

2024 Summer Update



Below is a brief update on some of the work Presbytery has been doing since the May 2024 Presbytery meeting.

Church Partnership Commission

CPC has continued to review, approve and follow up on grants and assist with the coordination of the October presbytery meeting.

They supported Cool Springs Presbyterian Church, sending 9 kids to Camp Eagle this summer and were able to assist 5 children in our Presbytery to attend Camp Bethel. We hope to support even more children and youth getting to camp next summer!

Commission on Administration

COA is currently working on the 2025 budget, revising the Staff Personnel Policy and reviewing the current Church Mutual Insurance policy.

The purchase of the office property should be completed by the end of the year.

Commission on Examinations

Did not need to meet this summer.

Commission on Ministry

COM's has been hard at work providing the presbytery with opportunities to learn about the upcoming BOP changes.

The draft 2025 Terms of Call are now available on the [website](#) under *Resources>Commission on Ministry*.

Ed Soto, has resigned as pastor at Altavista PC and is teaching religious studies and Spanish at Faith Christian Academy this year. Rev. Glenn Coleman, HR, is serving as their Interim Pastor.

Honorably Retired Luncheons are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Farmville PC and Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Christiansburg PC. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Installed Rev. Morgan Whitfield at Presbyterian Church of Radford and Ordained Christina Cosby (Office of Public Witness).

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Constitutional Ministries Commission

CMC has been working on nominations and is beginning to take a look at polices that might need updating.

Coordinating Cabinet

Cabinet has been receiving reports from Commissions, the Black Caucus, Presbyterian Women and the Newly Acquired Assets Task Force.

Discussions regarding 2025 presbytery meetings are under way. Justice & Mercy Commission will be spearheading the educational component of the 2025 meetings.

Justice & Mercy Commission

Racial Justice: Intern Jada Robinson began work on gathering the histories of the historically black congregations in Peaks. A trip is planned for October 10-12 to visit and learn more about civil rights in Richmond.

CEDEPCA: Representatives from CEDEPCA will be visiting the presbytery October 11-12.

Earth Care: Reviewed and approved mini-grants. Hannah Anderson, who shared at the May meeting, will do so at Appomattox CH and New Concord on September 29.

South Sudan: Reported that funds for scholarships for 19 students have been gathered from congregations, individuals and grants for the Abukloi School.

In addition to the work of the subcommittees, JMC also discussed gun violence prevention and if/how JMC could be involved.

Newly Acquired Assets Task Force

The Newly Acquired Assets Task Force, formed in November of 2023 in response to a policy proposed by the Commission on Administration to channel any new unrestricted funds coming to the presbytery into existing designated funds for financial sustainability, missional grants, and setting aside 10 percent for emerging human needs, has been hard at work. They have met with a variety of outside experts and have prepared a draft report that is approaching its final form. It will be presented at the October presbytery meeting.
