



CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY

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**Stated Meeting
March 16, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Cartersville, Georgia**

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**MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
MARCH 16, 2023, 2PM, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CARTERSVILLE**

Roll of Presbytery

Active Ministers

Aye-Addo, Kwasi	Exc
Bishop, Stephanie	P
<i>Braga, Reginaldo</i>	Exc
Crossland, Stephanie	P
Haynes, Susan	P
Jones, Leigh	Exc
<i>Jones, Ray</i>	Exc
Jordan, David	P
Josey, Camille	P
Kennedy, Wilson	P
Lee, Jennifer	P
Mendes, Paulo	P
Meyer, Renée	P
Milford, Elizabeth L.	P
Parchem, Kathi	P
Park, Josh	P
<i>Pezini, Jose</i>	Exc
Renken, Catherine	P
Scott, Katie	Exc
Simpson, Jim	P
Waddell, Bridget	Exc
Waddell, Kenneth	Exc
Waits, Cassie	P
Yoo, William	Exc
(15 Present)	

Retired Ministers

Bogar, Fritz	P
Brice, Joe	P
Henderson, Sam	P
Lamberson, Zeta	P
(4 Present)	

Commissioned Pastors

Nancy Bertrand	P
(1 Present)	

Elders / Voice & Vote

Bill Byars, Pby Mod	P
Erma Jones, COR	P
Billie Sutter, COM	P
(3 Present)	

Corresponding Members/Voice

(Do not count towards the quorum)

Sydney Gunter, YAAD	P
Therese Howell, Stated Clerk	P
Sarita Morris, Pby Staff	P
Jihyun Oh, OGA	Exc

Elder Commissioners

Acworth	
Beersheba	Ann Maddux
Brazilian Christian	
Calhoun	Guy Little
Cartersville	Betty Dundee
	Mary Gilbreath
Cedartown	
Chickamauga	
Christ Fellowship	
Cohutta	
Covenant	Cathy Walker
Dalton	Kathryn Sellers
Deer Creek	
Ebenezer Ghanaian	
Faith Canton	
Faith North GA	Terri Chaw
Grace	
Heritage	Cathy Prabhn
John Knox	Frank Harris
LaFayette	Lemuel Arnold
Light of Hope	Doris Kilroy
Macland	Gayle Kuykendall
	Marlene Michalke
	Bob Brown
	Doc Harris
	James Powell
	Nancy Tatnall
Morton Memorial	
Rockmart	Pinkie Owens
Silver Creek	Jane Byars
Trinity	Teri Abercrombie
Westminster	Sue Tarpley
Woodstock	
(21 Present)	

Ministers Present	19
Elder Commissioners	21
Commissioned Pastors	1
Elders / Voice & Vote	3
Total for Quorum	43

MINUTES OF THE CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING
MARCH 16, 2023, 2PM
First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville

Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement/Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Ruling Elder Bill Byars, Moderator, at 2:00 p.m. The Moderator offered a land acknowledgement, and opened the meeting with prayer. The Moderator then declared a quorum was present.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The Stated Clerk reported that Jihyun Oh, a minister member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta was present, and asked that she be seated as a corresponding member. There were no objections, and this was so ordered by the Moderator.

Welcome / First Time Commissioners / Procedures

The Moderator reported that Rev. Leigh Jones, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, was not able to be present at the meeting. The Moderator stated that Cherokee Presbytery was grateful to First Cartersville for hosting the Presbytery meeting. First time commissioners were recognized and welcomed - Elder Kathy Perdue, Heritage, and Terry Sharon, Faith. The Moderator reviewed procedures for the meeting.

Consent Agenda / Approval of Agenda

The Moderator stated that a consent agenda would be utilized for the proposed Amendments to the *Book of Order*. In approving the consent agenda, the Presbytery would be approving the items on that agenda. The Moderator reported that Amendments 22-E, 22-CC, 22-DD, 22-EE, 22-FF, and 22-GG had been pulled from the consent agenda.

The Moderator asked if anyone wished to pull any additional amendments from the consent agenda; no additional amendments were removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda, as presented, was approved by voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved as presented without objection.

Committee on Representation Report

Elder Erma Jones, chair of the Committee on Representation, presented the committee's report. The Committee on Representation recommended the following persons be elected to serve as indicated:

- Dr. Ken McKenzie (HR), Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2028
- Marlene Michalke (Macland), Committee on Representation, Class of 2024
- Dr. Reginaldo Braga (ITC Seminary), Commission on Ministry, Class of 2024

The Moderator opened the floor for additional nominations, and there were none. The slate, as presented, was approved.

Mrs. Jones reminded commissioners that there were many needs, and encouraged people to be in touch with the Committee on Representation if they wished to serve on a Presbytery committee.

The Moderator took a point of personal privilege and recognized Mr. Lavert Jones, who was present at the meeting. Commissioners applauded Mr. Jones.

Proposed Amendments to the *Book of Order*

Therese Howell, Stated Clerk, presented information related to the proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*. Of the 33 proposed amendments, the Presbytery approved 27 on the consent agenda. The Presbytery’s commissioners to the 225th General Assembly, Rev. Paulo Mendez and Ruling Elder Nancy Tatnall, and Young Adult Advisory Delegate, Sidney Gunter, were present and could answer questions about the amendments.

The following amendments were debated and acted upon as follows:

22-E	Approved	22-EE	Approved
22-CC	Not Approved	22-FF	Approved
22-DD	Approved	22-GG	Approved

A list of all amendments is included (Attachment A).

Next Meeting / Adjourn

The Moderator announced the next Stated Meeting would be Saturday, June 3, 2023, at the Cherokee Retreat Center in Cartersville. General Presbyter Wilson Kennedy spoke about the meeting, which will begin at 10AM and end with lunch. The Presbytery has reserved the retreat center all day, and commissioners are encouraged to bring their family and spend the day. More information will be forthcoming.

The motion was made, second, and approved without objection to adjourn at 2:50PM after a closing prayer by the Moderator.

Therese P. Howell

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Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT A
Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)
Approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022)
Cherokee Presbytery Voting Results

			Yes	No
		Foundations of Presbyterian Polity	X	
22-A	F-1.0302c	THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a) - <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	X	
22-B	F-1.0404	OPENNESS (POL-16 1b) - <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	X	
		Form of Government		
22-C	G-1.0501	MEETINGS (ROD-06 2) - <i>Establishes Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings</i>	X	
22-D	G-1.0503	BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1) - <i>Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting</i>	X	
22-E	G-2.0503	CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07) - <i>Removes "honorably" before "retired" as the category for retired ministers</i>	X	
22-F	G-20505a(1)	TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15) - <i>Adds requirement to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational requirements</i>	X	
22-G	G-2.0603	PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (HSB-05 2) - <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament</i>	X	
22-H	G-2.0605	OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1) - <i>Adds a requirement of sessions to "report to the presbytery of any matters of sexual misconduct" of their members who are enrolled as inquirers or candidates</i>	X	
22-I	G-2.0804	TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06) - <i>Adds requirement of minimum of twelve weeks paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors</i>	X	
22-J	G-2.1001	FUNCTIONS (MC-08) - <i>Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time</i>	X	
22-K	G-2.1002	TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (HSB-05 3) - <i>Adds requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be Commissioned Pastors</i>	X	

			Yes	No
22-L	G-2.1103	CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4) - <i>Adds requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators</i>	X	
22-M	G-3.0104	OFFICERS (MC-05) - <i>Adds language that "it is appropriate" to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings</i>	X	
22-N	G-3.0105	MEETINGS (ROD-06 3) - <i>Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically</i>	X	
22-O	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9) - <i>Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils</i>	X	
22-P	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10) - <i>Adds requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list</i>	X	
22-Q	G-3.0303c	RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03) - <i>Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call and for temporary pastoral relationships</i>	X	
22-R	G-3.0401	COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06) - <i>Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation</i>	X	
22-S	G-4.0301	TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07) - <i>Expands and clarifies "confidentiality" requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors</i>	X	
		Directory for Worship		
22-T	W-3.0205	CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1) - <i>Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship</i>	X	
22-U	W-3.0409	THEOLOGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (TWE-05 2) - <i>Adds "when appropriate" to the recommended act of providing an invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to the table who are unbaptized</i>	X	
22-V	W-3.0414	COMMUNION (TWE-05 4) - <i>Removes the current requirement that a minister of the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord's Supper liturgy</i>	X	
22-W	W-4.0403	ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06) - <i>Adds a sentence about "signs and symbols of blessing" to the section on ordination and installation services</i>	X	
22-X	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5) - <i>Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the Reformed tradition</i>	X	

			Yes	No
22-Y	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6) - <i>Adds an additional paragraph to the existing section on household worship</i>	X	
22-Z	W-5.0201	THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05 9, 1&2) - <i>Adds "discipleship" to list of the Church's ministries that are connected to its worship; adds references to statements in Foundations of Presbyterian Polity</i>	X	
22-AA	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7) - <i>Adds "particular specialized pastoral care" rather than adding to an existing list of such specialties</i>	X	
22-BB	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8) - <i>Adds clarifying language in a section on "services of wholeness" to better express a Reformed understanding of those services</i>	X	
		Rules of Discipline		
22-CC	D-3.0106	WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05) - <i>Allows disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction</i>		X
22-DD	D-10.0302	IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3) - <i>Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline</i>	X	
22-EE	D-10.0303	PETITIONS FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1) - <i>Amends the current Rules of Discipline to include notifying the person accused if no charges will be filed (instead of just the person(s) who made the accusation)</i>	X	
22-FF		AMENDING THE USE OF "THE ACCUSED" IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2) - <i>Changes "the accused" to "the person accused" wherever it occurs in the current rules of Discipline.</i>	X	
22-GG		REPLACING THE CURRENT "RULES OF DISCIPLINE" WITH A NEW "CHURCH DISCIPLINE" SECTION (ROD-03) - <i>Proposes a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline</i>	X	