

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS

STATED MEETING

May 4, 2024

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg



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 One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Stated Meeting
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Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Present

Kyle Allen	Elizabeth Link	Pete Smith
Philip Bouknight	Carlos Malave	Betsy Soto
Beth Broschart	Bob McLavey	Kim Steinhorst
Janet Chisom	Russ Merritt	Anghaarad Teague Dees
Linda Dickerson	Jonathan Moelker	Peter Thompson
Susi Ennis	Kris Moore	Allison Unroe
Isabella Fagiani	Cheryl Peeples	Carl Utley
Annette Goard	Mikel Pugh	Morgan Whitfield
Herndon Jeffreys	Mark Rackley	Steve Willis
Kim Jeffreys	Dave Roberts	

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Excused

George Anderson	Shawn Hyska	Bea Miller
Ben Brannan	Keith Leach	Ed Soto
Jeff Garrison	Gary Marshall	Brent Williams
Geoff Hubbard	Lisa Marshall	

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Absent

Steve Darr	Chris Vogado	Sarah Wiles
Jim Moss	Andrew Whaley	

Honorably Retired Ministers in Attendance

Glenn Coleman	Gary Scheidt
David Dickerson	Jim Slate
George Goodman	John Wiederholt
Nancy Morris	

Honorably Retired Ministers Excused

Skip Hastings
John Salley

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Present

Vernie Bolden	Emily Rhodes Hunter
Terril Cornwell	Amy Merrill-Willis

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Excused

Jen Brothers
Robin Williamson

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Absent

Ellen Anderson	Richard Goodman	Sarah Martin	Rachel Vogado
Dave Baker	Todd Hester	Chad McCain	
Kathy Carpenter	Paul Johnson	Debra McKune	

Commissioned Pastors Present

Margie Anderson	Erik Koroneos	Michael Whorley
Donna Britt	Jan McGilliard	

Commissioned Pastors Excused

Diane Baldwin	Rich Henderson
Dick Boswell	Joyce Perez

Commissioned Pastors Absent

Todd Adkins	Robert Morris	Laura Jane Ramsburg
Phil Berry	Felecia Parsell	Linda Trumbo
Naomi Hodge Muse	Kelvin Perry	Tony Ward
Bill Meneely	Mike Price	

Cabinet and Committee Chairs Attending

Denny Casey
Ray Williams
Shelda Wills

Voting Elders for Churches

Altavista	Gary Andrews
Bedford	Becky Noell
Blacksburg	Janet Rakes
Browns	Kris Ferrell
Buchanan	Watts Steger
Christiansburg	Kathie Hollandsworth
Christiansburg	Gary Overstreet
Clarksville	Linda Pulliam
Collinsville, First	Kym Wiederholt
Covenant	Gail Trussel
Covenant	Jeff Cutwright
Covington, First	Brenda Linkenhoker
Diamond Hill	David Maxey
Drakes Branch	Willie Pettus
Fairlawn	Diane Patty
Farmville	John Arehart
Fifth Avenue	Philip Claytor
Fifth Avenue	Ruth Claytor
Fincastle	Patsy Dickerson
Floyd	John Sholar

Forest Hills
 High Bridge
 Lynchburg, First
 Lynchburg, First
 Martinsville, First
 McAllister Memorial
 New Concord
 Northminster
 Pearisburg
 Quaker Memorial
 Raleigh Court
 Roanoke Valley
 Salem
 Salem
 Second
 South Boston, First
 St. Andrew
 Trinity Ecumenical
 Williamson Memorial

Martha Sherwood
 Scott Hannah
 Gary Williams
 Marilyn Hartman
 Ron Rebman
 Augustus Hayslett
 John Lewis
 Greg Theimer
 Janet Nevergold
 Peggy Deyerle
 Hunter Moore
 Teresa Agnew
 Sarah Eller
 Becky Ring
 Sally I'Anson
 Don Cherry
 Laura Wise
 Elizabeth Scheidt
 Lilly Gentry

Visitors

Pam Claterbaugh
 Rebecca Hayslett
 Howard Jennings
 Gina Kaknis
 John McCarthy
 Ellen Pettus
 Nancy Gray
 Teresa Wulff
 Hannah Anderson
 Chrisina Cosby
 Clayton Rascoe
 Matthew Collen
 Kay Merritt

Northminster
 McAllister Memorial
 Quaker Memorial
 Roanoke Valley
 South Boston, First
 Drakes Branch
 Second
 Covenant
 Guest Speaker
 Candidate for Ordination
 Massanetta Springs

Staff Not Counted Elsewhere

Julie Burnett
 Sharon Bogdan

Churches Not Represented by a Voting Elder

Amherst	Douglas	Mt. Carmel
Appomattox CH	Falling Spring	First, Narrows
Appomattox PE	Fellowship	New Dublin
Arvon	Forest	New Store
Beale Memorial	Fork Union	Oak Level
Belmont	Gethsemane	Oak View
Belspring	Grace	Old Brick
Bethlehem	Hat Creek	Old Concord
Bluemont	Hermon	Peaks
Briery	Holbrook St.	Phenix
Brookneal	Jamestown	Pisgah
Browns	Kayser Memorial	First, Pulaski
Buffalo	Kentuck	Radford
Campbell Memorial	Low Moor	Roanoke
Chatham	Madisonville	Rocky Mount
Clifton Forge	Mallow	Rough Creek
College	Mary Horner Walker	Sinking Spring
Colonial	Massies Mill	Trinity, New Canton
Concord	Mayberry	Unity
Cool Spring	Maysville	Village
Coolwell	Meherrin	Villamont
Cumberland	Memorial	Virginia
Danube	Mercy Seat	West End
Danville, First	Mizpah	Westminster
Davis Memorial	Montvale	

Presbytery Meeting Minutes
Presbytery of the Peaks
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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg

The Moderator, Ruling Elder Kym Wiederholt, called the May 4th, 2024 meeting to order at 9:03AM. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Rev. Mark Rackley, co-pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church offered his welcome on behalf of the congregation. Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, General Presbyter, offered his word of welcome to the presbytery.

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

CONSENTAGENDA RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

Report of the Stated Clerk:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the minutes of the One-hundred thirty-fourth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks (February 15, 2024) 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 Commission on Ministry:

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the 2024 Minister Financial Terms of Call as presented. (Found on p.5-6)

Report of the Rustburg Administrative Commission

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the Rustburg Administrative Commission be dismissed effective May 31, 2024.

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

The Presbytery of the Peaks moved into a time of worship, led by Rev. Dave Roberts of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and guest speaker Hannah Anderson. An offering of \$437.53 was collected for the Two Cents a Meal program.

Following worship, the Presbytery took a short break, followed by announcements for happenings around the presbytery. The meeting was reconvened at 10:15AM.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY TE Anghaarad Teague Dees

INFORMATION:

1. The Commission on Ministry met on February 8, 2024 and March 14, 2024 via Zoom.
2. The Commission on Ministry held an in-person meeting on April 11, 2024 at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church with Keenan Rodgers, Board of Pensions Representative, as guest speaker for the day.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. Approved the change of membership status of Rev. Terri Cornwell to Member at Large.
2. Approved the recommissioning contract of Phil Berry, CP, with Villamont Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
3. Approved the Stated Supply contract renewal between Rev. David Dickerson and Fincastle Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
4. Approved the Stated Supply contract renewal between Rev. Rodney Wilson and Montvale Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
5. Granted permission for Monica Stevens, RE, to administer Communion on March 3, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville.
6. Approved the Clifton Forge Mission Study and granted permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.
7. Approved the Stated Supply contract renewal between Rev. Randy Bremer and Appomattox (P.E.) Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
8. Approved the Temporary Supply contract between Pearisburg Presbyterian Church and Rev. Steve Darr effective February 11, 2024 to February 10, 2025.
9. Approved the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Steve Willis at High Bridge Presbyterian Church on March 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Teaching Elders:

Mark Rackley, Co-pastor, St. Andrew
 Kim Steinhorst, Pastor, Maysville and New Store
 Anghaarad Teague Dees, Pastor, Quaker Memorial
 Amy Merrill Willis, Professor, University of Lynchburg

Ruling Elders:

Rodger Linkenhoker, Virginia
 Pix Mahler, Westminster
 Faye Worley, High Bridge
 Kym Wiederholt, First, Collinsville

Visitors:

Bill Klein, Honorably Retired, Shenandoah Presbytery
 Rosalea Potter, Ruling Elder, Collierstown, Shenandoah Presbytery

10. Approved to dissolve the relationship between Rev. Morgan Whitfield and Forest Presbyterian Church effective February 29, 2024.
11. Approved the part-time Stated Supply contract renewal between Rev. Shawn Hyska and Westminster Presbyterian Church effective March 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
12. Appointed Rev. Peter Thompson as moderator for Forest Presbyterian Church effective March 1, 2024.
13. Approved the Pastoral Leadership Grant Application from Linda Dickerson for an Art and Spirituality Project in the amount of \$788.61 for the women clergy of the New River Valley.
14. Approved to grant permission to Pete Smith to moderate the March 3, 2024 Session Meeting at Cumberland PC in the absence of Keith Leach, Session Moderator.
15. Approved the request of Hat Creek PC for Dick Boswell, Missional Commissioned Pastor, to serve as session moderator effective March 14, 2024.
16. Approved a grant request for the Stronger Together Women's Day Retreat for May 18th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm in the amount of \$700.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. The COM recommends to the presbytery that Nancy Gray be commissioned as a Missional Commissioned Pastor to the Roanoke Valley Neighborhood

Nancy spoke about her faith journey and sense of call. The recommendation was approved without objection, and Nancy was commissioned to service by Jan McGilliard, chair of the CP subcommittee, moderator Kym Wiederholt, and TE Elizabeth Link (Second Presbyterian).

3. The COM recommends to the presbytery that Chrstina Cosby, candidate under care of the Presbytery of the Peaks, be examined by the Examinations Commission for Ordination to a validated ministry as Associate for Domestic Issues for the Office of Public Witness.

The recommendation was approved without objection following Christina's examination on the floor.

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2024 Terms of Call for Pastors provided a Housing Allowance												
Pastor	Church	Base Cash Salary	50% SECA @7.65%	Housing + Utilities	Other Compensation	Total Cash	BOP Effective Salary	Total BOP Dues	2024 TOC Rec'd	Other Payments	Cost to Church	% of Call
2024 Minimum TOC		47,670	3,647		(See Note 1)	51,317	47,670	18,591		(See Note 2)	(See Note 3)	
Allen, Kyle	Covenant, Roanoke	51,660	6,857	37,970		96,487	89,630	34,956	yes	1,837	133,280	100
Anderson, George	Second, Roanoke - Pastor	80,868	10,450	55,000	730	147,048	136,598	53,273	yes		200,321	100
Brannan, Ben	Second, Roanoke - Assoc.	29,260	5,201	38,000	730	73,191	67,990	26,516	yes		99,707	100
Broschart, Elizabeth	First, Danville	35,979	5,667	38,099		79,745	74,078	30,074	yes		109,819	100
Chisom, Janet	Salem - Associate	32,354	4,311	24,000		60,665	56,354	21,978	yes		82,643	100
Dees, Anghaarad	Quaker Memorial	39,698	5,408	30,000	1,000	76,106	70,698	27,572	yes	445	104,123	100
Dickerson, Linda	Northside	37,813	4,901	25,000	1,252	68,966	64,065	24,986	yes	446	94,398	100
Ennis, Susi	First, Covington	39,475	4,942	21,700	3,425	69,542	64,600	25,194	yes		94,736	100
Fagiani, Isabella	Raleigh Court - Associate	42,666	4,697	16,368	2,371	66,102	61,405	23,948	yes	50	90,100	100
Garrison, Jeffrey	Bluemont & Mayberry	28,600	5,459	40,800	5,000	79,859	74,400	29,016	yes	1,209	110,084	100
Goard, Annette	Clarksville	40,893	4,161	12,298	1,200	58,552	54,391	21,212	yes	446	80,210	100
Jeffreys, Kim	Village (only)	10,330	867	1,000		12,197	11,330				12,197	
Jeffreys, Herndon	Brookneal/Phenix/Roanoke	28,211	2,963	9,640	877	41,691	38,728	15,373			57,064	100
Link, Elizabeth	Second, Roanoke - Exec.	29,196	7,262	65,000	730	102,188	94,926	37,022	yes		139,210	100
Marshall, Elizabeth	Low Moor	17,848	1,823	5,987		25,658	23,835	13,884	yes		39,542	50
McLavey, Robert	Floyd	45,000	4,361	12,000		61,361	57,000	22,230	yes		83,591	100
Moelker, Jonathan	Campbell Memorial	42,670	3,647	5,000		51,317	47,670	9,334	yes		60,851	100
Moss, James	McAllister Memorial	35,560	4,097	18,000		57,657	53,560	20,888			78,545	100
Peeples, Cheryl	Forest Hills	34,642	5,286	34,450		74,378	69,092	26,946	yes		101,324	100
Rackley, Mark	St. Andrews	69,430	5,312			74,742	69,430	27,078	yes		101,820	50
Roberts, David	St. Andrews	69,430	5,312			74,742	69,430	27,078	yes		101,820	50
Smith, Peter	Farmville	33,670	5,024	30,000	2,000	70,694	65,670	25,613	yes	2,000	98,307	100
Soto, Eduardo	Altavista	18,744	3,062	21,276		43,082	40,020	15,502	yes		58,584	100
Thompson, Peter	First, Lynchburg	51,319	7,751	50,000		109,070	101,319	39,514	yes	1,448	150,032	100
Unroe, Allison	Fairlawn	32,036	4,287	24,000		60,323	56,036	21,853	yes	446	82,622	100
Vogado, Christopher	Salem	42,030	5,970	36,000		84,000	78,030	30,432	yes		114,432	100
Whaley, Andrew	Raleigh Court	68,329	7,794	30,000	3,550	109,673	101,879	39,733	yes	50	149,456	100
Whitfield, Morgan	Radford	46,000	5,814	30,000		81,814	76,000	29,640	yes		111,454	100
Wiles, Sarah	Blacksburg	65,964	7,535	25,000		98,499	90,964	38,414	yes	13,641	150,554	100
Williams, Brent	Colonial	39,384	5,444	25,776	6,000	76,604	71,160	27,752	yes		104,356	100
Willis, Steven	High Bridge	34,000	4,361	23,000		61,361	57,000	22,230			83,591	100

Note 1: Other Compensation that is included BOP Effective Salary.

Note 2: Other Church Payments include additional SECA payments over 50%, deferred payments (403b, etc.), optional dental or other insurance, utilities paid by the church.

Note 3: Cost to Church does not include travel reimbursement, continuing education or professional reimbursement expenses for the pastor.

JCL: 4/10/2024

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2024 Terms of Call for Pastors with a Church Manse														
Pastor	Church	Base Cash Salary	Utilities & Furnishings	Other Compensation (see note 1)	50% SECA @7.65%	Total Cash Salary	Manse Rental Value	POP Escrow	BOP Effective Salary	Total BOP Dues	2024 TOC Rec'd	Other Payments (see note 2)	Cost to Church (see note 3)	% of Call
2024 Minimum TOC with Church Manse		34,763			3,577	38,340	10,789	1,200	46,752	18,233			57,773	
Leach, M. Keith	College	45,234			4,655	49,889	14,043	1,575	60,853	23,733	yes		75,197	100
Malavé, Carlos	ACHPC & NCPC	36,925	12,000		4,985	53,910	15,038	1,200	65,163	25,414	yes		80,524	100
Marshall, Gary	Mallow	40,553	1,500		4,311	46,364	13,006	1,300	56,359	21,980	yes	891	70,535	100
Pugh, Mikel	Chatham	44,002		1,800	4,704	50,506	14,190	1,500	61,492	23,982	yes		75,988	100
Note 1: Other Compensation that is included BOP Effective Salary.														
Note 2: Other Church Payments include additional SECA payments over 50%, optional dental or other insurance, utilities paid by the church, etc.														
Note 3: Cost to Church does not include the value of the manse, travel reimbursement, continuing education or professional expenses reimbursement for pastor.														
														Janet Rakes 4-20-24

REPORT OF THE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION TE Linda Dickerson

The Examinations Commission brought forward Christina Cosby, candidate under care of the Presbytery of the Peaks, for examination for ordination to serve in the validated ministry as Associate for Domestic Issues for the Office of Public Witness

**Biographical Statement
Christina Cosby**

My earliest, fondest childhood memory is sitting on my grandfather's lap, listening to nightly musical numbers on the television. Cradled in his arms, I knew I was deeply loved; yet, just as I began to close my eyes, the TV became silent, and my grandfather began to sing. Each evening, the song he sang was "Jesus Loves Me." On a particular evening, I knew the love he taught was greater than the love he could ever show me. It is this great love that carries me to this day.

My life revolves around my faith in Jesus Christ; however, it is more than a belief in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. My faith is a belief that Jesus loves me more than I can ever love God. While I credit much of my love and understanding of God to my parents and grandparents, ultimately, it was the church communities I was a part of that encouraged me to deepen my study of scripture, recognize the vitality congregational community adds to my life of faith, and encouraged me to engage in service to my community as an outward expression of my faith. I realize it is my choice to be committed to the church and to love all of God's children as others love me.

This realization largely came from my unique experience of growing up attending both the Catholic Church (Sunday mornings with my maternal grandmother) and the Presbyterian Church (Wednesday afternoons with my paternal grandparents). Reaching confirmation age, my parents encouraged me to join the denomination that I felt nurtured and rooted within, inspiring a deep connection to the ecumenical community. The Presbyterian Church allowed me to study scripture on my own and within community. Embracing my convictions and exploring my doubts, I was confirmed at First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg. Now, my baptismal promise, claimed as my own decision, caused me to be a very active member as I participated in the church choir and leading worship at First Presbyterian Church Lynchburg, engaging in Presbytery of the Peaks Youth Council opportunities, majoring in Religious Studies and Interpersonal Communication at Queens University of Charlotte, before attending Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in 2017 with a Master of Divinity.

Because of the love I have been shown, I strive to share God's love with all who surround me daily. In the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that when they tend to those society leaves out, they tend to God. I view my willingness to listen, serve, and love others as sharing God's grace.

Sharing God's grace with all I meet is not only a personal choice but a professional calling. As others have freely loved and cared for me in the church and outside the church doors, I see

spreading the love of Jesus Christ in the world as my chief goals in life. This calling is achieved by the twists and turns God has called me to embrace thus far.

Over the course of my lay ministry thus far, my commitment to service and community has taken many shapes. As a Christian Educator and Director of the Homeless Shelter at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, I patiently taught and bore witness to God's movement in word and worship alongside the ordinary moments of life. Working in the Office of the Middle East and Europe with Presbyterian World Mission, I saw firsthand how US Foreign Policy and our daily consumption impacts God's globe on a large scale. Sitting with partners and mission co-workers, I learned the importance of simply being present, how often there are no words that can right wrongs done. Yet, good news prevails, and when the Holy Spirit moves across geographical borders and cultural context, relationships become strong, and God is in our midst.

Combining these vocational experiences, I now serve the Office of Public Witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as the Representative for Domestic Issues and Environmental Concerns. This role feeds my ecumenical upbringing while combining my experience serving in New York City and Presbyterian World Mission as I bear witness to the impacts and communities behind proposed legislation and federal budgets. Advocacy for me is a spiritual discipline. To do advocacy effectively, I sit with local partners experiencing the brunt of harsh policy decisions and dream about what systemic change looks like. I lead worship on Capitol Hill to remind policymakers that the faith community is witness to their work for better and for worse. Along with my colleagues, I host the Press Conference to hold elected officials accountable to the communities they serve. For me, it is through organization, advocacy, and mutual partnership that the church can better reach our neighbors to learn how to better share God's grace within the United States and around the globe.

I believe the church is currently experiencing a transformational time—a time that calls us to value, recognize, and repent of our history as we look toward a hope-filled future. Transformation, change, and evolving are at the heart of the biblical narrative we cherish as church leaders. It is also the very thing we tend to resist as change—transformation—is hard.

Amid transformation, God's vision for our collective life together emerges. I am encouraged to remember that the pain of the cross is not the last word in our Christian narrative; the story continues to the miraculous grace and goodness of Easter morning. A story none of Jesus' close disciples predicted, and yet, it is celebrated over 2,000 years later. Perhaps, just maybe, the Church is living more fully than we could imagine into this biblical narrative.

The church is not called to transform in and of itself. We are called to go forth as transforming agents in God's global world. I strive daily to advocate for General Assembly Policy of the PCUSA as it pertains to those within the United States, in hopes that the church, this nation, and all may freely receive the love of Christ and the grace of God, believing they are beloved and valued. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide me in these efforts and all our communities as we remember that we are a reformed people and shall always be reforming.

I recognize that I am engaged in vital ministry, and that this ministry is possible without being ordained. My connection to the church community has been the cornerstone of my faith journey, sustaining me through life's challenges. Ordination offers a new dimension of connection to the Presbytery, which has long provided invaluable support for my ministry. I see it as an opportunity for the Presbytery to further engage with the broader work of the National Church, and I eagerly anticipate becoming an active participant in your ministries.

Advocacy, to me, is the courageous act of speaking truth to power and embodying a prophetic witness in our world. It requires stepping aside from one's own privilege and concerns to amplify the voices of marginalized communities. Carrying the title 'Reverend' within the halls of Congress and the Administration underscores this commitment, demonstrating how our faith calls us toward the common good that benefit vulnerable populations. Just as I am committed to holding elected officials accountable to their promise, being ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament binds me to the Church as a prophetic agent.

Statement of Faith Christina Cosby

God is the creator of the universe and all its creatures. Before the recording of time God created: the day and the night, the stars and sun, the earth, water and land alike. God placed animals to roam the earth and made human beings to care for their well-being. God saw what was created and called it good.

God created the world and all that it contains, animals and humans, to live together in harmony. Human beings fall short of God's calling, yet God remained among us guiding us through the prophets and law.

God's only Son, Jesus Christ, came to live among humanity. To call disciples, teach, heal, and be ever-present with creation. God's grace and love in the Word Become Flesh was rejected by humanity, died on a cross, and descended into Hell. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and ascended to the right hand of God. Hence showing the world that pain, rejection, and chaos do not have the last word.

The Holy Spirit blew upon the earth—north, south, east, and west to call God's people to a unified body. The Church was formed as disciples, apostles, prophets, saints, and ordinary people trusted God to be among them. Together, as one body, the Church claims God's love for its members and breaks bread together sharing in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Offering humankind tangible signs for God's invisible grace.

God is indeed three in one: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Breathing God's own breath humanity was created. Living, dying and rising to new life Jesus redeems humanity raising believers to new life. The Holy Spirit—God in-between—guides us to renewed and just relationships with each other and the earth. I believe that God calls each person good and that God desires us to live eternally in God's loving presence both in life and in death.

Christina preached a sermon before the body, and shared briefly about her faith journey. She also answered how her vocation is a Christian calling to give witness to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom in Washington, DC amidst all the current political tensions. There were no further questions from the floor.

The Examinations commission moved the examination be sustained and that Christina be ordained as a Teaching Elder to a validated ministry in the Office of Public Witness. The recommendation was approved without objection.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE TE Herndon Jeffreys

Recommendation: To approve the following candidates to serve on the various commissions and committees of the presbytery.

Justice and Mercy Commission

Denise Pillow	2024	RE	First, Covington
Ann Nelson	2025	RE	Roanoke
Jennifer Lawhorne	2026	RE	Farmville

Commission on Administration

Kym Wiederholt	2026	RE	First, Collinsville
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The moderator called for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the nominations were approved without objection.

UPDATE FROM THE MODERATOR'S TASK FORCE **Nancy Gray**

Nancy Gray, chair of the Task Force appointed to review the Presbytery's Newly Acquired Assets Policy, gave a verbal report on the actions taken to date. They have met via Zoom several times since February, and have several conversations with consultants lined up in the next few weeks. She offered space for any questions from the body. The task force anticipates having a final report and any recommendations to bring to the presbytery by the stated meeting in October.

PRESBYTERY EDUCATION

Guest speaker Hannah Anderson offered a workshop on how the gifts of the land we live on are a part of the way we tell God's story. What is natural to us in southwest Virginia is not always brought out, and we have many gifts to bring and witnesses to share because of it. She spoke of

the hope in creation, that spring and life always come again, and how this is a reflection of the story we are promised in Scripture, that God is always promising something new.

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL SYNOD GRANT AWARD

Synod Commissioner John Wiederholt presented Campbell Memorial with a small church grant from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, to be used to update their heating system with ductless pumps that are more efficient and better for the environment.

COMMISSIONING OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Stated Clerk Betsy Soto joined moderator Kym Wiederholt in commissioning the following representatives from the Presbytery of the Peaks to the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA) this summer:

Teaching Elder Peter Thompson
 Teaching Elder Vernie Bolden
 Ruling Elder Joyce Perez (unable to attend)
 Ruling Elder Michael Whorley

The presbytery blessed them, and charged them to be faithful in their service to the denomination.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Betsy Soto

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the minutes of the One-hundred thirty-fourth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks (February 15, 2024) 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

Betsy Soto

Stated Clerk, Betsy Soto, drew the presbytery's attention to the additional reports in the packet. She particularly noted a change in the Commission on Administration's report, that the purchase of the presbytery office is now expected to close in June, rather than at the end of April as the report states. She reported on the attendance: we had 87 voting members (40 teaching elders, 5

commissioned ruling elders, and 42 ruling elder commissioners), and 15 visitors, for a total attendance of 102. Thirty-four churches were represented by ruling elder commissioners.

Moderator Kym Wiederholt concluded the meeting with prayer at 12:01PM.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

INFORMATION:

- The Commission on Administration met on March 11, 2024 and April 11, 2024 via Zoom.
- The purchase of the new presbytery office is expected to close around the end of April, 2024.
- Sharon Bogdan was hired as the new accountant for the presbytery.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. Received the financial report dated March 31, 2024 (copy attached).
2. Approved a request from Fairlawn P.C. to sell their manse.
3. Formed an Insurance Review Work Group to review the presbytery's current insurance policies and plan for the expiration of the current insurance in September, 2024.
4. Approved the Investment Policy as amended by the Financial Resources Subcommittee.
5. Approved the recognition of Juneteenth as a holiday for the presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. None.

**The Presbytery of the Peaks
Financial Position
03/31/23 & 03/31/2024**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 45,626.14	\$ 29,958.17
<i>Add Receipts:</i>		
YTD Mission Receipts for GA, Synod, & Presbytery		
Covenants of Intents (Includes Unified & Per Capita)	78,048.01	86,765.04
Selected Giving, GA, Synod causes	16,941.17	18,805.60
Other Selected Gifts (excludes 2Cts, C A Partnership)	68,772.06	149,233.73
Camp Income		
Receipts from Presbytery Restricted Funds	2,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts from Financial Stability Fund	100,000.00	65,000.00
Receipts from Missional Grant Fund	3,505.00	50,000.00
Interest Income	12.18	63.82
Current Assets less Liabilities	1,018.58	(548.55)
Miscellaneous Income	0.62	20.97
Transfer Accounts	18,178.49	16,274.18
<i>Total Receipts</i>	288,476.11	387,614.79
<i>Less Disbursements:</i>		
Mission Funds to General Assembly	34,402.51	26,860.99
Mission Funds to Synod	2,653.66	2,698.28
Other In/Out Mission Funds Forwarded	70,141.36	149,733.73
Presbytery	168,653.28	183,013.73
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	275,850.81	362,306.73
Cash Balance 03/31/2023 & 03/31/2024	\$ <u>58,251.44</u>	\$ <u>55,266.23</u>

**Presbytery of the Peaks
Income & Expense
3/31/2024**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income			
Covenants of Intent	25,279.54	86,765.04	397,394
Financial Sustainability Funding for Budget	50,000.00	65,000.00	405,446
Missional Grant Funding For Budget	50,000.00	50,000.00	186,000
Two Cents a Meal Justice & Mercy Funding		2,000.00	8,000
Miscellaneous	37.08	84.79	100
Total Income	125,316.62	203,849.83	996,940
Cabinet			
Cabinet Expense	0.15	54.76	200
Presbytery Meeting Expense	25.07	67.08	6,500
Workgroup Expense			3,432
Total Cabinet Expense	25.22	121.84	10,132
Constitutional			
Moderator Expense			1,400
Stated Clerk	1,071.78	4,265.10	14,404
Nominating Committee		9.15	250
Session Records WG			200
Sexual Misconduct Committee			400
Synod Unified & Per Capita		1,791.00	11,640
GA Unified & Per Capital Giving		14,588.00	99,196
Total Constitutional Expense	1,071.78	20,653.25	127,490
Administration			
Commission Expenses			250
Communications Expense	732.19	779.19	6,000
Property Expenses	3,023.16	9,247.24	34,000
Office Expenses	1,190.36	4,576.68	21,000
Presbytery Office Equipment	120.00	120.00	2,500
Audit Expense			15,000
Staff:			
General Presbyter	12,182.81	36,642.32	149,013
Church Leadership Ministry Specialist	5,938.53	18,055.09	72,455
Justice & Mercy Ministry Specialist	6,421.11	19,263.33	81,553
Administrative Support Staff		21,601.06	86,194
Accountant	7,125.23	20,951.13	82,913
Communications Director	4,901.92	14,175.12	60,000
Temporary Help			2,000
Office Staff Expenses	3,416.22	3,523.47	550

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Commission on Administration	52,250.61	148,934.63	613,428
Commission on Ministry			
Commission Expenses	22.16	173.15	2,756
Grants Awarded	788.61	2,788.61	62,000
Total Commission on Ministry	810.77	2,961.76	64,756
Church Partnership			
CPC Expenses	1.05	1.29	1,000
Adaptive Church Project			4,000
Higher Education Expenses	11,772.50	11,772.50	47,090
Grants Awarded		4,500.00	49,884
Total Church Partnership Commission	16,773.55	16,273.79	101,974
Justice & Mercy Commission			
Justice & Mercy Commission Expenses	42.31	49.71	300
Community Outreach Grants	9,597.75	9,597.75	38,391
CEDEPCA			27,000
Grants Awarded	800.00	800.00	13,469
Total Justice & Mercy Commission	10,440.06	10,447.46	79,160
Total Presbytery Expenses	<u>81,371.99</u>	<u>199,392.73</u>	<u>996,940</u>
Total Net Income/(Expense)	<u>\$43,944.63</u>	<u>\$4,457.10</u>	

The Presbytery of the Peaks Cash Flow Analysis

<u>Year</u>		<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2024	<i>Contributions</i>	44,332.62	17,200.59	25,316.62	86,849.83	21.85%
	<i>Expenses</i>	<u>80,830.52</u>	<u>37,190.22</u>	<u>81,371.99</u>	<u>199,392.73</u>	20.00%
	<i>Variance</i>	<u>(36,497.90)</u>	<u>(19,989.63)</u>	<u>(56,055.37)</u>	<u>(112,542.90)</u>	
2023	<i>Contributions</i>	27,603.08	18,446.94	32,010.79	78,060.81	18.24%
	<i>Expenses</i>	<u>54,673.50</u>	<u>54,174.62</u>	<u>79,920.16</u>	<u>188,768.28</u>	19.55%
	<i>Variance</i>	<u>(27,070.42)</u>	<u>(35,727.68)</u>	<u>(47,909.37)</u>	<u>(110,707.47)</u>	
2022	<i>Contributions</i>	40,539.87	15,479.04	41,470.05	97,488.96	22.61%
	<i>Expenses</i>	<u>48,916.28</u>	<u>39,452.42</u>	<u>78,002.89</u>	<u>166,371.59</u>	19.50%
	<i>Variance</i>	<u>(8,376.41)</u>	<u>(23,973.38)</u>	<u>(36,532.84)</u>	<u>(68,882.63)</u>	

**The Presbytery of the Peaks
Summary of Designated Accounts
3/31/2024**

	<u>Book Value</u> 1/1/2024	<u>Market Value</u> 1/1/2024	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Unrealized</u> <u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	<u>Market Value</u> 3/31/2024	<u>Book Value</u> 3/31/2024
<u>Financial Sustainability Fund</u>							
Financial Sustainability Fund-Designated	5,519,663.98	6,924,099.82	4,944.35	73,967.25	0.00	6,855,076.92	5,450,641.08
Financial Sustainability Fund-Trustees	746,473.37	831,666.36				831,666.36	746,473.37
Financial Sustainability Fund-Trustees	4,960,474.74	6,430,732.64	744.35	58,967.25		6,372,509.74	4,902,251.84
Financial Sustainability-other	(187,284.13)	(338,299.18)	4200	15,000.00		(349,099.18)	(198,084.13)
<u>Missional Grant Fund</u>							
Missional Grant Fund-Designated	1,866,181.75	3,519,920.66	3.90	50,000.00	0.00	3,469,924.56	1,816,185.65
Missional Grant Fund-Trustees	1,289,880.51	1,822,604.35		50,000.00		1,822,604.35	1,289,880.51
Missional Grant Fund-Other	617,144.90	2,045,506.58	3.90			1,995,506.58	567,144.90
	(40,843.66)	(348,190.27)				(348,186.37)	(40,839.76)
<u>Total</u>	<u>7,628,760.60</u>	<u>10,686,935.35</u>	<u>4,948.25</u>	<u>123,967.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,325,001.48</u>	<u>7,266,826.73</u>
<u>Pass Through Funds</u>							
Two Cents	225,321.54	226,486.29	91,014.87	30,234.14	-	287,267.02	286,102.27
Peacemaking	65,637.08	65,637.08	20,205.48	2,125.00		83,717.56	83,717.56
Morris Trust	4,259.72	4,259.72	319.47			4,579.19	4,579.19
Burke Mem Vacation Fund	22,257.98	22,257.98	18.36			22,276.34	22,276.34
Massie Family Fund	49,011.10	44,423.33	471.50			44,894.83	49,482.60
Lelia J Sanford Memorial Scholarship Fund			11,013.47			11,013.47	11,013.47
Transfer Funds	84,155.66	89,908.18	58,986.59	28,109.14		61,799.04	58,986.59
							56,046.52
<u>Presbytery Restricted</u>	<u>1,158,190.20</u>	<u>1,192,338.63</u>	<u>2,146,839.77</u>	<u>1,039,618.79</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,299,559.61</u>	<u>2,265,411.18</u>
Black Caucus	67,732.81	68,069.35	0.69			68,070.04	67,733.50
COM	10,882.85	10,704.67				10,704.67	10,882.85
Church Redevelopment Grant	149,934.74	178,389.09	0.28	5,000.00		173,389.37	144,935.02
Home Mission Presbytery Restricted	5,684.84	5,684.84				5,684.84	5,684.84
Peace Church/Wild Goose Ministry	175,033.43	180,569.15	975,897.32	886,586.72		269,879.75	264,344.03
Harmony Designated	20,783.11	20,783.11	729.05	145,282.13		(123,769.97)	(123,769.97)
Harmony Undesignated	17,596.19	17,596.19	144,970.00	1,580.00		160,986.19	160,986.19
Glasgow Funds	204,535.57	204,535.57	68.08	1,169.94		203,433.71	203,433.71
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
Newly Acquired Assets	461,538.08	461,538.08	1,025,174.35			1,486,712.43	1,486,712.43
<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

INITIAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
Browns Presbyterian Church
May 4, 2024

INFORMATION

At their meeting on October 12, 2023, the Commission on Ministry approved to form an Administrative Commission for Browns Presbyterian Church, Farmville, 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.

Since its formation, the Administrative Commission has prayerfully taken the following actions:

- Attempted to meet with the Session and members of Browns Presbyterian Church on November 26, 2023 and December 14, 2023. Both meetings were cancelled by the members, citing COVID, family issues and holiday preparations. The Session members requested that the meeting be held after the Christmas holidays.
- With the guidance of Robert Hall, Moderator, the church began regular worship services on January 7, 2024, and has held one worship each month. Support from the community has been positive, and services have been well attended. Communion was served at the March 24, 2024 worship service.
- The Administrative Commission met with Session members and other interested individuals on February 18, 2024. The goal of this meeting was to listen to their concerns and their hopes for the future of their church. Members expressed their strong commitment to reviving the church as they feel led to respond to God's call. Members also expressed their negative feelings in response to the Presbytery's letter announcing the formation of the Administrative Commission, and they felt that the Administrative Commission was formed to close the church. They admitted that this was the true reason for the cancellation of the November 26, 2023 and December 14, 2023 meetings.
- The Administrative Commission led the Session members to appoint a new Clerk of Session. Roland Smith, RE accepted that appointment.
- At the April 14, 2024 meeting of the Administrative Commission with Session, the most recent bank statement was reviewed in the absence of a financial report. The statement shows a current balance of \$52,076, and there is no separation of funds for cemetery upkeep. The church maintains utilities and continues insurance coverage.
- The Administrative Commission advised that a formal cemetery association be established to provide for the care of the cemetery, and to separate those funds from church operational funds.
- The Session has appointed a Nominating Committee to bring forward the name of a potential Ruling Elder for congregational approval to serve on Session.
- The Session has named Kris Ferrell as Treasurer, replacing June Wallace.
- The Administrative Commission encouraged the church to establish consistent worship schedules each month, and encouraged the church to begin a regular Bible Study on a Sunday morning each month which may grow to a second full worship on a regular schedule.

- The Administrative Commission will continue to meet with the Session and interested members to provide guidance and support as they continue their journey.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Browns Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission: David Smith (moderator), Kim Steinhorst, Herndon Jeffreys, Kim Mahan

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
Rustburg Presbyterian Church
May 4, 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 Rustburg Presbyterian Church.
 - The Administrative Commission worked with the remaining members, facilitating transfer of membership to other churches. Any members who have not transferred their membership by May 31, 2024 will have their membership held by the presbytery for a year.
 - The ministry of Rustburg Presbyterian Church was celebrated on January 7, 2024.
 - The congregation of Rustburg Presbyterian Church was dissolved, effective May 31, 2024.
 - The real property of Rustburg Presbyterian Church was purchased by the Campbell County Department of Recreation on June 28, 2022.
 - The transfer of the financial assets of Rustburg Presbyterian Church will be completed by May 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the Rustburg Administrative Commission be dismissed effective May 31, 2024.

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

Sharon Barringer, Kim Jefferys, John Lewis, Ed Soto (moderator)

REPORT OF THE COORDINATING CABINET

INFORMATION:

- The Cabinet met via Zoom on March 21, 2024 and April 25, 2024.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- Approved the docket for the May 4, 2024 Presbytery Meeting
- Confirmed locations for the in-person meetings. The May meeting will be held at St. Andrew in Lynchburg, and the October meeting at Raleigh Court in Roanoke.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- None

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

INFORMATION:

- Church Partnership has now created three subcommittees to help divvy up the large scope of work that falls under our commission. The three general areas of work are: 1) Discipleship: High Ed, Young Adults, Youth, Christian Ed/Resource Center, Outdoor Ed 2) Church Development & Evangelism/New Worshipping Communities and New Church Development – this group will also communicate with those who have applied for Church Redevelopment grants. 3) Church Neighborhood/Missional Communities who will communicate with those who have applied for Church Partnership Grants.
- Cabinet tasked the Church Partnership Commission to coordinate speakers and educational opportunities for our remaining Presbytery meetings this year. We are pleased to have Hannah Anderson with us today and to say we will have Tim Marema, the editor of the Daily Yonder, the only rural news source, with us in October.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. CPC voted to set aside \$10,000 for scholarships for summer camps, with a priority of \$2,000 being reserved for Cool Springs' support of disadvantaged youth and \$8,000 being reserved for Presbytery youth at large. This can be used for any camp at Camp Bethel K-12th grade or Camp Hanover, as well as Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference or Montreat.
2. Awarded a \$5,000 Church Partnership Grant to Covenant PC & Salem PC for a Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project.
3. Awarded a \$5,000 Church Redevelopment Grant to First PC Pulaski for a Hymnal Plus HT -400 System and Sound system upgrades.
4. Awarded a \$5,000 Church Redevelopment Grant to Belmont PC for community outreach in SE Roanoke.
5. Awarded a \$5,000 Church Redevelopment Grant to Altavista PC for a Music Internship.

6. Voted for balance of Church Redevelopment Grant awarded to Christiansburg PC be refunded and to encourage them to request another grant if needed.
7. Awarded Church Partnership Grant of \$5,000 to First PC Martinsville, Forest Hills PC, and First PC of Collinsville for exploring reunification.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION

INFORMATION:

I. Commission Updates

Justice and Mercy Grants: Two JMC grant applications were reviewed and approved by the JMC.

- First Church, South Boston received a grant of \$2000 to aid the Persecution Project Foundation (PPF) as it assists the Nuba people in Sudan through the Gigaba Hospital. The Persecution Project is a non-denominational faith-based organization providing active compassion for the persecuted--with special emphasis on the war-torn nation of Sudan. PPF brings crisis relief, medical care, and spiritual hope to victims of civil war, genocide, and religious persecution.
- First Church, Danville received a \$4500 grant for the Endowing People project. The grant will help fund a partnership between First Presbyterian, Danville and Endowing People, the Validated Ministry of the Rev. David Baker, a member of Peaks Presbytery. Endowing People's mission is to provide a year's worth of guaranteed basic income and financial literacy training designated to lift families out of "working poor" status and into financial stability and security.

II Subcommittee Reports

CEDEPCA

At the time of this report, the Mission Partnership Trip to CEDEPCA Guatemala is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024 to Monday, April 22. Salem Presbyterian Church graciously collected checks from travelers and made an international wire transfer to get the funds for trip expenses to CEDEPCA.

CEDEPCA begins its 38th year as a global partner of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Every aspect of our growing ministry is grounded in the good news of Jesus Christ who brings the fullness of life to all. This commitment is unwavering as we work to educate, empower, and create lasting change.

Accomplishments: In 2023, CEDEPCA touched the lives of 7,205 individuals, *nearly 2,000 more than last year!* This includes 3,919 through courses, workshops, conferences, and virtual journeys (webinars). And another 3,386 through ministries that supply food, water filters, seeds, chickens, emotional and spiritual support, and now also through social economic projects with Self Development of People. None of the individuals in CEDEPCA's programs are known to have left Guatemala to become migrants.

Biblical and Theological Ministry is a core program teaching the life-giving message of Scripture. In 2023:

- 217 students took courses at either the higher level (with a high school education) or at the basic level (with an elementary education). Some classes were in person and others virtual. 244 participated in workshops and one day conferences.

Women's Ministry offers critical thinking and accompaniment from a Christian perspective that empowers women to fight injustice and bring change to their lives and communities.

In 2023:

- 2,548 women (and men!) participated in workshops, certificate program, one day events, counseling, and other activities (prayer shawl ministry, health clinics)—an increase of 1,000.
- Added an additional medical clinic on sexual and reproductive health, testing for uterine cancer, and providing family planning.
- Increased outreach to teen girls and boys with a faith-based curriculum that addresses a deep seated culture of violence with pathways for change.

Disaster Ministry responds not only to natural disasters with immediate aid, but also works with vulnerable communities to build resilience and address emotional and spiritual care. In 2023:

- 460 participated in risk management workshops.
- 4,000 trees were planted to create a barrier and prevent landslides.

Socioeconomic Projects: With a grant from Self Development of People through the Presbyterian Church, CEDEPCA funded 3 projects that will provide income and sustainability to 73 women.

For more information, contact Teresa Auldridge, tauldridge@gmail.com

South Sudan/Abukloi School

The South Sudan Work Group set out to schedule the last two remaining neighborhood gatherings to share the work of the Abukloi Foundation.

A neighborhood gathering is scheduled at St. Andrews in Lynchburg on June 2 at 5 p.m.

The folks at FPC-Covington have set a challenge for individuals and churches in the presbytery to sponsor a student, and they have worked through the grant process to sponsor six students. In addition, FPC-Danville and an individual couple in the presbytery are each sponsoring one student so we are making a difference in the lives of students. Beth Broschart is coordinating the student sponsorship, and all are encouraged to visit the newly designed website at abukloi.org.

A grant for funding from the Two Cents a Program has been submitted in support of the lunch program implemented this year so that students do not have growling stomach that distract them from learning.

During the past month, classes were closed for two weeks due to extreme heat so prayers are needed as students and teachers work to make up that lost time.

The work group is appreciative of the commitment of this presbytery to work that is truly changing lives.

For more information, contact Beth Broschart pastor@fpcdanville.com

III Racial Equity

Read, Listen, and Learn about Just Mercy. You and your congregation are invited to join a presbytery wide book discussion of Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. When? The Monday evenings in June from 7:30 -8:30 PM via ZOOM. This book is the unforgettable true story of justice and redemption written by a gifted young attorney.

Just Mercy is available in paperback. Join in the online discussion on June 3,10,17, and 24. More information and registration on Peaks Postings.

“Bryan Stevenson is America’s young Nelson Mandela, a brilliant lawyer fighting with courage and conviction to guarantee justice for all.” --Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Prize Laureate

Have Plans for Juneteenth? Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when U.S. federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that the 250,000 enslaved people in Texas were freed. Juneteenth honors the end of slavery in the United States. In Texas, slavery had continued even after the Civil War had ended. Many enslavers from outside the Lone Star State had moved there, as they viewed it as a safe haven for slavery. Then on June 15, 1865, U.S. Army General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and announced this order: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free!” Juneteenth officially became a Virginia state holiday in 2020, and it officially became a federal holiday in 2021.

Sterling Morse of the PCUSA Racial Equity and Women’s Intercultural Ministry, wrote, “Juneteenth serves as a chronological turning point in American history, celebrating the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery. Juneteenth is not just an African American holiday, but it is a template of God’s redeeming grace to all Americans--indeed, all globally who hunger and thirst after righteousness, mercy, and justice.”

You and your congregation can be on the lookout and join in Juneteenth celebrations in your community. As an example, in the Southside Presbyterian Neighborhood a gospel sing and musical celebration will be held on Juneteenth (June 19) at New College Institute, Martinsville from 5:30 PM -7:30 PM.

For more information, contact Bob Fiedler rev.rafiedler@gmail.com

IV Earth Care

As this report is written, the subcommittee has received 3 Earth Care Mini-Grant applications and the Commission approved the following:

- Quaker Memorial, \$300 to plant an oak tree and dogwood trees, along with needed mulch and top soil;
- Campbell Memorial, \$500 to improve energy efficiency and reduce the church’s carbon footprint;
- Covenant Presbyterian, \$250 to improve their large community garden by purchasing rain barrels to capture water for irrigating the garden.

The Subcommittee submitted a proposal for an Earth Care Worship Service and Educational Event at a future Presbytery Meeting.

As this report is written, Vernie Bolden is leading a Creation Care Bible Study – April 15, 22, 29 at 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. Flyer at <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024.3.26-PP-cp.pdf>

For more information, contact: Denny Casey d.a.casey@comcast.net

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

INFORMATION:

- The Presbytery of the Peaks PW Spring Gathering will take place at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church in Roanoke on Saturday, April 27. The day will include a presentation by Adrienne Knight, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Representative to the National PW Board of Directors and a participant in the USA Mission Experience to Arizona and the Border Region. Leadership training will occur; a memorial service will take place for those women who died in 2023; and attendees will bring various items for Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter for women and children sponsored by the Salvation Army. A full report of the Spring Gathering will be included in the packet for the next Presbytery meeting.
- The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic PW Summer Gathering will take place by Zoom Friday evening, June 14, and Saturday morning, June 15. Bible Study information, the election and installation of new leaders, and a worship service will be included. Watch for more information soon!
- The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will take place August 8-11, in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme is “Do Everything in Love” based on 1 Corinthians 16:14. The Gathering, which is held every three years, offers workshops, mission tours, forums, resources, plenary sessions, worship, music, and so much more. More information and registration are available online at presbyterianwomen.org/gathering.
- The 36th Annual Gathering of Peaks PW will take place on Saturday, September 28, at First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. More information will be available in the coming months.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- 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 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 **2023 Session Minutes are due for review during 2024**. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The remaining schedule for the **review of 2023 Session Minutes in 2024** is as follows:
 - 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!**
- 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 April 19, 2024)**

Name of Church	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Name of Church	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Name of Church	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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	82	62	60	62	60	22

Grand Total of Minutes Reviewed from 2002-2023 = 2,050

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), 85 (2017)

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).