

151<sup>st</sup>Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas Friday-Saturday, October 28-29, 2022 First Presbyterian Church Bentonville, Arkansas



**PACKET** 



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# Presbytery Returns to "In-Person" Meeting

After holding our last seven stated meetings and one called meeting of Presbytery on Zoom, we will finally return to an **in-person** meeting this month on October 28-29 at First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville. I will attempt to give you all the information you need to prepare for the meeting.

**Time**: Registration will open at **5:45 pm** on Friday evening, October 28. It will be held in the Welcome Hall which is in the center of the facility. Moderator Susan Arnold will call the meeting to order in the sanctuary at **6:30 pm** and worship will follow at **7:00 pm**. On Saturday, October 29 we will begin with morning worship at **8:30 am** followed by our theological discussion. Our business should conclude early to mid-afternoon on Saturday.

**Meals**: Dinner on Friday evening is on your own. You are encouraged to arrive early to take advantage of the many restaurants in the Bentonville/Rogers area. You are encouraged to eat breakfast at your hotel on Saturday morning, but there will be coffee and light pastries available at the church for those without a breakfast option. The church is providing lunch on Saturday for the cost of \$10.00. **You will need to make a reservation for lunch on Saturday.** (on the registration form). Payment can be made to presbytery staff at registration by cash, check or credit card. A reception with wonderful desserts will be held at the church on Friday evening following the worship service.

**Hotels**: There are numerous hotels available in the Bentonville/Rogers area. You are encouraged to visit the travel site of your choice and book your room. The Comfort Inn on Northeast 11th St. is just two miles from the church. There are several options along Walton Boulevard (exit 85 off Interstate 49) about 5 miles from the church. If you need assistance in making reservations, please contact General Presbyter Stewart Smith.

**Location**: First Presbyterian Church is located at **901 NE J Street in Bentonville** which is less than a mile from the entrance to Crystal Bridges Art Museum. If you haven't been, you might consider coming early on Friday or scheduling tickets for Saturday afternoon after 2:00. Tickets can be reserved for free for the main exhibit at crystalbridges.org. You will also find information about the beautiful walking trails surrounding the museum and information about other paid exhibits that are available.

**Childcare:** Childcare will be available for infants through 5 years of age. Please indicate your request on the registration form.

**Exhibit Space**: If you would like to reserve a table for exhibit space please contact Stated Clerk Blake Brinegar (revbrinegar@gmail.com or 870-321-9102). The exhibits will be located in the Welcome Hall.

**Packet:** The packet will be posted on the presbytery website (presbyark.org). Click on the meetings tab and scroll down to the 151<sup>st</sup> meeting. Be sure to check before leaving in case an addendum packet has been posted.

Worship and Offering: The Friday evening worship will begin at 7:00 pm. The sermon will be given by Rev. Rebecca Spooner and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our offering will go to support the First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville Food Pantry. The pantry operates out of the church building on Saturdays and will have to be suspended on October 29 to host our meeting. This is a way for us to give back to this important ministry and say "thank you" to the church for hosting us on very short notice.

**Special Gift**: There will be an announcement and dedication on Friday evening of a special gift that has been given to the presbytery in memory of Rev. Dr. Gordon Garlington. Members of his family will be in attendance.

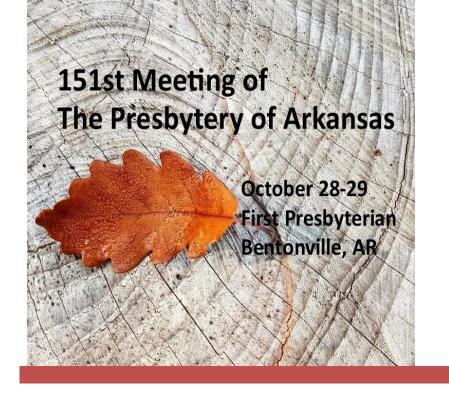
**Raffles for R&R**: To celebrate our being back together and in recognition of the difficult circumstances we've all faced during the pandemic, we will be drawing names for lucky participants to enjoy a two night stay at locations around the presbytery that have been donated by fellow Presbyterians. But – you must be present (inperson!!) in order to win.

**Electronic Participation**: For those that cannot attend the meeting in Bentonville, Friday evening's meeting and worship service will be "livestreamed" on First Presbyterian Bentonville's YouTube Channel. Go to <u>youtube.com</u> and search for First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, AR. You can also find it on the church's <u>Facebook</u> page. On Saturday, voting commissioners can participate by Zoom (provided our signal is strong). We have a "low-tech" operation in place that should provide an opportunity for interaction and participation. Your experience will not be as good as being there physically. We have tested this in an empty sanctuary but we cannot make guarantees for a successful experience when the room is filled with others potentially using the "Wi-Fi signal". If you need the Zoom option on Saturday, please indicate that on the registration form.

#### **Click here** to register for the meeting.

If you have any questions about the upcoming meeting, please contact me or any of the presbytery staff. I have greatly missed the connections and the fellowship and conversations that happen when we gather together in person. I look forward to re-connecting with many of you in Bentonville. See you on October 28th!!!!

Stewart



# **Next Meetings**

152<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting Lyon College Batesville March 3-4, 2023

153<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting Zoom Technology June 3, 2023

154<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting First Presbyterian Church Jonesboro October 2023

# Meeting Schedule

#### Friday, October 28

5:45 pm Registration & Exhibits in Welcome Hall

6:30 pm Gavel for the Start of the Meeting

7:00 pm Worship with Rev Rebecca Spooner

8:00 pm Reception in Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, October 29

8:00 am Late Registration & Exhibits in Welcome Hall

8:30 am Opening Worship – Led by Matthew 25 Task Force

9:00 am Theological Discussion

Race Reconciliation: Beginning Dialogue

10:30 am Business of the Presbytery

11:55 am Benediction and Adjournment

12:00 pm Lunch with raffle drawings

#### **Presbytery Leadership**

Moderator MWS Susan Arnold
Vice-Moderator To Be Elected
Moderator of CT RE Julie Gillaspy
General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith
Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar
Presbytery Builder MWS Carol Clark
Presbytery Connector RE Julie Price
Director of Youth Ministries MWS Brianne Christiansen
Presbytery Administrator Kimberly Palmer

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 the Subcommittee on Honduran Ministry

Leigh 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



# 151st Stated Meeting

# **Docket**

# Friday, October 28, 2022

| 6:30 pm | Call to Order/Opening Gavel Lighting of the Christ Candle   | Moderator MWS Susan Arnold              |
|---------|---|---|
|         | Opening Prayer  |   |
|         | Welcome to all in Attendance  | General Presbyter - MWS Stewart Smith   |
|         | Introduction of Presbytery Staff  |   |
|         | Explanation of Electronic Participation   | Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar         |
|         | Appointment of Tellers  | Moderator – MWS Susan Arnold            |
|         | Welcome from the Host Church  | MWS – Katie Cummings                    |
| 6:45 pm | Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Consent Agenda - (Requires a second) (The Consent Agenda is Sect | Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar ion A.) |
| 6:50 pm | Report of the Stated Clerk  | Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar         |
| 7:00 pm | Opening Worship—w/ Celebration of the Sacrar benefit First Presbyterian Bentonville's Food P          | • |
| 8:00 pm | Reception in the Fellowship Hall, celebrating be  | eing back together                      |



# 151st Stated Meeting

# **Docket**

# Saturday, October 29, 2022

| 8:30 am  | Opening Worship – led by Matthew 25 Task For                                      | rce                         |
|----------|---|-----------------------------|
| 9:00 am  | Theological Discussion – "Race Reconciliation –                                   | <b>Beginning Dialogue</b> " |
|          | Plenary Discussion  | CRE – Peg Falls-Corbitt     |
|          | <b>Small Group Discussions</b>  |                             |
|          | Re-convene for Plenary  |                             |
| 10:30 am | <b>Business of the Presbytery</b>   |                             |
|          | <b>Report of the Committee on Nominations</b>                                     | CRE – Chuck Olson           |
| 10:35 am | Report of the Future of the Church Committee                                      | MWS – Steven Kurtz          |
| 10:45 am | Report from Solar Under the Sun   | MWS – Elizabeth Brinegar    |
| 10:55 am | Report of the Committee on Ministry   | RE – Jane Webb              |
| 11:10 am | Report from Ferncliff   |                             |
| 11:20 am | Report of the Treasurer   | RE Tom Verdery              |
| 11:30 am | Report of the General Presbyter   | MSW Stewart Smith           |
| 11:40 am | Report from the Staff   |                             |
| 11:45 am | <b>Short Announcements</b>  |                             |
| 11:55 am | Benediction and Adjournment   |                             |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch in the Fellowship Hall with Raffle Drawin<br>(You must be present to win to | · ·                         |

## **Section A**

## **Consent Agenda**

MWS Blake Brinegar Stated Clerk

#### For Action:

- 1. Motion to adopt the docket.
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes of the 150th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, June 4th, 2022 held through Zoom technology, with worship led by the Presbytery Staff and the Theological Discussion with Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger.
- 3. Motion to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting held on September 24, 2022, held through Zoom technology for the purpose of electing MWS Blake Brinegar as Stated Clerk.
- 4. Motion to enroll corresponding members with voice but not vote.
- 5. Motion to grant privilege of the floor (voice) to those persons registered, but without vote.
- 6. Motion for the technology of "Zoom" to count votes for those joining the meeting electronically.
- 7. 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."
- 8. Motion to receive the minutes as the report of the Administrative Commission to Commission CRE Peg Falls-Corbitt as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Church in Morrilton on July 31, 2022 at 3:00 pm, and to dismiss them with thanks.
- 9. Motion to receive the minutes as the report of the Administrative Commission to install MWS Leslie Roper as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs on August 28, 2022 at 3:00 pm, and to dismiss them with thanks.

#### **For Information:**

The Presbytery's Minutes for 2021 have been reviewed by the Synod and were approved with exceptions. The exceptions were evidence of Liability Insurance and evidence of a financial review.

# **Section B Report of the Stated Clerk**

MWS Blake Brinegar Stated Clerk

#### **For Information:**

## 2023 Prayer List for Congregations

1. The 2023 Prayer List for Congregations is included in the packet following this report as Section B – Exhibit I. The Prayer List is available any time at the presbytery's website, <a href="mailto:presbyark.org/Resources/Presbytery Documents">presbyark.org/Resources/Presbytery Documents</a> under the Stated Clerk section.

# Section B – Exhibit I

# **Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas – 2023**

| Jan.  | 1  | First, Clarksville                     | Park Hill, North Little Rock               |
|-------|----|--|--|
| Jan.  | 8  | Mt. Vernon, Pea Ridge                  | First, Huntsville                          |
| Jan.  | 15 | First, Benton                          | Active Ruling Elders                       |
| Jan.  | 22 | University of the Ozarks, Clarksville  | Faith, Horseshoe Bend                      |
| Jan.  | 29 | Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay       | Church Pre-Schools                         |
| Jan.  | 29 | Kirk of the Hirls, Pairfield Bay       | Church Fie-Schools                         |
| Feb.  | 5  | First, McGehee                         | Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry      |
| Feb.  | 12 | First, Lincoln                         | First, Heber Springs                       |
|       |    |  |  |
| Feb.  | 19 | Synod of the Sun                       | Church Musicians                           |
| Feb.  | 26 | First, Jacksonville                    | Presbyterian Disaster Assistance           |
| Mar.  | 5  | Church Secretaries and Treasurers      | Holiday Island Presbyterian                |
| Mar.  | 12 | Second, Little Rock                    | First, Yellville                           |
| Mar.  | 19 | Directors of Children's Programs       | First, Mena                                |
|       |    |  |  |
| Mar.  | 26 | First United, Fayetteville             | Lyon College, Batesville                   |
| Apr.  | 2  | Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville              | First, Dardanelle                          |
| Apr.  | 9  | Good Shepherd, Greenwood               | Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista         |
|       |    |  | •  |
| Apr.  | 16 | Central, Fort Smith                    | Active Deacons                             |
| Apr.  | 23 | Alpine Church, Amity                   | Church Groundskeepers                      |
| Apr.  | 30 | Pulaski Heights, Little Rock           | Presbytery Committees                      |
| Mov   | 7  | Prochytorian Villago                   | Vaugha Pantanvilla                         |
| May   |    | Presbyterian Village                   | Vaughn, Bentonville                        |
| May   | 14 | First, Hot Springs                     | Ministries to Hispanic Persons in Arkansas |
| May   | 21 | Westover Hills, Little Rock            | Allison Memorial, Little Rock              |
| May   | 28 | Holly Grove Church, Holly Grove        | First, Alma                                |
| Tuna  | 4  | Mission Trin Portisinants              | First, Fort Smith                          |
| June  |    | Mission Trip Participants              |  |
| June  | 11 | Presbyterian Women Ministry            | Harmony Church, Clarksville                |
| June  | 18 | New Worshipping Communities            | First, Pine Bluff                          |
| June  | 25 | Graham Memorial, Forrest City          | Elkins Church, Elkins                      |
|       |    |  |  |
| July  | 2  | Grace, Little Rock                     | First, Malvern                             |
| July  | 9  | Barr Memorial, Norman                  | Hopewell Church, Morrilton                 |
| July  | 16 | First, Mountain Home                   | First, Newport                             |
| July  | 23 | First, Little Rock                     | Presbytery Staff                           |
| July  | 30 | Wynne Church, Wynne                    | Commissioned Ruling Elders                 |
| •     |    | ·                                      | · ·  |
| Aug.  | 6  | Trinity, Little Rock                   | Spring River, Hardy                        |
| Aug.  | 13 | First, Bentonville                     | Westminster, Little Rock                   |
| Aug.  | 20 | First, Conway                          | First, Prairie Grove                       |
| Aug.  | 27 | First, Morrilton                       | First, Springdale                          |
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| Sept. | 3  | Faith, Pine Bluff                      | First, Beebe                               |
| Sept. | 10 | Central, Pine Bluff                    | Church Camp Ministries                     |
| Sept. | 17 | First, Brinkley                        | First, Jonesboro                           |
| Sept. | 24 | First, Gurdon                          | Churches in Presbyteries in Honduras       |
|       |    | .,                                     |  |
| Oct.  | 1  | Cane Hill Church, Cane Hill            | Active and Retired Christian Educators     |
| Oct.  | 8  | First, Van Buren                       | First, Batesville                          |
| Oct.  | 15 | First, Eureka Springs                  | Central, Russellville                      |
| Oct.  | 22 | First, Helena                          | West End, Arkadelphia                      |
| Oct.  | 29 | Youth Directors                        | Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center         |
| Oct.  | 2) | Touth Directors                        | Terrienti Camp & Conference Center         |
| Nov.  | 5  | Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals     | First, Arkadelphia                         |
| Nov.  | 12 | Campus Ministries                      | Hospital Chaplains and Counselors          |
| Nov.  | 19 | Church Nursery Workers                 | First, Rogers                              |
| Nov.  | 26 | First, Harrison                        | Westminster, Hot Springs                   |
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| Dec.  | 3  | Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg      | Active and Retired Ministers               |
| Dec.  | 10 | Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith           | Youth and Young Adults                     |
| Dec.  | 17 | Memorial Church, Atkins                | First, Walnut Ridge                        |
| Dec.  | 24 | First, Paragould                       | Church Custodians                          |
| Dec.  | 31 | Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village | First, Searcy                              |
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# **Section C**

# Roster by Action from 2022 Nominations Committee CRE Chuck Olson

Moderator

| Presbytery  |                                      |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Elected Officers</b>                             |                                      |  |
| 2023 Presbytery Vice Moderator                      | MWS Emmet Powers [4]                 |  |
| 2022 Presbytery Vice Moderator (Male Ruling Elder)  | RE Mike Szabo [4]                    |  |
| <b>Specific Needs Nominees</b>                      |                                      |  |
| Synod Commissioner Class of 2025 First Position     | RE Wynona Bryant-Williams [3]        |  |
| Synod Commissioner Class of 2025 Second Position    | MWS Margaret Alsup [MAL]             |  |
| Counselor-at-Law Class of 2025                      | RE George (Bo) Morton [1]            |  |
| Readers of Theological Exams Class of 2025          | MWS Brian Brock [2]                  |  |
| Readers of Theological Exams Class of 2025          | RE Catherine Lowry [3]               |  |
| GA Commissioner (Alternate) MWS Male Class of 2024  | MWS John Arnold [4]                  |  |
| GA Commissioner (Alternate) RE Female Class of 2024 | CRE Mary Shaw [1]                    |  |
| GA Commissioner (Alternate) RE Male Class of 2024   | RE Willie Morris [4]                 |  |
| Presbytery  |                                      |  |
| Moderators  |                                      |  |
| Committee on Administration                         | RE Carolyn Willis [1]                |  |
| Committee on Representation                         | MWS Marie Mainard O'Connell [3]      |  |
| Committee on Preparation for Ministry               | MWS Elizabeth Brinegar [3]           |  |
| Committee on Ministry                               | MWS Leslie Belden [1]                |  |
| Committee on the Mission of the Church              | CRE Peg Falls-Corbitt [4]            |  |
| Committee on the Future of the Church               | RE Cindy Lanphear [2]                |  |
| Presbytery  |                                      |  |
| <b>Coordinating Team At-Large Members</b>           |                                      |  |
| 2025 First Position                                 | RE Susan Morris [4]                  |  |
| Institutional Support                               |                                      |  |
| <b>Committee on Administration</b>                  |                                      |  |
| 2024 Position – resignation of RE Tony Booth        | RE Carla Houston [4] (serving 23/24) |  |
| 2025 First Position                                 | RE Alfred Williams [3]               |  |
| 2025 Second Position                                | MWS Carl McCormack [3]               |  |
| Institutional Support                               |                                      |  |
| <b>Committee on Representation</b>                  |                                      |  |
| 2024 Vacant Position                                | MWS Joy Carrington MAL               |  |
| 2025 First Position                                 | MWS Bradley Rito [1]                 |  |
| 2025 Second Position                                | RE Sahr Lebbie [3]                   |  |
| Institutional Support                               |                                      |  |
| Permanent Judicial Commission                       |                                      |  |
| 2025 Rita Wilson Perry Position                     | MWS Catherine Allsbury [3]           |  |
| 2025 Steve Frazier Position                         | CRE Chuck Olson [2]                  |  |

| Leadership                                  | & Ministry                    |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Committee on Ministry</b>                |                               |
| 2023 Fill-in Position                       | CRE Ed Wilkinson [2]          |
| 2025 First Position                         | MWS Fern Davis [4]            |
| 2025 Second Position                        | MWS Kade Curry [1]            |
| 2025 Third Position                         | MWS Alisa Secrest [3]         |
| 2025 Fourth Position                        | MWS Linda Whitworth-Reed [4]  |
| 2025 Fifth Position                         | RE Don Harris [3]             |
| 2025 Sixth Position                         | RE Mike McClure [2]           |
| Leadership                                  | & Ministry                    |
| <b>Committee on Preparation for Ministr</b> | y                             |
| 2025 First Position                         | MWS Susan Gray [1]            |
| 2025 Second Position                        | MWS Matt Bussell [4]          |
| 2025 Third Position                         | MWS Katie Cummings [1]        |
| Mission &                                   | & Vision                      |
| <b>Mission of the Church Committee</b>      |                               |
| 2025 First Position                         | RE Emily Laurel [3]           |
| 2025 Second Position                        | MWS Janet Butin [1]           |
| 2025 Third Position                         | RE Allison Richardson [3]     |
| Mission &                                   | & Vision                      |
| <b>Future of the Church Ministry Commi</b>  | ittee                         |
| 2025 First Position                         | RE Patricia Donlow-Wright-[2] |
| 2025 Second Position                        | MWS Brenda Holder [2]         |
| 2025 Third Position                         | RE Dawn Cattaneo [2]          |

## **Section D**

## Future of the Church (FOTC) Committee Report October 2022

MWS Steven Kurtz Moderator

The Future of the Church invites you to visit our display. On a *'first come first, served'* basis pick up a free book: The Art of Gathering or Secrets of a Secret Shopper. Both of these books have very pertinent applications to church life today and we'd love to get some of these into the hands of those who might not have run across them yet.

The Art of Gathering is a brilliant 'rethink' of the way we conceive of and handle our church get togethers. With Georgia Senor's leadership and drawing on the wisdom of this book, First Bentonville is conducting a series of gatherings "Conversations that Matter." Carol Clark, our Presbytery builder, has asked Georgia to lead us in a book discussion in the new year because the challenge of the book is not just reading it but applying it. Zooming together will allow time for discussion and visioning about how to make all of those gatherings that we hold more gracious and connective.

<u>Secrets of a Secret Shopper</u> may not leave you 'gasping with revelation,' but as a primer for *Church Welcome 101*, there are really not many more effective options. This book is a perfect tool for your 'welcome/membership/outreach' committees to study together and not just study but apply to your own situation. Read this book, then walk your campus and Sunday morning worship with the eyes of a visitor and you might be surprised how many small changes could be very important.

Members of the FOTC are always excited when we learn about our churches who are honestly grappling with 'being the church' in changing times, particularly in terms of worship and worship styles. We want to share 3 of those in our Presbytery with you.

- 1. First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville has just launched *Third Worship* which will meet on the third Sunday of each month at 4pm. Featuring 'rock type contemporary music,' this service is intended to appeal to college students, young families and their own youth who can worship and then gather for their Sunday youth programs. The 'sermon' is replaced by an introduction to a gospel reading and then a time for discussion in small groups, wrapping up with another song and a simple blessing. Another beautiful thing that is happening in this reformed and contemporary style of worship is that the youth of First Presbyterian Springdale came to worship, too. It doesn't get any better than worship and connection with other Presbyterians! To see the service, go to this link on YouTube (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzcVizCa\_sE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzcVizCa\_sE</a> ) or find them on their website/worship/streaming.
- 2. In Fort Smith, a New Worshipping Community called *A Circle of Friends Gathering* has formed and meets starting with supper on the first and third Sundays of the month. After the meal, they gather in the living room of the Sweet House which was repainted and furnished using FOTC grants. They sit in a circle, light a candle, have a moment of meditative silence, take time to hold in the light anyone who expresses a concern, sing a song, then take turns leading a discussion topic. They end with the serenity prayer. The Gatherings are inclusive, informal, and non-hierarchical. Leadership is shared and volunteer. They have just started, but plan to add community service to their activities. <a href="https://circleoffriendsgathering.org/">https://circleoffriendsgathering.org/</a>
- 3. First in Little Rock is housing a new contemporary worship service that is reformed and open, welcoming to all, informal and filled with the spirit. The group committed to this new worship style has, with their own resources and volunteer musicians, created a different experience of worship. They are grateful to

First Presbyterian for giving the space (and also the air-conditioning) to allow for a way to experiment with a new form other than traditional worship. Worship is at 9:30am each Sunday morning!

The FOTC committee (with additional help from the Coordinating Team) awarded grants to 9 of our churches; 5 for help with technology, 1 for a consultant (Jason Tucker), 3 for community outreach events. It's GRANT TIME again. We invite all of you who are pondering endeavors that are aimed at strengthening or changing some directions in the life of your church to consider applying for a grant for 2023. You can find the application on the Presbytery's website (<a href="http://presbyark.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Grant-Application-2022-FINAL.pdf">http://presbyark.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Grant-Application-2022-FINAL.pdf</a>) or email or text Carol Clark (<a href="https://cbclark05@aol.com">cbclark05@aol.com</a>; 501-563-6279.) The FOTC grants are not for general property improvement but for specific kinds of programs, events or projects that engage our churches with the community and encourage connections with people in the communities.

We have a GREAT committee, eager to find ways to be of specific help to our congregations. We are always open to suggestions. The members of our committee are:

Class of 2022— Cameron Highsmith, Steven Kurtz, Michael Ulasewich, Marci Ward, David Webb

Class of 2023— Valerie Bell, Greg Fairchild, Ty Hendricks, John Gibson

Class of 2024 — Sally Roden, Amanda Jones, Cindy Lanphear

Respectfully submitted,

MSW Steven Kurtz, Chair

## **Section E**

# **Report of the Committee on Ministry**

#### MWS Leslie Belden Moderator

#### For Action:

1. Motion to approve the call of MWS Susan Arnold as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Springdale, effective October 3, 2022, with the following terms of call, approved at a duly called congregational meeting on August 14:

| Salary                            | \$ 32,000.00 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Housing                           | \$ 34,155.00 |
| Pension/ Medical                  | \$ 25,900.00 |
| <b>Social Security Supplement</b> | \$ 5,355.00  |
| <b>Book/ Continuing Education</b> | \$ 1,250.00  |
| Dental                            | \$ 1,635.00  |
| <b>Professional Expense</b>       | \$ 1,250.00  |
| Auto Expense                      | \$ 2,000.00  |
| 403 Employer Match                | \$ 3,500.00  |
| Technology                        | \$ 4,000.00  |
| <b>Total Package</b>              | \$111,045.00 |

**Moving Expenses: In Full** 

- 4 Weeks Paid Vacation Annually
- 2 Weeks Continuing Education Leave Annually
- 3-month Sabbatical Leave in the  $7^{th}$  year of service with plan approved by the Committee on Ministry.
- 6 Weeks Paid Parental Leave.

And the worship service to install to be set for November 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm, with the offering recipient designated to be Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, and the following to be elected to serve on the Administrative Commission with the specified duties:

RE Julie Gillaspy of First Presbyterian Church of Conway to Moderate and Propound the Constitutional Questions

RE Gene Anderson of First Presbyterian Church of Springdale to Charge the Congregation

MWS John Arnold to preach

RE Josie Westmoreland of First United Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville to Charge the Pastor

**MWS Phil Blackburn** 

**MWS Georgia Senor** 

**MWS Jan Butin** 

2. Motion to approve the call of MWS Yvonne Thurmond as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Yellville, effective November 1, 2022, and enroll her as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, requesting that Western North Carolina Presbytery dismiss her, with the following terms of call, approved at a duly called congregational meeting on October 9:

| Salary                     | \$36,000.00 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Manse (includes utilities) | \$10,800.00 |
| Housing                    | \$ 3,600.00 |

| <b>Total Effective Salary</b> | \$50,400.00 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Automobile                    | \$ 2,400.00 |
| <b>Continuing Education</b>   | \$ 1,200.00 |
| <b>Presbytery Expenses</b>    | \$ 600.00   |
| Pension/Medical               | \$18,700.00 |
| Dental/Vision                 | \$ 900.00   |
| SECA Allowance                | \$ 2,400.00 |
| Total Reimbursable/Other      | \$27,100.00 |
| <b>Total Salary</b>           | \$77,500.00 |
| Vacation – 4 weeks            | . ,         |

Vacation – 4 weeks

**Continuing Education – 2 weeks** 

The information on the Administrative Commission and worship service to install to be approved at a later date. MWS Yvonne Thurmond's Statement of Faith is included as Section E – Exhibit I.

- 3. Motion to approve and enroll the following as Temporary Members of the Presbytery of Arkansas:
  - a. **Rev. Justin Ross, serving in a temporary pastoral relationship at First Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff.** Rev. Ross is a member in good standing of the Southern Baptist denomination and has passed all of the requirements of the Presbytery of Arkansas and the Committee on Ministry for temporary membership in our presbytery.
  - b. Rev. Barry Anderson, serving in a temporary pastoral relationship at First Presbyterian Church of Paragould. Rev. Anderson is a member in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination and has passed all of the requirements of the Presbytery of Arkansas and the Committee on Ministry for temporary membership in our presbytery.
- 4. Motion to elect an Administrative Commission to work with the congregation of Park Hill Presbyterian Church with membership and authority as outlined in the accompanying document in Section E—Exhibit II.
- 5. Motion to approve requiring all Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Temporary Members of the Presbytery of Arkansas, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and any serving in a pastoral role in congregations of the Presbytery of Arkansas to take a course in "Boundaries Training" as offered by the Synod of the Sun or other means of taking a qualified course. (See the accompanying document in Section E—Exhibit III.) Boundaries training must be completed by all required before December 31, 2023, unless exempted by the Committee on Ministry.

#### Necrology

The Presbytery is asked to observe a moment of silence to reflect on the life and ministry of MWS JQ Williams, 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.

#### **For Information**

- 1. The Committee on Ministry approved the following dissolutions of calls:
  - a. MWS Val Bell as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rogers, Arkansas, effective June 30, 2022, approved by the congregation at a duly called congregational meeting on June 26, 2022.
  - b. MWS Leslie Roper as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Batesville, effective June 12, 2022, approved by the congregation at a duly called congregational meeting on May 15, 2022.

- c. MWS Krista Denne' as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, effective January 1, 2023, approved by the congregation at a duly called congregational meeting at a date to be determined, so that MWS Denne' could transition into a temporary pastoral relationship role, as approved by the Committee on Ministry.
- 2. The Committee on Ministry granted authority for the following congregations to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC):
  - a. First Presbyterian Church of Rogers
  - b. First Presbyterian Church of Batesville
  - c. First Presbyterian Church of Benton
  - d. First Presbyterian Church of Harrison
  - e. First Presbyterian Church of Walnut Ridge
  - f. Wynne Presbyterian Church of Wynne
  - g. Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, for two separate PNCs
- 3. The Committee on Ministry approved the following temporary pastoral relationships:
  - a. MWS Brenda Holder and Harmony Presbyterian Church of Clarksville, for a period of six months, effective May 1, 2022, with the following terms of call: Total Effective Salary, including salary and mileage for six months, \$12,407.20, with two paid Sundays for vacation, and \$109.97 per month paid to the Board of Pensions.
  - b. MWS Emmett Powers and the Presbyterian Kirk of the Hills of Fairfield Bay, for a period of 12 months, effective September 18, 2022, with the following terms of call:

Salary \$2,650.00 per month

Mileage reimbursement- \$87.50 per trip from Cabot to Fairfield Bay

Lodging at the Cobblestone Inn or comparable facility in Fairfield Bay on Sunday nights.

IRS Mileage reimbursement for extra trips required for funerals, weddings or other activities agreed upon between the Interim Pastor and the Session.

c. MWS Krista Denne' and First Presbyterian Church of Clarksville, for a period of 12 months, effective January 1, 2023, with the following terms of call for a twenty hour per week position:

| Salary            | \$ 5,000 |
|-------------------|----------|
| Housing Allowance | \$15,000 |
| Vacation          | 4 Weeks  |
| Continuing Ed     | \$ 5,000 |
| Total             | \$25,000 |

d. MWS Carl McCormack and Park Hill Presbyterian Church, for a period of 12 months, effective October 1, 2022, with the following terms of call for a 30 hour per week Interim Pastor position: (It is understood that the Interim Pastor is not eligible to be called as the installed Pastor.)

| \$25,036 |
|----------|
| \$18,000 |
| \$43,036 |
| \$ 5,164 |
| \$48,200 |
| N/A      |
|          |

Vacation – two (3) weeks (after 7 months service) Reimbursement of Ministry Expenses Including:

Automobile at \$0.585 per mile (reimbursed as used)

Continuing Education \$600 (reimbursed as used) with up to 1 week off

- 4. The Committee on Ministry renewed the following temporary pastoral relationship covenants:
  - a. MWS Libby Lizarraga and Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, for a period of twelve months, effective August 8, 2022, with the following terms of call: \$150.00 per Sunday.

b. Rev. Brian Timmons, a temporary member of our presbytery, and Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church of Pea Ridge, for a period of 12 months, effective January 1, 2023, with the following terms of call:

Salary \$ 300.00 per month Housing \$1,400.00 per month Automobile Expense (Current IRS rate)

Funerals – an honorarium Four (4) vacation days per year

5. The Committee on Ministry granted Holly Grove Presbyterian Church of Holly Grove permission to be excused from complying with the norm of Ruling Elders serving beyond their term limits, as requested by the session, and voted on at a September 12, 2022 meeting of the session.

## Section E – Exhibit I

# MWS Yvonne Thurmond Statement of Faith

I believe God is the creator of the universe and is self-revealing as one being in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God's essential nature is everlasting love which is revealed in God's personal involvement in creation and with human beings in life-giving ways through various covenants.

I believe Jesus Christ is the eternal Word of God who 'took on flesh' and became Immanuel, God with us. He proclaimed the love of God to all through his preaching and ministry, especially those in need. Because the powers of his time "loved the darkness rather than the Light," Jesus was crucified; three days later he arose from the dead to demonstrate God's unfailing love for us and God's power over evil and death. Jesus is alive now in heaven where he intercedes for us and waits for the time of his return to earth for the final defeat of the powers of darkness.

I believe the Holy Spirit is the active presence of God in the world today. It is the Spirit who continues to reveal God's work in the world, interprets the Word of God, gives gifts to all people and empowers believers for discipleship and service in the Church and in the world. Through the work of the Holy Spirit believers are formed into the one Body of Christ, are able to work together for the good of all and become a transforming agency in the world.

I believe human beings are created in the image of God and therefore have worth as persons. As God is relational, so are human beings; we are meant to have life-affirming relationships with God, others and ourselves. Humanity, however, is tainted in every aspect of life by the effects of sin which causes chaos and destruction in those relationships. It is the mercy and grace of God in Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit which saves us from those destructive forces, transforms our desires and actions and enables us to become who we are created to be.

I believe the Church includes all who are called to faith in Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit and that the church's primary work is the worship and service of God in the communities in which it is located. That work is accomplished through nurturing people in the faith, education in and interpretation of the Scripture, the celebration of the sacraments and participation with the Holy Spirit in transforming the lives of those in and out of the church through service and mission.

I believe that the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are tangible signs and seals of the work of God in the lives of his people. Through Baptism, we are called into new life and grafted into the Body of Christ, the Church, to be nurtured and sustained as we mature in discipleship of Christ and service to others. In the Lord's Supper, the Body of Christ gathers around the table of remembrance to express our gratitude for all that God has done for us, to reaffirm our commitment to each other and to receive nourishment for the work to which God has called us as individuals and as a covenant community.

### Section E – Exhibit II

#### Park Hill Presbyterian Church North Little Rock, Arkansas Administrative Commission

Motion to the Presbytery of Arkansas to form an Administrative Commission with the following members and authority, and the responsibility to report to the Presbytery:

- 1. Members:
  - a. RE Cyril Hollingsworth, Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock
  - b. RE David Stricklin, Westover Hills Presbyterian Church of Little Rock
  - c. MWS Karen Akin, HR
  - d. RE Jane Anne Spikes, Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church of Little Rock
- 2. Charged with the authority to:
  - a. Serve alongside Ruling Elders of Park Hill Presbyterian Church as full voting members of the Session;
  - b. Counsel the Session of Park Hill Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, in the Session's discernment of God's future for the congregation;
  - c. Counsel the Session and membership of Park Hill Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, in the Session's and congregation's deliberations and actions;
  - d. Serve as the presence of the Presbytery of Arkansas in all and any ways necessary; and
  - e. Assume original jurisdiction of the church, if necessary.
- 3. Reporting: The AC shall communicate to the Stated Clerk all actions taken on behalf of the presbytery. Actions shall be reported within two weeks of having been taken. (Email is a satisfactory way to report actions taken). Written reports of the AC's actions shall be submitted no less than 30 days prior to each stated meeting of the presbytery. Prior to dissolution, minutes of all meetings of the AC shall be submitted to the Stated Clerk.

#### **Contact Information for Administrative Commission Members**

RE Cyril Hollingsworth Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock

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RE David Stricklin Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, Little Rock

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11 Leslie Circle, Little Rock, AR 72205

MWS Karen Akin, HR

501.993.3694 (cell) karenkakin@gmail.com

14605 Woodcreek, Little Rock, AR 72211

RE Jane Anne Spikes Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church, Little Rock

501.607.2136 (cell) phpres@comcast.net

1212 Bryan, Little Rock, AR 72207

#### Section E – Exhibit III

#### Not-Your-Average Boundaries Training Offered by Synod of the Sun

It's the experience of those within the Synod of the Sun that pastors, church staff, and other leaders who transgress boundaries by-and-large are not predators. In fact, not even close. Most people in ministry who violate boundaries are individuals who know and follow the rules most of the time but whose judgment may be impaired due to an unusually stressful time in their lives.

With that in mind, Not-Your-Average Boundaries Training, offered by Synod of the Sun, is tailored to focus on strategies to foster mental health, emotional resiliency, and well-being. While this training still covers the requirements — "Don't sleep with a parishioner unless you're married to them" and the like — the best prevention is to encourage clergy to take steps to manage their stress in order to maintain balance and perspective when temptation arises. The program teaches a 3-step strategy to help stop the participant in their tracks before they commit a boundary violation; and participants leave with their own personal prevention plan.

This training is lively and interactive, full of reflection and conversation — and even laughter. Attendees have given the Synod feedback that this boundaries training was a great experience, AND caused them to re-evaluate some of their own practices.

Participants MUST take part in ALL five hours of training in order to receive the certificate of completion. Dates the training is offered are:

November 8-9, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm February 6-7, 2023, from 9:30 am – noon

There are other options for meeting the requirements for boundaries training in addition to these two dates. The Synod of the Sun PCUSA is committed to ensuring that the presbyteries within its bounds provide safe places of worship and fellowship to everyone served. As part of that commitment, the Synod is providing information on Safe Gatherings as a resource for pastors and congregations in this important area. Safe Gatherings provides a 2-hour online course called "Clergy Ethics and Congregational Boundaries." In partnership with many presbyteries, the Synod is sponsoring this course as a means of meeting requirements for boundaries training.

Please see the Synod's website for more information and to register for one of the classes: <a href="https://www.synodsun.org/boundaries-training">https://www.synodsun.org/boundaries-training</a>

## **Section F**

# **Report of the Treasurer**

#### RE Tom Verdery Treasurer

#### For Information

- 1. While 2022 continues to be a challenging year in the financial markets, through September, the Presbytery of Arkansas is projecting income for 2022 to be consistent with our early year forecasts and expenses will be below budget. Early in the year there were still significant concerns over Covid impacting our ministry spending, which is why we are below budget. We continue to be grateful to all Church Benevolence contributions to the Presbytery of Arkansas.
- 2. Texas Presbyterian Foundation performance through September 2022 in their Balanced Pooled Funds is down approximately 23.4%. Fortunately, your Presbytery of Arkansas is in a strong cash flow position with significant funds in money market and checking accounts, eliminating any significant need to take money from the Balanced Pooled funds invested in stocks and fixed income.
- 3. We just completed our 2021 independent Financial Review from Benchmarks Accounting Firm. The accounting firm's review came back with a solid review (see pages 29-47), showing no discrepancies or recommendations for modification of any of our financial statements.
- 4. The Administration Committee has had the presbytery's insurance review performed in 2022, which raised several questions including the need to increase the umbrella value for the 2022 renewal, verifying insured business items value versus insured amount, and ensuring all presbytery property has liability insurance. Also, the question was raised about which properties that are owned by the Presbytery, as the list is continually being updated as new properties have come on board. The Administration Committee, Treasurer and the Presbytery Staff are studying and addressing these questions to be well prepared for the insurance renewal for 2023. See accompanying document in Section F –Exhibit V.
- 5. Your Committee on Administration will be bringing their proposed 2023 financial budget to our next Presbytery meeting (March 2023) for review and approval.
- 6. Our continued focus for 2022 and beyond will be creating programs and support to help all churches as they move back to normal activities post pandemic.

# Section F – Exhibit I

# THE PRESBYERY OF ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET September 30, 2022

#### **ASSETS**

|              | 108,430.31<br>657,338.48 | Cash TPF - undesignated TPF Investment Cash - designated |
|--------------|--------------------------|--|
|              | 4,754,764.74             | TPF Investments  |
|              | 11,625.03                | N/R Ministers  |
|              | 25,000.00                | N/R Churches   |
|              | 332,803.07               | TPF Mark to Market 52190                                 |
| 5,889,961.63 |                          | Total Current Assets                                     |
|              | 55,651.89                | Property and Equipment  Furniture & Fixtures             |
|              | 184,222.89               | Land   |
|              | 961,516.12               | Buildings  |
| ,            | 961,516.12               |  |
|              | (436,273.11)             | Accumulated Depreciation                                 |
| 6,599,427.53 |                          | Net Property and Equipment                               |
| 6,599,427.53 | \$                       | TOTAL ASSETS   |

## **LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL**

\$ 6,854,427.53

| Current Liabilities Payroll & Other Withholdings          | 0.00                               |              |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                          |                                    | 0.00         |
| <b>Fund Balance</b> Equity Beginning Balance Fund Balance | \$<br>4,343,422.31<br>4,773,399.74 |              |
| Unrealized Gains/Losses Net Income                        | (2,027,147.04)<br>(235,247.48)     |              |
| Total Fund Balance  |                                    | 6,854,427.53 |

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL** 

 $\frac{Section\ F-Exhibit\ II}{\text{The Presbytery of Arkansas Benevolence as of September 30, 2022}}$ 

| LOCATION                   | 2019<br>Benevolence | 2020<br>Benevolence | 2021<br>Benevolence | 2022<br>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           | 7,500.00            |
| Beebe                      | 900.00              | 600.00              | 1,200.00            | 600.00              |
| Bella Vista                | 30,000.00           | 24,999.96           | 20,000.00           | 14,999.65           |
| Benton                     | 9,600.00            | 8,600.00            | 8,600.00            | 6,000.00            |
| 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            | 5,000.00            |
| Dardanelle                 | 6,000.00            | 6,000.00            | 5,500.00            | 3,500.00            |
| Elkins                     | 1,000.00            | 1,000.00            | 1,000.00            | 500.00              |
| Eureka Springs             | 3,000.00            | 2,550.00            | 2,750.00            | 1,500.00            |
| Fairfield Bay              | 700.00              | 350.00              | 350.00              | -                   |
| Fayetteville, First United | 41,000.00           | 41,000.00           | 41,000.00           | 27,328.00           |
| Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort  | 1,660.00            | 1,660.00            | 1,660.00            | 900.00              |
| Forrest City               | 8,250.00            | 9,000.00            | 9,000.00            | 6,000.00            |
| Ft. Smith, Central         | 16,000.00           | 16,000.00           | 16,000.00           | 8,000.00            |
| 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            | 3,100.00            |
| Holly Grove                | 500.00              | 500.00              | 500.00              | 500.00              |
| Horseshoe Bend             | 3,000.00            | 3,000.00            | 2,290.00            | 1,500.00            |
| HSV, Kirk                  | 27,270.00           | 27,270.00           | 27,270.00           | 18,180.00           |
| H. Springs, First          | 20,000.00           | 20,000.00           | 20,013.00           | 10,000.00           |
| H. Springs, Westminster    | 8,013.04            | 10,012.04           | 8,012.04            | 6,009.03            |
| Huntsville                 | 2,400.00            | 2,200.00            | 2,400.00            | 1,800.00            |
| Jacksonville               | 2,655.00            | 2,800.00            | 3,250.00            | 2,250.00            |
| Jonesboro                  | 3,000.00            | 3,000.00            | 3,000.00            | 2,250.00            |
| Lincoln                    | 1,000.00            | 1,000.00            | 1,000.00            | -                   |

|                         | 2019                  | 2020             | 2021<br>Benevolence | 2022<br>Benevolence |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| LOCATION<br>LR, Allison | Benevolence<br>657.05 | Benevolence<br>- | -                   | -                   |
| LR, First               | -                     | _                | _                   | _                   |
| LR, Grace               | 5,625.00              | 7,900.00         | 7,900.00            | 6,025.00            |
| LR, Pulaski Heights     | 3,228.00              | 3,636.00         | 3,636.00            | 2,250.00            |
| Little Rock, Second     | 200,000.00            | 200,000.00       | 200,000.00          | 2,230.00            |
| LR, Trinity             | 7,333.33              | 8,000.00         | 8,000.00            | 6,000.03            |
| LR, Westminster         | 300.00                | 400.00           | 400.00              | 200.00              |
| LR, Westover Hills      | 10,500.00             | 10,500.00        | 7,500.00            | -                   |
| Malvern                 | 5,241.72              | 5,241.71         | 5,241.72            | 3,057.60            |
| Marianna                | -                     | -                | -                   | 0,001.00            |
| McGehee                 | 2,520.00              | 2,520.00         | 2,520.00            | 1,890.00            |
| Mena                    | 5,000.00              | 5,000.00         | 5,000.00            | 3,750.00            |
| Morrilton, First        | -                     | 1,200.00         | 1,200.00            | 800.00              |
| Morrilton, Hopewell     | _                     | -                | -                   | _                   |
| Mountain Home           | 1,000.00              | 1,000.00         | 750.00              | 500.00              |
| Mountainburg            | -                     | -                | -                   | -                   |
| Newport                 | 4,800.00              | 3,225.00         | 2,700.00            | 2,025.00            |
| Norman                  | -                     | 2,000.00         | -                   | -                   |
| NLR, First              | -                     | -                | -                   | -                   |
| NLR, Park Hill          | 16,000.00             | 16,000.00        | 16,000.00           | 11,750.00           |
| Paragould, First        | -                     | -                | -                   | -                   |
| Pea Ridge               | 3,000.00              | 3,000.00         | 3,000.00            | 1,750.00            |
| Pine Bluff, Central     | -                     | -                | -                   | 115.80              |
| Pine Bluff, Faith       | 500.00                | -                | -                   | -                   |
| Pine Bluff, First       | 4,999.92              | 4,999.92         | 4,583.26            | 5,247.00            |
| Prairie Grove           | 7,700.00              | 7,150.00         | 6,960.00            | 3,440.00            |
| Rogers                  | 7,000.00              | 6,999.96         | 6,999.96            | 5,250.02            |
| Russellville            | -                     | -                | -                   | -                   |
| Searcy                  | 2,000.00              | 2,000.00         | -                   | -                   |
| Springdale              | 30,000.00             | 30,000.00        | 30,000.00           | 22,500.00           |
| Van Buren               | 4,000.00              | -                | -                   | -                   |
| Walnut Ridge            | -                     | 6,400.00         | -                   | -                   |
| Wynne                   | 7,500.00              | 7,500.00         | 7,500.00            | 7,499.97            |
| Yellville               | 6,000.00              | 6,000.00         | 6,000.00            | 4,500.00            |
| Total                   | 588,601.33            | 589,342.59       | 566,495.98          | 222,583.84          |

# **SECTION** –F Exhibit III

#### THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS Operating Income Statement

For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2022

|                   | FOI THE MILIE WORTHS E   |                         |                         |                        |                        | I              |                        |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
|                   |  | Current Month<br>Actual | Current Month<br>Budget | Over/(Under)<br>Budget | Year to Date<br>Actual | 2022<br>Budget | Over/(Under)<br>Budget |
| 6000-01           | Mission Acceptance   | \$ 27,190.11            | 30,000.00               | (2,809.89)             | \$ 222,583.84          | 560,000.00     | (337,416.16)           |
| Misc. (Acct 6015) | Investment Spend Rate  | 19,859.34               | 17,083.33               | 2,776.01               | 172,796.08             | 205,000.00     | (32,203.92)            |
| 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                   | 11,925.00              | 15,900.00      | (3,975.00)             |
| 6046-00-2-000     | Prior Year Reserves  | 0.00                    | 195.91                  | (195.91)               | 0.00                   | 2,350.88       | (2,350.88)             |
|                   | Total Revenues   | 48,374.45               | 48,604.24               | (229.79)               | 409,925.78             | 785,871.74     | (375,945.96)           |
| Expenses          |  |                         |                         |                        |                        |                |                        |
| 7000-01-1-000     | Coordinating TeamMeeting Exp, Meals, Worship                           | 138.04                  | 100.00                  | 38.04                  | 940.79                 | 1,200.00       | (259.21)               |
| 7000-06-1-000     | Coordinating TeamGifts   | 0.00                    | 4.17                    | (4.17)                 | 0.00                   | 50.00          | (50.00)                |
| 7000-09-1-000     | Coordinating TeamModerator's Expense                                   | 0.00                    | 37.50                   | (37.50)                | 0.00                   | 450.00         | (450.00)               |
| 7000-10-1-000     | Coordinating TeamVice moderator's Expense                              | 0.00                    | 91.67                   | (91.67)                | 0.00                   | 1,100.00       | (1,100.00)             |
| 7000-20-1-000     | Coordinating TeamPresbytery Workshop/Speaker                           | 0.00                    | 33.33                   | (33.33)                | 0.00                   | 400.00         | (400.00)               |
| 7000-31-1-000     | Coordinating TeamBackground Checks                                     | 0.00                    | 25.00                   | (25.00)                | 18.00                  | 300.00         | (282.00)               |
|                   |  | 138.04                  | 291.67                  | (153.63)               | 958.79                 | 3,500.00       | (2,541.21)             |
| 7100-01-1-000     | AdministrationMeeting Expense, Financial Review                        | 0.00                    | 500.00                  | (500.00)               | 5,495.70               | 6,000.00       | (504.30)               |
| 7100-05-1-000     | AdministrationFerncliff General Site Support                           | 0.00                    | 2,333.33                | (2,333.33)             | 14,000.00              | 28,000.00      | (14,000.00)            |
| 7500-06-1-000     | Black CaucusAl Branch  | 0.00                    | 64.33                   | (64.33)                | 0.00                   | 772.00         | (772.00)               |
| 7500-21-1-000     | West End Operation Support   | 3,375.00                | 1,125.00                | 2,250.00               | 10,125.00              | 13,500.00      | (3,375.00)             |
| 7500-53-1-000     | Laotian Ministry support   | 900.00                  | 300.00                  | 600.00                 | 2,700.00               | 3,600.00       | (900.00)               |
| 7500-98-1-000     | Faith Presbyterian Operation Support                                   | 1,782.00                | 594.00                  | 1,188.00               | 5,346.00               | 7,128.00       | (1,782.00)             |
|                   |  | 6,057.00                | 4,916.66                | 1,140.34               | 37,666.70              | 59,000.00      | (21,333.30)            |
| 7200-01-1-000     | Min. of the Church Prep. for MinistryTravel, food, lodging, supplies   | 0.00                    | 41.25                   | (41.25)                | 0.00                   | 495.00         | (495.00)               |
| 7200-02-1-000     | Min. of the Church Prep. for MinistryConEdEmergency Fund, Etc.         | 0.00                    | 83.33                   | (83.33)                | 0.00                   | 1,000.00       | (1,000.00)             |
| 7700-01-1-000     | Committee on Ministrytravel, food, meeting support                     | 0.00                    | 166.67                  | (166.67)               | 935.42                 | 2,000.00       | (1,064.58)             |
| 8000-01-1-000     | Min. of the ChurchCmte on Prep. for MinistryMeeting Expenses, etc.     | 0.00                    | 42.08                   | (42.08)                | 0.00                   | 505.00         | (505.00)               |
| 8000-09-1-000     | Min. of the ChurchPrep. for MinistryEval, 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 ChurchWellspring Contract                                  | 0.00                    | 687.08                  | (687.08)               | 8,245.00               | 8,245.00       | 0.00                   |
|                   |  | 0.00                    | 1,187.08                | (1,187.08)             | 9,180.42               | 14,245.00      | (5,064.58)             |
| 7300-29-1-000     | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsCampus Ministry/Program Support     | 2,356.66                | 2,500.00                | (143.34)               | 21,209.94              | 30,000.00      | (8,790.06)             |
| 7300-71-1-000     | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATPlanning Retreats & Materials    | 0.00                    | 83.33                   | (83.33)                | 179.88                 | 1,000.00       | (820.12)               |
| 7300-73-1-000     | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT Scholarships                    | 0.00                    | 41.67                   | (41.67)                | 0.00                   | 500.00         | (500.00)               |
| 7300-74-1-000     | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT Denomination Trips              | 0.00                    | 166.67                  | (166.67)               | 0.00                   | 2,000.00       | (2,000.00)             |
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#### THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

#### Operating Income Statement

For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2022

|               |   | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | Current<br>Month<br>Budget | Over/(Under)<br>Budget |                                       | 2022<br>Budget | Over/(Under)<br>Budget |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 7300-75-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT-Youth @ Presbytery         | 250.57                     | 41.67                      | 208.90                 | 523.39                                | 500.00         | 23.39                  |
| 7300-75-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT YouthQuake                 | (50.00)                    | 416.67                     | (466.67)               | 4,950.00                              | 5,000.00       |                        |
| 7300-76-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT Montreat                   | ` '                        |                            | , ,                    | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | 2,500.00       | ` '                    |
|               |   | 3,783.34                   | 208.33                     |                        | 117.77                                |                | ( , ,                  |
| 7300-79-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATJrHi Jubilee                | 0.00                       | 208.33                     | , ,                    | 114.50                                | 2,500.00       | , ,                    |
| 7300-80-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATMatthew 25 Account          | 100.00                     | 208.33                     | ,                      | 5.57                                  | 2,500.00       | , ,                    |
| 7300-84-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYoung Adult Ministries         | 0.00                       | 208.33                     | , ,                    | 0.00                                  | 2,500.00       | , ,                    |
| 7300-86-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATStudent Leadership Dev      | 0.00                       | 41.67                      | (41.67)                | 0.00                                  | 500.00         | ,                      |
| 7300-99-1-000 | Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsCampus Ministry-Special Events | 0.00                       | 1,250.00                   | , , ,                  | 612.50                                | 15,000.00      | ,                      |
|               |   | 6,440.57                   | 5,375.00                   | 1,065.57               | 27,713.55                             | 64,500.00      | (36,786.45)            |
| 7500-01-1-000 | Future of the ChurchCCDAdmin., Listening                          | 0.00                       | 83.33                      | (83.33)                | 1,011.93                              | 1,000.00       | 11.93                  |
| 7500-25-1-000 | Future of the ChurchPresbytery Technology Needs                   | 0.00                       | 625.00                     | (625.00)               | 3,438.92                              | 7,500.00       | (4,061.08)             |
| 7500-51-1-000 | Future of the ChurchCCDNew Ministries' Development                | 0.00                       | 2,208.33                   | (2,208.33)             | 26,500.00                             | 26,500.00      | 0.00                   |
|               | ·   | 0.00                       | 2,916.66                   | (2,916.66)             | 30,950.85                             | 35,000.00      | (4,049.15)             |
|               |   |                            |                            |                        |                                       |                |                        |
| 7300-01-1-000 | Christian EducationMeeting Expenses                               | 0.00                       | 37.50                      | (37.50)                | 0.00                                  | 450.00         | (450.00)               |
| 7300-10-1-000 | Christian EducationSpecial train. Events/presbytery               | 37.50                      | 166.67                     | (129.17)               | 37.50                                 | 2,000.00       | (1,962.50)             |
| 7300-21-1-000 | Christian EducationFerncliff. Prog/Supt. Summer Camp              | 12,000.00                  | 2,000.00                   | 10,000.00              | 24,000.00                             | 24,000.00      | 0.00                   |
| 7300-24-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchFerncliffBlock Grant                         | 0.00                       | 416.67                     | (416.67)               | 5,000.00                              | 5,000.00       | 0.00                   |
| 7300-30-1-000 | Christian EducationPresbyterian Pilgrimage                        | 0.00                       | 166.67                     | (166.67)               | 0.00                                  | 2,000.00       | (2,000.00)             |
| 7300-41-1-000 | Christian EducationDiversityScholarship                           | 0.00                       | 31.25                      | (31.25)                | 0.00                                  | 375.00         | (375.00)               |
| 7300-90-1-000 | Christian EducationResource Center Resources                      | 500.00                     | 166.67                     | 333.33                 | 1,809.45                              | 2,000.00       | (190.55)               |
| 7300-91-1-000 | Christian EducationResource Center. Admin.                        | 9.77                       | 91.67                      | (81.90)                | 1,072.24                              | 1,100.00       | (27.76)                |
| 7600-03-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchScholarship for Mission Trip                 | 0.00                       | 83.33                      | (83.33)                | 0.00                                  | 1,000.00       | (1,000.00)             |
| 7600-05-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchInternational Mission Emphasis               | 0.00                       | 166.67                     | (166.67)               | 0.00                                  | 2,000.00       | (2,000.00)             |
| 7600-26-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchArkansas Interfaith Conference               | 875.00                     | 291.67                     | 583.33                 | 2,625.00                              | 3,500.00       | (875.00)               |
| 7600-44-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchLyon College                                 | 250.00                     | 83.33                      | 166.67                 | 750.00                                | 1,000.00       | (250.00)               |
| 7600-45-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchPresbyterian Village Support                 | 125.00                     | 41.67                      | 83.33                  | 375.00                                | 500.00         | (125.00)               |
| 7600-49-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchUniversity of Ozarks                         | 250.00                     | 83.33                      | 166.67                 | 750.00                                | 1,000.00       | (250.00)               |
| 7600-51-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchVera Lloyd Mission                           | 625.00                     | 208.33                     | 416.67                 | 1,875.00                              | 2,500.00       | (625.00)               |
| 7600-62-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchUnified Mission Emphasis                     | 2,700.00                   | 1,172.92                   | 1,527.08               | 9,300.00                              | 14,075.00      | (4,775.00)             |
| 7600-96-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchSolar Under the Sun                          | 250.00                     | 83.33                      | 166.67                 | 750.00                                | 1,000.00       | (250.00)               |
| 8300-01-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchPW Exp., travel, postage, etc.               | 0.00                       | 41.67                      | (41.67)                | 0.00                                  | 500.00         | ,                      |
| 8300-07-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchPWSpring & Fall Retreats, Synod Gathering    | (150.00)                   | 291.67                     | (441.67)               | 1,500.00                              | 3,500.00       | ,                      |
| 9400-01-1-000 | Mission of the ChurchDisaster Preparedness                        | 0.00                       | 41.67                      | (41.67)                | 50.00                                 | 500.00         | ( , ,                  |
|               | ·   | 17,472.27                  | 5,666.69                   |                        | 49,894.19                             |                | , ,                    |

#### THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS Operating Income Statement For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2022 Current Current Over/(Under) Month Month Year to Date 2022 Over/(Under) Actual Budget Budget Actual Budget **Budget** 7800-01-1-000 Nominations--travel, food 0.00 25.00 (25.00)300.00 (300.00)(3.75)8100-01-1-000 Representation--Meeting Expenses 0.00 3.75 45.00 (45.00)8400-01-1-000 POA/Supplies & Office Exp. 302.10 208.33 93.77 1,115.11 2,500.00 (1,384.89)8400-02-1-000 Utilities/Telephone 885.81 625.00 260.81 8,050.60 7,500.00 550.60 8400-03-1-000 492.88 500.00 4,529.18 6,000.00 (1,470.82)Copy Machine (7.12)8400-05-1-000 1,233.33 (82.34)10,997.73 14,800.00 (3,802.27)Technology 1,150.99 8400-07-1-000 Replace Equipment 0.00 83.33 (83.33)0.00 1,000.00 (1,000.00)18.000.00 8400-09-1-000 Insurance 0.00 1,500.00 (1,500.00)11.835.25 (6,164.75)8400-10-1-000 Miscellaneous Expenses 41.67 (41.67)450.00 0.00 500.00 (50.00)8400-12-1-000 Maintenance(Grounds, Building Upkeep) 686.34 833.33 (146.99)6,936.39 10,000.00 (3,063.61)5.024.99 43.914.26 60.300.00 3.518.12 (1,506.87)(16,385.74)8400-22-1-000 K. Palmer/Travel 0.00 41.67 (41.67)480.88 500.00 (19.12)S. Smith/Professional Exp 8400-25-1-000 256.59 1,083.33 (826.74)9.356.41 13,000.00 (3,643.59)8400-29-1-000 Salaries 15,976.21 19,240.00 (3,263.79)143,785.89 230,880.00 (87,094.11 8400-30-1-000 Pension/Major Medical 1.401.88 1,598.83 (196.95)12,741.29 19,185.96 (6.444.67)S. Smith/Continuing Ed. (125.00)1,500.00 1,500.00 8400-31-1-000 0.00 125.00 0.00 (5,517.68)8400-33-1-000 Payroll Taxes 883.78 1,122.64 (238.86)7.954.00 13,471.68 8400-34-1-000 Housing 2.725.00 3.094.00 (369.00)24.525.00 37,128.00 (12,603.00) 8400-40-1-000 S. Smith/FICA 546.86 583.33 (36.47)4,921.74 7,000.00 (2,078.26)833.33 (805.08) 2.046.16 10.000.00 8400-41-1-000 Builder/Connector Professional Expenses 28.25 (7,953.84)8400-49-1-000 B. Christiansen Professional Expenses 0.00 125.00 (125.00)0.00 1,500.00 (1,500.00)916.67 8400-53-1-000 TPF Bookkeeping Fees 126.25 (790.42)5,022.25 11,000.00 (5,977.75)212,333.62 345,165.64 21.944.82 33.788.79 (8,325.85)(132,832.02)8600-01-1-000 General Assembly 2,333.33 2,333.33 0.00 20,999.97 28,000.00 (7,000.03)8700-01-1-000 **GA Per Capita** 7.068.01 7.068.01 0.00 63,612.09 84,816.10 (21,204.01)8800-01-1-000 1,916.67 (0.00)Synod Mission 1,916.67 17,250.03 23,000.00 (5,749.97)11,318.01 11,318.01 (0.00)101,862.09 135,816.10 (33,954.01)65,489.31 1,399.52 514,474.47 785,871.74 (271,397.27) Total Expenses 66,888.83 (\$18,514.38) (\$16,885.07) (\$ 1,629.31) (\$104,548.69 Net Income 104,548.69) \$ 0.00

# Section F – Exhibit IV



Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedule For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

(With Independent Accountant's Report Thereon)

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Committee on Administration Presbytery of Arkansas Little Rock, Arkansas

We have reviewed the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of Presbytery of Arkansas (the Presbytery), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets - modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting the company uses is an acceptable basis for the preparation of financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the Presbytery and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our reviews.

#### **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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Committee on Administration Presbytery of Arkansas

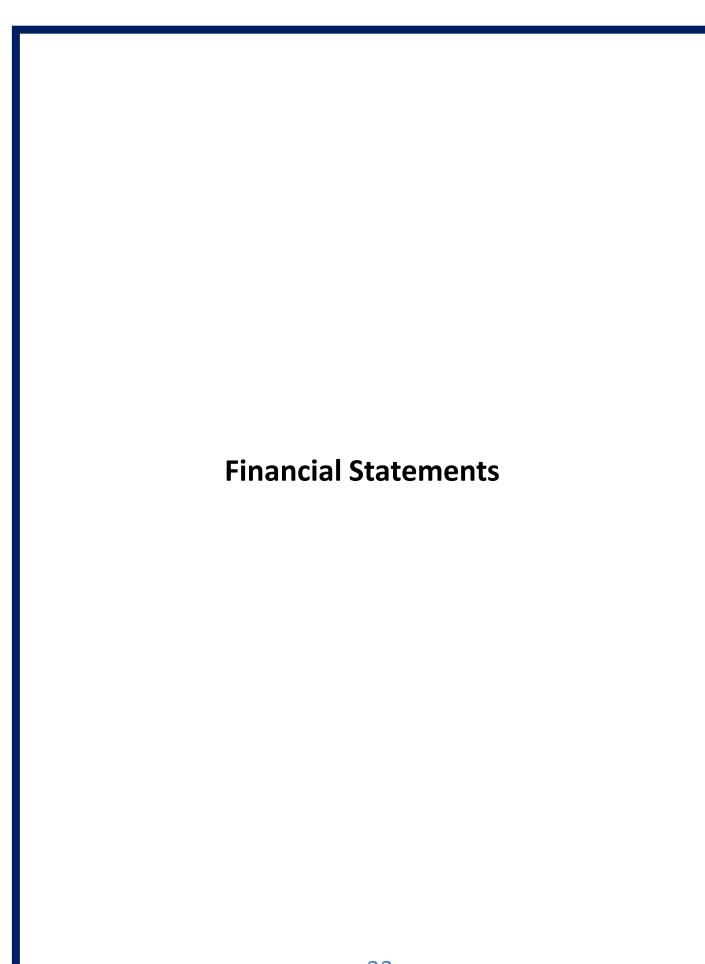
#### **Supplementary Information**

Our review was made primarily for the purpose of expressing a conclusion about whether any material modifications should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. The accompanying Schedule of Designated Revenues and Expenses – Modified Cash Basis is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information

#### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Little Rock, Arkansas July 20, 2022



## Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2021 and 2020

|   | 2021               | 2020              |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS  |                    |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted              | \$ 248,533         | \$ 458,671        |
| Cash and cash equivalents - designated                | 842,762            | 785,639           |
| Investments - unrestricted                            | 3,926,449          | 3,445,009         |
| Investments - designated                              | 2,825,526          | 2,560,118         |
| Notes Receivable                                      | 35,000             | 35,000            |
| Property held for sale<br>Property and equipment, net | 255,000<br>824,437 | 91,686<br>754,143 |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$ 8,957,707       | \$ 8,130,266      |
| NET ASSETS  |                    |                   |
| Without Donor Restrictions                            | \$ 8,683,478       | \$ 7,859,563      |
| With Donor Restrictions                               | <u>274,229</u>     | 270,703           |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS                                      | \$8,957,707        | \$8,130,266       |

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2021

| SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND GAINS             | Without Donor<br>Restrictions | With Donor<br>Restrictions | <u>Total</u> |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Undesignated contributions               | \$ 567,876                    | \$ -                       | \$ 567,876   |  |  |
| Designated contributions                 | 120,360                       | _                          | 120,360      |  |  |
| Donated property                         | 255,000                       | _                          | 255,000      |  |  |
| Miscellaneous income                     | 19,863                        | _                          | 19,863       |  |  |
| Investment return                        | 733,416                       | 3,526                      | 736,942      |  |  |
| <b>Total Support, Revenues and Gains</b> | 1,696,515                     | 3,526                      | 1,700,041    |  |  |
| PROGRAM EXPENSES                         |                               |                            |              |  |  |
| Administration                           | 28,913                        | -                          | 28,913       |  |  |
| Christian education                      | 92,122                        | -                          | 92,122       |  |  |
| Congregational care and development      | 80,727                        | -                          | 80,727       |  |  |
| Designated payments                      | 207,467                       | -                          | 207,467      |  |  |
| General council                          | 2,228                         | -                          | 2,228        |  |  |
| Mission                                  | 165,107                       | -                          | 165,107      |  |  |
| Presbyterian women                       | 2,132                         | -                          | 2,132        |  |  |
| Presbytery office                        | 293,904                       | <u>-</u>                   | 293,904      |  |  |
| Total Expenses                           | <u>872,600</u>                |                            | 872,600      |  |  |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS                   | 823,915                       | 3,526                      | 827,441      |  |  |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR            | 7,859,563                     | 270,703                    | 8,130,266    |  |  |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR                  | \$ 8,683,47 <u>8</u>          | \$ 274,229                 | \$ 8,957,707 |  |  |

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2020

| CURRORE REVENUES CAINS              | With the carry Reserves of the |           |    | n Donor<br>strictions | <b>Total</b> |           |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|----|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| SUPPORT, REVENUES, GAINS            |  |           |    |                       |              |           |  |
| Undesignated contributions          | \$   | 584,677   | \$ | -                     | \$           | 584,677   |  |
| Designated contributions            |  | 253,529   |    | _                     |              | 253,529   |  |
| Donated property                    |  | 497,604   |    | _                     |              | 497,604   |  |
| Miscellaneous income                |  | 79,437    |    | _                     |              | 79,437    |  |
| Investment return                   |  | 836,507   |    | 3,510                 |              | 840,017   |  |
| Total Support, Revenues, Gains      |  | 2,251,754 |    | 3,510                 |              | 2,255,264 |  |
|                                     |  |           |    |                       |              |           |  |
| PROGRAM EXPENSES                    |  |           |    |                       |              |           |  |
| Administration                      |  | 43,430    |    | -                     |              | 43,430    |  |
| Christian education                 |  | 60,500    |    | -                     |              | 60,500    |  |
| Congregational care and development |  | 69,368    |    | -                     |              | 69,368    |  |
| Designated payments                 |  | 132,924   |    | -                     |              | 132,924   |  |
| General council                     |  | 879       |    | -                     |              | 879       |  |
| Ministry                            |  | 172       |    | -                     |              | 172       |  |
| Mission                             |  | 160,925   |    | -                     |              | 160,925   |  |
| Presbyterian women                  |  | 282       |    | -                     |              | 282       |  |
| Presbytery office                   |  | 474,270   | 1  |                       |              | 474,270   |  |
| Total Expenses                      |  | 942,750   |    | <u>-</u>              |              | 942,750   |  |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS              |  | 1,309,004 |    | 3,510                 |              | 1,312,514 |  |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR       |  | 6,550,559 |    | 267,193               |              | 6,817,752 |  |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR             | \$   | 7,859,563 | \$ | 270,703               | \$           | 8,130,266 |  |

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Organization and Operations**

The Presbytery of Arkansas (the Presbytery) exists as a religious entity under the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). As such, their mission is to inspire, challenge and help the congregation, agencies, ministers, and leaders to fulfill the call to service as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

The Presbytery is made up of 76 Presbyterian churches located throughout Arkansas. The membership of the Presbytery includes all Ministers of member churches and ruling elders elected by member congregations. The Committee on Administration oversees the budget, financial operations of the Presbytery and may designate certain assets to be used first as support for certain programs and activities and, if not needed, then for general operations. Principal revenues of the Presbytery are primarily from benevolence received from the member churches. All of the Presbytery's expenditures are for the programs which benefit these churches and members.

#### **Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The financial statements are prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Under this basis, certain revenues and related assets are recognized when cash is received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when they are paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. This basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because these financial statements do not include promises to give from church members or amounts due to vendors and employees for goods and services received prior to year-end for which payment had not been made as of year-end.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Presbytery presents information regarding financial position and activities according to the following two classes of net assets:

<u>Net Assets without Donor Restrictions</u>—Net assets that are not subject to or are no longer subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

<u>Net Assets with Donor Restrictions</u>—Net assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed time and/ or purpose restrictions.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposit accounts maintained with financial institutions and cash and highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less held by the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF).

#### **Investments**

The Presbytery's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly fashion between market participants at the measurement date. Investment return includes realized and unrealized gains and losses and interest income received. Investment income and gains restricted by donors are reported as increases in net

purpose restriction is accomplished) during the reporting period in which the income and gains are

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Investments** (Continued)

recognized and are appropriated for expenditure. Otherwise, income and gains are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions.

#### **Notes Receivable**

Notes Receivable consist of unsecured emergency pandemic loans to two churches within the region governed by the Presbytery. Notes remaining at December 31, 2021 and 2020, include one note in the original amount of \$10,000 at zero percent interest dated April 2020 and another note in the original amount of \$25,000 at zero percent interest dated March 2020, both of which are due within 24 months of the date of the note or upon sale of the church property, whichever occurs first.

## **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Major renewals and betterments in excess of \$1,000 are capitalized, while normal repairs and maintenance are expensed in the period incurred. Depreciation of these assets is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, ranging from five to forty years. Property donated and held for sale is not depreciated.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Contributions received are recorded as with donor restrictions or without donor restrictions depending on the existence and nature of the donor-imposed stipulations.

Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is received. All other donor-restricted contributions are recorded as increases in donor restricted net assets. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

#### **Donated Services and In-Kind Contributions**

Donated services are recognized as contributions only if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Presbytery. Although a substantial number of uncompensated volunteers have donated significant amounts of their time to the Presbytery, the value of such donated services has not been recognized as contributions in the financial statements as the recognition criteria was not met.

## **Functional Expenses**

The Presbytery considers all disbursements to be related to its programs and therefore does not allocate disbursements between program, general and administration and fundraising for financial statement presentation.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 and 2020

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Income Taxes**

The Presbytery is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (the Code). The Presbytery has been classified as a publicly supported organization which is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code.

Accounting standards require the Presbytery to evaluate tax positions and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Presbytery has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Presbytery has analyzed the tax positions taken and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require the recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the modified cash basis financial statements. The Presbytery may be subject to audit by the Internal Revenue Service; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In September 2020, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2020-07, *Presentation and Disclosure by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*. The new guidance, which is effective for the Presbytery on January 1, 2022, is intended to improve transparency in the reporting of contributed nonfinancial assets, also known as gifts-in-kind, for not-for-profit organizations. The ASU requires a not-for-profit organization to present contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets — modified cash basis, apart from contributions of cash or other financial assets. It also requires a not-for-profit entity to enhance disclosures about the valuation of those contributions and their use in programs and other activities, including any donor-imposed restrictions on such use. Management of the Presbytery is currently evaluating the effect that implementation of the amendments in this update will have on the financial statements.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At December 31, cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

|  | 2021               | 2020                         |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Demand deposit accounts at financial institutions  Cash and cash equivalents held by TPF | 239,154<br>852,141 | \$ 389,550<br><u>854,760</u> |
|  | \$ 1,091,295       | \$ 1,244,310                 |

# Presbytery of Arkansas Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 and 2020

## NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

#### **Investments**

The Presbytery maintains cash balances in accounts with several financial institutions. The balances in these accounts may exceed applicable insured limits. Management believes that such accounts are maintained with reputable financial institutions and the Presbytery has not experienced any losses in these accounts to date. Cash balances held by TPF are not insured, however, the Presbytery does not believe that it is subject to any unusual risk beyond the normal credit risk associated with other commercial banking relationships. Also, it is the opinion of management that solvency of the TPF is not of particular concern at this time.

The Presbytery invests its funds in the Balanced Pooled Fund administered by the TPF. The TPF manages the assets and maintains separate accounts for each participating entity. The Fund is a balanced fund and assets may be invested in equities, fixed income and cash equivalent securities. Investments are available to be withdrawn upon written notice to TPF and may be restricted to withdrawal on the first business day of the calendar month following ten days written notice.

Investments held at TPF have been valued based on the Presbytery's interest in the pooled funds managed by the TPF, which are evidenced by a unit. The value of a unit is calculated based on the fair value of the underlying assets, adjusted for the effects of such transactions as administrative fees and investment income that has not been reinvested in the underlying assets, as reported by TPF, because there is no ready market for the assets. Valuation based on net asset value used as a practical expedient is permitted and the pooled investments held at TPF are not required to be reported under the investment classification hierarchy.

## NOTE 3: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

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Property and equipment, net consists of the following at December 31:

|   | 2021                   | 2020                   |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Land and Improvements   | \$ 128,571             | \$ 128,571             |
| Buildings and improvements<br>Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 961,516<br>55,652      | 961,516<br>65,652      |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization                  | 1,145,739<br>(321,302) | 1,155,739<br>(401,596) |
|   | 824,437                | \$ 754,143             |

Depreciation expense totaled approximately \$25,000 and \$22,000 during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and is included in Presbytery office expense.

The Presbytery leases office equipment under operating leases. Total rent expense totaled approximately \$6,600 and \$6,700 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 4: RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENT WITH STAFF EMPLOYEES

The full-time employees of the Presbytery participate in the benefit plans of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Contributions are based on percentage of salary and totaled approximately \$7,200 and \$9,500 during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### *NOTE 5: NET ASSETS*

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Net assets with donor restrictions consist of the Irene W. Meredith Trust and the Hispanic Ministry contributions received by the Presbytery. Donor restricted contributions and income earned on these contributions are available to be used for specific program activities. At December 31, net assets with donor restrictions are as follows:

|  | <br>2021                 | <br>2020                 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Irene W. Meredith Trust<br>Hispanic Ministry | \$<br>127,407<br>146,822 | \$<br>123,881<br>146,822 |
|  | <br>274,229              | \$<br>270,703            |

#### NOTE 6: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Presbytery is a guarantor of a loan totaling \$350,000 from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to a church. The loan is secured by a first mortgage on the real estate owned by the church. This guarantee would require the Presbytery to make the required loan payments in the event the church is unable to do so. Upon default, the real estate would revert to the Presbytery, who could sell the property to pay off the outstanding loan balance. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the total outstanding balance was approximately \$92,000 and \$113,000, respectively. The church was current with the required payments at December 31, 2021.

#### NOTE 7: RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

As of the date of the independent accountant's report, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an adverse impact on both domestic and global financial markets. Management is unable to accurately predict how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the results of the Presbytery's operations due to uncertainties

**Presbytery of Arkansas** surrounding the severity of the disease and the duration of the outbreak. However, it is presumed that Presbytery operations will be impacted.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021 and 2020

## NOTE 8: LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Presbytery monitors its liquidity so that it is able to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments while maximizing the investment of its excess operating cash. The Presbytery has unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and investments of approximately \$4,175,000 and \$3,900,000 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, that could readily be made available within one year of the statement of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis to fund expenses without limitations.

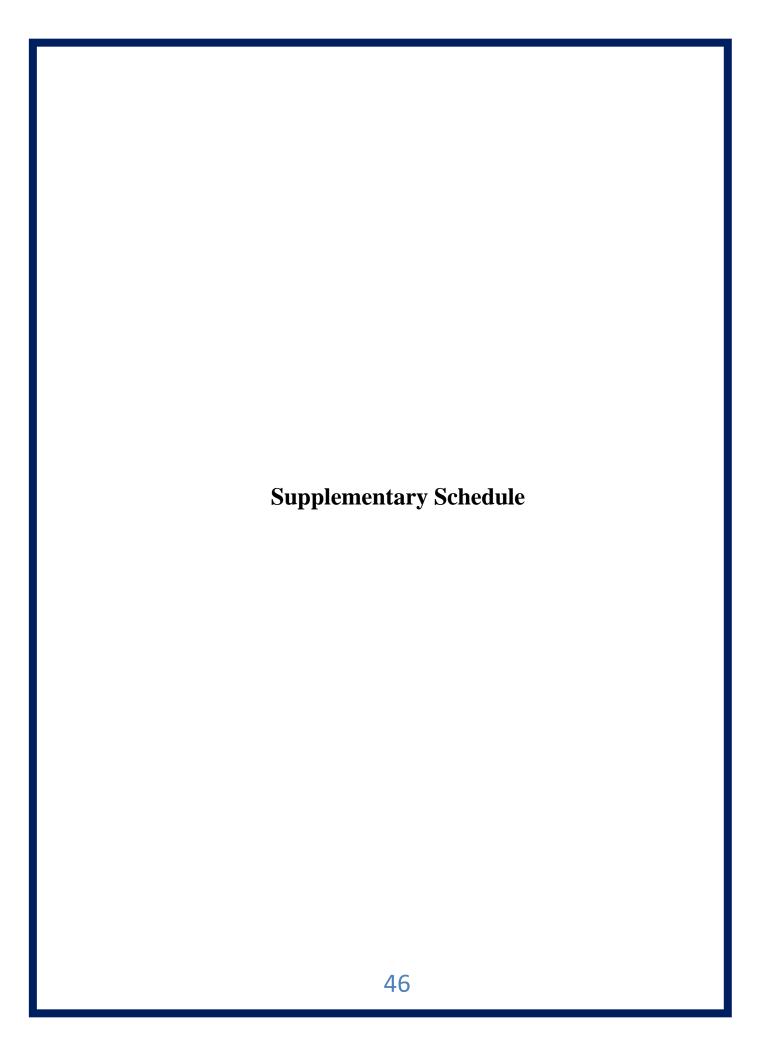
#### NOTE 9: FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES BY NATURAL CLASSIFICATION

The Presbytery's functional expenses by natural classification for program activities are as follows for the years ended December 31:

|                       | 2021 |         | <br>2020      |  |
|-----------------------|------|---------|---------------|--|
|                       |      |         |               |  |
| Committees            | \$   | 3,080   | \$<br>1,308   |  |
| Congregational care   |      | 62,397  | 54,503        |  |
| Education             |      | 99,691  | 63,714        |  |
| Facilities            |      | 1,169   | 184,191       |  |
| Missions              |      | 165,107 | 160,925       |  |
| Other expense         |      | 9,786   | 9,120         |  |
| Other programs        |      | 3,141   | 16,309        |  |
| Pass through gifts    |      | 207,467 | 132,924       |  |
| Salaries and benefits |      | 317,789 | 316,461       |  |
| Travel                |      | 2,973   | 3,295         |  |
|                       |      |         |               |  |
|                       | \$   | 872,600 | \$<br>942,750 |  |

#### NOTE 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Presbytery has evaluated events that occurred after December 31, 2021, but prior to July 20, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



# Schedule of Designated Revenues and Expenses – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2021

| Special Designated                       | <u>R</u> | evenues          | <u>E</u> | xpenses          |
|--|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| One Great Hour<br>Joy Offering           | \$       | 27,504<br>15,552 | \$       | 27,421<br>18,113 |
| Theological Education                    |          | 19,665           |          | 4,092            |
| Witness                                  |          | 5,279            |          | 5,279            |
| Peacemaking                              |          | 5,385            |          | 4,652            |
| Disaster Relief                          |          | 11,928           |          | 1,981            |
| Two Cents a Meal<br>Other                |          | 561<br>178,198   |          | -<br>69,676      |
|  |          | 264,072          |          | 131,214          |
| Other Designated Irene W. Meredith Trust |          | 3,526            |          |                  |
|  | \$       | 267,598          | \$       | 131,214          |

See Independent Auditor's Report

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# Section G

# Report of the Ministries with Youth, Young Adult, and College Ministry

MWS Margaret Alsup Moderator of Committee

Our Youth Advisory Team is busy getting ready for Youth Quake (Oct. 14-16) at Ferncliff. There will be junior high and senior high youth from across the presbytery gathering for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth. The theme Youth Quake this year is *When Did You See Me?* 

We have 17 college aged students signed up for the Montreat College Conference set for January 2-5, 2023. We are excited to be back together and in the mountains of North Carolina. If you have a college student interested in joining us, please reach out!

We are also in the planning process for a College Quake for February 17-19, 2023. We will be at Ferncliff for this gathering. More information will be released as we select the theme, speaker, and plan. If you are a college student or know of one who would be interested in joining the College Quake weekend, please reach out to Maggie (margaret.alsup@lyon.edu).

We have formed a committee to help assist our committee and presbytery with updating policies and procedures that are more inclusive for our members. The goal is to update language on forms, update the existing policies and procedures. It is our hope that we can bring these updates to the presbytery later this year (March or June 2023 meetings).

We are working as a committee to envision what the role of the presbytery leadership role should look like for the youth and young adults of this presbytery. There are things we realize we need from leadership. There are things that we would love to create. We are grateful for the time Brianne has served the presbytery well, but we are ready to begin the process of envisioning what comes next. We will keep you posted as we navigate this process.

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 (margaret.alsup@lyon.edu)

# **Section H**

# 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, David Gill, Carla Taylor. Staff resources are Julie Price and Rev. Stewart Smith

Committee met via Zoom on September 8, 2022.

Julie Tanner Price updated the committee on an upcoming workshop: Presbyterian Evangelism with Jason Tucker on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am through noon. Julie also shared information and excitement regarding On the Road Presbytery Events which brings together church professionals and members for an opportunity to share fellowship and ideas. She announced an Advent Roundtable on Oct. 6 from 1:30pm – 2:30pm.

The committee reviewed and approved the following grant request:

- First Presbyterian Church in McGehee requested \$1,500.00 for their Backpack Program / Committee approved \$1,500.00 from United Mission Emphasis.
- First Presbyterian Church in Dardanelle requested \$1,200.00 for their Food Pantry / Committee approved \$1,200.00 from United Mission Emphasis.

Committee approved First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville to receive the October Presbytery offering.

Committee received reports from Sub-Committees; Presbyterian Women, Presbytery Disaster Preparedness, Solar Under the Sun, and Ferncliff. Praise was offered for the work being done through these subcommittees.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shaw Moderator of Mission of the Church Committee

# **Section I**

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

## MWS David Clark Moderator

#### **For Information:**

Carla Taylor has completed the requirements of the CRE program and is ready to receive a commission.

The Committee has completed all but one of its annual consultation and will complete the final consultation in November.

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# SAVE THE DATE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S

DAY OF MISSION GATHERING

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center







# Plan to Celebrate EARTH DAY with PW







They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

Psalm 1:3

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40



# 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 <u>A</u>dministrative <u>C</u>ommission 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 **C**ommittee **o**n **M**inistry 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 of the criteria for validating ministries of non-parish clergy, and oversees Commissioned Ruling Elders serving congregations.
- *CPM* The <u>Committee on <u>P</u>reparation for <u>M</u>inistry 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.</u>
- *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 <u>Coordinating Team</u> 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 **G**eneral **A**ssembly 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* <u>H</u>onorably <u>R</u>etired 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 Word and Sacrament.
- *MIF-* A <u>Ministry Information Form is the standardized format for advertising certain church professional positions through the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection.</u>
- **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.
- *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* <u>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.</u>
- **PMA-** The <u>Presbyterian Mission Agency is part of the larger PC(USA) and is located at national church headquarters in Louisville, KY.</u>
- **PNC-** Pastor Nominating Committee is a search committee elected by a congregation to seek, interview, and recommend a new pastor.
- **RE/Ruling Elder-** Ruling Elder 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** 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-** <u>T</u>exas <u>P</u>resbyterian <u>F</u>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 for Commissioners on Procedure and Parliamentary Practice

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. <u>Parliamentary gamesmanship is never appropriate</u>. 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 ministry area or a committee already has a second because it is the majority vote of the committee.

Ordinarily, only commissioners may speak and vote on motions (Minister of Word and Sacrament members of the Presbytery; Ruling Elders elected by their Session; Ruling Elders elected as General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Assistant Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Moderator, or Moderator-in-Waiting (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 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. 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. 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 ministry area or 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.