

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS

STATED MEETING

August 26, 2023

Zoom Meeting



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Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Present

George Anderson	Keith Leach	Mikel Pugh
Philip Bouknight	Elizabeth Link	Dave Roberts
Beth Broschart	Carlos Malave	Pete Smith
Janet Chisom	Gary Marshall	Betsy Soto
Terri Cornwell	Sarah Martin	Ed Soto
Linda Dickerson	Bob McLavey	Anghaarad Teague Dees
Susi Ennis	Russ Merritt	Peter Thompson
Isabella Fagiani	Bea Miller	Carl Utley
Jeff Garrison	Leigh Ann Min	Chris Vogado
Annette Goard	Jonathan Moelker	Andrew Whaley
Geoff Hubbard	Kris Moore	Morgan Whitfield
Herndon Jeffreys	Jim Moss	Brent Williams
Kim Jeffreys	Cheryl Peoples	

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Excused

Kyle Allen	Lisa Marshall
Ben Brannan	Allison Unroe

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Absent

Paul Brokaw	Kim Steinhorst	Steve Willis
Shawn Hyska	Jude Swanson	Rodney Wilson
Mark Rackley	Sarah Wiles	

Honorably Retired Ministers in Attendance

Terry Blevins	Tupper Garden	Jim Slate
David Dickerson	Skip Hastings	John Wiederholt
Bob Fiedler	Shirley Larson	
Dusty Fiedler	Don Makin	

Honorably Retired Ministers Excused

Glenn Coleman
W.D. Hasty
John Salley

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Present

David Baker
Vernie Bolden

Jen Brothers
Amy Merrill-Willis

Rachel Vogado

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Excused

Chad McCain
Robin Williamson

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Absent

Ellen Anderson
Kathy Carpenter
Steve Darr

Todd Hester
Emily Hunter
Paul Johnson

Debra McKune

Commissioned Pastors Present

Margie Anderson
Todd Atkins

Diane Baldwin
Phil Berry

Dick Boswell
Jan McGilliard

Commissioned Pastors Excused

Richard Henderson

Commissioned Pastors Absent

Naomi Hodge Muse
Erik Koroneos
Bill Meneeley
Robert Morris

Felecia Parsell
Joyce Perez
Kelvin Perry
Mike Price

Tony Ward
Michael Whorley

Cabinet and Committee Chairs Attending

Helen Dean
Sue Bentley
Howard Jennings

Voting Elders for Churches

Altavista
Appomattox PE
Bedford
Berry Hill

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Donna VanCleave
John Blair
Ben Harris

Blacksburg	Jack Call
Buchanan	Kim Bennett
Chatham	Kathy Buck
Christiansburg	Mary Osten
Christiansburg	Shelda Wills
Clarksville	Ann Redd
College	Virginia Kinman
First, Collinsville	Kym Wiederholt
Cool Spring	Marilyn Hubbard
Covenant	Christopher Bircher
Covenant	Carol Merritt
First, Danville	Kim Meadows
Diamond Hill	Lisa Dawson
Drakes Branch	Willie Pettus
Fairlawn	Sandy Weeks
Farmville	David Smith
Fifth Avenue	Ray Williams
Fifth Avenue	Philip Claytor
Fincastle	Lynne Bolton
Floyd	Joyce Blevins
Forest Hills	John Peeples
Gethsemane	Janice Wells
Holbrook St.	Rhonda Beavers-Chandler
First, Lynchburg	Becky Giles
Low Moor	Phyllis Webb
Mallow	Steve McCormack
First, Martinsville	Monica Stevens
McAllister Memorial	Augustus Hayslett
Mizpah	Gail McCullough
New Concord	Bruce Reid
New Dublin	Richard Ely
Northminster	Lynn Kirby
Northside	Ann-Marie Conner
Old Brick	Sharon Teany
Pearisburg	Michael Nevergold
Quaker Memorial	Steve Hubbard
Raleigh Court	Jim Ellison
Salem	Kathy Highsmith
Salem	Jenny Sease
Second	Aaron Copeland
Second	Pat Houghton
First, South Boston	Rick Harrell
St. Andrew	Cheryl Lindeman
St. Andrew	Kenneth Naugle

Visitors

Pam Claterbaugh	Northminster
Richard Claterbaugh	Northminster
John Lewis	New Concord
John McCarthy	First, South Boston
Sally Nichols	Second
Joe Wilson	First, Covington

Churches Not Represented by a Voting Elder

Amherst	Fellowship	Oak View
Appomattox CH	Forest	Old Concord
Arvon	Fork Union	Peaks
Beale Memorial	Grace	Phenix
Belmont	Hat Creek	Pisgah
Belspring	Hermon	First, Pulaski
Bethlehem	High Bridge	Radford
Bluemont	Jamestown	Roanoke
Briery	Kayser Memorial	Roanoke Valley
Brookneal	Kentuck	Rocky Mount
Browns	Madisonville	Rough Creek
Buffalo	Mary Horner Walker	Rustburg
Campbell Memorial	Massies Mill	Sinking Spring
Clifton Forge	Mayberry	Trinity Ecumenical
Colonial	Maysville	Trinity, New Canton
Concord	Meherrin	Unity
Coolwell	Memorial	Village
First, Covington	Mercy Seat	Villamont
Cumberland	Montvale	Virginia
Danube	Mt. Carmel	West End
Davis Memorial	First, Narrows	Westminster
Douglas	New Store	Williamson Memorial
Falling Spring	Oak Level	

Staff Not Counted Elsewhere

Robin Padgett
 Julie Burnett
 Donna Garrison

**Presbytery Meeting Minutes
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The Moderator, Rev. Keith Leach, called the August 26, 2023 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks to order at 9:06 AM. The meeting was opened with prayers.

The General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Carl Utley offered greetings to the presbytery.

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Betsy Soto, presented the docket and the consent agenda for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

Report of the Stated Clerk:

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the minutes of the One-hundred thirty-second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks (May 6, 2023) as reviewed by those persons designated by the Standing Rules, be approved.
- 2. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That motions be reduced to writing and sent to the clerks' table before discussion.
- 3. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That all committee reports be received.

Report of the Administrative Commission for Glasgow

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the Glasgow Administrative Commission be dismissed effective August 26, 2023.

Report of the Administrative Commission for Harmony

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That Massies Mill Presbyterian Church be given priority for use of the proceeds received from the Lelia Sanford and Massie Family Trusts. The trusts were established to assist young people in the Massies Mill/Tyro area.
- 2. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the Harmony Administrative Commission be dismissed effective August 26, 2023.

Nothing was pulled out of the consent agenda for consideration. Both the consent agenda and the docket were approved by consensus.

The presbytery moved into a time of worship, led by Rev. Carl Utley, Rev. Betsy Soto, and Rev. Keith Leach. They preached on Genesis 17-18 (selected verses); Luke 10:1-11, 17; and Romans 9:14-16, on the theme of God's capacity for extraordinary things.

The presbytery then adjourned for a brief recess before regathering for announcements and the business of the assembly.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION**Rev. Elizabeth Link**

Rev. Elizabeth Link, Chair of the Examinations Commission introduced the following new members of the Presbytery, approved for membership on May 17th, 2023: Rev. Rachel Vogado (MAL), Rev. Carlos Malave (Pastor, Appomattox CH and New Concord Presbyterian Churches), and Rev. Kris Moore (Interim Pastor, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church).

REPORT OF THE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION**INFORMATION:**

1. The Examinations Commission met on May 17, 2023 to meet with the following:
 - Rachel Vogado, from Charlotte Presbytery, to serve as a Member at Large
 - Carlos Malave, from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, to serve as pastor of Appomattox CH and New Concord Presbyterian Churches
 - Kristin “Kris” Moore, from Cincinnati Presbytery, to serve as interim pastor of Christiansburg Presbyterian Church

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Membership in Presbytery of the Peaks was approved on May 17, 2023 for Rachel Vogado, Carlos Malave and Kris Moore.

Rachel H. Vogado
Autobiographical/Faith Journey Statement

Born and raised in Tallahassee, FL, I was nurtured in the faith primarily by my family and my home church, Faith Presbyterian Church. My family was and continues to be very involved in many aspects of church life and the understanding of and commitment to the faith community is a major part of my faith foundation. As a child of that church that would become one of the main places where I felt called to ministry, I have many incredible stories of the faith family that helped raise me and continues to love and know me.

In college I experienced my worlds (faith and the arts) colliding in an Early Christian Arts course in which I studied how people from the 4th and 5th century sought to understanding their faith through the arts, and it opened my eyes to the connection of history in which we try to visualize how and in whom we believe. It was also in college where I was very connected to the campus ministry program, which invited me into meaningful community and a place in which I could explore my faith with a lens of leadership and co-creatorship. What I have also discovered is that much of what I learned as part of the museum education program has helped inform my ministry. Like a curator considers museum guests of all ages, I deeply enjoy finding meaningful and creative ways for people of all ages to approach a Bible story and find new learnings and interpretations. The museum also has been a model for me in its approach for welcome, inclusion, and thoughtfulness of program and offerings in creates for the surrounding community.

Following a year of working in campus ministry at Florida State University, I recognized that to live out God’s call for me was to gain a broader vocabulary and I looked to Columbia

Theological Seminary for that learning. My supervised ministry internship at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee shaped much of my ministry in both how I reflect on my experiences in ministry and added a deeper level of understanding to both my call to the work of and core value of justice for all God's people. My time as a Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, IN, helped me explore my call within a congregational context, and offered incredible opportunities to work and learn alongside an immensely hospitable church and gifted staff. My churches and communities that I have served following graduation have shaped my sense of call in a number of ways- the authenticity I hope to bring in my witness, the patience and humor that are two of my most favorite gifts to carry with me, the self-awareness and courage to tell the truth about who we are and the world we live in, and the creative and inspiring love that weaves us all together.

I met my partner, Chris, in seminary and we became engaged right before graduation. While I never expected to be part of a clergy couple, it has been such a gift to have a partner that "speaks the same language" of church work and who understands and supports my call to ministry. In this season, I am listening to how God is calling me to use my creative gifts and work with various congregations and conferences to explore their faith through the visual arts. I also hope to remain rooted with ministries in a variety of congregational settings, and continue to find ways to preach, teach and care for the neighbors around me in this time and place.

Rachel Vogado Faith Statement

I believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth, who is active, omnipotent, and omnipresent in this world and in places that are beyond our realm of vision. Crafting life out of a formless void, and breathing life into dust, God made creation good and in God's own image. Like a loving parent, God acts with justice and mercy, as well as with righteousness, correcting, guiding, and redeeming creation. I trust and believe that in life and death I belong to God.

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born to an unwed young woman, Jesus reversed expectations from his birth. As a child, he studied in the temple and questioned the Scribes and Pharisees. In his ministry, he healed the sick, released the captives, preached to the masses, fed the hungry with a few loaves and fish, and he dined with outcasts. Jesus welcomed the strangers and forgave those who sinned. As God's own son, Jesus came to this world as Emmanuel, *God with us*, to be crucified on the cross and was resurrected, taking upon himself our sin, and delivering us from the power of death to eternal life. It is by this grace, and this grace alone, that I am saved from sin.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, God revealed in and among us, who is the renewer and sustainer of life. It is the Holy Spirit that inspired the word of God, and that inspires us to pray with courage and boldness, saying "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Moving among us, the Holy Spirit teaches us how to be a loving neighbor, binding us together in community, and claiming and sealing us in the waters of Baptism.

I believe in the work of the one Triune God in the church. Throughout the ages, the Church has been called to proclaim the Gospel to the world, to witness to God's love and grace, and to care tenderly for our neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies. Scripture is the unique and authoritative witness to the work of the living God, and it guides the Church as it works to discern God's presence today and learn how to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Within the community

of the Church, God gathers people to worship together and to share in the sustaining power of the two holy sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The water of Baptism cleanses us from sin and welcomes us into the body of Christ. At the Table, we share the Lord's Supper and remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection and, through the Holy Spirit, we are drawn into the presence of the risen Christ, and we receive a foretaste of the coming kingdom. Sealed and sustained by the sacraments, the members of the church are called to respond with thanksgiving. Gathering for worship and community, we are then sent out into the world to live in faith and gratitude to serve and witness to the way God works in our lives and in the world.

Carlos Malave
Autobiographical/Faith Journey Statement

I was born and raised in a small town in Puerto Rico. I didn't have a strong spiritual or religious formation during my childhood. My father was an agnostic, and my mother was a nominal Catholic. At age seventeen, I started attending a Seventh-day Adventist church in my neighborhood. I was immediately drawn by their love and a strong sense of community. Their emphasis on the Bible caught my attention, and I began to "drink" insatiably from the Book. In a matter of two years, I was elected as an elder in the congregation. At the time, I was eighteen, and the following year, I started my college education. After my first year at college, I felt my personal calling to the ministry. I then moved from the University of Puerto Rico to the Antillian College, an SDA institution. I completed my bachelor's degree in religion. I started serving as a pastor in a district of three churches in the center of the island of Puerto Rico.

After two years in the pastorate, I needed to continue my education. In 1989, I moved with my family to Loma Linda, California. I began a master's program on Family Life Education; this was a two-year Master of Arts program. At the time, I thought that this education would serve me well in my pastoral ministry. After finishing the degree, I accepted a job at a non-profit organization serving Latino children in the inner city of Chicago. The organization was established by a local SDA Latino congregation. When the pastor of this congregation resigned, I was invited to take the pastoral position. A year earlier, I had started to question the core doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. By the time I was called to serve as pastor of the Chicago church, I was no longer upholding their core doctrines. This was a cause for friction with the regional leadership of the denomination. After much thought and prayer, I decided to leave the SDA church. I then returned to Southern California and enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary to pursue a master's in divinity. At that time, I was discerning which church I would join. I developed a friendship with a seasoned PCUSA pastor from my hometown in PR, serving in SoCal. He offered to mentor me and guide me to become a PCUSA minister. I'm forever grateful for his friendship and mentorship.

During my time at seminary, I served as student pastor of a Latino congregation in East L.A. After two years serving this congregation, I accepted an opportunity to begin a new Latino ministry at Oxnard First Presbyterian Church (close to Ventura, CA.) After finishing seminary, I accepted a call to serve a Latino congregation in Hollywood, CA. I served this congregation for six years. This has been one of the most fulfilling pastoral experiences in my life. While serving this congregation, I got involved in the local police religious council. This exposure to leaders of other Christian traditions and religions inspired me to focus my life and ministry on promoting and building unity among Christians and all people.

In what was obviously God's providence, I was invited to apply for a position on ecumenical work at the Office of the General Assembly. In August of 2001, I was called to serve in that position.

I worked for ten years as an Associate for Ecumenical Relations at the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In this capacity, I represented the PCUSA in ecumenical gatherings. I guided presbyteries regarding the transfer of ministers to/from the PCUSA to other denominations. I served as support staff for ecumenical representatives attending the General Assembly Gathering. As part of my responsibilities, I also lead a travel study seminar to Geneva for ten years. In this seminar, participants learned about Reformed history and the different ecumenical commitments and involvement of the PCUSA.

While serving at the General Assembly, I represented the church in Christian churches Together (CCT.) I fully embraced the vision of this ecumenical organization. In 2012, I applied and was called to serve as executive director for CCT. CCT is an ecumenical table inclusive of our country's major Christian traditions. In this position, I served with the senior leaders of more than 30 Christian denominations and organizations to further the unity of the body of Christ. This was one of the greatest privileges of my life. I served in this capacity from 2012 to 2021.

I have had the honor to serve for many years on the steering committee of the Circle of Protection, a hunger advocacy group of more than 50 denominations and Christian organizations. For more than 15 years, the Circle of Protection has effectively advocated Congress on federal programs serving impoverished people. This year I began serving on the board of Sojourners. Sojourners is an ecumenical evangelical organization mobilizing Christians in criminal justice, hunger/poverty, gun violence, racism, immigration, etc. I serve on the board of Luke 10. Luke 10 is formed by a group of senior religious leaders interested in creating and strengthening bridges of understanding with religious leaders in Iran. I'm deeply committed to working for and to promoting social justice. My service in different ecumenical organizations has provided ample opportunities for advocacy in Congress. It has also opened the doors to work on social justice issues with staff in the last two White House administrations.

I'm currently the president of the Latino Christian National Network (LCNN.) LCNN is a broad Christian Latino network in our country, including Pentecostal, Evangelical, and historic Protestant leaders. The network offers a space for dialogue, mutual growth, resource sharing, and advocacy on issues the leaders can agree on. Many of the leaders are the directors of Hispanic ministries for their denominations.

The Spirit of God has guided me on a beautiful journey of faith. This journey began in a conservative denomination with a narrow-minded concept of God. Several significant shifts happened during the last twenty-five years. God has helped me grow from a limited view of what God is about in the world to an ever-expanding understanding of His majesty, sovereignty, and beauty. During the last four years, I have dedicated more time to discovering God's presence in my life through intentional spiritual practices. I'm passionate about life and working so that every person can experience the "life to the fullest" that Christ promised to all.

For the last eight years, I served part-time as pastor of Meadowview PC in Louisville. My service to this congregation ended in January of this year.

I'm grateful for the opportunity and privilege to serve the Appomattox Courthouse and New Concord Presbyterian Churches. I can't wait to grow together in the likeness of Christ with the members of these two congregations.

Last, but not least, I'm married to Aixa Malavé. I have three grown children, Yaisca, Yshua, and Giancarlos; and two grandchildren, Eleanor and Judah.

Carlos Malave Faith Statement

Since all eternity, God is. I belong to God. God is in me, and I am in God.

Our knowledge of God is infinitesimal. Our awareness of God is only possible because God has chosen to reveal Godself to us.

One of the greatest and most profound mysteries is that God loves us, humans. God loves me.

We are because of God's love. We can love because God's love resides in us. God loves the world – every human being that has ever existed. God desires the salvation and redemption of every human being. We are individually and collectively (the Church) called to be living witnesses of God's love for the world.

The essence of the Christian life is to grow and deepen our capacity to love.

To be holy is to love as God loves.

We don't deserve anything from God; everything we experience (or "possess") comes out of the sheer grace of God. All our resources originate from God's abundance. God intended these resources to be shared equally by all.

Because of our complete dependence on God, one of the essential characteristics of a Christian is his/her humility. We don't possess anything; everything belongs to the Creator. Confronted with these truths, we must live with an attitude of sacrifice, humility, and adoration.

Because of God's immense love, He continually reveals to us glimpses of Her character, beauty, and purposes. God revealed Himself to the people of Israel. However, this revelation was limited by the Israelites social/cultural context and their capacity to understand the mysteries of God.

The Scriptures (Old and New Testament) provides for us the fundamental principles of our faith. Doctrine and theology are our way of expressing our understanding of God, although in a limited way. Even though doctrines are essential and helpful, they should not be our ultimate guide for Christian living—the clearest revelation of God is the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is the model to which all humans must conform. The Apostle Paul declared that "He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God" Col. 1:15

Every human being contains the divine nature. God rejects and seeks to transform everything that attempts to destroy the divine image present in every human being. All life is sacred.

God's kingdom is unfolding on earth through the work, witness, and love of every human being, primarily through those who claim Christ as Lord. The final transformation (redemption) of our world will take place at the second coming of Jesus to earth.

“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him...” Phil. 3:8-9

Kristin “Kris” Moore **Autobiographical/Faith Journey Statement**

My faith journey started long before I was consciously aware of its beginning. As a child reared in lower Michigan, I attended worship and participated in Sunday School at the Presbyterian church in our community. As an adolescent I committed my life to Christ as part of my membership vows.

I have moved several times. At each new place I joined a Presbyterian Church. I had my daughter baptized as an infant at a Presbyterian church in Wisconsin. By my late twenties, my faith had such a central role in my life that I took Greek in undergraduate school, hoping

seminary was in my future. Studying filmmaking, I wished to visually tell the story of the church's mission work.

In my senior year of college, I was invited to work on a co-production between PBS in the United States and China Central Television. In China I worked for six weeks on a travel documentary which was broadcast internationally, live, via simulcast. During that time the Tiananmen Square uprising of 1989 took place. I was a witness to history in the making. Back in the US and after graduation, I spent nearly ten years in the film and video industry, in Baltimore and in North Carolina.

While in North Carolina, in my daughter's senior year of high school, marital difficulties resulted in my getting divorced. My ex-husband had someone "waiting" and expedited the legal process. I was, at the time, active as a Deacon, choir member, and mission participant at church. As a newly single woman, when my daughter left for college, I experienced a freedom and autonomy I found uncomfortably liberating. I entered into a one-year period of discernment, asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance on what God wanted me to do with the rest of my life. My nearly daily prayer was, "Thank you for all that has been. What do you want of me next?"

The church in which I was a member supported my request to become an Inquirer, which was part of my discernment process. I was taken under care by the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation. When Louisville Seminary offered me a \$45,000 full scholarship, I experienced that as an answer to prayer. Leaving my job as a television producer-director was one of the hardest decisions I have ever made. Driving in the big moving truck from Raleigh to Louisville, a single woman with no job and an unsold home, I believed it was either the bravest or the stupidest thing I had ever done.

After seminary, I did a one-year Clinical Pastoral Education hospital residency in Wilmington, NC. I also got married that year. Following my residency, I moved to Ohio to live with my husband and accepted a call to pastor at a small church. Three years later I accepted a position as a professional chaplain at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. There I provided spiritual care in adolescent residential psychiatry and was later promoted to a Clinical Program Manager for Pastoral Care position in the Division of Psychiatry. When I left Children's, I returned to the pastorate at an area church.

Through all of life's twists and turns the constant has been my faith. My steadfast belief that God goes before us and prepares our future has given me courage. Christ's saving grace and mercy have sustained me and deepened my empathy for others. The power of the Holy Spirit has inspired and renewed me. Though I often fall short, I have sought to live a life pleasing to the Lord.

A member of the Committee on Preparation said to me, based on information the committee had received, that it appeared I had a "ministry" already as a lay leader. "Why," she asked, "did I seek to be ordained?" I replied that I wanted to change my contract with the world. When one carries the title Reverend, it signals that faith is at the center of one's life. It offers the privilege of speaking prophetically and announces to others that spirituality, reflection and meaning-making are a way of life. From the moment I was invited into discernment for ministry, I have dedicated myself to living into this high calling. I am deeply grateful that God has allowed my

life to be one of service, and I look forward, with your permission, to continued ministry in the Peaks Presbytery.

Kristin Moore
Faith Statement

I believe in a living Trinity, present from the dawn of time, active through history, and promised unto eternity. This Divine force exceeds the boundaries of human understanding yet is evidenced and experienced in manifold ways.

God, the life giver, created all that exists and governs all things. God blessed humanity by infusing an imprint of the Holy within us. Interactive with humanity from the start, God loves us, claims us, and chooses to covenant with us. We complete the covenant by living in obedience.

Jesus, though fully God, lived a fully human life. Born of a virgin birth, Jesus was known to his contemporaries as teacher, preacher, spiritual guide and change agent. Jesus challenged the social, political, and religious status quo. He proclaimed that loving God and others - in humility - is our highest calling. Jesus demonstrated in physical reality that God seeks relationship with us despite our sinfulness. Through Jesus' atoning death, resurrection and ascension we experience the freeing joy of forgiveness and the transforming power of grace. Jesus Christ instructed his followers to "make disciples," a commission that believers inherit and even now strive to fulfill.

The Holy Spirit is God among and within us, the voice that directs and guides, the comforter of our sorrow, the wisdom of our hearts, and a manifestation of Christ's teachings within us. The Holy Spirit strengthens our relationship with, and dependence on, God by deepening the experience of faith, empowering and emboldening us, and implanting in us the gifts needed to fulfill the Spirit's calling. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the promises of the gospel become life-giving and life-changing, in individual lives, in communities, and across the globe.

I respect God's power and authority, and am profoundly grateful for God's gifts of creation and grace. I have felt the impact of Christ's redemption in my life and strive to follow his teachings. I seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and listen to its urgings. Collectively they form an experiential truth that, for me, is undeniable and has been life altering.

The church is called to welcome all who seek to know the Lord, inviting believers into sacramental covenant with God, sealing the covenant in baptism and celebrating communion with God in the Lord's Supper. As a repository of the faith, the church passes on Christ's teachings generation to generation, enacts its rituals, and reaches out to make disciples in every generation. I am inspired by the Six Great Ends of the Church as precepts that guide us in fulfilling our calling as Christ's church. At its best the church is a living demonstration of God's kingdom on earth. Despite our inability to fully attain that high calling, nevertheless it remains our ideal and our goal. I am encouraged by the Presbyterian understanding of the church as Reformed and continually reforming. This provides hope as we seek to faithfully proclaim and live out the gospel in our modern world.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE Howard Jennings

Howard Jennings, chair of the committee, presented a summary of the Peaks Presbytery Representation Report that is sent to the Synod. Nominations of Teaching and Ruling Elders for various committees and commissions was then presented to the presbytery.

Moderator Keith Leach asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and no objection, so the recommendation was approved by consensus of the body.

Below is the spreadsheet reported to Synod of the Mid-Atlantic by the Committee on Representation.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION:

- At the May Presbytery Meeting we voted on numerous proposed changes to the Book of Order. I urge you to purchase the recently published Book of Order which will include those changes.
- The Committee of Representation met on June 21, 2023 by Zoom to review and finalize the Peaks Presbytery Representation Report to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.
- The Nominations Committee met in July to try to replenish the ever changing governance structure. On our first calls we met with limited success, however with persistence we have nominated some excellent candidates. I urge you to look at the committees or commissions where you might be interested in serving.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. Summary of Representation Report:

Our current presbytery membership is 10,122 with two percent African American, while they supply sixteen percent of the leadership positions in the presbytery. The male/female representation is 40 males vs 37 females.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To approve the following slate of candidates to serve on the commissions and committees of the presbytery.

2023 Ordination Readers

Beth Broschart	TE	First, Danville
Mikel Pugh	TE	Chatham
Kym Wiederholt	RE	First, Collinsville
Joyce Perez	RE	Missional Commissioned Pastor

2024 Presbytery of the Peaks Moderator

Kym Wiederholt		RE	First, Collinsville
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2024 Presbytery of the Peaks Vice-Moderator

Bea Miller		TE	First, Martinsville
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Synod Commissioner

John Wiederholt		TE	Honorably Retired
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Synod PJC

Dave Baker		TE	Validated Ministry
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Permanent Judicial Commission

John Erb	2028	RE	Altavista
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John Salley	2028	TE	Honorably Retired
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Examinations

Charles Bartocci	2025	RE	Clifton Forge
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Commission on Ministry

Skip Hastings	2025	TE	Honorably Retired
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Todd Atkins	2025	CP	Belmont
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Peter Thompson	2025	TE	First, Lynchburg
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Anghaarad Teague Dees	2025	TE	Quaker Memorial
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Trustees

Jonathan Moelker	2025	TE	Campbell Memorial
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	Committee	Total	Male Clergy	Male Laity	Female Clergy	Female Laity	Asian Amer.	African		African Amer.	Hispanic Latino	Native American	Multi-Cultural	Middle Eastern	White	Other Self Ident	Person With Disability		Youth 25/ Under	Young Adult 26-35	Adult 36-64	Senior Adult 65+
1	Budget & Finance	10	2	5		3				2					8						3	7
2	Church Partnership Commission	13	5	2	3	3				1					12					2	6	5
3	Commission on Ministry	20	4	4	4	8				2					18						7	13
4	Presbytery Officers	4		3		1				2					2						1	3
5	Presbytery Council	14	4	3	3	4				2					12					1	6	7
6	Constitutional Ministries (Nominations and COR)	12	3	3		6				3					9						4	8
7	Commissioner to 222 GA/ 239-243 SOMA Assembly	4	2			2				0					4				1		1	2
8																						
9																						
10																						
11																						
12																						
13																						
	TOTAL	77	20	20	10	27				12					65				1	3	28	45

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**Rev. Russ Merritt**

Rev. Russ Merritt presented the recommendation from the Preparation for Ministry Subcommittee. There were no objections to the recommendation to waive the ordinary examination process, and the vote to approve an alternate means was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**INFORMATION:**

1. Commission on Ministry met on June 8, July 13, and August 10, 2023 by Zoom.
2. The Commission on Ministry has formed four subcommittees: Pastoral Care, Commissioned Pastors, Preparation for Ministry and Congregational Care.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Approved the transfer of membership of Rev. Carlos Malave from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery to Peaks Presbytery effective June 8, 2023.
2. Approved the transfer of membership of Rev. Kristin Moore from Cincinnati Presbytery to Peaks Presbytery effective June 8, 2023.
3. Approved the transfer of membership of Rev. Jeff Kisner from Peaks Presbytery to New Hope Presbytery effective June 8, 2023.
4. Approved Rev. David Dickerson as moderator for Buchanan Presbyterian Church effective June 1, 2023.
5. Approved the Temporary Supply contract between Rev. Jeffrey Schroeder and Cumberland Presbyterian Church effective June 11, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
6. Approved the Temporary Supply contract renewal between Oak Level Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ronn McCracken effective July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
7. Approved Lisa Marshall, Dick Boswell, Herndon Jeffreys, Richard Henderson and Ed Soto as 2023 Grant Scholarship Recipients of the Burke Memorial Fund. They will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
8. Approved 2024 Commission on Ministry Line-Item Budget presented by Committee on Administration.
9. Approved a \$600.00 grant request for a female active clergy retreat to be held on Oct. 19-20, 2023 at Mountain Light Retreat Center in Crozet, VA.
10. Approved a \$600.00 grant request for a female commissioned pastors retreat to be held on Oct. 5-6, 2023 at the Mountain Light Retreat Center in Crozet, VA.
11. Approved for the old CP Workgroup to administer and grade exams for students currently finishing the CP Program.
12. Granted permission to candidate Karen Watson to take the Polity Ordination Exam this fall since she had completed the course.
13. Approved the Interim Pastor contract renewal between the Presbyterian Church of Radford and Steve Willis effective July 14, 2023 to July 13, 2024.
14. Approved the Commissioned Pastor contract between Joyce Perez and Mercy Seat Presbyterian Church effective August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.

15. Approved Jan McGilliard as a Grant Scholarship Recipient of the Burke Memorial Fund in the amount of \$200.00.
16. Approved the waiver of elder term limitation request from Pearisburg Presbyterian Church effective August 10, 2023 due to small membership.
17. Approved Rev. Don Makin as a consultant to lead two churches in the presbytery through conflict resolution. Rev. Makin has the authority to act on behalf of the Commission on Ministry.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Recommend to allow the Preparation for Ministry Subcommittee to fulfill the ordination examination requirement of the transfer of Rev. Jeffrey Schroeder by an alternative method other than his taking the scheduled ordination exams. Rev. Jeffrey Schroeder expresses desire to transfer into the PCUSA from the Baptist Church in order to serve as the pastor of the Cumberland and Guinea Presbyterian Churches. It was decided by common consent that he would still be examined using the ordination tests, but the testing would be done by the committee. This requires a three-fourths approval by presbytery.

REPORT OF THE COORDINATING CABINET

Helen Dean

Helen Dean, chair of the Cabinet, presented two recommendations to the presbytery.

The recommendation to change the Manual of Operations regarding the structure of the Commission on Administration was approved by consensus, with no one raising any objections.

The recommendation to change the Manual of Operations regarding the size of the Justice and Mercy Commission was approved by consensus, with no one raising any objections.

REPORT OF THE CABINET

INFORMATION:

The Cabinet met via Zoom on July 27th, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Requested the Commission on Administration and the Church Partnership Commission together discern the level of support to which the Presbytery of the Peaks can contribute to the capital campaign at Massanetta Springs.
2. Approved the docket for the August 26th Presbytery Meeting (to be held via Zoom)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Cabinet recommends the following change to the Presbytery's Manual of Operations:

- a. Commission on Administration will have 9 members in three classes of three persons each
- b. Commission of Administration will be the Board of Directors for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc. (Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc.).
- c. The Presbytery will elect the members of the Commission on Administration.
- d. The Moderator of the Commission on Administration will be elected by the Presbytery and will serve as the President of the Board of Directors for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc.
- e. The other officers of the Board of Directors for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc. will be elected by the members of the Commission on Administration.
- f. The Commission on Administration will have three subcommittees:
 - Human Resources Management
 - Financial Resources Management
 - Real Property Management

The bylaws for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc. will be revised if the changes are approved.

2. Cabinet recommends the following change to the Manual of Operations:

- a. That the membership of the Justice and Mercy Commission be increased from 9 members to 12 members.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION

INFORMATION:

SOUTH SUDAN MISSION SUBCOMMITTEE: Your congregation is invited to a neighborhood gathering for information and inspiration about the Abukloi Secondary School in Rumbek, South Sudan. This Christian school provides an excellent education for 400 students (both boys and girls), but it also has a peacemaking mission to bring students together from different ethnic and religious groups as a healing path after recent civil war. A New River Valley Neighborhood gathering (open to all) will be held on Sunday, September 17 at Northside Presbyterian Church. A Fall gathering, planned for the Hill City Neighborhood, will be hosted by St. Andrew Church. Angelo Maker, the school's founder, attends these gatherings and provides an inspirational presentation and answers questions about this mission opportunity. Previous South Sudan Mission gatherings have been held in Danville, Roanoke, and Covington.

RACIAL EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE: A) On Saturday, October 7, we look forward to a presbytery wide bus trip to the International Civil Rights Museum, Greensboro, NC. At 9 AM several neighborhoods will meet the 54-passenger bus in the parking lot of former Peace Presbyterian Church in Bonsack. We then travel to Martinsville and pick up passengers from South Side Neighborhood at First Presbyterian, Martinsville. After a guided tour of the Civil Rights Museum, our group will gather for a late lunch, informal discussions, and a brief communion service. (Generous funding from our presbytery and a grant to Fifth Avenue Church will cover the cost of the bus. A generous donation from Blacksburg Presbyterian will

pay for admission to the museum.) We especially invite youth and young adults to be part of this trip. The only cost will be one's late afternoon lunch. Sign up for the trip through the presbytery office. See Peak's Posting for sign up details.

B) "Facing Racism: Healing Conversations to Bridge the Gaps that Divide Us" will be led by Rev. Vernie Bolden at Grace Presbyterian Church in October. (More details and registration information will be in Peaks Postings.) This October gathering and program will be especially convenient for the Southside Neighborhood, but other interested folks in the presbytery are invited to attend. This excellent program has been presented in Roanoke on May 31 and in Blacksburg on August 12. Other neighborhood gatherings are planned.

EARTH CARE MINISTRIES SUBCOMMITTEE: Is your church active in earth care or interested in becoming more involved in being stewards of God's earth? Earth Care Mini-Grants can help your congregation jump start a project; it may be a new endeavor or an expanded effort by your congregation. Mini-grant information and an application form is waiting for you on the presbytery website. Application deadline is October 31, 2023.

TWO CENTS A MEAL HUNGER GRANTS: The deadline for applications is October 1, 2023 for local hunger related ministries or international hunger ministries. These hunger grants are funded by the generous Two Cents A Meal offerings received by over 75 of our congregations. Together we can accomplish important work in serving others through hunger ministries. See presbytery website for information and application.

CEDEPCA MISSION PARTNERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE: Preliminary planning continues for a 2024 Mission Partnership Trip to Guatemala. Several pastors and church leaders expressed interest in the trip, but could not go in 2023. Special invitation to smaller membership congregations to send a representative and join this 2024 Presbytery Mission Partnership Trip. Below are some personal reflections from two of our Mission Partnership Representatives who traveled to Guatemala 4 months ago, in April.

From Rev. Pete Smith, Pastor, Farmville Presbyterian Church: "What impressed me most about the trip to Guatemala and the journey with CEDEPCA and its partners, was the genuine engagement with the pressing need that is all around. They were tackling root causes and systemic challenges with heart-to-heart help. I have witnessed ministry in several different mission fields in a number of countries, but this one moved me the most with what I can only call loving the nation and its people into godly change. Even though the path is slow and daunting, their Christian commitment will see a better Guatemala by the grace of God."

From Ruling Elder Beth Mattson, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church: "The entire trip was inspiring, but I was particularly impressed with the work of La Puerta Abierta School and the mission to bring books and the love of reading to all of Guatemala through the Libros Abierta Project, supported by funds from the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering."

A note on our Mission Partnership: Since 1983, our presbytery has worked as mission partners with CEDEPCA, and the results have been effective ministry in Guatemala, and a relationship characterized by friendship, mutuality, transparency, and Christian love. Our mission partnership focuses on Biblical and Theological Training for Lay Leaders, Women's Ministry,

Disaster Ministry, and Intercultural Encounters/Mission Engagement. This ongoing partnership allows life-changing experiences for us and for CEDEPCA, so that many will be blessed.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Glasgow Presbyterian Church

August 26, 2023

INFORMATION:

- An Administrative Commission was formed at the Presbytery meeting to act on Presbytery's behalf, with the necessary power to dissolve the congregation and to position the assets of the congregation to support the Presbytery's ministry.
- Since its formation, the Administrative Commission has prayerfully done the following:
 - The Administrative Commission has secured the session records, congregational rolls and financial records for Glasgow Presbyterian Church.
 - The Administrative Commission worked with the remaining members, facilitating transfer of membership to other churches.
 - The Presbytery celebrated the ministry of Glasgow Presbyterian Church at the May 6, 2023 Presbytery meeting.
 - The real property of Glasgow Presbyterian Church (church and manse) was transferred to Presbytery of the Peaks of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) effective April 4, 2023.
 - The Glasgow Church building and manse were added to the Presbytery of the Peaks property insurance policy.
 - The transfer of the financial assets of Glasgow Presbyterian Church was completed by March 1, 2023. The funds are currently held for maintenance of the property.
 - The Trustees of the Presbytery of the Peaks were authorized to settle the disposition of the real assets of the church.
 - The congregation of Glasgow Presbyterian Church was dissolved, effective May 6, 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the Glasgow Administrative Commission be dismissed effective August 26, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Glasgow Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission:

David Anderson (moderator), Robert (Bobby) Brads (deceased), Russ Merritt, Linda Trumbo, Morgan Whitfield

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Harmony Presbyterian Church

August 26, 2023

INFORMATION:

- An Administrative Commission was formed at the Presbytery meeting to act on Presbytery's behalf, with the necessary power to dissolve the congregation and to position the assets of the congregation to support the Presbytery's ministry.
- Since its formation, the Administrative Commission has prayerfully done the following:
 - The Administrative Commission has secured the session records, congregational rolls and financial records for Harmony Presbyterian Church.
 - The Administrative Commission worked with the remaining members, facilitating transfer of membership to other churches.
 - The Presbytery celebrated the ministry of Harmony Presbyterian Church at the May 6, 2023 Presbytery meeting.
 - The Administrative Commission assumed original jurisdiction of the Harmony Presbyterian Church session on February 9, 2023 in order to facilitate the property transfer to the Presbytery of the Peaks. Action reported to Presbytery at the February meeting.
 - In the exercise of original jurisdiction, the members of the Harmony AC were appointed Trustees of Harmony PC. The Presbytery will seek court confirmation of the appointed trustees including authorization to reconvey the real estate of Harmony PC to the Presbytery of the Peaks of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.
 - The congregation of Harmony Presbyterian Church was dissolved, effective May 6, 2023.
 - The Trustees of the Presbytery of the Peaks were authorized to settle the disposition of the real assets of the church.
 - The real property of Harmony Presbyterian Church was transferred to the Presbytery of the Peaks effective July 19, 2023.
 - The Lelia Sanford and Massie Family Trusts have reverted to the Presbytery of the Peaks as outlined in the Trust Agreements of both. These funds will be used "for post high school scholarships and/or in areas of greatest need" as detailed in the Trust Agreements.
 - The transfer of the financial assets of Harmony Presbyterian Church was completed by April 26, 2023. The Operating fund is currently held for maintenance of the property.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That Massies Mill Presbyterian Church be given priority for use of the proceeds received from the Lelia Sanford and Massie Family Trusts. The trusts were established to assist young people in the Massies Mill/Tyro area.
2. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the Harmony Administrative Commission be dismissed effective August 26, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Harmony Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission:

Margie Anderson (moderator), Dave Roberts, Reuben Womack

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**Rev. Betsy Soto**

- 1.FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the minutes of the One-hundred thirty-second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks (May 6, 2023) as reviewed by those persons designated by the Standing Rules, be approved.
- 2.FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That motions be reduced to writing and sent to the clerks' table before discussion.
- 3.FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That all committee reports be received.

Closing Business

Stated Clerk, Rev. Betsy Soto, drew attention to the remaining reports in the packet. She reported that the attendance for the meeting was 110 voting members (53 Teaching Elders, 6 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 51 Ruling Elder Commissioners), with 9 visitors not entitled to vote. Forty two churches were represented by Ruling Elder Commissioners.

Moderator Keith Leach thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He then closed the meeting with prayer at 10:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Betsy Soto, Stated Clerk

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

INFORMATION:

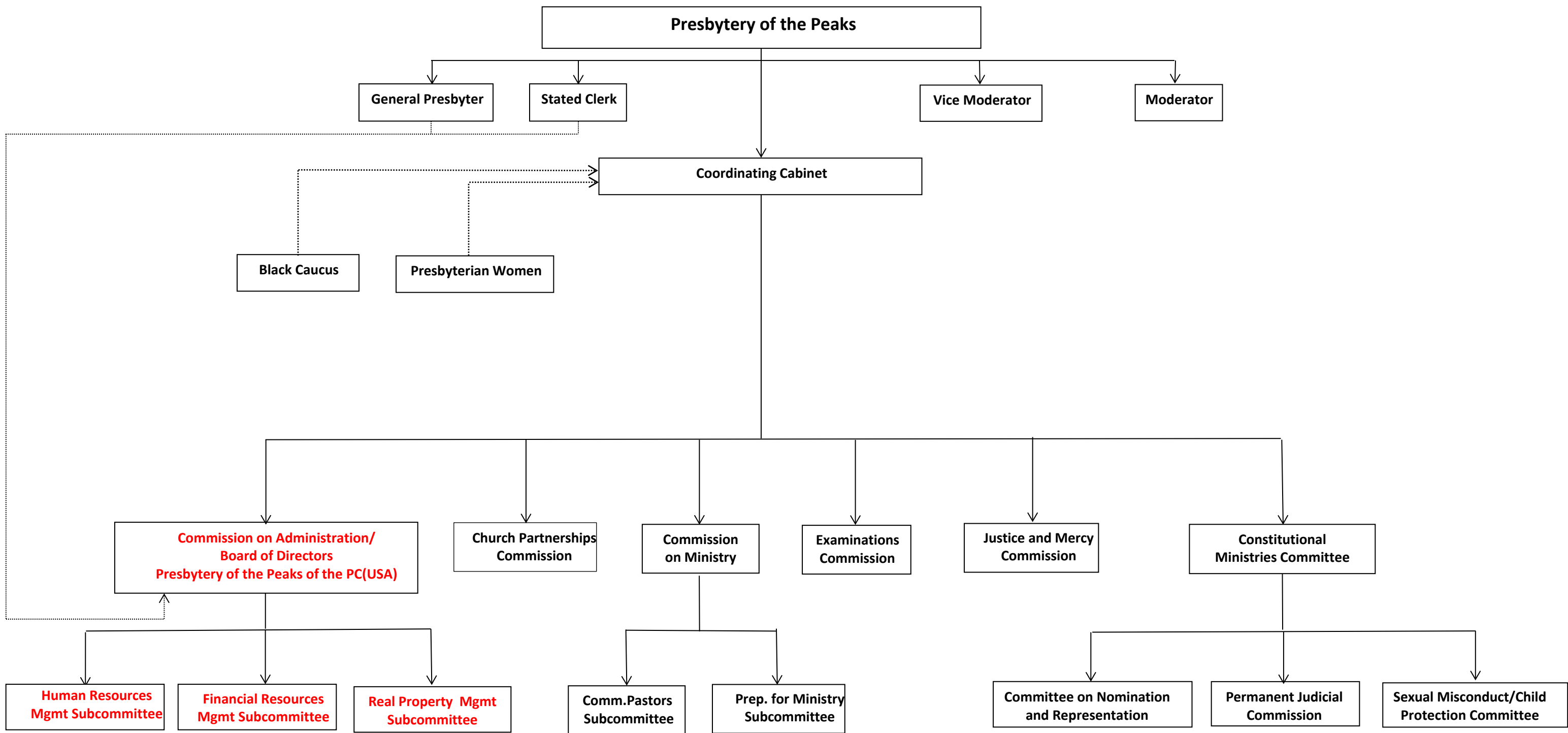
The Committee on Administration (COA) met via Zoom on July 18, 2023 via Zoom.

The COA reviewed a proposed 2024 budget. The final budget for presbytery approval will be presented at the November 2023 Presbytery meeting.

The COA will begin work on a financial policy (to be approved by Presbytery) on the disposition of assets from dissolved churches.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. The Committee on Administration approved the Personnel WG recommendation for a 3% staff salary increase for the proposed 2024 Presbytery Budget.
2. The Committee on Administration made the following recommendations to Cabinet for changes to the Manual of Operations:
 - a. Commission on Administration will have 9 members in three classes of three persons each.
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**The Presbytery of the Peaks
Financial Position
07/31/22 & 07/31/2023**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 42,749.17	\$ 45,626.14
<i>Add Receipts:</i>		
YTD Mission Receipts for GA, Synod, & Presbytery		
Covenants of Intents (Includes Unified & Per Capita)	228,873.11	221,345.18
Selected Giving, GA, Synod causes	81,578.17	54,777.70
Other Selected Gifts (excludes 2Cts, C A Partnership)	6,267.40	80,949.61
Camp Income	306.00	423.46
Receipts from Presbytery Restricted Funds	109,737.57	6,000.00
Receipts from Constitutional/Administration Fund		160,000.00
Receipts from Grant Fund		50,030.00
Interest Income	48.22	25.46
Current Assets less Liabilities	(431.35)	493.11
Miscellaneous Income	1,317.27	1.27
Transfer Accounts	17,044.02	18,735.09
Total Receipts	444,740.41	592,780.88
<i>Less Disbursements:</i>		
Mission Funds to General Assembly	127,524.21	101,553.54
Mission Funds to Synod	9,415.96	8,334.16
Other In/Out Mission Funds Forwarded	5,775.16	81,238.52
Presbytery	304,503.23	404,216.03
Total Disbursements	447,218.56	595,342.25
Cash Balance 07/31/2022 & 07/31/2023	<u>\$ 40,271.02</u>	<u>\$ 43,064.77</u>

**Presbytery of the Peaks
Income & Expense
7/31/2023**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income			
Covenants of Intent	32,749.91	221,345.18	417,869
Mission Payments-Dismissed Churches			2,600
Designated Account Funding Budget	60,000.00	160,000.00	350,768
Designated Funding for Pastoral Leadership, Partnership, Justice & Mercy Commissions		50,030.00	178,659
Office Property Income			7,500
Two Cents a Meal Justice & Mercy Funding	4,000.00	6,000.00	8,000
Miscellaneous		26.73	100
Total Income	96,749.91	437,401.91	965,496
Cabinet			
Cabinet Expense		38.22	200
Presbytery Meeting Expense		568.47	1,500
Workgroup Expense		113.98	4,000
Committee on Representation			-
Total Cabinet Expense		720.67	5,700
Constitutional			
Moderator Expense			1,400
Stated Clerk	1,040.00	7,282.45	13,776
Nominating Committee		16.34	250
Session Records WG			200
Sexual Misconduct Committee	31.00	46.50	500
Synod Unified & Per Capita	961.00	6,825.00	12,844
GA Unified & Per Capital Giving	7,493.00	48,425.00	105,425
Total Constitutional Expense	9,525.00	62,595.29	134,395
Administration			
Commission Expenses			250
Communications Expense	52.50	2,310.29	4,600
Property Expenses (Trustees)	2,771.22	22,642.02	30,000
Office Expenses	1,553.49	10,430.12	18,310
Presbytery Office Equipment		891.65	2,500
Audit Expense			14,000
Staff:			
General Presbyter	11,163.07	81,713.30	145,014
Acting General Presbyter	3,530.32	9,530.32	
Church Leadership Ministry Specialist	4,636.89	37,980.73	70,608
Justice & Mercy Ministry Specialist	6,629.74	47,220.31	79,309
Administrative Support Staff		48,370.71	82,710

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Accountant	6,643.05	46,501.40	79,789
Communications Director	2,798.90	20,522.40	36,587
Temporary Help		376.78	2,000
Office Staff Expenses		193.20	550
Total Commission on Administration	46,689.28	328,683.23	566,227
Pastoral Leadership			
Commission Expenses		1,374.62	3,000
Grants Awarded		(273.00)	59,553
Total Pastoral Leadership Commission		1,101.62	62,553
Church Partnership			
CDC Expenses		182.55	1,000
Adaptive Church Project		1,089.46	3,600
Outdoor Education			3,000
Higher Education Expenses		23,545.00	47,090
Grants Awarded			59,553
Total Church Partnership Commission		24,817.01	114,243
Justice & Mercy Commission			
Justice & Mercy Commission Expenses		43.21	100
Education and Training			200
Community Outreach Grants		20,000.00	40,000
CEDEPCA	(50.00)	13,450.00	27,000
Grants Awarded		8,055.00	15,078
Total Justice & Mercy Commission	(50.00)	41,548.21	82,378
Total Presbytery Expenses	<u>56,164.28</u>	<u>459,466.03</u>	<u>965,496</u>
Total Net Income/(Expense)	<u>\$40,585.63</u>	<u>(\$22,064.12)</u>	

The Presbytery of the Peaks Cash Flow Analysis

<u>Year</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2023					
<i>Contributions</i>	78,060.81	110,561.19	32,749.91	221,371.91	51.71%
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>188,768.28</u>	<u>214,517.97</u>	<u>56,164.28</u>	<u>459,450.53</u>	47.59%
<i>Variance</i>	<u>(110,707.47)</u>	<u>(103,956.78)</u>	<u>(23,414.37)</u>	<u>(238,078.62)</u>	
2022					
<i>Contributions</i>	97,488.96	100,736.43	32,319.21	230,544.60	53.47%
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>166,371.59</u>	<u>154,402.93</u>	<u>39,348.71</u>	<u>360,123.23</u>	42.20%
<i>Variance</i>	<u>(68,882.63)</u>	<u>(53,666.50)</u>	<u>(7,029.50)</u>	<u>(129,578.63)</u>	
2021					
<i>Contributions</i>	101,440.45	103,251.30	61,602.49	266,294.24	63.41%
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>152,614.17</u>	<u>185,648.05</u>	<u>55,268.69</u>	<u>393,530.91</u>	48.55%
<i>Variance</i>	<u>(51,173.72)</u>	<u>(82,396.75)</u>	<u>6,333.80</u>	<u>(127,236.67)</u>	
2020					
<i>Contributions</i>	94,026.63	49,940.15	34,878.35	178,845.13	35.81%
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>155,716.17</u>	<u>140,398.57</u>	<u>43,135.60</u>	<u>339,250.34</u>	42.27%
<i>Variance</i>	<u>(61,689.54)</u>	<u>(90,458.42)</u>	<u>(8,257.25)</u>	<u>(160,405.21)</u>	

**The Presbytery of the Peaks
Summary of Designated Accounts
7/31/2023**

	<u>Book Value 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Market Value 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Unrealized Gain/(Loss)</u>	<u>Market Value 7/31/2023</u>	<u>Book Value 7/31/2023</u>
<u>Constitutional, Trustee & Cabinet Fund</u>	<u>5,651,793.27</u>	<u>6,361,521.09</u>	<u>78,820.33</u>	<u>185,443.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,254,898.38</u>	<u>5,545,170.56</u>
<u>Pastoral Leadership/Partnership/Justice & Merc</u>	<u>1,869,850.66</u>	<u>3,165,206.86</u>	<u>2.41</u>	<u>50,030.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,115,179.27</u>	<u>1,819,823.07</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>7,521,643.94</u>	<u>9,526,727.95</u>	<u>78,822.74</u>	<u>235,473.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,370,077.65</u>	<u>7,364,993.64</u>
<u>Pass Through Funds</u>	<u>230,119.68</u>	<u>224,567.99</u>	<u>51,884.23</u>	<u>84,141.13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192,311.09</u>	<u>197,862.78</u>
Two Cents	67,500.35	67,500.35	34,915.49	31,764.99		70,650.85	70,650.85
Peacemaking	3,299.92	3,299.92	43.08			3,343.00	3,343.00
Morris Trust	1.62	1.62	14,827.54			14,829.16	14,829.16
Burke Mem Vacation Fund	50,141.73	45,553.96	1,398.12	2,500.00		44,452.08	49,039.85
Transfer Funds	109,176.06	108,212.14	700.00	49,876.14		59,036.00	59,999.92
<u>Presbytery Restricted</u>	<u>297,216.88</u>	<u>299,721.60</u>	<u>197,962.30</u>	<u>25,657.14</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>472,026.76</u>	<u>469,522.04</u>
Black Caucus	73,006.10	66,431.12	14.78			66,445.90	73,020.88
COM	10,542.01	9,298.26				9,298.26	10,542.01
Church Redevelopment Grant	163,515.35	173,838.80	9.21	19,390.00		154,458.01	144,134.56
Peace Church/Wild Goose Ministry			197,938.31	6,267.14		191,671.17	191,671.17
Home Missions	5,684.84	5,684.84				5,684.84	5,684.84
Church Extension	41,918.58	41,918.58				41,918.58	41,918.58
Ministerial Student	2,550.00	2,550.00				2,550.00	2,550.00
<u>Donor Restricted</u>	<u>69,019.25</u>	<u>69,019.25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,019.25</u>	<u>69,019.25</u>
Camp Scholarships	2,474.73	2,474.73				2,474.73	2,474.73
Camp Endowment	2,050.00	2,050.00				2,050.00	2,050.00
Candidates Scholarship	2,200.00	2,200.00				2,200.00	2,200.00
Home Mission	62,294.52	62,294.52				62,294.52	62,294.52
<u>Total Pass Through & Restricted</u>	<u>596,355.81</u>	<u>593,308.84</u>	<u>249,846.53</u>	<u>109,798.27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>733,357.10</u>	<u>736,404.07</u>
<u>Presbytery Total Funds</u>	<u>8,117,999.75</u>	<u>10,120,036.79</u>	<u>328,669.27</u>	<u>345,271.31</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,103,434.75</u>	<u>8,101,397.71</u>

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

INFORMATION:

The Trustees of the Presbytery of the Peaks met on July 19, 2023 via Zoom

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. The Trustees approved use of the Peace/WG property for the Presbytery of the Peaks Women's CT event on Saturday, October 28, 2023.
2. The Trustees approved Melissa Holland as the listing agent for the Glasgow manse, after the current tenant vacates the property on July 31, 2023.
3. The Trustees approved the recommendation to Cabinet for the following changes to the Manual of Operations:
 - g. Commission on Administration will have 9 members in three classes of three persons each.
 - h. Commission of Administration will be the Board of Directors for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc. (Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc.).
 - i. The Presbytery will elect the members of the Commission on Administration.
 - j. The Moderator of the Commission on Administration will be elected by the Presbytery and will serve as the President of the Board of Directors for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc.
 - k. The other officers of the Board of Directors for the Presbytery of the Peaks of the PCUSA, Inc. will be elected by the members of the Commission on Administration.
 - l. The Commission on Administration will have three subcommittees:
 - Human Resources Management
 - Financial Resources Management
 - Real Property Management
4. The Trustees approved a Corporate Resolution with Wells Fargo Bank naming persons authorized to transact business and requiring two persons to authorize transactions.
5. The Trustees created an Insurance Task Force to review the insurance needs of the Presbytery. The Task Forces will consist of two Trustees and two members of the Committee on Administration and will review the current policies of the presbytery. In addition, the group will contact other insurers in order to compare policies.
6. The Trustees appointed Kelvin Perry, Janice Wells and Helen Dean to meet with neighbors of the Trinity, Ridgeway property.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

INFORMATION:

- The Commission met on June 7 and August 9 in Meetings held on Zoom
- The updated Church Partnership/Shared Ministry Grant Application, will be on the Presbytery website, along with the Church Revitalization Grant Application. Note that the amount available for the Church Partnership/Shared Ministry Grants has been raised to a maximum of \$5000 per application. This is the same as is available for a Church Revitalization Grant.
- A letter requesting prayer for New Church Developments will be in the *Presbytery of the Peaks* Newsletter

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. Approved an updated Application Form for the Church Partnership/Shared Ministry Grant, including raising to a maximum of \$5000 the amount available for the grant.
2. Approved a Church Partnership/Shared Ministry Grant for VT UKirk – Funding for Technology and Travel Funds, for a \$3000 Grant
3. Approved a Church Revitalization Grant for Danville First - Funding for College Singers for their Choir Redevelopment, \$5000 Grant
4. Reviewed and Approved, on behalf of Presbytery, the application being submitted by Grace Presbyterian Church to the Synod for a Small Church Grant.

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

INFORMATION:

- The Presbytery of the Peaks PW Spring Gathering took place April 29, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. The 35 attendees, representing 15 different churches, enjoyed a morning of inspiration, information, music, fun, and fellowship. Sarah Hyska, former missionary to Uganda, served as the keynote speaker. Peaks PW recognized Julie Burnett and Robin Padgett, two members of the Presbytery staff, for their support of PW

and the entire Presbytery. At the conclusion of the gathering, attendees participated in a hands-on mission project by making approximately 30 washcloth “boo-boo bunnies” for children in the Early Childhood Development Program at HumanKind, a nonprofit human services organization in Lynchburg that has been serving children and families since 1903.

- The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering took place June 8-11, at the Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg. The Gathering featured several plenary speakers including the Rev. Olive Mahabir, author of the 2023-2024 *Horizons* Bible Study, *Sacred Encounters – The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*; Kathy Reeves, 2021-2024 Churchwide PW Moderator; and Shani McIlwain, Moderator of National Capital Presbytery. Eight women from the Presbytery of the Peaks attended.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- Planning continues for the 35th Annual Gathering of Peaks PW that will take place on Saturday, September 23, at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. The theme will be “Honoring Women and Their Contributions.” Watch for more detailed information very soon!
- As a way of keeping in touch with the women in the local churches, the Coordinating Team continues to publish mini newsletters every other month.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. No recommendations

REPORT OF THE SESSION RECORDS WORK GROUP

INFORMATION:

- The Session Records Work Group continues to receive and review both past and current Session Minutes. Please see the following pages for the quarterly report showing the running record of Session Minutes submitted for review.
- Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. Please note, however, that **2022 Session Minutes are due for review during 2023**. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The remaining schedule for the **review of 2022 Session Minutes in 2023** is as follows:
 - August 26 – Churches with names beginning with P-W
 - November 16 – Churches with names beginning with A-C

- When the Presbytery of the Peaks is unable to meet in person, churches are asked to **EITHER mail hard copies** of the Minutes (no binders, please), along with a completed “Session Records Review Form,” to Shelda Wills, Session Records Work Group Chair, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, **OR email digital copies** of the Minutes, along with the completed “Session Records Review Form,” to swills@usit.net. Contact Shelda with questions. **Churches should NOT send Minutes to the Presbytery Office!**
- Materials to assist Clerks of Session in their duties are available on-line through the Presbytery website at www.peakspresbytery.org. Click on “Resources”; then click on “Forms & Documents”; then click on “Session Records” to view these materials. The “Session Records Review Form” is available there for download.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. The Session Records Work Group continues to review Session Minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. No recommendations

**✓ = Session Minutes Received and Reviewed
(as of August 11, 2023)**

Name of Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Name of Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Altavista	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Covenant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amherst	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Covington, First	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Appomattox CH	✓						Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Appomattox PE		✓		✓	✓		Danube	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Arvon							Danville, First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beale Memorial							Davis Memorial						
Bedford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Diamond Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Belmont	✓						Douglas	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Belspring							Drakes Branch	✓	✓				
Berry Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Fairlawn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bethlehem	✓	✓					Falling Spring	✓	✓				
Blacksburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Farmville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bluemont	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Fellowship						
Briery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Fifth Avenue						
Brookneal	✓	✓	✓				Fincastle	✓	✓				
Browns							Floyd	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Buchanan	✓	✓					Forest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buffalo							Forest Hills	✓	✓	✓			
Campbell Memorial	✓	✓		✓	✓		Fork Union						
Chatham	✓	✓	✓			✓	Gethsemane						
Christiansburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Grace	✓					
Clarksville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Hat Creek						
Clifton Forge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Hermon	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		High Bridge	✓	✓				
Collinsville, First	✓	✓					Holbrook Street	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Colonial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Jamestown						
Concord							Kayser Memorial	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Cool Spring							Kentuck	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Coolwell							Low Moor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Name of Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Name of Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lynchburg, First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Quaker Memorial	✓	✓			✓	
Madisonville	✓	✓					Radford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mallow	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	Raleigh Court	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Martinsville, First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Roanoke						
Mary Horner Walker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Roanoke, Second						
Massies Mill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Roanoke Valley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mayberry	✓	✓	✓			✓	Rocky Mount	✓	✓				
Maysville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Rough Creek	✓					
McAllister Memorial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rustburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meherrin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Saint Andrew	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Memorial	✓	✓					Salem	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mercy Seat					✓		Sinking Spring						
Mizpah	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		South Boston, First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Montvale	✓						Trinity, Arvonnia						
Mount Carmel		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Trinity Ecumenical	✓	✓			✓	
Narrows, First							Unity						
New Concord	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Village	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Dublin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Villamont	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
New Store	✓	✓					Virginia	✓					
Northminster	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	West End	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Westminster						
Oak Level	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Williamson Memorial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oak View	✓	✓											
Old Brick	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Old Concord	✓	✓	✓										
Peaks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Pearisburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Phenix													
Pisgah													
Pulaski, First		✓					Totals	85	82	61	58	60	33

Grand Total of Minutes Reviewed from 2002-2022 = 1,996

Total includes: 115 (2002), 117 (2003), 117 (2004), 113 (2005), 122 (2006), 122 (2007), 117 (2008), 113 (2009), 107 (2010), 104 (2011), 102 (2012), 94 (2013), 91 (2014), 95 (2015), 88 (2016)

Dismissed: Bethel, Bouldin Memorial, Dublin, Elon, Falling Spring (Alleghany County), First (Roanoke), Galatia, Matthews Memorial, New Hope, Northminster (Madison Heights), Piedmont, Providence, Rivermont, Slate Mountain, Spring Garden (Danville area), Walker's. **Closed by Presbytery:** Clarktown, Covenant (Lynchburg), Laurel Grove. **Merged:** Green Ridge with Northminster, Shelton Memorial with Unity. **Dissolved:** Glasgow, Glen Wilton, Harmony, Holmes Memorial, Peace, Trinity (Ridgeway).