



Presbytery  
of Arkansas

# 153<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas

Meeting Held Electronically via Zoom

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Presbytery Database: <https://directory.in-c.net/arkansas/>

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## Presbytery of Arkansas

## PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

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May 24, 2023

Dear Friends in the Presbytery of Arkansas,

The Presbytery of Arkansas will gather on Zoom for the 153rd stated meeting on June 3, 2023 at 9:00 am. The theme of our meeting will be “What is the Church Becoming?” We have a light schedule of business items and our time will be highlighted with a theological discussion on our theme.

During our discussion, we will learn about the denomination wide 1001 New Worshipping Communities Initiative of the PC(USA) and hear about three New Worshipping Communities in the Presbytery of Arkansas. We will have time to also focus on what the small church is becoming as we hear from MWS Phil Blackburn, Co-Pastor at Fort Smith First and the Director of the Thriving in Ministry Lilly Grant at the University of the Ozarks. Phil will share observations about his work and what he has learned and we will have an opportunity to dialogue with him. Additionally, we will focus on what the Presbytery of Arkansas is becoming in the months and years ahead. Phil Blackburn will deliver the sermon in our worship service and the offering will go towards our summer youth trips, you can [click here](#) to donate now.

The brief packet should be posted on the presbytery website ([presbyark.org](http://presbyark.org)) by Friday, May 26. There will be an addendum packet sent out next week close to the meeting date. It will help us if you would please register for the meeting by [clicking here](#).

I am hopeful that we will conclude by noon and you will have plenty of time to enjoy your Saturday afternoon without having to spend time on the road traveling back to your home.

I believe this will be an important meeting as together we reflect on “What is the Church and What is the Presbytery becoming?” in this rapidly changing context in which we live and serve.

I look forward to our time together and seeing many of you on the screen on Saturday, June 3. I am thankful to be partnered with each of you as together we strive to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in these important days.

*Stewart*

J. Stewart Smith  
General Presbyter

Blake Brinegar  
Stated Clerk

Julie Price  
Presbytery Connector

Brianne Christiansen  
Director of Youth Ministries

Kim Palmer  
Administrator

# 153<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting

Zoom Meeting

June 3, 2023

## Next Meetings

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

155th Stated Meeting  
TBA

The 153rd Meeting of  
the Presbytery of Arkansas

## What Is The Church Becoming?

Saturday, June 3 9:00am  
Online Only

## Meeting Schedule

Saturday, June 3, 2023

9:00 am	<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>
	<b>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda – MWS Blake Brinegar</b>
9:05 am	<b>Opening Worship with Rev. Phil Blackburn</b>
	<b>Business of the Presbytery</b>
9:50 am	<b>Report of the Committee on Ministry (MWS Stewart Smith)</b>
10:00 am	<b>Report of the Treasurer (RE Tom Verdery)</b>
10:10 am	<b>Report of the General Presbyter (MWS Stewart Smith)</b>
10:15 am	<b>Theological Discussion “What is the Church Becoming?”</b>
11:55 am	<b>Report of the Stated Clerk (MWS Blake Brinegar)</b>
	<b>Announcements</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Closing Prayer &amp; Benediction Adjournment</b>

### Presbytery Leadership

Moderator RE Mike Szabo  
Vice-Moderator MWS Emmett Powers  
Moderator of CT MWS Susan Arnold  
Treasurer RE Tom Verdery  
General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith  
Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar  
Presbytery Connector RE Julie Price  
Director of Youth MWS Brianne Christiansen  
Presbytery Administrator Kimberly Palmer

Moderator of Administration  
RE Carolyn Willis  
Moderator of COM  
MWS Stewart Smith  
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 Subcommittee on Honduran  
Ministry  
RE Leah Woodruff & MWS Phil Butin  
Moderator of Mission of the Church  
CRE Peg Falls Corbitt  
Moderator of Nominations  
MWS Robert Lowry  
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



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## Utilizing Zoom Technology

<https://zoom.us/j/8271054504>

Passcode – trinity

## Docket

Saturday, June 3, 2023

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9:00 am	Welcome, Call to Order, Lighting of the Christ Candle, Opening Prayer	
	Motion to approve the Consent Agenda – MWS Blake Brinegar (requires a second)	Section A
9:05 am	Opening Worship with Rev. Phil Blackburn	
	Business of the Presbytery	
9:50 am	Report of the Committee on Ministry (MWS Stewart Smith)	Section D
10:00 am	Report of the Treasurer (RE Tom Verdery)	Section C
10:10 am	Report of the General Presbyter (MWS Stewart Smith)	
10:15 am	Theological Discussion “What is the Church Becoming?”	
11:55 am	Report of the Stated Clerk (MWS Blake Brinegar)	Section B
	Announcements	
12:00 pm	Closing Prayer & Benediction Adjournment	

## **Section A**

### **Consent Agenda**

MWS Blake Brinegar  
Stated Clerk

- 1. Motion to adopt the docket.**
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes of the 152nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, March 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 held in-person (at Lyon College, Batesville) and through Zoom technology, with worship led by the Reverend Susan Arnold.**
- 3. Motion to enroll corresponding members with voice but not vote.**
- 4. Motion to grant privilege of the floor (voice) to those persons registered, but without vote.**
- 5. Motion for the technology of Zoom Technology to count votes, serving as what the Presbytery of Arkansas has historically termed the “Tellers.”**
- 6. Motion for the Stated Clerk to record those absent and those present and include those names and numbers in the minutes, serving as what the Presbytery of Arkansas has historically termed the “Leaves of Absence Committee.”**

**Section B**  
**Report of the Stated Clerk**  
MWS Blake Brinegar

**For Information:**

1. All proposed amendments to the Book of Order have been approved and will go into effect July 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Attended a Seminar with the Board of Pensions discussing a revamping of the Services provided.
3. Led a workshop on Polity in the congregational setting at the Elders Retreat at University of the Ozarks, May 19-21.
4. Will be attending a webinar for Mid-Council leaders on the Book of Order required policies on June 13. Look for more information after that date.
5. The 2022 minutes of the Presbytery will be reviewed June 29-30.

## **Section C**

### **Report of the Treasurer**

RE Tom Verdery  
Treasurer

**RE Tom Verdery**

#### **For Information:**

1. Texas Presbyterian Foundation performance through April 2023 in their Balanced Pooled Funds was up 6.7%. While our gains were solid in the first four months of 2023, we continue to expect high monthly volatility in the balanced funds due to market concern over inflation, potential recession, the Ukraine conflict, and other political developments. 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 money from the Balanced Pooled funds invested in stocks and fixed income.
2. Through April 2023 the Presbytery of Arkansas income and expenses are down versus budget for 2023. We believe that some of our reported church benevolence giving is incorrect due to US mail system issues from the tornado that impacted our post office in Little Rock, along with our closed Presbytery office due to repairs from our previous water damage issue. If any churches had their benevolence giving checks returned or any other mail from the Presbytery office, please contact Kim Palmer or Stewart Smith. We continue to be grateful to all Church Benevolence contributions to the Presbytery of Arkansas.
3. We just completed our 2022 Independent Financial Review from the Landmark Accounting Firm. The accounting firm's review came back with a solid review (see pages 23-39) showing no discrepancies or recommendations for modification of any of our financial statements.
4. Our continued focus for 2023 will be creating programs and support to help all churches as they move back to normal activities post pandemic.

# Section C Attachment I

## THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

Balance Sheet

April 30, 2023

### ASSETS

<b>Current Assets</b>	146,369.08	
Cash TPF - undesignated		
TPF Investment Cash - designated	732,206.75	
TPF Investments	4,899,286.62	
N/R Ministers	10,166.72	
N/R Churches	25,000.00	
TPF Mark to Market 52190	819,815.97	
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>6,632,845.14</b>
 <b>Property and Equipment</b>		
Furniture & Fixtures	51,521.89	
Land	128,571.00	
Buildings	1,516,516.12	
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	1,696,609.01	
Accumulated Depreciation	(351,211.47)	
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<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>		<b>7,978,242.68</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,978,242.68</b>

### LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	60.00	
Payroll & Other Withholdings	<hr/>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>60.00</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Equity Beginning Balance	4,343,422.31	
Fund Balance	4,882,421.88	
Unrealized Gains/Losses	(1,164,259.71)	
Net Income	(83,401.80)	
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<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>7,978,182.68</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,978,242.68</b>

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only



**Section C Attachment II**  
**The Presbytery of Arkansas**  
**Benevolence as of April 30, 2023**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>2020 Benevolence</b>	<b>2021 Benevolence</b>	<b>2022 Benevolence</b>	<b>2023 Benevolence</b>
Alma	-	-	-	-
Amity	-	-	-	-
Arkadelphia, First	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Arkadelphia, West End	1,106.00	1,110.00	1,110.00	-
Atkins	-	-	-	-
Batesville	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00
Beebe	600.00	1,200.00	900.00	-
Bella Vista	24,999.96	20,000.00	20,000.44	2,500.00
Benton	8,600.00	8,600.00	9,000.00	2,100.00
Bentonville, First	32,000.00	33,500.00	32,000.00	-
Bentonville, Vaughn	2,000.00	-	-	-
Brinkley	-	-	-	-
Bull Shoals	-	50.00	116.74	-
Cane Hill	-	-	-	-
Clarksville, First	-	-	-	-
Clarksville, Harmony	-	-	-	-
Conway	7,700.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	1,875.00
Dardanelle	6,000.00	5,500.00	3,500.00	-
Elkins	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Eureka Springs	2,550.00	2,750.00	2,250.00	500.00
Fairfield Bay	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Fayetteville, First United	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	10,248.00
Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort	1,660.00	1,660.00	900.00	1,000.00
Forrest City	9,000.00	9,000.00	8,250.00	3,000.00
Ft. Smith, Central	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	-	-	1,000.00	-
Gurdon	300.00	-	-	-
Hardy	297.00	-	-	-
Harrison	-	-	-	-
Heber Springs	525.00	950.00	-	450.00
Helena	500.00	-	-	-
Holiday Island	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00	-
Holly Grove	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Horseshoe Bend	3,000.00	2,290.00	2,300.00	400.00
HSV, Kirk	27,270.00	27,270.00	27,270.00	5,500.11
H. Springs, First	20,000.00	20,013.00	20,000.00	5,000.00
H. Springs, Westminster	10,012.04	8,012.04	8,012.04	2,003.01
Huntsville	2,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	600.00
Jacksonville	2,800.00	3,250.00	3,000.00	790.90

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<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>2020 Benevolence</b>	<b>2021 Benevolence</b>	<b>2022 Benevolence</b>	<b>2023 Benevolence</b>
Jonesboro	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Lincoln	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
LR, Allison	-	-	-	-
LR, First	-	-	-	-
LR, Grace	7,900.00	7,900.00	7,900.00	875.00
LR, Pulaski Heights	3,636.00	3,636.00	3,618.00	1,000.00
Little Rock, Second	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
LR, Trinity	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,666.67	2,000.01
LR, Westminster	400.00	400.00	400.00	-
LR, Westover Hills	10,500.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	-
Malvern	5,241.71	5,241.72	5,241.60	-
McGehee	2,520.00	2,520.00	2,520.00	420.00
Mena	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,375.00
Morrilton, First	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,100.00	400.00
Morrilton, Hopewell	-	-	-	-
Mountain Home	1,000.00	750.00	500.00	-
Mountainburg	-	-	-	-
Newport	3,225.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	900.00
Norman	2,000.00	-	-	-
NLR, First	-	-	-	-
NLR, Park Hill	16,000.00	16,000.00	13,000.00	-
Paragould, First	-	-	-	-
Pea Ridge	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	750.00
Pine Bluff, Central	-	-	115.80	-
Pine Bluff, Faith	-	-	-	-
Pine Bluff, First	4,999.92	4,583.26	6,996.00	375.00
Prairie Grove	7,150.00	6,960.00	4,730.00	1,850.00
Rogers	6,999.96	6,999.96	7,000.01	2,338.32
Russellville	-	-	-	-
Searcy	2,000.00	-	-	-
Springdale	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00
Van Buren	-	-	-	-
Walnut Ridge	6,400.00	-	-	-
Wynne	7,500.00	7,500.00	9,999.96	1,250.00
Yellville	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>589,342.59</b>	<b>566,495.98</b>	<b>556,047.26</b>	<b>68,850.35</b>

Section C Attachment III							
THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS							
Operating Income Statement							
For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2023							
		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actual	2023 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
6000-01	Mission Acceptance	\$ 20,097.49	28,333.33	(8,235.84)	\$ 68,850.35	520,000.00	(451,149.65)
Misc (Acct. 6015)	Investment Spend Rate	22,353.35	18,562.51	3,790.84	89,741.64	222,750.15	(133,008.51)
6000-01-1-101	Previous Years Pledges	0.00	6,157.33	0.00	6,157.33	6,157.33	0.00
6001-00-1-000	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00	5,050.92	16,200.00	(11,149.08)
	Total Revenues	43,800.84	54,403.17	(4,445.00)	169,800.24	765,107.48	(595,307.24)
Expenses							
7000-01-1-000	Coordinating Team--Meeting Exp, Meals, Worship	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
7000-06-1-000	Coordinating Team--Gifts	0.00	4.17	(4.17)	50.00	50.00	0.00
7000-09-1-000	Coordinating Team--Moderator's Expense	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)
7000-10-1-000	Coordinating Team--Vice moderator's Expense	0.00	91.67	(91.67)	0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
7000-20-1-000	Coordinating Team--Presbytery Workshop/Speaker	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	75.00	1,500.00	(1,425.00)
7000-31-1-000	Coordinating Team--Background Checks	49.00	25.00	24.00	131.50	300.00	(168.50)
		49.00	291.67	(242.67)	256.50	3,500.00	(3,243.50)
7100-01-1-000	Administration--Meeting Expense, Financial Review	3,578.70	516.67	3,062.03	3,578.70	6,200.00	(2,621.30)
7100-05-1-000	Administration--Ferncliff General Site Support	0.00	2,166.67	(2,166.67)	0.00	26,000.00	(26,000.00)
7500-21-1-000	West End Operation Support	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)	3,375.00	13,500.00	(10,125.00)
7500-53-1-000	Laotian Ministry support	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	900.00	3,600.00	(2,700.00)
7500-98-1-000	Faith Presbyterian Operation Support	0.00	594.00	(594.00)	1,782.00	7,128.00	(5,346.00)
		3,578.70	4,702.34	(1,123.64)	9,635.70	56,428.00	(46,792.30)
7200-01-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--Travel, food, lodging, supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7200-02-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--ConEd--Emergency Fund, Etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7700-01-1-000	Committee on Ministry--travel,food,meeting support	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
8000-01-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--Meeting Expenses, etc.	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
8000-09-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Prep. for Ministry--Eval, Retreat, Support, Bkg Checks	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
8400-08-1-000	Min. of the Church--Wellspring Contract	0.00	850.00	(850.00)	10,200.00	10,200.00	0.00
		0.00	1,225.01	(1,225.01)	10,200.00	14,700.00	(4,500.00)
7300-29-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Campus Ministry/Program Support	2,356.66	2,500.00	(143.34)	9,426.64	30,000.00	(20,573.36)
7300-71-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Planning Retreats & Materials	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	909.59	1,000.00	(90.41)
7300-73-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Scholarships	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7300-74-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Denomination Trips	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7300-75-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT-Youth @ Presbytery	44.58	41.67	2.91	250.25	500.00	(249.75)
7300-76-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT YouthQuake	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	6,453.00	9,000.00	(2,547.00)

**Section C Attachment III**

**THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS**

**Operating Income Statement**

**For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2023**

		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actual	2023 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
7300-78-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Montreat	(746.44)	291.67	(1,038.11)	(2,922.19)	3,500.00	(6,422.19)
7300-79-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--JrHi Jubilee	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	2,012.41	2,500.00	(487.59)
7300-80-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Matthew 25 Account	(90.00)	41.67	(131.67)	230.60	500.00	(269.40)
7300-84-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Young Adult Ministries	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
7300-86-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Student Leadership Development	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
7300-99-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Campus Ministry-Special Event Support	0.00	916.67	(916.67)	0.00	11,000.00	(11,000.00)
		1,564.80	5,208.35	(3,643.55)	16,360.30	62,500.00	(46,139.70)
7500-01-1-000	Future of the Church--Admin., Listening	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	92.80	1,000.00	(907.20)
7500-25-1-000	Future of the Church--Presbytery Technology Needs	0.00	625.00	(625.00)	0.00	7,500.00	(7,500.00)
7500-51-1-000	Future of the Church--New Ministries' Development	(1,000.00)	2,208.33	(3,208.33)	18,287.25	26,500.00	(8,212.75)
		(1,000.00)	2,916.66	(3,916.66)	18,380.05	35,000.00	(16,619.95)
7300-01-1-000	Christian Education--Meeting Expenses	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)
7300-10-1-000	Christian Education--Special train. Events/presb	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7300-21-1-000	Christian Education--Ferncliff. Prog/Supt. Summer Camp	0.00	1,916.67	(1,916.67)	0.00	23,000.00	(23,000.00)
7300-24-1-000	Mission of the Church--Ferncliff--Block Grant	0.00	416.67	(416.67)	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
7300-30-1-000	Christian Education--Presbyterian Pilgrimage	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7300-90-1-000	Christian Education--Resource Center Resources	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7300-91-1-000	Christian Education--Resource Center. Admin.	0.00	91.67	(91.67)	0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
7600-03-1-000	Mission of the Church--Scholarship for Mission Trip	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
7600-05-1-000	Mission of the Church--International Mission Emphasis	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
7600-26-1-000	Mission of the Church--Arkansas Interfaith Conference	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	875.00	2,500.00	(1,625.00)
7600-44-1-000	Mission of the Church--Lyon College	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
7600-45-1-000	Mission of the Church--Presbyterian Village Support	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	125.00	500.00	(375.00)
7600-49-1-000	Mission of the Church--University of Ozarks	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
7600-51-1-000	Mission of the Church--Vera Lloyd Mission	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	625.00	2,500.00	(1,875.00)
7600-62-1-000	Mission of the Church--Unified Mission Emphasis	0.00	1,172.92	(1,172.92)	0.00	14,075.00	(14,075.00)
7600-96-1-000	Mission of the Church--Solar Under the Sun	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
8300-01-1-000	Mission of the Church--PW Exp., travel, postage, etc.	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
8300-07-1-000	Mission of the Church--PW--Spring & Fall Retreats, Synod Gathering	0.00	291.67	(291.67)	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
9400-01-1-000	Mission of the Church--Disaster Preparedness	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
		0.00	5,435.43	(5,435.43)	2,375.00	65,225.00	(62,850.00)
7800-01-1-000	Nominations--travel, food	0.00	8.33	(8.33)	0.00	100.00	(100.00)

**Section C Attachment III**

**THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS**

**Operating Income Statement**

**For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2023**

		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actual	2023 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
8100-01-1-000	Representation--Meeting Expenses	0.00	4.17	(4.17)	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
8400-01-1-000	POA/Supplies & Office Exp.	365.00	125.00	240.00	1,224.78	1,500.00	(275.22)
8400-02-1-000	Utilities/Telephone	661.90	833.33	(171.43)	4,260.23	10,000.00	(5,739.77)
8400-03-1-000	Copy Machine	608.16	500.00	108.16	2,086.80	6,000.00	(3,913.20)
8400-05-1-000	Technology	680.99	1,291.67	(610.68)	6,821.00	15,500.00	(8,679.00)
8400-07-1-000	Replace Equipment	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
8400-09-1-000	Insurance	1,741.36	1,583.33	158.03	3,559.20	19,000.00	(15,440.80)
8400-10-1-000	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
8400-12-1-000	Maintenance(Grounds, Building Upkeep)	198.67	791.67	(593.00)	732.47	9,500.00	(8,767.53)
		4,256.08	5,250.00	(993.92)	18,684.48	63,000.00	(44,315.52)
8400-13-1-000	Stated Clerk Professional Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.46	3,000.00	(2,868.54)
8400-22-1-000	K. Palmer/Professional Exp	0.00	64.58	(64.58)	286.96	775.00	(488.04)
8400-25-1-000	S. Smith/Professional Exp	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	2,573.41	15,000.00	(12,426.59)
8400-29-1-000	Salaries	18,532.15	18,490.28	41.87	74,128.60	221,883.33	(147,754.73)
8400-30-1-000	Pension/Major Medical	1,467.18	1,401.88	65.30	5,868.72	16,822.56	(10,953.84)
8400-31-1-000	S. Smith/Continuing Ed.	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
8400-33-1-000	Payroll Taxes	919.14	883.78	35.36	3,676.55	10,605.34	(6,928.79)
8400-34-1-000	Housing	2,725.00	2,725.00	0.00	10,900.00	32,700.00	(21,800.00)
8400-40-1-000	S. Smith/FICA	546.86	560.40	(13.54)	2,187.44	6,724.75	(4,537.31)
8400-41-1-000	Builder/Connector Professional Expenses	0.00	833.33	(833.33)	301.29	10,000.00	(9,698.71)
8400-49-1-000	B. Christiansen Professional Expenses	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
8400-53-1-000	TPF Bookkeeping Fees	1,956.96	765.81	1,191.15	1,993.82	9,189.75	(7,195.93)
		26,147.29	27,183.39	(1,036.10)	102,048.25	329,200.73	(227,152.48)
8600-01-1-000	General Assembly	1,198.98	2,166.67	(967.69)	2,437.65	26,000.00	(23,562.35)
8700-01-1-000	GA Per Capita	7,366.98	7,366.98	0.00	29,467.92	88,403.75	(58,935.83)
8800-01-1-000	Synod Mission	1,198.98	1,750.00	(551.02)	2,437.65	21,000.00	(18,562.35)
		9,764.94	11,283.65	(1,518.71)	34,343.22	135,403.75	(101,060.53)
	Total Expenses	44,360.81	63,509.00	(19,148.19)	212,283.50	765,107.48	(552,823.98)
	Net Income	(\$ 559.97)	(\$ 9,105.83)	\$ 14,703.19	(\$ 42,483.26)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 42,483.26)

## Section D

### Report of the Committee on Ministry

MWS Stewart Smith, Acting Moderator

For Action:

1. Motion to approve the call (this motion requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of Presbytery) of MWS Rev. John Arnold as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Rogers, effective October 1, 2023 with the following terms of call:

Cash and Housing.....	\$66,400.00
Deferred Compensation.....	\$ 3,600.00
Social Security Supplement.....	\$ 5,320.00
Continuing Education.....	\$ 4,500.00
Professional Reimbursable Expenses.....	\$ 2,000.00
Board of Pensions –Full Family.....	\$25,900.00
Moving Costs (One Time Expense).....Up to .....	\$10,000.00
Vacation.....	4 weeks paid
Continuing Education Time.....	2 weeks paid
Parental Leave.....	6 weeks paid
Sabbatical Leave.....	12 weeks paid
to be taken in the 7th year with Presbytery approval	
Total Compensation Package.....	\$107,720.00.

2. Motion to approve the following Administrative Commission (pending a successful examination) for a service of installation for John Arnold on June 25, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church in Rogers at 3:00 pm. The offering recipient is the Presbytery of Arkansas Subcommittee on Disaster Preparation and Response.

Moderate and ask Constitutional Questions .....RE Mike Szabo, FPC Searcy

Preach .....MWS Susan Arnold, First Presbyterian, Springdale

Charge the Pastor .....RE Ron Mullikin, Mt. Vernon Presbyterian, Pea Ridge

Charge the Congregation.....MWS, Bill Seitz, First Presbyterian, Mena

Keith Dixon, RE .....First Presbyterian, Springdale

Jean Nichols, RE .....Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista

MWS Susan Gray .....Mt. Comfort Presbyterian, Fayetteville

Jane Webb, RE .....First Presbyterian, Rogers

- 3. Motion to approve commissioning RE Janet Benson as the Commissioned Ruling Elder serving Wynne Presbyterian Church, for a period of six months, effective July 1, 2022, to a 20hour per week position with the following terms of call:**

<b>Cash Salary</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Housing Allowance</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

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**Total Compensation                      \$12,500    (6 months)**

Note: The Coordinating Team will be asked to approve an Administrative Commission and worship service information, on behalf of the Presbytery, to commission RE Janet Benson F at Wynne Presbyterian Church.

- 4. Necrology. The Committee on Ministry requests a moment of silence to reflect on the life and ministry of Rev. Dr. Heinrich Eiler, whose work on this earth has ended, and who have received their reward and are at home with God and all the saints in the Kingdom of God. (See Section E – Attachments II.)**

**For Information: COM Approved at called meeting**

1. The Committee on Ministry concurred with the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of MWS Brad Rito as Pastor of Holiday Island Presbyterian Church, effective June 8, 2023, as previously voted on by the congregation, and granted permission for the Stated Clerk to transfer his membership upon receipt of the request of Eastminster Presbytery to dismiss him. MWS Brad Rito has taken a call as Pastor of New Covenant Community Church in Akron, Ohio.
2. The Committee on Ministry concurred with the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of MWS Matt Bussell as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church Jonesboro, effective May 28, 2023, as previously voted on by the congregation, and granted permission for the Stated Clerk to transfer his membership upon receipt of the request of Salem Presbytery to dismiss him. MWS Matt Bussell has taken a call as Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.
3. The Committee on Ministry approved an amended covenant between CRE David Clark and First Presbyterian Church, Heber Springs. See Section D, Attachment I.
4. The Committee on Ministry approved the request from First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro for former CRE Sylvia Tate to officiate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sylvia will be filling the pulpit occasionally in the upcoming weeks after the departure of the pastor.

5. The Committee on Ministry approved the request from First Presbyterian Church of Van Buren for RE Nancy Deen to officiate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper pending her completion of the Communion Training Session at the Elders' Retreat at University of the Ozarks on May 19-21. Rev. Phil Blackburn of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith will lead the training as part of the program offered by the Thriving in Ministry Grant from the Lilly Foundation. Nancy is a graduate of the Presbytery of Arkansas Lay Academy program that provided training for CLP's.

The Committee on Ministry approved the request from Wynne Presbyterian Church for Rev. Diann White (Cumberland Presbyterian Church) to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on March 26 and to moderate a congregational meeting on the same day.



## **Section D – Attachment I**

### **Amended Pastoral Service Contract**

The Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) would be responsible for preparing forty-eight Sunday services, with assistance from the secretary and Elders. This would not include regular holiday services such as Christmas, Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday etc.

The CRE would not maintain office hours..

The CRE would be expected to notify the session when out of town on a Sunday.

The Session will be responsible for finding pulpit supply for any Sunday that he could not preach.

The CRE would be expected to perform Holy Communion service and Baptisms as required, also to provide Holy Communion services in home to home bound members with the assistance of a member of the Session.

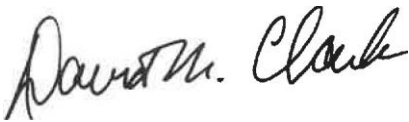
The CRE will moderate scheduled Session meetings.

Contract is valid for twelve (12) months beginning August 1, 2023. Contract will be renegotiated at the end of the contract period.

A performance review will be held on an annual basis, to ensure that expectations by both parties are being met.

Monthly payments will be made on the last business day of each month beginning August 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1000 and a housing allowance of \$1000 per month payable at the last business day of each month' Payment may be made by check or by direct deposit.

This agreement may be canceled by either party with a thirty (30) day written notice.



David Clark



Clerk of Session

Date: April 24, 2023

## **Section D – Attachment II**

### **Necrology**

#### **MWS Rev. Dr. Heinrich Eiler**

Rev. Dr. Heinrich Eiler died on April 5, 2023 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Heinrich and Jean had moved to Eau Claire several years ago to be closer to family as health issues began to mount.

Heinrich was beloved by many in this presbytery as he participated in the worship life of Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs Village; as he served as an interim pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith; as he served on an interim basis on the presbytery staff; and perhaps most importantly as he gave outstanding leadership in our presbytery's Lay Academy program.

Many students treasure the weekends spent learning about polity, reformed theology, preaching and worship and sacraments. This program provided the training for the first Commissioned Ruling Elders that served in our presbytery. Heinrich provided administrative leadership to the program and also taught some of the courses. Heinrich was a great theologian but one who had the pastoral skills that provided a practical application to everything that was taught. As one of our colleagues stated, "Heinrich's ministry continues to have ripples all across the presbytery in a good way."

At this time, we have not been able to locate an obituary.

Thanks be to God for the life of Rev. Dr. Heinrich Eiler.

**Section E**  
**Report of the Committee on the Mission of the Church**  
CRE Peg Falls-Corbitt  
Moderator  
Mission of the Church June 2023

**NEXT ROUND OF MISSION INITIATIVE GRANTS!**  
**DEADLINE: JULY 15th**

**CLICK [THIS LINK](#) TO SEE APPLICATION GUIDELINES!**

**REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITY:**

The Mission of the Church reviewed grant applications received by the April 16<sup>th</sup> deadline. The following Churches received Mission Initiative Grants of \$1,500 each:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Program</u>
First Presbyterian, Alma	Blessing Box Ministry Bar Memorial
Presbyterian	Bakery Initiative
Graham Memorial Presbyterian	Backpack Meals Programs First
Presbyterian, Huntsville	Food Distribution
Mt. Comfort Presbyterian	Community Garden
Westover Hills Presbyterian	Camp Noah Trauma Camp
First Church Downtown, LR	Stew Pot Air Conditioner Repairs

From funds earmarked for international mission support, Rev. LaWanda Harris and Pulaski Heights Presbyterian were jointly awarded \$2,500 to support Rev. Harris mission trip to Kenya on behalf of the church.

Ferncliff Camp and Conference was awarded \$5,000 to support their partnership with the Rise Against Hunger program.

## **Section F**

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

MWS Elizabeth Brinegar

Moderator

#### **For Information:**

Bax Yarbrough (Morrilton) was enrolled as an Inquirer at our May 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## **Section G**

### **Report of the Sub-Committee on Disaster Preparedness & Response**

RE Doug Forsman

Moderator

The Disaster Preparedness and Response Subcommittee (DPRS) has been very busy over the last quarter, primarily as a result of the devastating tornados that impacted Central Arkansas and the areas of Cross County and the City of Wynne. The initial work of the Subcommittee members involved damage assessment to determine the extent of impact on the lives and property of members of our Congregations in the impacted areas as well as any of our Church facilities. We also encouraged the local Congregations to begin the process of determining the ways in which they could help with the response as well as the short- and long-term recovery efforts. Over the period of the last 8 weeks, the Subcommittee has conducted several committee briefings and meetings among our members and with assigned resource personnel from the Synod of the Sun and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The following is a summary of actions and items that pertain to the efforts to date.

- The Subcommittee had personnel on site in Central Arkansas and in Wynne within 4 days of the tornado to assess impacts and damage, and to identify initial financial and spiritual needs. Members of the Subcommittee joined with the Wynne Congregation in Worship the Sunday after the tornados.
- Funds were provided from the Subcommittee reserves to offset the major portion of the insurance deductible for the repair of the Sanctuary Roof at the Wynne Presbyterian Church.
- The representatives from the Subcommittee assigned to monitor and participate in the activities of Arkansas Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (ARVOAD) monitored daily and then less frequent conference calls to coordinate response and define the role of the Presbytery moving forward.
- Liaisons were established with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Synod of the Sun to aid in applying for and expediting funding grants as needed.
- Two initial recovery grants were received by the Presbytery for use in the on-going effort.
- Action steps were defined to focus on the long-term recovery and specifically addressing the unmet needs of impacted people moving forward. This has been and remains the important focus area for the Subcommittee. DPRS members have been assigned to recruit committee members for this effort both in the Central Arkansas area and in Cross County.
- The DPRS will work with other organizations the form the committees necessary to address the unmet needs and to provide the funding necessary to do so. This work will extend over many months in both impact areas.

During the past month, the interagency committee working on the unmet needs that resulted from the tornados in northeast Arkansas 2 years ago, notified the DPRS that their work had been completed with the identified needs having been addressed. That committee returned some funds that had been allocated, but were not needed. The efforts of members of the First Presbyterian Church in Jonesboro were greatly appreciated in this effort. Members of that Congregation have also volunteered to assist the Cross County unmet needs group that is forming.

The DPRS is an important effort in doing God's work in our Presbytery. Not only in being reactive to disasters, but also in aiding our Congregations in being prepared as well. The Committee provides the link between this important mission work and the agencies that help us to provide spiritual, financial and personnel required. Due to the retirement of some members and the passing of a member, the DPRS committee is in need of some new members. If you have a compassion for this work and/or some skill sets that could be of assistance. Please let the Presbytery office connect you with the DPRS.

## **Section H**

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

MWS Margaret Alsup  
Moderator

Our committee is working on a new job description for the youth position on staff. There is a small committee who has worked on this decision and updating various aspects of the job, so that we can have someone by the fall. Our hope is that we are able to post the job and have applicants quickly over the summer for a fall start date to help with Youth Quake and other fall and winter activities for youth throughout the presbytery.

We also have our summer trips up and running. Our committee would like to give a special thank you to all the adults and youth workers who are working hard this summer to make these trips possible.

As we have trips and travel for trips happening, our committee would like you to join us in praying for safe travels, creation of fun memories, and gratitude for the adults and volunteers who make these trips possible.

## **Section I**



**Financial  
Statements and  
Supplementary Schedule  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021  
(With Independent Accountant's Report Thereon)**

# Presbytery of Arkansas

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Committee on Administration  
Presbytery of Arkansas  
Little Rock, Arkansas

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of **Presbytery of Arkansas** (the Presbytery), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements 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.

Landmark PLC, Certified Public Accountants

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### **Supplementary Information**

We have reviewed the financial statements of the Presbytery for the year ended December 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated May 2, 2023. The 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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.

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
May 2, 2023

## Financial Statements

# Presbytery of Arkansas

## Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	\$ 205,114	\$ 248,533
Cash and cash equivalents - designated	761,289	842,762
Investments - unrestricted	3,302,969	3,926,449
Investments - designated	2,126,109	2,825,526
Notes Receivable	36,000	35,000
Property held for sale	555,000	255,000
Property and equipment, net	<u>798,907</u>	<u>824,437</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 7,785,388</u>	<u>\$ 8,957,707</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 7,507,432	\$ 8,683,478
With Donor Restrictions	<u>277,956</u>	<u>274,229</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 7,785,388</u>	<u>\$ 8,957,707</u>

# Presbytery of Arkansas

## Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022			2021		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND GAINS AND LOSSES</b>						
Undesignated contributions	\$ 534,479	\$ -	\$ 534,479	\$ 567,875	\$ -	\$ 567,875
Designated contributions	84,749	-	84,749	120,360	-	120,360
Donated property	300,000	-	300,000	255,000	-	255,000
Miscellaneous income	15,915	-	15,915	19,864	-	19,864
Investment (loss) return	<u>(1,178,601)</u>	<u>3,727</u>	<u>(1,174,874)</u>	<u>733,416</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>736,942</u>
<b>Total Support, Revenues and Gains and Losses</b>	<u>(243,458)</u>	<u>3,727</u>	<u>(239,731)</u>	<u>1,696,515</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>1,700,041</u>
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>						
Administration	34,996	-	34,996	28,913	-	28,913
Christian education	72,620	-	72,620	92,122	-	92,122
Congregational care and development	68,424	-	68,424	80,727	-	80,727
Designated payments	201,049	-	201,049	207,467	-	207,467
General council	2,824	-	2,824	2,228	-	2,228
Mission	159,516	-	159,516	165,107	-	165,107
Presbyterian women	2,802	-	2,802	2,132	-	2,132
Other ministry	7,874	-	7,874	-	-	-
Presbytery office	<u>382,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382,483</u>	<u>293,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>293,904</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>932,588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>932,588</u>	<u>872,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>872,600</u>
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>(1,176,046)</u>	<u>3,727</u>	<u>(1,172,319)</u>	<u>823,915</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>827,441</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>8,683,478</u>	<u>274,229</u>	<u>8,957,707</u>	<u>7,859,563</u>	<u>270,703</u>	<u>8,130,266</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 7,507,432</u>	<u>\$ 277,956</u>	<u>\$ 7,785,388</u>	<u>\$ 8,683,478</u>	<u>\$ 274,229</u>	<u>\$ 8,957,707</u>

# Presbytery of Arkansas

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and 2021

### **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 and 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:

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

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions—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 assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions are met (either a stipulated time period ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished) during the reporting period in which the income and gains are

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### ***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 loans to churches and pastors within the region governed by the Presbytery. Notes receivable bear zero percent interest and are due within one to three years.

#### 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 statements 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.

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### **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, 2022, 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 Adopted 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 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 activities, apart from contributions of cash or other financial assets. It also requires a not-for-profit 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. The Presbytery implemented ASU No. 2020-07 as required for the year ended December 31, 2022; however, ASU No. 2020-07 had minimal impact on the Presbytery's financial statements and notes thereto as contributed nonfinancial assets were not significant to the Presbytery's operations during the year ended December 31, 2022 and had no donor restrictions on the use of the assets.

#### 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:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Demand deposit accounts at financial institutions	\$ 187,200	\$ 239,154
Cash and cash equivalents held by TPF	<u>779,203</u>	<u>852,141</u>
	<u>\$ 966,403</u>	<u>\$ 1,091,295</u>



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### **NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)**

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.

#### **Investments**

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**

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

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Land and Improvements	\$ 128,571	\$ 128,571
Buildings and improvements	961,516	961,516
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>51,522</u>	<u>55,652</u>
	1,141,609	1,145,739
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(342,702)</u>	<u>(321,302)</u>
	<u>\$ 798,907</u>	<u>\$ 824,437</u>

Depreciation expense totaled approximately \$25,000 during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and is included in Presbytery office expense.

The Presbytery leases office equipment under operating leases. Total rent expense totaled approximately \$6,800 and \$6,600 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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### **NOTE 3: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET (Continued)**

The Presbytery had property held for sale totaling approximately \$555,000 and \$255,000, as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The Presbytery offices suffered extensive weather-related damages while the offices were closed for the holidays on December 25, 2022. Restoration work is underway and although management anticipates that the cost will be covered primarily by property insurance, an estimate of the effect of the damage to the financial statements cannot reasonably be determined.

### **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 during each of the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

### **NOTE 5: NET ASSETS**

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:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Irene W. Meredith Trust	\$ 131,134	\$ 127,407
Hispanic Ministry	<u>146,822</u>	<u>146,822</u>
	<u>\$ 277,956</u>	<u>\$ 274,229</u>

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### **NOTE 6: 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:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Committees	\$ 2,802	\$ 3,080
Congregational care	55,179	62,397
Education	77,440	99,691
Facilities	95,233	1,169
Missions	159,516	165,107
Other expense	7,641	9,786
Other programs	9,820	3,141
Pass through gifts	201,049	207,467
Salaries and benefits	314,784	317,789
Travel	<u>9,124</u>	<u>2,973</u>
	<u>\$ 932,588</u>	<u>\$ 872,600</u>

### **NOTE 7: 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, 2022 and 2021, the total outstanding balance was approximately \$77,000 and \$92,000, respectively. The church was current with the required payments at December 31, 2022.

### **NOTE 8: RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

Market disruptions associated with current geopolitical events have had a global impact, and uncertainty exists as to their implications. Such disruptions adversely affect investment assets and thus performance of the investment assets; at this time, an aggregate effect on the Presbytery's investment assets and their performance cannot be reasonably estimated. Management is continuing to monitor these developments and evaluate other impacts they may have on the investment assets.

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### ***NOTE 9: 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 \$3,500,000 and \$4,175,000 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, 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 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS***

The Presbytery has evaluated events that occurred after December 31, 2022, but prior to May 2, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Supplementary Schedule**

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## Schedule of Designated Revenues and Expenses – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2022

<b>Special Designated</b>	<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>
One Great Hour	\$ 22,800	23,944
Joy Offering	9,630	18,752
Theological Education	18,171	20,196
Witness	5,387	11,063
Peacemaking	3,442	4,991
Disaster Relief	16,448	475
Two Cents a Meal	383	-
Other	<u>8,488</u>	<u>121,628</u>
	84,749	201,049
<b>Other Designated</b>		
Irene W. Meredith Trust	<u>3,727</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 88,476</u>	<u>\$ 201,049</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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

- **PMA-** The Presbyterian Mission Agency is part of the larger PC(USA) and is located at the national church headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.
- **PNC-** A Pastor Nominating Committee is a search committee elected by a congregation to seek, interview, and recommend a new pastor.
- **RE/Ruling Elder-** A 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-** The Stated Clerk is the officer elected by the presbytery to maintain the official records, provide extracts when asked, prepare the docket for presbytery meetings, and answer questions about the records, Presbyterian polity, policies, procedures and history. The Stated Clerk is authorized to certify ministers and congregations are in good standing and qualify under the tax exemption of the PC(USA).
- **Synod of the Sun-** The governing body council which includes all the presbyteries in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. It coordinates the work of the PC(USA) in this region.
- **TPF-** The Texas Presbyterian Foundation is a financial service organization for Presbyterian members, councils and institutions. It invests funds and provides bookkeeping services for Arkansas Presbytery.
- **Validated Ministries-** Positions served by chaplains, professors and other Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are not currently serving a congregation. Sometimes they are referred to as non-parish clergy.



## **Tips on Parliamentary Procedure**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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