



Presbytery
of Arkansas

150th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas

Meeting Held Electronically via Zoom

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Dear Friends in the Presbytery of Arkansas,

The presbytery staff is making plans for the upcoming **150th stated meeting** of the Presbytery of Arkansas. We will gather **on The Presbytery Zoom on Saturday, June 4 at 8:30 am**. That will be only three months since we last gathered on March 4-5. But since that time, we have experienced more chaos and upheaval in our world. With the war in Ukraine continuing and the pandemic still impacting peoples' lives, rising inflation, a potential controversial supreme court decision, and mass shootings, one of which came to a PCUSA congregation, have caused further anxiety and division in our world.

Leadership in the church was difficult enough without the massive upheavals we have experienced in the last few months and years. Now it is even more difficult. How does the church find its way in the midst of such a divisive, hurting and tragic world? How does the church respond to a rapidly changing world and to people who don't think they need what the church has to offer? How can we better reach people we are not currently serving with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

We are pleased to welcome to our presbytery meeting for our theological discussion Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, PCUSA pastor Senior Congregational Strategist and Associate Professor of Leader Formation at Fuller Theological Seminary. Bolsinger has been wrestling with these questions and offering insights on how the church can navigate this difficult landscape. Many of you are familiar with and have studied his book "[Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory](#)". Bolsinger will speak to us about the need for adaptive change in the church and the resiliency that is required for leaders who attempt to lead this type of change. He will be offering insights from his recently published book "[Tempered Resilience: How Leaders are Formed in the Crucible of Change](#)".

In addition to Dr. Bolsinger leading our theological discussion, we will be led in worship by our presbytery staff, commission our delegates to this summer's 225th meeting of the General Assembly and hear a report from the work of the presbytery's "Youth A-Team." You can [click here](#) to **register** for the meeting. We request that you please pre-register for the meeting. Our offering will go to support the youth summer trips and you can [click here](#) to **donate** now.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the screen on June 4. If you have any questions related to the upcoming meeting, please contact me at 501-663-2424 or by email at stewart@presbyark.org.

Stewart

J. Stewart Smith
General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Carol Clark
Presbytery Builder

Julie Price
Presbytery Connector

Brianne Christiansen
Director of Youth Ministries

Kim Palmer
Administrator

150th Stated Meeting

Zoom Meeting

June 4, 2022



Presbytery of Arkansas

Next Meetings

151st Stated Meeting
First United Presbyterian Church
Fayetteville
October 21-22, 2022

152nd Stated Meeting
TBA

Meeting Schedule

Saturday, June 4, 2022

- 8:30 am Call to Order with Prayer/Opening Gavel
- 8:40 am Opening Worship led by Presbytery Staff
- 9:30 am Business of the Presbytery
- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda – (requires a second)
 - Report of the Stated Clerk
 - Report of the Treasurer
 - Report of the Youth A-Team
 - Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry
 - Report of the Committee on Ministry
- 10:20 am Comfort Break
- 10:30 am Order of the Day: Theological Discussion
with Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger
- 11:40 am Business of the Presbytery Continues
- Report of the Future of the Church Ministry Area
 - Report of the Committee on Nominations
 - Report from the Presbytery Staff
 - Commissioning of General Assembly Delegates
- Announcements
- 12:15 pm Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Presbytery Leadership

Moderator MWS Susan Arnold
Vice-Moderator RE Ray Woodruff
Moderator of CT RE Julie Gillaspay
Treasurer RE Tom Verdery
General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith
Stated Clerk MWS Stewart Smith

Moderator of Administration
RE Carolyn Willis

Moderator of COM
MWS Leslie Belden

Moderator of CPM
MWS David Clark

Moderator of Subcommittee on Disaster
Preparedness and Response
RE Ray Stephens

Moderator of Future of the Church
MWS Steven Kurtz

Co-Moderators of Subcommittee on
Honduran Ministry
RE Leah Woodruff
MWS Phil Butin

Moderator of Mission of the Church
CRE Mary Shaw

Moderator of Nominations
CRE Chuck Olson

Co-Moderators of Presbyterian Women
RE Patty Minga
RE Cathy Rogers

Moderator of Representation
MWS Marie Mainard O'Connell

Moderator of Youth, Young Adults, and
Campus Ministry
MWS Maggie Alsup

11:40 am Business of the Presbytery Continues

Report of the Future of the Church Ministry Area (MWS Steven Kurtz) Section F

Report of the Committee on Nominations (CRE Chuck Olson) Section G

Report from the Presbytery Staff

Commissioning of General Assembly Delegates (MWS Susan Arnold, MWS Stewart Smith) Section H

Announcements

12:15 pm Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Service of Worship
Presbytery of Arkansas 150th 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 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 A

Consent Agenda

MWS Stewart Smith
Stated Clerk

1. **Motion to adopt the docket.**
2. **Motion to approve the minutes of the 149th 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.**

Section B

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

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Little Rock, AR 72223

Section B – Attachment I

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 the Presbytery Administrator 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 the Leadership Team in planning meetings of Presbytery.
 Work with the Presbytery Administrator in 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:
 - Oversee the work of the Presbytery Administrator to:
 - 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.

Section C
THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS
 Balance Sheet
 April 30, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets		
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
Total Current Assets		6,895,329.09
Property and Equipment		
Furniture & Fixtures	65,651.89	
Land	285,90.89	
Buildings		961,516.12
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Accumulated Depreciation	(435,635.71)	
Net Property and Equipment		7,707,118.39
		TOTAL ASSETS
		<u>\$7,707,118.39</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

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

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

The Presbytery of Arkansas
Benevolence as of
April 30, 2022

LOCATION	2019 Benevolence	2020 Benevolence	2021 Benevolence	2022 Benevolence
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
April 30, 2022**

LOCATION	2019 Benevolence	2020 Benevolence	2021 Benevolence	2022 Benevolence
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
Total	588,601.33	589,342.59	566,495.98	97,156.23

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
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)
	Total Revenues	54,513.27	48,604.24	5,909.03		232,491.38	785,871.74	(553,380.36)
Expenses								
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--Al 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)

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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

Section D

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

MWS David Clark

Moderator

CPM Report to the Presbytery of Arkansas, June 4, 2022

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 inquire 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.

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 would be well-done and voted to recommend to the Presbytery of Arkansas that she be moved to the candidacy stage of the ordination process.

Section D – Attachment I

Margaret J. Johnson Statement of Faith

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.

Section D – Attachment II
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Section E

Report of the Committee on Ministry

MWS Leslie Belden

Moderator

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:**

Effective Salary

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

Reimbursable Expenses

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

***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
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Notes:

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

- 2. Motion to approve enrolling MWS Shea McGinnis as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and ask that Boston Presbytery dismiss him.**
- 3. Motion to grant honorable retirement to MWS Val Bell, effective June 30, 2022.**

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 ¾ time position with the following terms of call:**

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

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.

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.**

Necrology

The Presbytery is 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 as the last page of this report.

For Information

6. The sabbatical plan of MWS Georgia Senor, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, was approved.

7. 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	

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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.

12. First Presbyterian Church of Eureka Springs was granted permission for ruling elders serving on the session to serve beyond their terms.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

Section E – Attachment I

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).

Section F
Report of the Committee on the Future of the Church
MWS Steven Kurtz
Moderator

FUTURE OF THE CHURCH REPORT, June 2022

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 15th 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

Section G
Report of the Committee on Nominations
CRE Chuck Olson
Moderator

CRE Chuck Olson, Moderator

For Information:

The Nominations Committee encourages the members of presbytery to submit names for the committee's consideration as we prepare to work on the class of 2026 in the presbytery committee structure. You can fill out the attached form or email Moderator Chuck Olson at chuckaudreyolson@gmail.com or Stated Clerk Stewart Smith at stewart@presbyark.org.

For Presbytery Action:

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

RE Alfred Williams, 2nd 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, 1st Little Rock to fill a vacant spot on the Future of the Church Committee in the class of 2023.

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

Section G – Attachment I
INFORMATION FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

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: _____

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Committees for Consideration:

Comments:

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

Section I

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.

Section J

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)

Section K
Report of the Coordinating Team
RE Julie Gillaspy
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 was granted 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 Gillaspy, Georgia Senior; ex officio: Stewart Smith

Presbyterian to English Cheat Sheet

From time to time abbreviations and acronyms will be peppered through the meeting. The following is a quick primer on Presby-speak. If you have questions about any of these terms or the way they fit into the larger picture of the life of the church, feel free to ask the Stated Clerk!

- **AC-** An Administrative Commission is a group of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders given specific responsibilities and authority to act on behalf of the presbytery between meetings. They are typically formed to ordain and/or install pastors, perform the tasks associated with dismissing, closing, or merging congregations, deal with difficulties in a particular church, or assist a church in times of transition.
- **Board of Pensions-** The General Assembly agency charged with overseeing the benefits plans for pastors and some other church employees.
- **Candidate-** A person in the latter portion of the ordination process for the ministry of Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- **COM-** The Committee on Ministry provides oversight and advocacy for congregations and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. It receives Ministers of the Word and Sacrament from other presbyteries, approves calls for pastoral services, oversees congregations without pastors, dissolves pastoral relationships, dismisses Ministers of the Word and Sacrament to other presbyteries, determines the criteria for validating ministries of non-parish clergy, and oversees Commissioned Ruling Elders serving congregations.
- **CPM-** The Committee on Preparation for Ministry oversees the process of preparation for the ministry of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, training of Commissioned Ruling Elders, and the process of certification for Christian Educators.
- **Council-** In the context of Presbyterian polity and governance, a council is a governing body of the church. The councils of the PC(USA) are the session, the presbytery, the synod and the General Assembly.
- **CT-** The Coordinating Team of the presbytery acts on the presbytery's behalf on routine matters between stated meetings, coordinates the ministries of the presbytery, and plans for presbytery meetings.
- **GA-** The General Assembly of the PC(USA) is the highest council of the church. It meets in even numbered years for a week. The 2020 meeting will be held June 16-23 in Baltimore, Maryland.
- **HR-** Honorably Retired is a designation for Ministers of the Word and Sacrament retired from active service to the church who remain in good standing with the PC(USA).
- **Inquirer-** A person in the initial phase of the process of preparation for ministry as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- **MIF-** A Ministry Information Form is the standardized format for advertising certain church professional positions through the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection.
- **MWS -** Minister of the Word and Sacrament is an ordained Presbyterian minister member of the clergy, formerly called a Teaching Elder.
- **Moderator-** The Moderator is the person elected to keep order and chair the meetings of the presbytery. The pastor or CRE of a local congregation serves as the moderator of the local session, or a moderator will be appointed for that church.
- **NCD-** New Church Developments are new ministries of the presbytery engaged in a formal process to work toward establishing a new congregation.
- **PDA-** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is an agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency. PDA assists communities coping with natural and human-caused disasters.
- **PJC-** Permanent Judicial Commission implements the disciplinary procedures required by the *Book of Order*. There is a Judicial Process Manual which gives details on these duties.

- **PMA-** The **P**resbyterian **M**ission **A**gency is part of the larger PC(USA) and is located at the national church headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.
- **PNC-** A **P**astor **N**ominating **C**ommittee is a search committee elected by a congregation to seek, interview, and recommend a new pastor.
- **RE/Ruling Elder-** A **R**uling **E**lder is a lay member of a congregation who has been elected, ordained and installed to serve on the session of a church. Ruling Elders are eligible for election as commissioners to presbytery, synod and General Assembly. Once ordained as a ruling elder one maintains that office whether serving on a session or not.
- **Stated Clerk-** The Stated Clerk is the officer elected by the presbytery to maintain the official records, provide extracts when asked, prepare the docket for presbytery meetings, and answer questions about the records, Presbyterian polity, policies, procedures and history. The Stated Clerk is authorized to certify ministers and congregations are in good standing and qualify under the tax exemption of the PC(USA).
- **Synod of the Sun-** The governing body council which includes all the presbyteries in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. It coordinates the work of the PC(USA) in this region.
- **TPF-** The **T**exas **P**resbyterian **F**oundation is a financial service organization for Presbyterian members, councils and institutions. It invests funds and provides bookkeeping services for Arkansas Presbytery.
- **Validated Ministries-** Positions served by chaplains, professors and other Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are not currently serving a congregation. Sometimes they are referred to as non-parish clergy.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure enables the presbytery to become a deliberative assembly, to seek the will of God, and to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. It is never an end in itself. Parliamentary gamesmanship is never appropriate. The will of the majority shall prevail, but the rights of the minority shall always be protected. Parliamentary principles balance individual conscience with the will of the majority. It takes seriously the following rights of individual members:

- (1) the right to know (due notice)
- (2) the right to speak (rules of debate)
- (3) the right to vote (membership)
- (4) the right to hold office (fair representation)

The Moderator represents the unity of the body. The Moderator preserves decorum and protects the rights listed above.

Parliamentary procedure allows discussion of a subject only when a motion about that subject has been made. To speak during the meeting, first go to a microphone. When recognized by the Moderator, state your name, church, city and status – such as Minister of the Word and Sacrament, Ruling Elder, or Honorably Retired. You may speak to a pending motion or ask a question. The person making the motion will have the first opportunity to speak to the motion. Only motions coming from individuals need a second. A motion made on behalf of a committee already has a second because it is the majority vote of the committee.

Ordinarily, only commissioners may speak and vote on motions. That includes Minister of the Word and Sacrament members of the Presbytery; Ruling Elders elected by their Session; Ruling Elders elected as General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Moderator, Vice Moderator; Commissioned Ruling Elders in current service; members of the Coordinating Team; current commissioners to General Assembly; and Ruling Elders who are Certified Christian Educators.

At the Spring meeting of the Presbytery Youth Advisory Delegates and Young Adult Advisory Delegates have “privilege of the floor,” meaning that they have permission to speak to motions, and they take an advisory vote prior to the vote by commissioners. At any meeting someone in attendance may be given privilege of the floor, allowing that person to speak to the body, which is ordinarily given near the beginning of the meeting. Privilege of the floor does not mean that person may vote.

It is advisable to speak only once on a subject, but you may seek to speak a second time only after everyone who wishes to speak has spoken. All remarks during debate shall be addressed to the Moderator. Questions seeking information from a person who has the floor shall be addressed to the Moderator. Speeches to an individual or the whole presbytery are not permitted during debate. Reading reports or documents out loud requires the permission of the body. In debate, remarks shall be confined to the pending motion. Remarks shall not impugn another commissioner or that person’s motives. Commissioners’ names shall not be used.

To end debate, a commissioner must go to a microphone at an in-person meeting, or in the case of a technology aided meeting raise one’s hand, and, when recognized by the Moderator, state: “I move the previous question.” It is not appropriate to call the question without going to a microphone or raising your hand electronically. If you offer a substitute motion or a new item of business, you should give the Moderator and Stated Clerk advance notice and written copy. An electronic copy is preferred – using Microsoft Word on a memory stick or thumb drive, or sent as an attachment to an email or within the chat function of a technology-aided meeting. Not only will this help these officers facilitate the work of presbytery, they may also be able to help you with suggestions

as to how and when it would be appropriate to make the motion. The Stated Clerk and the Moderator are available to advise commissioners on the wording of any motion so that it can clearly express the concerns of the commissioner. When in doubt, ask. The Moderator and the Stated Clerk are eager to help you understand and use the process.

Commissioners should always read all information provided in the packets and subsequent information provided at the registration table. Whenever possible questions concerning reports or motions should be directed to the Moderator of a committee making the report or motion prior to the meeting. Contact info on moderators may be obtained through the presbytery office. Often concerns may be cleared up prior to a meeting rather than on the floor of presbytery.