

# **Draft Minutes of the One Hundred Fiftieth Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of Arkansas**

**June 4, 2022**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

The 150<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas was the seventh consecutive meeting conducted utilizing Zoom technology due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The 150<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas was called to order by the gavel tapping, lighting of the Christ candle and opening prayer by MWS Susan Arnold, Moderator at 8:30 am on June 4, 2022.

## **Introductions, Welcome, and Declaration of a Quorum**

Moderator Arnold welcomed all the attendees and RE Julie Gillaspay explained the technology of Zoom and the voting process with a technology refresher, including the procedure of voting using Zoom with computers or iPads. Moderator Arnold explained that the worship would be led by the Presbytery staff, that the offering will benefit youth summer trips and there are different ways to give: [click here](#) and then select Presbytery Meeting Offering or mail a check to the Presbytery of Arkansas, 9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR 72227.

MWS Stewart Smith, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Arkansas, welcomed all attendees including corresponding members, first-time commissioners, and visitors. A quorum is at least 20 Ruling Elders and 20 Ministers of the Word and Sacrament with at least 20 congregations represented overall, as approved at the February 10, 2018 Stated Meeting. He declared a quorum was present with 87 registrants online at 8:40 a.m. He said that he was glad to have everyone there and welcomed them. The attendance of those registered is included in the Appendix as Section I.

The 10 first time commissioners included: RE Vicki Atchley of Little Rock, Pulaski Heights; RE Janet Benson of Forrest City, Graham Memorial; RE Bracy Cross of Little Rock, Second; RE Charles Cudney of Fayetteville, First United; RE Jenny Davis of Conway, First; RE Moira Donnell of Little Rock, Grace; RE Linda Light of Jonesboro, First; RE Rick Maley of Yellville; RE Andrea Ricketts of Pea Ridge, Mount Vernon and RE Tara Williams of Arkadelphia, West End. Rev.

Brenda Holder of Harmony Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Paul Fulks of Van Buren, First were also a first time Ministers of Word and Sacrament attendees.

## Opening Worship

The Opening Worship was led by the Presbytery of Arkansas staff and a copy of the worship bulletin may be found in the Appendix, Section II, where videos with music were played, hymns sung, and prayers made. The offering (\$870.00 as of June 21, 2022) was collected. In her announcement, MWS Brianne Christianson mentioned the current high gas prices as an added incentive towards support of these important trips. The message was brought by MWS Stewart Smith, Pressing On or the Why of Ministry, and read from Philippians 3:12 and 4:1-9. MWS Smith closed the worship with prayer and this blessing, “And the blessing of Christ and of the Trinity, Father, son and Holy Spirit, creator, redeemer and sustainer, be with you all now and forever.” There were 97 attendees at 9:26 a.m.

## Business of the Presbytery

Moderator Arnold moved to the Consent Agenda. Stated Clerk Smith presented the Consent Agenda and explained that all motions may be voted on as one and anyone is welcome to move any item for discussion. Moderator asked if anyone wanted an item moved. No changes were made.

## Consent Agenda

MWS Stewart Smith  
Stated Clerk

1. **Motion to adopt the docket.**
2. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 149<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, March 4-5, 2022, held through Zoom technology, with worship led by Westminster Presbyterian Church-Hot Springs and with Theological Discussion led by Paul Grier and Joseph Moore from Presbyterian Foundation**
3. **Motion to enroll corresponding members with voice but not vote.**
4. **Motion to grant privilege of the floor (voice) to those persons registered, but without vote.**
5. **Motion for the technology of Zoom Technology to count votes, serving as what the Presbytery of Arkansas has historically termed the “Tellers.”**
6. **Motion for the Stated Clerk to record those absent and those present and include those names and numbers in the minutes, serving as what the Presbytery of Arkansas has historically termed the “Leaves of Absence Committee.”**

- 7. Motion to receive the minutes as the report of the Administrative Commission to install MWS Robert Lowry as Pastor of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church in Little Rock on April 10, 2022 at 3:00 pm, and to dismiss them with thanks.**

**The motion was seconded, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.**

### **Report of the Stated Clerk**

The Report of the Stated Clerk can be found in Appendix, Section III. Stated Clerk Stewart Smith reported that applications are being taken for the part time Stated Clerk position. The search committee is composed of: Rev. Steve Hancock, Honorably Retired; Rev. Dr. Georgia Senor, Bentonville, First; RE Dick Freer, Jonesboro, First; RE Pat Wright, Arkadelphia, West End; and Mrs. Ruth Armenson, Little Rock, Second.

He explained that when the new Stated Clerk is hired, a called meeting of the presbytery will need to be made to call the new stated clerk.

The next presbytery meeting is scheduled for October 21-22, 2022 at First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. It is currently scheduled to be an in-person meeting with the allowance of commissioners attending via a special Zoom and the event will also be live streamed for non-voters that are unable to attend in person.

RE Ray Woodruff was installed as the 2022 Vice-Moderator. He was ill at the March meeting and his installation was unable to be held at that time. There were 99 online at 9:35 a.m.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

RE Tom Verdery, treasurer gave a report to the presbytery regarding the financial performance so far in 2022. The April 30, 2022 financial reports may be found in the Appendix, Section IV. He addressed the financial markets in the United States challenging the investments at Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF). He said that the Balanced Fund at TPF is down 13.6% through April but said that we here at the presbytery, looking at the balance sheet, can weather this storm. He said that we do not need to liquidate during the downtimes, but to pray. He said that we are prepared for a long haul and if it gets worse, the presbytery has the cash reserves to weather this storm. He concluded his report, asked for questions, including on the financial statements, and there were none. Moderator Arnold thanked him and said that his work was appreciated.

### **Report by MWS Brianne Christiansen, Youth-A-Team**

MWS Brianne Christiansen, interim director for youth ministries, gave a report on A Team activities and upcoming events for the youth. She reported that there were 14 churches, three retreats and two trips with about 100 youth across the events. She informed everyone of Junior High Jubilee (July 2-7) at Mo-Ranch and Montreat Youth Conference (July 16-23) at Montreat Conference Center. She explained a pressing need the youth has, they have five youth for the

Montreat trip but need an additional driver for them to be able to attend. She asked for an additional driver to help transport the youth to Montreat, in the hopes that all of the interested youth will be able to attend. The dates are July 2-7. She showed a fun video of the youth activities and said that applications are being accepted for the 2022-23 A-Team and encouraged those interested to apply. Ages are grades 10-12, college and adults. There were 98 attendees at 9:45 a.m.

## Report from Committee on Preparation for Ministry

MWS David Clark, Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry reported that CRE Peg Falls Corbitt is ready for commission. The committee also voted to meet three times a year in their recent meeting. He made the following motion:

### **For Action:**

**Maggie Johnson Application for Candidacy** - Maggie has completed her first year of seminary at Columbia Theological Seminary. While at Columbia, Maggie has worked at Shallowford Presbyterian Church where she has focused on youth ministry. In addition to working with the youth, Maggie has had the opportunity to do some preaching, taught all the various Sunday School classes, and done some pastoral care. This summer she is working at Shallowford full-time for supervised ministry for her field education requirement at Columbia. She is planning on doing Clinical Pastoral Education next summer.

The committee expressed confidence that her statement of faith was well done and voted to recommend to the Presbytery of Arkansas that she be moved to the candidacy stage of the ordination process.

### Statement of Faith Margaret J. Johnson

I believe in the Triune God, One in three and three in One - God, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is the great mystery of faith that encourages us to wonder and question. God as Triune expands Divine presence to be above, next to, and within us.

I believe in God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. With that, I believe God is bigger and more expansive than any human attribute we could possibly give to God. I believe that God's love is deeper than we could ever fully know. God created the world out of nothing because God so loves Creation.

I believe that Jesus, the Redeemer, is fully divine and fully human. I believe that Jesus experienced the full spectrum of human emotion when walking this earth, which gives us the grace to do the same. I believe that Jesus suffered for the world's sins so that we could live as free and grace-filled people who venture to make this earthly world more like the heavenly Kingdom each day.

I believe that the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer, is alive and present in the world. I believe the Spirit convicts, empowers, inspires, and challenges us to see the world not as it is but how it could be. I

believe that the Spirit connects us, lives through us, and is as close to us as our very breath. Through this encompassing love, we have visible signs of an invisible grace in the Sacraments.

I believe that the Lord's Supper is a place for all of God's children to be fed, nourished, seen, loved, and claimed. Through the ordinary elements of bread and cup, Jesus created extraordinary love that we acknowledge and bear witness to each time we gather at the table as a community of faith. All are welcome at the Communion table. My vision of the Kingdom of God looks like World Communion Sunday with grand music, endless amounts of bread, and a space for every person from every nation at the table.

I believe that the waters of Baptism are a source of continual Creation. Just as the waters were created by God, the holy act of Baptism reminds us that we are also created by God. Baptism renews the grace that surrounds us with the reminder that God loves us, Jesus redeems us, and the Holy Spirit sustains us. Baptism is a living water and a reminder of an active faith.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It contains stories of people learning to live and love a faith into existence. We venture to continue this story today. We are a Christian people who do not have - and will never have - all of the answers, but we seek to use the Ancient texts and Scriptures as a reminder that we are one, connective Christian people.

I believe in the goodness and importance of the Church. I believe in its ability to connect, create, and cultivate relationships in a way that no other spaces can. I believe that it is an imperfect place that seeks to create spaces for imperfect people to experience the love and grace of God. I believe that the Church is called to care for Creation. Both the physical world around us and the individual people that live in this world are our responsibility to love, nurture, and advocate for. Ultimately, I believe that the Church inspires the kinship of all creation and is responsible for bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth.

**Moderator Susan Arnold made a motion to accept Margaret Johnson for candidacy.**

Maggie was asked and answered questions regarding her statement of faith. Maggie was moved to a waiting room while the vote took place. **The motion passed unanimously.** Maggie was welcomed back and congratulated.

A written report of the committee on Preparation for Ministry can be found in the Appendix, Section V along with a list of the COPM Inquirers and Candidates for 2022. There were 98 online at 9:45 a.m.

## **Report of the Committee on Ministry**

MWS Leslie Belden Moderator of the Committee on Ministry made the following motions:

### **For Action**

- 1. Motion to approve the call of MWS Leslie Roper as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs, effective June 13, 2022 with the following terms of call:**

<b><u>Effective Salary</u></b>	
Cash Salary	\$43,500
*Social Security	\$ 6,655
Housing Allowance	<u>\$40,845</u>
Total Effective Salary	\$91,000
** Health/Disab./Pension	<u>\$33,670</u>
Total Benefits	\$33,670

<b><u>Reimbursable Expenses</u></b>	
Continuing Education	\$ 2,000
Auto Allowance	\$ 3,000
Professional Expenses	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
***Total Reimbursable	\$ 6,500
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$131,170</u></b>

\*Calculated at 15.3% of Cash Salary

\*\*Determined by the Board of Pensions as percentage of Effective salary:  
37% (currently)

\*\*\*Vouchered Reimbursements – Maximum Allowed

Vacation/Leave

Study Leave 2 Weeks

For the Greater Church 1 Week

Vacation 4 Weeks

One Additional Sunday per year (excluding Easter and Christmas Sundays)

Additional Expenses Provided by Church

Moving Expenses To be determined

Notes:

- Health insurance includes family coverage.
- Dental and Vision Insurance is optional at own expense.

**Motion approved with no opposition.**

2. **Motion to approve enrolling MWS Shea McGinnis as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and ask that Boston Presbytery dismiss him.**

**Motion approved with no opposition.**

3. **Motion to grant honorable retirement to MWS Val Bell, effective June 30, 2022.**

**Motion approved with no opposition.**

4. **Motion to approve commissioning RE Peg Falls-Corbitt as the Commissioned Ruling Elder serving First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton, effective July 10, 2022, to a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time position with the following terms of call:**

<b>Cash Salary</b>	<b>\$27,000</b>
<b>Housing Allowance</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Car Allowance</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>
<b>Social Security reimbursement</b>	<b>\$2,066</b>
<b>Medicare reimbursement</b>	<b>\$392</b>
<b>Business/professional expense</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Total Compensation</b>	<b>\$37,858</b>

**The term of this covenant is one year. CRE Peg Falls-Corbitt will preach 40 Sundays per year. Office time/visitation/meetings will be three days per week plus Sunday. Additional Sundays may or may not be needed for continuing education. Leave is built into the pulpit supply formula.**

Note: The Coordinating Team will be asked to approve an Administrative Commission and worship service information, on behalf of the Presbytery, to commission RE Falls-Corbitt at First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton as she is unable to make this meeting of Presbytery.

**Motion approved with no opposition.**

- 5. Motion to approve a worship service to commission RE Peg Falls-Corbitt, 1st Conway, as Commissioned Ruling Elder to First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton, on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 3:00 pm with the following serving on the Administrative Commission of Presbytery:**

**MWS Susan Arnold to Moderate the Commission and ask questions of the candidate**

**MWS Ruskin Falls, Pulaski Heights Presbyterian – Little Rock, to preach.**

**MWS Lindy Vogado, 2nd Little Rock - to charge the CRE**

**MWS Blake Brinegar, 1st Searcy - to charge the congregation**

**RE David Davies, 1st Morrilton - questions to the congregation**

**RE Debbie Bruce Turner, 1st Conway**

**RE Doug Corbitt, Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church**

**Invited to sit with the commission, Jeannie Corbitt, MWS Grace Presbytery**

**With the offering to go to the Theological Education Fund.**

**With the provision to provide flexibility in case there is a need.**

**Motion approved with no opposition.**

## **Necrology**

The Presbytery was asked to observe a moment of silence to reflect on the life and ministry of MWS Don Wardlaw, HR, whose work on this earth has ended, and who has received his reward and is at home with God and all the saints in the Kingdom of God. His obituary

may be found within the written report for the Committee on Ministry in the Appendix, Section VI.

## **Report of the Committee on the Future of the Church Ministry Area**

MWS Steven Kurtz reported on the grant process from the Future of the Church. He said that ten churches received grants and six of the ten were for technology and outreach.

A written report from the Committee on the Future of the Church can be found in the Appendix, Section VII.

## **Report of the Committee on Nominations**

**CRE Chuck Olson, Moderator for the Committee on Nominations made the following motion to fill vacant spots on the committees for this year:**

**For Presbytery Action:**

**The Committee on Nominations moves the election of the following people to fill vacant spots:**

**RE Alfred Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Little Rock to fill a vacant spot on the Committee on Administration in the class of 2022.**

**RE Cindy Lanphear to fill a vacant spot on the Future of the Church Committee in the class of 2024.**

**RE Greg Fairchild, 1<sup>st</sup> Little Rock to fill a vacant spot on the Future of the Church Committee in the class of 2023.**

**RE Dawn Dvorak, 1<sup>st</sup> Clarksville, MWS David Gill, and RE Carla Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Huntsville to fill vacant spots on the Mission of the Church Committee in the class of 2025.**

**Motion approved with no opposition.**

For Information:

The Nominations Committee encourages the members of presbytery to submit names for the committee's consideration as they prepare to work on the class of 2026 in the presbytery committee structure. You can fill out the form found in the Appendix, Section VIII or email Moderator Chuck Olson at [chuckaudreyolson@gmail.com](mailto:chuckaudreyolson@gmail.com) or Stated Clerk Stewart Smith at [stewart@presbyark.org](mailto:stewart@presbyark.org). There were 94 online at 10:26 a.m.



## Comfort Break

After the comfort break, the meeting was called back to order at 10:30 a.m. and MWS Carol Clark, Presbytery Builder, introduced Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, ordained in the PC(USA), and author of “*Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*” and “*Tempered Resilience: How Leaders are Formed in the Crucible of Change.*”

## Order of the Day: Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger

Bolsinger’s presentation, *Leading on the Edge of the Future*, offered insights on how churches can navigate the difficult landscape with adaptive change requiring resiliency. He offered ways to get resources and a copy of the slides from his presentation in the picture below.

TO RECEIVE SLIDES USE THE QR CODE BELOW

- **Resources, Courses and Cohorts**
  - Church Leadership Institute
  - Depree.org/church
  - **Text change to 66866**
- **For Slides**
  - Aesloanleadership.com
  - Coaching, Consulting, Speaking

Books shown: *Tempered Resilience*, *Leadership for a Time of Pandemic*, *Canoeing the Mountains*

Bolsinger answered questions following his presentation and will be available for a follow-up session on June 16, 2022 at 1 p.m. on the presbytery’s zoom. MWS Clark thanked Rev. Dr. Bolsinger for his presentation and looked forward to seeing him next time.

## Business of the Presbytery Continues

After the Order of the Day, Moderator Arnold called the meeting back to order with 98 online at 11:32 a.m. She moved to the reports from the presbytery staff.

## Report from the Presbytery Staff

General Presbyter Stewart Smith expressed his gratitude to Maggie Johnson, Jared Brown, and the staff Carol Clark, Julie Price, Brianne Christiansen, and Kimberly Palmer. He thanked Carol and Julie for the different things, like Carol's book study, they did to connect the presbytery with Tod. He also said he really appreciated seeing the youth activities on video.

He reminded everyone that the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly with Plenary sessions online starting June 18 with the moderator election at 7 p.m. There will be a Juneteenth Worship Service on Saturday as well. It is being held at the Louisville Presbyterian Conference Center, June 18-July 3, 2022. Committees will stagger meetings. Links to watch are <https://oga.pcusa.org>, visit Spirit of GA on Facebook and business can be found at <https://pc-biz.org>.

Carol Clark, Presbytery Builder, said that a new book study is forming based on the need to talk about the recent shootings where "thoughts and prayers are not enough." For more information on the *Violence Project*, read the Update.

Julie Price, Presbytery Connector, reminded everyone about the upcoming Presbyterian night at the Traveler's game on June 10 and in northwest Arkansas, Naturals game on June 15. Dig Deeper with Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger on June 16 and watch for brochures being mailed to the churches.

Moderator Arnold said that the staff reports were concluded and moved on to commission General Assembly delegates. At 11:53 a.m. there were 84 online.

## Commissioning of General Assembly Delegates

Moderator Susan Arnold commissioned four General Assembly delegates. Two clergy were Rev. Jeff Price, Little Rock, Trinity and Rev. Cindy Saul, member at large. The two ruling elders were RE Cindy Lanphear, Clarksville, Harmony and CRE Chuck Olson, Atkins, Memorial. A written report of the commissioning may be found in the Appendix, Section IX

## Announcements

None were reported.

## Expression of Thanks

With no more reports or business before the presbytery, Moderator Arnold offered a big thank you to all of the committees, the moderators, and to all who participated in the meeting today. Thank yous also went to the staff Stewart Smith, Carol Clark, Julie Price, Brianne Christiansen, Kim Palmer, and Jared Brown.

## **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Moderator Arnold called on MWS Bill Seitz, pastor of Mena, First, to offer the closing prayer. She extinguished the Christ candle, tapped the gavel and adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m. The chat function and Zoom meeting were left on following adjournment so that fellowship could continue until signoff.

Written reports of committees from the Main Packet are included in the Appendix, Section X .

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Palmer  
Administrator

Stewart Smith  
Stated Clerk

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## **Section I – Roster of Attendance/Enrollment**

### **Voting as Ministers of Word and Sacrament**

#### **Ministers of Word and Sacrament – 46 in attendance (voting)**

(There were 43 in attendance on March 3-4, 2022; 42 in attendance on October 8-9, 2021; 49 in attendance on June 5, 2021; 52 on March 5-6, 2021; 47 on October, 23-24, 2020; 60 on June 6, 2020; 39 on March 6-7, 2020; 45 on October 4-5, 2019; and 43 on June 8, 2019.)

Allsbury, Catherine	Davis, Fern	Roper, Leslie
Alsup, Maggie	Falls, Ruskin	Rudolph, Ward
Arnold, John	Fulks, Paul	Saul, Cinthia
Arnold, Susan	Hammons, Stacey	Schaller, David
Bacon-Latina, Courtney	Harris, LaWanda	Schaller, Patricia
Bell, Valerie	Hatcher, Chip	Secrest, Alisa
Berger, Sara Anne	Holder, Brenda	Seitz, Bill
Blackburn, Tasha	Humphrey, Marion	Senor, Georgia
Brinegar, Blake	Kim, Young Doo	Smith, Stewart
Brinegar, Elizabeth	Kurtz, Steven	Spooner, Rebecca
Brock, Brian	Kwak, Jai	Ulasewich, Michael
Bussell, Matt	Lowry, Robert	Vinson, Michael
Butin, Jan	Mainard O'Connell, Marie	Vogado, Lindy
Carrington, Joy	McMillan, Judi	Welker, Jody
Clark, Mark	Price, Jeff	
Cummings, Katie	Rito, Bradley	

#### **Excused Absences**

Butin, Phil  
Denne, Krista  
Wilhelmi, Jeremy

#### **Honorably Retired Ministers of Word and Sacrament –11 in attendance (voting)**

(There were 16 in attendance on March 4-5, 2022; 9 in attendance on October 8-9, 2021; 12 on June 5, 2021; 16 on March 5-6, 2021; 13 on October 23-24, 2020; 22 on June 6, 2020; 7 on March 6-7, 2020; 9 on October 4-5, 2019; and 8 on June 8, 2019.)

Akin, Karen	Daniel, Danny	Lizárraga, Elizabeth
Belden, Leslie	Daniel, Joyce	Reed, David
Branch, Bill	Gray, Susan	Whitworth-Reed, Linda
Clark, Carol	Jones, Lance	

#### **Excused Absences**

King, John  
Ritchie, Dennis  
Tropansky, Joseph

**Temporary Members of the Presbytery – 0 in attendance (voting)**

**Excused Absence**

Ratliff, Jim – Hardy, Spring River

**Total of 57 voting as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament**

**Voting as Ruling Elders**

**Ruling Elder Commissioners –29 in attendance (voting) representing congregations**

(There were 41 in attendance on March 4-5, 2022; 40 in attendance on October 8-9, 2021; 47 in attendance on June 5, 2021; 43 in March 5-6, 2021; 48 on October 23-24, 2020; 52 on June 6, 2020; 40 on March 6-7, 2020; 44 on October 4-5, 2019; and 48 on June 8, 2019.)

Arkadelphia, West End – Williams, Tara  
Atkins, Memorial – Murdoch, Mark  
Bella Vista –Nichols, Jean  
Benton, First – Kubler, Kate  
Bentonville, First –Dixon, Kim  
Clarksville, First – Rommel, Connie  
Conway, First – Davis, Jenny  
Fayetteville, First United – Cudney,  
Charles; Haden, Rebecca  
Fairfield Bay, Kirk of the Hills – Slaughter,  
Betsy  
Forrest City, Graham – Benson, Janet;  
Easley, Mike  
Hot Springs, First – White, Kathy  
Hot Springs, Westminster – Stanley, Larry

Huntsville, First – Holt, Debbie  
Jacksonville, First – Finney, Karen  
Jonesboro, First – Light, Linda  
Little Rock, Grace – Donnell, Moira  
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights – Atchly, Vicki  
Little Rock, Second – Cross, Bracy;  
Luttrell, Marge Anna; Marsh, Susan  
Little Rock, Westover Hills – Misenheimer,  
Candice  
Malvern, First – Walters, Kathy  
Pea Ridge, Mt Vernon – Ricketts, Andrea  
Springdale, First – Dickins, John; Young,  
Kenneth  
Wynne – Stacy, Annette  
Yellville, First – Maley, Rick

**Excused Absence**

Hardy, Spring River – McWilliams, Carol

**Absent Without Excuse – 22 Congregations**

Arkadelphia, First  
Alma, First  
Amity, Alpine  
Beebe, First  
Bentonville, Vaughn  
Brinkley, First  
Bull Shoals  
Cane Hill

Eureka Springs, First  
Greenwood  
Gurdon, First  
Harrison, First  
Helena, First  
Hot Springs Village, Kirk  
in the Pines  
Little Rock, Westminster

Marianna, First  
McGehee, First  
Morrilton, Hopewell  
Mountain Home, First  
Norman, Barr Memorial  
Paragould, First  
Pine Bluff, Faith

**Ruling Elder Voting Members of Presbytery – 6 in attendance (voting)**

(There were 5 in attendance on March 4-5, 2022; 8 in attendance on October 8-9, 2021; 7

on June 5, 2021; 7 on March 5-6, 2021; 10 on October 23-24, 2020; 9 on June 6, 2020; 10 on March 6-7, 2020; 7 on October 4-5, 2019; and 11 on June 8, 2019.)

Belden, Ted – Coordinating Team	Verdery, Tom – Treasurer
Gillaspy, Julie – Coordinating Team Moderator	Willis, Carolyn – Administration Moderator
Hollingsworth, Cyril – Coordinating Team	Woodruff, Ray – Vice Moderator

**Commissioned Ruling Elders – 6 in attendance (voting)**

(There were 8 in attendance on March 4-5, 2022; 10 in attendance on October 8-9, 2021; 7 on June 5, 2021; 7 on March 5-6, 2021; 8 on October 23-24, 2020; 8 on June 6, 2020; 6 on March 6-7, 2020; 6 on October 4-5, 2019; and 5 on June 8, 2019.)

Clark, David – Heber Springs, First	Prevost, Ronnie – Springdale, First
Hall, Michelle – Lincoln & Prairie Grove	Rhodes, Claire – Arkadelphia, West End
Olson, Chuck – Atkins, Memorial	Rhodes, Kenneth – Arkadelphia, West End

**Excused Absence**

Shaw, Mary – Elkins, Federated

**Certified Christian Educators – 1 in attendance, 1 voting**

(There were 2 in attendance on March 4-5, 2022; none in attendance on October 8-9, 2021; 2 on June 5, 2021 on March 5-6, 2021; 2 on June 2, 2020; 3 on March 6-7, 2020; 3 on October 4-5, 2019; and 3 on June 8, 2019.)

Ford, Jeannie

**A total of 42 voting as Ruling Elders in attendance.**

**Total Voting of 99 in attendance.**

**Non-Voting Attendees**

**Corresponding Members –2 in attendance (non-voting)**

Bolsinger, Tod	Presbytery of San Gabriel
Qualls, Michael	Cumberland Presbyterian

**Inquirer/Candidate – 3 in attendance (non-voting)**

Johnson, Maggie	Little Rock, Second
Larkin, Liz	Rogers, First
Thompson, Laura	Rogers, First

**Excused Absence**

Moody, Stephen – Little Rock, First

**Attendees/Visitors – 16 in attendance (non-voting)**

Austin, David	Little Rock, Westover Hills
Bragg, Yvette	Arkadelphia, West End
Branch, Elizabeth (Liz)	Little Rock, Westover Hills
Brown, Jared	Presbytery of Arkansas Staff
Christiansen, Brianne	Presbytery of Arkansas Staff
Danehower, Kim	Forrest City, Graham Memorial
Gill, Joel	Little Rock, Ferncliff
Jones, Karene	North Little Rock, Park Hill
Laurel, Emily	Benton, First Presbyterian
Lockwood, Frank	Arkansas Democrat Gazette
Minga, Patty	Jonesboro, First
Palmer, Kimberly	Presbytery of Arkansas Staff
Pearson, Kelly	Prairie Grove
Price, Julie	Presbytery of Arkansas Staff
Sloan, Jay	Unity Presbyterian, Denver NC
Timberlake, Polly	Rogers, First

**Total Non-Voting of 21 in attendance**

**Total Attendance**

**A total of 120 registered or were in attendance at some point in the meeting, of whom 99 could vote.**

There were 154 total of whom 120 could vote on March 4-5, 2022; 141 total of whom 110 could vote on October 8-9, 2021; 156 total on June 5, 2021, of whom 123 could vote; 163 total on March 5-6, 2021, of whom 127 could vote; 152 total on October 23-24, 2020, of whom 127 could vote; 215 total on June 6, 2020, of whom 154 could vote; 144 total on March 7, 2020, of whom 105 could vote; 165 total on October 4-5, 2019, of whom 115 could vote; and 158 on June 8, 2019, of whom 117 could vote.



**Section II**  
**Service of Worship**  
**Presbytery of Arkansas 150<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**June 4, 2022**

**Opening of Worship** “The Deer’s Cry” sung by Rita Connelly, video Mark Clark

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn of Joy** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” vs. 1, 2  
(Please join us in singing!)

**Opening Prayer with confession and assurance of pardon**

**Response to Pardon** v. 4 of “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

**The Offering** (Our offering supports our youth trips; you may give online or mail a check to the Presbytery)

**Anthem** “One Voice” Composed by Ruth Moody; offered by Julie Price, Julianne Sublette, Susan Brown, Randy Goodwin, Bill Ormsbee, and Dave Dougherty

**Scripture Lesson**

**Sermon** by Rev. Stewart Smith

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** “The Church’s One Foundation” vs. 1, 2, 5

**Benediction**

**Postlude** “Morning Has Broken” arr. Stevens

**Service Notes:**

Opening Video *Deer’s Cry*...Rita Connelly...video Mark Clark

One Voice: Composed by Ruth Moody; offered by Julie Price, Julianne Sublette, Susan Brown, Randy Goodwin, Bill Ormsbee, and Dave Dougherty

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” *Easter Hymn*

“The Church’s One Foundation” *Aurelia*

“Morning Has Broken” *Gaelic melody*, arr. Cat Stevens

Worship leaders: David Austin, Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, with the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church Choir; Presbytery staff: Stewart Smith, Carol Clark, Julie Price, Brianne Christensen, Kim Palmer, and Jared Brown of Trinity Presbyterian as tech support.

To support our offering for summer youth trips, please go [presbyark.org](http://presbyark.org) and click the donate button or click [here](#). If you prefer, you may mail a check to Arkansas Presbytery, 9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd, Little Rock AR 72227. Please mark your check Presbytery offering: youth trips.

## Section III – Report of the Stated Clerk

MWS Stewart Smith  
Stated Clerk

### **For Information:**

**The Stated Clerk Search Committee is accepting applications for the position of Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Arkansas.**

The Presbytery of Arkansas is now receiving applications for the position of Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Arkansas. This will be a part-time position and applicants need to be either a ruling elder or a Minister of Word and Sacrament of the PCUSA. The position will not require living in Little Rock, but occasional time in the presbytery office may be needed. Desired skills include a familiarity with the ***Book of Order*** and the Presbytery of Arkansas Ministry Manual; experience and/or skills in teaching; demonstrated ability to collaborate and cooperate with groups and individuals; good organizational skills with attention to details; reliability; and experience and skills in situations of conflict.

Interested applicants should apply for the position by June 15 by sending a resume and/or PIF and two references to Rev. Steve Hancock, Moderator of Stated Clerk Search Committee. Steve's contact information is listed below.

[Steve.C.Hancock@icloud.com](mailto:Steve.C.Hancock@icloud.com)

501-412-2213

16000 Rushmore Ave. #1101  
Little Rock, AR 72223

## **Appendix Section III – Attachment 1**

### **Job Description: Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Arkansas**

The Stated Clerk shall be a Teaching or Ruling Elder and shall be enrolled as a member of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall serve a term of three years (or a portion thereof for special elections) and is eligible for reelection by the Presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall function in accordance with the Book of Order, will work in collaboration with the General Presbyter, and is accountable to the Presbytery.

This is a salaried position, with expected **work of approximately 20 hours per week**.

1. Duties related to Stated Clerk's training/continuing education:

- Normally will attend denominational annual polity conference, Mid-Council Leadership Conference, Synod Clerks' Association meetings, and General Assembly meetings. Attendance at these events would occur in consultation with the Coordinating Team; Maintain membership in the Stated Clerks' Association

2. Duties related to training of others:

- Train Permanent Judicial Commission
- Train administrative commissions assigned to churches
- Facilitate the training of new General Assembly (GA) commissioners with General Presbyter and possibly former GA commissioners
- Work with the current GA commissioners as the polity task force to advise Presbytery on votes on the proposed constitutional amendments
- Lead training of clerks of session as needed
- Ensure a process for the regular review of session minutes and congregational registers

3. Duties related to legal signatory:

- Serve as one of the elected signers of legal documents for the Presbytery, along with the Moderator of Presbytery and the General Presbyter
- Sign deeds, contracts, etc. as directed by presbytery authorization
- Certify personal information forms from church professionals with Church Leadership Connection

4. Duties related to staffing:

- Serve as staff resource to the Permanent Judicial Commission, Coordinating Team, Nominating Committee, and, with the General Presbyter, Committee on Ministry, serve as staff resource of developing Presbytery policies; other duties may develop in consultation with the General Presbyter
- In consultation with the Moderator of Presbytery and Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, appoint and train an Investigating Committee when an accusation has been filed
- In consultation with the Moderator of relevant presbytery committees and the General Presbyter, define the scope of duties, the goals and name the members of an Administrative Commission to address issues in churches

5. Duties related to Constitutional Interpretation:

- Make polity rulings and do prepare polity interpretations for churches, leaders, committees, boards, and councils of the Presbytery, in dialogue with the PC(USA) Stated Clerk and the Office of the General Assembly, when necessary

6. Duties related to communications:

- Receive requests and communications from governing bodies, churches and individuals and as appropriate, refer them to committees of Presbytery or the Presbytery as a whole.
  - Update Clerk of Session Manual of operations; regularly communicate with Clerks of Sessions; update contact information with churches, Clerks of Session and Session Moderators.
  - Possess and use appropriate technological skills
  - Be available to the presbytery for consultation on a regular basis
  - Regularly participate in presbytery staff meetings and at least monthly update the General Presbyter on work completed and works pending related to the job description
7. Duties related to Presbytery meetings:
- Act as parliamentarian for all meetings of the Presbytery, assisting the Moderator in the orderly conduct of the business of the council
  - Work with the Moderator of Presbytery to perform the duties of the “presbytery meeting task force” for any special called meeting of presbytery
  - Work with Moderator of Presbytery preparing the Presbytery meeting packet and proposed docket
  - Solicit, receive and report invitations to host Presbytery meetings, then respond with pertinent information to host to help them prepare for the meeting.
  - Receive display requests from “regular displayers” at Presbytery meetings
  - Receive, report and record requests for excused absences
  - Meet with and instruct Leave of Absence committee and Tellers
8. Duties related to General Assembly;
- Sign, as needed, any reports required of the Presbytery by the General Assembly
  - Receive and report, as appropriate, all correspondence from the PC(USA) Stated Clerk and the Office of the General Assembly
9. Duties related to record keeping:
- Maintain in the Presbytery office files of all official actions by Presbytery, commissions and the Stated Clerk
  - Edit and file a full and accurate record of the minutes of the Presbytery, coordinating reading and revising of the minutes with the Presbytery Moderator, Coordinating team, Moderator and Stated Clerk within three weeks after each meeting
  - Present each year properly attested copies of the Presbytery minutes to the Synod for its review (with table of contents, index, appendix in accordance with Synod's requirements) and shall keep the appropriate number of said copies, including digital format, as the official records of the Presbytery. One copy should be submitted to the Presbyterian Historical Society annually.
  - Assist AC’s in documenting historical records when churches are dismissed or dissolved and send these records to the Historical Society
  - Make and keep accurate rolls of the Ministers, Certified Christian Educators, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Candidates under care of the Presbytery
  - Maintain files in the Presbytery office of all official actions by Presbytery, commissions and the Stated Clerk
10. Perform other duties as needed for Presbytery to abide by the Book of Order and the Presbytery of Arkansas Ministry Manual
- Update and review Arkansas Ministry Manual annually
11. Accountability and evaluation of the Stated Clerk shall be in accordance with the Presbytery's

**Personnel Policies.** The Stated Clerk is accountable to the Presbytery and will be evaluated by the personnel subcommittee of the Administration Ministry Area; the Stated Clerk serves in a collaborative role with the General Presbyter.

## APPENDIX SECTION IV THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

Balance Sheet  
April 30, 2022

### ASSETS

<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash TPF - undesignated	175,212.71	
TPF Investment Cash - designated	806,125.14	
TPF Investments	4,666,245.63	
N/R Ministers	12,875.01	
N/R Churches	25,000.00	
TPF Mark to Market 52190		1,209,870.60
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>6,895,329.09</b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
Furniture & Fixtures	65,651.89	
Land	285,90.89	
Buildings		961,516.12
	961,516.12	
Accumulated Depreciation	(435,635.71)	
<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>		<b>7,707,118.39</b>
		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>
		<b><u>\$7,707,118.39</u></b>

### LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Payroll & Other Withholdings	0.00	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Equity Beginning Balance	4,343,422.31	
Fund Balance	3,294,810.74	
Unrealized Gains/Losses	65,599.68	
Net Income	3,285.68	
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>7,707,118.39</b>
		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>
		<b><u>\$7,707,118.39</u></b>

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

**The Presbytery of Arkansas**  
**Benevolence as of**  
**April 30, 2022**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>2019</b> <b>Benevolence</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>Benevolence</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>Benevolence</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>Benevolence</b>
Alma	-	-	-	-
Amity	-	-	-	-
Arkadelphia, First	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Arkadelphia, West End	1,106.00	1,106.00	1,110.00	-
Atkins	-	-	-	-
Batesville	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00
Beebe	900.00	600.00	1,200.00	600.00
Bella Vista	30,000.00	24,999.96	20,000.00	6,666.54
Benton	9,600.00	8,600.00	8,600.00	2,000.00
Bentonville, First	29,500.00	32,000.00	33,500.00	-
Bentonville, Vaughn	-	2,000.00	-	-
Brinkley	-	-	-	-
Bull Shoals	-	-	50.00	116.74
Cane Hill	-	-	-	-
Clarksville, First	-	-	-	-
Clarksville, Harmony	-	-	-	-
Conway	8,125.00	7,700.00	7,500.00	1,875.00
Dardanelle	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,500.00	1,500.00
Elkins	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Eureka Springs	3,000.00	2,550.00	2,750.00	250.00
Fairfield Bay	700.00	350.00	350.00	-
Fayetteville, First United	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	10,248.00
Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort	1,660.00	1,660.00	1,660.00	-
Forrest City	8,250.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00
Ft. Smith, Central	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	4,000.00
Ft. Smith, First	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Greenwood	2,000.00	-	-	-
Gurdon	1,200.00	300.00	-	-
Hardy	250.60	297.00	-	-
Harrison	-	-	-	-
Heber Springs	800.00	525.00	950.00	-
Helena	500.00	500.00	-	-
Holiday Island	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00	1,550.00
Holly Grove	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Horseshoe Bend	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,290.00	-
HSV, Kirk	27,270.00	27,270.00	27,270.00	6,817.50
H. Springs, First	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,013.00	5,000.00
H. Springs, Westminster	8,013.04	10,012.04	8,012.04	2,670.68
Huntsville	2,400.00	2,200.00	2,400.00	800.00
Jacksonville	2,655.00	2,800.00	3,250.00	750.00
Jonesboro	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Lincoln	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
LR, Allison	657.05	-	-	-
LR, First	-	-	-	-
LR, Grace	5,625.00	7,900.00	7,900.00	3,750.00
LR, Pulaski Heights	3,228.00	3,636.00	3,636.00	1,000.00
Little Rock, Second	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
LR, Trinity	7,333.33	8,000.00	8,000.00	2,666.68
LR, Westminster	300.00	400.00	400.00	100.00
LR, Westover Hills	10,500.00	10,500.00	7,500.00	-
Malvern	5,241.72	5,241.71	5,241.72	1,310.40
Marianna	-	-	-	-
McGehee	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00	630.00
Mena	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,250.00
Morrilton, First	-	1,200.00	1,200.00	400.00

**The Presbytery of Arkansas  
Benevolence as of  
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<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>2019 Benevolence</b>	<b>2020 Benevolence</b>	<b>2021 Benevolence</b>	<b>2022 Benevolence</b>
Morrilton, Hopewell	-	-	-	-
Mountain Home	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00	250.00
Mountainburg	-	-	-	-
Newport	4,800.00	3,225.00	2,700.00	900.00
Norman	-	2,000.00	-	-
NLR, First	-	-	-	-
NLR, Park Hill	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	5,000.00
Paragould, First	-	-	-	-
Pea Ridge	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	750.00
Pine Bluff, Central	-	-	-	-
Pine Bluff, Faith	500.00	-	-	-
Pine Bluff, First	4,999.92	4,999.92	4,583.26	2,348.00
Prairie Grove	7,700.00	7,150.00	6,960.00	1,290.00
Rogers	7,000.00	6,999.96	6,999.96	2,333.37
Russellville	-	-	-	-
Searcy	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
Springdale	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00
Van Buren	4,000.00	-	-	-
Walnut Ridge	-	6,400.00	-	-
Wynne	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,333.32
Yellville	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>588,601.33</b>	<b>589,342.59</b>	<b>566,495.98</b>	<b>97,156.23</b>



THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

Draft Minutes June 4, 2022

Operating Income Statement

For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2022

		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget		Year to Date Actual	2022 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
6000-01	Mission Acceptance	\$ 34,279.57	30,000.00	4,279.57		\$ 97,156.23	560,000.00	(462,843.77)
Misc. (Acct. 6015)	Investment Spend Rate	18,908.70	17,083.33	1,825.37		75,061.08	205,000.00	(129,938.92)
6000-01-1-101	Previous Years Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00		2,620.86	2,620.86	0.00
6001-00-1-000	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,325.00	1,325.00	0.00		57,653.21	15,900.00	41,753.21
6046-00-2-000	Prior Year Reserves	0.00	195.91	(195.91)		0.00	2,350.88	(2,350.88)
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>54,513.27</b>	<b>48,604.24</b>	<b>5,909.03</b>		<b>232,491.38</b>	<b>785,871.74</b>	<b>(553,380.36)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
7000-01-1-000	Coordinating Team--Meeting Exp, Meals, Worship	0.00	100.00	(100.00)		52.75	1,200.00	(1,147.25)
7000-06-1-000	Coordinating Team--Gifts	0.00	4.17	(4.17)		0.00	50.00	(50.00)
7000-09-1-000	Coordinating Team--Moderator's Expense	0.00	37.50	(37.50)		0.00	450.00	(450.00)
7000-10-1-000	Coordinating Team--Vice moderator's Expense	0.00	91.67	(91.67)		0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
7000-20-1-000	Coordinating Team--Presbytery Workshop/Speaker	0.00	33.33	(33.33)		0.00	400.00	(400.00)
7000-31-1-000	Coordinating Team--Background Checks	0.00	25.00	(25.00)		18.00	300.00	(282.00)
		0.00	291.67	(291.67)		70.75	3,500.00	(3,429.25)
7100-01-1-000	Administration--Meeting Expense, Financial Review	995.70	500.00	495.70		995.70	6,000.00	(5,004.30)
7100-04-1-000	Administration--Debt Reduction Contingency (e.g. land appraisal)	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
7100-05-1-000	Administration--Ferncliff General Site Support	0.00	2,333.33	(2,333.33)		0.00	28,000.00	(28,000.00)
		995.70	2,833.33	(1,837.63)		995.70	34,000.00	(33,004.30)
7200-01-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--Travel, food, lodging, suppl	0.00	41.25	(41.25)		0.00	495.00	(495.00)
7200-02-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--ConEd--Emergency Fund, Etc.	0.00	83.33	(83.33)		0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
7700-01-1-000	Committee on Ministry--travel,food,mtg. support	0.00	166.67	(166.67)		0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
8000-01-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--Mtg. Expenses, etc.	0.00	42.08	(42.08)		0.00	505.00	(505.00)
8000-09-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--Eval, Retreat, Support, Bkg Checks	0.00	166.67	(166.67)		0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
8400-08-1-000	Min. of the Church--Wellspring Contract	8,245.00	687.08	7,557.92		8,245.00	8,245.00	0.00
		8,245.00	1,187.08	7,057.92		8,245.00	14,245.00	(6,000.00)
7300-29-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Campus Ministry/Program Support	2,356.66	2,500.00	(143.34)		9,426.64	30,000.00	(20,573.36)
7300-71-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Planning Retreats & Materials	179.88	83.33	96.55		179.88	1,000.00	(820.12)
7300-73-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Scholarships	0.00	41.67	(41.67)		0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7300-74-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Denomination Trips	0.00	166.67	(166.67)		0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7300-75-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT-Youth @ Presbytery	0.00	41.67	(41.67)		272.82	500.00	(227.18)
7300-76-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT YouthQuake	0.00	416.67	(416.67)		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
7300-78-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Montreat	(2,006.00)	208.33	(2,214.33)		(857.00)	2,500.00	(3,357.00)
7300-79-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--JrHi Jubilee	(490.00)	208.33	(698.33)		(1,290.00)	2,500.00	(3,790.00)
7300-80-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Matthew 25 Account	(65.02)	208.33	(273.35)		(65.02)	2,500.00	(2,565.02)

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		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget		Year to Date Actual	2022 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
7300-84-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Young Adult Ministries	0.00	208.33	(208.33)		0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
7300-86-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Student Leadership Development	0.00	41.67	(41.67)		0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7300-99-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Campus Ministry-Special Event Support	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)		0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)
		(24.48)	5,375.00	(5,399.48)		12,667.32	64,500.00	(51,832.68)
7500-01-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--Admin., Listening	75.32	83.33	(8.01)		75.32	1,000.00	(924.68)
7500-06-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--Black Caucus--AI Branch	0.00	64.33	(64.33)		0.00	772.00	(772.00)
7500-21-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--West End Operation Support	3,375.00	1,125.00	2,250.00		3,375.00	13,500.00	(10,125.00)
7500-25-1-000	Presbytery Technology Needs	0.00	625.00	(625.00)		0.00	7,500.00	(7,500.00)
7500-51-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--New Ministries' Development	0.00	2,208.33	(2,208.33)		0.00	26,500.00	(26,500.00)
7500-53-1-000	Future of the Church--Laotian Ministry support	900.00	300.00	600.00		900.00	3,600.00	(2,700.00)
7500-98-1-000	Future of the Church--Faith Presbyterian Operation Support	1,782.00	594.00	1,188.00		1,782.00	7,128.00	(5,346.00)
		6,132.32	4,999.99	1,132.33		6,132.32	60,000.00	(53,867.68)
7300-01-1-000	Christian Education--Meeting Expenses	0.00	37.50	(37.50)		0.00	450.00	(450.00)
7300-10-1-000	Christian Education--Special train. Events/presb	0.00	166.67	(166.67)		0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7300-21-1-000	Christian Education--Ferncliff. Prog/Supt. Summer Camp	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)		0.00	24,000.00	(24,000.00)
7300-24-1-000	Mission of the Church--Ferncliff--Block Grant	0.00	416.67	(416.67)		0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
7300-30-1-000	Christian Education--Presbyterian Pilgrimage	0.00	166.67	(166.67)		0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7300-41-1-000	Christian Education--Diversity--Scholarship	0.00	31.25	(31.25)		0.00	375.00	(375.00)
7300-90-1-000	Christian Education--Resource Center Resources	600.00	166.67	433.33		634.50	2,000.00	(1,365.50)
7300-91-1-000	Christian Education--Resource Center. Admin.	0.00	91.67	(91.67)		5.08	1,100.00	(1,094.92)
7600-03-1-000	Mission of the Church--Scholarship for Mission Trip	0.00	83.33	(83.33)		0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
7600-05-1-000	Mission of the Church--International Mission Emphasis	0.00	166.67	(166.67)		0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7600-26-1-000	Mission of the Church--Arkansas Interfaith Conference	875.00	291.67	583.33		875.00	3,500.00	(2,625.00)
7600-44-1-000	Mission of the Church--Lyon College	250.00	83.33	166.67		250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
7600-45-1-000	Mission of the Church--Presby. Village Support	125.00	41.67	83.33		125.00	500.00	(375.00)
7600-49-1-000	Mission of the Church--Univ. of Ozarks	250.00	83.33	166.67		250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
7600-51-1-000	Mission of the Church--Vera Lloyd Mission	625.00	208.33	416.67		625.00	2,500.00	(1,875.00)
7600-62-1-000	Mission of the Church--Unified Mission Emphasis	0.00	1,172.92	(1,172.92)		3,600.00	14,075.00	(10,475.00)
7600-96-1-000	Mission of the Church--Solar Under the Sun	250.00	83.33	166.67		250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
8300-01-1-000	Mission of the Church--PW Exp., travel, postage, etc.	0.00	41.67	(41.67)		0.00	500.00	(500.00)
8300-07-1-000	Mission of the Church--PW--Spring & Fall Retreats, Synod Gathering	0.00	291.67	(291.67)		0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
9400-01-1-000	Mission of the Church--Disaster Preparedness	0.00	41.67	(41.67)		0.00	500.00	(500.00)
		2,975.00	5,666.69	(2,691.69)		6,614.58	68,000.00	(61,385.42)
7800-01-1-000	Nominations--travel, food	0.00	25.00	(25.00)			300.00	(300.00)

THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS								
Operating Income Statement								
For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2022								
		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget		Year to Date Actual	2022 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
8100-01-1-000	Representation--Meeting Expenses	0.00	3.75	(3.75)			45.00	(45.00)
8400-01-1-000	POA/Supplies & Office Exp.	174.00	208.33	(34.33)		607.01	2,500.00	(1,892.99)
8400-02-1-000	Utilities/Telephone	847.90	625.00	222.90		3,678.06	7,500.00	(3,821.94)
8400-03-1-000	Copy Machine	638.22	500.00	138.22		2,090.82	6,000.00	(3,909.18)
8400-05-1-000	Technology	1,070.11	1,233.33	(163.22)		4,151.28	14,800.00	(10,648.72)
8400-07-1-000	Replace Equipment	0.00	83.33	(83.33)		0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
8400-09-1-000	Insurance	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)		3,998.75	18,000.00	(14,001.25)
8400-10-1-000	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	41.67	(41.67)		450.00	500.00	(50.00)
8400-12-1-000	Maintenance(Grounds, Bldg. Upkeep)	736.93	833.33	(96.40)		2,487.77	10,000.00	(7,512.23)
		3,467.16	5,024.99	(1,557.83)		17,463.69	60,300.00	(42,836.31)
8400-22-1-000	K. Palmer/Travel	0.00	41.67	(41.67)		0.00	500.00	(500.00)
8400-25-1-000	S. Smith/Professional Ex	59.95	1,083.33	(1,023.38)		2,322.93	13,000.00	(10,677.07)
8400-29-1-000	Salaries	15,976.21	19,240.00	(3,263.79)		63,904.84	230,880.00	(166,975.16)
8400-30-1-000	Pension/Major Medical	1,391.19	1,598.83	(207.64)		5,711.94	19,185.96	(13,474.02)
8400-31-1-000	S. Smith/Continuing Ed.	0.00	125.00	(125.00)		0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
8400-33-1-000	Payroll Taxes	883.78	1,122.64	(238.86)		3,535.10	13,471.68	(9,936.58)
8400-34-1-000	Housing	2,725.00	3,094.00	(369.00)		10,900.00	37,128.00	(26,228.00)
8400-40-1-000	S. Smith/FICA	546.86	583.33	(36.47)		2,187.44	7,000.00	(4,812.56)
8400-41-1-000	Builder/Connector Professional Expenses	1,117.58	833.33	284.25		1,117.58	10,000.00	(8,882.42)
8400-49-1-000	B. Christiansen Professional Expenses	0.00	125.00	(125.00)		0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
8400-53-1-000	TPF Bookkeeping Fees	2,091.40	916.67	1,174.73		2,429.07	11,000.00	(8,570.93)
		24,791.97	33,788.79	(5,529.66)		92,108.90	345,165.64	(253,056.74)
8600-01-1-000	General Assembly	2,333.33	2,333.33	0.00		9,333.32	28,000.00	(18,666.68)
8700-01-1-000	GA Per Capita	7,068.01	7,068.01	0.00		28,272.04	84,816.10	(56,544.06)
8800-01-1-000	Synod Mission	1,916.67	1,916.67	(0.00)		7,666.68	23,000.00	(15,333.32)
		11,318.01	11,318.01	(0.00)		45,272.04	135,816.10	(90,544.06)
	Total Expenses	57,900.68	65,489.31	(7,588.63)		189,570.30	785,871.74	(596,301.44)
	Net Income	(\$ 3,387.41)	(\$ 16,885.07)	\$ 13,497.66		\$42,921.08	\$ 0.00	\$ 42,921.08

**Appendix Section V**  
**Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**  
MWS David Clark  
Moderator

For Information:

Margaret (Peg) Falls-Corbitt has completed the requirements of the CRE program and is ready to receive a commission.

COPM will meet three times a year approximately one month before each Presbytery meeting for conducting annual consultations and such other business as may be necessary. If exigent circumstances prevent an inquirer or candidate from attending a regular meeting, the liaison may conduct the consultation with two other members of the committee.

CRE exams will be graded by a subcommittee consisting of Katie Cummings, Ronnie Prevost and Matt Bussell.

**Appendix Section V – Attachment 1  
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## Appendix Section VI

### Report of the Committee on Ministry

MWS Leslie Belden  
Moderator

#### For Information

1. The sabbatical plan of MWS Georgia Senor, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, was approved.
2. The covenant between CRE Ronnie Prevost and First Presbyterian Church of Springdale, for him to serve as their Transitional Pastor was renewed effective May 5, 2022 through November 5, 2022, with the following terms of call:

Salary:	\$26,000
Professional Expenses	\$400
Auto Exp (Reimbursable)	\$3,600
Vacation	2 weeks

3. Adopted the document *Guidance Regarding Additional Compensation* as guidance and not policy. If additional compensation is offered by a congregation to a pastor leaving their service it will generally be one month's salary per year of service.
4. Recommended to the Coordinating Team that they approve granting permission for MWS Jocelyn Wildhack, Chaplain at Ferncliff, to celebrate the Lord's Supper at Ferncliff.
5. Rev. Jami Scott, who is serving the Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals in a temporary pastoral leadership role, was granted permission to celebrate the sacraments. Approved the covenant between the Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals and Rev. Jami Scott, effective May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, with the following terms of call:

Effective Salary:	
Salary	\$00,000
Housing/Utilities	\$15,500
Professional Expenses:	
Travel to events off church	
Premises (@\$.57 a mile)	\$250
Continuing Education	\$500
Total:	\$16,250

6. CRE Mary Shaw, who is authorized to celebrate the Lord's Supper only at Elkins Federated Presbyterian Church, was granted permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper at First, Dardanelle, on Easter Sunday, April 17.
7. First Presbyterian Church of Eureka Springs was granted permission for ruling elders serving on the session to serve beyond their terms.



8. Approved the covenant between Rev. Justin Ross and First Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff, effective May 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022, for a salary of \$500 per week, with paid vacation one week per quarter.
9. Approved the covenant between MWS Brenda Holder and Harmony Presbyterian Church of Clarksville, effective May 1, 2022 for a period not to exceed six (6) months, for a part-time position with the compensation to be \$290/week plus mileage at \$.585/mile. Additionally, Harmony Presbyterian Church agrees to pay \$109.97 per month to the Pension Plan of the Board of Pensions.
10. Approved MWS Emmett Powers as the Transitional/Interim Pastor of Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Fairfield Bay, effective May 1, for a period not to exceed twelve months, renewable with the approval of both parties and the concurrence of the COM, with the following terms of call:

For a monthly fee of \$2,500.00, Rev. Powers will provide the following:

- Lead Worship and administer the Sacraments
- Officiate at weddings and funerals as requested
- Moderate the Kirk Session and Congregational meetings
- Work with the Elders to provide crisis congregational care including hospital visits for seriously ill persons
- Consult with the PNC as needed.
- Provide timely input to Worship planning and weekly and special service bulletins
- Provide a message for the monthly newsletter.

Included in the monthly compensation is reimbursement for mileage associated with fulfilling the described duties. The reimbursement will be for 140 miles per trip at the current IRS approved rate of \$.585 per mile for up to 6 trips per month. Additional trips required to fulfill the duties will be reimbursed at the same rate.

## **Appendix Section VI – Attachment 1 Necrology**



### **MWS Don Wardlaw July 19, 1932 – March 25, 2022**

Don Wardlaw, notable Presbyterian minister, teacher and author, died peacefully on March 25, 2022 at the age of 89 in Cumming, GA. Don was born in Kansas City, MO and was raised in Little Rock, AR where he played football and basketball at Central High School. Don earned a scholarship to Columbia University where he majored in religion, participated in student government and was a member of The King's Men, Columbia's popular barbershop quartet. Don met his wife of 46 years, Ruth Pierson Wardlaw, who graduated from Barnard and passed away in 2001.

After graduating from Columbia, Don went to Union Theological Seminary to earn his Master of Divinity. Don then went to the University of Aberdeen (Scotland) to earn his Doctorate Degree in Biblical Studies. Sons David (now residing in Cumming, GA) and Paul (now residing in Denver, CO) were born in Scotland. Don then served at two Presbyterian Churches in Memphis, TN, where daughter Leslie (residing in Tucson, AZ) was born.

In 1966 Don accepted a call to teach preaching and worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. In 1976 Don was then inaugurated as Professor of Preaching and Worship at McCormick Seminary in Chicago, IL, where he founded and directed a Doctoral Program in preaching which was sponsored by five Chicago seminaries. Don retired from McCormick in 1998.

In retirement, Don continued to write, preach and teach. Don spent one year on faculty at Yale's Divinity School. Don relocated to Little Rock, AR before moving to Cumming, GA to be closer to family.

Don's creativity, ability to inspire, focus on inclusion and use of parables and metaphors in preaching left an indelible mark on hundreds of Presbyterian ministers across not only the United States, but across the world.

Don's favorite word was grace. Grace captured the essence of Don as a husband, father, grandfather, friend and a leader in the Presbyterian Church.

Don leaves behind his sons David (and wife, Brenda – and grandchildren Conner, Taylor, Maddie and Meredith) and Paul (and wife, Katy – and grandchildren Alexandra and Natalie) and daughter Leslie (and husband, Dave Brown).

**Appendix Section VII**  
**Report of the Committee on the Future of the Church**  
MWS Steven Kurtz  
Moderator

One of the joys of serving on the future of the church committee is to be a part of awarding grants to our churches who apply through our grant program. In 2022, we are pleased to announce that we have awarded grants to 10 churches that applied by our deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup> and feel excited about the kinds of things that can happen to strengthen the vitality and life of their churches going forward. Grants are reviewed with the goals from Matthew 25 including one of those church vitality. Our grants this year ranged from \$2,100-\$5,000 (our maximum). Enjoy reading some of the initiatives and dreams from our churches and look forward to seeing more from them as they move forward.

Six of the 10 grants are for support technology and outreach. One of these, called “Hearing Matters”, is from Bella Vista which is a very creative use of the technology to begin a ‘story’ podcast, the sharing of lives of faith among the community itself AND an avenue to encourage discussions about racism, hunger, poverty and the surrounding issues throughout our communities and nation. A second podcast being planned is called “Holy Sprockets” which will connect with the community of people who love riding bikes there in that beautiful area.

First, Little Rock and Park Hill, North Little Rock both are moving forward with new technology in order to begin second services (contemporary in style) to take an intentional position of reaching out to those around them in their communities with a desire for a less-traditional but reformed worship. First Benton is moving forward with outreach technology and Westminster, Hot Springs, will benefit from the Presbytery’s help in placing a sign along a very busy traffic area. Harmony Presbyterian will be purchasing a laptop (so that they are no longer relying on the laptops of their members). Harmony has made extremely creative use of a screen and laptop to buttress the worship they do especially when pulpit supply can be difficult to find.

In addition to the use of technology, we approved grants for Central, Pine Bluff, who are planning a ‘community event ’to honor their teachers with an intention of making the church visible to the wider community; First Rogers who will take advantage of the leadership for Rev. Jason Tucker as their consultant for visioning and planning over the next year; Beebe who is planting a community garden to raise fresh produce to benefit the local ministries food bank they support as well as to provide a lovely place for students to find a restful quiet place; and First Bentonville who is being intentional in their outreach to their own young families with an eye to welcoming more young families with events specifically designed not only for fellowship for to offer faith development.

First Little Rock – Video/Tech for contemporary service \$4,856.04

Park Hill (NLR) – contemporary worship \$4,600

Harmony – computer to aid in worship \$2,160.57

First Benton – technology aids \$5,000

First Rogers – consultant \$5,000

Central, Pine Bluff – community event \$5,000

First, Bentonville – faith development event \$2,100

Beebe - garden \$4,700

Westminster – sign \$4,000

Bella Vista – podcast \$5,000

## **Appendix Section VIII INFORMATION FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Each year the Presbytery Committee on Nominations invites you, the pastors and current members of all committees and Sessions, to provide names of qualified persons or to volunteer yourself and will feel it is a privilege and joyous responsibility to serve on a presbytery committee, subcommittee or ministry area. Thank you for your willingness to suggest these leaders to serve, beginning in 2022 to fill vacancies as they arise or serve in 2023 and beyond.

Your Church and City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MINISTRY AREAS AND COMMITTEES OF PRESBYTERY**

- Administration Ministry Area
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) (Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders Only)
- Committee on Ministry (COM) (Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders Only)
- Mission of the Church Ministry Area
- Sub-Committee of Disaster Preparedness & Ministries with Youth, Young Adults and Campus Ministry Area
- Youth Ministry Team Sub-Committee or Campus Ministry Sub-Committee
- Future of the Church Ministry Area
- Committee on Representation (MWSs and Ruling Elders Only)
- Permanent Judicial Commission (MWSs and Ruling Elders Only)
- Nominating Committee (MWSs and Ruling Elders Only)

### **INDIVIDUALS TO BE RECOMMENDED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruling Elder: (Yes)(No): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Committees for Consideration:

Comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruling Elder: (Yes)(No): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Committees for Consideration:

Comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruling Elder: (Yes)(No): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Committees for Consideration:

Comments:

*Please return to: Presbytery of Arkansas; Attention: Nominations, 9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd.,  
Little Rock, AR 72227*



## **Appendix Section X**

### **Written Reports from Main Packet**

#### **Report from Youth, Young Adult, and College Ministry**

MWS Margaret Alsup  
Moderator

We have made it to the summer! It is still a busy time in the life of youth, but with a different pace. We will have two trips this summer. The first trip will be the Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch on July 2-7, 2022. The second trip will be the senior high trip to the Montreat Youth Conference on July 16-23, 2022.

We are excited to offer our second annual College Aged Presbytery Retreat. The details are not set yet, but when they are we will send emails and make sure that people know the information. If you know a college aged person or work with college students, encourage them to check out this fun opportunity. The gathering will be at Ferncliff.

As always, we continue to seek ways to be a resource for the presbytery and to support our youth, young adults, and college aged students. If you ever have questions, ideas for programming, or need to connect with the committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to Maggie Alsup.

## Report of the Committee on the Mission of the Church

CRE Mary Shaw

Moderator

### For Information

Member of Mission of the Church for 2022 are: MWS Paul Fulks, RE Renee Nestor, RE Sally Roden, RE Vicky Rogerson, RE Peg Falls-Corbitt. Staff resources are Julie Price and Rev. Stewart Smith

Committee met via Zoom on February 10, 2022 and May 5, 2022

**February meeting;** Julie Tanner Price gave an update on the Small Church Workshop, updating the Presbytery website, and the Resource Team working to bring more podcast and workshop opportunities.

- First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville requested and received a grant for \$3,600 to buy food for their monthly community outreach program.

**May meeting;** Julie Tanner Price updated the committee on future workshop, podcast opportunities as well as the new Presbytery brochure which give information on ways the Presbytery can offer support and connect.

The committee reviewed and approved the following grants request:

- Central Presbyterian in Pine Bluff requested \$2,254.90 to repair damaged floor / Committee approved \$1,000 from Unified Mission Emphasis
- First Presbyterian in Little Rock request \$3,300.00 to repair Stewpot's air conditioner / Committee approved \$1,000 from Unified Mission Emphasis
- Ferncliff requested \$5,000 for Rise Against Hunger and \$2,500 for Ecumenical Christian Youth Worker Conference / Committee approved \$5,000 from the Ferncliff Block Grant and \$1,000 from Unified Mission Emphasis

**Presbyterian Women;** Registration is currently under way for the Synod Workshop held in New Orleans on July 21-23

- NWA has been designated as 2025 Synod Workshop. More information will be available.

The Nominating Committee is meeting on May 13, 2022 to fill the vacate spots on the committee roster.

A portion of our budget comes under the rubric of our Presbytery's "United Mission Emphasis." For the last three years the emphasis has been "ministry to the most vulnerable." Applications for such grants may be obtained by contacting Mary Shaw ([mlshaw0306@gmail.com](mailto:mlshaw0306@gmail.com))

## **Report of the Coordinating Team**

RE Julie Gillaspay  
Moderator

### **For Information**

- The Coordinating Team elected MWS Bob Hadley, MWS Catherine Allsbury and RE Jane Anne Spikes to serve on the Nominations Committee.
- The Coordinating Team approved a new logo to be used for Presbytery of Arkansas communications. The staff reported that the previous logo was not in a format that could be easily shared. Several designs were submitted by the staff and one was approved with the PCUSA seal inside the outline of the state of Arkansas.
- The Coordinating Team granted approval for MWS Jocelyn Wildhack to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for summer camp at Ferncliff.
- The Coordinating Team gave approval for the Matthew 25 Task Force to lead the theological discussion at the October 2022 presbytery meeting in Fayetteville.
- The Coordinating Team approved the following guidelines for the October 2022 meeting of presbytery from the Advisory Task Force on Future Presbytery meetings:

The Task Force met on March 29 to discuss the current state of play with the pandemic as well as perspectives and research on benefits/losses of in-person, remote, and hybrid gatherings. We bring these recommendations to the Coordinating Team for upcoming Presbytery meetings (this does not apply to meetings of committees):

1. That the June, 2022 Presbytery meeting be entirely on Zoom, with the intent that June meetings going forward will continue to be remote regardless of pandemic conditions
2. That the October, 2022 Presbytery meeting be a pilot run with the following format:
  - a. Meeting is in-person (hosted by FUPC Fayetteville)
  - b. Commissioners who are not able to be physically present may participate via Zoom, by request to Stated Clerk (Zoom link will not otherwise be offered or published)
  - c. Meeting will also be livestreamed for observation (not participation) for anyone who is not a commissioner or speaker
  - d. For commissioners requesting Zoom participation, one tech person would be dedicated to manage their participation
  - e. Feedback from this pilot format meeting will be used to determine if the format might be continued and/or adjusted in the future; this task force will review feedback and the meeting experience to make recommendations for future meetings.

Thank you,

Task Force members: Ruskin Falls, Jeannie Ford, Peg Falls-Corbitt, Julie Gillaspay, Georgia Senior; ex officio: Stewart Smith