

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
Saturday, June 12, 2021, 9:30 a.m. virtual ZOOM Meeting

Roll of Presbytery

ACTIVE MINISTERS

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Alvis, Joel | P |
| Aye-Addo, Kwasi | P |
| Bogar, Fritz | P |
| <i>Braga, Reginaldo</i> | Unex |
| Collins, Nikki | P |
| <i>Dunn, Tim</i> | Ex |
| Evans, Joe | Unex |
| Fuller, Julie | Unex |
| Gray, Joan | P |
| Grove, David | Ex |
| Haynes, Susan | Ex |
| Henderson, Sam | P |
| Jones, David | P |
| Jones, Leigh | P |
| <i>Jones, Ray</i> | Unex |
| Jordan, David | P |
| Josey, Camille | P |
| Lamberson, Zeta | Ex |
| Lee, Jennifer | P |
| Mendes, Paulo | Unex |
| Milford, Elizabeth | P |
| Moore-Keish, Chris | P |
| <i>Pezini, Jose</i> | Ex |
| Renken, Catherine | Unex |
| Scott, Katie | Ex |
| Scott, Will | P |
| Simpson, Jim | P |
| Waddell, Bridget | P |
| Waddell, Kenneth | P |
| Waits, Cassie | P |
| Yoo, William | Ex |
| Zaki, Raafat | P |
| (34) | |

CORRESPONDING MINISTERS

[Excuses not required from Retired]

Italics = Laboring in mission field or out of bounds of presbytery

RETIRED MINISTERS

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Brice, Joe | P |
| Carmichael, Bert | |
| Cooley, Pem | |
| Craft, Ed | |
| Edwards, Maxine | |
| Esa, Donald | P |
| Estes, Coile | |
| Gantz, Robin | |
| Garrett, Eleana | |
| Glauner, David | |
| Gonzalez, Catherine | |
| Grohman, Donald | |
| Guder, Darrell | |
| Gunter, Sid | |
| Hittel, Maryellen | |
| Hunter, Rodney | |
| Jones, Walter | |
| Kim, Jin Hoon | |
| Leyden, Stuart | |
| Looby, Janet | |
| Martin, John | |
| Martin, Roger | |
| McDonald, David | |
| McKenzie, Ken | P |
| Moore, Greg | |
| Neelly, Dick | |
| Nesbit, Van | |
| Ottaviano, Dan | |
| Parr, Cyndi | |
| Rhodes, Jan | |
| Rogers, Tom | |
| Sapp, Frank | |
| Sapp, Mary Kay | |
| Scott, Carol | |
| Sherwood, Paul | P |
| Smith, Cuyler | |
| Smith, Ted | |
| Spangler, John | P |
| Speed, James | |
| Stroup, George | |
| Tarrant, John | |
| Terrell, Ken | |
| Wade, Carol | |
| Waskey, Jack | |
| Weathersby, Frank | |
| Weaver, Charles | |
| Wood, Tom | |
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Pete Paulsen(RCA) P
 Cathi Parchem (Savannah)

Beltzner, Denise
 Blackwell, Rebecca P

19+6 = 25
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CHURCH – RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Acworth (1)
Beersheba (1)
Brazilian Christian
Calhoun
Cartersville (3)

Cedartown
Chickamauga
Christ Fellowship
Cohutta
Covenant (1)
Dalton (1)
Deer Creek (1)
Ebenezer Ghan. (1)
Faith Canton (1)
Faith Blue Ridge (1)
Grace (1)
Heritage (2)

John Knox (1)
Kirkwood
LaFayette (1)
Light of Hope (1)
Macland

Marietta (4)

Morton Memorial
Ray-Thomas
Rockmart
Silver Creek (1)
Trinity (1)
Westminster (1)
Woodstock

Total Allocated Ruling Elder Commissioners: 37

OTHER RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Teri Abercrombie P
Clay Gunter P
Possible Ruling Elder total – 39

In attendance:

Teaching Elders 19
HR Teaching Elders 6
Ruling Elders 26
Corresponding Members 2
Visitors 7
Presbytery Lay Staff 1

Total attendance 61

Absent:

Excused Teaching Elders 8
Unexcused Teaching Elders 6
Excused Ruling Elders 0
Unexcused Ruling Elders 0

Cherokee Presbytery Minutes of June 12, 2021
Stated Meeting
via zoom

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jim Simpson at 9:30 a.m., a quorum was declared, and the meeting was opened with a prayer.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET

The docket was presented and approved as noted.

Moderator Simpson led our opening ceremony with:

Where we are: Acknowledgement of Lands and People Opening remarks by Rev. Simpson (slide of text), and

Who we are: Presentation of elements.

Appointment of Presbytery Minutes readers

Moderator Simpson announced that Rev. David Jordan and Ruling Elder Carol Callaway will read the minutes.

Recognition of first-time elders

Recognition of special guests

Moderator Simpson introduced Ruling Elder Rev. Elona Street-Stewart, co-moderator of the 224th General Assembly (2020) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the first native American to hold this position.

Moderator Simpson also introduced CRE Jane Herren Hubbard in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Currently serving as Pastor-to-Pastor Team Coordinator.

Stated Clerk's Report – Dr. Joel Alvis

Dr. Alvis reported

1. Clerks of session are requested to complete the 2020-minute review checklist and return them to him.
2. The attendance at the March 6, 2021, meeting was 92.
3. During worship we will celebrate communion.
4. The offering is going to the *Caring Hands Fund of the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia*. Check can be sent to the presbytery office.
5. Thank you to the Tech Team for this meeting: Will Myers, Sarita Morris, Andrea Roche, and Kwasi Aye-Addo as well as Teri and Jim for their work on this meeting. A survey will be emailed, and he asked that it be responded to and sent back.

Dr. Alvis thanked everyone for attending.

6. These are items require action.
 - a. It was moved and seconded to name RE Teri Abercrombie as recording clerk for the remainder of 2021. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - b. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 6, 2021, meeting of Cherokee Presbytery held via a Zoom meeting and as posted on the website and reviewed by minister of Word and Sacrament Bridget Waddell and Ruling Elder Frank Cleveland. **MOTION APPROVED.**
7. “Good News from the Pews” will be shared via the chat function on Zoom.

Communications/Correspondence

Clerk has no communications or correspondence to report.

Worship

Call to Worship – Rev. Jim Simpson and CRE Jane Herren Hubbard led the Call to Worship.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

An anthem “*I Believe*” from the First Presbyterian Church of Marietta virtual choir was sung with a slideshow presentation.

Rev. Street-Stewart offered a prayer of illumination.

The Scripture readings; Acts 9:36-43, Matthew 25:31-46.

Meditation:

“Live into Hope”

RE Elona Street-Stuart

Affirmation of Faith

Offering is for the *Caring Hands Fund for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia* a video by President and CEO, Alex Patterson and Gwen Hardy from Presbyterian Homes of Georgia was shown, and remarks were made by Rev. Chris Moore-Keish, Chaplain at Presbyterian Village, Austell, Georgia.

Special Order: *Communing Through Listening*, facilitated by Jane Herren Hubbard, CRE Pastor-to-Pastor Team Coordinator, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

Reports

Coordinating Team - Reported by Teri Abercrombie

Team members: Teri Abercrombie RE (Mod.), John Spangler TE, LaVert Jones RE, Nancy Bertrand RE, Elizabeth Milford TE, Chris Moore-Keish TE, Joan Gray TE, Kwasi Aye-Addo TE, Carol Calloway RE, Pete Paulsen TE, Billie Sutter RE, Jim Simpson TE, Paul Sherwood TE

Meeting dates: via Zoom April 13, 2021, May 11, 2021.

Recommendation Teri Abercrombie as recording clerk for 2021.

Information item: Signed Wolf Laurel property sale documents.

There are no items for action.

Date of next Meeting: July 8, 2021, via Zoom

Ministry Transition Team - Reported by Billie Sutter,

Team Members: Nancy Bertrand RE Moderator 2021— Billie Sutter RE 2021, Jim Simpson TE 2021, Ray Cochran RE 2021, Catherine Renken TE 2022, Frank Cleveland RE 2022, Nancy Tatnall RE 2022

Items for information:

1. Approved request from Mike Anderson to transfer to Twin Cities Presbytery (4-15-21)
2. Approved request from Robin Gantz to transfer to Palo Duro Presbytery (4-15-21)
3. Approved contract for Rev. Dr. Paul Sherwood, Parish Associate for Congregational Life at FPC Marietta, approved and on file (5-13-21)
4. Approved with love and regret, the request from Rev. Zeta Lamberson, Covenant Presbyterian, Marietta to be Honorably Retired effective 7-31-21 (5-13-21)
5. Billie Sutter is liaison with the congregations of Woodstock and Trinity (4-15-21)
6. Nancy Tatnall is liaison with Light of Hope (4-15-21)
7. Paul Phillips is liaison with the Covenant congregation (5-13-21)
8. Continuing to work on the MTT Handbook

There are no action items.

Meeting dates March 25, 2021, April 15, 2021, May 13, 2021

Date of next meeting: July 29, 2021, 12 pm via Zoom

Committee on Representation - Reported by Rev. John Spangler Team Members:

John J. Spangler TE Mod, Jennifer Lee TE, Erma Jones RE, Todd Johnson RE, Paulo Mendes TE

1. Thanks to those who after the last presbytery meeting have volunteered to help serve in ministry positions.
2. COR has the ongoing assigned responsibility to secure and present slates of nominees for election by the presbytery enough people to serve in all ministry leadership capacities.

Action Items - from committee need no second

1. Ministry Support Team - Paul Sherwood MWS/FPC-Marietta to serve as chair of MST for a 1-year term (having been elected by the presbytery on 03-06-2121).
2. Ministry Support Team - Cassie Waits (2023), Marietta First Presbyterian
3. Ministry Transitions Team - Renee Meyer (2023), Westminster
4. Ministry Support Team (2023) and Permanent Judicial Commission (2026)- Susan Haynes, Faith Blue Ridge

No nominations were made from the floor.

MOTIONS APPROVED as presented.

CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY ELECTED LEADERSHIP ROSTER as of May 19, 2021

| Ministry Transition Team – Manual definition – 9 members | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Class | Name | RE/MWS | Church |
| 2021 | Nancy Bertrand (Co-Moderator) | Commis.RE | Beersheba |
| 2021 | Jim Simpson | MWS | Faith – Blue Ridge |
| 2021 | Billie Sutter (Co-Moderator) | RE/CCE | Heritage, Acworth |
| 2021 | Ray Cochran | RE | Lafayette |

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|------|------------------|-----|----------------|
| 2022 | Catherine Renken | MWS | Kirkwood |
| 2022 | Frank Cleveland | RE | Faith – Canton |
| 2022 | Nancy Tatnall | RE | FPC - Marietta |
| 2023 | Renee Meyer** | MWS | Westminster |

Committee on Representation and Nominations – Manual Definition - 6 members

| Class | Name | RE/MWS | Church |
|-------|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| 2021 | Jennifer Lee | MWS | At-large |
| 2021 | John Spangler (Moderator) | MWS | HR |
| 2022 | Todd Johnson | RE | Cohutta |
| 2022 | Erma Jones | RE | John Knox |
| 2022 | Paulo Mendes | MWS | Brazilian C.C. |

Building Leaders Team – Manual Definition – 6 members

| Class | Name | RE/MWS | Church |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 2022 | Elizabeth Milford (Co-Moderator) | MWS | Heritage |
| 2022 | Chris Moore-Keish (Co-moderator) | MWS | Pres. Village, Austell |
| 2022 | Rex(ford) Gyekye | RE | Ebenezer Ghanaian |
| 2023 | | | |
| 2023 | | | |
| 2024 | | | |

Congregational Health Team - Manual Definition - 6 members

| Class | Name | MWS/RE | Church |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 2022 | Bill Byars | RE | Westminster |
| 2022 | Pete Paulsen (Co-moderator) | MWS | HR/RCA |
| 2021 | LaVert Jones (Co-moderator) | RE | John Knox |
| 2021 | Beth Gaines | RE | FPC/Cartersville |
| 2023 | David Jordan | MWS | Grace |
| 2023 | | | |

Ministry Support Team – Manual Definition – 6 members

| Class | Name | MWS/RE | Church |
|-------|---------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 2022 | | | |
| 2022 | | | |
| 2022 | Honey Hite Burfield | RE | Trinity |
| 2023 | Paul Sherwood (Moderator) | MWS | FPC-Marietta |
| 2023 | Cassie Waites** | MWS | FPC-Marietta |
| 2023 | Susan Haynes** | MWS | Faith-Blue Ridge |

Coordinating Team – Manual Definition – 10 members -- composed of the moderators of each of the 5 Ministry Units, past presbytery moderator, present moderator, and 3 at-large members

| Class | Role | Name | RE/MWS | Church |
|-------|------|------|--------|--------|
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| 2021 | Past C.P. Moderator | Teri Abercrombie (Moderator) | RE | Trinity |
| 2022 | Current C.P. Moderator | Jim Simpson | MWS | Faith-Blue Ridge |
| 2023 | MST | Paul Sherwood <i>or alternate</i> | MWS | Parish Assoc. FPC-Marietta |
| 2021 | CHT | LaVert Jones <i>or alternate</i> Pete Paulsen | RE | John Knox |
| | | | MWS | HR |
| 2022 | BLT | Elizabeth Milford <i>or alternate</i> Chris Moore-Keish | MWS MWS | Chaplain Heritage |
| 2021 | COR | John Spangler | MWS | HR |
| 2021 | MTT | Nancy Bertrand <i>or alternate</i> Billie Sutter | RE RE/CCE | Beersheba Heritage/Acworth |
| 2022 | At-Large | Joan Gray | MWS | Member-at-large |
| 2022 | At-Large | Kwasi Aye-Addo | MWS | Ebenezer Ghanaian |
| 2022 | At-Large | Carol Callaway | RE | FPC/Marietta |

| Permanent Judicial Commission – Bk of Order & MAO call for 7 members & 6yr terms | | | |
|---|---------------|--------|--------------------|
| Class | Name | RE/MWS | Church |
| 2022 | William White | RE | Macland |
| 2022 | Beth Gaines | RE | FPC – Cartersville |
| 2024 | | | |
| 2024 | | | |
| 2026 | Joan Gray | MWS | Member-at-large |
| 2026 | Susan Haynes | MWS | Faith-Blue Ridge |

Moderator 2021 Jim Simpson/MWS/Faith-Blue Ridge

Cherokee Presbytery Treasurer 2021/Minette Rutenberg Deacon FPC/Marietta

Synod Commissioners 2019-2021 Elizabeth L. Milford/MWS/Heritage & Bill Byars/RE/Westminster

Synod PJC 2019-2024 Robert Smalley RE FPC - Dalton

Commissioners to the 224th/2020 PC(USA) General Assembly: Elizabeth L. Milford/MWS/Heritage, Nancy Bertrand /Commissioned RE/Beersheba & Youth Advisory Delegate: Jake Hill/FPC – Marietta

Ministry Unit vacancies **Pending election at Cherokee Presbytery meeting of June 12, 2021!

Congregational Health Team - Reported by LaVert Jones

Team Members: LaVert Jones (Co-Mod) RE 2021, Pete Paulsen (Co-Mod) TE 2022, Bill Byars RE2022, Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz TE 2022, Beth Gaines RE 2021

Items for information:

1. As we rise from the impact of the Epidemic Experience let us capitalize on the opportunity to capture lessons learned. Let us pray that we be guided by God's infinite wisdom to chart our future.
2. Our third round of ZOOM Elder Leadership Training will be announced soon. The emphasis is on empowerment. Any interested persons may register. Further details to follow.

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3. Once again many of our congregations are already informally engaged in Matthew 25 Initiatives (Matthew 25: 35-46), a denomination-wide emphasis on opportunities for a local community mission field. You are encouraged to consider enrolling in the initiative, the focus of which is building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. It can be an opportunity for spiritual growth.
4. The Congregational Health Team encourages invitations to hear and be included in session and Congregational conversations.

No action items.

Date and time of next meeting: TBD

Building Leaders Team - Reported by Rev. Elizabeth Milford

Team Members: Chris Moore-Keish TE (Co-Mod) 2022, Elizabeth Milford TE (Co-Mod) 2022, Rexford Gyeke RE 2022

No action items.

Items for information:

1. BLT is in-process of conducting annual consultations with those already under care, including making arrangements for inquirers and candidates to complete psychological and career assessments through Ministry Assessments.
2. BLT anticipates receiving two individuals as inquirers in the month of June, to be reported and introduced to the presbytery following endorsement.
3. Requested prayers for June 24, 2021, meeting with two individuals discerning call to ministry seeking endorsement as inquirers.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 5:30 pm

Ministry Support Team - Reported by Paul Sherwood

Team Members: Moderator Paul Sherwood TE 2023, Honey Hite Burfield RE 2022, Susan Haynes TE 2023, Minette Rutenberg RE

The team had their first meeting on May 16, 2021.

Action Items (one poll for all recommendations)

1. Recommend funds left to presbytery from Eastminster and New Lebanon several years ago, be listed as operational reserve funds.
2. A third authorized signer representative is needed to sign on accounts held by Presbyterian foundation. Proposed chair of ministry support team as the third person, as well as Joel and Minette as authorized signers.
3. Recommend Wolf Laurel NC property be sold; and Joel Alvis authorized to complete the sale.
4. Recommend consolidating a loan through PILP for John Knox in the amount of \$95,000. All items taken in one poll: **ALL MOTIONS APPROVED.**

Item for information:

1. Since Parkway Presbyterian Church was dismissed in 2011 a Quitclaim deed was never filed. Joel consulted with Robert Smalley and member at First Presbyterian Church in Dalton and attorney who has been gracious with sharing information on legal matters. Proposed deed is appropriate. Joel Alvis and Jim Simpson have signed the deed and mailed to the attorney.

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Offering

Offering today is for the *Caring Hands Fund for Presbyterian homes of Georgia*. Checks made out to Cherokee Presbytery with Presbyterian Homes of Georgia on the memo line may be mailed to the office or sent via church donations to be mailed to the Presbytery office.

Mission Coordinator Report -

My grandfather used Psalm 103 (King James version) as part of his daily prayers. It resonates with the conviction of God's rule and care:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

We are emerging from a period of dislocation, trauma and challenge. What was “normal” before all of this will not suffice as the “new normal.” I’m not telling you anything you do not already know. Thom Rainer in *The Post Quarantine Church* suggests that it will take some time before we have emerged to this new place. Remembering the conviction of the Psalmist provides grounding for our own time.

There are many things that call out for our attention. I’ll note three here:

- Changes that have been made,
- Thinking that is happening about the changes made and ones to come, and
- Working on the connection of faith and life.

Changes that have been made:

One thing that has changed is the use of Zoom and other platforms for all sorts of gatherings: worship, meetings, and weddings. No doubt you can name more. The Coordinating Team and the other ministry Teams of Cherokee Presbytery will continue to use this technology into the future. It may not be forever, but it will be for a while. As one member of the Coordinating Team noted – *it is just more efficient.*

Prior to March 2020 the Coordinating Team was meeting about 3 times a year. Since then, they have met every 4 to 6 weeks – and there are business matters that have needed to be done. So, yes, using Zoom has been more efficient. And more beneficial for all of Cherokee Presbytery.

Planning for the October 2021 Presbytery meeting is in its early days. Consideration is being given to using a hybrid meeting model. That is, the meeting will be convened in a particular place but individuals will be able to attend via Zoom. There are numerous issues to work through but planning will explore these issues and present options to the Coordinating Team in July for a decision.

Thinking about the changes made and ones to come:

The literature about how to meet the challenges of the moment proliferates every day. One resource is by Tod Bolsinger's *Tempered Resilience*. Bolsinger also wrote *Canoeing the Mountains* which seven congregations used as in the Pneumatrix study. Several other churches also used it as a resource.

Tempered Resilience uses the metaphor of leadership being like metal that is forged and made into what is needed. It could be a useful resource for church leaders. The Synod of the South Atlantic had a webinar with Bolsinger in May and has organized study groups. I am facilitating one of those groups for church leaders from Florida, South Carolina and Georgia. If interested, please let me know.

The Congregational Health Team reported that a third learning opportunity for elders and church leaders is being planned for this year. The time table is late August. The Rev. Catherine Renken and I will be facilitating this offering.

Working on the connection of faith and life:

In the hallway of the Presbytery office in Cartersville is a lithograph by Marian Goodwin titled "Trail of Tears." Goodwin is an Oklahoma born Cherokee artist. After the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and the United Presbyterian Church in 1983 all the presbyteries in Georgia were restructured as there were five PCUS and one UPC presbyteries. During that time serious deliberation was given to what the name meant in historical context as well as in our own time.

For the past several years, the agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have been asked to make statements of acknowledgement that where we live today was once territory where other people lived. In one way, this seems so simple and straightforward. Yet in another way, it is so difficult and challenging. I researched how other presbyteries and church agencies were doing this.

While attending the Spring Gathering of Cherokee Presbytery's Presbyterian Women, Erma Jones read a simple, straightforward and true statement of acknowledgement. I shared this with the Coordinating Team and planners for today's meeting. We decided it was appropriate for use today as well.

In March a violent attack and murders occurred in Acworth about half a mile away from the Heritage Presbyterian Church. A similar attack happened a few hours later in Atlanta. The next

day, the Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson and I consulted as to how to respond. We wrote a statement in that moment and shared with our presbyteries.

One of the foundational concepts of our Presbyterian tradition is:

The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God.

My joint statement with Rev. Brooks-Johnson was one part of a response. But this reality is not something that can be rectified by one statement. Dr. William Yoo, a Cherokee Presbytery member and Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Seminary, and I have had conversations about how we can create learning opportunities. As of yet, no definite plans have been developed. But acknowledging the need to connect the circumstances of our daily lives with our faith in God through Christ is an ongoing calling that all followers of Jesus cannot avoid.

We Presbyterians often make fun of ourselves with so many references to study groups or creating committees. Sometimes we do this because we are caught in a paralysis of analysis. Yet it is through our attention to the words we use and the WORD of God made flesh in Jesus that we are able to engage in the world. Without the WORD and the words we use to bear witness, we have nothing to offer the world.

May we use our words so that not only we *Bless the Lord*, as the Psalmist sang, but that we call upon the gifts God has given us as Cherokee Presbytery to bless the world that the Lord created. May this blessing be not only a global affirmation that the whole world is in God's hands, but with the particular acknowledgement of where we live.

Items for information:

1. Ongoing Manual revision through CT is under review by ministry teams.
2. Survey of meeting requesting information and feedback for future meetings.
3. Any churches that would invite presbytery for meetings in 2022.

Permanent Judicial Commission

No action.

Old business

Zeta Lambertson is not able to be with us today. Teri Abercrombie read report from Zita Lambertson that the MUST Presbyterian Family Room Mission Project as of today is \$16,100.

New business

No new business.

Moderator Simpson quickly reviewed the chats offered sharing all the "good news from the pews from our congregations.

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1. Pam – Zeta Lamberson at home resting from successful surgery
2. Elizabeth Milford – Georgia Interfaith Power & Light participation.
3. Frank Cleveland Faith Canton celebrates support of MUST summer program.
4. Chris Martinez Faith Blue Ridge awarded rekindling grant from Columbia Seminary – reach out to elderly, “Nourishing Hope in Our Beloved Community”. Hosting seminar on poverty in the community. Working with Jewish congregation, helping with grant and building Succoth in fall. Hosting lunches for the elderly this fall.

Motion to adjourn

It was moved and seconded to adjourn until October 9, 2021, **Motion Approved.**

The meeting ended at 12:11 PM with a closing prayer and benediction by Moderator Jim Simpson.

Respectfully submitted

Teri Abercrombie, recording clerk

| Cherokee Presbytery Profit & Loss | | <u>Jan - Apr 21</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| 44009 · Budgeted Receipts | | <u>68,493.26</u> |
| Total Income | | <u>68,493.26</u> |
| Gross Profit | | 68,493.26 |
| Expense | | |
| 55100 · Synod Mission Giving | 250.00 | |
| 51300 · Misc. Presbytery Expense | 3,550.00 | |
| 51216 · Pby Office Operating Expense | 5,944.62 | |
| 52201 · Desig/ Cap/ Debt | 994.28 | |
| 51000 · Salaries & Benefits | 42,667.21 | |
| 54505 · CPM/Building Leaders Team | 62.20 | |
| 60001 · Payroll Expenses | <u>28.00</u> | |
| Total Expense | | <u>53,496.31</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | | <u>14,996.95</u> |
| Net Income | | <u><u>14,996.95</u></u> |

| Balance Sheet | | <u>Apr 30, 21</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Checking/Savings | <u>138,123.67</u> | |
| Total Current Assets | 138,123.67 | |
| Fixed Assets | 2,655,357.12 | |
| Other Assets | <u>1,103,954.00</u> | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u><u>3,897,434.79</u></u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Other Current Liabilities | <u>-1,327.22</u> | |
| Total Current Liabilities | -1,327.22 | |
| Long Term Liabilities | <u>135,133.42</u> | |
| Total Liabilities | 133,806.20 | |
| Equity | <u>3,763,628.59</u> | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | <u><u>3,897,434.79</u></u> |

2021 Unified and Per Capita Pledges Received/Paid

| Church | Membership/ Attendance | Unified Pledged | Per Capita Pledged | Unified Received | Per Capita Received |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Acworth | 58/50 | | | | |
| Beersheba | 42/25 | | | 480.00 | 482.16 |
| Bethany | | | | | |
| Brazilian Christian | 77/- | 200.00 | | 800.00 | |
| Calhoun | 110/50 | 1,500.00 | | 500.00 | |
| Cartersville First | 366/120 | 6,300.00 | | 1,744.56 | 1,050.42 |
| Cedartown | 90/- | | | 333.33 | 344.23 |
| Chickamauga | 56/26 | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 642.88 |
| Christ Fellowship | 20/- | | | | |
| Cohutta | 23/12 | | | 300.00 | 264.04 |
| Covenant | 172/81 | 8,000.00 | | 2,664.00 | 658.16 |
| Dalton First | 137/76 | 15,000.00 | | 18,750.00 | |
| Deer Creek Shores | 74/48 | | | 750.00 | 249.04 |
| Ebenezer Ghanaian | 0/0 | 1,000.00 | | 250.00 | |
| Faith Canton | 22/17 | | | 500.00 | 252.56 |
| Faith North Georgia | 167/109 | 3,000.00 | | 1,500.00 | 958.58 |
| Grace | 101/- | 5,340.00 | | 3,620.93 | 1,159.48 |
| Heritage | 253/140 | | | 225.00 | 726.09 |
| John Knox | 99/- | | | 1,375.00 | 1,136.52 |
| Kirkwood | 192/93 | 6,000.00 | | 2,000.00 | 740.16 |
| LaFayette | 17/- | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 | 195.16 |
| Light of Hope | 90/54 | 8,436.00 | | 2,812.00 | 344.40 |
| Macland | 259/115 | | | | |
| Marietta First | 1105/393 | | | 10,416.67 | |
| Morton Memorial | 37/- | | | 400.00 | 424.76 |
| Ray-Thomas Memorial | 89/40 | | | | 345.00 |
| Rockmart | 83/48 | | | 1,250.00 | 383.50 |
| Silver Creek | 53/24 | 2,200.00 | | 550.00 | 152.00 |
| Trinity | 45/- | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 515.25 |
| Westminster | 175/94 | 6,600.00 | | 2,750.00 | |
| Woodstock | 26/- | | | 300.00 | 298.48 |
| 4/30/2021 | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 2019#'s | | | 10.00 | |
| Totals | 4038/1615 | 69,076.00 | 0.00 | 59,781.49 | 11,322.87 |

2020 \$ paid in 2021 Marietta 2083.34, Morton Mem 100.00, Rockmart 625.00, John Knox 275.00, Westminster 550.00, Grace 1963

Cherokee Presbytery Loan Worksheet

| Church Name | Loan Amount | Balance | Loan Date | Maturity Date | Next Reset Date | Bank | Rate % | Monthly Payment | Co-sign By Pby. | Pd. By Church | Update |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| Acworth | 200,716 | 31,089 | 5/1/16 | | | Regions | 4.95 | 712 | | x | 3/21 |
| Bethany 10244706 | 300,000 | 116,387 | 3/18/08 | 3/25/28 | | PCUSA | 3.50 | 2022 | x | x | 3/21 |
| Braz. Christian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calhoun 1026807 | 920,000 | 197,446 | 1/16/08 | 5/1/30 | | PCUSA | 4.02 | 2117 | x | x | 3/21 |
| Faith/BR 1052318 | 1,182,960 | 768,737 | 12/21/18 | 9/1/2040 | | PILP | 4.04 | 5,496 | | X | 3/21 |
| Grace 1022405 | 400,000 | 135,133 | 2/3/06 | 3/1/26 | | PILP | 4.50 | 2,557 | | x | 3/21 |
| Heritage 1038211 | 2,000,000 | 1,188,348 | 2/21/12 | 3/1/2032 | | PILP | 4.00 | 11,142 | | x | 3/21 |
| John Knox | 120,000 | 95,218 | 3/22/19 | 3/22/27 | | Synovus | 5.82 | 1,571 | | X | 3/21 |
| Kirkwood 9013803 | 150,000 | 128,421 | 6/28/18 | 7/25/33 | | PCUSA | 3.28 | 1,056 | | X | 3/21 |
| Macland 1041813 | 1,600,000 | 1,099,383 | 12/16/13 | 1/1/2034 | | PCUSA | 4.50 | 9,411 | | x | 3/21 |
| Westminster | 1,577,422 | 905,088 | 6/9/2020 | 5/9/2023 | | Gr Rome Com | 4.75 | 6,131 | | X | 4/21 |
| Woodstock 10267801 | 16,500 | 4,689 | 09/23/20 | 10/25/25 | | PCUSA | 3.25 | 298 | | x | 3/21 |
| Totals | 8,467,598 | 4,699,941 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3/31/2021 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Churches | No Loans | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beersheba | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cartersville | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cedartown | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chickamauga | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christ Fellowship | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cohutta | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Covenant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dalton | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deer Creek | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Faith/Canton | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LaFayette | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Light of Hope | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marietta 1st | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Morton Mem. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ray-Thomas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rockmart | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Silver Creek | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinity | | | | | | | | | | | |

Updated 5/10/2021

June 12, 2021 Stated Cherokee Presbytery Meeting