

One Hundredth and Twenty-Second Stated Meeting
 Northeast Georgia Presbytery
 Minutes of Meeting
 August 17, 2024

Location: First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, Georgia

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Call to Order Opening Prayer Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Marc Galvin. Moderator Galvin opened the meeting with prayer. Welcome was provided by Rev. Lee Koontz, pastor.	
Seating of First-time Commissioners, Corresponding Members, Introduction of Visitors	First-time commissioners were recognized. Valerie Young, Executive and Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Atlantic was welcomed as a visitor.	
Declaration of Quorum		A quorum was declared by Rev. Ed Rees, Stated Clerk
Approval of Docket	Rev. Charles Crane requested that the Trinity Funds Report be separated from the Coordinating Team report to facilitate discussion.	The docket was approved. It was decided that the Trinity Funds report will remain in the Coordinating Team Report and there will be ample time allotted for discussion, as needed.
Approval of Consent Agenda Handbook, page 5	Items in the consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the May 21 Presbytery meeting • Minutes of the July 19 Called Presbytery Meeting • Nominating Committee Report 	The Consent Agenda was approved
Stated Clerk's Report Rev. Ed Rees Handbook, pages 6 - 9	Rev. Rees reviewed the written report found in the Handbook. Review of Session and Congregational Meeting minutes: During the time of the pandemic the annual review of minutes was suspended. As the pandemic restrictions resolved, peer review of minutes was instituted for a short time. The constitutional responsibility of a formal review of minutes from Session and Congregational meetings will resume as scheduled (see Handbook, page 7 for dates, times, and locations of the formal review.)	
Call to Worship, Hymn, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness, Scripture Reading, Reflection, Affirmation of Faith, Hymn, Offering, Prayer, Blessing and Charge	Worship leaders: Rev. Lee Koontz, Rev. Heather Koontz, Rev. Courtney Pittman, Elder Valerie Young. Synod of South Atlantic Executive and Stated Clerk Elder Valerie Young led a time of reflection.	
Coordinating Team Report Joslyn Fields Handbook, pages 10 -14	Recommendations: 1. Dissolve the call of Hilary Shuford to Northeast Georgia Presbytery effective, July 15, 2024	Recommendation 1 was approved.

	<p>2. Approve the proposal for the Trinity Fund (current balance \$1,037,971.53) (a) That, upon maturity in December 2024, the current certificate of deposit held at Synovus Bank be reinvested for another 13 months. (b) That the proposal from The Table Athens for student housing development be approved in principle, and that \$1,000,000 of the current Trinity Fund be designated in support of the proposal. (c) That the balance of the Trinity Fund, plus earnings from the current and subsequent investments, be designated in support of 1001 New Worshipping Communities.</p> <p>After approval of the motion to divide the recommendations recommendation 2a was considered.</p> <p>There was a lengthy time of discussion regarding recommendation 2b and 2c. Individuals in favor of 2b and 2c were given opportunity to speak and individuals not in favor of 2b and 2c were given opportunity to speak.</p>	<p>There was a motion from the floor to divide the recommendations for individual consideration of 2a, 2b, and 2c. A second was provided. The motion was approved.</p> <p>Recommendation 2a was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made from the floor to postpone voting on 2b and 2c until a report can be given from the New Worshipping Community team. This motion was not approved.</p> <p>After a lengthy time of discussion, the motion to close the discussion was made and a second received. The motion was approved.</p> <p>Recommendation 2b and 2c (as made by the Coordinating Team) was approved by majority vote.</p>
<p>Report from the General Assembly Handbook, pages 15 - 17</p>	<p>Rev. Matt Henderson and Elder Joyce Dejoie gave a brief report of their experience at General Assembly. A written report is included in the Handbook.</p>	
<p>Committee on Ministry Report Rev. Steven Barnes Handbook, page 18</p>	<p>That Rev. Tom Buchanan be examined to serve as the Installed Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens and to approve his terms of call. Rev. Buchanan spoke to his call to Covenant Presbyterian Church. There were no questions from the floor</p>	<p>Approval was received for Rev. Tom Buchanan to serve as the Installed Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens and for his terms of call.</p>
<p>Anti-Racism Task Force Report Handbook, page 19</p>	<p>There was no presentation of a verbal report but a written report is included in the Handbook.</p>	
<p>Presbyterian Women</p>	<p>No report</p>	
<p>Vision 26 Collaborative Report</p>	<p>Report deferred until the October Presbytery meeting.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>There were no announcements</p>	
<p>Prayer and Adjournment</p>	<p>.</p>	<p>A motion to adjourn was approved. The meeting was closed with prayer at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be October 22, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Georgia</p>

Respectfully submitted: Sylvia McDonald, recorder

Date Minutes approved:_____

Moderator _____
Marc Galvin

Recording Clerk _____
Sylvia McDonald



PROPOSED DOCKET AND HANDBOOK

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND STATED MEETING

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

AUGUST 17, 2024

*HOSTED BY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
800 S. ENOTA DRIVE, NE
GAINESVILLE, GA*

Dear Kindred in Christ,

On behalf of the Session and the entire FPC family, I would like to extend our warmest welcome to you as you prepare to gather at FPC Gainesville on Saturday, August 17th for our stated meeting of Northeast Georgia Presbytery. I hope and pray that each of you enjoys safe travels, and that the community of Gainesville and the congregation of First Presbyterian can feel like a “home away from home” to you as you arrive.

Many here at FPC describe this congregation as “home”, and I think that’s a fitting image of who we are. Home is where you know you will be welcomed. Home is where you return after long travels or a long day of work to find solace and renewal. Home is where you simply belong, a place where warmth, and love, and light await you.

Home is also where you get to be yourself. We are perhaps nowhere more vulnerable and authentic than we are at home, and I encourage you to think of church – your spiritual home – in that way as well. As we gather in this or any church home, we do so seeking to be ourselves, to be authentic and vulnerable with one another so that the Holy Spirit might be at work in us and through us in a very real and beautifully relational way. If I were to only offer one prayer for our meeting together, it would be that we would find that blessing of the Spirit, and know that we are free to see and be seen, just as God sees us!

We are located at 800 South Enota Drive NE, Gainesville, GA 30501, just down the street from the (growing) Northeast Georgia Medical Center. Lunch will be provided by many faithful FPC staff members and volunteers. Rather than use lunch tickets, we simply suggest a donation of \$10.00 per person to offset some of the cost. Church volunteers will be on hand to direct you as you park, enter, and register for the meeting, which will be held in our church sanctuary.

Again, we are blessed and so very excited to welcome each of you to FPC Gainesville. May God bless you and keep you in the days to come... and welcome home!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Lee Koontz

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Northeast Georgia Presbytery
122nd Stated Meeting
August 17, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.
at First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, GA

Call to Order and Opening Prayer Elder Marc Galvin, Moderator

Welcome Rev. Lee Koontz

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

Declaration of Quorum Rev. Ed Rees, Stated Clerk
(In Northeast Georgia Presbytery, a quorum is established when there are no less
than three ministers of Word and Sacrament who are members of Presbytery,
along with at least three ruling elder commissioners from different congregations.)

Approval of Docket Moderator Galvin

Approval of Consent Agenda
Minutes of Presbytery Meeting, May 21, 2024 and July 19, 2024
Nominating Committee Report

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Stated Clerk's Report Rev. Rees
Officer Training Resources
Session Minutes Review
Investigations Status Report
Carnesville/Hopewell A/C Update
Rules for Debate

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***CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 46)** Rev. Lee Koontz
Rev. Heather Koontz
Rev. Courtney Pittman

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though mountains
be toppled into the depth of the sea;**
though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the Lord of heaven and earth is our refuge.
Come now and look upon the works of the Lord!
Let us worship God together!

*Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is new and different. We fear change. We confess that it's easier to lock doors than open them. We confess that it is easier to hide from your kingdom than step out into it. We confess that we have locked away and hidden your good news. We have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Lord, we ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-3, 5-7, 10-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

REFLECTION: *"Imagine"* Elder Valerie Young
Synod of South Atlantic Executive/Stated Clerk

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from *A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***HYMN # 49** *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

INVITATION TO GENEROUS GIVING

This morning's offering will go to Georgia Mountain Food Bank. The food bank resources local food pantries across north Georgia.

Please make checks payable to Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

or donate online:



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

pp. 10-14 Coordinating Team Report Elder Joslyn Fields

Recommendations:

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pp. 15-17 Report from General Assembly Rev. Matt Henderson
Elder Joyce Dejoie
Parker Stribling, YAAD

pg. 18 Committee on Ministry Report Rev. Steven Barnes
Recommendation:
That Northeast Georgia Presbytery examine Rev. Tom Buchanan for fit to serve as the Installed Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Athens, GA and approve his terms of call (see COM report).

pg. 19 Anti-Racism Task Force Report
Presbyterian Women Report Elder Elaine Wiegert
Vision 26 Collaborative Report Rev. Will Norman

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

Prayer and Adjournment

NEXT STATED MEETING:

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

Nominating Committee Interim Report
Rev. Sue Jacobson and Rev. Bob Prim, Co-Chairs

The Nominating Committee met on July 18, 2024, via Zoom. The committee discussed asking Rev. Steven Barnes to replace Rev. Jacob Douylliez as chair of the Committee on Ministry who is resigning from the committee to serve as Assistant Stated Clerk. Rev. Barnes replied in the affirmative and a phone vote to put his name in nomination was made July 19, 2024 with all respondents voting “yes”. The Nominations Committee is making the following recommendation to presbytery:

The committee nominates Steven Barnes, Male, Minister from Oconee Presbyterian Church in the Greater Athens MC, to serve as chair to the Committee on Ministry.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude,

Sue Jacobson, co-chair
Bob Prim, co-chair
John Stork
Joy Brown
Elaine Wiegert
Elaine Fields
Jack Spencer



Stated Clerk's Report
August, 2024

While this has been a season of significant change for Northeast Georgia Presbytery, many things remain the same. Among those is the important work of electing and training elders and deacons (and perhaps providing a refresher course for those already ordained). Many of the problems that arise in our congregations could be prevented with a good understanding of how the work of "being Presbyterian" is carried out. Useful resources for this training can be found at a website maintained by the Synod of Mid America called Theocademy (<http://www.theocademy.com/>). There are training videos and discussion handouts available to facilitate the work of equipping those who are called into ordained service for their work. Additional resources are offered by our denomination through a program called Coming Alive in Christ, which is available at <https://equip.pcusa.org/course/index.php?categoryid=35>. If you are aware of other good training resources in this area, please let me know so we can share with others.

Additionally, a schedule for the review of Session minutes is attached to this report, along with the appropriate checklist for Clerks of Session. Please contact me or Assistant Stated Clerk Rev. Jacob Douylliez if you have any questions.

It was reported to you earlier this year that formal complaints had been filed against two minister members of Presbytery, and that Investigating Committees had been formed to address those complaints. After thorough investigation, in both cases the Investigating Committees declined to file charges against the ministers referenced in the complaints. In both cases, the original complainants elected not to appeal those decisions.

At this time, however, another formal complaint has been filed against a minister member of Presbytery, and an Investigating Committee has been empaneled to look into this matter. Updates will be provided as required per the Rules of Discipline in our Book of Order.

I am pleased to report that the sale of the Carnesville Church property closed on July 25, 2024. After accounting for various fees, the net amount received by NEGA Presbytery is \$101,750.00. As per standing policy, 25% of this will be allocated to the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society Fund; the AC has not yet made a recommendation regarding the balance. Additionally, the agreement with the Hopewell Church is nearing its conclusion, as the former congregation has been reorganized into the Hopewell Community Church, and final arrangements regarding the disposition of the property are being made.

In reflecting on our policy for speaking at Presbytery meetings, please remember that Commissioners have both voice and vote, and are encouraged to exercise both. If you have questions, please raise your hand to be recognized, and come to a microphone, identify yourself and your church, and fire away. Our best work is done when we all participate fully in collegial discussion and debate, seeking the Lord's will for our Presbytery.

POLICY REGARDING TIME LIMIT FOR PERSONS SPEAKING (Debate) AT PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

(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 a opportunity to do so.
5. Presbytery may set a maximum time for debating an issue.

Dear Clerks of Session,

One of the constitutional responsibilities of the presbytery is to perform oversight with member congregations in the form of a review of minutes from Session and Congregational Meetings. It has been a few years since we have had a formal review and we were reminded of this obligation during a review of our own presbytery minutes at the Synod in July.

We are proposing gathering within our mission communities to accomplish this review together. The dates and location for each mission community gathering are listed below. There will be an opportunity for a makeup review session at the presbytery meeting on October 22 in Cleveland, GA. Since it has been several years since our last formal review, we will be reviewing minutes from 2021, 2022, and 2023. Only the Clerk of Session need attend this meeting, though other members of your Session or your Teaching Elder(s) are certainly welcome to assist in the review process. Please begin working now to ensure that the minutes for 2021, 2022, and 2023 are in order and ready for review by the date listed below. A sample checklist is on the next page of the docket for your reference. An email reminder will be sent the week before each meeting.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Ed Rees, Stated Clerk and Acting General Presbyter
Rev. Jacob Douylliez, Assistant Stated Clerk

September 16, TBD - North Central Mission Community
Commerce, Gainesville First, Hartwell First, Hebron, Homer, Jefferson, Lavonia, Pleasant Hill,
Sardis, Winder First
Meeting at Commerce Presbyterian Church: 89 Lakeview Drive Commerce, GA 30529

September 23, 1PM - Augusta Mission Community
Augusta Korean, Bath, Belle Terrace, Christ, Clifford Memorial, Covenant (Augusta), Reid
Memorial, Saint Andrew, Westminster
Meeting at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church: 3551 Wheeler Road Augusta, GA 30909

October 1, 1PM - South Central Mission Community
Eatonton, Greensboro First, Madison, Milledgeville First, Monticello, Union Point First
Meeting at Eatonton Presbyterian Church: 307 North Madison Avenue Eatonton, GA 31024

October 8, 1PM - Athens Area Mission Community
Athens First, Athens Korean, Calvary, Covenant (Athens), Elberton First, Friendship, Oconee, Mt.
Hermon, New Hope, Westside
Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church (Athens): 1065 Gaines School Road Athens, GA 30605

October 15, 11AM - Mountain Mission Community
Clarkesville First, Clayton, Cleveland First, Cornelia First, Dahlonega, Helen, Mountain,
Nacoochee, Rabun Gap, Timpson, Wiley
Meet at Nacoochee Presbyterian Church 260 Highway 255 North Sautee, GA 30571

October 22, following Presbytery Meeting
Makeup session for any Clerk of Session not able to attend their mission community gathering.
Meet at Cleveland First Presbyterian Church 147 North Main Street Cleveland, GA 30528

**Northeast Georgia Presbytery
Session Records Checklist**

(Revised January 2024)

Church: _____

Period being reported: ___/___/___ to ___/___/___ by (Clerk) _____

**Please complete this form by inserting the appropriate dates and page numbers
where this information is found in the minutes.**

Congregational meeting information:

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Page #</i>
1. Annual Meeting of the congregation was held on	___/___/___	_____
2. Meeting when installed pastor(s) Terms of Call were approved	___/___/___	_____
3. Meeting when members of Nominating Committee were elected	___/___/___	_____
4. Meeting(s) when elders and deacons (if applicable) were elected	___/___/___	_____
5. Moderator's or Clerk's signature missing	___/___/___	_____

If applicable:

6. Called meeting(s) of the congregation regarding property	___/___/___	_____
7. Pastoral relationship dissolved on	___/___/___	_____
8. A new pastoral relationship was established on	___/___/___	_____
9. Any other called congregational meeting(s)	___/___/___	_____

Session meeting information: One-time events

1. Rolls of the church were reviewed	___/___/___	_____
2. New officers were examined	___/___/___	_____
3. New officers were installed in worship	___/___/___	_____
4. Session approved the budget (please attach the budget).....	___/___/___	_____
5. Joint meeting with Deacons (if applicable).....	___/___/___	_____
6. A financial review has taken place (see G-3.0113)	___/___/___	_____
7. Approval and attachment of Annual Statistical Report	___/___/___	_____
8. Session received a candidate under care (if applicable).....	___/___/___	_____
9. Session elected clerk on.....	___/___/___	for term of _____
10. Session elected treasurer on	___/___/___	for term of _____

Session meeting information: Some actions may occur more than once or are routine.

If routine, please note it only once. For items 1-8 you may indicate yes or no (if no, which month(s)?).

1. Moderator's name appears in minutes _____	YES	NO
2. Quorum declared _____	YES	NO
3. Names of present, absent and excused elders _____	YES	NO
4. Date, hour and place of meeting is recorded _____	YES	NO
5. Meeting was opened and closed with prayer _____	YES	NO
6. Minutes of last meeting were approved _____	YES	NO
7. All action items recorded _____	YES	NO
8. Clerk's signature _____	YES	NO

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| 9. Authorization of baptisms | <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 10. Reception of members by profession or reaffirmation of faith | <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 11. Reception of members by transfer along with name of church | <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 12. Authorization of the Lord's Supper (to be observed at least quarterly) | <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 13. Detailed annual financial report with expenditures/revenues | <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 14. Election of commissioners to presbytery meetings; reports to Session | <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Session records reflect that the following policies have been adopted:

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| 1. Sexual Misconduct Policy _____ | YES | NO |
| 2. Harassment Policy _____ | YES | NO |
| 3. Child Protection Policy _____ | YES | NO |
| 4. Antiracism Policy _____ | YES | NO |

Per Book of Order (G-2.0603: G-2.1002: G-2.1103: G-3.0106)



Report of the Coordinating Team
Joslyn Fields, Acting Chair

The Coordinating Team (CT) met on June 10, July 15, and July 30, 2023⁴ via Zoom. They took the following actions and are making the following recommendations to presbytery:

For Information:

1. Heard a report from General Presbyter Rev. Hilary Shuford that she has accepted a call to serve as the part-time Bridge General Presbyter of Providence Presbytery. Her final day with Northeast Georgia Presbytery was July 15, 2024.
2. Heard a report from Rev. Jacob Douylliez that, due to his role as Assistant Stated Clerk, he will resign his position as a member and chair of the Committee on Ministry.
3. Reviewed a recommendation from the Budget/Finance Initiative Team on a proposal for use of the Trinity Fund.
4. Heard a report from the Personnel Action Team regarding plans to begin the search for a Stated Clerk after Rev. Rees' term expires at year-end.
5. Heard a report from Rev. Douylliez on the General Assembly held in July.
6. Heard updates from the Vision 26 Collaborative and the Colladay Cottage Task Force.
7. Received notice that Rev. Mari Turner resigned as chair of the Coordinating Team effective June 17, 2024, due to personal reasons. Per Presbytery practice, Moderator-in-Nomination Elder Joslyn Fields was appointed acting chair.

Actions:

1. Approved the minutes of the April 16, June 10, and July 15, 2024 meetings.
2. Approved a recommendation from the Personnel Action Team to name Stated Clerk Rev. Ed Rees as Acting General Presbyter as of July 16, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024. Rev. Rees' salary was adjusted during this period to the equivalent of \$44,500 annually, and his hours were adjusted to 20 per week.
3. Approved a recommendation from the Personnel Action Team to adjust the hours of Assistant Stated Clerk Rev. Jacob Douylliez to 20 hours per week. Rev. Douylliez's salary was adjusted to \$2,500 per month for the remainder of the year.
4. Approved a resolution authorizing, by virtue of their offices, Edward C. Rees (Stated Clerk/Acting General Presbyter), Robert W. Prim (Treasurer), and Joslyn Fields (Chair of Coordinating Team/Moderator-in-Nomination) as check signers on all banking accounts.
5. Authorized a corporate credit card be opened with Anita Green (Business Administrator) as the designated user.
6. Reviewed the rosters of the Personnel Action Team, Budget/Finance Initiative Team, and Nominating Committee, noting upcoming vacancies. Assigned members of the CT to identify nominees and bring names to the September meeting for vote.
7. Changed the policy for membership of the Communication Actions Team to allow for a designee.
8. Approved the nomination of Elder Sylvia McDonald to another three-year term as Presbytery Recording Clerk. This action will be referred to the Nominating Committee for inclusion in their report to the October Presbytery Meeting.
9. Formed a task force to explore the process of hiring and/or contracting a part-time Transitional Presbyter. Those appointed to the task force are Ruling Elder Marc Galvin (Moderator), Rev. Meg Jackson Clark (CPM chair), Rev. Bob Prim (Treasurer), and a member of the Personnel Action Team to be named.
10. Approved the theme for the August 17, 2024 Stated Meeting be "Change" and that Ruling Elder Valerie Young (Synod Executive/Stated Clerk) be asked to speak.
11. Granted authority to Rev. Rees and Rev. Douylliez to finalize the docket for the August Stated Meeting.

Recommendations:

1. Dissolve the call of Hilary Shuford to Northeast Georgia Presbytery effective July 15, 2024.
2. Approve the following proposal for the Trinity Fund (current balance: \$1,037,971.53):

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- c. That the balance of the Trinity Fund, plus earnings from the current and subsequent investments, be designated in support of 1001 New Worshipping Communities.

The Table Proposal for NEGA Trinity Fund

Rev. Will Norman, on Behalf of The Table Athens, Inc. [updated 7/16/24]

Invest the proceeds from sale of property into student housing development on the back half of the property at 1250 S Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30605.

Property is currently zoned semi-residential, and as such can only accommodate up to 15 beds, but with the development of the Wright House down the street and the College Town Property up the street, it is reasonable to expect that the zoning commission would be willing to change this to allow more units.

Based on an estimate from College Town Properties, for **15 beds**, the estimated cost of construction is \$2.7M, and the estimated revenue would be ~\$1100/mo/bed = ~\$200K annual rental income

Less **10%** for **property management** = **\$180,000 Net Annual Revenue**
(does not include maintenance cost, which would be borne by The Table)

The Table is [likely] willing to renegotiate our property agreement with NEGA to allow a portion of the net annual revenue from this development to be returned to the Presbytery, while continuing to be financially and organizationally responsible for all management and maintenance of the property. This re-negotiation would require the involvement of The Table board of directors, but may take a form similar to the following:

75/25 Split of gross revenue with NEGA receiving the 25% share (~\$50,000/yr. = 20 year break even point on initial \$1M investment)

The Table gross annual share would be ~\$150,000/yr

Less **revenue lost** (assume 30 spaces lost @ annual revenue per space of \$1300 (\$39,000) + \$29K in current annual rent) = ~\$68,000 (this loss may be partially mitigated with pricing of remaining parking)

Less **annual maintenance cost** = ~\$10,000 = ~\$72K net annual gain for **The Table** to be used for staffing/programing the MLC (see below; name is a work in progress), and freeing up operating budget for the ongoing Christian ministry.

At project completion, both the land and the building on it will be deeded to the Northeast Georgia Presbytery, just as the current land and facilities are.

Plan/Mission for student housing:

An Intentionally Multi-Religious Living Center, or 'MLC'

(compare Cal Aggie Christian Association in Davis, CA)

And overlapping but distinct ministry partner with The Table, rooted in the promotion of inter-religious dialog, understanding, respect, and cooperation. MLC programming would not ever be distinctly Christian, but will always invite and engage Christian participation (Christian/ Table students will benefit from the proximity to and relationship with the MLC). I am hopeful to receive Lily Endowment seed funding to get the programmatic initiative off the ground. I also understand that Arthur Blank's family has a history of investing in interfaith initiatives.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

Trinity Church Fund

- The congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, GA was dissolved as of June 25, 2023.
- Trinity PC’s checking account was closed on July 11, 2023 and the funds were handed over to Presbytery.
- Property maintenance, utilities, insurance, and administrative expenses continued to accrue during the time the property was on the market.
- The property sold on October 25, 2023, to Dremn 2 LLC for \$1,325,000.00, less real estate commissions and attorney settlement fees.
- Per Presbytery policy, 25% (\$311,349.13) of the net sale (\$1,245,396.50) from the proceeds of the property were transferred to the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society Fund.
- On November 9, 2023, Presbytery opened a Certificate of Deposit with Synovus Bank with an initial balance of \$1,150,000.00 at an interest rate of 5.113% APR. It is important to note that the principal balance in this CD does not represent only the funds from the Trinity Fund, but rather an amount of the Presbytery’s cash assets determined to be available for investment for a 13-month duration.

Trinity Fund		
Income and Expenses		
Beginning Balance:		0.00
Income:		
Balance in checking account:	103,455.85	
Settlement from property insurance claim:	11,315.38	
Balance in investment fund:	80.96	
Refunds on insurance coverages cancelled 6/30/23:	233.25	
Sale of property:	1,325,000.00	
	<u>1,440,085.44</u>	1,440,085.44
Expenses:		
Property insurance 7/1/23 - 10/25/23:	186.75	
Utilities 7/1/23 - 10/25/23:	1,229.83	
Grounds maintenance:	1,615.55	
Outstanding payroll taxes:	2,662.20	
Unpaid per capita:	204.80	
Office supplies and mileage reimbursement for records archiving:	172.15	
Compensation to buyer for damage to building while under contract:	5,000.00	
Real Estate Commissions:	79,500.00	
Closing fees:	193.50	
Transfer to Georgia Domestic Missionary Society Fund:	311,349.13	
	<u>402,113.91</u>	-402,113.91
Current Balance:		<u>1,037,971.53</u>



General Assembly Report
Rev. Matt Henderson, GA Commissioner

It was an honor to serve the Northeast Georgia Presbytery and the greater church body as a commissioner to this year's General Assembly in Salt Lake City. Although our many gatherings for worship, discussion and debate greatly limited significant exploration of our surroundings, the grand peaks of the Wasatch mountains gave witness to this as a "mountain top" experience. We were graciously hosted by the Presbytery of Utah, which at 20 churches and roughly 2,100 members is about half the size of our own "small" Northeast Georgia Presbytery. They didn't allow their small size to limit their witness or hospitality. It was a wonderful gathering.

I was assigned to the General Assembly Procedures (GAP) committee, which in addition to approving Milwaukee as the location of the next assembly and approving new associate stated clerks, was tasked with working through and presenting to the assembly the new Standing Rules. This 50-plus page manual provided both the committee and the assembly with much discussion and debate, resulting in a vision for new ways of leading, of meeting, and attending to the business of our denomination. The new rules change the representation from presbyteries to reflect our current, smaller size; direct the planning teams to select assembly locations that are considerate of non-discriminatory practices; and provide instruction for the election of two GA moderators at the end of each assembly rather than the beginning, allowing them to first serve as committee members before taking their responsibilities as moderators.

One piece of business that brought significant debate, both during its own committee work and also during the plenary sessions, was POL (Polity) -01, an overture from Olympia Presbytery calling for the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity among the categories in which our denomination does not discriminate. The new language being proposed for amending our Book of Order (F-1.0403): In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, *gender identity*, *sexual orientation*, disability, geography, or theological conviction. That proposal passed 389:24. The second recommendation inserts into the later description of ordination (G-2.0104b) that the examination of candidates for ordination/installation shall also include the non-discrimination principles. That proposal passed 297:130.

What effect would this new amendment have for the way we here in Northeast Georgia do ministry? As I interpret the matter: First, it would emphasize that we are an inclusive church, a welcoming church, a safe church. These principles have already been part of our constitution for many years. However, these proposals do not make any substantial change, except to underscore our commitment to the gifts and ministry of a diverse body. Although new language is inserted into the description of ordination examinations, the authority still rests with the individual council responsible for its officers. It does not direct those bodies to adhere to a specific checklist of what is essential or required. As it always has, those matters continue to be left up to the individual councils. It is up to the church to approve the ordination and installation of deacons and elders, and the presbytery to approve ministers. While these matters will likely continue to foster opportunities for discussion and debate, it will be important to recognize that the principals of mutual forbearance and freedom of conscience continue to exist (perhaps even in tension) along with the call to exercise inclusion and impartiality.

I had not had the experience of serving at the General Assembly prior to this year and I am grateful for the opportunity. The experience was greatly enriched by the time spent with those also called to serve from our presbytery: Joyce Dejoie, Parker Stribling, Jacob Douylliez, and Hilary Shuford. What an amazing church we are a part of! I am thankful for a deliberately diverse community with which to worship and discern God's direction. It was a moving time to see us come together the faithful and flawed, of which I am certainly the latter and hopefully the former.

Rev. Matt Henderson, pastor; First Presbyterian Church, Clarkesville

Full descriptions of the handled at this year's assembly can be found at: (insert link)

General Assembly Report

Ruling Elder Joyce Dejoie, GA Commissioner

The volume of essential reading was overwhelming. The number of hours required for training, travel, committee meetings, and plenaries was daunting. Yet, attending the 226th GA as a commissioner from NEGA was a spirit-filled learning opportunity I am honored to have experienced.

On the drive between the airport and downtown Salt Lake, my view was of a flat valley-floor abutting mountains with visible snow and striking rock formations. The first evening's Welcome Reception boldly proclaimed our denomination's commitment to diversity and inclusivity. People of different ages, sizes, sexes, races, abilities, disabilities, nationalities, hair colors, tattoo designs and piercings were together in Salt Lake City in service to the PCUSA.

I was a member of the Mid Councils Committee. This committee received items of business related to the operation and function of mid councils, reviewed Synod minutes, and clarified boundaries. MC-01, which was approved, recommended the General Assembly establish a permanent Commission on Mid Councils with the authority to act as the General Assembly in approving actions of synods to organize, divide, unite or combine presbyteries and approve exceptions to the minimum composition of a presbytery.

FIN-12, the Special Offerings Task Force report, included two recommendations for Assembly approval. The first recommended GA review of Churchwide Special Offerings on a 6-year rather than a 4-year cycle. The second recommended that a new cycle of Churchwide Special Offerings be launched. Effective in 2026, three, rather than four, Special Offering opportunities will be offered annually: Christmas Joy Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, and World Communion Offering. Pentecost Offering causes will be included under the Christmas Joy Offering. Peace and Global Witness causes will be included under the World Communion Offering. Rather than local congregations retaining a percentage of any of the offerings, grant opportunities for local congregations will be made available through the World Communion Offering.

Prior to its approval, FIN-12, was debated at length, a motion to amend offered, and the amended motion approved by a margin of one vote. It was brought to the attention of the moderator that at least one person was unable to vote on amending the motion. A motion to reconsider was made and voted on, the approval of the vote to amend was reversed, and the original motion as presented by the Finance Committee was approved. The work done on FIN-12, in my opinion, is the perfect illustration of how the work of the General Assembly is done. In resolving concerns of the church, every vote counts, every opinion is important, and every voice is heard.

My thanks to Hilary Shuford, Jacob Douylliez, Matt Henderson, Parker Stribling, and the members of Northeast Georgia Presbytery for praying for and supporting me as a commissioner to the 226th General Assembly.

General Assembly Report

Parker Stribling, Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Firstly I would like to thank the Presbytery for this unique and transformative opportunity. Before I was approached I had no idea what the General Assembly was, what it did, and what being a part of it entailed. I cannot overstate how much I enjoyed my time there, how much I learned about the church, and how much I learned about myself.

Throughout this experience I had the amazing opportunity to meet people from all around the country. I connected with these people on a level I have never felt before. We never focused on the little things, and small talk was sparse, but we discussed issues of a higher level. Very quickly we learned what people valued, what people thought was the greatest issue faced by the Church, and how we felt we should move as a cohesive spiritual body. The connection we formed in just that one short week is one I hope to carry for the rest of my life, and I have already made plans to hopefully visit some of them when we find ourselves in the same areas.

The committee I was assigned to was the Christian Formation Committee. This committee focused on overtures relating to relationships with schools and seminaries, along with confirmation of the newly elected presidents of the seminaries of the PCUSA. The work we did was not contentious, and the committee came to a good consensus on all of the items we discussed. Notably our committee ratified all the new seminary presidents elected in the last two years. Additionally, we voted to not get involved in a rift between seminary students and leaders surrounding transparency of investments. This was decided in order to maintain the relationships we have built with the schools and show our support for the newly elected presidents.

An overture of significant substance that appeared before the whole plenary session was item ENV-02, which was an overture that proposed that the Presbyterian Church completely divest from all oil and gas companies. This issue was met with significant contention on the grounds that total divestment led to a lack of influence within these companies. The committee for *Mission Responsibility Through Investment* argued that our investments allow us to push these companies toward more sustainable practices, and also to advocate for groups affected by the practices of said oil and gas companies. Advocates of the overture stated that these investments are no longer profitable as the world begins to move toward clean energy, and also that our shares of the companies are so small that we hold no influence. Additionally, advocates mentioned that we have held shares in oil and gas for years and the destructive practices remain, meaning maybe it is time we took a hardline stance against oil and gas in totality. The overture ended up being voted down by the General Assembly, and the choice made to keep our shares and continue to try and influence oil and gas companies to move to more sustainable practices.

In conclusion I want to reiterate my thanks to Northeast Georgia Presbytery for calling me to this roll. I return with strong friends and strong faith, and both are a direct result of my experiences at General Assembly.

With regards and gratitude,
Parker Stribling
YAAD, 226th General Assembly

Committee on Ministry
Rev. Steven Barnes, Acting Chair

Meetings: June 13, June 28, July 11, August 8

For Information:

1. Heard liaison reports from the following churches and ministries: Athens First, Covenant (Athens), Friendship, Homer, Milledgeville
2. Heard a report from Rev. Hilary Shuford on her new call as Transitional General Presbyter of Providence Presbytery in South Carolina

Actions:

1. Led a Service of Commissioning for CRE Rick Billingslea which took place at Homer Presbyterian Church on June 9th, 2024 at 4PM.
2. Sustained the examination for fit of Rev. Tom Buchanan and Covenant (Athens) and recommended approval of terms of call to Northeast Georgia Presbytery.
3. Formed a Special Administrative Review Team to investigate root cause(s) of conflict on the Session of FPC Milledgeville.
4. Requested a called meeting of Northeast Georgia presbytery to form an Administrative Commission with Original Jurisdiction for FPC Milledgeville.
5. Approved Rev. Hilary Shuford's request for permission to labor outside the bounds of Northeast Georgia Presbytery.
6. Approved Rev. De Rodgers to moderate a Congregational Meeting for Friendship Presbyterian Church on August 11, 2024.
7. Approved Rev. Teresa Franklin to serve as Bridge Interim for Friendship Presbyterian Church beginning on August 18, 2024.

Recommendations:

1. That Northeast Georgia Presbytery examine Rev. Tom Buchanan for fit to serve as the Installed Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Athens, GA and to approve his terms of call.

Cash Salary	\$56,240
Housing Allowance	\$23,760
Total Effective Salary	\$80,000
SECA Offset	\$6120
Pension and Disability	\$8000
Medical	\$23,200
Continuing Education	\$1000
Professional Expenses	\$2000
Total Paid By Church	\$120,320
Vacation	4 weeks
Study Leave	2 weeks
Family Leave	12 weeks
Eligible for Sabbatical	Yes, in 2030



Anti Racism Policy Task Force

August 7, 2024

The Antiracism policy task force met 5/22, 6/12 and 7/25. Under the leadership of Rev. John Harrison, we began by sharing lived experiences, reflecting, reading and meditating on the overture from St. Louis and were encouraged to reread and journal between the June and July meetings. Historic document links detailing specific events as well as initiatives currently being explored to reconcile past injustices have been discussed along with books of note. Primarily we have agreed to delve into the Giddings-Lovejoy journey and path forward. We welcomed special guests from Giddings-Lovejoy in July, Diane McCullough and Ramona Williams, who freely detailed specifics of their path forward and how cathartic it is journeying through the difficulties and reformations. They reminded us that this is a heart issue and to include the Holy Spirit in the visioning process. Some other notes from our conversation were that language choice matters; that this work can be productive, full of grace and Spirit led; that repentance can mean turning toward something and not simply turning away; that it is most productive to call in not out towards Jesus; that the foundation of racism is so baked in with the challenge to create a new fuller humanity, and it calls for a layered approach; It is important to remember to Think. Feel. Be.

We are considering a visit to a civil rights museum to impact our thoughts and heart. Currently Ross Brown, Whitney Booth, Jacob Douylliez and Joslyn Fields make up this task force. A temporary merger with the Michael Searles Bookclub is being invited.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joslyn Fields



Clergy Care Committee Meeting

July 10, 2024

2 pm via Zoom

Attending: Ross Brown-Moderator, Joyce Dejoie, Laurie Peebles, Judy Grieve, and Choon Myung Lee.
Excused: Mike Williams and John McCrosky.

Joyce opened the meeting with prayer at 2pm.

There was no meeting in June. The May minutes were approved as written.

Clergy Cohorts

- Judy shared the balance in the Clergy Care account is \$5,511.66. She stated the divided into 3 year amounts \$ 1,837 could be spent each year on the 6 returning cohort members at \$300.00 per year.
- Joyce Dejoie presented an idea from General Assembly of a \$1,500.00 dollar grant for pastors to enhance their mental and spiritual wellbeing by doing something that would bring joy. Link to website: <https://lincolntrails.org/oasis-a-stop-in-the-wilderness/>
 - Following discussion, Joyce agreed to get as much information as she could for the committee to discuss this possibility for NE GA Presbytery.
 - Committee will discuss how to use Clergy Care funds in August.
- Joyce informed the committee that she heard of a presbytery offering a monthly Zoom meeting for pastors that discussed homiletics
 - Ross with email Matt Henderson, Jacob Douylliez (who also attended General Assembly) to see if they thought this would be something that pastors in the presbytery would be interested in.
- Joyce also shared an opportunity in the Presbytery of Utah for pastors to fill a vacant pulpit for one Sunday and have 6 days of lodging provided, a way to vacation and preach.
<http://preachbnb.org/FAQ.php>
 - The Utah presbytery is trying to creatively fill its empty pulpits.

Website:

- Ross will check with Anita about progress.
- Probably best place for Presbytery of Utah Preach and Vacation offer.

Online Pictorial directory

- Mike is in Scotland so Laurie will be in touch with Mike when he returns.

Ordination Cards

- John McCrosky will do August.

Retired Pastor Luncheon Augusta

- Ross suggested looking at something in September.

The Clergy Care Committee will meet August 21, 2024 at 1pm

Judy closed the meeting with prayer at 2:40 pm.

Scribe

Judy Grieve

Congregational Connections Committee Report

The Congregational Connections Committee met on May 28th. At the meeting, Rev. Burnetta Armour introduced the Congregational Connections Committee's responsibilities, emphasizing its call to help congregations connect and join together in ministry. She also discussed the grants that the committee oversees, like the Matthew 25 grant.

During the meeting, the committee heard a request for a \$600 Matthew 25 grant for Belle Terrace Presbyterian Church's Prayer and Praise Porches Project. The request was made by Dr. Janet Timmons. The request was approved with joy and praise for the ministry that Belle Terrace Presbyterian Church is undertaking.

The Committee also heard about some of the changes coming to the duties of our committee as the Presbytery begins its work with CSP out of the Synod of the Sun, specifically our work with the Communications Action Team.

The committee will meet again on August 13, 2024 at 2 PM (via Zoom).

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Burnetta Armour
Chair Congregational Connections Committee
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland

Report To the Northeast Georgia Presbytery

The Table Athens, Inc.

(formerly Presbyterian Campus Ministry)

Submitted August 5, 2024

At the time of our stated meeting, the fall semester at UGA will have just kicked off. By way of reminder, in addition to serving our PC(USA) students, The Table at UGA now also serves to nurture, sustain, and encourage the faith of United Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and Cooperative Baptist students.

Over the summer:

1. our student ministers **connected with hundreds of incoming first year students**, dozens of whom signed up for our weekly email list, and we are hopeful to continue building on the growth we enjoyed by the grace of God last year. To that end, if you know college or graduate students in Athens this year, it's not too late to help them find their spiritual home away from home at The Table:
 - a. tableuga.org/refer if you are filling out the form
 - b. tableuga.org/connect if they are filling out the form
2. thanks to the generosity of donors to our **NEXT80 Capital Campaign**, the original storefront (window walls) at the Student Center has all been replaced, significantly improving both the safety and efficiency of the building that houses 90% of our ministry.
 - a. We are still raising funds to complete the renovation, which we expect to require approximately another \$350,000. The most urgent need within the remaining scope of this phase of the campaign is the full renovation of our restroom facilities (est. \$150K)

Phase II of the NEXT80 Campaign – Student housing as an intentional Inter-Religious Community.

The second phase of the NEXT80 campaign is in the realm of immediate possibility thanks to the Trinity Fund. While originally assumed that The Table would raise all Phase II funds ourselves, I am excited to propose a housing development on the back half of NEGA's property at 1250 S Lumpkin St. as an investment opportunity for the Presbytery, in addition to serving as an important, faithful witness and ministry on campus and to the wider church.

Details of the proposal can be seen at the Appendix entitled "The Table's Proposal for Trinity Fund"

Finally, if your congregation has not yet done so, please **update your records** so that future checks are made out to The Table Athens, Inc.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Will Norman

The Table Proposal for NEGA Trinity Fund

Rev. Will Norman, on Behalf of The Table Athens, Inc. [updated 7/16/24]

Invest the proceeds from sale of property into student housing development on the back half of the property at 1250 S Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30605.

Property is currently zoned semi-residential, and as such can only accommodate up to 15 beds, but with the development of the Wright House down the street and the College Town Property up the street, it is reasonable to expect that the zoning commission would be willing to change this to allow more units.

Based on an estimate from College Town Properties, for **15 beds**, the estimated cost of construction is \$2.7M, and the estimated revenue would be ~\$1100/mo/bed = ~\$200K annual rental income

Less **10%** for **property management** = **\$180,000 Net Annual Revenue**
(does not include maintenance cost, which would be borne by The Table)

The Table is [likely] willing to renegotiate our property agreement with NEGA to allow a portion of the net annual revenue from this development to be returned to the Presbytery, while continuing to be financially and organizationally responsible for all management and maintenance of the property. This re-negotiation would require the involvement of The Table board of directors, but may take a form similar to the following:

75/25 Split of gross revenue with NEGA receiving the 25% share (~\$50,000/yr. = 20 year break even point on initial \$1M investment)

The Table gross annual share would be ~\$150,000/yr

Less **revenue lost** (assume 30 spaces lost @ annual revenue per space of \$1300 (\$39,000) + \$29K in current annual rent) = ~\$68,000 (this loss may be partially mitigated with pricing of remaining parking)

Less **annual maintenance cost** = ~\$10,000 = ~\$72K **net annual gain for The Table** to be used for staffing/programing the MLC (see below; name is a work in progress), and freeing up operating budget for the ongoing Christian ministry.

At project completion, both the land and the building on it will be deeded to the Northeast Georgia Presbytery, just as the current land and facilities are.

Plan/Mission for student housing:

An Intentionally Multi-Religious Living Center, or 'MLC'

(compare Cal Aggie Christian Association in Davis, CA)

And overlapping but distinct ministry partner with The Table, rooted in the promotion of inter-religious dialog, understanding, respect, and cooperation. MLC programming would not ever be distinctly Christian, but will always invite and engage Christian participation (Christian/ Table students will benefit from the proximity to and relationship with the MLC). I am hopeful to receive Lily Endowment seed funding to get the programmatic initiative off the ground. I also understand that Arthur Blank's family has a history of investing in interfaith initiatives.

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
JULY 2024**

	JAN - JULY 2024	BUDGET	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME				
SHARED MISSION - CURRENT YEAR	123,664.30	243,120	-119,455.70	50.87%
PER CAPITA	74,160.02	120,039	-45,878.98	61.78%
INVESTMENT INCOME	8,118.11	5,000	3,118.11	162.36%
TRANSFER FROM UNDESIGNATED RESERVES		32,619		0.0%
TOTAL INCOME	205,942.43	400,778	-194,835.57	51.39%
EXPENSES				
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	211.18	6,170	-5,958.82	3.42%
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY	126.00	2,500	-2,374.00	5.04%
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY	915.00	2,955	-2,040.00	30.96%
COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION		100	-100.00	0.0%
CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS	600.00	3,500	-2,900.00	17.14%
COORDINATING TEAM	16,731.02	36,439	-19,707.98	45.92%
GENERAL ASSEMBLY PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT	33,216.33	56,830	-23,613.67	58.45%
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHARED MISSION	2,041.69	3,500	-1,458.31	58.33%
NOMINATING COMMITTEE		500	-500.00	0.0%
PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION		250	-250.00	0.0%
PROPERTY COMMISSION		100	-100.00	0.0%
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PASTORAL RESPONSE		170	-170.00	0.0%
STAFF SALARIES	152,850.44	254,467	-101,616.56	60.07%
SYNOD PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT	5,074.16	8,697	-3,622.84	58.34%
SYNOD SHARED MISSION	875.00	1,500	-625.00	58.33%
THE BACKYARD MINISTRY		2,500		
TOTAL PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	223,140.82	400,778	-177,637.18	55.68%
BALANCE	-17,198.39	0	-17,198.39	

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
CLERGY CARE
July 2024

	Jan - July 2024	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Clergy pictorial directory	114.00	120	(6.00)	95.0%
HR minister gatherings	97.18	500	(402.82)	19.44%
Pby Support for cohorts		5,500	(5,500.00)	0.0%
Supplies & miscellaneous		50	(50.00)	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	211.18	6,170	(5,958.82)	3.42%

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
July 2024

	Jan - July 2024	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
A/C & Other Expense		200	(200.00)	0.0%
Background Checks	126.00	300	(174.00)	42.0%
Committee Meeting Expense		2,000	(2,000.00)	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	126.00	2,500	(2,374.00)	5.04%

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
July 2024

	Jan - July 2024	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Aid to Candidates	900.00	2,125	(1,225.00)	42.35%
Career Assessment		330	(330.00)	0.00%
Committee Meeting Expense	15.00	500	(485.00)	3.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	915.00	2,955	(2,040.00)	30.96%

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE
July 2024

	Jan - July 2024	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Matthew 25 support to congregations	600.00	3,000	(2,400.00)	20.00%
Mental Health Training		500	(500.00)	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	600.00	3,500	(2,900.00)	17.14%

Northeast Georgia Presbytery
 Coordinating Team
 July 2024

	<u>Jan - July 2024</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under) Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Committee Meeting Expenses	643.32	1,000	-356.68	64.33%
Communications Contracting		4,064	-4,064.00	0.00%
Copier Support	302.03	1,200	-897.97	25.17%
Financial Review (CPA)	6,790.00	7,500	-710.00	90.53%
GA/Synod Commissioners' Expense	30.00	300	-270.00	10.00%
GP Discretionary Fund		1,000	-1,000.00	0.00%
Insurance	2,026.50	3,500	-1,473.50	57.90%
IT Support/Software	1,922.72	4,700	-2,777.28	40.91%
Miscellaneous	718.75	500	218.75	143.75%
Moderator Expenses	30.00	1,250	-1,220.00	2.40%
Office Equipment		1,000	-1,000.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	180.97	1,200	-1,019.03	15.08%
Postage	372.75	400	-27.25	93.19%
Presbytery Meeting Expenses	446.67	4,750	-4,303.33	9.40%
Recording Clerk Stipend	500.00	900	-400.00	55.56%
Recording Clerk Expense	160.00	300	-140.00	53.33%
Telephone	1,243.65	2,275	-1,031.35	54.67%
Workers' Compensation Insurance	1,363.66	600	763.66	227.28%
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>16,731.02</u>	<u>36,439</u>	<u>-19,707.98</u>	<u>45.92%</u>

Staff Salaries
July 2024

	Jan - July 2024	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Medicare-Employer Portion	398.31	562	-163.69	70.87%
Social Security-Employer Portion	1,703.12	2,379	-675.88	71.59%
Stated Clerk				
Travel/Professional Expenses	3,820.45	1,400	2,420.45	272.89%
Continuing Education		650	-650.00	0.0%
Acting GP Salary (7/16/24 - 12/31/24)	489.17			
Stated Clerk Salary	19,110.00	32,760	-13,650.00	58.33%
Total Stated Clerk	23,419.62	34,810	-11,879.55	67.28%
Assistant Stated Clerk (6/1/24 - 12/31/24) *				
Salary	2,000.00	3,500	-1,500.00	57.14%
Total Assistant Stated Clerk	2,000.00	3,500	-1,500.00	57.14%
General Presbyter				
Travel/Professional Expenses	5,738.71	8,500	-2,761.29	67.51%
Pension, Health, D&D	21,888.51	37,523	-15,634.49	58.33%
Continuing Education	230.00	1,600	-1,370.00	14.38%
Social Security & Medicare	3,986.71	7,360	-3,373.29	54.17%
Salary	35,865.44	66,213	-30,347.56	54.17%
Housing Allowance	16,250.00	30,000	-13,750.00	54.17%
Total General Presbyter	83,959.37	151,196	-67,236.63	55.53%
Business Administrator (transition to p/t 7/1/2024)				
Travel/Professional Expenses	1,082.66	2,500	-1,417.34	43.31%
Pension, Health, D&D	9,470.63	15,329	-5,858.37	61.78%
Matching Contribution to RSP	1,400.00	1,500	-100.00	93.33%
Gross Wages	29,336.33	41,691	-12,354.67	70.37%
Total Business Administrator	41,289.62	61,020	-19,730.38	67.67%
Treasurer				
Travel/Professional Expenses	80.40	1,000	-919.60	8.04%
TOTAL EXPENSES	152,850.44	254,467	-102,105.73	60.07%

* As of 7/16/24, the Assistant Stated Clerk's hours and compensation were increased.

Northeast Georgia Presbytery
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash-Synovus Checking	161,859.60
First American Money Market Checking	315,551.10
ILP 15 Month Note	105,107.16
Certificate of Deposit - Synovus	1,150,000.00
New Covenant Balanced Income Fund	140,626.96
Notes Receivable - Short Term (GDMS)	-420.74

Total Current Assets 1,872,724.08

Fixed Assets

Land (1250 Lumpkin St.)	71,492.66
Student Center Building	491,019.39
Computer Equipment	9,950.10
Other Fixed Assets	1,086.61
Accumulated Depreciation	-64,036.99

Total Fixed Assets 509,511.77

Other Assets

Notes Receivable - Long Term (GDMS)	<u>18,606.03</u>
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Total Other Assets 18,606.03

TOTAL ASSETS 2,400,841.88

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,310.08
Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,090.06</u>

Total Current Liabilities 2,400.14

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Equity

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Assistance Superfund	16,043.69
Beth Duncan Fund (PW)	39,334.50
Carnesville Church Fund	75,048.44
Clergy Care Fund	6,437.45
Connectional Events Fund	19,051.58
Georgia Domestic Missionary Society Fund	382,355.34
Justice & Peacemaking Fund	9,577.39
Property Protection & Defense Fund	83,270.88
Spiritual Direction Fund	5,000.00
Trinity Church Fund	<u>1,037,971.53</u>

Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 1,674,090.80

Unrestricted Net Assets	
Undesignated Reserves	154,961.14
Other Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>580,632.80</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	735,593.94
Net Ordinary Income	-17,198.39
Unrealized Gains/Losses	<u>5,955.39</u>
Total Equity	<u>2,398,441.74</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>2,400,841.88</u></u>

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
CHURCH GIVING
JULY 2024

CHURCH	MEMBERS 12/31/2022	SHARED MISSION COMMITMENT	SHARED MISSION RECEIPTS	REMAINING BALANCE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY BENEVOLENCES	PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT	PER CAPITA RECEIPTS	REMAINING BALANCE	TOTAL RECEIPTS
ATHENS FIRST	968	57,000.00	28,500.00	28,500.00	3,819.48	20,037.60	10,019.00	10,018.60	42,338.48
ATHENS KOREAN	81			0.00		1,676.70	1,676.70	0.00	1,676.70
AUGUSTA KOREAN	60		858.00	-858.00		1,242.00	1,242.00	0.00	2,100.00
BATH	31			0.00	935.00	641.70	641.70	0.00	1,576.70
BELLE TERRACE	96	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,363.00	1,987.20	1,987.20	0.00	4,850.20
CALVARY	17	1,456.00	722.50	733.50		351.90	351.90	0.00	1,074.40
CHRIST	24		400.00	-400.00		496.80	496.80	0.00	896.80
CLARKESVILLE FIRST	130	0.00		0.00		2,691.00	2,018.25	672.75	2,018.25
CLAYTON	46	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00		952.20	952.50	-0.30	1,952.50
CLEVELAND FIRST	100	2,070.00	1,207.50	862.50		2,070.00	1,207.50	862.50	2,415.00
CLIFFORD MEMORIAL	40			0.00		828.00		828.00	0.00
COMMERCE	48	800.00	400.00	400.00		993.60	745.20	248.40	1,145.20
CORNELIA FIRST	136			0.00	1,143.00	2,815.20	1,500.00	1,315.20	2,643.00
COVENANT, ATHENS	230	36,000.00	19,000.02	16,999.98		4,761.00	2,380.50	2,380.50	21,380.52
COVENANT, AUGUSTA	207	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	1,934.40	4,284.90	2,142.46	2,142.44	11,576.86
DAHLONEGA	31			0.00		641.70	641.70	0.00	641.70
EATONTON	41	0.00		0.00		848.70	848.70	0.00	848.70
ELBERTON FIRST	11		399.30	-399.30	224.00	227.70	227.70	0.00	851.00
FRIENDSHIP	81	1,200.00	700.00	500.00		1,676.70	1,676.70	0.00	2,376.70
GAINESVILLE FIRST	540	8,822.00	5,146.19	3,675.81		11,178.00	6,520.50	4,657.50	11,666.69
GREENSBORO FIRST	49	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00		1,014.30	1,014.30	0.00	2,014.30
HARTWELL FIRST	36			0.00		745.20		745.20	0.00
HEBRON	12			0.00		248.40		248.40	0.00
HELEN	40	500.00	500.00	0.00	40.20	828.00	828.00	0.00	1,368.20
HOMER	26			0.00		538.20	538.20	0.00	538.20
HOPEWELL	13			0.00		269.10		269.10	0.00

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JEFFERSON	48	0.00		0.00		993.60	993.60	0.00	993.60
LAVONIA	21	400.00	400.00	0.00		434.70	434.70	0.00	834.70
MADISON	296	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	255.00	6,127.20	3,063.60	3,063.60	4,818.60
MILLEDGEVILLE FIRST	138	3,600.00	2,275.00	1,325.00	1,487.00	2,856.60	2,856.60	0.00	6,618.60
MONTICELLO	215		7,499.50	-7,499.50	1,819.94	4,450.50	4,450.50	0.00	13,769.94
MOUNT HERMON	62		2,544.10	-2,544.10	1,160.00	1,283.40	1,283.40	0.00	4,987.50
MOUNTAIN	29	500.00	500.00	0.00		600.30	600.30	0.00	1,100.30
NACOOCHEE	247	12,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	1,591.00	5,112.90	3,143.00	1,969.90	11,734.00
NEW HOPE	20			0.00		414.00		414.00	0.00
OCONEE	251	2,200.00	1,650.00	550.00		5,195.70	3,825.00	1,370.70	5,475.00
PLEASANT HILL	30	1,600.00	800.00	800.00		621.00	621.00	0.00	1,421.00
RABUN GAP	201			0.00		4,160.70		4,160.70	0.00
REID MEMORIAL	708	46,878.00	27,345.50	19,532.50	2,333.31	14,655.60	8,549.31	6,106.29	38,228.12
SAINT ANDREW	116	2,000.04	1,166.69	833.35		2,401.20	1,400.70	1,000.50	2,567.39
SARDIS	102			0.00		2,111.40		2,111.40	0.00
TIMPSON	21			0.00		434.70		434.70	0.00
UNION POINT FIRST	18		1,400.00	-1,400.00	657.00	372.60	372.60	0.00	2,429.60
WESTMINSTER	40	500.00		500.00		828.00	300.00	528.00	300.00
WESTSIDE	45	0.00		0.00		931.50	931.50	0.00	931.50
WILEY	26			0.00		538.20	538.20	0.00	538.20
WINDER FIRST	55			0.00		1,138.50	1,138.50	0.00	1,138.50
TOTAL:	5,783	199,026.04	122,914.30	76,111.74	18,762.33	119,708.10	74,160.02	45,548.08	215,836.65

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE
August 17, 2024

Minister Members:

Travis	Adams	Honorably Retired	Matt	Henderson	Clarkesville First
Steven	Barnes	Oconee	Jennifer	Horton	Lavonia
Tom	Buchanan	Covenant Athens	Corey	Ingold	Monticello
Jeffrey	Cain	Commerce	Meg	Jackson Clark	Greensboro First
William	Carr	Honorably Retired	Sue	Jacobson	Member at Large
Andy	Chambers	Cornelia First	Tom	Jones	Member at Large
Andy	Cooke	Covenant Augusta	Heather	Koontz	Mount Hermon
Charles	Crane	Winder First	Lee	Koontz	Gainesville First
Jacob	Douylliez	Eatonton	Will	Norman	The Table
Paul	Evans	Jefferson	Courtney	Pittman	Madison
Karen	Fletcher	Hartwell First	Bob	Prim	Presbytery Treasurer
Teresa	Franklin	Nacoochee	Ed	Rees	Stated Clerk/Acting GP
Sid	Gates	Member at Large	Joan	Steven	Member at Large
Ron	Gilreath	Honorably Retired	Craig	Topple	Pleasant Hill
Katelyn	Gordon Cooke	Covenant Augusta	Mari	Turner	Dahlonega
Lisa	Graves	Honorably Retired			

Ruling Elder Commissioners:

Chuck	Toney	Athens First	Tina	de Waart	Gainesville First
Joyce	Dejoie	Belle Terrace	Garry	McGlaun	Gainesville First
Jan	Lewis	Belle Terrace	Strother	Randolph	Gainesville First
Carol	Rountree	Belle Terrace	Wayne	Grice	Hartwell First
Pat	McCollum	Clarkesville First	Raphael	Shiretzki	Lavonia
Debbie	McKinney	Clayton	Kirby	Hayes	Madison
Tina	Simpson	Clayton	Rick	Reese	Monticello
Phil	Baughman	Cleveland First	Laura	Anderson	Mount Hermon
Nancy	Webber	Cleveland First	Mark	Griffin	Nacoochee
Bill	Rigsby	Covenant Athens	Monika	Knight	Nacoochee
Luanne	Rigsby	Covenant Athens	Jennifer	Thomas	Nacoochee
Donny	Whitehead	Covenant Athens	Ross	Brown	Oconee
Anne	Ealick Henry	Covenant Augusta	Becky	McCaskey	Oconee
Judy	Grieve	Covenant Augusta	Anita	York	Oconee
Susan	Monk	Covenant Augusta	Faye	Aker	Sardis
Aubrey	Moore	Covenant Augusta	Elaine	Fields	Sardis
Roy	Martin	Dahlonega			

Other Ruling Elders with Vote:

Joslyn	Fields	Moderator-in-Nomination	Marc	Galvin	Moderator of Presbytery
Sylvia	McDonald	Recording Clerk	Elaine	Wiegert	PW Moderator

Visitors:

Kathy	Adams	Timpson	Ozu	Mejia	Rabun Gap Nacoochee School
Gracie	Cain	Commerce	Kathryn	Miller	Mount Hermon
Anita	Green	Presbytery Staff	Valerie	Young	Synod of South Atlantic