

152nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 2023 Lyon College Batesville, Arkansas



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February 16, 2023

Dear Fellow Arkansas Presbyterians,

We are about two weeks away from our first Presbytery meeting of 2023. We will come together at **Lyon College** on **Friday evening, March 3** and gather in the historic **Brown Chapel**. Lyon College celebrated its 150th anniversary last fall and we continue our strong relationship with the college as we return to campus for the first time since the pandemic.

<u>Click here</u> to register for the meeting. On-site registration will begin at **5:30 pm in the Bevens Music Room** adjacent to Brown Chapel and the meeting will begin at **6:30 pm**. For those who cannot attend the Friday evening session, the meeting and worship will be live streamed. During worship we will install Mike Szabo, ruling elder from First Presbyterian Church of Searcy as our new moderator. Outgoing moderator, Rev. Susan Arnold will preach the sermon and pass the gavel to Mike. We will not vote on any business on Friday evening since our electronic participation via Zoom will only be available on Saturday. The offering collected during this presbytery meeting will benefit the Presbytery of Arkansas scholarship fund at Lyon College and you can give by clicking here.

On Saturday morning, the meeting will move to **Edwards Commons** with registration opening at 8:00 am and the meeting starting at 8:30 am. This meeting will be available for participants on Zoom. We will install Rev. Dr. Emmett Powers as our Vice-Moderator for 2023. Our theological discussion time will be allocated to discussion and voting on the 33 amendments that were proposed by the 225th General Assembly meeting last year. Here are some details about the meeting that you will need.

Meals: Friday evening and Saturday morning are on your own. A lunch will be provided on Saturday in Edwards Commons for **\$10.00** and a vegetarian option will be available.

Lodging: There are several hotels available in Batesville. Please check the travel website of your choice to make your reservation. More expensive options include the Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn and Suites and Comfort Inn and Suites. Less expensive options include the Ramada Inn and the Super 8.

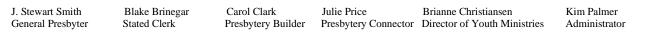
Childcare: Please call the Presbytery office 501-663-2424 to make childcare reservations and the options available for your child/ren.

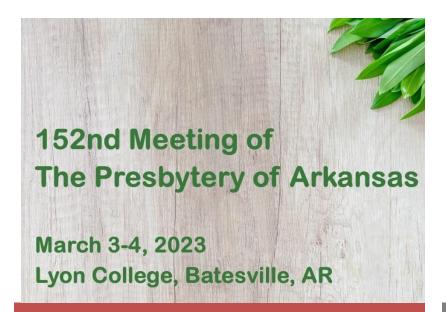
Reception: There will be a reception following the meeting in the Bevens Music Room which is adjacent to Brown Chapel and where presbyters will have registered prior to the meeting.

Display Tables: Display tables will be available on Saturday at Edwards Commons. Space will be needed in Bevens for the reception and displays won't have to be moved across campus for Saturday. Tables will be set up on Friday in Edwards Commons for those who want to have their tables ready for Saturday morning.

Meeting Packet: Look for the Presbytery packet to be posted on the website <u>presbyark.org</u> on the <u>Meetings</u> page on Friday, February 24. There will be an addendum packet posted the week of the meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you in Batesville!!!

Stewart





Next Meetings

153rd Stated Meeting Zoom Technology June 3, 2023

154th Stated Meeting First Presbyterian Church Jonesboro October 6-7, 2023

Meeting Schedule

Friday, March 3

5:30 pm	Registration Bevens Music Room
6:30 pm	Gavel for the Start of the Meeting
6:45 pm	Report of the General Presbyter
7:00 pm	Worship with Sacrament of Lord's Supper,
	Installation of RE Mike Szabo, and
	MWS Susan Arnold Preaching
8:15 pm	Reception in Bevens Music Room

Saturday, March 4

8:00 am	Late Registration & Display Tables in	
	Edwards Commons	
8:30 am	Reconvene for the Business of the Presbytery	
11:55 am	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Business of the Presbytery	
3:00 pm	Benediction and Adjournment	

Presbytery Leadership

Moderator RE Mike Szabo Vice-Moderator MWS Emmett Powers Moderator of CT MWS Susan Arnold 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 to be appointed Moderator of CPM MWS Elizabeth Brinegar Moderator of Subcommittee on Disaster Preparedness and Response RE Doug Forsman Moderator of Future of the Church RE Cindy Lanphear Co-Moderators of the Subcommittee on Honduran Ministry RE Leigh Woodruff & MWS Phil Butin Moderator of Mission of the Church CRE Peg Falls-Corbitt Moderator of Nominations to be appointed 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



152nd Stated Meeting

Docket

Friday, March 3, 2023

6:30 pm	Call to Order/Opening Gavel Lighting of the Christ Candle Opening Prayer	Moderator MWS Susan Arnold
	Welcome to all in AttendanceGeneIntroduction of Presbytery Staff	ral Presbyter - MWS Stewart Smith
	Explanation of Electronic Participation Appointment of Tellers Welcome from Lyon College	Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar Moderator – MWS Susan Arnold
6:45 pm	Report of the General Presbyter	
7:00 pm	Opening Worship –with Celebration of the installation of the Moderator with Offering Scholarship Fund at Lyon College	11

8:15 pm Reception in the Bevens Music Room



152nd Stated Meeting

Docket

Saturday, March 4, 2023

8:00 am	Late Registration and Display Tables in Edwards Common		
8:30 am	Meeting reconvenes with the Business of the Presbytery		
	Consent Agenda	MWS Blake Brinegar	
	Report of the Stated Clerk	MWS Blake Brinegar	
8:40 am	Opening Worship with Installation of the Vice Moderator		
9:10 am	Report of the Committee on Ministry	MWS Stewart Smith	
10:00 am	Presentations		
	Ferncliff		
	Wellspring		
10:30 am	Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry	MWS Elizabeth Brinegar	
11:00 am	Report of the Committee on Administration/Treasurer	RE Carolyn Willis	
11:20 am	Report of the Future of the Church		
11:30 am	Report of the Mission of the Church	CRE Peg Falls-Corbitt	
11:45 am	Short Announcements		
11:55 am	Lunch		
1:00 pm	Business of the Presbytery Continues		
	Report of Polity Committee		
	Discuss Amendments CC, E, I, O, P, Q, U Any amendments pulled from the Conser	nt Agenda	
3:00 pm	Benediction and Adjournment		

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 151st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, October 28-29th 2022 held in-person and through Zoom technology, with worship led by the Reverend Rebecca Spooner and music provided by Calvin Street.

3. Motion to enroll corresponding members with voice but not vote.

4. Motion to grant privilege of the floor (voice) to those persons registered, but without vote.

5. Motion for the technology of "Zoom" to count votes for those joining the meeting electronically.

6. Motion for the Stated Clerk to record those absent and those present and include those names and numbers in the minutes, serving as what the Presbytery of Arkansas has historically termed the "Leaves of Absence Committee."

7. Motion to receive the minutes as the report of the Administrative Commission to Commission MWS Susan Arnold as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Springdale AR, on November 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm, and to dismiss them with thanks.

8. Motion to receive the minutes as the report of the Administrative Commission to install MWS Yvonne Thurmond as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Yellville, AR on January 15, 2023 at 3:00 pm, and to dismiss them with thanks.

9. To grant permission for First Presbyterian Church of Wynne, AR to sell their manse.

10. To approve the contract between First Presbyterian Church, Searcy and the Searcy Methodists (UMC) to allow the Methodists to use worship space.

11. The following amendments be answered with a yes vote. *Note: Any of these proposed amendments may be removed from the Consent Agenda for their consideration at the time of the discussion on the proposed amendments to the Book of Order, Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

a. 22-A	g. 22-H	m. 22-R	s. 22-Y	y. 22-FF
b. 22-B	h. 22-J	n. 22-S	t. 22-Z	z. 22-GG
c. 22-C	i. 22-K	o. 22-T	u. 22-AA	
d. 22-D	j. 22-L	p. 22-V	v. 22-BB	
e. 22-F	k. 22-M	q. 22-W	w. 22-DD	
f. 22-G	l. 22-N	r. 22-X	x. 22-EE	

Section B Report of the Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar

For Information

- 1. Statistical Reports have been submitted to the General assembly, along with the presbytery's required reports.
- 2. Worked with churches on the questions about the Statistical Reports.
- 3. Presented a webinar on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. Click <u>here</u> to view the webinar.
- 4. Information regarding the review of minutes will be coming out soon.
- 5. Still need Compensation forms for our Ministers, and also don't forget to also notify the Board of Pensions about changes to the Terms of Call of Ministers.

Section C

Report of the Committee on Ministry

MWS Stewart Smith Acting Moderator

For Action

1. Motion to approve and enroll Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde as a Temporary Member of the Presbytery of Arkansas:

Rev. Randy Hyde, serving in a temporary pastoral relationship at Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock. Rev. Hyde is a member in good standing of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and served previously in a temporary pastoral relationship at Second Presbyterian Church as a transitional Associate Pastor. Randy has passed all of the requirements of the Presbytery of Arkansas and the Committee on Ministry for temporary membership in our presbytery.

2. Motion to grant honorable retirement to MWS Paul Fulks effective November 1, 2022.

Necrology

The Presbytery is asked to observe a moment of silence to reflect on the life and ministry of MWS Robert (Bob) Hyatt, 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. A copy of his obituary may be found in Section F Exhibit I.

For Information

1. The Committee on Ministry approved the following temporary pastoral relationships:

MWS John Arnold and First Presbyterian Church of Rogers, to serve in a ³/₄ time Transitional Pastor position, effective November 8, 2022, through October 31, 2023, at which time it may be renewed, if necessary, with the concurrence of session, Transitional Pastor, and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. The following are the terms of call for the ³/₄ time position:

position.		
Salary	\$25,036	
Housing	\$19,500	
Total Effective Salary	\$44,536	
Pension/Medical Benefits	\$5,344	
Dental Benefit	\$1,635	
Total Package	\$51,515	
Vacation – Four (4) weeks (no more than 2 weeks in a six-month period)		
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		

MWS Elizabeth Brinegar and the First Presbyterian Church of Batesville, to serve in a Transitional Pastor position effective January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2023, at which time it may be renewed, if necessary, with the concurrence of session, Interim Pastor, and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. The following are the terms of call:

Salary	\$43,000
Housing	\$12,000
Total Effective Salary	\$55,000
Pension and Medical Benefits	\$21,450
Medical Reimbursement	\$ 2,000
FICA	\$ 4,207.50
Continuing Education	\$ 1,300
Professional Allowance	\$ 2,500
Automobile Allowance @IR	\$ 1,000
Cell Phone	\$ 1,200
Total	\$88,657.50
Vacation A wooks including Su	adave

Vacation – 4 weeks, including Sundays

Continuing Education -2 weeks, including Sundays Service to the Larger Church -1 week, including Sunday

Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) to serve as Transitional Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, effective January 30,2023. The covenant between the session and the Transitional Pastor is open ended, to be effective until such time as the church calls a permanent pastor or barring circumstances such as health that might prevent the Transitional Pastor from serving in this capacity. It is agreed that the Covenant may be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice by the session or the Transitional Pastor. The following are terms of call:

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Salary	\$108,650.00
Housing Allowance	\$ 6,850.00
Payment to 403(B) Plan	\$ 12,000.00
Medicare, Supplemental Insurance	\$ 8,000.00
Reimbursable Expenses:	
Car Allowance	
(mileage reimbursed at IRS business rate)	\$ 4,000.00
Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 1,500.00
Professional Expense Allowance	
(cell phone, business meals, books, gifts, etc.)	\$ 3,000.00
Community Involvement (Rotary) Allowance	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$145,500.00
Four Weeks' Vacation	
Two Weeks' Continuing Education	

MWS Susan Gray to serve in a part-time temporary position at Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville (approximately 15 hours per week) effective January 1, 2023 through December 21, 2023. It is agreed that the Covenant may be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice by the session or the Transitional Pastor. The following are terms of call:

Salary	\$ 100.00	
Housing Allowance	\$6,800.00	
Total	\$6,900.00	

2. The Committee on Ministry renewed the following temporary pastoral relationship covenants:

CRE David Clark and First Presbyterian Church of Heber Springs for a period of twelve months, effective January 1, 2023 and through December 31, 2023 with the following compensation:

Salary	\$21,054.00
Housing Allowance	\$21,054.00
Total	\$42,108.00

CRE Susie Wright and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs, for a period of twelve months, effective January 1, 2023 and through December 31, 2023 with the following compensation:

The hourly rate for this part-time position shall be \$26.34 per hour from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Average workload is estimated to be 10 hours per week, except during the months of March, July and November 2023 when the estimate is 20 hours per week, to cover for Pastor Chip Hatcher during his sabbatical. Employment of Mrs. Wright to conduct any worship services and/or deliver sermons shall also be paid at the standard Presbytery rate of \$150 per event.

CRE Allan Huddleston, and Vaughn Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, for a period of 12 months, effective January 1, 2023, with the following compensation:

Salary	\$341.67 per Sunday =	\$12,300.00
	\$ 50.00 per Session M	eeting= \$600.00
Continu	ing Education	\$1,000.00
Professi	onal Expenses	\$1,600.00
	Total	\$15,500.00
Vacation	n 2 weeks per yea	r

MWS Dan Wooley and First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville for a period of twelve months, effective January 31, 2023 and through January 31, 2024 with the following compensation:

Salary	\$1.00
Housing Allowance	\$20,999.00
Professional Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
Supplemental Life Insurance	\$4,311.00
Medical Insurance	\$11,500.00
Death and Disability	\$2,100.00
Total	\$42,911.00
Vacation 4 weeks	
Continuing Education 2 weeks	

3. The Committee on Ministry granted Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, First Presbyterian Beebe, First Presbyterian McGehee, First Presbyterian Pine Bluff, Central Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff and First Presbyterian Newport, permission to be excused from complying with the norm of Ruling Elders serving beyond their term limits, as requested by the sessions of these congregations.

4. The Committee on Ministry approved former CRE and current RE Ronnie Prevost to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista when he leads worship for them on August 6, 2023.

5. The Committee on Ministry approved the request from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs to allow CRE Susie Wright to moderate the March 20 stated session meeting while moderator MWS Chip Hatcher is on sabbatical leave.

6. The Committee on Ministry approved Dr. Mitzi Minor (Cumberland Presbyterian Church) of Memphis Theological Seminary to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on November 13 and December 4 and to moderate a congregational meeting on Nov. 13.

7. Recommend that the Coordinating Team approve the following Administrative Commission members, and their assigned duties, to install MWS Yvonne Thurmond as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Yellville on Sunday afternoon, January 15, 2023, at 3:00 pm, with the offering recipient designated as Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center:

MWS Susan Arnold to Moderate and Propound the Constitutional Questions MWS Stewart Smith to Preach MWS David Gill to Charge the Pastor MWS Dick Shinkle to Charge the Congregation RE Stacy Shinkle of First Presbyterian Church of Harrison RE Tim Kelly of First Presbyterian Church of Yellville RE Meg Simons of Bull Shoals Presbyterian Church

8. Approve RE Bruce Schlegel, former CRE at Cane Hill Presbyterian Church, to celebrate the Lord's Supper at Cane Hill Presbyterian Church and to moderate their congregational meeting on Sunday, December 4, 2022.

Section C – Exhibit I Necrology

In Memoriam – Rev. Bob Hyatt October 17, 1931 – February 12, 2023

Robert Lee Hyatt (Bob), 91, honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, died Sunday, February 12, 2023 in Fort Smith.

He was born October 17, 1931, in Monticello, Ark. He was a 1949 graduate of Hope High School. Bob attended Arkansas College and graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, in 1953. He earned his M.A. in Education in 1956 at the University of Arkansas. In 1957 he graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. That same year he began his career as a Presbyterian minister with his first church in Augusta, Ark., commencing his 60 plus years of service as a pastor in Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, and Louisiana.

Bob married Patricia Susan Bass of North Little Rock, Ark., in December of 1962. He and Pat were married for 47 years. Wherever they lived, they enjoyed meeting new people and immersing themselves into the different cultures, from the dry plains of western Texas to the swamps of southern Louisiana. With maybe a glass of wine in hand, they loved to relax on their back porch in the evening and talk about the day's events.

Bob was an avid nature lover, birdwatcher, Razorback fan, and loved classical music, especially the organ. He was a champion of the underdog both in sports and life in general. He enjoyed vacationing at the gulf coast with his family and friends. He admired the power and awe of a West Texas thunderstorm, as well as the gentle rains of the Smoky Mountains. He thought education was of utmost importance, and he was a model for humility and gentleness.

He is preceded in death by his wife Pat, brother Dr. Ben Hyatt from Perryville, Ark., and sister Effie Frazier from Hope, Ark.

He is survived by brother Charles Hyatt of Tupelo, Miss. (wife Joy), son Martin Hyatt of Fort Smith, Ark., (wife Jacinda), son Tommy Hyatt of Rowlett, Texas (wife Melissa), and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Feb.18, at Central Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith. Memorials can be made to Central Presbyterian Church, 2901 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Section D

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

MWS Elizabeth Brinegar Moderator

For Action:

1. We request that the presbytery allow us to remove David Mills from the inquirer rolls at this time.

2. We request that the presbytery adopt the following resolution:

"As the Presbytery of Arkansas, we acknowledge that it is our responsibility to provide pastoral care and support for all inquirers and candidates under our care. We stand with Jesus Christ beside those who have been and are oppressed, marginalized, and traumatized. We therefore call on the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates (PCC) to refrain from using texts of terror (those which dehumanize, justify violence, perpetuate oppression, and which have been weaponized against God's children) in future exams."

Rationale for Resolution from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry can be found in Section I, Exhibit I.

For Information:

At our meeting on February 18, 2023:

1. We voted HR Susan Grey as Vice-Moderator and RE Kim Danehower as Secretary.

2. We formed a subcommittee to review and grade Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) final exams. This subcommittee is made up of RE Ronnie Provost, MWS Katie Cummings, and MWS Matt Bussell.

3. RE Kim Danehower (Graham Memorial, Forrest City), having successfully completed all requirements, is allowed to sit for the CRE examination.

4. RE Mary Jane Fischer (First, Jacksonville), having successfully completed all requirements, is allowed to sit for the CRE examination.

5. RE Janet Benson (Graham Memorial, Forrest City) has been accepted into the CRE program through the Presbytery of Arkansas.

6. The current CRE program requires a report on the book, *Healthy Congregations, A Systems Approach,* by Stephen L. Steinke. It was requested that the committee consider different options from the book as it can be argued how we view a healthy congregation has changed since the COVID pandemic. The committee agreed to take the request under consideration and bring back different options to the next meeting.

Section D – Exhibit I

Rationale for Resolution from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Warning: This report contains references to sexual assault, violence and abuse, and could be triggering for survivors and their loved ones.

The Ordination Process

The PC(USA) takes ordination of ministers of Word and Sacrament very seriously and therefore has an established process to ensure that aspiring ministers are prepared for their calling. The process requires at least two years and has two phases: inquiry and candidacy. This process involves mutual discernment between the individual pursuing ordination and the presbytery acting through the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. According to G-2.0607, "A candidate may not enter into negotiation for his or her service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament without approval of the presbytery of care." Evidence for readiness to begin ministry of Word and Sacrament includes: graduation from college or university, graduation from an accredited theological institution with coursework done in Greek and Hebrew, and "examination materials, together with evaluations that declare those materials satisfactory in the areas covered by any standard ordination examination approved by the General Assembly. Such examinations shall be prepared and administered by a body created by the presbyteries" (G-2.0607d).

The Ordination Exams

There are five ordination exams: Bible Content, Biblical Exegesis, Theological Competence, Worship and Sacraments, and Church Polity. The Biblical Exegesis, Theological Competence, Worship and Sacraments, and Church Polity exams may be taken only with the permission of the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. These exams are designed to be taken near the end of a candidate's preparation as an assessment of readiness to begin ministry and are offered three times a year.

The ordination exams are written by the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examination for Candidates (PCC). The PCC meets annually and has twenty-four members. Twelve members of the Committee are elected (on a rotating basis) from among readers in six regional groupings of presbyteries. The other twelve members are elected by the General Assembly. Committee members serve a four-year term. The PCC has a three-year process of developing the specific questions and the evaluation resources prepared for the readers.

January 2023 Exegesis Exam

The Biblical Exegesis exam in January 2023 dealt with a passage from Judges 19 entitled "The Levite's Concubine." In this story, a man offers his daughter to angry mob to be raped by them to appease their anger. After a night of horror, the woman is unconscious and is taken away to be brutally murdered and dismembered.

When it became known that Judges 19 was the text for the Biblical Exegesis exam there was widespread condemnation on social media. It is a text of terror which dehumanizes women and justifies violence, particularly sexual violence, against them. For those who have experienced sexual assault,

violence, or abuse, this text would re-traumatize survivors. According to the Center for Disease Control, "Over half of women and almost 1 in 3 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetimes. One in 4 women and about 1 in 26 men have experienced completed or attempted rape."

We recognize that the Bible has many texts of terror which are necessary for Ministers of Word and Sacrament to wrestle with in their ministry. However, unlike in ordination exams which are done alone, ministry is by its very nature communal. It is our hope that candidates and inquirers are equipped with the necessary tools to properly exegete Biblical passages and that they develop communities which support them and wrestle with these texts with them. Addressing texts of terror is important in ministry, but it is not necessary for inquirers and candidates to be examined on these passages as part of the ordination process.

Do No Harm

The resolution from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry acknowledges our responsibility not only as a committee but also as the entire presbytery to care for those enrolled as inquirers and candidates and calls for the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates (PCC) to refrain from using texts of terror in future exams. In short, we are asking the PCC to do no harm to the exam takers. This resolution is an attempt to learn from the experience of the January 2023 exegesis exam as we look forward to how we can support inquirers and candidates as they navigate the ordination process.

Additional Resources

Center for Disease Control "Preventing Sexual Violence": https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/fastfact.html

Sample Social Media post raising objection to Exegesis Exam: <u>https://tracismith.com/on-the-pcusas-irresponsible-choice-to-use-a-text-of-terror-for-the-winter-2023-exegesis-exam/</u>

Online petition objecting to Exegesis Exam: <u>https://www.change.org/p/presbyterian-ordination-exams-must-not-cause-harm?recruiter=1294098577&recruited_by_id=4243b3f0-a339-11ed-87ec-e5eda4a46112&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=share_for_starters_page&utm_medium=copylink&utm_content=cl_sharecopy_35504698_en-US%3A9</u>

PCC Response Statement: <u>https://d3htmdvqo5vzzb.cloudfront.net/wp-</u>content/uploads/2023/02/Exegesis-Exam-Response.pdf

Article from Presbyterian News Service: <u>https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/a-difficult-bible-passage-sparks-widespread-social-media-reaction-over-the-choice-for-the-exegesis-ordination-exam/</u>

Article from Presbyterian Outlook: <u>https://pres-outlook.org/2023/02/pcusa-administrators-respond-to-public-outcry-after-text-of-terror-is-selected-for-hebrew-exegesis-exam/</u>

Section E Report of the Treasurer Calendar Year 2022 RE Tom Verdery

For Information

- 1. The Presbytery of Arkansas calendar year 2022 income came in slightly above budget due to our Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) investment income (spend rate) ahead of projections based upon a 36-month rolling average (+\$16,732). Expenses for 2022 were below budget, mainly due to gaps in two staff positions during the year (Stated Clerk and reduced responsibilities in the Youth & Young Adult position) and reduced spending with several committees/ministries based upon concerns over Covid in the first half of the year (+73,817). We continue to be grateful for all Church Benevolence contributions to the Presbytery of Arkansas.
- 2. 2022 was a challenging year in the financial markets, including Texas Presbyterian Foundation performance in their Balanced Pooled Funds down 17.5%. Fortunately, your Presbytery of Arkansas is in a strong cash flow position with significant funds in money market and checking accounts, eliminating the need to take significant withdrawals from the Balanced Pooled funds invested in stocks and fixed income this year.
- 3. We completed our 2021 Independent Financial Review from Benchmarks Accounting Firm. The accounting firm's review came back with a solid review showing no discrepancies or recommendations for modification of any of our financial statements.
- 4. Your Committee on Administration will be bringing their proposed 2023 financial budget for your review and approval. Documents related to the budget are located in the addendum packet.
- 5. Our continued focus for 2023 and beyond will be creating programs and support to help all churches as they move back to normal activities post pandemic.

Section E – Exhibit I **THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS** Balance Sheet December 31, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets Cash TPF - undesignated TPF Investment Cash - designated TPF Investments N/R Ministers N/R Churches TPF Mark to Market 52190 Total Current Assets	205,114.36 713,824.40 4,814,817.41 11,000.04 25,000.00 661,725.03		6,431,481.24
Property and Equipment Furniture & Fixtures Land Buildings	55,651.89 128,571.00 1,216,516.12 1,400,739.01		
Accumulated Depreciation	(442,655.55)		7 200 5 (4 7 0
Net Property and Equipment			7,389,564.70
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ =	7,389,564.70
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The Presbytery of Arkansas Benevolence as of December 31, 2022

Section E Exhibit II

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LOCATION	2019 Benevolence	2020 Benevolence	2021 Benevolence	2022 Benevolence		
	Denevolence	Denevolence	Bellevolence	Dellevolerice		
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	1,110.00		
Atkins	-	-	-	-		
Batesville	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Beebe	900.00	600.00	1,200.00	900.00		
Bella Vista	30,000.00	24,999.96	20,000.00	20,000.44		
Benton	9,600.00	8,600.00	8,600.00	9,000.00		
Bentonville, First	29,500.00	32,000.00	33,500.00	32,000.00		
Bentonville, Vaughn	23,300.00		33,300.00	52,000.00		
Brinkley	-	2,000.00	-	-		
Bull Shoals	-		50.00	- 116.74		
Cane Hill	-		50.00	110.74		
Clarksville, First	_	_	-	_		
Clarksville, Harmony	-		-	_		
Conway	8,125.00	7,700.00	7,500.00	7,500.00		
Dardanelle	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,500.00	3,500.00		
Elkins	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Eureka Springs	3,000.00	2,550.00	2,750.00	2,250.00		
Fairfield Bay	700.00	350.00	350.00	350.00		
Fayetteville, First United	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00		
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	8,250.00		
Ft. Smith, Central	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00		
Ft. Smith, First	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Greenwood	2,000.00	-	-	1,000.00		
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	6,200.00		
Holly Grove	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Horseshoe Bend	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,290.00	2,300.00		
HSV, Kirk	27,270.00	27,270.00	27,270.00	27,270.00		
H. Springs, First	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,013.00	20,000.00		
H. Springs, Westminster	8,013.04	10,012.04	8,012.04	8,012.04		
Huntsville	2,400.00	2,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00		
Jacksonville	2,655.00	2,800.00	3,250.00	3,000.00		
Jonesboro	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Lincoln	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
LR, Allison	657.05	-	-	-		
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LOCATION	2019 Benevolence	2020 Benevolence	2021 Benevolence	2022 Benevolence
	Dellevoletice	Denevolence	Denevolence	
LR, First LR, Grace	- 5,625.00	- 7,900.00	- 7,900.00	7,900.00
LR, Pulaski Heights	3,228.00	3,636.00	3,636.00	3,618.00
Little Rock, Second	200,000.00		200,000.00	200,000.00
LR, Trinity		200,000.00	8,000.00	8,666.67
LR, Westminster	7,333.33 300.00	8,000.00 400.00	400.00	400.00
				2,500.00
LR, Westover Hills	10,500.00	10,500.00	7,500.00	5,241.60
Malvern	5,241.72	5,241.71	5,241.72	5,241.00
Marianna	-	-	-	
McGehee	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00
Mena	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Morrilton, First	-	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,100.00
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	2,700.00
Norman	-	2,000.00	-	-
NLR, First	-	-	-	-
NLR, Park Hill	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	13,000.00
Paragould, First	-	-	-	-
Pea Ridge	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Pine Bluff, Central	-	-	-	115.80
Pine Bluff, Faith	500.00	-	-	-
Pine Bluff, First	4,999.92	4,999.92	4,583.26	6,996.00
Prairie Grove	7,700.00	7,150.00	6,960.00	4,730.00
Rogers	7,000.00	6,999.96	6,999.96	7,000.01
Russellville	-	-	-	-
Searcy	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
Springdale	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Van Buren	4,000.00	-	-	-
Walnut Ridge	-	6,400.00	-	-
Wynne	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	9,999.96
Yellville	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
- Total*	588,601.33	589,342.59	566,495.98	556,047.26

*The 2022 total includes \$6,157.33 for benevolence paid in 2023 for 2022. This amount will be on the 2023 Income Statement.

	Section	E – Exhibit II	I				
	THE PRESBY	TERY OF AR	KANSAS				
	Operating Income Statement For	the Twelve Months Endir	g December 31, 3	2022		1	
		Current Month Actua		Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actual		Over/(Under) Budget
6000-01	Mission Acceptance	\$ 278,931.82	•	48,931.82	\$ 549,889.93	560,000.00	(10,110.07)
Misc. (Acct. 6015)	Investment Spend Rate	20,784.18	17,083.33	3,700.85	234,177.07	205,000.00	29,177.07
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	1,675.00	1,325.00	350.00	15,916.38	15,900.00	16.38
6046-00-2-000	Prior Year Reserves	0.00	195.91	(195.91)	0.00	2,350.88	(2,350.88)
	Total Revenues	301,391.00	248,604.24	52,786.76	802,604.24	785,871.74	16,732.50
Expenses							
7000-01-1-000	Coordinating TeamMeeting Exp, Meals, Worship	1,467.18	100.00	1,367.18	2,641.08	1,200.00	1,441.08
7000-06-1-000	Coordinating TeamGifts	0.00		(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)	0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
7000-20-1-000	Coordinating TeamPresbytery Workshop/Speaker	150.00		116.67	150.00	400.00	(250.00)
7000-31-1-000	Coordinating TeamBackground Checks	0.00		(25.00)	32.50	300.00	(267.50)
		1,617.18	291.67	1,325.51	2,823.58	3,500.00	(676.42)
7100-01-1-000	AdministrationMeeting Expense, Financial Review	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	6,995.70	6,000.00	995.70
7100-04-1-000	AdministrationDebt Reduction Contingency (e.g. land appraisal)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7100-05-1-000	AdministrationFerncliff General Site Support	14,000.00	2,333.33	11,666.67	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00
7500-06-1-000	Black CaucusAl Branch	0.00		(64.33)	0.00	772.00	(772.00)
7500-21-1-000	West End Operation Support	3,375.00		2,250.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	0.00
7500-53-1-000	Laotian Ministry support	900.00		600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
7500-98-1-000	Faith Presbyterian Operation Support	1,782.00	594.00	1,188.00	7,128.00	7,128.00	0.00
		20,057.00	4,916.66	15,140.34	59,223.70	59,000.00	223.70
7200-01-1-000	Min. of the ChurchCmte on 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 ChurchCmte on Prep. for MinistryConEdEmergency Fund, Etc.	0.00		(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
7700-01-1-000	Committee on Ministrytravel,food,meeting support	1,641.10		1,474.43	7,873.60	2,000.00	5,873.60
8000-01-1-000	Min. of the ChurchCmte on Prep. for MinistryMeeting Expenses, etc.	0.00		(42.08)	0.00	505.00	(505.00)
8000-09-1-000	Min. of the ChurchCmte on Prep. for MinistryEval, Retreat, Support, Bkg Checks	0.00		(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
8400-08-1-000	Min. of the ChurchWellspring Contract	0.00		(687.08)	8,245.00	8,245.00	0.00
		1,641.10	1,187.08	454.02	16,118.60	14,245.00	1,873.60
7300-29-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsCampus Ministry/Program Support	2,356.66	2,500.00	(143.34)	28,279.92	30,000.00	(1,720.08)
7300-71-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATPlanning Retreats & Materials	0.00	,	(83.33)	179.88	1,000.00	(820.12)
7300-73-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT Scholarships	0.00		(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7300-74-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT Denomination Trips	2,000.00		1,833.33	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
7300-75-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT-Youth @ Presbytery	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	523.39	500.00	23.39
7300-76-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT YouthQuake	(6.23)	416.67	(422.90)	7,167.59	5,000.00	2,167.59
7300-78-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYAT Montreat	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	472.17	2,500.00	(2,027.83)
7300-79-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATJrHi Jubilee	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	(531.11)	2,500.00	(3,031.11)

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	Operating Income Statement Fo	r the Twelve Months Ending I	December 31, 20	22			
		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actual		Over/(Under) Budge
7300-80-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATMatthew 25 Account	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	1,505.57	2,500.00	(994.43)
7300-84-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYoung Adult Ministries	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
7300-86-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsYATStudent Leadership Development	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7300-99-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young AdultsCampus Ministry-Special Event Support	7,500.00	1,250.00	6,250.00	8,112.50	15,000.00	(6,887.50)
		11,850.43	5,375.00	6,475.43	47,709.91	64,500.00	(16,790.09)
7500-01-1-000	Future of the ChurchAdmin., 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)	3.438.92		(4,061.08)
7500-51-1-000	Future of the ChurchNew 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	400.00	166.67	233.33	1,977.02	2,000.00	(22.98)
7300-21-1-000	Christian EducationFerncliff. Prog/Supt. Summer Camp	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	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	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	1,809.45	2,000.00	(190.55)
7300-91-1-000	Christian EducationResource Center. Admin.	0.00	91.67	(91.67)	1,122.59	1,100.00	22.59
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	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
7600-44-1-000	Mission of the ChurchLyon College	250.00	83.33	166.67	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
7600-45-1-000	Mission of the ChurchPresbyterian Village Support	250.00	41.67	208.33	625.00	500.00	125.00
7600-49-1-000	Mission of the ChurchUniversity of Ozarks	250.00	83.33	166.67	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
7600-51-1-000	Mission of the ChurchVera Lloyd Mission	625.00	208.33	416.67	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
7600-62-1-000	Mission of the ChurchUnified Mission Emphasis	4,025.00	1,172.92	2,852.08	14,075.00	14,075.00	0.00
7600-96-1-000	Mission of the ChurchSolar Under the Sun	250.00	83.33	166.67	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
8300-01-1-000	Mission of the ChurchPW Exp., travel, postage, etc.	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
8300-07-1-000	Mission of the ChurchPWSpring & Fall Retreats, Synod Gathering	1,301.50	291.67	1,009.83	2,801.50	3,500.00	(698.50)
9400-01-1-000	Mission of the ChurchDisaster Preparedness	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	50.00	500.00	(450.00)
		8,226.50	5,666.69	2,559.81	60,460.56	68,000.00	(7,539.44)
7800-01-1-000	Nominationstravel, food	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
8100-01-1-000	RepresentationMeeting Expenses	0.00	3.75	(3.75)	0.00	45.00	(45.00)

	Section E – Exhibit III THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS						
	Ope	rating Income Statement For the Twelve Months Endin	g December 31,	2022			
		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actua		Over/(Under Budge
8400-01-1-000	POA/Supplies & Office Exp.	238.00	208.33	29.67	1,358.60	2 500 00	(1 1 4 1 4 0
8400-01-1-000	Utilities/Telephone	650.74	625.00	29.67	9,942.96	,	(1,141.40
	•					,	
8400-03-1-000	Copy Machine	492.88	500.00	(7.12)	6,007.82	,	7.82
8400-05-1-000	Technology	1,906.05	1,233.33	672.72	15,155.76	,	355.76
8400-07-1-000	Replace Equipment	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	,	(1,000.00
8400-09-1-000		7,413.75		5,913.75	19,249.00	,	1,249.00
8400-10-1-000	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	450.00	500.00	(50.00
8400-12-1-000	Maintenance(Grounds, Building Upkeep)	1,390.18		556.85	9,237.09	,	(762.91
		12,091.60	5,024.99	7,066.61	61,401.23	60,300.00	1,101.23
8400-13-1-000	Stated Clerk Professional Exp	167.90	0.00	0.00	295.14	0.00	295.14
8400-22-1-000	K. Palmer/Professional Exp	166.88		125.21	775.00		275.00
8400-25-1-000	S. Smith/Professional Exp	2,515.46		1,432.13	14,057.46		1,057.46
8400-29-1-000	Salaries	17,892.88	19,240.00	(1,347.12)	197,464.53		(33,415.47
8400-30-1-000	Pension/Major Medical	1,401.88		(196.95)	16,946.93	,	(2,239.03
8400-31-1-000	S. Smith/Continuing Ed.	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
8400-33-1-000	Payroll Taxes	883.78		(238.86)	10,605.34		(2,866.34
8400-34-1-000	Housing	2.725.00	3,094.00	(369.00)	32,700.00	37,128.00	(4,428.00
8400-40-1-000	S. Smith/FICA	546.86		(36.47)	6,562.32	,	(437.68
8400-41-1-000	Builder/Connector Professional Expenses	2,322.33	833.33	1,489.00	7,453.63	,	(2,546.37
8400-49-1-000	B. Christiansen Professional Expenses	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	,	(1,500.00
8400-53-1-000	TPF Bookkeeping Fees	2,007.34	916.67	1,090.67	9,189.75	,	(1,810.25
		30,630.31	33,788.79	8,765.22	297,550.10	,	(47,910.68
			00,100.10	0,700.22	201,000.10	010,100.01	(11,010.00
8600-01-1-000	General Assembly	4,666.70	2,333.33	2,333.37	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00
8700-01-1-000	GA Per Capita	7,068.01	7,068.01	0.00	84,816.10		0.00
8800-01-1-000	Synod Mission	3,833.30	1,916.67	1,916.63	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00
		15,568.01	11,318.01	4,250.00	135,816.10	,	0.00
			,	,			
	Total Expenses	101,682.13	65,489.31	36,024.92	712,054.63	785,871.74	(73,817.11
	Net Income	\$ 199.708.87	\$ 183,114.93	¢ 16 761 94	\$ 90,549.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 90,549.6
		φ 199,700.07	ψ 105,114.95	φ 10,701.04	φ 90,549.61	φ 0.00	φ 90,049.0

Section F

Report of the Committee on the Mission of the Church

CRE Peg Falls-Corbitt 152nd Presbytery Meeting - March 3 – 4, 2023

Committee Members:

Peg Falls-Corbitt (Moderator) – <u>fallscorbitt@hendrix.edu</u> Sally Roden David Gill Carla Taylor Jan Butin Emily Laurel Allison Richardson _____(unexpired 2023 slot) ____(unexpired 2024 slot) Julie Price (staff; non-voting ex officio)

General Purpose of MOC: to provide oversight, planning, and support for programs that connect our congregations in practicing our faith through mission and outreach, Christian education, and spiritual development; to provide guidance and resources that help connect congregations in mission and ministry.

Mission Initiative Grants: to assist congregations and ministries of the Presbytery of Arkansas in proclaiming the love of Christ beyond their walls; efforts that extend the power of congregations and ministries to serve and partner with the most vulnerable in our society are particularly welcome.

Standard Funding Cap: \$1500 Three Deadlines: **Apr. 15**, July 15, Oct. 15 (as funds remain) For Submission Guidelines: Go to AR Presbytery Webpage by clicking <u>here</u>.

Other By-Application Funding Available:

Scholarships for Mission Trips Support of activities with International Mission Focus

Send proposal with amount, purpose, rationale, and name of accountable parties to Peg Falls-Corbitt (fallscorbitt@hendrix.edu).

Groups that Report to MOC and/or receive funding from MOC budget:

Christian Education Resource Team Presbyterian Pilgrimage Solar Under the Sun Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center Presbyterian Women Arkansas Interfaith Conference

Institutions Receiving Annual Support Through MOC Budget:

Lyon College University of the Ozarks F	Presbyterian Village	Vera Lloyd
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Section G

Future of the Church (FOTC) Committee Report March 2023

It's GRANT TIME. Each year since 2018, the Future of the Church Committee has awarded grants (up to \$5000) to congregations who are engaged in initiatives that are aimed at strengthening or changing directions in the life of the church. The FOTC grants are not for general property improvements but for specific kinds of programs, events or projects that engage our churches with the community, encourage connections within the community and share the good news of Jesus Christ in creative and innovative ways. You can find the application on the Presbytery's website - <u>https://presbyark.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FOTC-Grant-Application-2023-FINAL65910.pdf</u> or email/text Presbytery 'Builder' Carol Clark (<u>cbclark05@aol.com</u>; 501-563-6279). The deadline for the grants is April 15.

We invite you on Saturday to visit the Future of the Church display in Edward's Commons where you can see a video that highlights some of the grants, pick up a copy of the grant application, and find lists of suggested grant ideas designed to get your minds churning. We also invite you to a *first come/first serve book grab* of books that we think can be helpful to you in your congregations.

The books that are yours for the taking include:

Dreams of the Overworked which is an important read for any who take seriously the desire to connect with young parents and families;

Flow, The Ancient Way to do Contemporary Worship which shares many ways to make our worship more vital and compelling to new generations;

Low Anthropology a kind of quirky read which highlights a biblically rooted and life-giving *low* anthropology which fosters hope, deep connection with others, lasting love, vulnerability, compassion and happiness;

Forgiveness: An Alternative Account - a radical new look at forgiveness with connections and implications for social justice (we'll be studying this book in a book study soon);

<u>What Every Pastor Should Know</u> which coincidentally includes lots of good ideas that could be sponsored with our grant money;

<u>I Once Was Lost</u> a book recommended by Jason Tucker that shares insights by 2000 postmodern people and an 'outline' for evangelism in these postmodern times;

The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth about Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations and the title makes obvious why this is a powerful book.

And finally, stop by our display and take a guess at the number of poms because we'll do a drawing for what we think can be a valuable resource for some fortunate person/church!

We have a GREAT committee, eager to find ways to be specific help to our congregations. We are always open to suggestions. The members of our committee are: Class of 2023 – Valerie Bell, Greg Fairchild, Ty Hendricks Class of 2024 – Amanda Jones, Cindy Lanphear, Sally Roden Class of 2025 - Dawn Cattaneo, Patricia Donlow-Wright, Brenda Holder Respectfully submitted, RE Cindy Lanphear, Moderator

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Section H Report of the Polity Committee Presbytery of Arkansas March 3-4, 2023

The Polity Committee is composed of the Commissioners from the previous General Assembly (2022). The committee membership was RE Cindy Lanphear, RE Chuck Olson, MWS Jeff Price, MWS Cindy Saul, MWS Blake Brinegar, Stated Clerk, Arkansas Presbytery.

The Committee recommends the following amendments be placed on the Consent Agenda for their "yes" vote (approval): 22-A, 22-AA, 22-B, 22-BB, 22-C, 22-D, 22-DD, 22-EE, 22-F, 22-FF, 22-G, 22-GG, 22-H, 22-J, 22-K, 22-L, 22-M, 22-N, 22-R, 22-S, 22-T, 22-V, 22-W, 22-X, 22-Y, 22-Z.

The Committee advises the presbytery to vote:

- 1. "No" on Amendment 22-C
- 2. "No" on Amendment 22-E
- 3. "No" on Amendment 22-I
- 4. "Yes" on Amendment 22-O
- 5. "Yes" on Amendment 22-P
- 6. "Yes" on Amendment 22-Q
- 7. "Yes" on Amendment 22-U

The youth at Presbytery will be advising the presbytery as well on two of the Amendments.

I would like to thank the four commissioners for their diligent work, not only on this committee, but in their work during the meeting of the General Assembly and all that goes along with that.

Blake Brinegar, Stated Clerk

Section I Report from Youth, Young Adult, and College Ministry

MWS Margaret Alsup Moderator of Committee

YOUTH

We want to welcome and thank the youth for joining us at our meeting this weekend! And thank you to the youth leaders who helped make this happen. If you see a youth, be sure to welcome them to presbytery. They have spent time looking at some of the General Assembly overtures and will serve as advisory votes for a few of our votes during this meeting. During a break or throughout the weekend spend some time talking with the youth about overtures, sports, art, doesn't really matter because your day will be made better and brighter. We have a lot of upcoming events and trips for youth to participate in:

- Mission Possible (April 14-15) will take place in Russellville. This event is open to all junior high youth. Check the Banner and presbytery website for registration information.
- Junior High @ Ferncliff (June 18-23)
- Montreat Youth Conference (July 8-15)

For more information about the trips and events, please check out the presbytery website.

COLLEGE

The presbytery is hosting a College Quake for all college aged students the weekend of April 28-30 at Ferncliff. If you have a college aged student in your life or want to sign up for the weekend, please contact Maggie (<u>margaret.alsup@lyon.edu</u>) or Jeremy (jwilhelmi@ozarks.edu) today!

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Coordinating Team has heard the need for the presbytery to move forward in working on a new job description for the presbytery staffing position for youth. If you have things you think the job description team should focus on, please reach out to Maggie (<u>margaret.alsup@lyon.edu</u>).

Section J

Coordinating Team Report March 4, 2023

The Coordinating Team met on January 17 and approved a time sensitive request from Central Presbyterian Church in Russellville to sell a small portion of their property for easement/right-of-way to the City of Russellville for utility upgrades/sidewalk improvement/landscaping, etc. The amount totals \$41,623.40. (See attachment, Section J Exhibit I)

The Coordinating Team met for a regularly scheduled meeting on February 3, 2023 and took the following actions:

The Coordinating Team set the date of October 6-7,2023 for the 154th Stated Presbytery of Arkansas Meeting at First Presbyterian, Jonesboro. The remaining meeting dates for 2023 are: June 3, 2023 via Zoom; and October 6-7, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro.

Fulfilling a request from the Synod of the Sun Coordinating Team, the names of Elizabeth Brinegar and Steve Hancock were approved for consideration for the Synod Leader Search Committee. (Note: Elizabeth Brinegar was selected to serve as the representative from the Presbytery of Arkansas).

The Coordinating Team approved a request from First Presbyterian Church in Jonesboro to extend their current loan with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) by five years. The loan modification will result in lower monthly payments that can be absorbed in the church's annual operating budget. The remaining balance as of 12-13-22 was 74,858.94. The loan modification was approved by PILP. (See attachment, Section J Exhibit II)

A discussion was held regarding the youth position and a motion was made and approved to grant General Presbyter Stewart Smith: 1. Permission to form the exploratory committee; 2. Permission for the exploratory committee to amend the job description; 3. Permission for the exploratory committee to populate the search committee.

Three names were suggested for the Presbytery's Nominating Committee for a three year term, Class of 2025. They will be asked if they want to serve. The moderator of the committee will be chosen after members are appointed.

A discussion was held regarding a speaker for the October meeting. A decision was postponed to a March meeting of the Coordinating Team.

Section J – Exhibit I



Public Works Engineering / Street / Traffic / Fleet

The Trustees, Central Presbyterian Church cpcoffice@cpcusa72801.org 400 West Main Street Russellville, Arkansas 72801

Re: DIG Russellville Easement Acquisition

Dear Trustees:

The City of Russellville is embarking on a major infrastructure improvement plan called DIG Russellville. This will include upgrading sewer and water services, as well as burying electrical services and high-speed fiber-optic communication cables. The project will culminate in a new downtown streetscape which will include repaying streets, improving sidewalks, adding new lighting and enriching the landscaping. With the final plans complete, we have come to the next phase of the design process, right-of-way/easement acquisition.

To illustrate our intentions, I am enclosing an exhibit showing the new right-of-way/easement lines and proposed improvements on your property.

This letter is notification that right-of-way and/or a temporary construction easement is desired on your property. An appraisal has been completed by a local appraiser. By copy of this letter we are offering you checks in the amount of **\$16,234.81** and **\$25,388.59** for the rights-of-way and easements. Please use this notification as an Offer and Acceptance letter. We have enclosed the proposed documents for the required right-of-way on your property for your reference. A W-9 is attached and must be completed prior to the city being able to issue a check. Payable to Central Presbyterian Church.

If you accept this offer, please review the documents and return them, signed and notarized, to our office at 220 North Knoxville Avenue (located behind Western Sizzlin) within two weeks. (It would be greatly appreciated in keeping with our scheduled bid and construction time frame.) For your convenience, you may bring the right-of-way documents to our office UNSIGNED and we can notarize the document upon witnessing your signature. Documentation is required authorizing your signature. We would like to make this as accommodating as possible. A check will be generated within two weeks of your signature below and the receipt of the executed right-of-way documents.

If you have any questions concerning the offer or the right-of-way documents, please call or email Dennis Overman at Blackstone Construction (4790) 857-1189, <u>dennis@bscasphalt.com</u> within two weeks of receiving this letter.

Sincerely,

enneth Prince

Kenneth Duvall Public Works Director kduvall@rsvlar.org 479.968.2406

Offer Accepted by:

Attachments: Easement Documents Exhibit

> 220 N Knoxville Ave 🗆 Russellville, AR 72801 Phone: 479 968-2406 The Natural Choice, In The Natural State!

January 09, 2023

Section J – Exhibit II

Borrower:First Presbyterian ChurchChurch:Jonesboro, AR – First Presbyterian ChurchPresbytery:ArkansasSynod:The Sun		SLT Adjustment Docket Meeting Date: 12/20/2022 Revision of GA Loan Terms Special Request (Titleholder: Congregation)
LOAN HISTOP	XY: Loan X Fund #550 Note #13055005	
Date of Note: Original Amour Principal Balance Interest Balance Total Amount D	ce: \$ 74,759.53 e:67.96	
Purpose:	Renovation	

Terms: 15-year term; 15-year amortization; initial interest rate at 3.80% with monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of \$1,572.53.

Church Request: Per email from church treasurer: First Presbyterian Church in Jonesboro, AR would like to extend the maturity of our loan from the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program by 5 years. We've been paying more than the required payments for the past several years from funds we raised in our 2012 Capital Campaign, \$13,000 of these funds remain. At the current payment level, these funds will run out mid-2023 and we'll have to add the note payments to our annual budget (or have a new capital campaign). We'd like to reduce the payment (and resulting budget impact) going forward. Our church has begun Project Regeneration with Presbyterian Foundation to help us set a long-term direction for the church. Pledges are up in 2023 and the Session approved a balanced budget for 2023 (assuming we complete this refinancing and can use the remaining Capital Campaign funds to fund 2023 payments).

The Fixed Asset amounts on the balance sheet are not cost based and pre-date my role as Treasurer. My understanding is that this was an estimate of FMV at some point in the past. We have not had an appraisal of the church property, so I don't know how realistic those amounts are. The income statements shown are for the operations of the church. We have a pre-school that operates under the church, and it has separate income statements (on a school year basis). Together, the church and pre-school received \$74,000 in PPP loans in 2020 and these were forgiven in 2021.

Recommendation: It is recommended the loan term be extended by five years and re-amortized to reduce the monthly payments.

Recommended adjustment approved by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc. Staff Loan Team on December 20, 2022.

Judy K. Walton, Director Credit Operations

Foregoing loan terms are accepted by the Session of First Presbyterian Church.

Signature/Clerk of Session

Date:

Cc: Presbytery of Arkansas.

Join us for Solar School!



May 4-7, 2023 Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center Little Rock, AR

	APPLICATION FOR PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE
	△ ARPP #34 – April 13-16, 2023
	(Please submit separate applications for each individual.)
Mr. Mrs.	
Name:	Preferred Nickname:
Address:	City, State, Zip:
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Birthday (Mo/L	Day/Yr): Spouse's name (If married):
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	rany special needs you may have (allergy, diet, or physical limitations).
Emergency Co	ontact: Phone:
Name of Perso	ontact: Phone: on(s) who encouraged you to attend:
	d begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and is continuous until ~5:00 p.m. Sunday.
Cost for the V	Weekend is \$200. Please send \$50 registration fee with this application to:
	Heather Yates, Registrar,
	Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage
	1635 Delmont Rd
	Memphis, TN 38117
	or alternatively, register on line at <u>www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org</u>
	nd send the \$50 registration fee separately to the above address.
	il the Registrar at <u>ARPC.registrar@gmail.com</u> if you have questions. payable to "Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage", with a memo for ARPP # 34.
	g \$150 (covering lodging/meals) is due upon arrival at Ferncliff. Credit card
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	SPACE IS LIMITED. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 3, 2023

Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage (ARPP)

A Pilgrimage Is Three Days Long, But It Lasts A Lifetime



Ferncliff Presbyterian Center Little Rock, AR

Renew Your Relationship With the Living Christ

WHAT IS PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

Presbyterian Pilgrimage is an intentionally designed faith renewal program for individuals. Its goal is to have a positive spiritual impact on the individual and, thus, on the environments in which they live and work. **"Pilgrimage"** is a short course in living the Christian faith. It is designed for Christians, to strengthen their faith, and to provide them with a framework for continued spiritual growth within their church and in the world.

HOW DOES IT ACCOMPLISH ITS AIMS?

During the three days of a *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* Weekend, participants form small Christian communities. In worship, study, discussion, and singing, they gain a personal, awareness of their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Through this awareness, the joys and responsibilities of that faith are recognized. Talks presented by laity and clergy provide a central focus for the Weekend activities.



WHO GOES TO PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

The Weekend is not designed as a conversion experience. Its focus is on those who are seeking continued growth in their faith and its application to their daily lives. It is the goal of *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* to provide participants with the opportunity to experience an even closer and more personal relationship with Christ, to deepen their faith, and to invigorate their life in Christ. Participants return to their environments and affect them in a Christian manner. Single and married individuals are welcome, and men and women attend the same Weekends. The staff is led by laity and Presbyterian clergy who have previously attended a 3-Day Weekend.

HOW CAN I ATTEND PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

Fill out the application on the reverse side and send it to the Registrar. After applying, you will receive confirmation and further instructions about the Weekend.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The current cost is \$200 per participant. This Weekend charge is primarily associated with the cost for lodging, meals, and use of the retreat center. The staff pays their own costs as a "love" gift to the Program, and this enables the costs to be kept at a minimum. To assure that no one is prohibited the *Pilgrimage* experience due to cost, partial or full scholarships are available. Please discuss this option with the Registrar.

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?

The *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* Weekend is only a beginning! Your experience becomes a part of your life and provides a new perspective and inspiration for further Christian study and action in your local congregation and community. You will also have the opportunity to meet weekly in small groups, reinforcing each other as you share the Christian life. Larger groups meet less frequently to share the joy and fellowship of our faith with the broader *Pilgrimage* Community.

IN SUMMARY:

Seek God's guidance regarding the possible role of *Presbyterian Pilgrimage* in your faith journey. Many who attended had questions before their Weekend. However, after attending, they now actively seek the opportunity to share this wonderful gift from God with others. **Consider attending a weekend that will truly enrich your faith and your life!**

Speak with a friend or the Registrar:

<u>ARPC.registrar@gmail.com</u> Or Go To: <u>www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org</u> <u>www.days3.com</u> <u>www.presbyteryofarkansas.org</u>



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 <u>C</u>ommittee <u>o</u>n <u>M</u>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</u> 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.
- **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>C</u>oordinating <u>T</u>eam 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 <u>G</u>eneral <u>A</u>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>M</u>inistry <u>I</u>nformation <u>F</u>orm is the standardized format for advertising certain church professional positions through the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection.
- *MWS* <u>M</u>inister of the <u>W</u>ord and <u>S</u>acrament is an ordained Presbyterian minister member of the clergy, formerly called a <u>T</u>eaching <u>E</u>lder.
- *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* <u>N</u>ew <u>C</u>hurch <u>D</u>evelopments are new ministries of the presbytery engaged in a formal process to work toward establishing a new congregation.

- *PDA* **<u>P</u>**resbyterian <u>D</u>isaster <u>A</u>ssistance is an agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency. PDA assists communities coping with natural and human-caused disasters.
- **PJC-** <u>P</u>ermanent <u>J</u>udicial <u>C</u>ommission implements the disciplinary procedures required by the *Book* of Order. There is a Judicial Process Manual which gives details on these duties.
- **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* <u>P</u>astor <u>N</u>ominating <u>C</u>ommittee is a search committee elected by a congregation to seek, interview, and recommend a new pastor.
- *RE/Ruling Elder-* <u>R</u>uling <u>E</u>lder is a lay member of a congregation who has been elected, ordained and installed to serve on the session of a church. Ruling elders are eligible for election as commissioners to presbytery, synod and General Assembly. Once ordained as a ruling elder one maintains that office whether serving on a session or not.
- **Stated Clerk** 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.

Take a minute and let us know what you think about this presbytery meeting!

Take a few minutes and visit this <u>link</u> to provide feedback on the presbytery meeting held at Lyon College on March 3-4, 2023. We appreciate your input. Or use the camera on your phone and point it at the QR Code below to access the survey on your cellphone.



