

One Hundredth and Eighteenth Stated Meeting
 Northeast Georgia Presbytery
 Minutes of Meeting
 August 26, 2023

Location: Meeting held via Zoom

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Call to Order Opening Prayer Welcome	The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Rev. Mari Turner. After the welcome, Moderator Turner gave a demonstration of voting by Zoom polls.	Voting was done using Zoom polls.
Seating of First-time Commissioners, Corresponding Members, Introduction of Visitors	First-time commissioners were recognized. Corresponding members and visitors were introduced. A motion with a second was made to give voice to Rev. Greg Loskoski.	There was unanimous approval to grant voice to Rev. Greg Loskoski.
Declaration of Quorum		Quorum present per Rev. Ed Rees, Stated Clerk
Approval of Docket	The docket was amended to include Rev. John McCrosky on the Clergy Care Committee and to correct the date of the May 2024 Presbytery meeting.	The docket was approved as amended.
Approval of Consent Agenda	The minutes of the May 2023 meeting: Steven Barnes name was misspelled Final Report of Ficklen Church Administrative Commission	The minutes of the May 2023 with the noted corrections was approved. The Consent Agenda was approved.
Stated Clerk's Report Rev. Ed Rees Handbook, pages 6 - 8	Rev. Rees provided a summary of newly approved amendments and how those amendments should be implemented: Please see page 6 in the Handbook for the full report: Amendments: 22-I and 22-Q: Terms of call must now include at least 12 weeks of paid family leave Amendments 22-G; 22-K; 22-L; 22-O; 22-P: All councils shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy, a harassment policy, a child protection policy, and an ant-racism policy. This applies to the sessions of our NEGA Presbytery. Rev. Rees recommended that each session consider the "Darkness to Light" training. It is also time for the annual session minutes review. The Installation Commission for Rev. Steven Barnes was dismissed with gratitude.	
Worship Rev. Mari Turner, moderator Rev. Will Norman	Moderator, Rev. Turner gave the Call to Worship, and the Call to Confession. She led those present in the Prayer of Confession, and the Assurance of Forgiveness. Rev. Norman gave the Prayer for Illumination, read 1 Corinthians 2:1-10 and gave the sermon "The Pursuit of Foolishness." Those present joined in the Affirmation of Faith.	

	The offering today will go to support the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UGA. After the prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer, Rev. Norman gave the Blessing and Charge.	
Committee on Ministry Report Rev. Tom Buchanan Handbook, pages 9-11	<p>Recommendation from the Committee on Ministry to the Presbytery:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dismiss with gratitude the Installation Commission for Rev. Steven Barnes. Done as part of the Consent Agenda 2. Grant the Westminster and Elberton congregations, in accordance with G-2.0404, a waiver of the 6 year limit on Ruling Elder terms. 3. Grant that the COM be commissioned by the Presbytery with the authority to grant waivers of the 6 year limit on Ruling Elder terms, at the written request of congregations. 4. Receive Rev. Greg Loskoski (Honorably Retired) as a member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery, coming to us from Savannah Presbytery. There was a time of examination of Rev. Loskoski. 	<p>The motion to grant the Westminster and Elberton congregations a waiver of the 6 year limit on Ruling Elder terms received 100% approval via Zoom poll. The motion to grant COM the authority to grant waivers of the 6 year limit on Ruling Elder terms received 100% approval via Zoom poll.</p> <p>Unanimous approval was received to sustain the time of examination of Rev. Loskoski. The motion to receive Rev. Loskoski as a member of NEGA Presbytery received 100% approval via Zoom poll.</p>
<p>Coordinating Team Report Sylvia McDonald Handbook, pages 12-14</p> <p>Vision Collaborative 26 report Rev. Will Norman</p>	<p>Colladay Cottage Proposal: Rev. Andy Cooke brought a proposal to the Coordinating Team (Handbook, p 13 – 14) regarding the possible purchase of a cottage located at Montreat. The Coordinating Team is in the process of forming a task force to study the proposal and make additional recommendations at a later date regarding this opportunity.</p> <p>Recommendations from the Coordinating Team to the Presbytery:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the following dates be approved for 2024 Stated Meetings of Presbytery: February 24 (Saturday); May 21 (Tuesday); August 17 (Saturday); October 22 (Tuesday). Locations of meetings to be determined. 2. That Presbytery form a team to review and recommend updates to the Manual of Operations and the NEGA Presbytery Policy Manual. 3. That Presbytery approve a loan request from Dahlonaga Presbyterian Church for \$18,000 from the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society Fund, at an interest rate of 0.5% with repayment within 10 years. 	<p>The 2024 Presbytery Meeting dates (as listed) received 100% approval via Zoom poll.</p> <p>100% approval via Zoom poll was received to form a team to review and update the Manual of Operations and the Policy Manual.</p> <p>The loan request from Dahlonaga Presbyterian Church (with terms as described) received 100% approval via Zoom poll.</p>

	<p>4. That Presbytery approve a revision to its boundaries to include Wilkinson County and to overture the General Assembly, through the Synod of South Atlantic, to approve this change at its next meeting in June 2024.</p> <p>Rev. Norman gave a brief overview of the work to date of the Vision Collaborative 25.</p>	100% approval was received via Zoom poll to include Wilkinson County in the NEGA Presbytery and to overture the General Assembly through the Synod of South Atlantic to approve this change in June of 2024.
<p>General Presbyter's Report Rev. Hilary Shuford Handbook p.15</p>	Rev. Shuford gave a brief report.	
<p>Trinity Administrative Commission Report Rev. Charles Crane Handbook, p. 16</p>	The Church Property Commission and the Trinity Administrative Commission recommend that the Presbytery approve the sale of the Trinity property for the offered price of \$1.325 million. If approved, the closing is set for October 24, 2023. Per Presbytery policy, 25% of the proceeds will be transferred to the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society Fund. The remainder of the proceeds will be designated at a later date.	100% approval was received via Zoom poll to sell the Trinity property for the offered price of \$1.325 million dollars.
<p>Presbyterian Women Elaine Wiegert Handbook, p. 17</p>	.Elaine Wiegert gave a brief report on the activities and events sponsored by Presbyterian Women.	
<p>Nominating Committee Report Joel Burns Handbook, p. 18</p>	<p>Recommendation: Dee Devereaux be on the Church Property Commission for 2023 – 2025 John McCrosky be on the Clergy Care Committee for 2023 - 2025</p>	100% approval was received via Zoom poll for Dee Devereaux to serve on the Church Property Commission and for John McCrosky to serve on the Clergy Care Committee.
<p>Backyard Ministry Rev. Souvanh Touralack</p>	Rev. Touralack gave an update on the Backyard Ministry.	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Matt Henderson Andy Cooke Judy Grieve Ed Rees Charles Crane Andy Chambers Mari Turner</p>	
<p>Prayer and Adjournment</p>	.	The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Rev. Mari Turner, Moderator, at 11:45a.m. The next

		meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Cornelia
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Respectfully submitted: Sylvia McDonald, recorder

Date Minutes approved: _____

Moderator _____
Rev. Mari Turner

Recorder _____
Sylvia McDonald

PROPOSED DOCKET

AND

HANDBOOK

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH STATED MEETING

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

AUGUST 26, 2023

HELD VIA ZOOM



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August 18, 2023

Dear Minister Members and Commissioners,

We are looking forward to gathering together online via Zoom for the 118th Stated Meeting of Northeast Georgia Presbytery on Saturday, August 26th. The meeting will begin at 10am. The link for joining will be sent to all minister members of Presbytery and to elder commissioners who register for the meeting. Live-streaming will be available for those who wish to observe the proceedings. Please review the materials and reports in the Handbook so you will be prepared for any discussion and necessary votes.

Many thanks to Rev. Will Norman and the Presbyterian Student Center in Athens for serving as the virtual host of this meeting. We look forward to “seeing” you soon!

Blessings,

Rev. Mari Turner, *Moderator*

Rev. Ed Rees, *Stated Clerk*

Rev. Hilary Neufeld Shuford, M. Div., General Presbyter
Rev. Edward C. Rees, IV, Stated Clerk



Mrs. Anita C. Green, Business Administrator
Rev. Andrew E. Cooke, Treasurer

Northeast Georgia Presbytery

118th Stated Meeting

August 26, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

via Zoom

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Rev. Mari Turner, Moderator

Welcome

Seating of First-time Commissioners, Corresponding Members,
and Introduction of Visitors

Declaration of Quorum

Rev. Ed Rees, Stated Clerk

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Approval of Docket

Rev. Turner

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Stated Clerk's Report

Rev. Rees

Constitutional Amendments - Implementation

Darkness to Light Training

Installation Commission for Steven Barnes: dismiss with gratitude

Session Minutes Review

Rules for Debate

Call to Worship

Rev. Turner

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All humanity takes refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

You give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

In your light do we see light.

Call to Confession

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." When we confess our sins to God, we can lay down the burden of trying to pretend that we do not need God's forgiveness and grace, and enter into the peace God offers to all. Let us make confession together.

Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, we cry out to you, our Judge and Redeemer. We confess our desire to rule our own lives and to set limits on our devotion to you. We confess our failure to forgive as we have been forgiven. We confess our willful blindness to oppression, injustice, and inequity in our community, our nation, and our world. Forgive us, O God, and let your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us, that we might be reconciled to you and to one another as we seek to bear faithful witness to our risen Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to live in joyful obedience to your word, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Will Norman

Scripture Lesson:

1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Sermon

The Pursuit of Foolishness

Rev. Will Norman

Executive Campus Minister
Presbyterian Student Center @ UGA

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Invitation to Generous Giving

This morning's offering will go to support the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UGA.

Checks, made payable to Northeast Georgia Presbytery, may be mailed to:

P.O. BOX 365

Bogart, GA 30622

or donate online:



Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Charge

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Committee on Ministry Report

Rev. Tom Buchanan

Examination of Greg Loskoski

Policy: Honorably Retired Minister Status

Session Term Limit Exemption: Elberton; Westminster

Session Term Limit Exemption: Authority delegated to COM

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Elder Sylvia McDonald

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Vision Collaborative 26 report

Rev. Will Norman

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Elder Joel Burns

Backyard Ministry Update

Rev. Souvanh Touralack

Announcements *(Please submit requests in advance to the Stated Clerk)*

Prayer and Adjournment

NEXT STATED MEETING:

Tuesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Cornelia

Ficklen Church Administrative Commission
Final Report to Presbytery

At the February meeting of Presbytery, approval was given for the sale of the Ficklen Church property to Angel Band Ministries, Inc., for \$25,000.00. On May 31st, 2023, the sale was concluded, and the proceeds were forwarded to the Presbytery office. In keeping with Presbytery policy, 25% of the proceeds were transferred to the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society, and any remaining expenses related to the property were also paid. As previously approved by Presbytery, the remaining balance of \$24,637.68 was transferred to The Backyard Ministry, Cornelia Georgia.

This concludes the work of the Ficklen Church Administrative Commission.

Recommendation: That the Ficklen Church Administrative Commission be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ed Rees, Chair

Commission Members: Elder "Cowboy Mike" Searles (member, Church Triumphant); Rev. Decatur Rodgers; Elder David Heffner; Rev. Ford G'Segner



Stated Clerk's Report

As you are probably aware, all of the thirty-three amendments to the Book of Order that were proposed by the last General Assembly passed and became effective on July 9, 2023. As a result, a number of actions are necessary for implementing these changes. These are summarized as follows:

Amendments: 22-I (G.2.0804); 22-Q (G-3.0303c)

Terms of call must now include at least 12 weeks of paid family leave. The GA has defined "family leave" to include at least the following:

- to accommodate the birth, foster placement, or adoption of a child.
- to provide care for an ill or disabled family member.
- to provide time for healing following a loss or tragic event.

In addition, presbytery minimum compensation standards must include provision for terms when a relationship is dissolved, and there must be minimums both for called and installed pastors, temporary pastors, and certified educators.

Amendments: 22-G (G-2.0603); 22-K (G-2.1002); 22-L (G-2.1103); 22-O (G-3.0106); 22-P (G.3.0106)

All councils must include boundary training requirements for their members. Each presbytery will determine what training meets these requirements. In addition to teaching elders, boundary training is now required for commissioned ruling elders, inquirers, certified Christian educators, and certified associate Christian educators.

All councils shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy, a harassment policy, a child protection policy, and an anti-racism policy.

Amendments: 22-C (G-1.0501); 22-M (G-3.0104); 22-N (G-3.0105)

Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, is to be utilized as the parliamentary authority in all council by-laws, unless another authority is specifically designated. Congregations, Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods *should* (not an absolute requirement) adopt rules governing electronic meetings if the choice is made to conduct such meetings.

Amendment: 22-F (G-2.0505a(1))

On receiving ministers for immigrant fellowships, provision is to be made for lifting up consultation with those communities and for appropriate educational opportunities.

The Darkness to Light/Stewards of Children training was offered and completed by the preponderant majority of pastors, both active and retired. Certain individuals whose training was not completed by the July 31st deadline have been advised that they are ineligible to carry out any pastoral functions until confirmation of the training has been received.

The report of the Administrative Commission for the Installation of Rev. Steven Barnes as Pastor of Oconee Presbyterian Church, effective June 25, 2023, was received and the Commission is dismissed with gratitude.

All Clerks of Session need to complete the annual Session minute review. Please partner with another church to exchange records and document your findings, utilizing the checklist and review form found on the Presbytery website under "[Resources, Clerks of Session](#)." If you need assistance in this, please let me know.

Rules for Debate:

(Approved by Presbytery October 23, 2007)

(Note: Presbytery can set aside such a rule when it deems necessary.)

When speaking at a Presbytery meeting:

1. Individuals are limited to speaking once and for no more than three minutes during discussion of a matter.
2. A bell may be used to signal when the speaker is near and at the end of his/her time.

3. Moderator alternates between “pro” and “con”.
4. No one may speak more than once until every person who wishes to speak has had an opportunity to do so.
5. Presbytery may set a maximum time for debating an issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Edward C. Rees, IV
Stated Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Administrative Commission to Install
The Reverend Steven Barnes**

June 25, 2023

Oconee Presbyterian Church, Watkinsville, GA

Present:

Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Rev. Mari Turner, Moderator (Dahlonega), Rev. Tom Buchanan (Friendship); Rev. Dana Waters, (Covenant Athens); Elders Kathy Little (Oconee), Kent Burel (Athens First); Guest: Rev. Kimmy Briggs (Yellowstone Presbytery)

The Administrative Commission duly elected by Northeast Georgia Presbytery on May 23, 2023 to install The Reverend Steven Barnes, as Pastor of the Oconee Presbyterian Church, Watkinsville, Georgia, met in the church office on Sunday, June 25, 2023. Moderator Mari Turner convened the commission with prayer at 3:34 p.m.

Elder Kathy Little moved that the Commission proceed, on behalf of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery, to install the Reverend Steven Barnes as Pastor of Oconee Presbyterian Church and to consider the benediction of the worship service to be the adjournment of this meeting of the Installation Commission, further moving to request dismissal of the Commission upon presentation of the minutes to the Stated Clerk of Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Rev. Tom Buchanan seconded the motion. All eligible to participate voted in the affirmative.

The Commission members and the Reverend Steven Barnes proceeded to the sanctuary to lead worship (copy of Order of Worship attached hereto) which included the installation of the Reverend Steven Barnes, all to the glory of God, through Jesus Christ.

All requirements of W-4.04 were satisfied in the course of the worship service and the Commission installed the Reverend Steven Barnes, as Pastor of Oconee Presbyterian Church, Watkinsville, GA.

These minutes were approved with no objections by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
the Reverend Marianne B. Turner, Moderator
Administrative Commission to Install the Reverend Steven Barnes



Committee on Ministry
Rev. Tom Buchanan, Chair

Meetings: June 8, 2023; July 13, 2023; August 10, 2023

For Information:

1. Heard liaison reports from the following churches and ministries: Athens First, Athens Korean, Augusta Korean, Belle Terrace, Covenant Athens, Dahlonega, Hartwell, Homer, Jefferson, Monticello, Nacoochee, New Hope, Oconee, Sardis, Timpson, Wiley.
2. The Rev. Steven Barnes was installed as Pastor of Oconee Presbyterian Church on June 25.
3. The COM joins the whole Presbytery in grieving the loss of Ruling Elder and former COM member Michael “Cowboy Mike” Searles, who passed away suddenly on June 23.
4. Hilary Shuford and Tom Buchanan conducted training on July 24 for the Athens First APNC on the new CLC system.
5. The deadline for “Darkness to Light – Stewards of Children” training, mandated for all minister members who are engaged in preaching/pastoring a church within our bounds, was July 31.
6. The Church Leadership Connection (CLC) has now fully transitioned to a new system, with new forms and names for the old MIF and PIF.

Actions:

1. Appointed the Rev. Charles Romine to serve as Moderator of Elberton’s Congregational Meeting on June 4.
2. Approved the Rev. Peter Thornton’s Assistant Chaplain position at the Presbyterian Village Athens as a Validated Ministry.
3. Adopted an addition to the COM’s Manual of Operations – Appendix Q: “Policy for Honorable Retirement” – providing a means going forward for granting “Honorably Retired” status to retiring ministers.
4. Added the Rev. Holly Shoaf-O’Kula to the Presbytery’s Pulpit Supply List.
5. Added the Rev. Greg Loskoski to the Presbytery’s Pulpit Supply List, if the way be clear.

Recommendations:

1. Dismiss with gratitude the Administrative Commission that installed the Rev. Steven Barnes as Pastor at Oconee Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 25, at 4:00 PM:
[Teaching Elders: Rev. Mari Turner (Dahlonega); Rev. Tom Buchanan (Friendship); Rev. Dana Waters, (Covenant Athens); Ruling Elders: Kathy Little (Oconee); Kent Burel (Athens First); and Guest, Rev. Kimmy Briggs (Yellowstone Presbytery)]
2. Grant the Westminster and Elberton congregations, in accordance with G-2.0404, a waiver of the 6-year limit on Ruling Elder terms.
3. Grant that the COM be commissioned by the Presbytery with the authority to grant waivers of the 6-year limit on Ruling Elder terms, at the written request of congregations.
4. Receive the Rev. Greg Loskoski (Honorably Retired) as a member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery, coming to us from Savannah Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Buchanan
Chair

Statement of Faith
Greg Loskoski

I believe we live in a fallen and broken world. Isaiah 60:2 says, "See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the people." That seems to me to be a fair assessment of life in our modern world. However, the first thing that we learn about God in Genesis 1 is that "the Spirit of God hovered over the darkness and God said, 'Let there be light.'" When Isaiah speaks of the darkness that covers the people, he continues with these words "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you, and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light."

We hear a lot these days about being "enlightened" and there are a lot of voices claiming to represent enlightenment. Scripture is clear (John 1): "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness." I grew up in the PCUS. Those with similar background will remember "Lux Lucet en Tenebris" (Light shining in darkness) the motto of that denomination. I believe that light and life are found in the person of Jesus Christ. The church is called to follow Christ into a fallen world with a message of life and hope.

I subscribe to the tenets of the Protestant Reformation commonly referred to as the Five Solas: sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), and soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone). All that we know about God, or can know, is that which God has revealed to us. That revelation comes to us in two forms: Scripture and the person of Jesus Christ. Our salvation is found through the grace of God alone. No human work can merit our salvation. Salvation is offered only through the saving work of Jesus Christ in our behalf. That grace from God is imparted to us through our faith in Jesus Christ. To the glory of God alone.

Being the recipients of such grace calls us into the world as ambassadors of a holy kingdom: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1Peter 2:9). New Testament Christianity is not primarily defined by adherence to a particular theological system, but by the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ (the Holy Spirit) which makes us "new creations" able to live and work in this world while not being of this world. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is unlike any message the world has to offer. Jesus Christ pushes back the darkness that seems to be so much a part of our human experience and allows light and life to become reality not only for us, but for our world.

Statement of Faith Journey
Greg Loskoski

The Apostle Paul described my own faith journey when he wrote to Timothy about the faith he first saw in Timothy's grandmother and Timothy's mother. My grandmother lived with us, and bedtime stories were read from the Bible. My mother taught the Sunday School classes I attended as a child. If the doors of Midway Presbyterian Church in Anderson, South Carolina were opened for any reason, we were there. My father was an Elder and the church was an important part of our lives. I attended Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Following graduation from seminary I was ordained as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Valdosta, Ga. I served congregations in Leesburg, Ga. and Spartanburg, S.C.

In 1990 I became pastor of Flemington Presbyterian Church in Hinesville, Ga and served there until my retirement on April 30, 2023 at which time Ellen, my wife, and I moved to Blairsville, Ga. We have four grown children. I remember my faith journey in terms of the people God placed in my path who were instrumental in shaping my Christian walk. Some of those people have been life-long sources of inspiration, others maybe just a once in a life-time meeting.

Since 1998 I have been a volunteer chaplain with law enforcement. I serve the Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Natural Resources. A lot of that work involves victim assistance and delivering death notifications. It also includes ministry to law enforcement officers and families. I also helped coordinate the jail ministry for the Liberty County (Ga) Sheriff's Office. Flemington Presbyterian Church adopted those ministries as part of the church's mission and allowed me the time to respond to those in crisis.

The lead singer of the British rock group, Bono, made a statement of faith that closely follows my own belief:

"It's a mind-blowing concept that the God who created the Universe might be looking for company, a real relationship with people, but the thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between Grace and Karma... You see, at the center of all religions is the idea of Karma. You know, what you put out comes back to you; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, or in physics – in physical laws – every action is met by an equal or opposite one. And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that 'As you reap, so will you sow' stuff. Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions. It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for Grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross because I know who I am. The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled ... it's not our own good works that get through the gates of heaven ... If only we could be a bit more like Him, the world would be transformed."



Report of the Coordinating Team
Sylvia McDonald, Chair

The Coordinating Team (CT) met on July 25, 2023 via Zoom. They took the following actions and are making the following recommendations to presbytery:

For Information:

1. Heard reports from its Action Teams, the Stated Clerk, the General Presbyter, and several Presbytery Committees
2. Spent time in remembrance of Elder Michael “Cowboy Mike” Searles who passed away in June
3. Discussed upcoming needs for candidates to serve on the Presbytery’s Nominating Committee when three members rotate off at year end
4. Reviewed Book of Order revisions requiring action by Councils

Actions:

1. Approved the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting
2. Authorized the Stated Clerk and Moderator to finalize the docket for the August Stated Meeting
3. Approved an offering at the August Stated Meeting for the Presbyterian Student Center at UGA
4. Approved a \$2,572 grant from the Assistance Fund
5. Granted permission for staff to go over budgeted amounts for professional expenses for this fiscal year, in light of increased travel requirements and an unanticipated increase in the IRS mileage reimbursement rate
6. Requested that an update on the progress and activity of the V26 Collaborative be provided at the August Presbytery meeting.
7. Approved the formation of a task force to further explore a proposal (attached) to purchase a cottage from William Black Lodge at Montreat, and to dialog with the Board of Directors of William Black Lodge
8. Confirmed the next meeting for September 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at FPC Greensboro

Recommendations:

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Proposal for the Frank Colladay Cottage

The Rev. Andy Cooke

May 16, 2023

As board member of the William Black Lodge (WBL) in Montreat, NC and the treasurer of Northeast Georgia Presbytery (NEGP), I see an opportunity for these two organizations that I serve to mutually benefit from a partnership.

William Black Lodge is a three-story lodge with 25 guest rooms on North Carolina Terrace in Montreat, NC. Adjacent to the lodge, but fronting on West Virginia Terrace, WBL owns a small cottage that is lovely, but somewhat burdensome (for pictures, please visit <https://williamblacklodge.org/cottage.html>) It doesn't produce the level of income that the rest of the lodge produces, which makes it difficult to justify the expense of maintaining it. Ideas of mothballing it or selling it have been floated among the board, but others do not want to let go of it. This is an ongoing challenge for WBL.

At the same time, Northeast Georgia Presbytery has a potentially related challenge with an account at the Presbyterian Foundation called the *Retreat Endowment Fund*. This fund has its origins with a presbytery capital campaign in the early 1980s, which had the purchase of a retreat center as one of its stated goals. In the late 1990s, the presbytery invested these funds with the Presbyterian Foundation and the funds became restricted to the purchase of buildings or property for a retreat center. At the end of the first quarter of 2023, these funds totaled approximately \$168,000. This amount is probably not enough to ever purchase land or build a retreat center, let alone maintain it. As far as I could see, this money looked like it would never be able to be utilized and would remain with the Foundation in perpetuity.

WBL and NEGP both have challenges here that could be overcome by the other organization. WBL has a building that doesn't make economic sense to utilize, and NEGP has funds that are nearly impossible to utilize. A partnership between these organizations might allow us both to be better stewards of all that God has given us.

As a member of both organizations, it has occurred to me that it might make more sense for WBL to sell the cottage to NEGP for the full amount of the Retreat Endowment Fund, but for WBL to keep the land beneath it (a ground lease). WBL could maintain the

property, including all capital expenditures, in exchange for the revenue generated from it. NEGP could have free access to the property for a set number of days each year (perhaps 30 days), which they could give to their clergy for retreats.

If this partnership were to happen, then it would be appropriate to rename this cottage the Frank Colladay Cottage since Frank was such a beloved presence in both NEGP and at Montreat. I believe that the members of NEGP would be grateful for the chance to remember Frank in this way and to be able to enjoy a retreat center named for him.

This would benefit WBL with an infusion of funds into this cottage and the publicity of their ministry among the members of a presbytery with which it does not have a historical or formal connection. It would also fit well with WBL's historical mission to provide a place of retreat and renewal for persons serving in professional and avocational ministries.

I spoke with a few leaders from both NEGP and WBL in late 2022, and I found enthusiastic responses from both. I contacted Robert Hay at the Presbyterian Foundation to ask if this might be feasible, and he said that it was, though it would require a special review by a committee at the Foundation. In February 2023, I officially brought it to the Board of Directors at WBL. At the May 2023 board meeting, the board voted to invite NEGP to make a proposal. I took responsibility for formally communicating this action to NEGP on behalf of WBL.

As a member of NEGP, I am glad that we have the opportunity to craft this proposal rather than receive it. I think that it would be wise to bring this to the attention of the Coordinating Team on July 25 and the Church Property Commission. If we decide that we would like to explore this further, then I think that it might also be wise to hire a real estate attorney in Buncombe County, NC to advise us along the way and to help us close what would be an unusual real estate transaction.

At the same time, I would respect members of NEGP who thought that this may not be the best use of the Retreat Endowment Fund. I acknowledge that I have a conflict of interest, and I may not be able to see the interests of one organization apart from the other. I am happy to put it into the hands of the leaders of Northeast Georgia Presbytery and to follow their lead as we attempt to be wise stewards of God's gifts.



General Presbyter, Hilary Shuford,
Report to Northeast Georgia Presbytery
August 2023 Stated Meeting

When I returned from sabbatical a year ago, at the end of August, I made 2 resolutions: to continue with my new spiritual practices of breath prayer, and to encourage the Presbytery to begin a visioning process. As I reflected on these two directions, I remain thankful to God for the opportunity to serve with all of you in NEGP. I have continued with my new practice which has been renewing. The vision (V26) collaborative has begun its work, and Will Norman will be giving regular reports to you.

I want to thank everyone who reads my written reports and all the reports contained in the Presbytery meeting Handbook, and who attend to the matters placed before the body on the docket. And I want to remind you of the wealth of information found on the Presbytery's website, negapby.org.

As an update on some pastoral concerns, I am asking for your continued prayers for Travis Adams, who has another week in the in-patient rehabilitation at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville. I was informed yesterday that he can have visitors from 8am-4pm. We continue to celebrate the baby daughter of Dana Waters and the new hip of Mike Williams. I ask your prayers for all in our midst who are seeking to discern God's will and for all who are facing uncertainty and struggles in mind, spirit, and body. I continue praying for people who live in the war-torn country of Ukraine and for all who suffer from natural disaster, especially the citizens of the beautiful State of Hawaii.

My activities since our last meeting in May include resourcing committee meetings, having coffees, and lots of conversations with minister members and ruling elder committee members, training and supporting several congregational Pastor Nominating Committees, preaching, bring greetings and visiting congregations. I was so glad to be able to join with the other presbyters in the Synod of South Atlantic at the home of our Synod Exec Valerie Young in Jacksonville. We also have regular monthly zoom meetings but have not been together in person since before COVID. And I was able to take a week away with Harry this summer. Last week I began an intensive study of Bowen family systems theory as preparation for an 8-month course participating in the Bowen Center's Faith Leadership Seminar beginning Monday August 28 and continuing the last Monday of every month (except December and Holy Week).

Finally, last month I shared with the Coordinating Team (CT) what I have found to be a useful model about its (CT's) role in the presbytery structure. I like to think of a presbytery as if it were a tree, with branches and limbs representing the committees, teams, task forces. At the end of the branches are fruit-bearing clusters and flowers which represent the congregations ("leaves that do not wither," Psalm 1, "I am the vine and you are the branches" John 15, "rooted and grounded in God's love, Ephesians 2). And like the trunk of a tree, the CT is responsible generally for its CARE, coordination/communication, administration, review and evaluation. Moreover, the Presbytery is responsible for both planting seeds, nourishing those seeds, and being good dirt like in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13).

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom Saturday August 26, then in person on Saturday October 14 at FPC Athens for the social justice symposium and on Tuesday October 24 at FPC Cornelia.



Trinity Church Administrative Commission

In accord with the wishes of the congregation of Trinity Church, and in keeping with the prior approval of Presbytery, a final worship service to close Trinity Church was held June 25th, 2023. Rev. Travis Adams and Elder Susan Bidy, both members of the Trinity AC, were present for the service, which focused on giving thanks to God for the faithful work of the congregation for the past one hundred years.

The remaining financial assets of the church were transferred to Northeast Georgia Presbytery, and an appraisal of the property was obtained that indicated a fair market value of \$1.3 million dollars. A local realtor, Brent Hoffman with Berkshire Hathaway, was engaged to list the property for sale, and on July 26th a valid contract offering \$1.325 million dollars for the property was received. The contract has been reviewed by legal counsel and by the Church Property Commission, and the Trinity AC has unanimously agreed to **recommend that Presbytery approve the contract**. If approved, closing is set for October 24th, 2023.

Per Presbytery policy, 25% of the proceeds of any sale would be transferred to the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society, and any remaining expenses related to Trinity Church would also be drawn from this source. The congregation of Trinity Church expressed a strong desire that serious consideration be given to using some portion of the funds for the purpose of new church development in Hall County, Georgia. The Trinity AC concurs with that request, but is aware that Presbytery may determine that there are additional purposes to which these funds could be assigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Charles Crane
Chair



Northeast Georgia Presbyterian Women
August 26, 2023
Elaine Wiegert, Moderator Northeast Georgia PW

The PW Northeast Georgia August Workshops took place at Commerce Presbyterian Church on August 19, 2023. The Presbyterian Women at Commerce, hosts of the August Workshops, were assisted by the Men's Group. In addition to an introduction to this year's Horizons Bible Study, *Sacred Encounters. The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir, three workshops were conducted: A discussion of *Be the Bridge. Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison; making Protestant Prayer Beads; and Praying through the Spirituality Center at Commerce Presbyterian Church. The Introduction to the Horizons Bible Study was livestreamed for women who are unable to attend the workshops in person.

On October 14, 2023. Northeast Georgia Presbyterian Women will host a **Social Justice Symposium. Working Toward Justice for All** at First Presbyterian Church Athens. Rev. Alonzo Johnson, the Coordinator of the Social Development of People for PC(USA) in Louisville will lead our worship service. After worship, three breakout sessions will be available for attendees: The Least of These: An anti-poverty workshop conducted by Rev. Johnson and Margaret Mwale, his colleague from the Social Development of People Committee; This is What HOPE Looks Like Through the Church – Conversations on issues such as access to services, equity, participation, and human rights; Welcoming, Loving, and Including ALL of God's Children. **The symposium is open to all.** Registration information will be available soon.

The Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Northeast Georgia will be held on March 16, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Wiegert



Nominating Committee Report
Ruling Elder Joel Burns, chair

The Nominating Committee met on May 25 and June 22, 2023 via Zoom. They are making the following recommendations to presbytery for action at the August Presbytery meeting:

I. Church Property Commission :

Dee Devereaux	Dahlonega	F-RE	North Central MC	2023-2025
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I. Clergy Care Committee:

John McCrosky	Monticello	M-TE	South Central MC	2023-2025
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Presbyterian Campus Ministry
Report to the Northeast Georgia Presbytery
August 2023

In August, PCM welcomed two new student representatives to the board of directors: Jordan Farr, President of our student organization, and Jonathon Jones, Student Minister and member of Madison Presbyterian Church

The program year kicked off Tuesday August 15th with our weekly Word+Table service. As a reminder, worship is always open to anyone who would like to participate, and we mean it when we say that your presence is welcome and meaningful to us.

Over the summer, Quality Glass has been replacing entryways on the Presbyterian Student Center (three primary entry points and the 5 double doors in the dining room with high efficiency glass and storefront. As of 8/14, the job is essentially finished, with a few minor adjustments outstanding. We are grateful to have improved the efficiency and lessened the environmental impact created in the use of this property.

We are hopeful to complete the replacement of the remaining window walls next summer, which we anticipate costing \$100K+.

To that end, this is our reminder that the NEXT80 Campaign to renovate the Presbyterian Student Center at UGA is ongoing. To date we have received \$350K in gifts and pledges from individuals (~\$275K), congregations + NEGA Presbytery (~\$50K), and family foundations (\$25K).

The 100 Faithful Families initiative of the NEXT80 campaign is nearly 1/4 of the way to completion, with 23 individuals or families pledging \$1,000/year for five years (\$5,000 total). We are grateful to all who have made contributions and pledges so far, and to those who will do so in the coming months. Please consider making a gift or pledge to help Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UGA complete the renewal of our 64-year-old ministry facility. It is a critical piece of the Presbyterian Church's witness in Athens and beyond (www.pscuga.org/next80)

Thank you for your ongoing support of Presbyterian Campus Ministry, and the students who find a home for their here.

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Annual

TAKE UP THE CAUSE

A Christian Response to Systemic Poverty

Sponsored by Christ Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and GAP Ministries.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Greene St. Mission Center • 1235 Greene St. • Augusta, Ga.

with special guests including

**Mayor Garnett Johnson &
Commissioner Jordan Johnson**

Opening worship begins at 9:30.

At 10:00, there will be educational opportunities
and resources to respond to poverty in the CSRA.

Please bring a canned good or other item for our food drive.

For more information, contact Covenant Presbyterian at 706-733-0513.

*Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.
Isaiah 1:17*



**NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
JULY 2023**

	JAN - JULY 2023	BUDGET	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME				
SHARED MISSION - CURRENT YEAR	146,528.45	226,587	-80,058.55	64.67%
PER CAPITA	77,336.87	127,731	-50,394.13	60.55%
INVESTMENT INCOME	3,359.11	1,500	1,859.11	223.94%
OTHER INCOME	117.14		117.14	100.0%
TRANSFER FROM UNDESIGNATED RESERVES		45,933		0.0%
TOTAL INCOME	227,341.57	401,751	-174,409.43	56.59%
EXPENSES				
BACKYARD MINISTRY		1,500	-1,500.00	0.0%
CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UGA - Annual Support	10,500.00	18,000	-7,500.00	58.33%
Campus Ministry - Montreat College Conference		2,600	-2,600.00	0.0%
CLERGY CARE	5,614.00	6,170	-556.00	90.99%
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY	1,185.43	2,500	-1,314.57	47.42%
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY	875.00	6,030	-5,155.00	14.51%
COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION		100	-100.00	0.0%
CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS	2,500.00	5,000	-2,500.00	50.0%
COORDINATING TEAM	16,612.12	28,550	-11,937.88	58.19%
GENERAL ASSEMBLY PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT	35,888.51	61,523	-25,634.49	58.33%
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHARED MISSION	2,625.00	4,500	-1,875.00	58.33%
MISSION PERSONNEL SUPPORT	750.00	1,500	-750.00	50.0%
NOMINATING COMMITTEE		325	-325.00	0.0%
PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION		500	-500.00	0.0%
PROPERTY COMMISSION		100	-100.00	0.0%
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PASTORAL RESPONSE		200	-200.00	0.0%
STAFF SALARIES	148,677.81	250,284	-101,606.19	59.4%
SYNOD PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT	5,465.25	9,369	-3,903.75	58.33%
SYNOD SHARED MISSION	1,750.00	3,000	-1,250.00	58.33%
TOTAL PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	232,443.12	401,751	-169,307.88	57.86%
BALANCE	-5,101.55	0	-5,101.55	

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
CLERGY CARE
July 2023

	Jan - July 2023	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Clergy pictorial directory	114.00	120	(6.00)	95.0%
HR minister gatherings		200	(200.00)	0.0%
Online Workshops		300	(300.00)	0.0%
Pby Support for cohorts	5,500.00	5,500	0.00	100.0%
Supplies & miscellaneous		50	(50.00)	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,614.00	6,170	(556.00)	90.99%

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
July 2023

	Jan - July 2023	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
A/C & Other Expense		200	(200.00)	0.0%
Background Checks	63.00	300	(237.00)	21.0%
Committee Meeting Expense	1,122.43	2,000	(877.57)	56.12%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,185.43	2,500	(1,314.57)	47.42%

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
July 2023

	Jan - July 2023	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Aid to Candidates	875.00	4,000	(3,125.00)	21.88%
Career Assessment		1,280	(1,280.00)	0.00%
Committee Meeting Expense		750	(750.00)	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	875.00	6,030	(5,155.00)	14.51%

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE
July 2023

	Jan - July 2023	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Hope & Healing Conference		2,000	(2,000.00)	0.00%
Matthew 25 Initiative	2,500.00	3,000	(500.00)	83.33%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,500.00	5,000	(2,500.00)	50.00%

Northeast Georgia Presbytery
Coordinating Team
July 2023

	Jan - July 2023	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Committee Meeting Expenses	260.68	1,200	-939.32	21.72%
Copier Support	580.71	750	-169.29	77.43%
Financial Review (CPA)	6,875.00	7,000	-125.00	98.21%
GA/Synod Commissioners' Expense	174.00	300	-126.00	58.00%
GP Discretionary Fund		1,000	-1,000.00	0.00%
Insurance	2,203.00	3,550	-1,347.00	62.06%
IT Support/Software	1,898.71	4,300	-2,401.29	44.16%
Miscellaneous	216.00	500	-284.00	43.20%
Moderator Expenses	559.36	1,000	-440.64	55.94%
Office Equipment		2,500	-2,500.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	373.13	900	-526.87	41.46%
Postage	201.00	350	-149.00	57.43%
Presbytery Meeting Expenses	540.00	1,000	-460.00	54.00%
Recording Clerk Stipend	500.00	900	-400.00	55.56%
Recording Clerk Expense	149.75	300	-150.25	49.92%
Telephone	1,180.78	2,050	-869.22	57.60%
Workers' Compensation Insurance	900.00	950	-50.00	94.74%
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,612.12	28,550	-11,937.88	58.19%

Staff Salaries				
July 2023				
	Jan - July 2023	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Medicare-Employer Portion	404.60	700	-295.40	57.8%
Social Security-Employer Portion	1,729.99	2,970	-1,240.01	58.25%
Stated Clerk				
Travel/Professional Expenses	525.00	1,400	-875.00	37.5%
Continuing Education		650	-650.00	0.0%
Salary	18,096.82	31,023	-12,926.18	58.33%
Total Stated Clerk	18,621.82	33,073	-14,451.18	56.31%
General Presbyter				
Travel/Professional Expenses	5,344.18	5,500	-155.82	97.17%
Pension, Health, D&D	21,209.86	36,360	-15,150.14	58.33%
Continuing Education	1,500.00	1,500	0.00	100.0%
Social Security & Medicare	4,165.00	7,140	-2,975.00	58.33%
Salary	36,884.12	63,230	-26,345.88	58.33%
Housing Allowance	17,500.00	30,000	-12,500.00	58.33%
Total General Presbyter	86,603.16	143,730	-57,126.84	60.25%
Business Administrator				
Travel/Professional Expenses	1,307.55	1,875	-567.45	69.74%
Continuing Education	48.14	500	-451.86	9.63%
Pension, Health, D&D	8,781.43	15,054	-6,272.57	58.33%
Matching Contribution to RSP	1,500.00	1,500	0.00	100.0%
Gross Wages	29,681.12	50,882	-21,200.88	58.33%
Total Business Administrator	41,318.24	69,811	-28,492.76	59.19%
TOTAL EXPENSES	148,677.81	250,284	-101,606.19	59.4%

Northeast Georgia Presbytery

Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash-Synovus Checking	217,240.43
First American Money Market Checking	151,383.72
ILP 15 Month Note	102,615.43
New Covenant Balanced Income Fund	128,435.36
Notes Receivable - Short Term (GDMS)	<u>630.42</u>

Total Current Assets 600,305.36

Fixed Assets

Land (1250 Lumpkin St.)	71,492.66
Student Center Building	191,199.41
Computer Equipment	10,278.77
Other Fixed Assets	1,086.61
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-58,137.36</u>

Total Fixed Assets 215,920.09

Other Assets

Notes Receivable - Long Term (GDMS)	<u>4,327.06</u>
Carnesville Church Property	25,000.00
Trinity Church Property	<u>1,325,000.00</u>

Total Other Assets 1,354,327.06

TOTAL ASSETS 2,170,552.51

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards	85.30
Payroll Liabilities	<u>-710.00</u>

Total Current Liabilities -624.70

Other Liabilities

Property Held in Trust	<u>1,350,000.00</u>
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Total Other Liabilities 1,350,000.00

Total Liabilities 1,349,375.30

Equity

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Assistance Fund	16,043.69
Beth Duncan Fund (PW)	42,569.28
Carnesville Church Fund	-477.15
Clergy Care Fund	10,675.48
Connectional Events Fund	15,934.51
Georgia Domestic Missionary Society Fund	98,572.52
Justice & Peacemaking Fund	6,418.40
Property Protection & Defense Fund	83,565.38
Spiritual Direction Fund	5,000.00
Trinity Church Fund	<u>114,002.87</u>

Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 392,304.98

Unrestricted Net Assets	
Undesignated Reserves	166,601.48
Other Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>259,486.23</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	426,087.71
Net Ordinary Income	-5,101.55
Unrealized Gains/Losses	<u>7,886.07</u>
Total Equity	<u>821,177.21</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>2,170,552.51</u></u>

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
CHURCH GIVING
JULY 2023

CHURCH	MEMBERS 12/31/2021	SHARED MISSION COMMITMENT	SHARED MISSION RECEIPTS	REMAINING BALANCE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY BENEVOLENCES	PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT	PER CAPITA RECEIPTS	REMAINING BALANCE	TOTAL RECEIPTS
ATHENS FIRST	949	65,000.00	32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 1,056.00	\$ 19,407.05	\$ 9,703.50	\$ 9,703.55	\$ 43,259.50
ATHENS KOREAN	80			\$ -		1,636.00	1,636.00	\$ -	\$ 1,636.00
AUGUSTA KOREAN	60	2,373.00	873.00	\$ 1,500.00		1,227.00	1,227.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
BATH	31			\$ -	1,124.00	633.95	633.95	\$ -	\$ 1,757.95
BELLE TERRACE	96		1,459.10	\$ (1,459.10)	189.23	1,963.20	1,963.20	\$ -	\$ 3,611.53
CALVARY	23	1,375.00	858.00	\$ 517.00		470.35	470.35	\$ -	\$ 1,328.35
CHRIST	25	1,200.00	200.00	\$ 1,000.00		511.25	511.25	\$ -	\$ 711.25
CLARKESVILLE FIRST	126	0.00		\$ -	787.00	2,576.70	1,932.54	\$ 644.16	\$ 2,719.54
CLAYTON	42	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$ -		858.90	858.90	\$ -	\$ 1,858.90
CLEVELAND FIRST	95	1,850.00	1,133.30	\$ 716.70		1,942.75	1,133.30	\$ 809.45	\$ 2,266.60
CLIFFORD MEMORIAL	40		426.00	\$ (426.00)		818.00	818.00	\$ -	\$ 1,244.00
COMMERCE	64	1,100.00	550.00	\$ 550.00		1,308.80	981.60	\$ 327.20	\$ 1,531.60
CORNELIA FIRST	145			\$ -	525.00	2,965.25	1,000.00	\$ 1,965.25	\$ 1,525.00
COVENANT, ATHENS	330	36,000.00	22,166.69	\$ 13,833.31	4,175.00	6,748.50	3,936.66	\$ 2,811.84	\$ 30,278.35
COVENANT, AUGUSTA	205	15,000.00	10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	1,661.60	4,192.25	2,794.80	\$ 1,397.45	\$ 14,456.40
DAHLONEGA	33			\$ -	58.00	674.85	674.85	\$ -	\$ 732.85
EATONTON	43	0.00		\$ -		879.35	879.35	\$ -	\$ 879.35
ELBERTON FIRST	10	600.00	400.00	\$ 200.00	111.00	204.50	204.50	\$ -	\$ 715.50
FRIENDSHIP	81	1,200.00	700.00	\$ 500.00		1,656.45	1,656.45	\$ -	\$ 2,356.45
GAINESVILLE FIRST	760	19,458.00	9,729.00	\$ 9,729.00		15,542.00	7,771.02	\$ 7,770.98	\$ 17,500.02
GREENSBORO FIRST	55	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$ -		1,124.75	1,124.75	\$ -	\$ 2,124.75
HARTWELL FIRST	36			\$ -		736.20		\$ 736.20	\$ -
HEBRON	17			\$ -		347.65		\$ 347.65	\$ -
HELEN	40	500.00	500.00	\$ -		818.00	818.00	\$ -	\$ 1,318.00
HOMER	29			\$ -		593.05	593.05	\$ -	\$ 593.05
HOPEWELL	13			\$ -		265.85		\$ 265.85	\$ -
JEFFERSON	47	0.00		\$ -		961.15	961.15	\$ -	\$ 961.15
LAVONIA	16	400.00	400.00	\$ -		327.20	327.20	\$ -	\$ 727.20
MADISON	349	3,000.00	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	690.00	7,137.05	3,568.53	\$ 3,568.52	\$ 5,758.53
MILLEDGEVILLE FIRST	138	4,000.00	2,599.90	\$ 1,400.10	1,597.20	2,822.10	2,822.10	\$ -	\$ 7,019.20
MONTICELLO	219		11,250.00	\$ (11,250.00)	2,159.55	4,478.55	4,478.55	\$ -	\$ 17,888.10
MOUNT HERMON	62		3,566.84	\$ (3,566.84)	1,735.00	1,267.90	1,267.90	\$ -	\$ 6,569.74
MOUNTAIN	39	1,200.00	1,200.00	\$ -	370.00	797.55	797.55	\$ -	\$ 2,367.55
NACOOCHEE	254	17,000.00	9,919.00	\$ 7,081.00	400.00	5,194.30	3,029.95	\$ 2,164.35	\$ 13,348.95
NEW HOPE	20			\$ -		409.00		\$ 409.00	\$ -

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
CHURCH GIVING
JULY 2023

CHURCH	MEMBERS 12/31/2021	SHARED MISSION COMMITMENT	SHARED MISSION RECEIPTS	REMAINING BALANCE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY BENEVOLENCES	PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT	PER CAPITA RECEIPTS	REMAINING BALANCE	TOTAL RECEIPTS
OCONEE	244	2,200.00	1,797.50	\$ 402.50		4,989.80	1,797.50	\$ 3,192.30	\$ 3,595.00
PLEASANT HILL	30	1,600.00	500.00	\$ 1,100.00		613.50	300.00	\$ 313.50	\$ 800.00
RABUN GAP	205	0.00		\$ -		4,192.25		\$ 4,192.25	\$ -
REID MEMORIAL	715	46,878.23	27,383.43	\$ 19,494.80	2,333.31	14,621.75	8,491.57	\$ 6,130.18	\$ 38,208.31
SAINT ANDREW	118	2,000.04	1,166.69	\$ 833.35		2,413.10	1,407.65	\$ 1,005.45	\$ 2,574.34
SARDIS	102	300.00	150.00	\$ 150.00		2,085.90	1,042.95	\$ 1,042.95	\$ 1,192.95
TIMPSON	21			\$ -		429.45		\$ 429.45	\$ -
TRINITY	28			\$ -		572.60	572.60	\$ -	\$ 572.60
UNION POINT FIRST	26		1,600.00	\$ (1,600.00)	1,303.00	531.70	531.70	\$ -	\$ 3,434.70
WESTMINSTER	38			\$ -		777.10		\$ 777.10	\$ -
WESTSIDE	45			\$ -		920.25		\$ 920.25	\$ -
WILEY	36	300.00		\$ 300.00		736.20	736.20	\$ -	\$ 736.20
WINDER FIRST	55			\$ -		1,124.75	1,124.75	\$ -	\$ 1,124.75
TOTAL:	6,235	226,534.27	\$ 146,528.45	\$ 80,005.82	\$ 20,274.89	\$ 127,505.75	\$ 76,580.87	\$ 50,924.88	\$ 243,384.21

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE
August 26, 2023

Minister Members:

Burnetta	Armour	Cleveland First	Jennifer	Horton	Lavonia
Arch	Baker	Madison	Meg	Jackson Clark	Greensboro First
Susan	Balfour	Milledgeville First	Percy	Johnson	Sardis
Steven	Barnes	Oconee	Christin	Johnson Norman	Validated Ministry
Whitney	Booth Lockard	Validated Ministry	Heather	Koontz	Mount Hermon
Tom	Buchanan	Friendship	Lee	Koontz	Gainesville First
Jeffrey	Cain	Commerce	Melvin	Lowry	Honorably Retired
Sharon	Caldwell	Belle Terrace	John	McCrosky	Monticello
Brandi	Casto-Waters	Reid Memorial	Paul	Min	Mountain
Andy	Chambers	Cornelia First	Stephen	Nelms	Honorably Retired
Karla	Conditt Daniels	Validated Ministry	Will	Norman	Presbyterian Campus Min
Andy	Cooke	Covenant Augusta	Shon	Peppers	Gainesville First
Charles	Crane	Winder First	Edward	Rees	Stated Clerk
Jacob	Douylliez	Eatonton	Decatur	Rodgers	Honorably Retired
Nadine	Ellsworth-Moran	Reid Memorial	Holly	Shoaf-O'Kula	Honorably Retired
Paul	Evans	Jefferson	Hilary	Shuford	General Presbyter
Teresa	Franklin	Nacoochee	Joan	Stevens	Member at Large
Ron	Gilreath	Honorably Retired	Craig	Topple	Pleasant Hill
Katelyn	Gordon Cooke	Covenant Augusta	Souvanh	Touralack	The Backyard
Matt	Henderson	Clarkesville First	Mari	Turner	Dahlonega
Amy	Hobby Rickard	Validated Ministry	Haruko	Ward	Validated Ministry

Corresponding Ministers:

Greg Loskoski Savannah Presbytery

Ruling Elder Commissioners:

Dan	Nadenicek	Athens First	Bill	Youngblood	Gainesville First
Denise	Horton	Athens First	Verley	Dotson	Greensboro First
Joyce	Dejoie	Belle Terrace	Marcia	Bryan	Jefferson
Jan	Lewis	Belle Terrace	Raphael	Shiretzki	Lavonia
Marsha	Moorman	Belle Terrace	Pam	Latham	Madison
Wanda	Butler	Christ	Nancy	Miller	Milledgeville First
Claudia	Jessup	Clarkesville First	Donna	Holman	Monticello
Tina	Simpson	Clayton	Miriam	Jordan	Monticello
Becky	Clark	Cleveland First	Phyllis	McCannon	Mount Hermon
Jean	Kelly	Cleveland First	Vickie	Shows	Mountain
Bruce	Morgan	Cleveland First	Karen	Brown	Nacoochee
Linda	Koehler	Covenant Athens	Ashley	Brown-Lemley	Nacoochee
Katy	Terry	Covenant Athens	Cheryl	Vandiver	Nacoochee
Steve	Bell	Covenant Augusta	Julie	Frey	Oconee
Judy	Grieve	Covenant Augusta	John	Gregg	Oconee
Mary	McCarter	Covenant Augusta	Marisue	Hilliard	Oconee
Roy	Martin	Dahlonega	Nicole	Mays	Oconee
Marjorie	Balling	Eatonton	Anita	York	Oconee
Charlotte	Higginbotham	Elberton First	Michael	Ward	Pleasant Hill
John	Norris	Friendship	Jim	McKnight	Reid Memorial
Henry	Hibbs	Friendship	Charles	Colbert	Sardis
Dawn	Fulenwider	Gainesville First	Pam	Powell	Winder First
Joe	Thompson	Gainesville First			

Other Ruling Elders with Vote:

Joel	Burns	Nominating Chair	Fred	DiMaio	Clayton
Sylvia	McDonald	Coordinating Team Chair	Elaine	Wiegert	PW Moderator

Visitors:

Anita	Green	Presbytery Staff	Marc	Galvin	Moderator in Nomination
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