



Presbytery of Arkansas

153rd Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Arkansas
Saturday, June 3, 2023
Zoom Technology



ADDENDUM PACKET



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Addendum Packet – Revised Docket
Saturday, June 3, 2023

9:00 am	Welcome, Call to Order, Lighting of the Christ Candle, Opening Prayer	
9:05 am	Consent Agenda–MWS Blake Brinegar (requires a 2nd)	Section A
9:10 am	Opening Worship – MWS Phil Blackburn Preaching	
9:50 am	Business of the Presbytery	
	Report of the Stated Clerk	Section B
	Report of the Treasurer (RE Tom Verdery)	Section C
	Report of the Committee on Ministry (MWS Stewart Smith)	Section D
	Report of the Committee on Nominations (MWS Robert Lowry)	
	Report from the Presbytery Connector	
	Report from the General Presbyter	
10:15 am	Order of the Day - Theological Discussion “What is the Church Becoming?”	
11:45 am	Announcements	
11:55 am	Closing Prayer & Benediction	
12:00 pm	Adjournment	



The Presbytery of Arkansas

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 3, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stewart Smith

PRAYER OF ADORATION

OPENING HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LITANY OF BECOMING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 4:1-22

SERMON

“The Bucket List”

Rev. Phillip Blackburn

ANTHEM

“If Not Now”

Carrie Newcomer

OFFERING

Jared Brown

Today’s offering will go to support the summer youth trips of the Presbytery. Junior High youth will gather at Ferncliff June 18-23 for Presby+. Senior High youth will travel to the Montreat Youth Conference on July 8-15. You can mail a check to the Presbytery Office – mark “Presbytery Offering” on the memo line. You can contribute online at the Presbytery website presbyark.org. Click the “Donate Now” button and select “Presbytery Offering” for your donation. Or feel free to use the QR code below for a quick link to that page.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Georgia Senor

INSTALLATION OF THE VICE-MODERATOR

RE Mike Szabo

CLOSING ANTHEM

“From This Valley”

Common Roots

BENEDICTION

Rev. Phillip Blackburn

Worship Participants

Rev. Stewart Smith, General Presbyter, Presbytery of Arkansas

Rev. Phillip Blackburn, Co-Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith

Jared Brown, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, Trinity Presbyterian, Little Rock

Rev. Dr. Georgia Senor – Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bentonville

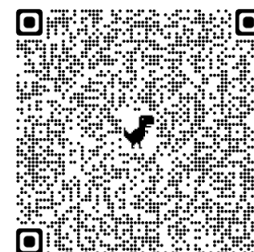
Mike Szabo, Moderator of Presbytery, First Presbyterian Church, Searcy, AR

Organist, Celice Clark, First Presbyterian Church, Springdale, AR

Soloist, Carrie Newcomer, Recording Artist via YouTube

Duet, “Common Roots”, Nominated for Arkansas Country Music Awards Acoustic Act of the Year

Lacy Hampton and Jeremy Morris, First Presbyterian Church, Springdale, AR



Section A

Addendum Report of the Committee on Ministry

MWS Stewart Smith
Acting Moderator

For Action:

1. **Motion to enroll Rev. Rick Broadway as a temporary member of the Presbytery of Arkansas. Rev. Rick Broadway is serving in a temporary pastoral relationship at Mountainburg Presbyterian Church.**

For Information:

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

Rev. Rick Broadway and the Mountainburg Presbyterian Church, to serve in a part time position, effective May 3, 2023 through May 3, 2024, at which time it may be renewed, if necessary, with the concurrence of session, Pastor, and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. The compensation is listed below:

Salary	\$ 6,000.00
Housing	\$18,000.00
Travel Expenses	Travel Reimbursed at .65 cents per mile
Continuing Education	Reimbursed annually
Total Package	\$24,000 plus expenses

2. The Committee on Ministry approved RE Mary Diehl to officiate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Holiday Island Presbyterian Church until future pastoral leadership has been secured.
3. Correction to the Report in the Main Packet. The effective date for MWS John Arnold's call to the First Presbyterian Church of Rogers is June 1, 2023. It was incorrectly listed as October 1, 2023.

Section B
Future of the Church (FOTC) Committee Report
June 2023
RE Cindy Lanphear, Moderator

Every year since 2018, the Future of the Church Committee has awarded grants (up to \$5,000 each) 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*** they are 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.

This committee worked diligently on receiving grants and met many times to review and discuss all the proposals. It was a difficult task that required multiple revisits to the chartered mission of the FOTC committee to ensure the proper allocation of these funds. As a result, for this past year the FOTC committee received 15 grants and awarded 11 for a total of \$38,837.25. Also, there was one grant application for a 1001 New Worshipping Community that was awarded \$15,000.

While the grant cycle is over for this year, the FOTC committee would like to encourage congregations to be thinking and planning for next year's cycle for ways that the Presbytery can assist in building and supporting all the great work that is already happening as well as new initiatives that can be created. You can find the application on the Presbytery's website or email/text Cindy Lanphear, (cjlanphear@ca-mfg.com; 479-979-7160).

Finally, the committee would like to express a huge THANK YOU to Rev. Carol Clark for all her support and guidance during her time as Presbytery Builder and all the ways she assisted this committee in doing important work.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or comments about the grant process or any other way you think we may be able to help you and your congregation. We are eager to help! And we are always open to suggestions if you have a new idea. 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

Section C
Coordinating Team Report
June 3, 2023

For Information:

- 1.** The Coordinating Team elected the following members to the Nominations Committee as the Class of 2025.

MWS – Robert Lowry, Westover Hills, LR to Moderate the Committee
CRE – David Clark, 1st Heber Springs
MWS Judi McMillan, Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista

- 2.** The Coordinating Team approved the theme of “What is the Church Becoming?” for the theological discussion and theme of the June 2023 Presbytery meeting. Rev. Phillip Blackburn will preach the sermon for the worship service. As part of the theological discussion, a visioning/strategic planning process for the presbytery will be discussed.
- 3.** The Coordinating Team approved an invitation to Dr. Lester Ruth, Research Professor of Christian Worship at Duke Divinity School, to be a guest speaker and lead the theological discussion on worship at the October 2023 Presbytery Meeting.
- 4.** A small group (consisting of the Presbytery Leadership positions (paid staff and elected staff)) will represent the Coordinating Team to meet with the Assessment and Visioning Process Team from the Synod of the Sun.
- 5.** The Coordinating Team accepted the resignation of Presbytery Builder, MWS Carol Clark, effective April 30, 2023.

Section D
Presbytery of Arkansas
Youth/Young Adult Position Available

The Presbytery of Arkansas is accepting applications for a Transitional Youth and Young Adult Developer. Compensation is listed at \$15,000 annually plus travel expenses for visiting congregations and events in the presbytery. A position description and job duties are listed below.

Applicants can send resumes/work history to Stewart Smith (stewart@presbyark.org) or Kim Palmer (kim@presbyark.org) by email or regular mail at the presbytery office at 9221 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72227.

Presbytery of Arkansas - Transitional Youth & Young Adult Developer

Position Description: The Presbytery of Arkansas is seeking to develop ministries to, for, and with youth and young adults. With the changing landscape of ministry today, this position would assist the presbytery in discerning the future for youth and youth adult ministries in the Presbytery of Arkansas. **The position is missional in nature helping the presbytery explore new models of ministry for youth and young adults. It requires imagination and creativity as the youth and young adult ministries transition to new emerging paradigms at the presbytery level that are relational in nature instead of programmatic.** This person would work to connect the youth and young adult ministries across the presbytery, work with committees and teams of the presbytery to host events, and advocate for youth and young adults ministries broadly. This is a salaried position, averaging about 15 hours per week.

Expected start date: August 1, 2023

Job Description:

Presbytery Developer of Ministries to, for and with Young People (Presbytery of Arkansas)

(incorporating the job description of the former position “Youth Ministry Coordinator”)

The Presbytery Developer of Ministries to, for and with Young People (PDMYP) is designed to fulfill the Presbytery priority: “Developing and supporting ministries with youth and young adults including collegiate and campus ministry.” The PDMYP will provide staff support for the current ministries aimed at younger Presbyterians, in addition to promoting new ministries both within our Presbytery and our local congregations. The PDMYP will work collaboratively with the General Presbyter and other staff, and will function in a cross-disciplinary way. It is essential that the PDMYP work well in a developing/changing ministry area, in which some level of ambiguity and fluidity will always be present.

This is a salaried position, with expected work of **approximately 15 hours per week.**

1. Thoughtfully and intentionally engage the congregations of this Presbytery as an advocate for ministries with youth and young adults (under the age of 35).
 1. Make face-to-face visits to active youth and young adult ministries in the Presbytery, both sharing information about the opportunities offered by the Presbytery and listening to what youth and young adult groups are doing and what they need.
 2. As time allows, make connections with campus ministries within the state and congregations who actively support their college students/young adults.
 3. Keep a record of “best practices” seen in congregations in terms of connecting and ministering to/with young people, so that those may be shared with congregations who need a jump start.
 4. Encourage congregations to support connections to the Presbytery for this target cohort.
2. Represent the Presbytery as staff resource for the Youth Advisory Team. Participate in all YAT meetings and planning conferences. Along with the YAT leadership team (Moderator, Youth co-Moderator, Vice Moderator), recruit leadership to serve on this team, plan retreats and meetings, and coordinate communication with team members and with the Presbytery.
3. Along with the YAT leadership team, ensure that youth ministry events for the Presbytery (e.g.- YouthQuakes, summer trips, Youth @ Presbytery, etc) are planned and executed. *While this staff person may not need to attend all youth ministry events, they will need to designate leadership for each event they will not be present for.*
 1. Provide logistical support for all YAT events, including coordinating publicity and registration in collaboration with the appropriate other staff members of the Presbytery.
4. Serve as staff resource for the Ministries with Youth, Young Adults and Campus Ministry Area. Be a prophetic voice, encouraging that ministry area to dream big. Connect those who serve on that ministry team with resources available to the Presbytery.
5. Along with the Ministries with Youth, Young Adults, and Campus Ministry Area, ensure that young adult ministry events for the Presbytery (e.g.- Montreat College Conference, CollegeQuake, etc) are planned and executed.
 1. Provide logistical support for Young Adult events, including coordinating publicity and registration in collaboration with the appropriate other staff members of the Presbytery.
6. Serve as a supportive, collaborative member of the Presbytery staff team. Participate in staff meetings/conversations as appropriate. Maintain connection with other staff members. Attend Presbytery meetings as a staff person, ready to assist where needed.

7. Approach this ministry area with the intent to assess and propose ministry practices across all facets of the presbytery. (Assess current practices; proposed reconfigurations or new practices as it pertains to youth, young adults and collegiate ministry.)
8. Additional duties as assigned by the General Presbyter

The PDMYP is accountable to the General Presbyter and evaluated by the personnel subcommittee of the Administration Ministry Area.



Presbyterian Night at A Naturals Game

Tuesday, June 13th, join the Presbytery of Arkansas at the ballpark when the Northwest Arkansas Naturals play the Frisco Roughriders at 7:05pm at Arvest Ballpark in Springdale. You can also join the combined Presbyterian choir in singing the National Anthem.

Gather your church group together and join other Presbyterians for a night of fun!

Scan the QR code for details and registration information.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 6.



Friday, June 16th, join the Presbytery of Arkansas at the ballpark when the Arkansas Travelers play the Corpus Christi Hooks at Dickey-Stephens Park in Little Rock.

Gather your church group together and join other Presbyterians for a night of fun! Scan the QR code below for details and registration information.

Registration deadline: Friday, June 9 at 12:00 noon.

Presbyterian Night at A Travelers Game



BUILDING CLERGY COMMUNITY

Monday, June 12
10:00am on Zoom
Leader: Rebecca Spooner

The Presbytery
of Arkansas



On Monday, June 12 at 10:00am, Rebecca Spooner will be leading an online workshop for our Presbytery's clergy who are actively serving (MWS & CRE). It will be a safe place to share, connect, and deal with feelings of loneliness and isolation. Those who are interested will be offered an opportunity to continue with the work they begin there. ■

