



CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY

Cultivate. Support. Facilitate.

Cherokee Presbytery seeks a Full-Time Acting General Presbyter

Cherokee Presbytery seeks to be “one church, many locations, serving Christ together” as it supports God’s mission in the world, empowering the ministries of congregations and the life of the beloved community.

ABOUT US

Cherokee Presbytery connects almost 4,000 members among 29 congregations in Northwest Georgia with communities that are suburban, rural, and everything in between. The work of the presbytery is carried out both through its congregations and specific Ministry Units of the Presbytery, including:

Commission on Ministry (supports ministers and commissioned ruling elders (CREs), and the congregations in various stages of ministry through the sub-committees of Pastoral Relations, Healthy Congregations and New Church Development.)

Building Leaders Team (includes responsibilities of Committee on Preparation for Ministry as outlined in the *Book of Order*),

Ministry Support Team (supports the development of the graces of generosity and stewardship both in our shared ministry and in individual congregations),

Committee on Representation (advises Presbytery regarding implementation of principles of unity and diversity, directs process for nominating Presbytery elected positions),

Administrative Commission on Property (supports congregations as they consider how to effectively use the physical plants and other real property entrusted to their care)

Permanent Judicial Commission (considers and decides judicial matters in accordance with Church Discipline with the aid of the Stated Clerk), and

Coordinating Team (coordinates and communicates the plans and needs of the Ministry Teams, provides for administrative functions such as Personnel and the Manual of Administrative Operations, and prayerfully discerns the future of the presbytery.)

ABOUT THE AGP*

Supporting Emerging Needs

Cherokee Presbytery is rebuilding and visioning its next chapter. The growing consensus among leaders is continued support of our 29 congregations; 2/3 of which are under 100 members, with nine churches of fewer than 50 members. Many churches are reenergizing and looking to grow in faithfulness. Some have experienced decline and need guidance to consider new definitions of congregational health, which may include exploring new models for sustainability. Several are multicultural congregations that celebrate diversity and require cultural sensitivity and appreciation, and there are new church developments in various stages of readiness to become chartered congregations of the Presbytery. Others are small, yet faithful, and need to be empowered where they are and know the presbytery cares for them. Churches continue to encounter the task of discovering what it means to be the church, sometimes in very new ways. The Presbytery is called to walk alongside congregations in discerning best practices and models for ministry, promoting congregational vitality, and providing connections with their communities, Cherokee Presbytery, and the greater Church.

Facilitating Vision & Mission Goals

Over the past year and a half, Cherokee Presbytery accomplished the following in support of our vision: moving to a virtual presbytery office, strengthening of pastoral relationships, using congregational space for meetings or conversations, redeveloping budget, staff, and ministry units. The Acting General Presbyter (AGP) will be a key leader during this transitional time, encouraging and equipping congregations and leaders throughout the Presbytery in discerning and living out their mission in God's name. The AGP will support the reenergizing of congregations as they engage in new ways of ministry, fostering healthy relationships between congregations and the presbytery.

Cultivating Leadership

The presbytery seeks a technologically savvy, energetic leader, who can engage the presbytery to continue to build a compelling vision for the future of the presbytery and its congregations. Knowledge about wider church trends and overall religious landscapes is essential. Ideally, the AGP will have experience leading in times of change, possess a high level of initiative, and demonstrate excellent communication skills. The AGP will provide care with sensitivity, confidentiality, and compassion. They will be the "pastor to the pastors," providing support for ministers and commissioned ruling elders. The AGP will also provide care for elders and others involved in the work of the presbytery.

**See the Position Description for a list of responsibilities and more information on our search.*

To apply: Please send your PDP(PIF) or resume and references to catherine@kirkwoodpc.org

Check us out at cherokeepresbytery.org.