MINUTES FOR
Savannah Presbytery
609th Session
Fall Stated Meeting
October 22, 2013

Washington Street Presbyterian Church, Dublin, GA

SCHEDULE
9:00 AM  Registration Begins
9:15 AM  Commissioner Orientation
10:00 PM Meeting Called to Order
12:30 PM  Lunch
1:30 PM  Reconvene
4:00 PM  Meeting Adjourned
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Message from Washington Street Pastor, Rev. Ricky Porter

On behalf of the governing council of WSPC, we welcome all of you as you travel toward the west to be with us for our upcoming meeting. We have been joyously preparing for our time together.

This meeting is special in many ways: first, the presence and participation of the Rev. Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of our denomination; second, WSPC is one of six members of the Savannah Presbytery African American Church Cluster (SPAAC) and thus we welcome you also on behalf SPAAC; finally, the meeting is special simply because it is good for brothers and sisters in Christ to fellowship together and that is always spiritually special.

Safe travels and peace always!

Directions to Washington Street Presbyterian Church, Dublin, Georgia
975 S. Washington Street
Telephone: 478.272.1944

Traveling West on I-16
Take Exit 54 onto GA 19 to the right. Turn right onto GA 19. Travel approximately 3 miles to Dublin. Observe an elementary school on the left. Turn right at the next street, Garner. There will be a PCUSA denominational sign on the right. Travel on Garner to S. Washington Street. Turn right and travel one block. Your destination will be on the left.

Traveling from McRae and Eastman
Follow US 319/441 N through SPEED LIMIT AHEAD sign in the city limit on Telfair Street. Continue on Telfair Street through three traffic lights. (Telfair will become MLK Blvd.) Bear right past the third traffic light and turn right onto S. Washington ST. at the deep curve just before the railroad crossing sign. Continue on S. Washington a few blocks. Your destination will be on the left.

Traveling on US 319/441 N and Turning in Lumber City, GA
Turn right on GA 19 in Lumber City, GA. Continue on GA 19 to Dublin same as travelers from I-16.
The history of the Washington Street Presbyterian Church is a story of a group of dedicated men and women who yearned for more knowledge of who God was in Jesus Christ and a more orderly way to worship God. This strong desire led them to make an overture to the pastor of Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rev. Glenn Dorris, who sought the support of the Augusta-Macon Presbytery about the possibility of making this new idea a reality.

Washington Street Presbyterian Church began as an outreach chapel that had its first service the second Sunday in October, 1953 in the assembly building of the Dublin 4-H Center with Rev. Dorris preaching the first sermon at 1:00 P.M. The founding members and families of the church were Lucious T. Bacote, Luther Coleman and Mary L. Foster. These and seven charter members were carried on the roll of Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church under the name of First Presbyterian Church until the formal organization of the church, which became Washington Street Presbyterian Church.

During the interim between October 1953—October 1956, the worship services moved from the Dublin 4-H Center to the Katie Dudley Village Center where the Rev. Bridges W. Edwards was called as the pastor in August 1955. He and his family moved into the manse which was given by the Augusta-Macon Presbytery. Continuing under the leadership and guidance of Revs. Dorris and Edwards, permission from Church Extension was granted to begin a new church building program and a new work began for African Americans in Dublin.

A celebration of three years of existence as an outreach chapel was held October 7, 1956 in the Nursery Hall of the yet to be completed church edifice. Rev. Bridges Edwards delivered an inspiring and encouraging message to the congregation that chilly October morning. Parishioners were passionate about their call to become an organized church in this small community. The members felt an urgent need to serve as a mission outpost to a struggling people facing segregation and poverty.

On October 13, 2013, Washington Street PC celebrated 57 years of ministry in the community. Many notable contributions have been celebrated and honored under the leadership of eleven Teaching Elders. The church has remained faithful to its call to be a witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The struggle to remain vibrant has left its signature on the church in difficult times. However, the twenty first century has given new hope for church growth, new programs, and outreach to the community to look toward the next 57 plus years.
Handbook: Please print a copy and bring your handbook with you to the meeting. Take time to familiarize yourself with the contents of this handbook. Please read all material carefully prior to coming to the meeting, particularly the Consent Agenda (if there is one), which will be voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Handbooks are posted online two weeks before each presbytery meeting. In order to be good stewards of the presbytery’s resources, we ask that each church print out copies for the pastor, clerk, and Elder Commissioner.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR ELDER COMMISSIONER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE A COPY OF THIS HANDBOOK.
If they do not, you can get a copy from the presbytery office, or download it from the website.

Excuses: If a Minister or Elder Commissioner cannot attend the meeting, a written request for excuse is required. You can email it to bsutton1@savannahpresbytery.org or mail it to Savannah Presbytery, 3590 Darien Highway, Suite 8, Brunswick, GA 31525.

Registration & Lunch: Registration begins at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served around noon with a cost of $10.00 payable to the host church.

Session Minutes Readings: Minutes will be read during the Stated Meeting. Before you submit your Minutes to be read, PLEASE FILL OUT THE “SESSION MINUTES CHECKLIST” COMPLETELY AND INCLUDE IT INSIDE THE COVER OF YOUR MINUTES. You can get a checklist on the presbytery website or by contacting the presbytery office.

PLEASE NOTE: The Stated Meeting Minutes from May 21 are on our website, www.savannahpresbytery.org. These will be voted for approval at the Stated Meeting, please download and review these prior to the presbytery meeting in preparation to vote for their approval. If you are unable to get them from the website, a paper copy can be provided by the presbytery office. Please contact Beth Sutton at 912-264-1997 or bsutton1@savannahpresbytery.org.
We are called by God to this Time and Place.
We gather in Worship to praise God for all we are and are to be.
We seek to honor God in the work we do this day,
for all moments are holy as we seek God’s will for God’s Church.
We welcome all to this gathering and seek to fellowship together
as we celebrate the gift of all life
and of our individual lives by God’s grace.
May you find today that you have been blessed
through the ordinary as well as in the extraordinary,
for we are standing, in all our days, on Holy Ground!

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** indicates a Commissioned Lay Pastor whose vote counts as an Elder Commissioner, not as a Minister Commissioner
Voting Minister Members

*Required to Attend Presbytery Meetings

*Active Minister Members
Members serving Validated Ministries beyond the jurisdiction of the church (G-2.0503)

Rachel Butler, Chaplain, Memorial Hospital, Excused
George Brink, Missionary, Excused
Stuart Fletcher, Savannah Korean PC, Excused
**Ken McKenzie, Egret’s Roost Respite Center, Present
Heahwan Rim, Transitional Synod Executive, Excused
**Ozeas Silva, Swainsboro Hispanic Ministry, Present
Choongyun Yu, Pastor, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Excused

Honorably Retired Members
Grady Allison .................................................Absent
Bob Allman ....................................................Absent
Art Bishop......................................................Present
Fred Boozer .....................................................Absent
John Bressler ..................................................Absent
Tom Dunlap ....................................................Absent
Harry Horne .....................................................Absent
Larry Kennon ..................................................Absent
**John Law.....................................................Present
Diane Lovin .....................................................Absent
Bill Platt ........................................................Absent
Wayne McDaniel ..............................................Present
Thomas Mueller ..............................................Absent
Carl Schlich .....................................................Present
Cecil R. Taylor ................................................Absent
Jessie Truvillion ..............................................Absent

*Members At Large (G-2.0503B)
Alan Baroody..................................................Present
Nelle Bordeaux .................................................Excused
Fairy Caroland ...............................................Excused
Greg Gillispie ..................................................Present
Susan Lewis ...................................................Excused
Kathy Parchem ...............................................Present
Deanie Strength ..............................................Excused
Claire Williams ..............................................Excused

Other Voting Members

*Officer of the Presbytery
Russell Gladding, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk/Treasurer

*Presbytery Council
Kathi Parchem, Moderator of Savannah
Presbytery (listed also as a Member At Large), Present
Paul Scott, Moderator of SP Council, Present
**Rick Douylliez, Present
** Kevin Hicks, Present
Karl Branch, Present
Johnye Gillans, Present
**Andy Meeker, Present
**Trip McKinnon, Present
Greg Gillispie (listed also as a Member At Large), Present
***Bud Frankenthaler, Present
Molly McCarthy, PW President, Present

Nonvoting Guests

Presbytery Personnel
Liz Richardson................. Business Administrator
Beth Sutton..... Staff Associate – Communications

Totals
Voting Minister Members.........................27
Voting Elder Commissioners.................29
Voting Commissioned Ruling Elders ..........3
Other Voting Members .........................5
Other Attendees & Visitors.................35
Total ..........................................................99

**Listed also as a pastor of church
***Listed also as Elder Commissioner
A Conversation with the Stated Clerk
Rev. Gradye Parsons

At least two challenges are before us … The first and primary need is to continue to increase our efforts to live out our calling and share the good news of Jesus Christ. The second challenge is to connect with the growing number of the “spiritual but not religious” and to make room for changes that this philosophy generates. Statistics show a loss of Presbyterian membership. According to the PC(USA) General Assembly Mission Council, in 2000 the denomination had over 2.5 million members. Over the past decade the entire denomination has lost over 20 percent of its membership. Today’s membership level stands at 1,850,000, with future projection in three to four years at 1.5 -1.6 million members. The latter challenge is specifically about people that don’t feel the need to belong to any particular denomination or congregation. Many factors are contributing to this growing trend, such as, demographics, i.e. immigration, aging population; the NONES, those individuals that do not identify with any religion; the changing of the family structure.

In surviving as a denomination we may be called to take a journey to Antioch, where like Apostles Paul and Mark, we are called to deal with strangers in a strange land, a multicultural and contextual journey. The church has to be relevant to people today, remembering that love is not just something we say, it is the glue that holds all people together.

A question and answer session with speaker Rev. Gradye Parsons followed.

Lunch/Reconvene with Worship

A Service of Remembrance

For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest...
We Remember and Give Thanks to God

Leader: God of our history, God of the Church, God of Savannah Presbytery: We thank You for Your Spirit, poured out on all who have served You so faithfully, whom You have welcomed into that great church triumphant.

For those who endured, even in the midst of threats and persecutions:

People: God of life – Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer – we give You great thanks.

Leader: For those who believed in your ever-renewing spirit; for those who refused glory because they followed Christ’s example of humbleness and humility:

People: God of life – Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer – we give You great thanks.

Leader: For those who have opened long-closed windows for the fresh air of Your Spirit and doors to allow others to enter freely into the joy of Your family of faith:

People: God of life – Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer – we give You great thanks.
Leader: For those who have been steadfast in the struggle for Your kingdom:

People: God of all life – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - we give You thanks and praise.

ALL: Lord of all, we remember today and celebrate the lives of those from our ranks who have helped keep our faith alive. We give special thanks for those who have run the race, fought the good fight, and now rest from their labors in Your eternally loving arms. Thank You for their faithfulness and service in life and for their full realization now in death of the certainty of resurrection and new life. You have welcomed them, O Lord, into the great church triumphant. Help us to welcome and bless their memory now.

(A time of silent prayer and remembrance as names are read by leader.)

2012/2013 Church Triumphant
(Through September 30, 2013)

Teaching Elder
The Reverend Ernest G. Clary Honorably Retired August 24, 2013

Remembrance by Rev. Stephen Williams
The Reverend Donald C. Fehr Honorably Retired August 6, 2013

Remembrance by Rev. John Law
The Reverend Dean Jeanblanc Honorably Retired October 31, 2012

Ruling Elders
First, Brunswick Bertha Jackson (Jackie) Rose McDonald August 27, 2013
Christine Culpepper McGoogan July 28, 2013
James Marker Todd May 27, 2013

First, Waycross George Ratliff November 27, 2012
Mary Cameron May 1, 2013

Henry Memorial Ken Ross October 13, 2013

Jekyll Anne McWhorter August 24, 2013

Saint Simons Glen Clark October 23, 2012

Vidalia Mary Baker Black Rice January 23, 2013

Washington Street Joyce Daniel Whitehead May 18, 2012
George Cordy, Jr. November 5, 2012

White Bluff Edwina Davis September 18, 2013

Leader: God of history, continue to pour out Your Spirit upon us.

ALL: Thank You, Gracious God, for life! Praise be to You for the lives of saints remembered who now dwell with You, the Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the fullness of Your Kingdom. Praise be to You for the joyful memory of those who
have served You and for their example to us and all the church. And, thank You, O God, for the lives You give to each of us and the joy that we have in serving You. May the memories of saints past and our mission in the future be fully grounded in the truth of our confession and the reality of our living and dying, that in life and in death, we belong to You! Amen and Amen.

HYMN #526

“For All the Saints”  (Verses 1 and 3)

Graduation
Jubilee Class of 2012 of the J. Richard Bass School of the Laity
Rev. Andy Meeker & Leslie McCracken

Marilyn Clifton  Ann Dobbs  Charlene Muntford  David Muntford
Susan Reeves  Marty Susie

A Litany of Thanksgiving
In Honor of the Retirement of Rev. Albert Cramer

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.
People: God's love is everlasting.
Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.
People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.
Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors.
People: Thank you, God.
Leader: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;
People: Thank you, God.
Leader: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord.
People: Thank you, God.
Leader: For the gifts of Christian ministry given to your servant Bert Cramer;
People: Thank you, God.
Leader: Celebrating the years of his labor in the fields of our Lord, and rejoicing in the blessings so many have received through his ministry;

People: We praise you, O God.

Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; and whose power enables our ministries to bear fruit;

People: We praise you, O God.

Leader: Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

People: We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we meet as a Presbytery to recognize the Honorable retirement of Bert Cramer and in accordance with the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the action of this Presbytery. We count it a privilege to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the faithful service which this servant of Jesus Christ has rendered to the Church.

AFFIRMATION RESPONSES FROM THE PRESBYTERY COLLEAGUES

Rev. Bob Brearley, Rev. John Law

DECLARATION OF HONORABLE RETIREMENT

Leader: Beloved in Christ, in as much as God has brought you to years of Christian Maturity in the gospel Ministry and you have now requested retirement, Savannah Presbytery, in granting your request, desires to make public acknowledgement of our appreciation for your service to Christ’s Church.

Words of appreciation and best wishes have been directed to you across the years and in this meeting today. It is my privilege as General Presbyter of this Presbytery to grant you the status of Honorably Retired, and to say for all of us: Continue to go into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of Savannah Presbytery, I extend the right hand of fellowship and invite the Presbytery to stand and join in the right hand of fellowship by means of applause.

*LITANY OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Almighty God, our creator, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who so loved the world that he gave Himself for it, we give you hearty thanks for your servant, Bert, who has labored long and well in your service. Give him a sense of fulfillment and completion, a time of refreshment and rest, and new opportunities for living the good news of your love in Jesus Christ.

People: We thank you for all who have learned to know the risen Christ through his preaching and example. We thank you for all who have been drawn closer to Christ because of his Ministry.
Leader:  
Hear now our prayers for loved ones, who have stood at his side across the years and for the church which has been strengthened by his faithfulness. Grant him satisfaction as they recall difficult tasks accomplished, life’s lessons learned, and persons touched by his ministry.

People:  
Continue to grant him and his loved ones, O God, a full measure of your grace until that day when all of us shall praise you face to face and hear in heaven your final word, “well done, good and faithful servants,” through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Welcome of New Minister  
Rev. Roland S. Banks  
First Presbyterian Church of Hinesville

Faith Journey for Roland S. Banks

Although there is a long history of Presbyterianism in the Banks family I was raised as a Christian Scientist by my mother. When I was 16 my grandmother, a devote Presbyterian expressed her prayer that I would grow up to become a Presbyterian minister. At that time I was very shy and introverted and going into the ministry was the farthest thing from my mind but her prayers were answered 29 years later when I was ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA. It is truly amazing how God works.

My spiritual life waned while I was in college at Florida State University for a BS degree in Geology and also at UNC Chapel Hill for a MS degree in geology. Therefore, I exited grad school with many doubts and a deep emptiness and longing for something more. I was content working as a geologist and doing things my way until my late thirties when it became obvious that my way was leading to failure. Without the Lord’s guidance I had made many errors in marriage and business. Finally, after my second wife left me for my best friend I surrendered to the Lord and cried out for His help. Immediately I felt God’s presence, His amazing love and grace filled me completely and incredibly I was empowered to forgive both my wife and my best friend. From that moment on my doubts were gone and I knew that God was not just real but intimately present in my life.

Knowing I needed the Lord I started attending a Presbyterian church in Fort Myers, Florida where good friends had repeatedly invited me. I felt at home there and soon joined the choir. During that time I also joined Toastmasters, a clown alley, and a story telling club, took flying lessons; all of which worked to prepare me for ministry. God’s blessings continued as He brought a wonderful Christian woman into my life, my wife Jan. While serving the church as a deacon I again felt God’s call to ministry while leading a worship service at an Independent Living Facility. After working as a part-time Christian Education director for our church for 18 months we went to Seminary in Austin, Texas. Seminary was a challenging time of learning and growing in my faith and obtaining the skills for ministry.

Our first call was to a wonderful family church in a small town near Charlotte, NC. We thrived in this loving environment, enjoyed living right next to the church and becoming a part of the whole community. While there we were part of a complete restoration and remodeling of the sanctuary building. After 5 years of ministry we were called to a suburban church in Wilmington, NC where a new sanctuary construction project was just beginning. It was there that my love for the Bible continued to grow and I had the opportunity to lead several Bible studies a week, participate in an ecumenical study and become part of a men’s discipleship program dedicated to internalizing the Word of God. We look forward to many more years of effective ministry to Presbyterian churches. (07/13)
Roland Banks - Statement of Faith

I believe in an awesome God who created the heavens and the earth and is sovereign over all. As a former geologist the earth and the heavens are a constant source of wonder and amazement to me, from the smallest pebble on planet earth to the most distant star. Now as a minister I marvel at the love of God who called me to be His servant as a good steward of His creation.

I believe that God sent His Son Jesus to be my Lord and Savior, to be the atoning sacrifice for my sins and to accomplish my redemption. I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, performed wonderful miracles of healing, humbled Himself to the point of death even death on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins, was resurrected on the third day, ascended bodily into heaven 40 days later and now resides at the right hand of the Father in glory. In humility and thankfulness I claim Jesus as the Word made flesh, God with us, the light of the world and the only way to salvation. Jesus set the example for my life; therefore I am also called to live a humble and servant-like life in devotion to my heavenly Father and to minister to the lost.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the comforter and sustainer of all life, who is alive and at work in the world today. It was through the work of the Holy Spirit that I was born again, a new creature in Christ, engrafted on to the very body of Christ as Scripture testifies, “The Love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”(Romans 5: 5). This powerful cleansing by the Holy Spirit is made visible in the waters of baptism as we die to sin and are raised to new life. Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are the proclamation of the gospel and a means of conferring the grace of God. In the Lord’s Supper we remember and give thanks for what God has done for us in Christ Jesus and through the Holy Spirit we are nourished and strengthened for the future as we look forward to the Messianic banquet.

I believe that “all Scripture is God breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” The Bible is God talking to me personally, therefore I will endeavor to make it a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path and I will hide its word in my heart that I may not sin against God. The Word of God is my greatest source of delight and comfort, and the way that God makes Himself known to me in all his glory. The Bible also forces me out of my passivity and into action in spreading the good news of the Gospel to the lost. Through the power of the Holy Spirit I am blessed to help bring others into the Body of Christ, introduce them to Jesus and disciple them.

I believe in the representative form of government that is such an integral part of the Presbyterian Church through the office of elder. Therefore, as a teaching elder I am called to uphold the constitution, participate in the governing of the church and teach others about our confessions and form of government. Through the power of the Holy Spirit that is within me I can fulfill my calling by responding in love to others, “doing good to those who hate me, blessing those who curse me and praying for those who mistreat me.” (07/13)
A COVENANT BETWEEN
THE REV. ROLAND BANKS, PASTOR, AND
THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HINESVILLE, GEORGIA

We, the members of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church and the Pastor Roland Banks, understanding ourselves to have been called to enter into God's service, do hereby enter into the following covenant:

The conditions of this covenant will take effect October 1, 2013 and will remain in effect until our regularly scheduled, annual corporate meeting normally held in October of each year, at which time it may be reviewed, amended, or renewed if necessary.

We consider ourselves to be partners in mission and "fellow workers for God" (1 Cor 3:9). Our objective is to be faithful leaders of our Church, the Presbyterian Church USA and the Church Universal, toward the end of having the congregation worship, study, engage in mission, engage in fellowship, become responsible stewards and exercise pastoral care toward one another.

We believe that preaching and leading worship is of fundamental importance in the life of a Presbyterian congregation. We expect worship service to be both reverent and celebrative, allowing for the appropriate participation of the laity in worship services. To achieve such worship services, the parties to this covenant promise to study the theology and worship and the tradition of worship in the Reformed/Presbyterian tradition so that the worship services will have integrity and that God will be worshiped in spirit and truth.

We believe evangelism to be the presentation of Jesus Christ to those in our community. We also expect the pastor, the session and the congregation to participate equally in the sharing of Christ's Good News with the church and unchurched in our community by inviting them to share in the discipleship and fellowship of our church.

We expect the Pastor to spend an adequate amount of time in administrative duties and the development/implementation of programs. The Pastor may expect the Session to take appropriate responsibility for the program design/implementation process so that the Pastor's primary focus will always be sharing the Good News of Christ through the preaching of the Word and the Administration of the Sacraments, as well as ministering to the spiritual needs of the Congregation.

We see the Pastor's primary role in the education program to be that of teaching and working with the Session and Congregation in preparing them to teach and actively participate in the educational program. The Pastor and other members of the Congregation may also be given authority by the Session to lead courses for new members, church officers, and young people who wish to be confirmed.

The Pastor should express everyday concerns for members of the congregation and constituents of the congregation. He should also be cognizant of his responsibility to his wife and family. Because professional ministry demands a good deal of time emotionally spent, we expect the Pastor will be a good steward of time and his own health. We strongly urge him to take at least one uninterrupted day off a week (normally Friday), and another day off at his discretion. The Session and the congregation covenant to be mindful of the Pastor's work schedule encouraging him to take time for himself and his family.

Goals for the ministry of Church shall be as follows:

- Maintenance of healthy congregational life.
- Continuity of leadership.
- Development of short-range and long-range goals.
- Facilitate exploration of mission opportunities in and beyond.
The Session will fulfill the following responsibilities in addition to its normal duties:

- Give diligent consideration in session meetings to Congregational and Sessional activities that will support the goals specified above.
- Support such activities that are agreed upon through participation and encouraging the participation of other appropriate persons in the church.
- Be in prayer for the Pastor and the Church so that together we might better discern God's will.
- Seek to learn and grow in spiritual leadership, led by the Holy Spirit.

The Pastor will fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Keep regular office and church hours. Other time will be needed in emergency pastoral care, Session meetings, weddings, funeral, committee meetings, etc.
- Provide spiritual and administrative leadership for the Congregation.
- Lead worship and administer the sacraments.
- Officiate at weddings and funerals.
- Provide pastoral care for the congregation and for all who seek comfort and guidance through the church.
- Serve as Moderator of the Session.
- Serve as Head of Staff.
- Assist boards and committees in their ministry.
- Train newly elected officers/elders and assist in preparing persons for membership.
- Participate in Presbytery.

From the Session and the Congregation the Pastor can expect:

- Cooperation in fulfilling needed tasks, including but not limited to,
  a) The evangelization of prospective members.
  b) Pastoral care of members, including visitation and/or counseling of members in members' homes, the hospital, and other settings.
  c) All other responsibilities of the Session and Congregation as stated in the Book of Order.
- Encouragement in the exercise of the Pastor's gifts and strengths.
- Understanding and patience of the Pastor's limitations and weaknesses.
- Support and prayers.

The compensation for this agreement shall be that in TERMS OF CALL.
NAME OF CHURCH:  First Presbyterian Church, Hinesville
NAME OF PASTOR:  Rev. Roland S. Banks

I. COMPENSATION

1. Annual Cash Salary  $33,000

2. Payment in lieu of Social Security
   (Amount equal to 7.65% of Cash Salary + Housing)  $3,955

3. *Housing:
   a. Housing Expense  $12,000

4. Utilities:
   a. Utilities Expense (only with use of manse)
   b. Utilities paid by Church (except for personal long distance)  $2,000

Total Compensation  $50,596

BENEFITS FOR PASTOR

1. **Pension & Medical Insurance dues
   (Use calculator at pensions.org)
   Total Annual Effective Salary = Annual Cash + Housing  $15,510

2. Deferred Income
   (IRA, Deferred Savings for future housing, etc)  (Optional)

3. Insurance Policies (Optional)

4. Other (Optional)

Total Benefits  $15,510

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES

1. Travel  $2000

2. Continuing Education/Books  $1000

Other

Total Professional Expenses  $3000

IV. TOTAL SALARY PACKAGE  $69,106
V. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:

1. Moving expenses to the Field (up to)$6000
2. 4 (weeks) (months) paid vacation annually
3. 2 (weeks) annual study leave with pay
4. Annual cost of living adjustment as recommended by Presbytery
5. Annual review of the terms of this call with consideration for merit.
6. X Check here if there are additional covenant agreements between the pastor and the calling body. Attach a copy of these to this call form.

* These items are not reported as income for tax purposes. However, the minister includes them when he/she is figuring his/her social security payments.

** Pension and medical insurance dues are paid on the total of the ministers annual cash salary, housing expenses or free use of the manse figure, and any deferred income payments made on the pastor's behalf The church may also choose to include other package items for the purpose of figuring such dues, including social security, utilities and automobile expenses. Please use the calculator at www.pensions.org to figure the current pension/medical dues.

I, ___________________________, BEING CONVINCED OF THE LEADING OF GOD, AM READY TO UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITIES STATED IN THIS CALL (AND CONVENANT).

DATE _____________________ SIGNED ______________________________
Welcome of New Minister
Rev. James “Pete” Ullmann
Jesup Presbyterian Church

Statement of Personal Faith

I, Rev. James “Pete” Ullmann believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that God alone created the world and all that is in it in goodness and love. God created a world in which creation is meant to live in relationship with its Creator. God loves us unconditionally and has chosen to become known to us through the Holy Scriptures and, more specifically, through the person of Jesus Christ, who is the very Son of God. Jesus was both fully human and fully divine. In the person of Jesus, God entered into human flesh experiencing firsthand what it is like to be one of us. Likewise, through the incarnation, we are better able to know God as we see the love and care God has shown for us in Christ, and we are more readily able to identify with the God who chose to become one of us.

It was necessary that God’s Son be sent into our world that we might be redeemed from the sinfulness of our fallen humanity. This sin is nothing less than rebellion against God and ultimately results in separation from God. It is because of God’s unceasing love for us that God became flesh and chose to live among us in the person of Jesus, and chose to suffer and die upon the cross so that we might be redeemed; one sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sin. Through God’s redemptive act in Jesus Christ, we are reunited with our God; no longer separated by the power of sin and death. The resurrection of Jesus is the source of our Christian hope as it assures us of God’s ultimate victory over the power of death and the victory of life eternal that is shared by all who place their hope and trust in Jesus Christ. We take joy that the Lord is risen and now sits at the right hand of God where Christ intercedes for us in prayer before the Father.

God continues to guide us and to work through us and through the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit, while being co-eternal with the Father and the Son, is God’s continuing presence with us that was promised by Jesus and received by the Church on the day of Pentecost. The Church is the universal Body of Christ on earth which, enabled by the Spirit, works to provide glimpses of God’s kingdom in this world. The Church prays constantly that God’s will be done in our world and that our lives will display our trust in God alone. We pray for our personal needs as well as the needs of one another, those close to us and those distant. We joyfully celebrate the two Holy Sacraments instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are united with Christ in His death, raised with Him to new life, washed clean from our sinfulness, and made one with the Body of Christ, the Church. In Holy Communion, we sense Christ’s real presence with us in the elements of bread and wine as we take part in this joyful feast in which we are strengthened for the journey of discipleship and we remember our Lord’s death until He comes again. As Christ’s Church, we joyfully and expectantly await His promised return and the coming of God’s kingdom which will never end.
MY FAITH JOURNEY  

REV. JAMES “PETE” ULLMANN

I was born in November of 1969 in Tampa, Florida - the first child of two Presbyterian Elders, William and Carole Ullmann. Four months later on Easter Sunday of 1970, I was baptized in the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. Although that special occasion in my life is one that I am aware of only by my parents’ accounts, it is one that is certainly real and indispensable to me. That is true in part because many of my earliest memories are ones that involve life in the church and the faith community. Because of my baptism and my parents’ commitment to raise me in Christ’s Church, I can honestly say that I cannot recall a time when I did not have an awareness of God’s love for me. That awareness of God’s love was communicated to me by my parents, grandparents, pastors, and church family members who helped me to know and to believe in the God who made me, loves me, provides for me and has a plan for my life.

During my childhood and youth, my faith was nurtured by the Spirit of God through regular participation in Sunday School and Worship. Many of my childhood memories involve VBS, church camp, singing in the junior choir and taking part in Christmas pageants and Lenten and Easter events. I owe much to those who made up my church family – both young and old, men and women, ordained and lay, who helped me to know and to trust the God revealed in Jesus Christ through Scripture.

In my junior high years, I attended a private school sponsored by a local Lutheran Church. During that time, I participated in their year-long preparation program for confirmation while remaining active in the Presbyterian Church. Through this experience, I learned much about the faith of the church while also having the distinction of being the only “Presbyterian” in their class. This encouraged me to examine seriously what I believed. I was confirmed in the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church and shortly thereafter moved my membership (along with my family) to the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church where my membership remained until my ordination.

It was in the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church where I became active in the church youth group as well as the Young Life ministry. In this context, I began to explore my faith and God’s call and claim on my life. The Associate Pastor of the church and my Young Life leader were both instrumental in helping me to discern my call to ordained ministry. Although there were perceived barriers (in my mind) to accepting that call, following my college years God removed all of them leading me to enroll in the Dual Degree program of Presbyterian School of Christian Education and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. During my seminary experience, my call continued to evolve and God continued to lead me by the Spirit in the path of ministry that I was to take.

I graduated from UTS and PSCE in 1996 and spent a year as an intern in ministry before accepting my first ordained call to the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Crossville, TN. I was ordained by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay in August of 1997 and served as Solo Pastor of the Calvary Church for 13 years. In the summer of 2010, I began my second call as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Calhoun, Georgia. The experience of ordained ministry as well as the faith and care of those with whom I have served in church and Presbytery have continued to nurture my own faith. Coming to understand in deeper ways how the Church is meant to give “glimpses” of God’s Kingdom through our worship, service, fellowship and witness is one way in which my faith has grown and evolved. I look forward to the ways that I know God’s Spirit will continue to nurture me in community with brothers and sisters in Christ as together we seek to worship and serve our Risen Lord.
A COVENANT BETWEEN
REV. PETE ULLMANN
AND THE CONGREGATION OF JESUP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We, the members of the Congregation of Jesup Presbyterian Church and Rev. Pete Ullmann understanding ourselves to have been called to enter into God's service, do hereby enter into the following covenant.

The conditions of this covenant will remain in effect until such time that they may be reviewed, amended, or renewed if necessary.

We consider ourselves to be partners in mission and "fellow workers for God" (1 Cor. 3:9). Our objective is to be faithful members of Jesup Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the Church Universal, toward the end of having the congregation worship, study, engage in mission, share in fellowship, grow as stewards, and exercise pastoral care toward one another.

We believe that preaching and leading worship is of fundamental importance in the life of a Presbyterian congregation. We expect our worship service to be both reverent and celebrative, allowing for the appropriate participation of the laity in worship services. The parties to this covenant promise to study the theology and worship in the tradition of the Reformed/Presbyterian church so that the worship services will have integrity and that God will be worshiped in spirit and truth.

We believe evangelism to be the presentation of Jesus Christ to those around us. We also expect the pastor, the Session, and the congregation to participate equally in the sharing of Christ's Good News with those in our community. We will invite others to share in the discipleship, fellowship, and worship within our church.

We expect the Pastor to spend an adequate amount of time in administrative duties and the development/implementation of programs. The Pastor may expect the Session to take appropriate responsibility for the program design/implementation process so that the pastor's primary focus will always be sharing the Good News of Christ through the preaching of the Word and the Administration of the Sacraments, as well as ministering to the spiritual needs of the Congregation.

We see the Pastor's primary role in the education program to be that of teaching and working with the Session and Congregation in preparing them to teach and actively participate in the educational program. The Pastor and other members of the Congregation may also be given authority by the Session to lead courses for new members, church officers, and young people who wish to be confirmed.

The Pastor should show concern for the welfare of the congregation and also has a God given responsibility to his wife and family. We strongly encourage him to take two days off a week and manage his time as a professional minister.

Goals for the ministry of Church shall be as follows:

- Reverent and celebrative worship that encourages the full participation of the congregation.
- Educational programs and Biblical studies that nurture and grow faith and make disciples of Jesus.
- Congregational fellowship that builds and strengthens Christian relationships.
- Enthusiastic participation in God’s mission in our community and beyond through service to the least.
- Faithful stewardship of God’s gifts given to us as individuals and as a community of faith for the glory of God.
The Session will fulfill the following responsibilities in addition to its normal duties:

- Give diligent consideration in Session meetings to Congregational and Session activities that will support the goals specified above.
- Support such activities that are agreed upon through participation and encouraging the participation of other persons in the church.
- Be in prayer for the Pastor and the church so that together we might better discern God's will.
- Seek to learn and grow as spiritual leaders, led by the Holy Spirit.

The Pastor will fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Plan and lead worship, and administer the Sacraments.
- Officiate at weddings and funerals.
- Provide pastoral care for church members & others seeking comfort & guidance through the church.
- Provide spiritual and administrative leadership for the congregation.
- Keep regular office hours.
- Serve as Moderator of the Session.
- Administer the church staff.
- Assist boards and committees in their ministry.
- Train newly elected officers and assist in preparing persons for membership.
- Actively support ministries and fellowship activities of the congregation.
- Participate in the life of Savannah Presbytery.
- Provide guidance and direction for Christian Education Programs within the church.

From the Session and the Congregation the Pastor can expect:

- Cooperation in fulfilling needed tasks, including but not limited to:
  a. the evangelization of prospective members.
  b. pastoral care for church members – including visitation of members in their homes, the hospital and other settings.
  c. all other responsibilities as outlined in the Book of Order.
- Encouragements in the exercise of the Pastor’s gifts and strengths.
- Understanding and patience with the Pastor's limitations and weaknesses.
- Support and prayers.

The compensation for this agreement shall be that in TERMS OF CALL.

Pastor: ____________________________  Clerk of Session: ____________________________

For The Committee on Ministry:

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NAME OF CHURCH: Jesup Presbyterian Church
NAME OF PASTOR: Rev. James (Pete) David Ullmann

I. COMPENSATION

1. Annual Cash Salary $ 24,500
2. *Payment in lieu of Self-Employment Tax
   (Amount equal to 50% of projected 2014 SECA obligations) $ 3,421
3. **Housing:
   Housing Expense $ 17,000
4. **Utilities:
   Utilities Expense $ 3,500
   Utilities paid by Church (except for personal long distance) $ 0
5. Employee Deferred Income - 403(b), IRA plans, etc. - Optional $ 0

Total Compensation $ 48,421

II. BENEFITS FOR PASTOR

1. ***Pension & Medical Insurance dues
   (Use calculator at pensions.org) 2014 rate is 35% of effective salary $ 15,750
2. Employer Contributions - 403(b), IRA plans, etc. - Optional $ 0
3. Insurance Policies (Optional) - Family Dental, PPO 2014 Estimate $ 1,600
4. Other (Optional) $ 0

Total Benefits $ 17,350

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES

1. Travel - Mileage reimbursement at $0.565 per mile, 2014 federal rate $ 3,000
2. Continuing Education/Books/Service to the greater church
   (Paid as an expense reimbursement upon receipt) $ 1,000
3. Other

Total Professional Expenses $ 4,000

IV. TOTAL SALARY PACKAGE $ 69,771

Date

PNC Chair or Clerk of Session
V. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:

1. Reimbursement upon receipt of moving expenses to the new residence of $4000 and a $1000 family visit allowance for the purposes of looking at real estate options.

2. 4 weeks paid vacation annually.

3. 2 weeks annual study leave or service to the greater church with pay that can be accrued for up to 3 years.

4. Minimum 1% annual cost of living adjustment as recommended by the Presbytery.

5. Annual review of the terms of this call with consideration for merit increase beginning on January 1st, 2015.

6. Effective start date for the purposes of employment and compensation is December 1st, 2013.

7. Compensation including professional expenses for the month of December 2013 will be a prorated amount of the 2014 annual compensation equal to 1/12th of the original amounts. BOP dues and dental insurance premiums will be adjusted to reflect the 2013 rate.

* The Board of Pensions (BOP) allows for compensation of up to 50% of the projected self-employment (SECA) tax obligations that can be excluded from the BOP dues calculation. The SECA tax rate for 2014 is 15.3% of net income which is 92.35% of the total compensation amount (See IRS Publication 517). The maximum allowable SECA compensation for 2014 that can be offered before incurring additional BOP dues is effectively 7.60% of the total effective salary as defined at www.pensions.org

** These items constitute the maximum amounts that can be deducted for income tax purposes. However, the minister includes them when he/she is figuring his/her SECA payments. Records should be kept for proof of housing and utilities expenses.

*** Pension and medical insurance dues are paid on the total of the minister’s annual cash salary, housing expenses or free use of the manse figure, utilities, and any deferred income payments made by the minister or on the minister’s behalf. The church may need to include other package items for the purpose of figuring such dues, including SECA over 50% of the obligation, bonuses, unvouchered professional expense allowances, and any other form of compensation. Please use the calculator at www.pensions.org to figure the current pension/medical dues.

I, ______________________________________, BEING CONVINCED OF THE LEADING OF GOD, AM READY TO UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITIES STATED IN THIS CALL (AND CONVENANT).

________________________________________  ______________________________
DATE  SIGNED

October 2013 Stated Meeting Minutes
Service of Commissioning  
for Ruling Elder Bob Matthews  
to Pastoral Service at English Eddy Presbyterian Church

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE:
As many of you were baptized into Christ, have clothed yourself with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

We are called by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the church are:
- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
- The maintenance of divine worship;
- The preservation of the truth;
- The promotion of social righteousness;
- And the exhibition of the kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Questions:
The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Today, Ruling Elder Bob Matthews is being commissioned to Pastoral Service serving the English Eddy Presbyterian Church. Bob, the grace bestowed on you in your Baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God’s grace. By God’s grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to this particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

Who is your Lord and Savior?  
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying His word and showing his love?  
I will.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God’s mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?  
I will with God’s help.

Do we the members of Savannah Presbytery accept Bob, chosen by God through the voice of the Church?  
We do.
Do we promise to support, encourage him and pray for him as he seeks to fulfill his responsibilities in this ministry?

We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER:

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading this saint and servant to serve you in this time and for this ministry. Establish him in your truth, and guide him by your Holy Spirit, that in your service he may grow in faith, hope and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with the members of the English Eddy Congregation. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. In their deliberation, may they be about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen

Charge:

Bob, you are now commissioned to service as Pastor of The English Eddy Presbyterian Church. “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

BLESSING:

“May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Amen.
Statement of Faith  
Bob Mathews

I believe God created the heavens and the earth and is sovereign over all things. The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants to bear the promise of restoration and blessing to a world in rebellion and alienation. He likewise chose us to proclaim that message. Everything that happens in this world happens according to the will of God. I do not always fully comprehend God’s sovereignty, but I am blessed by God to have been given the faith to trust that everything that happens is for the ultimate good of all his creation.

I believe I have eternal life through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. He is the son of God and was sent to be the atoning sacrifice for my sins and to secure my redemption. I believe Jesus was born of a virgin and lived a life of perfect submission to the Heavenly Father and that through him we might see God and be reconciled to Him. God in Christ gave His life on the cross to pay the price of my sin. The resurrected Lord Jesus sits at the right hand of the Heavenly Father in glory. I believe Jesus is the one and only way to heaven. I believe God hates sin and evil, but loves all people, and would not have any to perish.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is at work in the world today. It is the same Spirit who was with God at creation and in Christ when he walked this earth. I believe that the Holy Spirit resides in the hearts of all believers and affirms the presence of the risen Lord in his church. He is our Comforter, our assurance of salvation, our Guide to Scripture, our Encourager, our strength. It is the Holy Spirit who guides us in our everyday service to God.

I believe the Holy Spirit is actively at work in my heart, encouraging and enabling me to surrender and put away any and all attitudes and actions that do not demonstrate the love, grace, forgiveness and acceptance offered to everyone through the Lord Jesus.

I believe Scripture is the inspired, living word of God. It speaks to me, but not to me alone, for my own private interpretation. It comes to life in the believing community, the church. Scripture leads, guides, directs and inspires us. We thank God for His word.

I believe that in Baptism, the cleansing of our sin and welcoming into the body of Christ is confirmed. I believe that in the elements of the Lord’s Supper, we remember Christ’s life, death, and resurrection and receive a foretaste of the coming kingdom.

I believe that a loving, compassionate, caring Triune God is at work in the Presbyterian Church and his universal church. We’re told in 1 Peter 3:15 to revere Christ as Lord and “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” We live in a world filled with anger, anxiety and fear of the future. Our hope is in Christ, and we rest in God’s promise that one day God’s will in Christ will be done. He will establish His kingdom on earth. This is our hope. This is our joy. It is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Bio of Robert H. “Bob” Mathews

I never could have imagined, as my 40-plus year career as an editor at the Savannah Morning News (and for five years, at the Hickory, N.C., Daily Record) that the Lord had a pulpit and pastorate in mind for me in the wonderful community of English Eddy in Toombs County. But He did, and He brought me to English Eddy Presbyterian Church in a way in I would never have expected.

For many years, I had taught Sunday School at Windsor Forest Baptist Church and, later, at Skidaway Island Baptist Church.

Meeting my future wife, Athline Howard Hodges, would take me on a path to Presbyterianism. And that path would take me to the School of the Laity in the class of 2008. Athline and I were married in April of 2003 and I would move from Savannah to Hinesville.

Athline’s husband, “Bobby” Hodges had been shot and killed in a robbery at his store in Riceboro nine years before we met. The love and support Athline was shown at that time by all of her church family at First Presbyterian Church made our choice of churches a clear one.

Soon, I was teaching Sunday School there, serving as an elder, as Clerk of Session and on other committees. I was becoming a Presbyterian, learning about its governing structures and discovering new dimensions of my faith.

When I entered the School of the Laity, I soon began to recognize a call to be a lay pastor, and I set my sights on being ready for that call should it come. I graduated from the school, but no call came and nothing at all happened – for more than four years.

In March of 2012, I received a call from Elder Jerry Pittman at English Eddy, inviting me to preach and – if the Lord so led – become the pastor.

I stand before Presbytery today prepared to be commissioned as Ruling Elder at English Eddy, but fully and sincerely aware that I will always have much to learn about being an effective pastor. I stand with a great respect for busy, seminary-trained pastors who are willing to give generously of their time to patiently work closely with and help prepare a layman for the pulpit. I also stand with great respect for the Presbyterian process of commissioning. The process demands the best from candidates so that the Presbytery can, with confidence and prayer, commission them for service.

We believe in a sovereign God who cares about every aspect of his children’s lives. We believe in a sovereign Lord who forgives, and forgets, and often calls out for service some of the most unlikely people.

Looking back, I see the Lord’s work in the Bible study courses I’ve taken, the Sunday School Lessons I’ve taught, the honor of service in First Presbyterian, the life experiences he’s given me. It was all brought me to this day – and I praise Him for it.

Athline and I live in Hinesville. I work at Fort Stewart as a writer/photographer. Our merged families include two married daughters and two married sons, a number of grandchildren and, for good measure, some great-grandchildren.
Information:
1. You have received a draft copy of a proposed new Operations Manual for Savannah Presbytery. This is given to you for a first reading and study between now and year end. Suggested edits, additions or deletions should be forwarded to the Stated Clerk by January 3, 2014. The Savannah Presbytery Council will take all appropriate suggestions into consideration. A revised final draft will be proposed for adoption at the Winter Stated Meeting at Epworth.
2. You have also received a draft of a Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy for a first reading. Revisions may be submitted to the Stated Clerk with the same time table as for the Operations Manual. This policy will also be proposed with revisions for adoption at the February 14, 2014 Stated Meeting.
3. Minutes of the Service of Installation of the Rev. Alan Dyer as Associate Pastor of St Simons Island Presbyterian Church attached to this report

Recommendations:
1. Savannah Presbytery is honored to have the Rev. Gradye Parsons at our meeting today and extends with a warm southeast Georgia welcome along with the privilege of voice on the floor.

The recommendation was approved.

2. That the privilege of voice be given to the following persons Clark Simmons, Board of Pensions Regional Representative, Rev. Larry Owens, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, and Sherri Bozardt, Thornwell Children’s Home.

The recommendation was approved.

Because we have two nominations for Ruling Elder Commissioner to the GA221, we will have an election. Stated Clerk recommends that the runner up be an Alternate this year. He/she would do all of the training here and monitor the assembly online next summer. Then they could be considered for the next assembly.
SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY
MINUTES OF INSTALLATION
OF
The Reverend Alan F. Dyer

The following members of the Commission appointed by Savannah Presbytery were present, and met at St. Simons Presbyterian Church on St. Simons Island, GA on August 4, 2013 for the purpose of fulfilling the task given by Savannah Presbytery.

Rev. Kathi Parchem
Rev. Craig Pope
Rev. Dr. George Wirth
Rev. Dr. George “Sandy” McConnel

Ruling Elder Russell Gladding
Ruling Elder Lisa Godbey Wood
Ruling Elder Gwen Mayberry
Ruling Elder Rich Goeldner

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Kathi Parchem, and Russell Gladding was elected Secretary for the commission.

In conformity with the Book of Order:

1. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. George “Sandy” McConnel on the subject, “Play the Ball Where the Monkey Drops It.”

2. Constitutional questions were proposed to the minister by Rev. Kathi Parchem.

3. Constitutional questions to the congregation were asked by Ruling Elder Rich Goeldner.

4. The charge to the minister was given by Rev. Dr. George Wirth.

5. The charge to the congregation was given by Rev. Craig Pope.

6. Following the singing of a final hymn the benediction was pronounced by Rev Alan Dyer.

THE CANDIDATE WAS ASKED THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND UPON BEING ASKED THE CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS, THE CONGREGATION ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Minutes were approved as written and the meeting was closed with prayer by the pronouncing of the benediction.

Stated Clerk, Savannah Presbytery
This year our theme has been, “Connecting and Re-connecting.” It has been a time to give thanks for and pay attention to the many ways we are connected as Christians as the One Body of Jesus Christ in the Church. Though we are diverse and different, many body parts, we are called to work together in unity under Christ. We have spent time affirming our ordination vows as Teaching and Ruling elders and as members of the Presbyterian Church USA. We have affirmed that being One Body is more important that any of the things that might distract us, or seek to divide us. If those original twelve disciples are any example to us, we have learned that God calls people of great differences, theologically, ideologically, culturally, socially and in all other differences to work together in bringing about God’s mission in the world.

Today we have invited the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of our denomination to be with us. Some of us were privileged to hear the Rev Gradye Parsons last evening in Savannah as he talked about our church and our role as elders in it. Today we will hear him preach and then have time to have some conversation with him. I hope that this time of connecting can be significant for all of us. I have known Gradye for the last seven years as I have been on the staff of our presbytery. We have built a relationship as brothers in Christ that allows us, when we might have a difference from time to time (like Peter and Paul, or Paul and Barnabas, or in reality like Russell and Gradye) to stick with what connects us and move forward. I know as you meet this good man who serves his Lord just as each of us seek to do, you will have a face, the beginning of a relationship, that will allow you to bridge any differences that may arise for the sake of the unity of our One Body in The Church.

In today’s meeting we will follow the Holy Spirit through a theme of worship that will take us to places of joy and celebration to solemn remembrances; from new beginnings in ministry to times of moving to God’s next calling. We will remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant since last October, two new Ministers of the Word and Sacrament will join our ranks, the Class of 2012 of our School of the Laity will celebrate their graduation, we will commission a Ruling Elder to Pastoral Service, and we will give thanks for the ministry of a Teaching Elder as he is Honorably Retired.

Who says presbytery meetings are just reports and business! We will however have a little of that as well.

In conclusion, let me report that the state of Savannah Presbytery is wonderful. I am pleased to be your General Presbyter as it allows me to see all of the fantastic ministries that are going on within our forty-one congregations. We do not have everything we want, but God has provided for our every need! There is so much to celebrate and so I give thanks to God for all of you. I lift you up in my prayers and ask God to continue to show us the way daily as God leads us in bringing the Kingdom in this place and time.
Report of the Treasurer  
Russell Gladding, CRE

As your Treasurer I can report that we are running on schedule with our budget for 2013. All bills are paid on time and we are now able to pay our per capita to the General Assembly and to the Synod on a regular monthly basis. We project being current by the end of 2013 with our giving to these bodies within our connectional church.

Income through the third quarter is at 72% of budget. That percentage should be at 75%, so we are slightly behind. With only a few exceptions our congregations are faithfully paying their pledges on a regular monthly basis. However, Unified pledge giving is only 66% of budget YTD. We continue to encourage our churches to make paying your pledge to the presbytery on a regular monthly basis.

Expenditures are under budget for this same period at 71.5%. Our teams and staff have kept their expenditures in line with, and in many cases under, what was budgeted.

Thus, the report shows, while still a deficit, only $8,895, or 58% of what was budgeted.

The Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2013 shows a healthy Current Ratio of Assets to Liabilities. The Immanuel Presbyterian Church has made its first lump sum principle payment of $20,000 on time. That money has been placed back into the New Covenant Growth Fund.

As we begin to plan for our 2014 budget, it is my hope that we may look at making our Unified Pledge Income a higher percentage of our total budget. The attached chart and bar graph show the relationship of our actual giving to pledges from 2008 through the YTD in 2013. You can see that we have traditionally counted on the unified giving to fund the ministry of the presbytery; and our churches have given what they have pledged. However the amount we have pledged over the last several years, as a percentage of our total expense budget, has dropped from historically equaling 80 to 85% of expenditures to 70%.

If our congregations can be challenged to raise their pledge amount from $264,450 to $300,000, $350,000, or even the total of $375,000, our target for the expense budget again in 2014, we would free up the use of the New Covenant Fund for church revitalization and transformation, perhaps new 1001 new worshipping communities like the Swainsboro Hispanic Ministry, or other worthy mission and ministry efforts of congregations within our bounds. We would not be using this money to supplement our budget deficit. We could indeed begin to better fulfill our mission of, “Engaging, encouraging, and equipping our members and congregations as together we serve the Church of Jesus Christ in Southeast Georgia.”
# Balance Sheet

## As of September 30, 2013

### Cash Basis

**Sep 30, 13**

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

- **Checking/Savings**
  - 01 · Atl Natl - UNIFIED CHECK 3103 (Atlantic National Checking)  
    5,756.64
  - 02 · Atl. Nat’l - Unified MM 0495 (UNIFIED MONEY MARKET)  
    20,210.98
  - 03 · Atl. Nat'l -Selected MM 0503 (MONEY MARKET)  
    210.56
  - 04 · Atl Natl - Special Uses/Scholar  
    (Special Uses/Scholarship)  
    39,783.18
  - 06 · BoA Ck -MK Pentecost Ecology  
    (M.K. Pentecost Fund / Ecology Checking)  
    5,075.44
  - 07 · BoA MM - MK Pentecost Ecology  
    (M.K. Pentecost Fund Ecology - Money Market)  
    9,719.00

  **Total Checking/Savings**  
  80,755.80

- **Other Current Assets**
  - 17 · CD - Habersham Clay  
    30,000.00
  - 18 · CD - Presb. Investment Prog  
    37,628.60
  - 19 · New Covenant Fund  
    544,190.84
  - 36 · Due to Savannah Pres  
    -17,000.00
  - 37 · Note Receivable Gladding (2010 Toyota Camry)  
    8,000.00

  **Total Other Current Assets**  
  602,819.44

- **Total Current Assets**  
  683,575.24

#### Fixed Assets

- 50 · Office Equipment  
  57,769.18
- 52 · Office Bldg - Rt 17  
  115,000.00
- 53 · Equip for Ecology  
  571.00
- 54 · Leasehold Improvements  
  29,344.36
- 60 · Accumulated Depreciation  
  -131,596.74
- 71 · Accum Depreciation Ecology  
  -523.42

  **Total Fixed Assets**  
  70,564.38

#### Other Assets

- 72 · Note Receivable Christ PC  
  272,003.85
- 73 · Note Receivable - PC Midway  
  5,904.90
- 74 · Note Receivable-Immanuel PC  
  (Purchase of former Hinesville Korean PC property)  
  200,000.00

  **Total Other Assets**  
  477,908.75

**TOTAL ASSETS**  
1,232,048.37
LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

005 · Payroll Liabilities 1,449.90
010 · Accrued Expenses 570.50
Total Other Current Liabilities 2,020.40

Total Current Liabilities 2,020.40

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Equity

003 · Fund Balance (Retained Earnings) 942,296.41
004 · Opening Bal Equity 289,197.49
008 · Fund Balance Ecology 35,168.35
Net Income -36,634.28
Total Equity 1,230,027.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,232,048.37

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual - Report

10/02/2013

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**3000 · MissionPartner-SynodGrant - Inc**

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**4000 · Other Income**

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**40010 · BofA - Habersham Clay CD -Inc**

| Amount    | 245.69 |

**4006 · New Church Development Income**

| Amount    | 1,678.49 |

**Total 4000 · Other Income**

| Amount    | 2,533.24 |

**6000 · Miscellaneous Other Income**

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| Amount    | 0.00 |

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6003 · Special Offering  

11,754.17  
10,000.00  
1,754.17  
117.54%

6004 · Grant - Hispanic  

0.00  
7,500.00  
-7,500.00  
0.0%

Total 6000 · Miscellaneous Other Income  

33,754.17  
39,500.00  
-5,745.83  
85.45%

Total Income  

259,135.22  
359,450.00  
-100,314.78  
72.09%

Expense  

7000 · Team & Committee Expenses

7001 · Presbytery Council

7001A · General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas  

7001A1 · - GP/SC/Treas - Salary -  
25,142.65  
26,050.00  
-907.35  
96.52%

7001A2 · - GP - Housing - Exp  
14,422.73  
26,050.00  
-11,627.27  
55.37%

7001A3 · - GP - Social SecurityPymnt -Exp  
676.80  

7001A4 · GP/SC/Treas - Cont. Ed  
99.07  
1,500.00  
-1,400.93  
6.61%

7001A5 · - GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp  
6,657.98  
7,200.00  
-542.02  
92.47%

Total 7001A5 · - GP/SC/Treas - Travel -Exp  
6,699.59  
7,200.00  
-500.41  
93.05%

7001A6 · -GP/SC/Trea - Board of Pension  

13,943.97  
17,193.00  
-3,249.03  
81.1%

Total 7001A · General Presbyter/S Clerk/Treas  

60,984.81  
77,993.00  
-17,008.19  
78.19%

7001D · Business Administrator  

7001D1 · - Business Admin Salary - Exp  
30,600.00  
40,800.00  
-10,200.00  
75.0%

7001D2 · Pension and Major Medical - Exp  
10,699.47  
13,464.00  
-2,764.53  
79.47%

7001D3 · Busine - Exp  
399.95  
1,500.00  
-1,100.05  
26.66%

Total 7001D · Business Administrator  

41,699.42  
55,764.00  
-14,064.58  
74.78%

7001G · Staff Assoc/Communication - Exp  

12,960.00  
16,640.00  
-3,680.00  
77.89%

7001I · Gen Assembly & Synod Expense  

7001I1 · - G.A. Per Capita -Exp  
16,548.46  
41,371.14  
-24,822.68  
40.0%

7001I3 · - Synod - Per Capita -Exp  
3,492.80  
8,713.00  
-5,220.20  
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7001I4 · - Synod - Unified -Exp  
0.00  

Total 7001I · Gen Assembly & Synod Expense  

20,041.26  
50,084.14  
-30,042.88  
40.02%

7001J · PCUSA Conference Attendance  

1,852.52  
3,500.00  
-1,647.48  
52.93%

7001K · Presbytery Office Operating Exp  

7001Ka · - Recording Clerk - Exp  
150.00  
225.00  
-75.00  
66.67%

7001Kd · - Electricity and Gas - Exp  
2,647.41  
3,500.00  
-852.59  
75.64%

7001Ke · - Telephone and DSL - Exp  
5,447.92  
6,750.00  
-1,302.08  
80.71%

7001Kf · - Water - Exp  
277.95  
500.00  
-222.05  
55.59%

7001Kg · - Insurance - Exp  
7,898.25  
8,000.00  
-101.75  
98.73%

7001Kh · - Postage - Exp  
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1,500.00  
-471.96  
68.54%

7001Kj · - Legal Fees - Exp  
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7001Kl · - Supplies - Exp  
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4,000.00  
-1,427.29  
64.32%

7001Ki · - Equipment Contracts - Exp  
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Committee Reports

Report of the Presbytery Council
RE Paul Scott, Moderator

Recommendations:
1. The Savannah Presbytery Council recommends that the members and commissioners receive the proposed “Operations Manual for Savannah Presbytery,” for a first reading. Comments additions, deletions, and corrections to this document shall be sent to the Stated Clerk for their review. The deadline for submitting these edits is January 3, 2013. The Savannah Presbytery Council will consider all edits and send a final draft back to the presbytery for its consideration at its Winter Stated Meeting on February 14, 2014

Recommendation was approved.

2. The Savannah Presbytery Council recommends that the members and commissioners receive the proposed “Policy on Reconciliation and Dismissal,” for a first reading. Comments additions, deletions, and corrections to this document shall be sent to the Stated Clerk for their review. The deadline for submitting these edits is January 3, 2013. The Savannah Presbytery Council will consider all edits and send a final draft back to the presbytery for its consideration at its Winter Stated Meeting on February 14, 2014.

Recommendation was approved.

3. The Savannah Presbytery Council recommends that the presbytery adopt the process for collecting the Unified Pledges from our congregations and prepare a 2014 budget as proposed in the Report from the Finance and Stewardship Committee in its report.

Report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee
Ruling Elder Karl Branch

Recommendations:
1. That the Savannah Presbytery Council recommend to the presbytery that the Finance and Stewardship Committee prepare a 2014 expense budget in the same approximate range as that for 2013, $375,000. This budget shall be presented for adoption at the Stated Meeting of Savannah Presbytery on February 14, 2014.

Recommendation was approved.

2. That the Savannah Presbytery Council recommend to the presbytery that it approve the Housing Allowance of the General Presbyter for 2014 in the amount of $30,550.

Recommendation was approved.
Information:
1. The Finance and Stewardship Committee has, based on a suggestion from the floor at the May 21, 2013 Stated Meeting, recommended to the Savannah Presbytery Council and it has approved that the congregations of the presbytery be contacted by letter with a specific request for a pledge amount for their 2014 Unified Giving. This amount has been determined by reviewing the historic pledging and giving, church membership, and other relevant factors. In returning to this practice, we trust this will remind us of our responsibility in our Presbyterian connectedness as we consider what is faithful stewardship within each of our church’s context.

Report of Committee on Ministry
Rev. Eric Beene, Chair

Information Only
1. The Committee appointed Moderators for the Sessions of the Blackshear, Butler Memorial, and Frederica churches.
2. The Committee approved Temporary Supply Agreements between the Richmond Hill Church and the Rev. Don Dilley as well as the Jekyll Island Church and the Rev. Bert Cramer.
3. The Committee concurred with the request of the Frederica Church and the Rev. Andy Chambers to dissolve their relationship.

For Action
1. The Committee recommends that the Presbytery enroll Roland Banks as a member of Savannah Presbytery upon transfer from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and install him as Pastor of the First Church, Hinesville.
   Rationale: The Committee met with Rev. Banks and the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee to determine the suitability of his call to serve the First Church, Hinesville congregation. In addition, the Committee reviewed the Pastoral Covenant and Terms of Call and found them to be in order. Subsequently, the congregation of First Church, Hinesville, elected Rev. Banks to serve as their Pastor.

Approved
2. The Committee recommends that the Presbytery appoint Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders to serve as a Commission to install Rev. Banks.
   The members of the Commission will be named by the Stated Clerk and COM Chair and reported back to the presbytery at its next Stated Meeting.

Approved
3. The Committee nominates Ruling Elder Bobbie Scott of the Jesup Church to serve as a member of the Administrative Commission for the Walthourville Church.
   The Presbytery established this Administrative Commission at its May 21, 2013 meeting. Since then, one member of the Commission, Ruling Elder George Burroughs, moved to South Carolina and had to resign. This action will bring the number of members on the Commission back to five.

Approved
4. The Committee recommends that the Presbytery enroll Pete Ullmann as a member of Savannah Presbytery upon transfer from Cherokee Presbytery and install him as Pastor of the Jesup Church.
Rationale: The Committee met with Rev. Ullmann and the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee to determine the suitability of his call to serve the Jesup congregation. In addition, the Committee reviewed the Pastoral Covenant and Terms of Call and found them to be in order. Subsequently, the congregation of the Jesup Church elected Rev. Ullman to serve as their Pastor.

Approved

4. The Committee recommends that the Presbytery authorize the Committee on Ministry to appoint Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders to serve as a Commission to install Rev. Ullmann. And report the names of this commission at the February 2014 Stated Meeting.

Approved

5. The Committee has received a request from the Altama Church and the Rev. Bert Cramer that their relationship be dissolved. The members of the Committee recommend that the Presbytery concur with that request and that Rev. Cramer be enrolled as an Honorably Retired member of Savannah Presbytery.

Approved

Report on the Committee on Preparation For Ministry
Rev. Dan Lewis & Rev. Craig Pope

Information Only

1. The Committee met with and enrolled Kate Watkins as an Inquirer. Kate is a member of First Presbyterian, Savannah, and she has just begun her first semester at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

2. Jacob Douylliez, who is an Inquirer under our Presbytery’s care, began his first semester at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ.

3. Kate Buckley, who is a Candidate under our Presbytery’s care, is beginning her final year at Columbia Seminary.

4. The Committee met with Bob Matthews, and approved his commission as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) for service at English Eddy Presbyterian Church, with a commissioning service to follow at today’s Presbytery meeting.
Report on Education and Training Team
Rev. Andy Meeker

For Action
1. That a registration fee of $75 per class (or $500 for the entire course of study) be charged to School of the Laity students beginning with the class of 2016 (those starting their studies in June of 2014).
   
   **Rationale:** Currently (and throughout the history of the program), students enrolled in the SOL pay for their room and board only. The new fee structure would help underwrite some of the costs associated with providing the quality faculty that have been a hallmark of the program.

Approved

2. That enrollment in the School of the Laity be offered to folks in surrounding Presbyteries as space is available.
   
   **Rationale:** We offer one of the best programs of its kind in our denomination, and with the proposed new fee structure, the more students we have in our program, the less that will need to be underwritten out of the Presbytery’s general budget.

Approved

Information Only

School of the Laity

The School of the Laity is back in operation! In June, the class of 2013 completed their studies, the class of 2014 passed the half-way mark of their studies, and our entering class of 2015 began their studies with 15 students! Special thanks to Leslie McCracken, Beth Sutton and Anne Gibbons for all their hard work to not just get us back up and running, but to enhance and improve the overall quality of our program as we continue to review and adjust the curriculum and schedules.

Leadership Development Conference

Our 2014 Leadership Development Conference will take place on February 14 & 15, 2014 at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. Our keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Neal Pressa, Moderator of the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and he will be working with the theme, “Theological Friendships.”

Summer Camp

After another successful year of summer camp at New Ebenezer Camp and Conference Center in Rincon, plans are already being made for next year. Mark the week of June 17-22, 2014 on your calendars as we look forward to another great week of faith and fun at New Ebenezer!

Youth Events

Plans are moving forward to take high schoolers to Montreat for Week I (June 1-7) and Week II (June 8-14) of the 2014 Youth Conference. Ben Beasley (Allenhurst) and Susan Parrish (First Statesboro) are helping coordinate Week I and Nat Scott (St. Simons) is coordinating Week II; talk with them if you are interested in learning more. Stay tuned for more information on other youth events, Youth Connects and mission opportunities that are being planned.
The Mission Ministry Team met on October 1, 2013 and the following recommendations were made and actions taken.

- Budget recommendations were sent to the council for the 2014 budget.
- A discussion was held about ways to better inform churches about the giving opportunities that are detailed on the remittance form found on the presbytery’s website. The team also discussed having a link on the presbytery website that highlights mission work being done locally by churches within the presbytery.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to form a team to create guidelines and provide assistance for the youth mission week that will be held in District One in July of 2014. The team will be made up of members of the mission/ministry team, youth leaders and teaching elders from District One, participants of last year’s mission week, and a member of the youth council.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to take up money at the October Stated Meeting for the 2 cent hunger fund. Money will be collected during lunch at the meeting. The money will be distributed in compliance with presbytery guidelines.

This concludes the report of the mission/ministry team. It is respectfully submitted for your approval as an exhibit to the minutes.
### Nominating Committee Report

**RE Jean Vernon**

#### Presbytery Moderator Elect 2014
- Jean Vernon  
  Elder  
  D-3

#### Commissioner to General Assembly 2014
- **Elder Commissioner:** To Be Voted On
- **Clergy Commissioner:** Trip McKinnon
- **Young Adult Advisor Delegate:** Rachael Miles

#### Savannah Presbytery Council 2016
- Jean Vernon  
  Elder  
  Presbytery Moderator  
- Kathi Parchem  
  Clergy  
  Council Chair

#### Committee on Nominations 2014
- **To Be Named Later**

#### Committee on Representation 2016
- JoAnne Beasley  
  Elder [2]  
  D-2
- Bert Cramer  
  Clergy [2]  
  D-3

#### Committee on Ministry (COM) 2016
- Alan Baroody  
  Clergy [2]  
  D-1
- Bert Cramer  
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  D-3
- Carl Schlich  
  Clergy [1]  
  D-3
- Ed Ayers  
  Clergy [1]  
  D-2
- Paul Presley  
  Elder [1]  
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#### Committee on Preparation for Ministry 2016
- Alan Dyer  
  Clergy [1]  
  D-3
- Grace James  
  Elder [2]  
  D-2
- Marcia Dodd  
  Elder [2]  
  D-1

#### Permanent Judicial Commission 2016
- John Law  
  Clergy [1]  
  D-3
- Gwen Mayberry  
  Elder [1]  
  D-3
- Bud Frankenthaler  
  Elder [1]  
  D-2

#### Education & Training Ministry Team 2016
- Alan Dyer  
  Clergy [1]  
  D-3
- Tom Sering  
  Elder [1]  
  D-3

#### Evangelism & Transformation Ministry Team 2016
- Danny Grace  
  CRE [2]  
  D-3
- Bobbie Scott  
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- Ricky Porter  
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- Ozeas Silva  
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#### Mission Ministry Team 2016
- Joan Ashley  
  Elder [2]  
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- Jim Ward  
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- Elsie Sederholm  
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- Betsy deQuelijoe  
  Elder [1]  
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#### M. K. Penecost Ecology Fund Committee 2016
- Mary Beene  
  Clergy  
  Staff Coordinator
- Deanie Strength  
  Clergy [2]  
  D-3
- David Woodburn
- Lois Vogelman  
  Elder [1]  
  D-3

#### Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments Board 2016
- Sandra Stroud  
  Elder [2]  
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Application for Commissioners and Delegate to General Assembly
221st General Assembly (2014), Detroit, Michigan - June 14 – 21

Name: James Hawley McKinnon III
Church: First Presbyterian Church Waycross
Position Applying For: Teaching Elder Commissioner
Address: 807 East Waring Street
City, State, Zip: Waycross, Georgia, 31501
Work Phone: 912-283-5077 Home Phone: 912-337-1993
Email: pastortrip@gmail.com

Explain your current or previous involvement in:
The Local Church: Teaching Elder
The Presbytery: Chair of Mission/Ministry Team, Education and Training Team- Youth Council Adviser, Youth Council (Albemarle Presbytery/ New Hope Presbytery)
The Synod: NA
The General Assembly: Youth Delegate (Albemarle Presbytery/ New Hope Presbytery)

What are the five most important issues faced by the church today?

1. Reconciliation of the different factions within the denomination so that we can find common ground and goals and act effectively as the body of Christ.

2. Clearly identify and articulate the beliefs and essential tenets of the denomination.

3. Effectively explain and market who we are and what we stand for to bring in new members who did not grow up as a part of the denomination and to protect our denomination from being mischaracterized by other denominations and groups.

4. Support churches within the denomination with strategies for revitalization.

5. Teach and reconnect people with what it means to worship and live in the “reformed tradition.”

Motion made to close nominations and elect Rev. James Hawley McKinnon III as Teaching Elder Commissioner. Approved
Application for Commissioners and Delegate to General Assembly
221st General Assembly (2014), Detroit, Michigan - June 14 – 21

Part I – Nominee Recommendation

Name: Charles Kenneth Clark (Chuck)
Church: Metter Presbyterian Church
Position Applying For: Ruling Elder Commissioner
Name of Endorser: Session
Contact Information:

Joe I Anderson
611 South Lewis St.
Metter, GA 30439

Reason for Endorsement

“Chuck” is a retired Colonel in the US Army, a lifelong Presbyterian and loves the Lord. He devotes 90% of his free time to working on church and civic projects putting God first in all of them. I feel he would make an excellent representative of our Presbytery and our small churches. He is meticulous in paperwork and organization.

Application for Commissioners and Delegate to General Assembly
221st General Assembly (2014), Detroit, Michigan - June 14 – 21

Part II – Nominee Application

Name: Charles Kenneth Clark (Chuck)
Church: Metter Presbyterian Church
Position Applying For: Ruling Elder Commissioner
Address: 615 S. Lewis Street
City, State, Zip: Metter, Georgia, 30439
Home Phone: 912-362-0200
Email: cclark@pineland.net

Explain your current or previous involvement in:

The Local Church: Ruling Elder, Sunday School Teacher, Active in Food Ministry, Gideon’s International Life Member
**The Presbytery:** Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartment Board Member (3 terms), attended Stated Meetings on two occasions.

**The Synod:** NA  **The General Assembly:** NA

**What are the five most important issues faced by the church today?**

1. **Evangelism** – I am a life member of the Gideon’s International. Each year I deliver 15 Gideon messages to area churches. Practicing the “Great Commission” should be our most important mission. Our church sponsors two missionaries.

2. **Assistance to Poor** – Hunger is an increasing problem in the U. S. and the world. We must do much more to meet human suffering. Too many people are poorly fed, clothed and housed.

3. **Decline in Church Membership** – As a denomination, we must make the church more relevant to our neighbors. We must reach out in Christian love and clearly show them that Christ is the answer to problems of the world collectively and them individually.

4. **Decline in Donations** – Because of inflation and falling incomes, many church members must reconsider giving levels to the church. We must be creative in our fundraising and more frugal in our operations.

5. **Ecumenism** – We must learn to work more effectively with our Christian brothers and sisters to advance the coming Kingdom of God. Our food ministry in Metter is an excellent example. We have more than 50 volunteers from more than a dozen different churches.
Application for Commissioners and Delegate to General Assembly
221st General Assembly (2014), Detroit, Michigan - June 14 – 21

Part I – Nominee Recommendation

Name: Molly McCarthy
Church: White Bluff Presbyterian Church
Position Applying For: Ruling Elder Commissioner
Name of Endorser: Eric Beene
Contact Information: 10710 White Bluff Rd.
Savannah, GA 31406  Email: whitebluffpc@bellsouth.net
Work Phone: 912-927-1731  Cell Phone: 912-704-3024

Reason for Endorsement

I have known Molly since she served as the Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee which nominated me to serve as the Pastor of White Bluff Presbyterian Church in 2006. Molly has served our local congregation in too many roles to count: as a faithful member and leader in Presbyterian Women, as a member of the Board of Deacons and a Ruling Elder on Session for multiple terms, as the Chair of our Worship and Fellowship committees, as a faithful supporter of our children's ministries and our Boy Scout program, as a member of the choir, as a leader on multiple mission trips, and even as Mrs. Claus. She has also been very active in the life of our Presbytery. Through Presbyterian Women, she has gained some exposure to the life, mission, and even the conflicts in our denomination. Besides being a hard worker, she is easy to get along with, responsible, faithful, caring, dependable, deliberate, creative, and committed to building up the church. She always seeks new ways of understanding issues and solving problems which will help everyone involved to feel included, welcomed, cared for, and embraced in the love of Jesus Christ. I believe our church, and especially our General Assembly, can benefit from that kind of faithfulness, commitment, and caring, and for those reasons, I think she will be an excellent Ruling Elder Commissioner.

Application for Commissioners and Delegate to General Assembly
221st General Assembly (2014), Detroit, Michigan - June 14 – 21

Part II – Nominee Application

Name: Molly McCarthy
Church: White Bluff Presbyterian Church
Position Applying For: Ruling Elder Commissioner
Address: 7308 Leghorn St.
City, State, Zip: Savannah, Georgia, 31406
Home Phone: 912-354-0088
Email: mamccarthy51@att.net

**Explain your current or previous involvement in:**

**The Local Church:** Ruling Elder, former Deacon, Choir Member, PW Circle Member, have been on PDA mission trips, helped with Bible School for several years after working, also fold the bulletins for Sunday morning!

**The Presbytery:** currently Moderator for the Savannah Presbytery Presbyterian Women and serve on the Presbytery Council. Also served on a committee in finding our current General Presbyter and the many hats that Russell wears.

**The Synod:** NA  **The General Assembly:** NA

**What are the five most important issues faced by the church today?**

1. **Family**—I grew up with both parents. Today there are single parents, dealing with the same issues, but need help from their parents or grandparents for basic needs of shelter and food in sharing the load. As much as the single parent wants to be on their own, finances and work force are against them.

2. **Community Outreach**—Being involved as a volunteer helps support God's work with one another. In a time of need or spreading love to one another by being there to give a hand, a simple act of kindness goes a long way.

3. **Church Family**—Being a part of God's family means a lot to me. You grow as a person with strength, wisdom and love. The greatest being love. To share the joys and sorrows with one another, both giving and receiving His love. There is no place like your home away from home. Too bad not all of God's children have learned this with all the things happening in their lives today.

4. **Being plunged in, not unplugged**—With this day and age of being connected to the world, people are missing what the world has to offer to us. Music from nature, songs of joy from the creatures God created. The stage that God has given us to watch and enjoy with from all the things He has created, gentle breezes that wrap you in His love. While we can connect to family by being plugged in—we miss the real meaning of being a family and that is being together, not apart.

5. **Family Values**—I was brought up believing that when you were asked to serve by the church, no matter what it was, you were to say yes or no to God! That is was a great honor to serve the Lord and the church!

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**Voting for Ruling Elder Commissioner**

**221st General Assembly 2014**

A vote was taken to elect one of two nominees to the 221st General Assembly in Detroit, Michigan on June 14-21, 2013. Molly McCarthy was elected to be Ruling Elder Commissioner with Charles Kenneth Clark as alternate Ruling Elder commissioner.
Young Adult Advisory Delegate Application

Name: Rachel Miles

Church: Faith Presbyterian

Position Applying For: Young Adult Advisory Delegate

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Explain your current or previous involvement in:

A. The Local Church
Currently, I’m attending Presbyterian College and I’m actively involved with both the Presbyterian leadership group on campus, Celtic Cross, and the Presbyterian Student Association (PSA). During the school year, I attend both First Presbyterian Church Clinton and Covenant Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg where I serve as a youth advisor. During the summer, I attend Faith Presbyterian Church in Rincon, where I am still a member. At Faith, I often provided childcare both on Sundays, Wednesday nights, and other church get-togethers. During high school, I was the youth representative on Faith’s session.

B. The Presbytery
For the past 6 summers, I worked with the Savannah Presbytery summer camp as a junior counselor, a counselor, and a camp director. Last summer, I served as the summer intern at First Church Saint Marys and attended many presbytery functions ranging from committee meetings to youth trips. I’ve gone to Montreat with the presbytery twice: once as a youth and last summer as a chaperone. Last summer, I helped Rev. Douylliez run last year’s Savannah Presbytery youth mission trip.

C. The Synod
I’ve never worked with the Synod, but mainly because I’ve never heard of anything going on. I’d love to in the future!

D. The General Assembly
I have not worked directly with the General Assembly, but I did serve on the design team for 2010’s Presbyterian Youth Triennium and this summer I will have served as event staff. I was nominated in 2010 to apply for a special committee on “The Nature of the Church.”

What are the five most important issues faced by the church today? (Please use additional paper if necessary)

1. Division. I feel strongly that the church’s inability to compromise and therefore split is the number one issue of both the Presbyterian Church and the Church universal. The Presbyterian Church in the United States (not the PC(USA), but the church itself) alone has had countless splits over the decades. I have seen firsthand the damage a split will do to a congregation. I’m
not saying that both opinions are unimportant, but I think that both sides must remember the focus of Christianity: loving God and showing Christ’s love and compassion to the rest of the world, which, for me, includes each other.

2. Identity loss. I think that in the modern times, churches all around are struggling to stay afloat. The styles of worship are evolving and many churches are trying to figure out where they fit into today’s culture and are therefore perhaps losing sight of who they are.

3. Decline in membership of the mainstream churches. In the 1950’s, everyone went to the mainstream churches. After all, that’s where the name came from. But now, the mainstream churches are losing their numbers. In this way, this issue and identity loss are connected. If the mainstream churches can find their identity in this century then that would help the decline in membership, I believe.

4. Respect within the Christian faith. We have many different flavors of Christianity, from the snake handlers to the frozen chosen. But you don’t see a lot of interaction or even respect within the different churches. Where I live, the Baptists keep to themselves, the Methodists as well, the Lutherans to themselves, and etc. When I worked in St. Marys last summer, however, I was really impressed by the way the different churches teamed up and helped each other. They have both an ecumenical Holy Week and Christmas season. I think that more of this would not only help strengthen the various churches, but also present Christianity itself in a better light to those who aren’t Christian.

5. Social issues. Several of the other issues that I’ve mentioned are a result of the social issues faced by the church. The Bible was written in stages thousands of years ago, which leaves us today with hundreds of interpretations. There are often contrasting opinions within the Bible (after all, people with differing opinions wrote it) and leaves us to do what we think is best. However, the different interpretations are what is breaking up the church and making all the news headlines.

**Motion made to close nominations and elect Rachel Miles as Young Adult Advisory Delegate**

**Approved**
Other Committee Reports

Report on Presbyterian Women
RE Molly McCarthy, Moderator

“This is the day that the Lord hath made”—He out did Himself!!!

For the Fall Gathering, held Saturday, September 25, 2013 at Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia, we had a day of sunshine and a gentle breeze to say fall was in the air. Our morning started with refreshments and fellowship as everyone gathered at registration.

This was a day of celebration as Presbyterian Women celebrated our silver anniversary (25 years). Our name was changed in 1988 from Women of the Church (WOC) to the present name of Presbyterian Women today. As we gathered for worship the service reflected some of our history with a special moment honoring our past-moderators before the Business Meeting. Those present to be honored were: Elsie Sederholm, Lois Stroman, Grace Walter and Janet Ward. With the help of Russell Gladding, General Presbyter and Molly McCarthy, Moderator, Savannah Presbytery Presbyterian Women, they presented a special certificate and a rose.

An attendance award is given to the church with the most ladies in attendance, not counting the host church. There were 15 churches represented, with 80 women in attendance. We had a tie between two churches and one cross to present! The Cross was given to Butler Memorial PC and the promise of the second Cross to be given to Christ PC. Both churches had nine ladies! (I didn’t want to “split” a Cross in church—didn’t want to know what would happen if I did!). The next day a Cross was presented in worship at Christ Church to the ladies that had attended.

The Rev. Mary Beene gave our message for the day from a “Mary & Martha” view. An invitation to the table for communion from the Rev. Andy Meeker and Rev. Mary Beene to bring us closer together with our sisters in Christ and to feel His presence among us. Special music was provided during our Love Offering. The Love Offering went to Backpack Buddies Ministry provided by the Wilmington Island PW. The Backpack Buddies Program provides food for school age children in the Title I food program, these same children have nothing to eat on weekends. The program was put in place to provide local school age children their weekend meals. The amount of the Love Offering was $536.50!!!

After our worship and business meeting, we then broke into 2 workshops: Horizons Bible study “Abiding Hope” by Barbara Kaneiwa and special DVD presentation detailing the history of PW by Lois Stroman, followed by lunch.

Our next gathering will be the Annual Gathering held at Faith Presbyterian Church, Rincon, Georgia on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

REMINDER: Presbyterian Women Triennial Gathering will be held the week of October 25-27, 2013 at Epworth by the Sea. This is sponsored by the Synod Presbyterian Women.
Special Reports

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Ken McKenzie
Disaster Response Coordinator for the South Atlantic Synod announced planning for future disaster training classes to be held at presbyteries for training in coordination and disaster preparedness and communication between churches in the aftermath of a disaster. The Saturday classes would be 3-4 hours long.

Evangelization & Transformation
Don Dilley
Rev. Dilley has been working with Rev. Ricky Porter, SPAAC president, to raise funds for a seminarian to serve as a youth minister for the African American churches at the cost of $1,500 – 2000.

Board of Pensions
Clark Simmons
Mr. Simmons reported the PC USA pension plan is solvent and in good fiscal shape. A new prescription plan (Catamaran) will replace Express Scripts for 2014. Churches may qualify for small employer tax credit for 2013. Information about these changes is available on Board of Pensions website.

Thornwell Home for Children
Sherri Bozardt
Ms. Bozardt thanked Savannah Presbytery for being faithful supporters. She reported that Georgia state statistics show 220,000 minor children are being raised by their grandparents. Thornwell Home for Children will serve 200 children in 2013. A new program, Families in Need, is providing on campus emergency assessment for families.

Presbyterian Homes of Georgia
Rev. Larry Owens, Director of Giving
Rev. Owens thanked Savannah Presbytery for their continued support. Over 1,000 residents are being served by four resident facilities in Georgia. The Caring Hands fund supports 400 individuals in need who are unable to fund their own care or have outlived their resources, with the Mother’s Day Offering raising $350,000 last year. He urged our faithful support for the neediest among us.

Hispanic Ministry
Rev. Ozeas Silva
Rev. Silva thanked Savannah Presbytery for their continued support of the Hispanic Ministry at Swainsboro. He reported that the congregation continues to grow and change as members come or leave for new opportunities. They have installed vinyl in the children’s room in place of the carpet. They are working with various groups to raise funds for continuing landscaping and playground projects. They are also planning to offer bilingual services. They held a successful soccer tournament.
Two Minute Promotions

Carl Schlich urged members to find out what’s there for them at Ghost Ranch by checking out their website at ghostranch.org.

Bob Brearley thanked the Preparation for Ministry committee for funding Kate Buckly’s evaluation for the ministry. He also thanked Rev. Ricky Porter for his leadership at the Synod level.

Mark George urged members to support the Association of Smaller Congregations by checking out their website at presbyasc.org.

Moderator Kathy Parchem offered prayers for the commissioners to the GA 221.

Russell Gladding thanked Rev. Stephen Williams for hosting Rev. Gradye Parsons at First Presbyterian Church, Savannah and for the delicious low country boil. Thanks also went to Rev. Ricky Porter, Lois Strohman, and the volunteers at Washington Street Presbyterian church for their gracious hospitality in hosting the Stated Meeting. Russell also thanked the Presbytery staff for their hard work in preparing for the meeting.

Committee on Resolution and Thanks
Kevin Hicks

Whereas:
We were welcomed graciously by the people of Washington Street Presbyterian Church on this 22nd day of October in the year 2013 for the 609th session of the Savannah Presbytery.

Our moderator made a dramatic worship entrance, bringing with her, her own stool.

We were given a wonderful explanation of the history of Washington Street Presbyterian Church.

We were reminded in Stated Clerk, Rev. Gradye Parson’s sermon that we must see people before we can actually invite them to church and into the grace of Christ.

We were given statistics, encouragement, and an opportunity to discuss the future of the church with Gradye Parsons.

Lunch was simply delicious.

We celebrate those Elders who have entered the church triumphant.

We celebrated the graduation of the Jubilee Class of 2012 of the School of the Laity.

We gave thanks for the ministry of the Rev. Bert Cramer and decided as a presbytery to allow Bert to honorably retire.

We welcomed two new minister members: the Rev. Roland Banks to be installed at First Presbyterian Church, Hinesville; and the Rev. Pete Ullman to be installed at Jesup Presbyterian Church.

We officially commissioned Ruling Elder Bob Mathews to pastoral service at English Eddy Presbyterian Church, and celebrated the work he has already done there.

We accomplished the business of the day with efficiency and grace.

It was reported that although Andy Meeker and Russell Gladding could handle 80 Presbyterian women, there’s no way they could handle 400 at the Synod meeting.

We give thanks,

For the gracious hospitality of the Washington Street Presbyterian Church.

And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that permeated this entire gathering.
Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The next Presbytery Meeting will be:

Friday, February 14, 2014
Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, GA
The “Be an Angel” program for Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments needs your support again in 2013!

Over the past years, the Apartments have been fortunate to receive very generous donations from the churches of the Savannah Presbytery. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and I hope we can count on you again in 2013! For some of our residents, these gifts are the only Christmas presents they receive.

Christmas gift bags include but are not limited to personal items such as toiletries, boxes of stationery, assorted greeting cards, scarves, socks, bedroom slippers, candies, diabetic candies/cookies, hand towels, kitchen towels, pot holders, books and puzzles.

Your generous donations will insure that each of our 52 residents, (10 men, 42 women - including two married couples) will have a Christmas gift bag.

Please drop off all gifts no later than Wednesday, December 4th at the Presbytery office, White Bluff PC or Lyons PC. Thanks for your support of this important ministry!
Save the Date for the

Savannah Presbytery’s 35th Annual Leadership Development Conference
February 14-15, 2014
Epworth-by-the-Sea | St. Simons Island

Keynote Speaker
The Reverend Neal D. Presa,
Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012)
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Keynote Title & Text
“Theological Friendships and Our Life Together”
Proverbs 18:24; John 15:17

Christian community is about friendships. Our busy lives require sustained, enduring relationships, where our lives are nurtured towards depth -- to love God and to love neighbor. This keynote discusses the theological basis of being and becoming communities of friendships, whose center and circumference is the triune God Himself.

******We need workshop leaders!********
Rev. Will Shelburne is currently working on a great lineup of workshops topics*. If you have an idea for a workshop, find Will today, or email him at will@savannahfpc.org

See the addendum for a partial list of workshops.
A Drive Through *Glory to God*

**Keywords:** New Presbyterian Hymnal, Music, Worship, Music Ministers, Laypersons, Pastors

This workshop will focus on "Glory to God: The New Presbyterian Hymnal." We will review the process used to put the hymnal together as well as examine its contents. Musicians, pastors, and lay people will find this workshop useful. Led by Charlie Frost, organist Sea Island Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, SC and member of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song (PCOCS), which developed *Glory to God*, the new Presbyterian Hymnal which has recently been released.

Stand and Deliver

**Keywords:** Liturgist, Practical, Worship, Laypersons

Moses’ most famous excuse is one that many of us have uttered before: “God, I'd like to, but...I'm just not good at public speaking.” And yet God calls many of us to lead God's people in liturgy, confession, assurance, praise, and the reading of God's Word. This workshop is for lay leaders/liturgists with no experience and those with years of experience. This will be a hands-on practical workshop in a low-pressure environment - fear not! **The class will be capped at eight participants.** Led by Rev. Craig Pope, pastor of Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Savannah.

The Narrative Lectionary: A New Way to Teach, Preach, and Live the Scriptures

**Keywords:** Scripture as Story, Pastors, Laypersons

In this workshop, we’ll introduce The Narrative Lectionary, a new four year cycle of scripture readings designed by a couple of seminary professors to help their students (and the churches those students serve) to re-engage with the basic stories of scripture and connect them to the overarching story of God's love for the world in Christ. We’ll talk about narrative, or story, as the basic form in which the Christian faith has always been passed on, and we'll explore how an experiment with the Narrative Lectionary might work in your congregation. This is not only for pastors, but all church leaders! Led by the Rev. Dan Lewis, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Statesboro.

Intentional Prayer

**Keywords:** Prayer, Holy Spirit, Lord’s Prayer, Mindfulness, Pastors, Laypersons

Intentional prayer is prayer that begins with a conscious focused effort to pray with both your mind and your heart. Intentional prayer builds on the research and interest in mindfulness as developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn and others. Mindfulness stresses that the only opportunity we have to experience life is in the present. When we dwell on the past or have anxiety for the future, we are missing the gifts of the
present moment. Mindfulness meditation helps us open up both our intellectual and spiritual channels to the Holy Spirit. The workshop will use the Lord's Prayer as a model to use Intentional Prayer in our daily spiritual practice. **We will also have a practical experience of Intentional Prayer on Saturday morning.** You don't need to attend the workshop to be part of the prayer Saturday morning. Led by Rev. Don Dilley, Stated Supply Pastor at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church

**Worship Matters**
**Keywords:** Worship, Engaging Members, Music Ministers, Laypersons, Ministers
This workshop will survey current issues in worship with practical suggestions for engaging the church through liturgy, congregational song and the arts. A list of helpful resources will be provided and discussion encouraged. Led by Dr. William Jeffrey Jones, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Savannah.

**The Good Funeral**
**Keywords:** Book Study, Ritual, Funerals, Pastors, Laypersons
What are the funeral rituals of the Presbyterian Church? How does the community of faith care for the dead and the grieving? The class will be based on the book, *The Good Funeral: Death, Grief and the Community of Care* written by Thomas Long, a seminary professor, and Thomas Lynch, a funeral director. Both pastors and lay leaders will find the discussion useful as we consider practical ways to witness to the news that “death shall have no dominion.” Led by Rev. Stephen Williams, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Savannah.