

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY

Saturday, January 23, 2010

First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, GA

Gather in God's Name

Presbytery gathered at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room of First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, Georgia. The 2009 Moderator, Elder Gary Pichon, declared a quorum was present and convened the meeting with prayer.

THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS WERE PRESENT: (44)

Cido Araujo	Keith Gunter	Dick Neelly	Ken Waddell
Rebecca Blackwell	Sid Gunter	Van Nesbit (HR)	Carol Wade
Fritz Bogar	Bryant Harris	Pete Paulsen	Jack Waskey
Joe Brice	Sam Henderson	Lucas Pina	Charles Weaver (HR)
W. Jack Bunkley (HR)	Maryellen Hittel	Susan Reggin	Mark Weaver
Byeongho Choi	Julie Jensen	Carol Scott	Debbie Wells
Pem Cooley	Walter Jones (HR)	Ted Smith	John Wells
Tyler Downing	Ben Laughlin	Jim Speed (HR)	Tom Wood
Julie Ferguson	Janet Looby	George Stroup	
Jack Foley	John Martin	Chuck Taber	(HR = Honorably Retired)
Bill Ford	George Mitchell	Ken Terrell	
Dave Grove	Greg Moore	Bridget Waddell	

THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS WERE GRANTED EXCUSED ABSENCES: (15)

Paul Bayerl	Tim Erskine	David Horton	Mickey Shealy
Denise Beltzner	Don Esa	Ray Jones	John Spangler
Sam Bridges	Darrell Guder	Zeta Lamberson	Julia Wiley
Tim Dunn	Steve Hayner	Gail Neal	

THE FOLLOWING HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS WERE ABSENT AND DID NOT REQUIRE EXCUSES: (34)

Herschel Allen, Tino Ballesteros, Ewell Black, Bert Carmichael, Archie Davis, Maxine Edwards, Robert Farrow, Charles Feast, Eleana Garrett, David Glauner, Catherine Gonzalez, Jenny Hammett, William Hammond, Rodney Hunter, Jin Hoon Kim, Homer Kimmons, Roger Kvam, Gaspar Langella, Ed Langham, Larry Lewis, Stuart Leyden, Jake Marshall, Roger Martin, Elizabeth McAliley, Eugene Randolph, Jan Rhodes, Tom Rogers, Frank Sapp, Mary Kay Sapp, Cuyler Smith, John Tarrant, Frank Weathersby, Thurston Wilson, Donn Wright.

THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS WERE ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: (9) Ed Craft, Ozeas da Silva, Mike Jackson, Young Jeon, Peter Lim, Dan Nail, Jose Pezini, Alex Stevens, Taekhan Yoon.

ELDER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (52), EXCUSED (3), AND UNEXCUSED (11):

Acworth – Karen Prestwood	Marietta First – Doug Allen, Estelle Bogle, Becky Cameron, Ashley Chastain, <i>Frank Hyatt</i> , Mary Varella, Mary Ruth Zehring
Beersheba – Connie Beauchamp	
Bethany – Jeff Choe, (unexcused), (unexcused)	
Brazilian Christian – (unexcused)	Mars Hill – (unexcused), (unexcused)
Calhoun – <i>Pam Parker</i> , Joan Clark	Menlo – excused
Calvary – David Boozer	Morton Memorial – (unexcused)
Cartersville – <i>Mary Gilreath</i> , Anne Sims, Velma Tilley	New Lebanon – Dayton Adams, Jennifer Harvey
Cedartown – Nancy Collins	Parkway – Stephen Edge, (unexcused)
Chickamauga – Jim McGregor	Providence – Rich Hammond
Christ Fellowship – (unexcused)	Ray-Thomas – Susan Monk, (unexcused),
Cloudland – excused	Rockmart – Glen Hittel
Cohutta – <i>Donna Hill</i>	Silver Creek – <i>Shirley Rudisill</i>
Covenant – Judy Squires, Ken White	Sixes – Brenda McKeraghan
Dalton – Steve Dunn, Matthew Fearing, Carole Rollins	Southminster – Linwood Swain
Deer Creek – Betty Hipps	Summerville – Sue Spivey
Eastminster – Robert Caput, <i>Tom Conkright</i> , <i>Mike Hays</i>	Trinity – <i>Honey Millea</i>
Euharlee – (unexcused)	Westminster – <i>John Hendrickson</i> , Dan Sweitzer
Faith, Canton – <i>Rell Kitchen</i>	Woodlawn – excused
Faith, Blue Ridge – Elaine Whitley	Woodstock – <i>Michael Pitts</i>
Heritage – Ben Atha, Steve Everett, Ralph Walker	<i>Italics = first time attending as elder commissioner (12)</i>
John Knox – Frank Harris, Kim Moseley	
Kirkwood – Ann Smith	
LaFayette – (unexcused)	
Macland – Gayle Kuykendall, <i>Laura Yaramishyn</i>	

ELDER COORDINATING TEAM MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS (2): Teri Abercrombie, (Nurturing Disciples Moderator), Gary Pichon (Moderator of Council)

REGISTERED VISITORS: (20) Laurie Kersey, Trisha Nebel (Calhoun), Bettye Parker (Cartersville First), Melba Stieglitz (Deer Creek Shores), Catherine Pichon, Carol Watkins, Donna Weaver (Grace/New Lebanon), Erma Jones (John Knox), Emily Law, David McPherson (Marietta First), Roberta Sarchet (New Lebanon), Marta Pina (Sixes), Jan Boehm, Kate Tutwiler (Southminster), Barbara Elliott (Westminster), Sue McConnell (Woodstock), Dan Boles, Betty Cheek, Sarita Morris (Presbytery Staff), Jerry Black.

Total attendance: 44 + 52 + 2 = 98 with voting rights; + 20 + 4 visitors = 122 Total

First-time elder commissioners, corresponding members and visitors stood for introduction.

Action #1– Presbytery approved the motion to seat and grant right of voice to Corresponding Members: (4) Tubal Alves Ferreira (Panama Brazil), Harold Parker (Greater Atlanta), Cyndi Parr (Western New York) and Chuck Swann (Western N. C.).

Commissioning of 2010 Moderator of Presbytery

Moderator Gary Pichon led the commissioning of the 2010 Moderator of Presbytery, the Reverend Mark P. Weaver, and presented him with the gavel and moderator's cross. A framed copy of the history of the moderator's cross was also presented to the new moderator.

Report of the Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk Rebecca Blackwell reviewed her written report and the two items on the Consent Agenda. Church sessions were reminded that the online 2009 Annual Statistical Reports are due by February 23.

Action #2 – Presbytery approved the docket as presented.

Docket for the January 23, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, GA

9:00 – 10:00 Registration, Fellowship, Coffee and Sweets

10:00 a.m. GATHER IN THE UPPER ROOM – New Building

Gathering Ritual

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum / Convening Prayer – Moderator Gary Pichon

Installation of 2010 Moderator, Rev. Mark P. Weaver

Introduction of Visitors and First-time Elder-Commissioners

Seating of Corresponding Members

Report of the Stated Clerk

Presentation of Consent Agenda

Approval of Docket

Moderator's Appointments

Mission Litany

Hymn

Mission Team Presentation

Welcome from our Hosts – Ted Smith

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Reconvene

Hymn of Praise

Report from PDA Flood Response Coordinator

Prayers of the People

Necrology: Remembering those elders and ministers in the presbytery that died in the past year.

Invitation to give – to support Bartow Resource Center

Report from Mission Coordinator

MINDER Report

Approval of Consent Agenda

Action Items

Committee on Ministry

Other Business
 Motion to Adjourn following Benediction
 Hymn
 Closing Prayer
 2:00 p.m. Benediction and Adjourn

Next Meeting: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 5:30 p.m. – First Presbyterian Church, Dalton

Omnibus Motion

	Motion	Page(s)
1.	That Presbytery approve the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Marietta. The minutes were reviewed by the moderator and a committee appointed by the moderator consisting of Rev. John Spangler and Joan Parsons (Calvary), and were circulated by posting on the website and on the stated clerk’s table.	As Circulated Online & On Clerk’s Table
2.	That Presbytery receive as information the Treasurer’s 2009 year-end report for Cherokee Presbytery. (Attachment B) For questions, call Treasurer Greg Moore, 678-654-3733 (cell).	

Stated Clerk’s Report

- The Stated Clerk prepared and circulated the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery, on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia. They were reviewed for completeness and accuracy by the Moderator and a committee appointed by the Moderator consisting of Rev. John Spangler and Elder Joan Parsons (Calvary), and were circulated by posting on the website and on the stated clerk’s table at the stated presbytery meeting. **Recommend approval. (This action is part of the omnibus motion.)**
- 2010 Parity Determination: According to the Book of Order G-11.0101, the Stated Clerk has determined the parity between minister and elder presbytery commissioners for 2010. All active ministers are required to attend the meeting and sessions are to elect commissioners. Based on 2008 membership, the policy we will use **beginning January 23, 2010**, for establishing a balance of ministers and elders is as follows: Marietta First will send **six** elder commissioners; Cartersville First, Eastminster, Bethany, Dalton First and Heritage will send **three** elder commissioners; Macland, Mars Hill, Parkway, Westminster, Ray-Thomas, Covenant, Calhoun First, New Lebanon, and John Knox will send **two** elder commissioners, Kirkwood, Providence, Southminster, Brazilian Christian, Woodstock, Deer Creek, Cedartown, Sixes, Silver Creek, Rockmart, Acworth, Euharlee, Beersheba, Calvary, Woodlawn, Faith/Canton, Cohutta, Faith, Trinity/North Georgia, Cloudland, Chickamauga, Christ Fellowship, Morton Memorial, Summerville, LaFayette, and Menlo will send one elder commissioner. Elders serving as chairs of committees reporting to Presbytery will also be voting members. This will make a total of 70 elder commissioners, which will match the determination of 70 active minister members. **Please read this carefully, as the number of elder commissioners for 2010 has changed for eleven of the congregations.**
- The Stated Clerk has submitted the 2009 Minutes of Cherokee Presbytery to the Synod of South Atlantic for review.

Moderator Appointments

The Moderator appointed Rev. Pem Cooley and Elder Linwood Swain (Southminster) to the Presbytery Minutes Review Committee and Rev. Julie Jensen and Elder Nancy Collins (Cedartown) to the Absentee Committee for the meeting. Elder Carol Watkins (New Lebanon/Grace) was appointed Parliamentarian, Rev. Susan Reggin was appointed Discernmentarian, and Elder Betty Cheek (Presbytery Staff) was appointed Recording Clerk for the duration of the Moderator’s term.

Mission Team Presentation

Presbytery was led in a litany of mission and sang *We All Are One in Mission*. Special report was given by youth mission participants Emily Law and David McPherson (Marietta First) of their trips to Honduras and Mexico. Using a Skype presentation, presbytery saw missionaries Tom and Judy Harvey and heard of their work in the *Overseas Center for Mission Studies* in Oxford, England. Through a second Skype presentation to Miami, Presbytery learned of the *Self-Development of People* ministry, which is supported by the annual *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering.

Committee Action Report

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Report was made by Moderator Fritz Bogar

Announcement was made that Joseph Song (Bethany) was received as an Inquirer on December 15, 2009, making a total of seven Inquirers and ten Candidates in the presbytery. Announcement was made that Candidate Paul Sherwood had a call pending.

Action #3 – Presbytery affirmed the nominations of Rev. Fritz Bogar, Rev. Julie Ferguson, and Elder Ralph Walker (Heritage) as Examination Readers for 2010.

Overview: The work of the CPM is to represent the Presbytery in partnership with local Sessions, overseeing the constitutional process of preparation of individuals for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament. The Committee is responsible for engaging with individuals in a process of mutual discernment of God's particular call and in practical preparation for the demands of the office.

Committee Members: Fritz Bogar (Moderator), Walt Beamer, Becky Cameron, Julie Ferguson, Bryant Harris, Helen James, Roger Kvam, Dickson Lester, Carol Scott, Chris Townley, Bridget Waddell, Taekhan Yoon.

For information:

Annual Consultations with Inquirers and Candidates were held on January 9, 2010.

CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY INQUIRERS and CANDIDATES

Clyde Bearrs	Candidate from Ray-Thomas – certified ready to receive a call (5/19/09)
Silvio Estevez	Inquirer from Ray-Thomas (7/21/09)
SherylLynn Frazier	Candidate from John Knox – certified ready to receive a call (4/21/09)
Alan Gibson	Candidate from Eastminster (7/25/09)
Humphrey Kanga	Candidate from Mars Hill (2-22-05)
Bermsoo Kris Kim	Inquirer from Bethany (2/17/09)
Elizabeth Luangphakdy	Inquirer from Brazilian Christian Church (10-21-07)
Charles Nyaga	Candidate from Southminster (5-24-05)
Alcenir Oliveira	Candidate from Ray-Thomas (11-27-07)
Ana Sara Pinto	Inquirer from Brazilian Christian Church (8/18/09)
Raphael Pinto	Inquirer from Brazilian Christian Church (8/18/09)
Todd Reinschmidt	Candidate from First, Cartersville (11/18/08)
Paul Sherwood	Candidate from Marietta First – certified ready to receive a call (9/16/08)
Carolyn Smith	Candidate from Dalton First – certified ready to receive a call (2002)
Joseph Song	Inquirer from Bethany (12-15-09)
Camille Townsend	Inquirer from Macland (8-21-07)
William Yoo	Candidate from Bethany – certified ready to receive a call (1/20/09)

Lunch

Presbytery recessed for lunch in fellowship hall at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with the hymn *O Worship the King*.

Special Report

Elder Sue McConnell (Woodstock), PDA Flood Response Coordinator, presented an update of actions and finances and told of long-term care being planned for Cherokee, Cobb, Paulding, and Douglas Counties. **(Attachment A)** Report was made on response to the Haiti disaster and support to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was urged. Hygiene kits are needed and are being distributed through Church World Services.

Prayers of the People

Presbytery shared its celebrations and concerns and prayed with and for each other.

Necrology: Remembering those elders and ministers in the presbytery that died in the past year

The lives and service of twenty-four elders and one minister that died in the past year were honored during worship: Rev. Paul Kapperman (Honorably Retired), Elders Stan Bridges (Dalton First), Robert Chisholm (Westminster), Laurance Cross (Dalton First), Katy Culp (Westminster), Jim Dunkin (Deer Creek Shores), Hollee Dyson (Trinity), Howard Frost (Calhoun First), Barbara Gurley (Rockmart), Marilyn Hammill (Cedartown First), Frank Harris (John Knox), Sue Henry (Cloudland), David Howell (John Knox), Lisa Hudson (John Knox), Willis James (Summerville), Bob Kirby (Trinity), Robbie Lou Mashburn (Heritage), Grady McCalmon (Cloudland), Pauline Ransom (Summerville), Bill Ridenour (Covenant), Buck Rodgers (Westminster), Said Shaheen (Dalton First), Wayne Walker (Westminster), Harrison Williams (Marietta First), and Sara Wyatt (Dalton First).

Presbytery sang *For All the Saints*.

Invitation to Give

An offering for Bartow/Cartersville Resource Center was received in the amount of \$654.

Report of the Mission Coordinator

Mission Coordinator and Stated Clerk Rev. Rebecca Blackwell thanked Dan Boles for setting up the equipment for the Skype conference.

Information was distributed on 2009 church giving in Cherokee Presbytery (**Attachment C**). A handout was distributed about *Mission Crossroads PC(USA)*, a website to connect with and learn from others who are passionate about engaging faithfully and effectively in God's mission in the world. Also distributed was a ministry map booklet listing areas where churches in Cherokee Presbytery are involved in mission. News was shared that monetary gifts made January 12 to February 28, 2010, to Haiti are deductible for 2009 income tax. Report was made that the Bethany PC congregation would vote January 24 on joining for one year the new Korean-American Presbytery being formed, and then returning to Cherokee Presbytery. During that year they would support the mission of both presbyteries.

Action #4 – Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda which included the following actions:

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MINDER Report

Rev. Susan Reggin spoke of the success of the MINDER Project (Missional Inspiration, Nurture and Discernment to Encourage Redevelopment), which pulled together several small congregations (Acworth, Beersheba, Chickamauga, Cohutta, Faith Blue Ridge, Southminster and Summerville) in the presbytery to share ideas of re-development. Marietta First PC was acknowledged for giving a one-time grant which made the project possible. Funds remain for a second series.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rev. Greg Moore presented the Profit and Loss Statement with a total income of \$758,449.92, total expense of \$641,526.03, and net income of \$116,921.89. Cherokee Retreat Center ended the year "in the black" and has 40 campers thus far registered for the 2010 season.

Committee Action Report

Committee on Ministry – Report was made by Moderator Ken Terrell

Overview: The Committee on Ministry serves as pastor and counselor to the ministers of the presbytery, facilitates relationships between congregations, ministers, and the presbytery, and settles difficulties on behalf of the presbytery when possible and expedient.

Committee Members: Ken Terrell (Moderator), Denise Beltzner, Marx Borges, Gloria Eberhart, Dave Grove, Jesse Hunter, Todd Johnson, Dick Neelly, Carol Osborne, Robert Smalley, George Stroup, Debbie Wells.

For information:

1. At his request and with the congregation's concurrence at a meeting on January 17, 2010, the Committee on Ministry dissolved the pastoral relationship between Don Esa and First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, effective January 31, 2010.
2. Candidate Paul Sherwood has a call which is pending. The congregation will vote on the call on Sunday, January 24, 2010.
3. Ministers' Annual Compensation Reports are being reviewed by the Committee on Ministry and a report will be made at the March stated meeting of presbytery.

Action #5 – Presbytery approved the Ordination of Candidate Paul Sherwood on February 28, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. if the way is clear.

Action #6 – Presbytery approved the appointment of the Administrative Commission to Ordain Paul Sherwood: Rev. Mark Weaver, Rev. Ray Jones, Rev. Jim Speed, Elder Velma Tilley (Cartersville First), Elder Becky Cameron (Marietta First).

Other Business

Rev. Byeongho Choi announced that Bethany PC is co-host for a tri-presbytery fundraising event for New Church Development on February 27, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at Bethany PC.

Sixes PC announced dedication of its new building on Sunday, February 28, 2010, 12:00–2:00 p.m. and a *Walk Through the Bible Seminar* March 7.

The Nurturing Disciples Team announced the 2010 Winter Leadership Event on Saturday, February 27, 2010, 9:00 to 2:30, at the Cartersville First PC. Rev. Ray Jones, Coordinator for Evangelism for the PCUSA will be the keynote speaker. Morning and afternoon workshops will be offered.

Presbyterian Women Moderator Elder Nancy Collins announced the PW Annual Gathering and *Growthshops* on Saturday, March 13, 2010, 8:30 to 2:15 at Eastminster PC, Marietta. Minister Member Rev. Julie Jensen will lead worship. Minister Member Rev. Julie Ferguson will lead Bible study.

Motion to Adjourn

Action #6 – The motion to adjourn carried.

The meeting was ended at 2:20 p.m. and closed with prayer by Mission Team Moderator Connie Beauchamp. The closing hymn was, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 5:30 p.m. – First Presbyterian Church, Dalton

Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Marietta

Saturday, July 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – Kennesaw State University Campus Ministry

Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 5:30 p.m. – Rockmart Presbyterian Church, Rockmart

Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – Presbyterian Village, Austell

Mark. P. Weaver, Moderator

Rebecca M. Blackwell, Stated Clerk

Committee Reports for Information

Reports of Committees, Commissions and Teams were received as Information.

Nominating Committee – No report.

Overview: The Nominating Committee nominates persons to fill all vacancies on continuing committees (except the nominating committee), councils, boards, and other bodies that require election by the presbytery or synod.

Team Members: Sue Spivey (Moderator) (2009), Charles Allen (2010), Brett Berto (2011), Sid Gunter (2009), Jane Lawhon (2009), Jane McDonald (2011), Van Nesbit (2011), Ted Smith (2010), (one vacancy in class of 2010).

Commission Reports

G-9.0502: A commission is empowered to consider and conclude matters referred to it by a governing body. The appointing body shall state specifically the scope of power given to a commission. A commission shall keep a full record of its proceedings, which shall be submitted to its governing body to be incorporated in its minutes and to be regarded as the actions of the governing body itself.

Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission – No report.

Overview: The purposes of the New Church Development Commission are to study and choose the best locations for New Church Developments (NCDs), call organizing pastors, seek and allocate funding, and initiate New Church Developments in the Cherokee, Greater Atlanta, and Northeast Georgia tri-Presbytery area.

Team Members: Sam Henderson (Cherokee Moderator), Tom Barrentine, Peter Lim, Chuck Holmes, Walter Jones, Ted Smith, Bob Sloop.

Tri-Presbytery Campus Ministry Commission – No report.

Overview: The mission goal of the Cherokee Presbytery Campus Ministry Commission is promoting, supporting, connecting, and expanding Christian ministry in institutions of higher education within the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery, in cooperation with the Tri-Presbytery Campus Ministry Commission. In 2006 the Tri-Presbytery Campus Ministry Commission was established by action of Cherokee, Greater Atlanta, and Northeast Georgia Presbyteries to oversee campus ministry efforts within the bounds of the three presbyteries. Each of the three presbyteries elects seven commissioners to the Commission, as required by the Book of Order.

Team Members: George Taylor (Moderator), Dan Boles, (ex officio), Joe Brice, Sheri Grove (ex officio), Sid Gunter, Cheryl Jenkins, Susan Monk, Katheryn Preston, Mickey Shealy.

Presbytery Coordinating Team

Coordinating Team – No report.

Overview: The Mission Goal is to encourage, coordinate and maintain the presbytery's focus on its vision and mission while giving other ministry teams, committees and commissions permission to carry out their functions.

Team Members: Gary Pichon (Moderator), Mark Weaver, Velma Tilley, Jerry Black, Connie Beauchamp, Paul Sherwood, Teri Abercrombie, Pete Paulsen, Don Esa, George Taylor, Sam Henderson, John Wells, Rebecca Blackwell (ex officio), Kelly Howington (ex officio).

Worship Team – No report.

Overview: The Worship Team has the responsibility to focus the presbytery on being a Christ-centered worshipping community of faith.

Team Members: Jerry Black (Moderator), Cido Araujo, Rick Gomez, Keith Gunter, Zeta Lamberson, Trisha Nebel

Mission Team – No report.

Overview: The purpose of the Mission Team is to facilitate the presbytery in its responsibilities to encourage, coordinate, and resource mission common to the presbytery.

Team Members: Connie Beauchamp (Moderator), Paul Bayerl, Tyler Downing, Stuart Leyden, Roberta Sarchet, Laura Wilson, Karen Jones (PATH), Nancy Collins (Presbyterian Women).

Celebration and Hospitality Team – No report.

Overview: The purpose of the Celebration and Hospitality Team is to celebrate disciples whose words and actions demonstrate the proclamation of God's Kingdom in the world.

Team Members: Paul Sherwood (Moderator), Tim Erskine, Ann Stubbs Maddux, Jim Speed, Sandi Townley, Carol Wade.

Nurturing Disciples Team – No report.

Overview: The purpose of the Nurturing Disciples Team is to support ambassadors sent by God to change the world in which we live.

Team Members: Teri Abercrombie (Moderator), Pem Cooley, Pam Couture, Laurie Kersey, Lucas Pina, Mickey Shealy.

Spiritual Development Team – No report.

Overview: The purpose of the Spiritual Development Team is to encourage and support presbyters as they live and proclaim God's Kingdom, enabling the presbytery to more effectively listen to God and one another.

Team Members: Pete Paulsen (Moderator), Pat Alverson, Ben Atha, Maxine Edwards, Caron Gruben, Susan Reggin.

Ministry Support Team

Overview: The Mission Goal is to provide the infrastructure for the presbytery's mission and ministry so that the members and staff will support, respect, and be accountable to one another. This includes Personnel, Budget and Finance, and Communications.

Team Members: Don Esa (Moderator), Dayton Adams, Judy Greeson, Lisa Marie Haygood, Maryellen Hittel, Tommy Smithweck.

For Information:

This information will bring you up to date on the status of the surplus property owned by the presbytery in Paulding County. The property was acquired as a site for the Providence church, but was not used as such. It has, we believe, been for sale, but as yet no buyer has been found. The property is vested in the name of Cherokee Presbytery Properties, Inc., and there is an outstanding loan to United Community Bank with an approximate balance of \$166,000. That loan matured last November and the bank requested that we renew the loan prior to the end of the year. The appraised value of the property has fallen to \$97,000. After a review by the presbytery's Loan Team, it was recommended that we proceed with refinancing the loan for one year at 6.51% with the same monthly payments of \$2065. This transaction took place in late December. This will allow the Loan Team and Ministry Support Team time to evaluate the status of the property and make a recommendation for future action.

Retreat Center Board of Directors

Overview: Providing a space apart for focusing on Christian education, spiritual development, fellowship, and retreat from the material world.

Board Members: John Wells (Chair), Corrin Baines, Brian Enlow, Anita Errickson, Alan Hall, John Hay, Cheryl Jenkins, Becky Jordon, Nate Marini, Heather Perrin, Mark Thompson (one vacancy in class of 2010), Kelly Howington – Executive Director of Cherokee Retreat Center, Ex Officio.

For Information:

Cherokee Retreat Center ended the year 2009 with a balanced Income/Expense, thanks to \$55,130 in special gifts.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

Georgia Flood DR-1858-GA (FEMA reference number)

There were seven counties in our Presbytery affected by the flood with the statistics below. Reg is families registered with FEMA, HA is housing assistance, ONA is other needs assistance and MAX is number of families receiving the maximum award of \$29,900. You may give to support repairs to your church with a memo to Flood Relief and the county.

County	Reg	HA	ONA	MAX
Catoosa	275	\$350,124.66	\$87,343.62	1
Chattooga	156	\$229,813.55	\$254,444.98	1
Cherokee*	1,173	\$1,202,121.30	\$296,768.38	0
Cobb*	6,446	\$20,165,793.76	\$2,709,288.43	253
Douglas*	4,093	\$4,731,940.60	\$1,465,314.81	33
Paulding*	1,799	\$2,082,724.34	\$311,587.02	10
Walker	529	\$815,406.69	\$162,064.26	3

*Long Term Recovery Care Planned

Cobb Disaster Recovery was organized in 2005 so they are going strong with community assessment finished and case management started which will identify and prioritize assistance. Their volunteer coordinator will distribute the projects to volunteer teams. They meet every other Thurs 1pm at Sweetwater CAMP with Brad Hulsey, Chairperson brad_hulsey@us.aflac.com.

Douglas Disaster Recovery Coalition is organizing and began community assessment this week at Douglasville United Way and Sweetwater CAMP from 9am to 6pm M-F and 10am to 1pm Sat. They meet Thurs 8am at 1st UMC Douglasville with Beau McLain, Chairperson 770-833-7263 gafaithinaction@aol.com.

Cherokee County is forming their long term recovery committee and should start discussion of community assessment soon. The Cherokee LTRG meets every Monday at 3:00 pm Cherokee Co. EOC, Public Safety building in Canton with Susan Filiberto, Chair 404-408-5084 sfiliberto@unitedwayatlanta.org.

Paulding County LTRG has been established and are meeting January 25 to discuss community assessment. They meet Monday 6:30pm at Dallas Housing Authority with Deborah Oppi, Chairperson 678-475-3049 deborahopie@yahoo.com.

Haiti

PDA has sent \$209,000 with \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing and seeks to raise \$500,000. Please pray for those affected and give to the ongoing relief through PDA account number DR000064. You may give to your church with a memo of PDA – Haiti. Gifts can also be made by phone at (800) 872-3283, and checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Presbyterian News Service article states, “It is estimated that 200,000 families, nearly one million people, are without homes and living out in the open air. Temporary shelter is a focus for this next week, PDA Coordinator Randy Ackley said. PDA and its partners are seeking to bring in 20,000 tents to Port-au-Prince in the next week. There are between 3,000 and 4,000 tents currently on site in Haiti.”

Passed along by Lutheran Disaster Response – Medical volunteers are needed with the National Disaster Medical Assistance teams that speak Creole or French and are currently credentialed through the Medical Reserve Corps in their home state, or the ESAR-VHP program (Emergency Services Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Personnel)(contact Michala Koch at Michala.Koch@hhs.gov). Volunteers must be able to serve for at least 2 weeks, and be willing to live and work in Spartan conditions. For medical professionals wishing to help in this way in future relief efforts, please take a few minutes to learn about the Medical Reserve Corps, identify your local unit, and register to become part of the corps. To do so, visit www.medicalreservecorps.gov.

Another option is making hygiene kits to be distributed by Church World Services, see hands-on projects under www.pcusa.org/pda for details.

Please give, act, and pray for all PDA projects.

CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY AND CHEROKEE RETREAT CENTER 2009 YEAR-END FINANCE REPORT

Balance Sheet

ASSETS**Current Assets**

Checking/Savings	366,210.69
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Other Current Assets	<u>4,289.83</u>
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Total Current Assets	370,500.52
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Fixed Assets	997,402.28
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Other Assets	<u>257,891.91</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,625,794.71</u></u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY**Liabilities****Current Liabilities**

Other Current Liabilities	<u>272.03</u>
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Total Current Liabilities	272.03
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Long Term Liabilities	<u>720,238.64</u>
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Total Liabilities	720,510.67
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Equity	<u>905,284.04</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,625,794.71</u></u>
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Profit and Loss

Jan - Dec
09

Income

44009 · Budgeted Receipts	488,349.70
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47000 · CRC Income	<u>270,100.22</u>
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Total Income	758,449.92
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Expense

51000 · Administration Division	254,046.68
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51318 · Church Development	31,182.99
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53103 · Church Support	4,828.00
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54105 · Committee on Ministry	2,500.00
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54200 · Coordinating Team	307.48
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54505 · Committee on Prep for Ministry	551.00
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55109 · Mission Program	12,663.44
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56110 · Nurture Division	2,233.98
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56500 · Cherokee Retreat Center	50,000.00
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57000 · CRC Expense	270,100.22
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60001 · Payroll Expenses	13,114.24
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66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Expense	<u><u>641,528.03</u></u>
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Net Income	<u><u>116,921.89</u></u>
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PIN	Church	Pledge	Unified	Per Capita	Unified Received	Per Capita Rec.
22294	Acworth	2009				784.00
22322	Beersheba	2009			3,999.96	400.00
11049	Bethany	2009	9,000.00	4,351.60	9,000.00	4,351.60
	Brazilian					
11751	Christian	2009				
22296	Calhoun	2009			8,400.00	2,000.00
22311	Calvary	2009			3,450.00	765.40
22299	Cartersville	2009	50,000.00	5,237.40	50,093.69	4,678.16
22301	Cedartown	2009	7,000.00	971.80	5,404.28	724.66
22302	Chickamauga	2009				1,475.88
23375	Christ Fellowship	2009			25.00	542.72
22304	Cloudland	2009				
22305	Cohutta	2009			261.00	516.00
22312	Covenant	2009	15,000.00	2,176.00	15,000.00	2,019.63
22307	Dalton	2009			75,999.96	4,715.00
22306	Deer Creek	2009			5,500.00	1,666.91
22313	Eastminster	2009	30,000.00	5,366.40	27,500.00	4,919.20
22298	Euharlee	2009				1,000.00
11151	Faith/Canton	2009	9,600.00		9,075.00	6,716.60
11929	Faith/Blue Ridge	2009	1,100.00	387.00	1,100.00	387.00
12078	Grace	2009			3,576.54	
21672	Heritage	2009	5,000.00	4,386.00	4,375.04	3,015.91
22315	John Knox	2009	3,221.00	1,505.00	3,221.00	1,505.00
10947	Kirkwood	2009	7,200.00	1,264.20	7,200.00	1,264.20
22308	Lafayette	2009			5,490.25	206.40
11424	Macland	2009	9,400.00	4,042.00	9,400.00	4,042.00
22314	Marietta	2009	179,000.00	21,000.00	164,083.34	15,750.00
22295	Mars Hill	2009			4,000.00	4,291.40
22317	Menlo	2009				111.80
22303	Morton	2009	300.00	258.00	300.00	258.00
23298	New Lebanon	2009	9,933.00		9,579.83	
11676	Parkway	2009	3,000.00	3,801.20	3,000.00	3,801.20
11852	Providence	2009	4,500.00	1,040.60	1,570.83	1,050.00
23316	Ray-Thomas	2009				1,650.00
22318	Rockmart	2009	7,100.00	739.60	5,350.00	554.40
22309	Silver Creek	2009	7,200.00	808.40	8,950.04	1,056.81
11938	Sixes	2009			1,466.68	842.42
22316	Southminster	2009	3,300.00	1,144.00	3,300.00	1,143.79
22324	Summerville	2009				
22297	Trinity	2009				412.80
22321	Westminster	2009	5,000.00	2,916.00	7,477.00	2,930.50
22310	Woodlawn	2009	600.00	636.40	720.00	637.00
22326	Woodstock	2009				
	12/31/2009					
	Total		366,454.00	41,031.60	457,869.44	82,186.39