

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS

STATED MEETING

February 15, 2024

Zoom Meeting



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 One Hundred and Thirty Fifth Stated Meeting
 February 15th, 2024
 Via ZOOM

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Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Present

Kyle Allen	Herndon Jeffreys	Mikel Pugh
George Anderson	Kim Jeffreys	Mark Rackley
Philip Bouknight	Elizabeth Link	Pete Smith
Ben Brannan	Carlos Malave	Betsy Soto
Janet Chisom	Gary Marshall	Anghaarad Teague Dees
Steve Darr	Lisa Marshall	Peter Thompson
Linda Dickerson	Sarah Martin	Allison Unroe
Susi Ennis	Bob McLavey	Carl Utley
Isabella Fagiani	Bea Miller	Chris Vogado
Jeff Garrison	Jonathan Moelker	Andrew Whaley
Annette Goard	Kris Moore	Brent Williams
Geoff Hubbard	Jim Moss	Steve Willis
Shawn Hyska	Cheryl Peoples	

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Excused

Beth Broschart
Keith Leach
Dave Roberts
Ed Soto
Kim Steinhorst

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Absent

Russ Merritt
Morgan Whitfield
Sarah Wiles

Honorably Retired Ministers in Attendance

Terry Blevins	George Goodman	Nancy Morris
Glenn Coleman	Tupper Garden	Jim Slate
David Dickerson	Skip Hastings	John Wiederholt
Bob Fiedler	W.D. Hasty	Goerge Wilson
Dusty Fiedler	Mark Hinchcliff	

Honorably Retired Ministers Excused

John Salley

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Present

David Baker
Vernie Bolden
Jen Brothers

Kathy Carpenter
Emily Rhodes Hunter
Rachel Vogado

Robin Williamson

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Excused

Terri Cornwell
Chad McCain

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Absent

Ellen Anderson
Richard Goodman

Todd Hester
Paul Johnson

Debra McKune
Amy Merrill Willis

Commissioned Pastors Present

Margie Anderson
Dick Boswell

Donna Britt
Rich Henderson

Jan McGilliard
Joyce Perez

Commissioned Pastors Excused

Diane Baldwin

Commissioned Pastors Absent

Todd Atkins
Phil Berry
Naomi Hodge Muse
Erik Koroneos

Bill Meneeley
Robert Morris
Felecia Parsell
Kelvin Perry

Mike Price
Tony Ward
Michael Whorley

Cabinet and Committee Chairs Attending

Denny Casey
Joe Wilson

Voting Elders for Churches

Altavista
Bedford
Berry Hill
Bluemont
Buchanan
Chatham

Kevin Debernard
Paul Van Dyke
Ashby Whorley
Stephen Puckett
Charles Alphin
Cindy Pate

Christiansburg	Mary Osten
Christiansburg	Shelda Wills
Clarksville	Leslie Williford
Clifton Forge	Jennifer Oeltjen
College	Ken Perkins
First, Collinsville	Kym Wiederholt
Colonial	Michael Good
Cool Spring	Marilyn Hubbard
Covenant	Lisa Farrhing
Covenant	Melissa Cranwell
First, Covington	Denise Pillow
First, Danville	Kim Meadows
Diamond Hill	Raymond Mosebrook
Douglas	Brittany Irving
Drakes Branch	Willie Pettus
Fairlawn	Janice Burke
Farmville	Ed Kromer
Fifth Avenue	Ray Williams
Fincastle	John Kilby
Forest Hills	John Peeples
Floyd	Joyce Blevins
Holbrook Street	Elease Wilson
Low Moor	James Dobbs
Madisonville	Margaret Ann Elder
Mallow	Steve McCormack
First, Martinsville	Liz Ferrell
McAllister Memorial	Augustus Hayslett
Mizpah	Gail McCullough
New Concord	Bruce Reid
New Dublin	Martha Parker
Northminster	Lynn Kirby
Northside	Ann Marie Connor
Oak Level	Nancy Heard
Pearisburg	Janice Nevergold
Quaker Memorial	Bob Lockridge
Raleigh Court	Stephanie Danco
Roanoke Valley	Teresa Agnew
Saint Andrew	Cheryl Lindeman
Salem	Sydney Nordt
Salem	Anna Kennedy
Second	John Caudill
Second	Mark Lawrence
Second	Susan Carter
First, South Boston	Don Cherry
Trinity Ecumenical Parish	Gael Chaney

Visitors

Jewel Aagaard	Covenant
John Arehart	Farmville
Sue Bentley	Northside
Pam Claterbaugh	Northminster
Richard Claterbaugh	Northminster
Helen Dean	Second
Ginny Fedison	Covenant
John Fedison	Covenant
Nancy Gray	Second
John Lewis	New Concord
John McCarthy	First, South Boston
Anne Newman	Raleigh Court
Laura Jane Ramsburg	Covenant
Keenan Rodgers	Board of Pensions
Linda Trumbo	First, Covington

Staff Not Counted Elsewhere

Robin Padgett
 Julie Burnett
 Donna Garrison

Churches Not Represented by a Voting Elder

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

Presbytery Meeting Minutes
Presbytery of the Peaks
February 15th, 2024
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The Moderator, Ruling Elder Kym Wiederholt, called the February 15th, 2024 meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, General Presbyter, offered his word of welcome.

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

Consent Agenda Recommendation Items

Report of the Stated Clerk:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the minutes of the One-hundred thirty-third Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks (November 16, 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 Commission on Administration:

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** Recommend the Presbytery approve the following financial terms of call:

	2024	2024	2024	2024	BOP	Prof.	Cont.	Total
<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>SECA</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Cash Salary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ed.</u>	<u>Package</u>
Utley, Carl	65,695	7,724	27,540	100,959	36,855	10,000	1,200	149,014

No items were removed from the consent agenda. The docket and the consent agenda were approved by consensus.

The Presbytery of the Peaks then moved into a time of worship, led by Rev. Carl Utley. Worship was focused on how we, as the church, might recognize the spiritual needs of all generations among the people we serve. The necrology of Teaching and Ruling Elders was read as part of the service.

2023 Necrology List for Elders and Christian Educators

Name	Church	Date
Alex Eubank	Altavista Presbyterian Church	1-01-23
Alvin Smith	Altavista Presbyterian Church	5-25-23
Nelly Branson	Amherst Presbyterian Church	7-07-23
H. Brodrick Pack III	Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church	2-05-23
Lois Anne Wood Eaton	Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church	4-22-23
Daniel Pryor Cousins	Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church	8-27-23
Judy Toney	Bedford Presbyterian Church	2-16-23
Patty Meyers	Bedford Presbyterian Church	5-19-23
Betty Moore Compton	Berry Hill Presbyterian Church	3-08-23
Sue Johnson	Blacksburg Presbyterian Church	11-10-23
Douglas Mason	Buchanan Presbyterian Church	7-08-23
Thomas Motley	Chatham Presbyterian Church	7-04-23
Robert Burris	Chatham Presbyterian Church	9-30-23
Richard H. Horne	Christiansburg Presbyterian Church	3-03-23
Robert van Luyn	Christiansburg Presbyterian Church	10-30-23
William E. Smith	Clarksville Presbyterian Church	6-20-23
James A. Williford	Clarksville Presbyterian Church	8-25-23
Lawrence Rucker Snead III	College Presbyterian Church	5-03-23
Barbara Reifsnnyder	First Presbyterian Church, Collinsville	10-01-23
John Cahoon	Colonial Presbyterian Church	10-11-23
Dr. Wayne Wilson	Covenant Presbyterian Church	
Ina Ingram	First Presbyterian Church, Danville	1-17-23
Betzy Wilson	First Presbyterian Church, Danville	4-26-23
George Snead	First Presbyterian Church, Danville	6-13-23
Charlotte Lowther	First Presbyterian Church, Danville	8-31-23
Zora Mosebrook	Diamond Hill Presbyterian Church	1-18-23
Peggy Hunter	Drakes Branch Presbyterian Church	
William Hendley	Farmville Presbyterian Church	7-02-23
Carolyn Wells	Farmville Presbyterian Church	12-18-23
John R. Griffith	Fincastle Presbyterian Church	9-23-23
Col. James Cooper Richards	Presbyterian Church of Floyd	1-11-23
Blair Draper	Grace Presbyterian Church	3-30-23
Louis Pritchett	Grace Presbyterian Church	7-11-23
Peg T. Braford	High Bridge Presbyterian Church	8-06-23
Mary Catherine Webb Kessinger	High Bridge Presbyterian Church	12-09-23
A. Muriel Beavers	Holbrook Street Presbyterian Church	4-10-23
Mildred Echols	Holbrook Street Presbyterian Church	8-27-23
Ronald Dowd	Kayser Memorial Presbyterian Church	12-18-23
Robert King	First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville	4-28-23
Connie Anderson	First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville	8-06-23
Joseph Cary Bryant	Maysville Presbyterian Church	8-20-23

Buddy Young	McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church	
Ed Gibson	McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church	
Brenda Wood	First Presbyterian Church, Narrows	11-09-22
<i>Christian Educator</i>		
Bud Jones	New Concord Presbyterian Church	
Barry Ferrell	Northminster Presbyterian Church	12-25-23
Evelyn Long	Northside Presbyterian Church	8-08-23
Jane Carder	Peaks Presbyterian Church	11-28-23
Maleta Cooper Guthrie	Pearisburg Presbyterian Church	10-14-23
Linda Cadwell	Presbyterian Church of Radford	8-20-23
Paul Buford	Second Presbyterian Church	3-06-23
Richard Burleigh	Second Presbyterian Church	3-19-23
Helen Fitzpatrick	Second Presbyterian Church	4-20-23
Richard Smith	Second Presbyterian Church	5-24-23
Robert Williams	Second Presbyterian Church	10-06-23
Sally Anne Goff	Second Presbyterian Church	11-29-23
Susan W. Blaylock	Second Presbyterian Church	11-29-23
Cranston Williams, Jr.	Second Presbyterian Church	12-10-23
Vincent Oglesby	Unity Presbyterian Church	5-04-23
Stuart Turille, Sr.	Westminster Presbyterian Church	4-27-23
Jane Reed	Westminster Presbyterian Church	11-15-23
Stanley Gosney	Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church	2-23-23
Marie Glass	Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church	12-22-23

2023 Necrology for Ministers

Charles W. Moore	4-06-23
Francis "Frank" Avery	6-08-23
Wilfred "Fred" B. Webb, Jr.	9-23-23
Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	10-18-23
Richard T. Harbison	12-09-23
Ted Brossoie	12-25-23

Following worship, the Presbytery took a short break, followed by a time for announcements of happenings around the presbytery. The meeting was reconvened at 9:52 AM.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION**RE Denny Casey**

Ruling Elder Denny Casey, chair of the Justice and Mercy Commission shared a report on the work of the different subgroups. He recognized the 2023 2¢-a-Meal participants and grant recipients. Both the Racial Equity and CEDEPCA subgroups shared upcoming opportunities. Earth Care reminded churches about mini-grants and South Sudan updated the presbytery on their continuing mission to support the Abukloi school.

I. Two Cents a Meal and Hunger Ministry

Thank you to our congregations! More than 78 congregations participated in this much needed ministry of support for hunger ministries in our local area and around the globe. For more information about the Two Cents a Meal and Hunger Ministries and grants, visit:

<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/2-cents-a-meal/>

Altavista	Farmville	Northside
Amherst	Fincastle	Oak Level
Appomattox CH	Forest	Oak View
Bedford	Forest Hills	Old Brick
Belspring	Gethsemane	Old Concord
Blacksburg	High Bridge	Peaks
Bluemont	Holbrook Street	Pearisburg
Briery	Individual Contributions	Pisgah
Buchanan	Kentuck	Presbyterian Women
Campbell Memorial	Low Moor	Pulaski, First
Chatham	Lynchburg, First	Quaker Memorial
Christiansburg	Madisonville	Radford
Clarksville	Mallow	Raleigh Court
Clifton Forge	Martinsville, First	Roanoke Valley
College	Massies Mill	Rustburg
Collinsville, First	Mayberry	Saint Andrew
Concord	Maysville	Salem
Cool Spring	McAllister Memorial	Second, Roanoke
Coolwell	Meherrin	South Boston, First
Covenant, Roanoke	Memorial	Trinity Ecumenical
Covington, First	Mercy Seat	Trinity, New Canton
Cumberland	Mizpah	Unity
Diamond Hill	Montvale	Villamont
Douglas	New Concord	Westminster
Drakes Branch	New Dublin	Williamson Memorial
Fairlawn	New Store	
Falling Spring (RC)	Northminster	

**2023 TWO CENTS-A-MEAL GRANTS AWARDED
APRIL CYCLE**

LOCAL APPLICANTS Endorsing Congregation	Award
Buchanan PC Food Pantry Buchanan PC	\$1100
Clarksville PC Backpack Buddies Program Clarksville Presbyterian Church	\$900
FACES Food Pantry Farmville Presbyterian Church	\$1100
Feed the Hungry – Saturday Lunch Ministry First Presbyterian Church, Danville	\$700
God’s Storehouse, Inc. Unity Presbyterian Church	\$1164
Grace Network Forest Hills Presbyterian Church	\$900
Greene Memorial United Methodist Church’s Summer Pack a Snack Program Second Presbyterian Church - Roanoke	\$1100
Lake Christian Ministries Trinity Ecumenical Parish (Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian)	\$1100
Lynchburg Daily Bread First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg	\$1100
Nelson County Pantry Massies Mill Presbyterian Church	\$900
New River Community Action Radford/Fairlawn Food Pantry Fairlawn Presbyterian Church	\$500
Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center Chatham Presbyterian Church	\$900
Northside Presbyterian Church Free Community Supper Northside Presbyterian Church	\$1100
Pack-A-Sack Program Villamont Presbyterian Church	\$900
Presbyterian Community Center Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke	\$900
Pulaski Daily Bread, Inc. First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski	\$1000
Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry Salem Presbyterian Church	\$500
Total	\$15,864
REGIONAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS Endorsing Congregation	Award
Abukloi Foundation (South Sudan) Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church	\$3000
Cool Spring Leper Ministry Cool Spring Presbyterian Church	\$3000
Society of St. Andrew	\$3000

Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke	
Total	\$9000

OCTOBER CYCLE

LOCAL APPLICANTS Endorsing Congregation	Award
Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels Amherst Presbyterian Church	\$2216
Charlotte County Meals on Wheels Gethsemane Presbyterian Church	\$2091
Christiansburg Presbyterian Church “Room at the Table” Christiansburg Presbyterian Church	\$1716
C.O.P.E Food Pantry McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church	\$1566
Diamond Hill Presbyterian Church Blessing Box Diamond Hill Presbyterian Church	\$1716
First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville “Free Community Breakfast” First Presbyterian, Martinsville	\$966
Northminster Presbyterian Church Blessing Box Northminster Presbyterian Church	\$1716
Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church Hunger Mission Group Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church	\$2216
South Covington Care Pantry First Presbyterian Church, Covington	\$1718
Total	\$15,921

REGIONAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS Endorsing Congregation	Award
Arise Africa International (Ugandan Baptist Association) Cool Spring Presbyterian Church	\$1647
Back to God Awakening Center (Uganda) Cool Spring Presbyterian Church	\$1647
Care Packages for Roma Families (Ukraine) First Presbyterian Church, Covington	\$2647
CEDEPCA, Guatemala Salem Presbyterian Church	\$2652
Christian Schools for Roma Children (with focus on Nagydobrony, Ukraine) First Presbyterian Church, Covington	\$2647
Kalikumbi Preschool Feeding Program and Mtuzuzzu, Malawi Orphan Care Center Covenant Presbyterian Church	\$2647
Namulesca Evangel Rescuing Church Cool Spring Presbyterian Church	\$1647
Rise Against Hunger Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church	\$1647

Roma Children Kindergarten, Kisdobrony, Ukraine First Presbyterian Church, Covington	\$2647
Total	\$19,828

II. Racial Equity Subcommittee:

A. Planning is underway for a trip to the Moton Museum in Farmville for Saturday April 13, 2024. This museum tells a story of the Civil Rights Movement which unfolded within the bounds of our presbytery. In 1951, a group of Moton High School students walked out of their school to protest inferior facilities and racial segregation. Their lawsuit became part of Brown v. Board of Education in the U.S Supreme Court. The Court in 1954 ruled that U.S. state laws establishing racial segregation in public schools are unconstitutional. Participants will be carpooling with private vehicles.

B. A Summer college intern will be working on church histories of congregations in the presbytery. The special emphasis for this project would be how congregations acted for racial justice over the years when racial injustice was the law, or was routinely practiced within all our cities, towns, and counties. A starting place would be to review the written histories of our congregations, either booklets, historical sketches, or more formal books about the congregation's history.

C. A Forming Faith Bible Study "Facing Racism" will be taking place this month using biblical scripture and shared conversation to engage the topic of racism and division. Through our stories we will learn about each other, what racism means, and the role and power of the Church. The study will take place over three Mondays: February 12, 19, 26 with two opportunities each day: 12 pm – 1:15 pm or 6 pm – 7:15. For more information, contact Rev. Terri Cornwell, Rustburg Presbyterian (434) 332-5992.

III. CEDEPCA Mission Partnership Subcommittee: CEDEPCA Mission Partnership Trip to Guatemala is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024 to Monday, April 22 and there are still spaces available. The cost of the trip will be roughly \$1120 plus airfare. This is a great opportunity to experience God at work. Engage with our mission partners in CEDEPCA and experience their transforming mission. Meet amazing Guatemalans whose lives have been changed. See young people and women thriving in new livelihoods. Explore pressing issues like migration. Build relationships with those in Guatemala and with those who travel. Drink in its stunning beauty. Find renewal and inspiration and return with a full heart.

Peaks Presbytery enjoys a partnership with CEDEPCA, one of the first to be formed in the early 1980s and has been renewed with enthusiasm. Peaks Covenant with CEDEPCA includes our visit, a tangible support to this rich relationship and commitment. To download the application, visit: <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Application-for-2024-Guatemala-trip.docx-a.pdf>

IV. Earth Care Ministry Subcommittee: Congratulations to 2023 Mini-grant recipients!

- Quaker Memorial PC, Lynchburg for the purchase of composting supplies to support their community garden ministry (\$400)
- Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta to construct predator protectors for the bluebird boxes on their property (\$350)

- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg for tree removal and planting 5-7 native trees to increase carbon capture and rainwater absorption (\$850)

The subcommittee will continue the Mini-Grant program in 2024. A mini grant can help jump start a new project or expand an existing creation care project. New this year: to make the process timelier, we will be accepting applications three times throughout the year. The deadlines to apply are: March 31, June 30, and September 30. To download the mini-grant application, visit: <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Updated-Mini-grant-Application.docx>

V. South Sudan Mission Subcommittee: Four very successful neighborhood gatherings were held in 2023 to introduce the Abukloi Secondary School in Rumbek, South Sudan. At each gathering, Mr. Angelo Maker, the founder of the Abukloi School, presented the powerful story of how the school was founded on faith, and the vision to rebuild South Sudan through educating its youth. Angelo Maker believes that God saved his life during a civil war (when his immediate family were killed.) After coming to the United States with refugee status, he believes that God has guided him to build a Christian school that offers an excellent education and provides a path for peace, where students from rival ethnic and religious backgrounds can study together and learn to live together. We thank the congregations which have hosted neighborhood gatherings and have helped our presbytery learn more about the ministry of the Abukloi School. Angelo Maker recently sent this email from South Sudan: “Three weeks ago, the U.S. Ambassador to South Sudan visited the Abukloi School and encouraged the students. Abukloi is one of only 4 schools picked in the whole of South Sudan to participate in STEM POWER, a science fair in South Sudan. This science competition will address how students use technology to solve problems regarding 1) hunger, 2) floods, 3) insecurity, and 4) diseases.”

Rev. Beth Broschart has been invited to the 10th. Anniversary Celebration of the Abukloi Secondary School in Rumbek, South Sudan. She plans to attend in February. The next neighborhood meeting is tentatively scheduled for late Winter or Spring for the Hill Cities neighborhood.

For more information, contact Rev. Broschart: pastor@fpcdanville.com

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE TE **Herndon Jeffreys**

Following the resignation of RE Howard Jennings, Rev. Herndon Jeffreys, member of the nominations committee, presented the following report.

Recommendation: To approve the following candidate to serve on the Constitutional Ministries Committee of the presbytery.

Constitutional Ministries Committee

David Baker 2024 Chair

David Baker 2026 TE Validated Ministry

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION **RE Joe Wilson**

Ruling Elder, Joe Wilson, chair of the Commission on Administration shared the report.

INFORMATION:

The Committee on Administration (COA) met on December 7, 2023. The Trustees met on December 7, 2023 and December 13, 2023 via Zoom.

The Commission on Administration met on January 22, 2024 and January 29, 2024 via Zoom. The Corporate Board of Directors met on January 22, 2024 via Zoom.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. The Committee on Administration approved 2024 housing allowances for Carl Utley, Jen Brothers and Vernie Bolden.
2. The Committee on Administration received the retirement letter of Robin Padgett, Accountant and Office Manager for the Presbytery.
3. The Trustees approved a contract extension for the sale of the Peace property. This property transaction was completed on January 12, 2024.
4. The Trustees approved a contract extension for the purchase of the Presbytery office building.
5. The Commission on Administration approved the sale of the Harmony church property for \$140,000.
6. The Commission on Administration approved member assignments to the Financial Resources, Real Property and Human Resources subcommittees.
7. The Commission on Administration approved a payment schedule for Dave Baker as Stated Clerk Pro Tem during Betsy Soto's family leave. The Commission approved continuing to pay Betsy Soto's salary through the end of the year, if necessary, while she is on family leave.
8. The Commission on Administration reviewed the wording for the Manual of Operations (changes approved by Presbytery in August 2023).

9. The Commission on Administration approved the December 31, 2023 financial statements.
10. The Commission on Administration received the resignation of Howard Jennings effective January 24, 2024.
11. The Board of Directors of the Presbytery of the Peaks of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) elected the following slate of officers for 2024:
Joe Wilson President (elected by Presbytery)
Mikel Pugh Vice President
Jonathan Moelker Secretary
Bob Berkley Treasurer
12. The Board of Directors approved the 2023 Annual Report. (See attached)

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT
PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The following is a report of the activities of the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of the Peaks, for the year 2023.

Meetings:

January 25, 2023- Zoom Meeting
February 22, 2023- Zoom Meeting
March 7, 2023- Zoom Meeting
April 12, 2023- Zoom Meeting
May 30, 2023- Zoom Meeting
August 24, 2023- Zoom Meeting
September 7, 2023- Zoom Meeting
October 11, 2023- Zoom Meeting
November 16, 2023- Zoom Meeting

Officers:

At its annual meeting on 1/25/23, the Board of Directors elected the following officers for a one year term during 2023:

Kelvin Perry-President
Helen Dean-Vice President
Walter Jones- Secretary
Bob Berkley-Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Class of 2025

Barry Long
Howard Jennings
John Lanier
Jonathan Moelker

Class of 2024

Chad McCain
Pete Smith
Kelvin Perry (President)

Class of 2023

Helen Dean (Vice President)
Janice Wells
Walter Jones (Secretary)
Bob Berkley (Treasurer)

Summary of Actions for 2023:

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ridgeway

The Trustees approved the transfer of the Trinity, Ridgeway property for \$1.00, “as is” to the Trinity Presbyterian Historical Foundation.

First Presbyterian Church, Collinsville

The Trustees approved the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Collinsville to sell their manse with the proceeds to be used for Church mission.

Glasgow Presbyterian Church

With the closing of the Glasgow Presbyterian Church, title to the property was transferred to the Trustees. As a part of the transfer process, the Trustees approved Title Examination. The Trustees received an offer from the Town of Glasgow, however the offer was not accepted. The property is listed with a real estate agent.

The Glasgow Manse property was also transferred to the Trustees. The property was listed and sold in November with net proceeds of \$135,000 (after realtor fees).

Glen Wilton Church Property

The Trustees approved the transfer of the Glen Wilton property “as is” to the Friends of Glen Wilton Church, Inc.

Gracious Dismissal Reversion Clause

The Trustees approved to rescind the reversion clause for Elon Evangelical and New Life Evangelical, since both churches fulfilled the financial obligation outlined in their respective Dismissal contracts. The Dismissed churches bear the financial responsibility for preparation and filing of the legal document to rescind the reversion clause.

The Trustees approved to rescind the reversion clause for any Dismissed Church provided that the financial commitment under the Dismissal terms has been satisfied. The Dismissed church bears the financial responsibility for the preparation and filing of the legal documents.

Presbytery Office

The Trustees approved the sales contract to purchase the Presbytery office for \$565,000.

Peace Property

The Trustees accepted the offer of \$970,000 from Journey Church for the purchase of the Peace Church property, “as is”. The sale will close in early 2024.

Harmony Church Property

The Trustees received title to the Harmony Church property upon its closing. The Trustees are negotiating the sale of the property, to close in January 2024.

Bequeath

The Trustees voted to accept the bequeath from the Beverly Day Williamson Trust. Funds received from the bequeath will be held as Newly Acquired Assets.

Restructure of Trustees and Commission on Administration

The Trustees in conjunction with the Committee on Administration requested changes to the Manual of Operations for the structure of the Commission on Administration. The changes will require Bylaw changes that will occur in early 2024.

Under the new Manual of Operations, the Commission on Administration will comprise the Board of Directors for The Presbytery of the Peaks of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Inc. beginning with the January 2024 Annual Meeting.

Financial Report

(Found in the Additional Reports)

Respectfully Submitted Kelvin Perry

The Commission on Administration presented the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **CONSENT AGENDA-** Recommend the Presbytery approve the following financial terms of call:

	2024	2024	2024	2024	BOP	Prof.	Cont.	Total
<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>SECA</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Cash Salary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ed.</u>	<u>Package</u>
Utlely, Carl	65,695	7,724	27,540	100,959	36,855	10,000	1,200	149,014

2. The Commission on Administration recommends approval of the amended bylaws. The bylaws are amended to reflect the changes to the Presbytery structure as outlined in the Manual of Operations.

**AMENDED
 BYLAWS OF
 THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS OF THE
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A., INC.**

ARTICLE I

*POWERS
AND
DUTIES*

SECTION 1. **PURPOSE.** The purposes for which The Presbytery of the Peaks of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. (hereinafter referred to as The Corporation) is formed are outlined and authorized by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Book of Order G-4.0101). The Board of Directors of The Corporation has authority under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia to organize and carry out its responsibilities.

SECTION 2. **POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Corporation shall have the powers and duties granted by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Book of Order G-4.0101):

- To receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the Presbytery of the Peaks;
- To accept and execute deeds of title to such property;
- To hold and defend title to such property;
- To manage any designated funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the Presbytery.

The Corporation has all the general powers of a nonstock corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia necessary or convenient for the business of the Corporation.

Section 3. **ALL PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST.** All property held by or for a presbytery is held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Book of Order G-4.0203).

Article II
Members

SECTION 1. **ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP.** Only ruling elders on the active roll of congregations in the Presbytery of the Peaks and/or teaching elder members of the Presbytery of the Peaks shall be eligible for election as a member of the Board of Directors. Directors need not be residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

SECTION 2. **NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS.** The number of the Board of Directors shall be nine (9). Each director shall hold office for the term allotted to him/her at the time of his/her election or until a successor in office is elected and takes office.

Section 3. **ELECTION.** The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Presbytery, serving in three classes of three each, for no more than two consecutive three-year terms. Members of Presbytery's Commission on Administration shall concurrently serve as the Board of Directors of The Corporation.

ARTICLE III
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **POWER AND AUTHORITY.** The Board of Directors shall have power and authority to carry out the affairs for The Corporation (as outlined in Article I, Section 2) and in so doing may elect or appoint all necessary officers or committees; may employ all such employees as shall be requisite for the conduct of the affairs of The Corporation; may fix the compensation of such persons; may prescribe the duties of such persons; and may dismiss any appointive officer or agent of The Corporation without previous notice. The Board of Directors may, in the absence of an officer, delegate that officer's powers and duties to any other officer or director.

Section 2. **ANNUAL MEETINGS.** Annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the month of January each year. Proxy representation shall not be permitted. This meeting may be held as an electronic meeting.

Section 3. **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the request of the President or any two directors. These meetings may be held electronically.

Section 4. **NOTICE.** Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally, mailed to each director at his/her preferred address or electronically by e-mail. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If e-mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the email is delivered to the email box.

Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meetings.

Section 5. **QUORUM.** A majority of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, but if less than such majority is present at a meeting a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting without further notice.

Section 6. **MANNER OF ACTING.** The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. **ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING.** Any action that may be taken by the Board of Directors at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board of Directors consent in writing, to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. Such consent may be written or electronic.

Section 8. **VACANCIES.** Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by election by the Presbytery at its first meeting after the vacancy occurs. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office. Any directorship to be filled by reason of increase in the number of directors may be filled by the Board of Directors for a term

of office to continue only until the next election of directors by the Presbytery.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. **NUMBER.** The officers of The Corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents (the number thereof to be determined by the Board of Directors), a Secretary, Assistant Secretary (as needed, determined by the Board of Directors), Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer (as needed, as determined by the Board of Directors). The Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer may or may not be members of the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the office of President.

Section 2. **ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.** The Moderator of the Commission on Administration shall serve as the President of The Corporation. This position is elected by the Presbytery. The remaining officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their first meeting each year. If election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each officer shall hold office until their successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until their death or until they shall resign.

Section 3. **VACANCIES.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term, with the approval of the Presbytery.

Section 4. **PRESIDENT.** The President shall: (1) preside at meetings of The Corporation; (2) make such appointments as directed, authorized, or required, including appointing directors to serve on committees who shall be responsible for reporting to the Board of Directors of the activities of their respective committees; (3) execute any and all documents of whatsoever kind and nature necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the Corporation that the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed; (4) be responsible for carrying out the directives and requirements of applicable law, these bylaws, and the articles of incorporation; (5) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of president; and (6) perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. **VICE PRESIDENT.** The Vice President(s) shall: (1) assist the President in the exercise of his or her duties; (2) in the absence or inability of the President, execute the duties of the President; (3) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Vice President; and (4) perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these

Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the Corporation records and of the seal of The Corporation and see that the seal of The Corporation is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of The Corporation under its seal is duly authorized; and (d) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. **TREASURER.** The Treasurer (elected by the directors) shall: (1) perform for The Corporation those duties set out in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (see *Book of Order* G-3.0205); (2) be responsible for the safekeeping of all funds and assets, except for those funds expressly assigned to the trusteeship of another; (3) be responsible for the filing of any and all tax and other financial reports as required by applicable law; (4) oversee deposits of all monies, drafts, and checks in the name of or to the credit of the Corporation at such banks or depositories as the Board of Directors shall designate; (5) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer; and (6) perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. **ASSISTANT SECRETARY.** The Assistant Secretary shall perform those duties of the Secretary as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. **ASSISTANT TREASURER.** The Assistant Treasurer shall perform those duties of the Treasurer as directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

FISCAL YEAR; OFFICE; SEAL; REGISTERED AGENT

SECTION 1. **FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of The Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December each year.

SECTION 2. **OFFICE.** The principal office of The Corporation, until removed shall be located at the Presbytery's office at 1195 Carter Stable Road, PO Box 2519, Forest, Virginia 24551. The mailing address shall be PO Box 2519, Forest, VA 24551.

SECTION 3. **CORPORATE SEAL.** The form of the seal of The Corporation shall be selected by the Board of Directors

SECTION 4. **REGISTERED AGENT.** The registered agent shall be the President of The Corporation.

ARTICLE VI *AMENDMENTS*

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, but shall be submitted to the Presbytery for approval before taking effect.

ARTICLE VII
INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Each director and officer of The Corporation shall be indemnified by The Corporation against expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding to which the director or officer may be made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer of The Corporation (whether or not he or she continues to be a director or officer at the time of incurring such expenses), except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall finally be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be personally liable. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law.

The motion was presented to the presbytery, with a summary of the major changes made to the bylaws. There were no objections, and the motion was approved by consensus.

Moderator Kym Wiederholt then invited Vice-Moderator, TE Bea Miller, to lead the next portion of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY **TE Anghaarad TeagueDees**

INFORMATION:

1. The Commission on Ministry met by Zoom on November 9, 2023 and December 14, 2023 by Zoom. An in-person all day planning retreat was held January 11, 2024.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. Granted permission to Donna Britt to moderate the Congregational Meeting at Buchanan Presbyterian Church, November 12, 2023, for the purpose of electing new officers.
2. Approved the contract renewal of Richard Goodman as Parish Associate at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church.
3. Granted permission to Kitty Helen Campanella, of Tampa Bay Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of Peaks Presbytery will working as a chaplain at Sweet Briar College, Amherst, VA.
4. Donna Britt was approved to be commissioned as the CP of Buchanan PC. The Commissioning Service will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday December 3rd.
5. Approved the temporary supply contract between Presbyterian Church of Radford and Rev. Don Makin effective Dec. 4, 2023 to Dec. 3, 2024.
6. Approved to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Kathy Carpenter and UKirk of Va. Tech as UKirk Outreach Minister effective Dec. 31, 2023 and grant her Member at Large status at that time.
7. Approved the temporary supply contract renewal between Oak Level Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ronn McCracken effective Jan. 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.
8. Appointed Gary Marshall as moderator for Clifton Forge PC effective January 1, 2024.

9. Approved to use \$3000.00 of COM Grant Funds for Conflict Mediation Work between First, Danville and Don Makin.
10. Approved to use \$1500.00 of COM Grant Funds for Conflict Mediation Training between Falling Spring and Don Makin.
11. Approved the Temporary Supply contract renewal between Rev. Jeffrey Schroeder and Cumberland Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
12. Approved the addition of Sharon Barringer, RE, Quaker Memorial PC, to the Rustburg PC Administrative Commission.
13. Approved the pastoral relationship between Rev. Morgan Whitfield and PC of Radford effective March 1, 2024.
14. Approved waiver of elder term limitation for Village Presbyterian Church for a three year period.

The Commission on Ministry presented the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Recommend to approve Laura Jane Ramsburg, member of Salem PC, be commissioned as a Missional Commissioned Pastor in the Roanoke Valley and Highlands Neighborhoods.

Laura Jane spoke to her sense of call and why she is seeking commissioning as a Missional Commissioned Pastor. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

2. Recommend to approve Linda Trumbo, member of First PC, Covington be commissioned as a Missional Commissioned Pastor in the Highlands Neighborhood.

Linda spoke to her sense of call and why she is seeking commissioning as a Missional Commissioned Pastor. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The presbytery then commissioned Laura Jane Ramsburg and Linda Trumbo to serve as Missional Commissioned Pastors to neighborhoods within the presbytery. Bea Miller, vice-moderator, asked Laura Jane and Linda the constitutional questions, and Jan McGilliard, chair of the Commissioned Pastor Subcommittee, asked the constitutional questions of the presbytery. Kyle Allen, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Susi Ennis, pastor of First Presbyterian Covington, led the prayer for the newly commissioned lay pastors. They were joyfully welcomed as members of the presbytery.

Rev. Angharrad Teague Dees continued with the final action from the Commission on Ministry.

3. Recommend the formation of an Administrative Commission for Rustburg Presbyterian Church, Rustburg, VA 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.

They shall have the following authority:

1. Meet with the Session and members of the congregation, including calling a meeting of the Session and/or of the congregation,
2. Arrange for the pastoral care of the members,
3. Publicize the dissolution of the congregation ,
4. Ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation,
5. Secure the Session records,
6. Secure the legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation,
7. Dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation,
8. Secure the building and property,
9. Attend to matters of insurance,
10. Convey the building and grounds to the Presbytery of the Peaks Trustees in order that they may secure and manage the property,
11. Recommend the use of the assets of the congregation,
12. Plan and conduct a Service of Witness,

The following will serve on the Administrative Commission:

Ed Soto, TE, Altavista

John Lewis, RE, New Concord

Kim Jeffreys, TE, Madisonville and Village

Sharon Barringer, RE, Quaker Memorial

The motion was approved by consensus.

UPDATE ON SPECIAL TASK FORCE

Moderator Kym Wiederholt provided an update on the Special Task Force, voted on by the presbytery at its November 16th, 2023 Stated Meeting. The members were picked with special regard to their skills and backgrounds, and effort was taken to be sure that they were representative of the presbytery as a whole. All six neighborhoods are represented by at least one person. Three of the nine members are female, and one is a minority. Churches of all different sizes are represented, both large and small.

Following consultation with the Nominating Committee, the Moderator appointed the following people to serve on a Task Force to review a proposed policy on newly required assets. At the November 2023 meeting the COA proposed such a policy and the presbytery voted to postpone consideration "until such time as a Task Force, with an outside consultant with experience and wisdom concerning restricted funds, be assembled by the moderator in consultation with the Nominations Committee for the purpose of reviewing the proposed policy."

Anderson, George – T/E – Second Presbyterian (1175 members) - Roanoke Valley

- Dr. Anderson has extensive experience as a pastor in leading Second Presbyterian Church in creating and building up endowment funds and using them to support the ministry and outreach of the Church.

Davis, Jim – R/E – Raleigh Court (608 Members) – Roanoke Valley

- Dr. Davis is the former President of Shenandoah College, a position he assumed in 2008 and held for 26 years. He led the University through an era of unprecedented growth, from 874 students to more than 3,300, from 14 buildings to 40, and helped build the endowment from \$500,000 to more than \$50 million.

Garland, Anita – R/E – College Church (73 members) – Piedmont

- Dr. Garland retired in 2019 as the Dean of Admissions at Hampden Sydney College, where she served for nearly 40 years. She was a key administrator, relationship builder, financial aid advocate and overseer, and mentor to students.

Gray, Nancy – R/E – Second Presbyterian (1175 members) – Roanoke Valley

- Dr. Gray is the recently retired President of Hollins University, a position she held from 2005-2017 and again as interim president from 2019-2020. She undertook the largest fundraising campaign in the college's history which concluded in 2010 with a total of \$167 million dollars over the goal of \$125 million. Under her leadership the endowment increased from \$85 million to \$165 million. Dr. Gray has also recently completed all the necessary requirements to become a Commissioned Pastor in the Peaks.

Hyska, Shawn – T/E – Westminster (69 members) – Hill Cities

- Rev. Hyska is a bi-vocational pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg and Director of Finance at HumanGood, overseeing financial reporting of 22 Life Plan Communities across the country. He has an MBA in accounting from Drexel University's School of Business and together with his wife co-founded Havens on Garland, a non-profit that houses refugees and missionaries on furlow. Currently they are sheltering two young women from Afghanistan whose lives are endangered in their native country.

Lewis, John – R/E – New Concord (55 members) – Piedmont

- Ruling Elder John Lewis is the retired Associate Vice President for Business and Finance at Lynchburg University, and a member of the presbytery's Commission on Ministry, where he has served as a liaison with the Board of Pensions and has guided the presbytery's development of terms of call. He is a ruling elder at New Concord.

Perry, Kelvin – R/E/CP – Grace Presbyterian (45 members) – Southside

- Pastor Perry is a commissioned pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, a member of the Commission on Administration and the Chair of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission. In Martinsville he is the President of the Board of the Harvest Foundation, a community grant making foundation with an endowment of more than \$125 million dollars that seeks to improve the lives of people in their area.

Wiles, Sarah – T/E – Blacksburg Presbyterian (285 members) – New River Valley

- Rev. Wiles became pastor at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in 2020. She grew up in North Carolina and is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Prior to serving at BPC, Sarah served churches in Tacoma, WA and Ann Arbor, MI. She is privileged to serve a congregation with a long history of making use of endowments to support mission and outreach.

Wilson, Joe – R/E – First Covington (58 members) – Highlands

- Ruling elder Joe Wilson is the moderator of the presbytery’s Commission on Administration, who are the elected stewards of the presbytery’s financial resources, real properties, and staff, including oversight of the presbytery’s restricted funds, investments, and annual budgeting.

Vice-moderator Bea Miller then handed the meeting back to moderator Kym Wiederholt.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP COMMISSION TE Ben Brannan

The Church Partnership Commission report was given by commission member, Ben Brannan, who introduced Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter to share more about her work as the chaplain for UKirk at Virginia Tech.

INFORMATION:

- Onboarded new commission member Dave Anderson
- Heard a report from Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter on the flourishing Virginia Tech UKirk ministry of which the Presbytery will hear more of in today’s oral report.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. As a follow-up to the closure of Wild Goose Christian Community in 2023, the CPC further directs that the funds remaining in the Wild Goose bank account be used to continue the financial partnership with Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church to pay the Wild Goose portion of the agreed upon terms of call for Jonathan Moelker. The Commission voted affirmatively to continue this.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

General Presbyter Carl Utley recognized staff member, Robin Padgett, for her 28 years of service to the presbytery. Without objection, Robin gave thanks to everyone for their blessings on her retirement. The presbytery joined in celebrating her calling to serve, and wished her well.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**TE Betsy Soto**

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. Appointed Rev. Dave Baker as Stated Clerk pro-temp during family leave absence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the minutes of the One-hundred thirty-third Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks (November 16, 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.
4. That the docket and consent agenda be approved.

2023 MINISTER ATTENDANCE

Active Ministers, 2023		February	May	August	November
Kyle	Allen	P	P	E	P
George	Anderson	E	A	P	P
Philip	Bouknight	P	P	P	E
Ben	Brannan	P	P	E	P
Paul	Brokaw	A	P	A	A
Beth	Broschart	E	P	P	E
Janet	Chisom	E	E	P	P
Terri	Cornwell	P	E	P	P
Linda	Dickerson	P	P	P	P
Susi	Ennis	P	P	P	E
Isabella	Fagiani	E	P	P	P
Jeff	Garrison	P	P	P	E
Annette	Goard	P	E	P	P
Geoff	Hubbard	P	E	P	P
Shawn	Hyska	P	A	A	P
Herndon	Jeffreys	P	E	P	P
Kim	Jeffreys	P	E	P	P
Keith	Leach	P	P	P	P
Elizabeth	Link	P	E	P	P
Carlos	Malave	N/A	N/A	P	P
Lisa	Marshall	P	E	E	E
Gary	Marshall	P	P	P	P
Sarah	Martin	P	P	P	A
Robert	McLavey	P	P	P	P
Russ	Merritt	P	P	P	P
Bea	Miller	P	P	P	P
Leigh Ann	Min	P	P	P	N/A
Jonathan	Moelker	E	P	P	P
Kris	Moore	N/A	N/A	P	P
Jim	Moss	P	P	P	P
Cheryl	Peeples	P	E	P	A
Mikel	Pugh	P	P	P	P
Mark	Rackley	P	E	A	P
David	Roberts	P	P	P	P
Pete	Smith	P	P	P	P
Betsy	Soto	P	P	P	P
Ed	Soto	P	E	P	E
Kim	Steinhorst	P	P	A	P
Jude	Swanson	A	A	A	A

2023 MINISTER ATTENDANCE

Active Ministers, 2023		February	May	August	November
Anghaarad	Teague-Dees	P	P	P	P
Peter	Thompson	P	E	P	P
Allison	Unroe	P	E	E	E
Carlton	Utley	P	P	P	P
Chris	Vogado	P	P	P	P
Andrew	Whaley	E	P	P	P
Morgan	Whitfield	P	P	P	E
Sarah	Wiles	P	A	A	A
Brent	Williams	P	E	P	A
Steve	Willis	P	P	A	P
Rodney	Wilson	A	A	A	A

Honorably Retired Ministers (participated in Pres Meetings)		February	May	August	November
Terry	Blevins	P		P	
Bill	Charles				
Glenn	Coleman		P	E	E
Nancy	Dawson		E		P
David	Dickerson	P	P	P	E
Robert	Fiedler	P	P	P	
Dusty	Fiedler	P	P	P	
George C	Goodman	P	P		
Tupper	Garden		P	P	
Robert	Hall	P	P		
Skip	Hastings	P	P	P	P
W.D.	Hasty			E	P
Mark	Hinchcliff				P
Shirley	Larson			P	E
Don	Makin		P	P	
Nancy	Morris	P	P		
John	Salley	P	P	E	E
Gary	Scheidt	P			P
James	Slate		P	P	
John	Wiederholt	P	P	P	P
George	Wilson	P			P

2023 MINISTER ATTENDANCE

Ministers At Large/Validated Ministry		February	May	August	November
Ellen	Anderson	A	A	A	A
David	Baker	P	A	P	A
Vernie	Bolden	P	P	P	P
Jen	Brothers	P	P	P	P
Kathy	Carpenter	P	P	A	E
Steve	Darr	A	A	A	A
Todd	Hester	A	A	A	A
Emily	Hunter	P	P	A	P
Paul	Johnson	A	A	A	A
Jeff	Kisner	A	A	N/A	N/A
Chad	McCain	A	A	E	E
Debra	McKune	A	P	A	A
Amy	Merrill-Willis	A	A	P	A
Rachel	Vogado	N/A	P	P	P
Robin	Williamson	E	E	E	E

Commissioned Pastors		February	May	August	November
Margie	Anderson	P	P	P	P
Todd	Atkins	P	A	P	A
Diane	Baldwin	E	A	P	E
Phil	Berry	P	A	P	A
Dick	Boswell	P	A	P	P
Richard	Henderson	P	A	E	E
Naomi	Hodge-Muse	A	A	A	A
Erik	Koroneos	A	A	A	P
Jan	McGilliard	A	A	P	E
Bill	Meneeley	A	A	A	A
Robert	Morris	A	A	A	A
Felicia	Parsell	A	A	A	A
Joyce	Perez	A	A	A	P
Kelvin	Perry	A	A	A	A
Mike	Price	A	A	A	A
Tony	Ward	A	A	A	A
Mike	Whorley	N/A	P	A	A

Report of Churches Attending Presbytery Meetings in 2023

Church	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Altavista	X	X	X	X
Amherst				
Appomattox CH				
Appomattox PE		X	X	
Arvon				
Beale Memorial				
Bedford	X	X	X	X
Belmont				
Belspring				
Berry Hill	X		X	
Bethlehem				
Blacksburg			X	
Bluemont	X			
Briery				
Brookneal				
Browns				
Buchanan	X		X	X
Buffalo				
Campbell Memorial	X	X		
Chatham	X	X	X	X
Christiansburg	X	X	X	X
Clarksville	X		X	X
Clifton Forge				
College	X	X	X	X
Collinsville, First	X	X	X	X
Colonial	X			
Concord				
Cool Spring	X		X	X
Coolwell				
Covenant	X	X	X	X
Covington, First	X			
Cumberland				
Danube				

Church	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Danville, First	X		X	
Davis Memorial				
Diamond Hill	X	X	X	X
Douglas				
Drakes Branch	X	X	X	X
Fairlawn	X		X	
Falling Spring RC				
Farmville	X	X	X	X
Fellowship				
Fifth Avenue	X		X	X
Fincastle	X	X	X	
Floyd	X	X	X	X
Forest	X	X		X
Forest Hills	X		X	
Fork Union				
Gethsemane			X	
Grace				
Harmony				
Hat Creek				
Hermon				
High Bridge	X			
Holbrook St.	X		X	X
Jamestown				
Kayser Memorial				
Kentuck				
Low Moor	X		X	
Lynchburg, First			X	X
Madisonville				
Mallow		X	X	
Martinsville, First	X	X	X	X
Mary Horner Walker				
Massies Mill				
Mayberry				

Church	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Maysville				
McAllister Memorial		X	X	X
Meherrin				
Memorial				
Mercy Seat				
Mizpah	X		X	
Montvale				
Mt Carmel				
Narrows, First				
New Concord	X	X	X	X
New Dublin	X	X	X	
New Store				
Northminster	X	X	X	
Northside	X		X	X
Oak Level	X			X
Oak View				
Old Brick	X		X	
Old Concord	X			
Peaks				
Pearisburg	X	X	X	
Phenix				
Pisgah				
Pulaski, First				

Church	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Quaker Memorial	X		X	
Radford		X		X
Raleigh Court	X	X	X	X
Roanoke				
Roanoke Valley		X		
Rocky Mount				
Rough Creek				
Rustburg				
Saint Andrew	X	X	X	X
Salem	X	X	X	X
Second	X	X	X	X
Sinking Spring				
South Boston, First	X		X	X
Trinity, Arvonnia				
Trinity/SML	X	X		X
Unity				
Village				
Villamont				
Virginia				
West End				
Westminster	X			
Williamson Memorial				

Closing Business**TE Betsy Soto**

Stated Clerk, Rev. Betsy Soto, drew the presbytery's attention to additional reports in the packet and reported on the attendance for the meeting. We had 65 Teaching Elders, 6 Commissioned Ruling Elders, and 53 Ruling Elder Commissioners present, for a voting total of 124 members. There were also 18 visitors present, for a total of 142 participants. Forty seven churches were represented by a commissioner.

Moderator Kym Wiederholt concluded the meeting with prayer at 11:00 AM and dismissed the presbytery to breakout rooms for discussion. These rooms were devoted to the Spiritual Needs and Lives of Children (led by Jewel Aagard, Covenant Presbyterian), Youth (led by TE Isabella Fagiani and TE Ben Brannan), College Age and Young Adults (led by TE Emily Rhodes Hunter), Parents and Families (led by TE Carl Utley), Grandparents and Aging Adults (led by CP Jan McGilliard), People in Poverty (led by TEs Kim and Herndon Jeffreys), and People of Color (led by TE Vernie Bolden and TE Carlos Malave).

ADDITIONAL REPORTS
Included on the following pages

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12/31/2023**

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Burke Mem Vacation Fund	50,141.73	45,553.96	1,869.37	3,000.00		44,423.33	<i>49,011.10</i>
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<u>Donor Restricted</u>	69,019.25	69,019.25	-	-	-	69,019.25	69,019.25
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Camp Endowment	2,050.00	2,050.00				2,050.00	<i>2,050.00</i>
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<u>Total Pass Through & Restricted</u>	<u>596,355.81</u>	<u>593,308.84</u>	<u>797,104.22</u>	<u>183,843.91</u>	<u>38,360.15</u>	<u>1,244,929.30</u>	<u>1,209,616.12</u>
Presbytery Total Funds	<u>8,117,999.75</u>	<u>10,120,036.79</u>	<u>1,430,143.82</u>	<u>709,766.85</u>	<u>1,091,450.89</u>	<u>11,931,864.65</u>	<u>8,838,376.72</u>

**The Presbytery of the Peaks
Financial Position
12/31/22 & 12/31/2023**

	<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)	446,139.72	408,937.80
Selected Giving, GA, Synod causes	141,362.96	90,335.72
Other Selected Gifts (excludes 2Cts, C A Partnership)	12,135.22	95,082.50
Camp Income	306.00	423.46
Receipts from Presbytery Restricted Funds		8,000.00
Receipts from Financial Stability Fund	274,737.57	350,000.00
Receipts from Missional Grant Fund	0.00	118,730.00
Interest Income	58.73	9.45
Current Assets less Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,848.56	2,540.48
Transfer Accounts		0.00
Total Receipts	876,588.76	1,074,059.41
<i>Less Disbursements:</i>		
Mission Funds to General Assembly	236,394.79	193,147.00
Mission Funds to Synod	16,929.45	14,921.72
Other In/Out Mission Funds Forwarded	12,135.22	95,082.50
Presbytery	608,252.33	786,576.16
Total Disbursements	873,711.79	1,089,727.38
Cash Balance 12/31/2022 & 12/31/2023	<u>\$ 45,626.14</u>	<u>\$ 29,958.17</u>

**Presbytery of the Peaks
Income & Expense
12/31/2023**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income			
Covenants of Intent	75,376.88	406,337.80	417,869
Mission Payments-Dismissed Churches		2,600.00	2,600
Designated funding from Financial Sustainability	80,000.00	350,000.00	350,768
Designated Funding from Missional Grant Fund	6,000.00	118,730.00	178,659
Office Property Income			7,500
Two Cents a Meal Justice & Mercy Funding		8,000.00	8,000
Miscellaneous	2,120.79	2,549.93	100
Total Income	163,497.67	888,217.73	965,496
Cabinet			
Cabinet Expense		311.09	200
Presbytery Meeting Expense	86.83	913.79	1,500
Workgroup Expense		113.98	4,000
Committee on Representation			-
Total Cabinet Expense	86.83	1,338.86	5,700
Constitutional			
Moderator Expense			1,400
Stated Clerk	1,339.43	12,798.27	13,776
Nominating Committee	18.13	68.20	250
Session Records WG			200
Sexual Misconduct Committee		46.50	500
Synod Unified & Per Capita	2,562.45	12,308.45	12,844
GA Unified & Per Capital Giving	32,798.55	105,424.55	105,425
Total Constitutional Expense	36,718.56	130,645.97	134,395
Administration			
Commission Expenses			250
Communications Expense	331.82	3,763.91	4,600
Property Expenses (Trustees)	3,022.79	37,032.88	30,000
Office Expenses	1,764.86	22,287.06	18,310
Presbytery Office Equipment	52.65	1,201.18	2,500
Audit Expense		13,500.00	14,000
Staff:			
General Presbyter	13,610.36	143,215.39	145,014
Acting General Presbyter		9,530.32	
Church Leadership Ministry Specialist	7,876.52	69,675.78	70,608
Justice & Mercy Ministry Specialist	6,761.31	78,918.06	79,309
Administrative Support Staff	6,920.19	82,942.78	82,710
Accountant	6,675.84	79,749.46	79,789

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Communications Director	3,240.15	35,335.94	36,587
Temporary Help	595.41	2,425.48	2,000
Office Staff Expenses	627.26	1,226.99	550
Total Commission on Administration	51,479.16	580,805.23	566,227
Commission on Ministry			
Commission Expenses	(1,647.31)	330.68	3,000
Grants Awarded	6,273.00	6,000.00	59,553
Total Commission on Ministry	4,625.69	6,330.68	62,553
Church Partnership			
CDC Expenses	36.96	232.29	1,000
Adaptive Church Project		1,755.46	3,600
Outdoor Education		1,000.00	3,000
Higher Education Expenses	11,772.50	47,090.00	47,090
Grants Awarded		52,700.00	59,553
Total Church Partnership Commission	11,509.46	102,777.75	114,243
Justice & Mercy Commission			
Justice & Mercy Commission Expenses	109.99	155.67	100
Education and Training			200
Community Outreach Grants	10,000.00	40,000.00	40,000
CEDEPCA	6,800.00	27,000.00	27,000
Grants Awarded		15,255.00	15,078
Total Justice & Mercy Commission	16,909.99	82,410.67	82,378
Total Presbytery Expenses	<u>121,329.69</u>	<u>904,309.16</u>	<u>965,496</u>
Total Net Income/(Expense)	<u>\$42,167.98</u>	<u>(\$16,091.43)</u>	

**The Presbytery of the Peaks
Cash Flow Analysis**

<u>Year</u>		<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2023	<i>Contributions</i>	78,060.81	110,561.19	94,337.81	29,887.05	21,143.20	77,497.67	411,487.73	96.13%
	<i>Designated Fund Usage</i>	103,505.00	46,525.00	120,000.00	52,400.00	68,300.00	86,000.00	476,730.00	88.71%
	<i>Expenses</i>	188,768.28	<u>214,517.97</u>	<u>194,374.55</u>	<u>74,249.56</u>	<u>111,069.11</u>	121,329.69	<u>904,309.16</u>	93.66%
	<i>Variance</i>	<u>(7,202.47)</u>	<u>(57,431.78)</u>	<u>19,963.26</u>	<u>8,037.49</u>	<u>(21,625.91)</u>	<u>42,167.98</u>	<u>(16,091.43)</u>	
2022	<i>Contributions</i>	97,488.96	100,736.43	82,428.92	47,985.11	36,417.37	83,296.22	448,353.01	103.99%
	<i>Expenses</i>	<u>166,371.59</u>	<u>154,402.93</u>	<u>157,139.24</u>	<u>65,263.98</u>	<u>59,525.16</u>	<u>136,552.71</u>	739,255.61	86.63%
	<i>Variance</i>	<u>(68,882.63)</u>	<u>(53,666.50)</u>	<u>(74,710.32)</u>	<u>(17,278.87)</u>	<u>(23,107.79)</u>	<u>(53,256.49)</u>	<u>(290,902.60)</u>	0.00
2021	<i>Contributions</i>	101,440.45	103,251.30	119,610.90	39,526.21	15,972.75	87,935.13	467,736.74	111.38%
	<i>Expenses</i>	<u>152,614.17</u>	<u>185,648.05</u>	<u>201,225.40</u>	<u>45,477.67</u>	<u>47,978.84</u>	<u>133,141.74</u>	766,085.87	94.51%
	<i>Variance</i>	<u>(51,173.72)</u>	<u>(82,396.75)</u>	<u>(81,614.50)</u>	<u>(5,951.46)</u>	<u>(32,006.09)</u>	<u>(45,206.61)</u>	<u>(298,349.13)</u>	0.00
2020	<i>Contributions</i>	94,026.63	49,940.15	77,620.18	36,827.38	27,765.61	114,500.57	400,680.52	80.24%
	<i>Expenses</i>	<u>155,716.17</u>	<u>140,398.57</u>	<u>163,133.50</u>	<u>49,876.86</u>	<u>46,338.79</u>	116,404.58	671,868.47	83.72%
	<i>Variance</i>	<u>(61,689.54)</u>	<u>(90,458.42)</u>	<u>(85,513.32)</u>	<u>(13,049.48)</u>	<u>(18,573.18)</u>	<u>(1,904.01)</u>	<u>(271,187.95)</u>	0.00

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Report of the Coordinating Cabinet

INFORMATION:

- The Cabinet met via Zoom on January 25, 2024

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- Approved the docket for the February 15, 2024 assembly
- Approved the rollover of unused Church Redevelopment Grant Funds and Black Caucus Innovation Grant Funds for 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- None

Report of the Presbyterian Women

INFORMATION:

- The Annual Fall Packet of materials and forms was sent to all local PW Moderators and Contact Persons in November. The packet included a 2024 financial support form, a remittance voucher and other information for local PW treasurers, a 2024 local PW leaders form, and a “PW Group/Circle Report” form to record historical information for 2023. It’s not too late to submit any of these forms. Questions about any of these materials should be directed to Shelda Wills, PW Moderator, at swills@usit.net.
- The Peaks PW is pleased to announce that Sarah Hyska from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg has agreed to serve as the Racial Equity/Justice and Peace Representative on the Peaks Coordinating Team.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- Plans are being finalized for the Peaks PW Spring Gathering scheduled to take place at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church in Roanoke on Saturday, April 27. Adrienne Knight, PW Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Representative on the Churchwide Coordinating Team, will serve as the keynote speaker. Adrienne was a participant in the USA Mission Experience trip to Arizona and the Border Region last October. She will share lots of information about the event and the many things she learned and experienced during the 10-day trip. Watch for more details!
- Preliminary plans are being made for the 36th Annual Gathering of Peaks PW that will take place on Saturday, September 23, at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. More information will be available in the coming months.
- The Coordinating Team continues to communicate with local PW groups by sending them a mini newsletter every other month.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. No recommendations

REPORT OF THE SESSION RECORDS WORK GROUP**INFORMATION:**

- The Session Records Work Group continues to review past, as well as current Session Minutes. To date, members have reviewed 115 sets of 2002 Minutes, 117 sets of 2003 Minutes, 117 sets of 2004 Minutes, 113 sets of 2005 Minutes, 122 sets of 2006 Minutes, 122 sets of 2007 Minutes, 117 sets of 2008 Minutes, 113 sets of 2009 Minutes, 107 sets of 2010 Minutes, 104 sets of 2011 Minutes, 102 sets of 2012 Minutes, 94 sets of 2013 Minutes, 91 sets of 2014 Minutes, 95 sets of 2015 Minutes, 88 sets of 2016 Minutes, 85 sets of 2017 Minutes, 82 sets of 2018 Minutes, 62 sets of 2019 Minutes, 60 sets of 2020 Minutes, 61 sets of 2021 Minutes, and 56 sets of 2022 Minutes, for a total of 2,023 sets of Session Minutes. Please see the quarterly report showing the running record of Minutes submitted for review.
- 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 Rev. David Baker conducted a Clerk of Session Training event by Zoom on January 20. The training event was recorded and is available on the Presbytery website at www.peakspresbytery.org. Click on “Resources”; then click on “Clerks of Session Training” to view the PowerPoint presentation.
- Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. Please note that **2023 Session Minutes are due for review during 2024**. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The schedule for the **review of 2023 Session Minutes in 2024** is as follows:
 - February 15 – Churches with names beginning with F-M
 - May 4 – Churches with names beginning with N-W
 - October 24 – Churches with names beginning with A-D
- 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!**

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. The Work Group wishes to make its Annual Report based on the *Book of Order* (G-3.0107 and G- 3.0108):

As of February 1, 56 churches had submitted 2022 Session Minutes for review. Each church submitting 2022 Session Minutes for review in 2023 will receive a certificate of appreciation. The 10 churches in bold marked by an asterisk (*) will receive a gold seal on the certificate for submitting minutes that were “Approved Without Exception.”

* Altavista	Farmville	New Dublin
Amherst	* Floyd	* Northminster
* Bedford	Forest	Northside
Blacksburg	Forest Hills	Oak Level
* Bluemont	Hermon	Peaks
Buchanan	Holbrook Street	Quaker Memorial
Campbell Memorial	Kayser Memorial	Radford
Chatham	Kentuck	Raleigh Court
* Christiansburg	Low Moor	Roanoke Valley
Clarksville	Lynchburg, First	Rustburg
Clifton Forge	Mallow	Saint Andrew
College	* Martinsville, First	Salem
Colonial	Mary Horner Walker	South Boston, First
* Covenant	Massies Mill	Trinity Ecumenical
Covington, First	Mayberry	Village
* Cumberland	McAllister Memorial	Villamont
Danville, First	Meherrin	West End
* Diamond Hill	Mount Carmel	Williamson Memorial
Fairlawn	New Concord	

**✓ = Session Minutes Received and Reviewed
(as of February 1, 2024)**

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	62	60	61	56

Grand Total of Minutes Reviewed from 2002-2022 = 2,023

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).