

# **Approved Minutes of the One Hundred Fifty-Third Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of Arkansas**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

## **Welcome, Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The 153<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas utilizing Zoom technology was called to order by the gavel tapping, lighting of the Christ candle and opening prayer by RE Mike Szabo, Moderator at 9:00 am on June 3, 2023.

## **Introductions, Welcome, and Declaration of a Quorum**

Moderator Szabo welcomed all the attendees and mentioned some housekeeping items. No formal breaks were to be held, if there were prayer requests, if there was a joy or concern, the chat was open for them. Stated Clerk MWS Blake Brinegar explained the technology of Zoom and the voting process with green check for yes or red x for no in the reactions area on Zoom at the bottom of the screen.

Stated Clerk Brinegar welcomed all attendees including corresponding members, first-time commissioners, and visitors. A quorum is at least 20 Ruling Elders and 20 Ministers of the Word and Sacrament with at least 20 congregations represented overall, as approved at the February 10, 2018 Stated Meeting. A quorum was present with 86 registrants online at 9:04 a.m. The attendance of those registered and logged into Zoom is included in the Appendix as Section I.

The seven first time commissioners included: RE Alicia Byrd, RE John Giessmann, RE George Keck, RE Julianne Naylor, RE Mark Power, RE Dora Venable and RE Robert Verdoorn.

## **Consent Agenda**

MWS Blake Brinegar  
Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk Blake Brinegar presented the Consent Agenda and explained that all motions may be voted on as one and anyone is welcome to move any item for discussion. Moderator Szabo asked if anyone wanted an item moved or pulled out for discussion. No changes were made.

### **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.”**

**The consent agenda was approved and seconded.**

## **Opening Worship**

General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith welcomed the attendees to the 153<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting opening worship service. A copy of the worship bulletin may be found in the Appendix, Section II. Members from First Presbyterian Church in Springdale provided music, a Litany of Becoming was led by members around the presbytery, and prayers made. Jared Brown narrated a video showing the youth and that the offering collected will benefit summer trips. The offering \$345.00 as of June 12, 2023 was collected. The message was brought by MWS Phil Blackburn, “The Bucket List” and read from Acts 4:1-22. Vice Moderator, RE Emmett Powers, was installed by Moderator Mike Szabo as he was unable to attend the March meeting, and Rev. Blackburn gave the benediction. There were 94 attendees at 9:44 a.m.

## **Business of the Presbytery**

### **Report from the Stated Clerk**

The written Report of the Stated Clerk can be found in Appendix, Section III. Stated Clerk Blake Brinegar said that all of the amendments from General Assembly passed and he will have more information on policies at a later date.

### **Report from the Treasurer**

RE Tom Verdery, treasurer gave a report to the presbytery regarding the financial performance so far in 2023. The April 30, 2023 financial reports may be found in the Appendix, Section IV. He addressed the financial markets in the United States challenging the investments at Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF). He said that the Balanced Fund at TPF is up 6.7% with solid gains

in the first four months of the year. Stocks and bonds remain volatile. He remarked that the mission acceptance is down compared to last year at this time but mail issues have been created with the closing of the office for water damage repair and a tornado near the mail facility for the office. He asked if anyone had returned mail, to please remail it. He also reported to the presbytery that the financial review for 2022 has been completed and the report may be found in the Appendix section IV. Landmark CPA performed the review and concluded that there were no discrepancies found and no modifications should be made to the financial statements. He concluded his report, asked any questions, including the financial statements, and there were none. Moderator Szabo thanked him and said that his work was appreciated. His written report and the 2022 financial review may also be found in the Appendix, Section IV.

## Report from Committee on Ministry

MWS Stewart Smith acting moderator, began his report with information in the main packet and then had motions from the addendum packet. The motions are listed below and the written report may be found in Appendix, Section V. There were 96 attendees at 9:57 a.m. He made the first motion. The moderator asked for any questions on the motions and there were none.

### 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 June 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.

The motion was approved with  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the participants. Smith moved on to the second motion.

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**

**The motion was approved** with 96 online at 9:59 am. Smith made the next motion.

- 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, 2023, to a 20 hour 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.

**Motion was approved unanimously** and Smith moved on to the next motion from the addendum packet.

- 4. 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.**

**Motion was approved with no discussion.** Smith said he will also moderate the session. Rick introduced himself to the presbytery.

## **Necrology**

The Committee on Ministry requested 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 has received his reward and is at home with God and all the saints in the Kingdom of God. (See Appendix Section V – Attachment II.)

## **Report from Committee on Nominations**

MWS Robert Lowry, Moderator, said that according to the standing rules, four months before the slate of nominees is presented to the presbytery in October, the presbytery is to be reminded that the nomination form is on the presbytery's website under resources. He stated that one third of the committees roll over each year. He said that there is a note on the form if there is a requirement for the member to be a MWS or RE. 95 were on Zoom at 10:11.

## **Report from Presbytery Connector**

Julie Price, Presbytery Connector reported on a workshop to be held on June 12 called Building Clergy Community with Rebecca Spooner. She said that this will be a safe space and time to come together with other clergy. A couple of Presbyterian Nights at the Naturals and Travelers are coming up. Flyers may be found in the Appendix Section VI for the events. The Mission Initiative Grant applications are due July 15, 2023. Details were shared in the chat.

## **Order of the Day: Theological Discussion** **“What is the Church Becoming?”**

The Theological Discussion was held on the theme of “What is the Church Becoming?” Rev. Shawn Kang, 1001 New Worshipping Community (NWC) Consultant of the Central and West Region, and leader of a NWC in New Covenant Presbytery. He shared the history and purpose of the 1001 NWC Movement and shared examples of various NWC's. He asked for questions and several were asked and answered. 90 were logged in Zoom at 10:34.

Next up were three 1001 New Worshipping Communities that are in various stages of development in this presbytery. MWS Robert Lowry and MWS Michael Gallup shared progress on “The Table” which has transferred from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and shares space at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church. MWS Marie Mainard O'Connell shared progress of “Queer Collective” which is reaching out to members of the LBGTQIA+ community and also sharing space at Westover Hills in Little Rock. Greg Fairchild shared progress of First Church Little Rock which is sharing space with First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. There were 89 logged in at 11:11.

Next up was MWS Phil Blackburn, who shared observations from his work with the “Thriving in Ministry” Lilly Foundation grant through the University of the Ozarks. Phil spoke about a shift in thinking from the normal numerical statistics that are applied to congregations and that smaller congregations in rural areas often have a significant impact on their communities.

Finally, General Presbyter Stewart Smith spoke to encourage the Presbytery to consider implementing a visioning/strategic planning initiative that would look at “What is the Presbytery Becoming?” and that would consider all facets of the life of the Presbytery. He shared his intention to transition out of this position at some point in 2024 and that the timing was right to undertake such a process.

**A motion was made and approved by the presbytery to empower the Coordinating Team to work to find a group or process or individuals to lead the presbytery in this work – with a budget of up to \$ 30,000.00.**

There were 87 logged in online at 11:37.

## Report from General Presbyter

General Presbyter Stewart Smith said that the office is getting ready, carpet was installed last week. The Administrative Commission for Argenta has listed the building for sale and has generated some interest. The addendum has a job description for the youth position called Presbytery Developer of Ministries to, for and with Young People located in the Appendix, Section VII. The position is hopefully going to be filled by August. Two youth trips are coming up this summer, Montreat, July 8-15 (which is full) for the senior high and Presby+ at Ferncliff, (two spots left) is June 18-23. The next presbytery meeting will be held October 6-7, 2023 with Dr. Lester Ruth who has studied the history of worship and is the author of the book, *Flow: The Ancient Way to Do Contemporary Worship*.

Stewart had special words of gratitude for Carol Clark, who resigned in April after three years of service. She has been a joy to have on staff, inspiring with a great faith and great commitment to the church, who always has a cheerful smile and disposition. He concluded his report. 83 were online at 11:49.

## Announcements

195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Mt. Comfort Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville on June 4 with worship, food, historical talks and cemetery tours.

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church in Forrest City will be on June 11, all are invited.

140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for First Presbyterian in Morrilton is also celebrating an anniversary on June 4 all are welcome for worship service at 10:45 and a dinner following, with historic talks.

Kristi Button, On behalf of the United Campus Ministry at the University of Arkansas, would like to thank all the individuals and congregations who supported their Bike-a-thon, spring campaign. They exceeded our \$25,000 goal for this campaign with donations totaling \$28,000! This ensures that they end this fiscal year in the black and ensures that their vital vocational exploration internships for students, as well as their new Young Adult initiative (for those beyond or outside

college age and stage) can continue fully funded in the fall. Students invited other students this spring and their ministry is thriving and ready to welcome new students in the fall. If you know any college students coming to or already attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, or know Young Adults (generally 22+) who are living and working in NWA, please send names and emails for these individuals to Kristi Button [ucmkristi@gmail.com](mailto:ucmkristi@gmail.com).

Shawn Kang gave resources for 1001 New Worshipping Communities:

<https://goodsoilconnection.notion.site/1001-Resources-for-Presbytery-of-Arkansas-31acf6345b5d412f841b6fef3ffcdc0e?pvs=4>

Recent 1001 NWC story in the Presbyterian News Service:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/1001-new-worshipping-communities-online-retreat-honors-speaking-from-ones-heart-language/>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/new-season-launched-for-new-way-the-podcast-of-the-1001-new-worshipping-communities-movement/>

## Expression of Thanks

With no more reports or business before the presbytery, Moderator Szabo offered a big thank you to all of the committees, the moderators, and to all who participated in the meeting today. Thank yous also went to the staff Stewart Smith, Blake Brinegar, Julie Price, Brianne Christiansen, Kim Palmer, and Jared Brown.

## Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Moderator Szabo offered the closing prayer. He extinguished the Christ candle, and adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m. The chat function and Zoom meeting were left on following adjournment so that fellowship could continue until signoff.

Written reports of committees from the Main and Addendum Packet are included in the Appendix, Section X .

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Palmer  
Administrator

Blake Brinegar  
Stated Clerk

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## **Section I – Roster of Attendance/Enrollment**

### **Voting as Ministers of Word and Sacrament**

#### **Ministers of Word and Sacrament – 35 on Zoom (voting)**

Arnold, John	Davis, Fern	Schaller, Patty
Arnold, Susan	Denne, Krista	Secrest, Alisa
Bacon-Latina, Courtney	Falls, Ruskin	Seitz, Bill
Berger, Sara Anne	Gallup, Michael	Senor, Georgia
Blackburn, Phillip	Harris, LaWanda	Smith, Stewart
Blackburn, Tasha	Kurtz, Steven	Spooner, Rebecca
Brinegar, Blake	Kwak, Jai	Thurmond, Yvonne
Brinegar, Elizabeth	Lowry, Robert	Vinson, Michael
Brock, Brian	Mainard-O'Connell, Marie	Vogado, Lindy
Butin, Janet	Price, Jeff	Wildwright, Jocelyn
Butin, Phil	Saul, Cinthia	Wilhelmi, Jeremy
Clark, Mark	Schaller, David	

#### **Excused Absences**

Cummings, Katie	Rito, Brad
Hatcher, Chip	Roper, Leslie

#### **Honorably Retired Ministers of Word and Sacrament – 10 on Zoom (voting)**

Akin, Karen	Daniel, Joyce	Powers, Emmett
Allsbury, Catherine	Gray, Susan	Tropansky, Joe
Branch, Bill	Hadley, Robert	
Clark, Carol	Jones, Lance	

#### **Temporary Members of the Presbytery – 3 on Zoom (voting)**

Anderson, Barry	Paragould, First
Hyde, Randy	Second Presbyterian Church
Ratliff, Jim	Hardy, Spring River

**Total of 48 voting as a Ministers of the Word and Sacrament**

### **Voting as Ruling Elders**

#### **Ruling Elder Commissioners – 33 on Zoom (voting) representing congregations**

Arkadelphia, First – Bledsoe, Zach	Bentonville, First – Burdick, Nick; Dixon, Kim
Arkadelphia, West End – Wright, Patricia	
Atkins, Memorial – Murdoch, Mark	Clarksville, – Denne, Douglas
Bella Vista – Nichols, Jean	Fayetteville, First United – Power, Mark

Forrest City, Graham Memorial – Benson, Janet  
Hardy, Spring River – McWilliams, Carol  
Horseshoe Bend, Faith – Jackson, George  
Hot Springs, Westminster – Grubb, Lawrence  
Little Rock, First – Giessmann, John  
Little Rock, Grace – Thannisch, Martha  
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights – Atchley, Vicki  
Little Rock, Second – Byrd, Alicia; Keck, George; Naylor, Julianne  
Little Rock, Westover Hills – Branch, Liz  
Malvern, First – Walters, Kathy

Mena, First – Venable, Dora  
Morrilton, First – Jackson, Katie  
Morrilton, Hopewell – Morris, Susan  
North Little Rock – Boggs, Tamara  
Pine Bluff, First – Harris Jr, Don  
Rogers, First – Larkin, Liz  
Russellville, Central – Verdoorn, Margit;  
Verdoorn, Robert  
Searcy, First – Szabo, Marcia  
Springdale, First – Kutz, Alice; Lisle, Karen  
Wynne – Doudna, Linda  
Yellville, First – Brigham, Claudia

**Absent Without Excuse – Congregations**

Amity, Alpine	Gurdon, First	McGehee, First
Beebe, First	Harrison, First	Mountain Home, First
Bentonville, Vaughn	Helena, First	Pine Bluff, Faith
Brinkley, First	Hot Springs Village, Kirk	
Bull Shoals	in the Pines	
Cane Hill	Little Rock, Westminster	

**Ruling Elder Voting Members of Presbytery Council – 3 on Zoom (voting)**

Szabo, Mike – Moderator	Willis, Carolyn – Administration Moderator
Verdery, Tom – Treasurer	

**Commissioned Ruling Elders – 7 on Zoom (voting)**

Clark, David – Heber Springs, First  
Falls-Corbett, Peg – Morrilton, First  
Hall, Michelle – Lincoln & Prairie Grove, First  
Olson, Charles – Atkins, Memorial  
Rhodes, Claire – Arkadelphia, West End  
Rhodes, Kenneth – Arkadelphia, West End  
Wilkinson, Ed – Greenwood, Good Shepherd

**Certified Christian Educators – 1 on Zoom (Voting)**

Button, Kristi

**A total of 44 voting as Ruling Elders on Zoom.**

**Total Voting of 92 on Zoom.**

## **Non-Voting Attendees**

**Corresponding Members – 2 on Zoom (non-voting)**

Christiansen, Brianne

Glacier Presbytery; Presbytery of Arkansas Staff

Garcia-Arroyo, Lemuel

Presbyterian Mission Agency

**Inquirer/Candidate – 3 on Zoom (non-voting)**

Flood, Katie

Bentonville, First

McDonald, Amanda

Fayetteville, First United

Moody, Stephen

Little Rock, First

**Attendees/Visitors – 15 on Zoom (non-voting)**

Bragg, Yvette

Arkadelphia

Brown, Jared

Presbytery of Arkansas Staff

Cardona, Jeannie

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Danehower, Kim

Forrest City, Graham Memorial

Fairchild, Greg

First Church Little Rock

Garlington, Shirley

Little Rock, Westover Hills

Gill, Joel

Ferncliff

Hollingsworth, Cyril

Little Rock, Second

Kang, Shawn

Presbyterian Mission Agency, Central & Western

Laurel, Emily

Benton, First

Milburn, Ed

Harrison, First

Misenheimer, Candice

Little Rock, Westover Hills

Palmer, Kimberly

Presbytery of Arkansas Staff

Prevost, Ronnie

Bella Vista, PC

Price, Julie

Presbytery of Arkansas Staff

Wells, Russell

Mountain Home, First

**Total 20 Non-Voting on Zoom**

**Total on Zoom 112**

**A total of 112 were logged into Zoom at some point in the meeting, of whom 92 could vote.**

## Section II – Worship Bulletin

### 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](https://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

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



## Section III – 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 IV**  
**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 IV—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>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 7,978,242.68</b>
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#### 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>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>		<b>\$ 7,978,242.68</b>
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Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

## Section IV—Attachment II

### The Presbytery of Arkansas Benevolence as of April 30, 2023

LOCATION	2020 Benevolence	2021 Benevolence	2022 Benevolence	2023 Benevolence
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

## Section IV—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>
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 IV Attachment III

## THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS-Operating Income Statements

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 IV Attachment III

Approved Minutes June 3, 2023

**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)

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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 IV, Attachment IV



**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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Committee on Administration  
Presbytery of Arkansas

### **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><u>\$ 7,785,388</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,957,707</u></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><u>\$ 7,785,388</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,957,707</u></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

## **Presbytery of Arkansas**

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2022 and 2021**

#### ***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.

## Presbytery of Arkansas

### Notes to Financial Statements

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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>

## Presbytery of Arkansas

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### **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:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
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><u>\$ 798,907</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 824,437</u></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.

## Presbytery of Arkansas

### Notes to Financial Statements

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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>

## Presbytery of Arkansas

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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:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
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.

## **Presbytery of Arkansas**

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

#### ***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**

## Presbytery of Arkansas

### 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.

## Section V

### Report of the Committee on Ministry

MWS Stewart Smith, Acting Moderator

#### **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 V, 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.
6. 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 V – 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 V – 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 V



### **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.■



## Section VII

### 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](mailto:stewart@presbyark.org)) or Kim Palmer ([kim@presbyark.org](mailto: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.

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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.

## Section VIII

### 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:

#### Church

First Presbyterian, Alma  
Presbyterian  
Graham Memorial Presbyterian  
Presbyterian, Huntsville  
Mt. Comfort Presbyterian  
Westover Hills Presbyterian  
First Church Downtown, LR

#### Program

Blessing Box Ministry Bar Memorial  
Bakery Initiative  
Backpack Meals Programs First  
Food Distribution  
Community Garden  
Camp Noah Trauma Camp  
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 IX**

### **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 X

### **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

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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 XI**

### **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 XII

### 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](mailto: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 XIII**  
**Coordinating Team Report**  
**June 3, 2023**

For Information:

- 1.** The Coordinating Team appointed 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.