

One Hundred and Fourteenth Stated Meeting
 Northeast Georgia Presbytery
 Minutes of Meeting
 October 25, 2022

Location: Monticello Presbyterian Church, Monticello, GA. Pastors: Rev. Jacob Douylliez, Moderator *Pro Tempore*, Candidate John McCrosky, Interim Pastor-Elect

Meeting format: The items of business were included in the worship service format

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Call to Order and Opening Prayer, Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and opened with prayer by Moderator Elder Sylvia McDonald. Rev. Jacob Douylliez welcomed the attendees.	
Seating of first time commissioners, corresponding members and visitors	First time commissioners and corresponding members were acknowledged, and visitors were welcomed.	
Declaration of Quorum		Rev. Ed Rees, Stated Clerk, declared that a quorum was present.
Adoption of Docket Handbook, pages 2-4	After asking for any amendments, Moderator McDonald moved the Docket be adopted. Rev. Tom Buchanan asked that the approval of Honorable Retirement for Stephen Jackson be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Committee on Ministry Report.	The Docket as amended was adopted.
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p>Moderator McDonald presented the Consent Agenda and explained the guidelines. Moderator McDonald presented the following motions for the Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the 114th Stated Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2022 as distributed • Committee on Ministry recommendation: approve the dissolution of the call of Rev. Colin Pettigrew with Madison PC, effective June 23, 2022, and transfer his membership to Foothills Presbytery 	The Consent Agenda as amended was adopted.
Stated Clerk's Report Handbook, page 5	Rev. Rees shared an update on the Carnesville/Hopewell Administrative Commission and resources for officer training. Rev. Rees made a motion to grant voice to Candidate for Ordination John McCrosky for this meeting.	The motion to grant voice to John McCrosky was adopted.
Call to Worship Hymn Call to Confession	Candidate for Ordination to the Word and Sacrament John McCrosky led the assembly in a time of preparation for worship.	
Prayer for Illumination Scripture Reading	Elder McCrosky gave a prayer and read from Psalm 139:1-12, and Philippians 4:4-9.	

<p>Sermon Hymn Celebration of the Lord's Supper Affirmation of Faith</p>	<p>Elder McCrosky delivered a sermon entitled "Rejoice in the Lord, Always!", followed by a hymn and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, presided over by Rev. Douylliez and Elder McCrosky.</p>	
<p>Offering Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer Hymn Blessing and Charge</p>	<p>An offering to support the The Backyard Ministry, a 1001 Worshipping Community in Cornelia, GA, was received. Following a prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. Douylliez and a hymn, Elder McCrosky gave the blessing and charge.</p>	
<p>Committee on Ministry Report Handbook, pages 6-10</p>	<p>On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Tom Buchanan made the following motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the proposed 2023 Minimum Salary Standards included in the report. • Approve the formation of an Administrative Commission to review the request of the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Gainesville (after consultation with the congregation) to be dissolved, with members of the Administrative Commission to be Rev. Bob Abernathy, Rev. Heather Koontz, RE Susan Bidy (FPC Gainesville), RE Roy Martin (Dahlonga), and one other commissioner to be appointed by the Committee on Ministry. • Upon successful examination, approve the ordination of John McCrosky to the ordered ministry of Minister of Word and Sacrament. • If the way be clear, approve the formation of an Administrative Commission for the purpose of ordaining John McCrosky to the office of Teaching Elder on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Covenant PC Augusta – Commission consisting of the following members: Ruling Elders Aubrey Moore (Covenant Augusta, Moderator), Ed Boland (Reid Memorial), Betty Jean Jordan (Monticello), and Teaching Elders Sue Jacobson, Melvin Lowry, Dallas Thompson, and Karla Conditt Daniels. • Grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Stephen Jackson, effective October 25, 2022. RE J. Boswell of FPC Union Point spoke to Rev. Jackson's ministry with the congregation. 	<p>The motion to approve the proposed 2023 Minimum Salary Standards as printed in the handbook was adopted. The motion to approve the formation of an Administrative Commission to review the request of the session to dissolve the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church was approved.</p> <p>A motion to close the examination was adopted. The motion to approve the ordination of John McCrosky was adopted. The motion to approve the formation of an Administrative Commission for the purpose of ordaining John McCrosky was adopted.</p> <p>The motion to grant Honorably Retired status to Rev. Jackson was adopted.</p>
<p>General Presbyter's Report Handbook, page 11</p>	<p>Rev. Hilary Shuford gave a report on her sabbatical and offered a prayer.</p>	

Musical Selection	A special musical selection was provided by soloist Grace De Garmo.	
Black Presbyterian Caucus Report Handbook, page 12	Rev. Otis A. Smith gave a report on behalf of the Caucus.	
Clergy Care Committee	Committee members Ross Brown and Ruling Elder Judy Grieve presented certificates commemorating ordination anniversaries (in five year increments) to thirty minister members. Mr. Brown announced the launch of an online pictorial directory for ministers, and encouraged clergy to consider joining a new clergy cohort. Rev. Tom Buchanan spoke of the benefits he has found engaging with an existing cohort.	
Order of the Day: Blessing and Lunch	Following a blessing, Moderator McDonald called a recess for lunch. The assembly reconvened at 1:20 p.m.	
Coordinating Team Report Handbook, pages 13-18	<p>On behalf of the Coordinating Team, Rev. Mari Turner made the following motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve an increase in the Presbytery's portion of the 2023 per capita assessment to \$9.10 per member. • Approve a gift of \$35,000 from Undesignated Reserves to the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UGA for their current capital campaign. • Approve the proposed 2023 Budget • Adopt the following resolution in conjunction with the 2023 Budget: <i>In the event of extraordinary circumstances in the coming fiscal year that require emergency expenditures by the Committee on Ministry, Permanent Judicial Commission, Property Commission, or Sexual Misconduct Response Committee, the Presbytery authorizes the Coordinating Team to spend up to \$5,000 from Undesignated Reserves which shall be reported at the subsequent Presbytery meeting. In the event that the Committee on Preparation for Ministry adds Inquirers or Candidates which necessitate additional expenditures, then they are permitted to exceed their budget accordingly.</i> • Approve the following dates for 2023 Presbytery Meetings: February 25, 2023 (in person); May 23, 2023 (in person); August 26, 2023 (possibly on Zoom); and October 24, 2023. 	<p>The motion to increase the Presbytery's portion of the 2023 per capita to \$9.10 was adopted. The motion to gift \$35,000 from Undesignated Reserves to Presbyterian Campus Ministry for their current capital campaign was adopted. The motion to approve the proposed 2023 Budget was adopted. The motion to adopt the resolution in conjunction with the 2023 Budget was adopted.</p> <p>The motion to approve the 2023 Presbytery Meeting dates was adopted.</p>
Committee on Representation Report	Rev. Melvin Lowry gave a report on the Committee on Representation and their endorsement of the slate of candidates from the Nominating Committee.	

Nominating Committee Report Handbook, pages 19-21	On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Elder Joel Burns made the motion to approve the 2023 slate of candidates as printed in the handbook.	The motion to approve the 2023 slate of candidates as printed in the handbook was adopted.
Sexual Misconduct Pastoral Response Team Report Handbook, page 22	On behalf of the Sexual Misconduct Pastoral Response Team, Rev. Andy Chambers made the motion that Presbytery mandate that every minister member and everyone supplying a pulpit or engaged in pastoral ministry complete the Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children child abuse prevention training by June 30, 2023.	The motion to mandate the child abuse prevention training was adopted.
Presbyterian Campus Ministry Report	Rev. Will Norman gave a report on behalf of Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UGA.	
Church Property Commission Report Handbook, pages 23-31	On behalf of the Church Property Commission, Rev. Hilary Shuford made the motion to approve a request from Presbyterian Campus Ministry to obtain a loan from the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP) in an amount up to \$180,000, with the funds to be used to replace old HVAC equipment and upgrade the electrical system at the Presbyterian Student Center on the campus of UGA. Please see Addendum A for the Resolution.	The motion to approve the PILP loan request by Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UGA was adopted.
The Backyard Ministry Report Handbook, page 32	Rev. Andy Chambers read a written report provided by Rev. Souvanh Touralack on behalf of The Backyard Ministry. Rev. Chambers made a plea for further financial support for The Backyard Ministry.	
Bills and Overtures Committee	Moderator McDonald appointed the following persons to the Bills and Overtures Committee: Rev. Burnetta Armour (First PC Cleveland), Elder Faye Aker (Sardis PC), Rev. Jacob Douylliez (Eatonton PC), and Elder John Stork (Monticello PC). The Committee will be charged with evaluating the 33 proposed amendments sent by the General Assembly for vote by the Presbyteries.	
Announcements	There were no additional announcements.	
Prayer and Adjournment	Following a prayer by Moderator McDonald, the meeting was declared adjourned at 2:10 p.m.	

Date Minutes approved: _____

Moderator _____
Elder Sylvia McDonald

Recorder _____
Anita Green