presbytery as well as being available at the meeting.

MOTION – That as a part of the EPC World Outreach’s Engage 2025 focus on unreached peoples, the Presbytery of the Southeast adopt the Malay peoples of Sumatra and the Riao Islands, and that, as outlined in the distributed materials, we enter into a two-year renewable partnership with national church planter, Daniel, and his wife, Emma, as the first step in that commitment.

Annual funding was reported as \$15,800.

Seconded

APPROVED

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW WORLD OUTREACH GLOBAL WORKER
Anneliese Smith, who is worshipping at Resurrection Church, Chattanooga was presented to Presbytery as recently appointed World Outreach Global worker.
3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MISSION WORKER
Katharine Jonas, member of Signal Mountain Church, was recognized as a new mission worker from our Presbytery serving in Member Care ministry with Teach Beyond in Germany with the potential to be sent by EPC World Outreach in a cooperative agency agreement.

119-15

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – TE Jeff Chadwick
PRAYER by the chairman opened the report.

1. INFORMATION – Council approved new additions to Presbytery Committees

ADDENDUM 3

119-16 CANDIDATES COMMITTEE – TE Joey Sherrard
PRAYER was offered by TE Sherrard.

1. INFORMATION – One of two new committees, Candidates Committee was introduced by chairman, TE Sherrard. He spoke to the assignment of their committee.

119-17 COMMISSIONED PASTORS COMMITTEE – TE Daniel Cheevers
PRAYER for the second new committee of Presbytery was given by TE Cheevers

1. INFORMATION – TE Cheevers presented the committee’s assignment and directives as they began their new work.

119-18 PROJECT 2028
PRAYER for this report was offered by RE Diane Mizell.

In the absence of the chairman and previous chairman of Project 2028, RE Diane Mizell, who is ex-officio member of Project 2028, presented their report. An attractive and informative handout on Project 2028 was distributed to commissioners.

1. REPORT – TE Matt Koehn, church planter at “Water Stone” in Smyrna, Georgia provided update on the end of his residency and his new call as planter. He and his family are moving to the Atlanta area in June with launch date being Labor Day 2024.

Prayer time for Matt and his wife, Tiffany, was led by RE Mizell while Project 2028 Commission members and contributors laid hands upon them.

119-19 CHURCH HEALTH and GROWTH COMMITTEE – TE Lucas Waters
PRAYER was offered by the chairman, TE Waters

1. INFORMATION – With the arrival of spring construction of roads and houses resumes in eastern Kentucky. Our Presbytery Flood Relief Fund balance is \$127,659; this fund is being administered to our Kentucky churches and work by RE Palmer Griffin.

119-20 OLD BUSINESS
No business was offered

119-21 NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business

119-22 COMMITTEE ON THANKS – TE Jimmy Latham
RE Sandy Hosea

1. MOTION – To adopt the Resolution of Thanks
Seconded

APPROVED

119-23 ADJOURNMENT
MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM.
Seconded

APPROVED

CLOSING PRAYER was led by Moderator-Elect TE Margaret Ferguson

NEXT MEETINGS

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

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



William Dudley, Stated Clerk



Gary Buchanan, Moderator

ADDENDUM 1

Explanation of Dispositions

“Approved with comments:” indicates the minutes met all of the items of the Report form, but the reviewer may offer words of encouragement, commendation or coaching tips to the clerk or moderator.

“Approved with Notations”: indicates the minutes probably met all of the items of the Report form, but the reviewer may offer corrections such as typos or procedural items that are of no great consequence but would be helpful to the clerk or moderator.

“Approved with Notations requiring a response:” indicates the minutes probably have not met all of the items of the Report form. This would generally consist of consequential issues of procedure and/or an error or omission of constitutional requirements, particularly if the issue has been called to your attention previously. A response should be generated by the clerk or moderator, approved by the session and sent to the RSM chair as soon as possible. This response should also be entered into the session records.

“Approved with Exceptions requiring response”: indicates the minutes probably have not met all of the items of the Report form. This would generally consist of consequential issues of procedure and/or an error or omission of application of constitutional requirements, particularly if the issue(s) has been called to your attention previously. The session or congregation needs to address or re-address the issue in the future. A response should be generated by the clerk or moderator, approved by the session and sent to the RSM chair as soon as possible. This response should also be entered into the session records.

You should be reminded that the results/disposition of your review will be entered into the PoSE minutes permanent record. We are a connectional church with clerks and moderators in each church with the same higher resources. Although it may be difficult for some of the smaller churches to conform to and document all of these requirements, there is a reason for them. The committee tries to temper its judgement based on knowledge of local conditions and for the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. In the future, if special circumstances exist, such as a weather calamity, fire or other unusual major problem, a note attached to your Report Form would help both you and us.

If you have questions concerning this, please contact us.

Email: tn2gals17@yahoo.com

The RSM Committee

ADDENDUM 2

Presbytery of Southeast RECEIPTS 2023	2023 Oper. YTD	Proj 2028YTD	2023 Faith Commitment	Project 2028 Commitment
All Souls	3,000.00			
Project 2028		-		
Bethany Pres	-			
Project 2028		-		
Brainerd Pres	434.00			
Project 2028		-		
Buck Hill Pres	-			
Project 2028				
Cedar Springs	5,000.01		20,000.00	
Project 2028		-		16,000.00
Central Pres, Hyden KY	720.00		680.00	
Project 2028		-		500.00
ChristChurch (CCP)	2,400.00		9,600.00	
Project 2028		1,500.00		6,000.00
Church of the Redeemer	450.00		1,800.00	
Project 2028		1,500.00		6,000.00
Community Evangelistic	-		3,000.00	
Project 2028		-		500.00
Cornerstone	125.00		500.00	
Project 2028		-		
Crosswalk Community Church	-			
Project 2028		-		
Eastminster	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Project 2028		-		
Faith Pres, McDonough GA	-			
Project 2028		-		
Farmer	-			
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Rome)	3,870.00			
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Stanton)	-			
Project 2028		-		
First Pres (Thomasville)	2,634.99		10,540.00	
Project 2028		-		
Grace Pres (Franklin)	249.99		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Greenbriar	-			
Project 2028		-		
Hope Fellowship	-		720.00	
Project 2028		-		1,000.00
Lookout Valley	350.00		1,400.00	
Project 2028		-		
Mars Hill	1,470.00		5,880.00	
Project 2028		690.00		2,760.00
Murphy	480.00		480.00	
Project 2028		-		
New Beginning	440.00			
Project 2028		-		
New Hope	350.00			
Project 2028		50.00		720.00
New Life Gathering	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Parkway	-			
Project 2028		-		
Plumtree	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Project 2028		-		
Providence	-			
Project 2028		-		
Resurrection Chattanooga	-			
Project 2028		-		
Signal Mountain	-			
Project 2028		-		25,000.00
Trinity Grace	-		820.00	
Project 2028		-		
Trion	800.00			
Project 2028		-		
Valleybrook	168.00		1,000.00	
Project 2028		-		
Wilson Station	-			
Project 2028		-		
Wootton Presbyterian	-			
Project 2028				500.00
Other	-			
Project 2028		-		
Individual Offerings	-			
Other receipts, transfers or re	16,906.67			
KY Flood Relief payout	127,659.16			
TOTAL	45,448.66	3,740.00	63,020.00	58,980.00

Designated Funds

Designated Funds	
Court Attendance	8,021.75
Church Health & Growth	10,972.19
Engage 2025	-
Special Fund	127,659.16
Total Designated Funds	146,653.10

All Account Balances

Operating Savings	130,021.80	130,022.90	200,023.80
Operating Checking	225,133.91	225,193.31	133,261.70
Project 2028 Savings	50,008.44	50,008.76	50,009.06
Project 2028 Checking	109,215.42	100,397.75	95,854.20
Total	514,379.57	505,622.72	479,148.76

2023 Operating Expenses	YTD TOTAL	2023Budget
EPC Gen Assembly & Benevolence	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	5,227.32	3,000.00
OFFICERS		
St. Clerk Travel	14.00	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	1,207.48	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	13.52	1,000.00
Commissions	-	1,000.00
Gen Oper	2,066.98	6,000.00
Webmaster	-	1,500.00
Web Maintenance	-	800.00
Leadership	-	1,000.00
St Clerk Salary	13,358.79	49,023.12
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	6,608.99	24,253.20
PSE Tax Liability	2,283.29	8,615.64
Other (Audit etc.)	71,191.00	3,900.00
Project 2028 transfer		
Ministerial Care		
Travel	1,710.00	1,500.00
Backgr cks	-	150.00
Administrator	615.00	2,000.00
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	-	1,500.00
Misc	-	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
Travel & meals	-	500.00
Mission Partner	1,000.00	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	-	100.00
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	-	1,500.00
Sustentation	-	12,000.00
Misc.	-	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	-	75.00
Travel	-	100.00
TOTAL	115,296.37	151,316.96

ADDENDUM 3

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES -- 2023

MINISTERIAL CARE

(10 members: 5 RE/5 TE in 3 classes)

CLASS/2023

TE Tracy Edwards (1)
Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN

RE Merle Caudill -CP (1)
Central Church, Hyden KY

RE Julie Foreman (1)
Signal Mountain Church, TN

CLASS/2024

TE Bill Pardue (2)**
First Church, Rome, GA

TE Andrew Keasling (2)
Cedar Springs, Knoxville, TN

RE Ben Brychta (1)
Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN

RE Tony Pemerton (2)
First Church, Rome, GA

CLASS/2025

TE Tim Filston (2)
First Church, Thomasville, GA

TE Ken Chivers (1)**
First Church, Rome, GA

RE Donna Tipton (1)
Church/Redeemer, Maryville, TN

AFTER YEAR 2025 the three classes will be -

**Class 1 2 TE
2 RE**

**Class 2 2 TE
1 RE**

**Class 3 1 TE
2 RE**

CANDIDATES

(6 members: 2 TE/4 RE in 3 classes)

CLASS/2023

RE

RE

CLASS/2024

TE Tyler Wilson (1)
First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE Stephanie Reynolds (1)
ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

CLASS/2025

TE Joey Sherrard (1)**
Signal Mountain Church, TN

RE Lisa Talley (1)
Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA

COMMISSIONED PASTOR

(6 members: 2 TE/4 RE in 3 classes)

CLASS/2023

RE

RE/CP Scott Glover (1)
New Hope Church, Kingsport, TN

CLASS/2024

TE Buddy Sexton (1)
Retired Active

RE/CP Matthew Everhart (1)
Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA

CLASS/2025

TE Daniel Cheevers (1) **
Bethany Church, Kingsport, TN

RE Sarah Thomas (1)
Murphy Church, Murphy, NC

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

(6 members in 3 classes with 4 RE and 2 TE)

CLASS/2023

TE Jeff Chadwick (2)**
Retired Active

RE Alan Storey (1)
First Church, Rome, GA

CLASS/2024

RE Gary Fleet (1)
ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

RE Johnny Long (1)**
Signal Mountain Church, TN

CLASS/2025

TE Paul Manuel (1)
Signal Mountain Church, TN

RE Harry Jones (1)
First Church, Thomasville, GA

CHURCH HEALTH & GROWTH (6 members in 3 classes with 4 RE and 2 TE)

CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024	CLASS/2025
RE Mike Jones (2) First Church, Thomasville, GA	TE Alan Edick (2) Cedar Springs, Knoxville, TN	TE Lucas Waters (2)** First Church, Stanton, KY
	RE Alan Hawkins (2) Faith Church, McDonough, GA	RE Bob McEuen (2) Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, TN
	RE Jarrell Reeves (1) Signal Mountain Church, TN	

CHURCH PLANTING-RECEIVING (6 members in 3 classes with 4 RE and 2 TE)

CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024	CLASS/2025
TE Bryant Harris (1) Mars Hill Church, Acworth, GA	TE Eric Geil (2)** ChristChurch, Dalton, GA	RE
RE	RE Steve Rowe (2) Trinity Grace, Loganville, GA	RE Powell Jones (1) First Church, Thomasville, GA

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

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

TRUSTEES (with Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer)

CLASS/2023	CLASS/2024	CLASS/2025
RE John Graham First Church, Rome, GA	RE Jim Bethel ChristChurch, Dalton, GA	RE Powell Jones First Church, Thomasville, GA

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – Project 2028

TE Andy Cornett	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
TE Will Johnson	Evangelist – without call
TE Dave Strunk**	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN
TE Ryan Van Horn	Resurrection Church, Chattanooga, TN
RE Ken Bell	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN
RE Bob Bethel	ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
RE Bob Berry	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE	First Church, Rome, GA
RE	First Church, Thomasville, GA
RE Matthew Everhart	any church in Presbytery – Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA
RE	any church in Presbytery
RE Diane Mizell	Presbytery Treasurer, Ex Officio

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – Resurrection Chattanooga Church Plant

RE	
TE Matt Christian	ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
TE Andy Cornett	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE Scott Ferguson	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE Chet Burge**	All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA
RE Piers van der Merwe	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN

MODERATOR	RE Gary Buchanan
MODERATOR-ELECT	TE Margaret Ferguson
PAST MODERATOR	TE Jeff Chadwick
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN	