



131st Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Arkansas  
Friday and Saturday, February 12-13, 2016  
Lyon College  
Batesville, AR

**DOCKET AND REPORTS**



- 10. Appointment of Standing Committees..... Moderator  
Leaves of Absence; Tellers
  - 11. General Committee (addenda packet)..... TE Clare Kelley
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**SATURDAY, February 13, 2016**  
**Nucor Auditorium, Lyon Building**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Theological Discussion ..... Dr. Paul Hooker
- 12. Committee on Nominations .....TE Elizabeth Gabbard
- 13. State of the Presbytery.....General Presbyter Stewart Smith
- 14. Report of Youth Advisory Delegates
- 15. Committee on Ministry .....TE Dari Rowen
- 16. Fermcliff Camp and Conference Center .....TE David Gill
- 17. Committee on Preparation for Ministry.....TE Kade Curry
- 18. Report on Arkansas Gives
- 19. Christian Education Committee  
..... CCE Kristi Button and TE Susan Rose
- 20. Committee on Administration ..... TE Catherine Allsbury
- 21. Minute announcements
- 22. Report of Leaves of Absence Committee ...Assistant Stated Clerk
- 23. New Business
  - a. Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns  
..... TE Susan CarterWiggins
  - b.
  - c.
- Other Business
  - a.

Closing Prayer

***NOTE ON PACKETS: Other packets also posted on the presbytery website are: host information and preliminary information. Informational flyers, minutes of previous meeting, addendum packet, and financial statements will be posted on February 4<sup>th</sup>, so commissioners may download and print out only those items they need. Blessings on you all.***

**PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS  
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

(after this presbytery meeting the name of this committee will be the  
**COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH'S MINISTRIES**)

**Consent Agenda Items for the 131<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting  
February 12-13, 2016**

**Recommendations and Information from the November 10, 2015  
and January 5, 2016 Committee on Ministry Meetings**

**Motions Before the Presbytery (to be approved with the consent agenda)**

1. Motion to approve the honorable retirement of TE Catherine Allsbury effective February 10, 2016 (her birthday).
2. Motion to enroll TE Carol Clark as a member-at-large of the Presbytery of Arkansas (her Statement of Faith is included among the documents for this meeting), transferring from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.
3. Motion to enroll TE Mark Clark as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas (his Statement of Faith is included among the documents for this meeting), transferring from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and approve the call of TE Mark Clark as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2016, with the following terms of call:

Effective Salary	
Cash Salary	\$30,000
Housing Allowance	\$16,000
Total	\$46,000
Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)	
Continuing Ed/Professional Expenses	\$3,500
Automobile/Transportation (\$.57 per mile)	\$1,200
Medical Allowance	
SECA Supplement	
Total	\$4,700
Full medical, pension, disability, and death Benefit coverage under Board of Pensions	\$16,146
Grand Total	\$66,846

Paid Vacation – 4 weeks

Paid Continuing Education – 2 weeks

Paid Parental Leave – 6 weeks

Sabbatical plan to be approved by COM at the end of five years of full-time ministry.

And the installation service for TE Mark Clark as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, to be held at Grace Presbyterian Church on February 21st, at 3:00 p.m., with the offering recipient designated to be the Presbyterian Hunger Program Fund, and the following to serve on the

Administrative Commission to install:

- TE Lacy Sellars, First Hot Springs, to Moderate and Propound the Constitutional Questions
- TE Carol Clark, at Large, to Preach
- TE Stewart Smith to Charge the Pastor
- TE Don Campbell, HR, to Charge the Congregation
- RE Cyril Hollingsworth, Second Little Rock
- RE Doug Hanson, Grace Little Rock
- RE Elizabeth Branch, Westover Hills Little Rock
- TE Sam Pope, HR, of Alabama, to Sit with the Commission

4. Motion to approve the call of TE Georgia Senor as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, effective January 24, 2016, with the following terms of call:

Effective Salary	
Cash Salary	\$35,620
Housing Allowance	\$20,000
Total	\$55,620

Reimbursable Expenses	
Automobile Expense	\$2,000
Business/Professional	\$1,000
SECA Supplement	\$4,255
Continuing Education	\$3,000

Full Medical, Pension, disability and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions (36.5% of Effective Salary: \$20,301.00)

Paid Vacation of four weeks

Paid Continuing Education of two weeks

In the seventh year of service, the congregation will provide for a three-month Clergy Renewal Leave

She was serving as the Designated Associate Pastor prior to this call.

5. Motion to enroll TE Jeff Parker as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, transferring from the Presbytery of North Alabama.

### **Necrology**

Teaching Elder Lee Power, HR, of Austin, Texas was welcomed into God's open arms on December 31, 2015.

Teaching Elder Elva Manuel Douthat, HR, of Bella Vista, Arkansas was welcomed into God's open arms on December 17, 2013 at the age of 95.

### **For Information Only**

1. TE Ed Holt, HR, has moved from Hot Springs Village to North Richland Hills, TX.
2. TE Tom Carter, HR, has moved from Fort Smith to Fort Worth, TX.



Pension and Medical	n/a
Moving Expenses	Not to exceed \$600
Vacation	4 weeks/year
Full Rental Value of the Manse	\$12,000
Total	\$32,000

Time off to attend General Assembly in 2016, as cont. ed.

14. The Transitional Pastor covenant of TE Kris Crawford and the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Springdale, was approved effective February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017, with the following terms of call:

Base Salary	\$54,000
Housing Allowance	\$12,000
Housing (not to exceed)	\$11,700
Social Security Offset	\$5,041
Allowance for Reimbursables	\$16,000
Benefits	\$17,407.01

Paid Vacation one full week per quarter (cumulative)  
Salary Continuation Contingency: Salary and Cash Housing continue for 45 days, and Board of Pensions for 90 days (see covenant for details)

15. The Transitional Pastor covenant of TE Debbie Freeman and the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, was approved for renewal effective July 2, 2015 through July 1, 2016 with the same terms of call at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.
16. The Transitional Pastor covenant of TE Susan Carter Wiggins and First Presbyterian Church of Pine Buff was approved for renewal effective September 16, 2015 through September 15, 2016 with the same terms of call.
17. The Temporary Pulpit Supply covenant of TE Terry Tallent and First Presbyterian Church, McGehee, was approved effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016, with the following terms of call:

Salary	\$1,200.00
Professional Reimbursements	\$250.00

Housing – Use of Manse the first weekend of the month  
Board of Pensions – Service credit toward pension plan  
Vacation will be each fifth Sunday (Aug., Nov., Jan., May, July)  
Continuing Education \$1,200 to be reimbursed as used  
Reimbursement of Ministry Expenses, including:  
Automobile at \$.55 per mile  
To be in McGehee the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month for church services. The first weekend of each month to stay at the manse for home visitation.

18. First Presbyterian Church of Newport was approved to participate in the seminary debt reduction program.

19. TE Linda Whitworth Reed and TE David Reed, HR, were dismissed to John Calvin Presbytery effective November 7, 2015.





#### **Addendum #4 Statement of Faith**

My faith is in the triune God, made known to us in the Bible, the authentic word of God, and revealed to us as three separate yet indivisible persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Father, God's guiding hand created the universe and continues to give shape to all that is, both seen and unseen. As Father, God became known to humankind through the mighty acts described in the Holy Bible, always seeking to redeem and reclaim the lost and to establish justice for all humankind.

As Son, God first came to us in human form as a rabbi named Jesus, whose ministry was calling ordinary people to be his disciples, urging repentance into a new life, preaching the good news of salvation, healing the sick, lifting up the downtrodden, and forgiving the sinner. This man Jesus suffered on the cross and died. On the third day he was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven, thereby freeing us from the bonds of sin and death.

As Holy Spirit, God moves through the world and is present in and through us, setting us free to live and to serve with confidence, loving ourselves and others, loving God, and celebrating with abandon the vast beauty and vitality of creation. This same Spirit intercedes for us in times of our greatest suffering, praying on our behalf with "sighs too deep for words."

We are claimed as God's own through the waters of our baptism, and are nourished by the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper. These symbols of God's grace and mercy call on all people of faith to seek the forgiveness of sin, to witness to God's love for all humankind, and to demand justice for all who are oppressed, as we await the day that Christ returns to reign in all glory and power.

#### **Addendum #4 Statement of Faith**

*“I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor heighth, nor depth nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

I borrow from Paul’s words to the church at Rome to make the simplest confession of faith. In a really deep and mysterious creation which God has given us, through all the twists and turns of life and of history, there is a radiant and divine pulse of life known as God that reaches towards us. We live and move and have our being in that beauty and nothing can separate us from that love. Because I believe in a sovereign God, I believe that even our brokenness and sin does not keep us away from that love, even if we fail to recognize it. I believe that God as Father loves us and works continually to bring hope out of despair, light out of darkness and redemption out of brokenness.



#### **Addendum #4 Statement of Faith Continued**

I believe that Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. I believe that his love and depth of sacrifice in the cross is the saving action of God. I believe that his resurrection further inspires us to know and trust in the abundance of life and in the mystery of eternal life. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord which compels me to study his life and teachings, to live in obedience to his commandments and his shaping of human life and relationship. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior which means that I love him, and have a sense of being 'captured' and transformed by his grace.

Having grown up in a Presbyterian home, nurtured on scripture and the catechisms, I have much more a sense of being chosen rather than choosing. I believe that the Holy Spirit called me to God's heart through baptism, called me again in a time of confirmation to choose whom I would serve, called me to the ministry of word and sacrament out of a deep need and passion to read and study God's word, and calls me every day to listen for the voice of Jesus Christ, his leading and his guidance.

I believe that the church, while a frail and broken institution, nevertheless has been and can be a wondrous place of grace, light and life. I believe that as the body of Christ, we are called to share the good news of Christ's love and mercy, to study together God's sacred word in scripture, to nurture children and youth with the joy of knowing Christ and his love, to minister to people as they try to live faithfully in a sometimes frantic world, to walk with people through the shadow of death, and to be servants to the world for which Christ died.

Statement of Faith of TE Robert A. Hatcher, Jr.

I am very thankful to be an inheritor of Christian Faith through the Reformed tradition. My mother grew up Baptist and my Father grew up Presbyterian; yet, they were both raised in the same church family, the Benoit Union Church in the Mississippi Delta, where Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians have worshipped and served the Lord together since 1900. Since childhood this unique body of believers has given me a hopeful appreciation for what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ.

From infant baptism I heard the church saying, "*See what love the Father has for us, that we should be called children of God*" (I Jn 3:1). As a youth I claimed Jesus' promise that God "*gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.*" (Jn 3:16). As an adult I trust this assurance of Christ: "*The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you*" (Jn 14:26). My life finds meaning and purpose in the unfolding mystery of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born a living human being so that I might know his witness to God's eternal, sovereign love. Jesus died so that I might live in the light of Christ's love over the darkness of sin. This same Jesus was raised from death to secure for all believers the gift of abundant life with Christ for eternity. My life's greatest comfort has been in the assurance of salvation through him, and my life's ongoing challenge is "...*to comprehend what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge, being filled with all the fullness of God*" (Eph. 3:18,19).

I love God's eternal, life-giving Word in the Old and New Testaments! What a joy it is to teach and to learn from the fountain of divine wisdom that is God's Word. What a privilege it is to be entrusted with the understanding and interpretation of scripture in preaching. Whether we are caring for one another within the body of Christ or sharing the good news of the gospel with persons outside the church, we have in the Bible a well-spring of revelation and knowledge for every situation.

As a grateful inheritor of reformed faith, I believe that God "*redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love*" (Book of Order, F-2.05). I trust in God as Sovereign over all creation and also Lord of my life. I am called to life in a covenant community marked by a disciplined concern for order according to the Word of God. This truth inspires me to practice faithful stewardship which avoids ostentation and seeks the proper use of the gifts of God's creation. As do all human beings who seek to follow Christ, I struggle with the reality of selfishness, willfulness, and other sins in my life. Yet, I pray for God's transforming Spirit to move me to seek divine justice and to live in obedience to God's Word.

## NECROLOGY

### Leila (Lee) Lowrey Power

**Rev. Leila (Lee) Lowrey Power**, honorably retired, died in Austin, TX on December 31, 2015. She was 75. A native of Honolulu, she graduated from Northwestern University, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Brite Divinity School, TCU, Fort Worth.

Active as a member of First United, Fayetteville, Lee served as a Christian Educator coordinator before ordination in 1981 by Grace Presbytery. During her ministry, she was an associate pastor and an interim pastor and pastoral counselor in TX, pastor in OK, and coming to AR in 1989 was pastor of First, Batesville. After retirement she served as parish associate at First United and after re-locating, as parish associate at Westlake Hills Presbyterian, Austin. She was a member of this presbytery's Committees on Ministry, Preparation for Ministry, Worship, the staff design team, interim general presbyter search committee and in 1997 was the moderator of the presbytery and its council.

Lee is survived by her children Dwight and Mark of Fayetteville, Julie Power Smith of Austin, six grandchildren and three siblings. Memorial services were held on Jan. 7 at Westlake Hills, Austin and on Jan. 12 at First United, Fayetteville. Donations are suggested to the Leila Power Education Endowment Scholarship, First United Presbyterian, 695 East Calvin Street, Fayetteville, AR. 72703.

### Elva Manuel Douthat

Word has reached the presbytery office of the death of **Rev. Elva Manuel Douthat**, honorably retired minister member, on December 17, 2013 in Bella Vista at age 95. Christian sympathy is extended to her family.

She graduated from Columbia University, New York and Union Theological Seminary, New York and did post-graduate study at the University of South Dakota. She did social work, was ordained by the Presbytery of New York City in 1973, served Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Nebraska, was granted honorable retirement in 1982 by Homestead Presbytery and received by Presbytery of AR in 1983. Attending the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista for a time, she was twice widowed and survived by four adult children.

Clergy Compensation Worksheets													
Amounts for 2015													
Name	Location	Salary	Housing	Utilities	Compensation --Other	Pension & MMI	Social Security	Benefits --Other	Cont. Ed.	Auto Exp.	Other	Total	Church Membership
Adams	Harrison--First												324
Adler	CRE--Mountain Home--First												N/A
Akin	Little Rock--Second	52,765	32,163	-	-	27,912	-	-	1,500	3,600	-	117,940	1,807
Bacon-Latina	Malvern--First	42,200	7,800		7,150	18,250	3,850		1,500	3,000	3,000	84,050	102
Bailey	Hot Springs Village--Kirk	48,561	28,014	2,646		27,727	6,060	854	3,400	6,000	3,000	126,262	472
Beane	CRE--Norman, Barr Memorial	7,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	Reimbursed	1,500	-	9,300	27
Benson-Nicol	At Large	52,180	15,320	-	-	23,625	-	-	-	-	-	91,125	N/A
Blackburn, P	Ft. Smith--First	30,670	20,000			16,721	-		2,000	1,000	5,315	75,706	912
Blackburn, T	Ft. Smith--First	30,670	20,000			16,721	-		2,000	1,000	5,315	75,706	912
Bond	Van Buren--First	38,000	12,000			18,250	-		2,200	3,600	3,000	74,050	
Brook	Russellville--Central	36,050	20,000	-	-	19,618	-	-	2,500	4,678	3,000	85,846	359
Bush	CRE--Gravette												6
Butin, J	Fayetteville--First United	56,949	17,500			26,057	5,695					106,201	473
Butin, P	Fayetteville--First United	56,949	17,500			27,174	5,695					107,318	473
Carrington	Morrilton--Hopewell												21
Castleman	Siloam Springs	20,256	22,531	-	-	17,226	2,873	-	1,200	3,556	-	67,642	167
Chanthorn	CRE--Ft. Smith Laotian Ministry												N/A
Cranton	Gurdon--First (Stated Supply)	12,000								3,000		15,000	
Cummings	Bentonville--First	38,000	40,000				5,967		1,500	6,500		91,967	
Curry	Searcy--First	46,000	12,000			18,705			1,000		5,200	82,905	149
Davis, F.	Holly Grove												49
Dyer	LR--Westminster (Stated Supply)	-	14,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,400	35
Falls	Little Rock--Pulaski Heights	27,168	20,000	-	-	16,510	3,609	1,090	2,000	2,000	-	72,377	75
Fairley	HSV--Woodlands	48,830	38,033	-	-	34,439	-	2,500	1,500	4,800	-	130,102	234
Ford, C	Alma, First (Temp. Supply)												67
Frazier	Morrilton--First	25,900	19,900	7,200		19,875	4,055				2,500	79,430	
Freeman	Iterim--Jacksonville	14,070	14,070			11,072				8,000	2,000	49,212	93
Fulks	Tucker Unit (Chaplain)												
Gabbard	Arkadelphia--First	35,500	15,000		2,200	17,629			1,200	5,200		76,729	
Galbraith	Presbytery Office	40,913	50,004	-	-	31,821	6,956	-	-	-	-	129,694	N/A
Garlington	NLR--Park Hill	43,622	21,501	-	-	21,500	4,983	-	1,200	3,000	-	95,806	213
Gibson	Pea Ridge												86
Gill, D.	Ferncliff Camp	43,450	25,400	-	-	24,442	5,267	-	-	-	-	98,559	N/A
Gray	Bentonville--Vaughn (Stated Supply)	5,000	11,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	.575 / mile	4,500	20,750	163
Hadley	Fairfield Bay	38,500	12,000	4,000		20,833	-		-	7,200		82,533	186
Hancock	Little Rock--Second	73,826	43,440			38,360	-		1,500	5,000		162,126	1,807
Henager	Heber Springs	24,600	12,900			17,100	-		1,200	2,400		64,800	90
Hubbard	Fort Smith--Central	45,000	15,000	6,600						2,400		62,400	
Humphrey	Little Rock--Allison Memorial												91
Jones, C.	Jonesboro	35,200	30,000		8,200	21,027	4,990		5,000	2,400		106,817	192
Jones, G. Hartley	CRE--Norman, Barr Memorial	7,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	Reimbursed	1,500	-	9,300	27
Kelley	NWA Larger Parish	37,347	15,000			17,798	-		1,200	4,500	-	75,845	N/A
Keyes	CRE--Garnett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	1,900	-	2,200	25
King, D.	Pine Bluff--Central (Transitional Pastor)	16,410	-	-	-	8,581	-	-	-	2,250	27,241		66
Kleinjan, Lori	Stated Supply--Helena (NonMember)												
LeBlanc	Little Rock--Westover Hills	22,500	30,000			18,375	4,016		1,200	3,000	3,000	82,091	187
Lindsey	Newport--First (PT--Transitional pastor)	7,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	.575 / mi.	-	9,000	
Lowry	Clarksville--First & Harmony	20,000	34,000			18,900	-		3,000	6,000	3,700	85,600	119 & 50
McAnally	Alpine--Part-time (Sun. worship only)	6,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,760	13
McCalla	Lyon College (Chaplain)												N/A
McCracken	Wynne--First	32,500	12,000	5,000		15,575	4,000		1,500	4,800	1,000	76,375	
Mitchell	Forrest City--Graham Memorial	29,000	24,086			17,184		5,530	1,200	3,000		80,000	123
Montgomery	Pulpit Supply--West Helena												18
Olson	Atkins--Memorial (CRE)												



## Presbytery of Arkansas Meeting, February 12-13, 2016 Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee, Report

April 27, 2014 an EF4 tornado struck central Arkansas. Sixteen lives were lost, 337 of the 825 homes damaged were totally destroyed, and fewer than 60% of the homes were insured. Many businesses in Vilonia and in Mayflower were destroyed. More than 1,300 families applied for assistance. Federal disaster assistance ended July 31, 2014, and the faith-based community shouldered the long-term response to the April 27th 2014 disaster. PDA predicts a two to three year recovery for storm damage of this magnitude.

More than 30 faith based disaster recovery organizations and churches have been active in the recovery effort. The number of documented volunteers is more than 5,000, and financial contributions have exceeded \$1 million. The number of documented assistance cases totals more than 1,000 and continues to grow.

More than 300 home repair/replacement projects including 15 new home constructions are complete. Over 20 repair projects are in progress. Four more new homes are under construction and eight additional homes are planned. We lack \$100,000.00 having enough funds to complete the additional homes and repair projects.

Fall 2015, the Presbytery's Disaster committee continues supporting the disaster recovery work in central Arkansas. Arkansas Presbyterians are working with the two active long term recovery groups (LTRG), Vilonia Disaster Recovery Alliance, Inc. and Inter-Faith and Partners Disaster Alliance, Inc. RE Sharon Hankins and TE Ike Brighton are co-chairs for Inter-Faith and Partners. Several Arkansas Presbyterians serve on the LTRG's sub-committees. PDA's National Call Center located at Ferncliff continues to coordinate hosting sites for volunteers as needed. During the first week of November Presbytery of Arkansas deployed a team of volunteers to the recovery site. First Presbyterian Conway hosted the team.

Members are also assisting with recovery work from the December flooding. Case workers are interviewing clients (survivors) and resourcing unmet needs.

Yes, your monetary donations, flood buckets, and prayers are needed.

Respectfully,  
James Anderson, moderator