

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
Saturday, February 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Roll of Presbytery

ACTIVE TEACHING ELDERS:

Baker, Arch	Unex
Beltzner, Denise	Unex
Bogar, Fritz	P
Braga, Reginaldo	Unex
<i>Bridges, Sam</i>	Ex
<i>Dunn, Tim</i>	Ex
Coile Estes	P
Ferguson, Julie	P
Fuller, Julie	P
Gonzalez-Gertz, Edwin	Ex
Gray, Joan	P
Grove, David	P
Henderson, Sam	P
Hittel, Maryellen	P
Jensen, Julie	Unex
Jones, Chris	P
Jones, David	Ex
<i>Jones, Ray</i>	Ex
Jordan, David	P
Josey, Camille	Ex
Lamberson, Zeta	Ex
Lee, Jennifer	Ex
Lund, Greg	P
MacMillan, Nikki	P
Martin, John	Unex
Mendes, Paulo	P
Meyer, Cathy	P
Milford, Elizabeth	P
Moore, Greg	P
Moore-Keish, Chris	Ex
Parr, Cyndi	Ex
<i>Pezini, Jose</i>	Ex
Renken, Catherine	P
Scott, Carol	P
Scott, Katie	P
Scott, Will	P
Simpson, Jim	P
Waddell, Bridget	Ex
Waddell, Kenneth	P
<i>Yoo, William</i>	Unex

(40)

Corresponding Teaching Elders:

Jack Westlund (Gr. Atlanta) P
Pete Paulsen(RCA) P

40+ 50 = 90
[Excuses not required from Retired]

Italics = Laboring in mission field or out of bounds of presbytery 5

RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS:

Allen, Herschel	
Ballesteros, Tino	
Blackwell, Rebecca	P
Brice, Joe	
Carmichael, Bert	
Cooley, Pem	P
Craft, Ed	
Edwards, Maxine	
Esa, Donald	
Feast, Charles	
Gantz, Robin	P
Garrett, Eleana	
Glauner, David	
Gonzalez, Catherine	
Guder, Darrell	
Gunter, Sid	
Grohman, Donald	
Hammett, Jenny	
Hunter, Rodney	
Jones, Walter	P
Kim, Jin Hoon	
Looby, Janet	
Martin, Roger	
McAliley, Elizabeth	P
McDonald, David	
Neelly, Dick	P
Nesbit, Van	
Ottaviano, Dan	
Reggin, Susan	
Rhodes, Jan	
Rogers, Tom	
Sapp, Frank	
Sapp, Mary Kay	
Smith, Cuyler	
Smith, Ted	
Spangler, John	P
Speed, James	
Stroup, George	
Tarrant, John	
Terrell, Ken	P
Wade, Carol	
Ward, Gil	
Waskey, Jack	
Weathersby, Frank	
Weaver, Charles	P
Wells, Debbie	
Wells, John	
Wilson, Thurston	
Wood, Tom	
Wright, Donn	

(50)

CHURCH – RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Acworth

Beersheba

Brazilian Christian

Calhoun

Cartersville (3)

Mary Gilreath

David Dundee

Excused

Cedartown

Chickamauga

Christ Fellowship

Cohutta

Covenant

Dalton

Deer Creek

Faith Canton

Faith Blue Ridge

Grace

Heritage (2)

John Knox

Kirkwood

LaFayette

Light of Hope

Macland (2)

Marietta (4)

Morton Memorial

Ray-Thomas

Rockmart

Silver Creek

Trinity

Westminster

Woodstock

Jeane Jones

Bradley Ballish

Patricia Morris

Vees de Vente

Kay Mero

LaVert Jones

Serena Wailes

Ray Cochran

Constance Swain

Fredia St. Germain

Sandra Aufderheide

Andy Tattnall

Linda Bush

Carol Callaway

Lucy Cooley

Susan Monk

Pauline Owens

Keith Vansant

Joni Nelson

In attendance:

Teaching Elders 22

HR Teaching Elders 9

Ruling Elders 23

Corresponding Members 2

Visitors 13

Presbytery Lay Staff 1

Total attendance 70

Absent:

Excused Teaching Elders 12

Unexcused Teaching Elders 6

Excused Ruling Elders 1

Unexcused Ruling Elders 13

Total Allocated Ruling Elder Commissioners:

36

OTHER RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Anita Errickson

Coy Temples

Robert Smalley P

Possible Ruling Elder total - 39

Call to Order

The presbytery gathered in the sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia and began its meeting with a joint opening worship service with the members of Greater Atlanta Presbytery. The Stated Clerk confirmed that a quorum was present to do business.

Worship

The two presbyteries were led in worship by the Co-Moderator of the PCUSA, Jan Edmiston. During the worship an offering was received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the amount of \$4,217.25. The service concluded with the celebration of the sacrament of Communion.

Break

Following a short break for refreshments, Cherokee Presbytery reconvened in the Chapel to conduct presbytery business. Moderator Greg Lund led the council in prayer.

Approval of the Docket

Stated Clerk Nikki MacMillan moved the approval of the docket. Seconded and **APPROVED**

9:30 am	Registration	Fellowship Hall	
10:00am	Call to Worship Welcome by Host Pastor Opening Hymn Declaration of a Quorum Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary	
11:10	Educational Forum		
11:30	Break	Fellowship Hall	
Noon	Reconvene for business	Chapel	
	Approval of Docket		Greg Lund
	Seat Corresponding Members		Greg Lund
	Welcome New Commissioners		Greg Lund
	Good News from the Pews		
	Nominating Committee Report		Maryellen Hittel
	Installation of New Moderator		
	A Word from the Board of Pensions		Clark Simmons
	A Word from Presbyterian Investment and Loan		Clare Lewis
	Stated Clerk/Mission Coordinator Report		Nikki MacMillan
	A word on new structure		
	A word on CRCC lease transfer		

Consent Agenda

Coordinating Team Report

Susan Monk

Ministry Support Team Report

Greg Moore

Seat Corresponding Members

Pete Paulsen and Jack Westlund were recognized as corresponding members, and, after a motion by the Stated Clerk and a second, they were given the privilege of the floor. **APPROVED**

Introduction of First Time Commissioners and Others

Various Teaching elders introduced Ruling elders attending Presbytery for the first time. A number of visitors were also welcomed.

Good News from the Pew

Good news was shared by several Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders about ministry in their churches.

Moderator Appointments

Moderator Smalley appointed TE John Spangler and RE Jeane Jones (Dalton) to the Minutes Review Committee.

Parliamentarian

Moderator Smalley then appointed TE Fritz Bogar as Parliamentarian for 2017.

Nominating Committee Report

TE Maryellen Hittel

The Nominating Committee moved the election of leaders to Cherokee Presbytery's ministry teams, Permanent Judicial Commission, and Committee on Representation as printed in Attachment A. **APPROVED**

Installation of the New Moderator

RE Robert Smalley of First Presbyterian, Dalton was installed as Moderator of Cherokee Presbytery for 2017 by Moderator Lund. Following the answering of the constitutional questions, Moderator Lund concluded the installation service by offering prayer for the new moderator. He then presented the moderator's cross and the moderator's stole to Moderator Smalley.

Word from Clark Simmons

Clark Simmons of the Board of Pensions brought good news from the Board in his usual upbeat fashion. As always he can be reached at 1-800-966-1575

Word from Clare Lewis

Clare Lewis of PILP talked about church loans and the help that PILP can give. She brought rebate checks for four churches in Cherokee Presbytery: Calhoun, Providence (which will go to the presbytery), Bethany, and Grace.

Stated Clerk/Mission Coordinator Report TE Nikki Collins MacMillan

Informational items:

- Update on Structural Changes in Cherokee Presbytery Ministry Teams
- Update on Lease Transfer of Cherokee Retreat Center to Bartow County

Item for discussion and vote:

The Stated Clerk moved to transfer Julie Jensen to Sesquahana Valley Presbytery. Following a second, the motion was **APPROVED**.

Items to be approved by consent: (any of these items can be removed for individual consideration.)

- Docket for today's meeting. **APPROVED**
- Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Stated Meeting as published. **APPROVED**

Constitutional Amendments to be voted upon:

16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy On Amending G-3.0106 (Item 05-09) Shall the fourth paragraph of G-3.0106 of the Form of Government be amended as follows? [Text to be inserted is shown as italic.]

“All councils shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy and a child *and youth* protection policy.”

APPROVED

16-B. Parity in Committees On Amending G-3.0109 (Item 06-05)

Shall the second paragraph of G-3.0109 of the Form of Government be amended as follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“A committee shall study and recommend action or carry out decisions already made by a council. It shall make a full report to the council that created it, and its recommendations shall require action by that body. Committees of councils higher than the session shall consist of both teaching elders and members of congregations, with at least one half being members of congregations *in numbers as nearly equal as possible*.”

APPROVED

16-C.1. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending F-3.0202 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 1)

Shall F-3.0202 be amended as follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“This church shall be governed by presbyters, that is, ruling elders and teaching elders (*also called ministers of the Word and Sacrament*). Ruling elders are so named not because they ‘lord it over’ the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure *guide* in its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Teaching elders *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament* shall be committed in all their work to *teaching the faith in word and in deed* and equipping the people of God for their ministry and witness.”

16-C.2. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending G-2.0102 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 2)

Shall the third paragraph of G-2.0102 be amended as follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“Ordination to the ministry of teaching elder, ruling elder, or deacon, *ruling elder, or minister of Word and Sacrament (also called teaching elder)* is unique to that order of ministry.”

16-C.3. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending G-2.0301 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 3)

Shall G-2.0301 be amended follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God’s Spirit and governance of God’s people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they ‘lord it over’ the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders *ministers of the Word and Sacrament*, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders *ministers of the Word and Sacrament*, and they are eligible for any office.”

16-C.4. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 4)

Shall G-2.05 and G-2.0501 be amended as follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“G-2.05 Teaching Elders *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament*: The Ministry of the Word and Sacrament *Teaching and Pastoral Care*

“G-2.0501 Teaching Elder *Minister of the Word and Sacrament* Defined

“Teaching elders (also called ministers of the Word and Sacrament) *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (also called teaching elders and pastors)* shall in all things be committed to teaching the faith *in word and deed* and equipping the saints for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12). They may serve in a variety of ministries as authorized by the presbytery. When they serve as preachers and teachers of the Word, they shall preach and teach the faith of the church, so that the people are shaped by the pattern of the gospel and strengthened for witness and service. When they serve at font and table, they shall interpret *and ‘show forth’* the mysteries of grace and lift *in word and action, lifting* the people’s vision toward the hope of God’s new creation. When they serve as pastors, they shall support the people in the disciplines of the faith amid the struggles of daily life. When they serve as presbyters, they shall participate in the responsibilities of governance, seeking always to discern the mind of Christ and to build up Christ’s body through devotion, debate, and decision.”

16-C.5. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending G-2.0701 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 5)

Shall G-2.0701 be amended as follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“Ordination to the ordered ministry of teaching elder *minister of Word and Sacrament* is an act of the whole church carried out by the presbytery, setting apart a person to ordered ministry. Such a person shall have fulfilled the ordination requirements of the presbytery of care and received the call of God to service to a congregation or other work in the mission of the church that is acceptable to the candidate and to the presbytery of call.

16-C.6. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastors On Amending G-3.0307 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 6)

Shall the second paragraph of G-3.0307 be amended as follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“G-3.0307 Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to *Teaching Elders Its Pastors* and Congregations

“Presbyteries shall be open at all times to communication regarding the life and ministry of their congregations.

“Each presbytery shall develop and maintain mechanisms and processes to serve as pastor and counselor to teaching elders *its pastors, both ministers of Word and Sacrament and ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service (also called commissioned pastors (also known as commissioned ruling elders))*, as well as the and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, *pastors* and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient.”

16-C.7. Minister of the Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastor On Amending the Directory for Worship and the Rules of Discipline (Item 06-08, Recommendation 7)

Shall the Directory for Worship and the Rules of Discipline be amended so that the terms “ruling elder commissioned to particular pastoral service” or “ruling elder commissioned to pastoral service” and “teaching elder” shall be replaced with its former terms, “*commissioned pastor (also known as commissioned ruling elder)*” or “*minister*” or “*minister of Word and Sacrament*”, respectively?

16-C.8. Minister of the Word and Sacrament On Amending W-4.4001a. (Item 06-08, Recommendation 8)

Shall W-4.4001a. be amended as follows? [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“a. In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called through election by the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders. (W-2.1005) In installation the church sets apart with prayer those previously ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders *ministers of Word and Sacrament (also called teaching elders)*, and called anew to service in that ministry.”

APPROVED C.1-8

16-D.1. On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-10, Recommendation 1)

Shall the fourth paragraph of G-2.0509 be amended as follows: [Text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“Whenever a former teaching elder has renounced jurisdiction in the midst of a disciplinary proceeding as the accused, that former teaching elder shall not be permitted to perform any work, paid or volunteer, in any congregation or entity under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) unless and until the person rejoins the church, comes forward and resubmits to the disciplinary process.”

16-D.2. On Amending D-10.0401 (Item 06-10, Recommendation 2)

Shall D-10.0401 be amended by adding new section “d.” to read as follows: [Text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“d. For instances where a former teaching elder comes forward in self-accusation to undergo a disciplinary process to regain permission to perform work under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G-2.0509), no time limit from the time of the commission of the alleged offense to the filing of charges shall apply. Charges based on all accusations that had been made by the time that the former teaching elder had renounced jurisdiction may be brought regardless of the date on which any such offense is alleged to have occurred.”

APPROVED D.1-2

16-E. Certified Service Requirements On Amending G-2.1101 (Item 06-15)

Shall G-2.1101 be amended as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“Persons may be certified and called to service within congregations, councils, and church-related entities, serving in staff positions. These individuals endeavor to reflect their faith through their work and to strengthen the church through their dedication. They should be encouraged by their session and presbytery to meet, or be prepared to meet, the certification requirements in a handbook provided by of a national certifying body approved by the General Assembly. Names of those who have earned certification through a national certifying body shall be transmitted to the appropriate body of the General Assembly, which will forward them to the stated clerk of the presbyteries in which those persons labor.”

APPROVED

16-F. The Ministry of Members On Amending G-1.0304 (Item 09-11)

Shall G-1.0304 be amended as follows? [Text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“G-1.0304 The Ministry of Members

“Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church. Such involvement includes:

“proclaiming the good news in word and deed,

“taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,

“lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,

“studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,

“supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,

“demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,

“responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others,

“living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,

“working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, “*caring for God’s creation*, “participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and

“reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership, and consider- ing ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be in- creased and made more meaningful.”

APPROVED

6-G. Access to the Lord’s Table On Amending W-2.4011a. and b. (Item 14-03

Shall W-2.4011a. and b. be amended by striking the current text and inserting new text to read as follows?
[Text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“*Theology of the Lord’s Supper*

“*a. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended.*

“*Worshippers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord’s Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.*

“*Welcoming to the Table*

“*b. In cases where baptized children who have not yet begun to participate in the Lord’s Supper express a desire to receive the Sacrament, the session should provide an occasion to welcome them to the table in public worship. Their introduction to the Lord’s Supper should include ongoing instruction or formation in the meaning and mystery of the Sacraments.*”

APPROVED

16-H. Directory for Worship On Replacing the Current Directory for Worship (Item 14-04)

Shall the *Book of Order* be amended by striking out the text of Chapters I through VII of the current Directory for Worship and inserting new text as shown in the link provided with your registration materials?

APPROVED

Coordinating Team Report RE Susan Monk

Items for Information

June Stated Meeting and Leadership Forum will be **Saturday, June 17, 2017** in Dalton rather than June 10, 2017 as reported in the November meeting.

Items for Action

1. Recommend amending the bylaws by striking the reference to Nominating Committee. Change 5.2 to read as follows:

Presbytery shall provide for a nominating process that takes into consideration advice from Committee on Representation and the congregations of the Presbytery.

And delete the phrase “*by the Nominating Committee*” from 5.3 and 5.4. A full copy of the proposed bylaws is attached to the handbook. See Attachment B

APPROVED

2. Recommend change the ministry structure adopted at the November meeting to move the nominating function to the Vision team.

APPROVED

3. Recommend suspension, effective February 4, 2017, of the Cherokee Presbytery Ministry Manual, except for the portion that pertains to the Child Protection Policy dated August 23, 2016 and the Sexual Misconduct Policy as of May 24, 2009.

Motion to amend by RE Susan Monk and seconded to add the following after the words “except for”: “*Chapters 2 &3, which contain standing rules, and*” **APPROVED**

The motion as amended was **APPROVED as follows:**

Recommend suspension, effective February 4, 2017, of the Cherokee Presbytery Ministry Manual, except for *Chapters 2 &3, which contain standing rules, and* the portion that pertains to the Child Protection Policy dated August 23, 2016 and the Sexual Misconduct Policy as of May 24, 2009.

Rationale: There is only limited use of the manual in its current state and transition to the ministry restructure approved in November 2017 requires revision/re-write of the manual.

Ministry Support Team

TE Greg Moore

TE Greg Moore talked about the different financial statements found in Attachment C and the connectedness of our churches.

Committee on Ministry Report

RE LaVert Jones, Moderator

For Information

1. Beersheba has posted a Mission Information Form and is actively reviewing candidates.
2. First, Marietta has posted a Mission Information Form and is actively reviewing candidates.
3. COM approved a contract renewal between TE Cyndi Parr and Faith Presbyterian Church of Canton, GA.
4. TE Julie Jensen has accepted a call as Interim Pastor in Ninevah, New York. Cherokee Presbytery awaits a request to transfer her membership to the Sesquahana Presbytery.

Adjournment

Following a motion to adjourn by RE Susan Monk and a second, the council, in its finite wisdom and by a **unanimous vote, decided** that it had spent enough time in the bounds of Greater Atlanta Presbytery, and so at 1:51pm, after the obligatory closing prayer by the Moderator, the commissioners headed north towards home.

TE *Kenneth J Terrell*

Assistant to the Stated Clerk

Cherokee Presbytery

Cherokee Presbytery Nominations Committee Report
 Moderator of Presbytery

2017	2018	2019
RE Robert Smalley (Dalton)	TE Carrie Scott (RTM)	RE

SYNOD

COMMISSIONERS (FOUR-YEAR TERMS, BI-ANNUAL MEETINGS, MARCH & SEPTEMBER)

<u>2014-2017</u>
TE Pem Cooley
RE Susan Spivey (Dalton)
Alternate TE: _____
Alternate RE _Bill Byars (Westminster)_____

SYNOD PJC

<u>2014-2017</u>
RE Robert Smalley (Dalton)

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION: (7) MODERATOR, TODD JOHNSON

<u>2018</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2022</u>
TE Denise Beltzner (Marietta)	RE Todd Johnson (Cohutta)	RE Bill White (Macland)
RE _Bill Byars (Westminster)	TE Fritz Bogar (JK)	TE Julie Ferguson (AL)
		RE Beth Gaines (Cartersville)

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION: (3-6) JOHN SPANGLER , MODERATOR

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
TE Paulo Mendes	RE Todd Johnson (Cohutta)	
Add another RE	TE Jennifer Lee (Hospice) TE John Spangler (HR)	

COORDINATING TEAM: (6-8)

MODERATOR

1 AL Member Pam Partain (Dalton)	CHT Moderator	
Past Moderator of Presbytery	BLT Moderator	
CCT Moderator	COR Moderator	
MTT Moderator		
MST Moderator	Mission Coordinator	

MINISTRY TRANSITIONS TEAM: (6-8) CAMILLE JOSEY MODERATOR

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
TE Fritz Bogar (JK)		
RE Nancy Bertrand (Beersheba)	TE Camille Josey (SC)	
RE: Paul Phillips (Marietta)	TE Cyndi Parr (FC)	
	TE Jim Simpson (Faith BR)	

CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH TEAM: Marlene Michalke & LaVert Jones Co-Mod(6-8)

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
RE LaVert Jones (John Knox)	RE Bill Byars (Westminster)	
TE Robin Gantz	TE Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz	
RE Marlene Michalke (Macland)	TE Chris Jones(Cartersville)	

Brandon Bowen ?

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM: (6) GREG MOORE, MODERATOR

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
TE Sid Gunter (HR)	RE Jim Ray (First Marietta)	TE Greg Moore (Acworth)
RE Mike Elliot (Westminster)	RE Eva Whitaker (Covenant)	RE Ben Hadaway (Heritage)

BUILDING LEADERS TEAM: (6) WILL SCOTT & CHRIS MOORE-KEISH CO-MOD.

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
RE Sean Ireland	TE Bridget Waddell	

TE Elizabeth Milford TE Will Scott	RE Erma Jones TE Chris Moore-Keish (PV)	
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS TEAM: (6-8) DAVID JORDAN MODERATOR

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
TE Julie Fuller ?	TE David Jordan (Grace)	
RE Sarita Jones (JK)	LL Joan Jones (Cartersville)	
LL Katie Orth	TE Joe Brice ?	

Coordinating Team, At Large Members

Class of 2018 (One)		
RE Pam Partain		

VISION TEAM MEMBERS:

Mission Coordinator

Presbytery Moderator - Robert Smalley

Past Moderator - Greg Lund

Moderator-elect - Carrie Scott

Discernmentarian - Erma Jones

GA commissioners - Greg Lund and Bob Foster

Class of 2017

Bob Brown

Class of 2018

David Jones

Class of 2019

Treasurer of Presbytery - John Martin

Assistant to Treasurer for signing checks - Sean Ireland - Cartersville

Assistant to State Clerk - Ken Terrell

**BYLAWS OF THE CHEROKEE
PRESBYTERY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (U.S.A.)
CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA**

Adopted 11/15/2016

These bylaws, having been adopted by the action of Cherokee Presbytery at its stated meeting of November 15, 2016, shall be effective on December 1, 2016, and hereby replace and supersede any and all other bylaws and regulations of Cherokee Presbytery, which has its principal offices at 183 W Main Street, Cartersville, Georgia.

I. Organization

1. Cherokee Presbytery (the “Presbytery”), being a council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and incorporated under the laws of the state of Georgia, as a non-profit 501c3, recognizes that the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the laws of the state of Georgia as they pertain to the organization of religious institutions, are obligatory upon it and its members.
2. The legal name of this church body and of the Corporation is Cherokee Presbytery Properties, Inc. The Corporation is a constituent part of the Synod of South Atlantic and shall function in accordance with Parts 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the rules, procedures, and organization set forth in the presbytery Ministry Manual.
3. These bylaws shall, to the extent possible, be interpreted to maintain consistency with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including any amendments thereto. To the extent these bylaws cannot be interpreted consistent with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including any amendments thereto, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall control the proceedings of the Church. Annually, the Stated Clerk shall report at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery following the adjournment of the General Assembly whether any amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is inconsistent with these bylaws, and if so propose appropriate amendments to these bylaws to insure consistency between the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and these bylaws.

II. Membership and Meetings

1. Membership in the Presbytery shall be determined consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
2. Meetings: The Presbytery shall hold stated (or regular) meetings on such dates as are determined by the Coordinating Team, which shall announce them no later than October 31st of the previous calendar year.

The annual meeting of the Presbytery shall be the regular stated meeting of the Presbytery held in the first quarter of the calendar year.

3. Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called in any manner authorized by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Such calls shall state clearly the purpose of the meeting, and no other matter not so specified shall be considered. The calling body or persons shall bear the cost of notice of the special meeting.
4. Moderator: The moderator of the Presbytery shall be elected in the manner authorized by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for a term of one year, beginning each year at the annual meeting of the Presbytery which shall normally be the regular stated meeting of the Presbytery in the first quarter of the calendar year. The immediate past moderator or a former moderator will preside in the absence of the moderator.
5. Voting: The members of the Presbytery as determined consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), shall be eligible to vote at all stated and special meetings of the presbytery.
6. Robert's Rules of Order: Meetings of the Presbytery shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except in cases in which the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides otherwise.
7. Opening and Closing with Prayer: All meetings of the Presbytery shall be opened and closed with prayer.
8. Quorum: A quorum of a meeting of the Presbytery shall be one-fourth of the non-retired Ministers of Word and Sacrament and representative Ruling Elders from one-fourth of the churches of presbytery. Reasons for non-attendance on the part of ministers and non-representation on the part of churches, also reasons for partial attendance, shall be given to presbytery in writing.
9. Business of the Corporation: At any meeting of the Presbytery, the Presbytery is constituted as a meeting of the members of the corporation and may conduct such business on behalf of the corporation as is proper under the laws of the state of Georgia, and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including the election of trustees. The annual meeting of the corporation shall normally be the regular stated meeting of the Presbytery held in the first quarter of the calendar year.

III. The Trustees

1. The Trustees of the Corporation shall be the members of the Coordinating Team. The Moderator of the Presbytery shall serve as the President and CEO of the Corporation. The Secretary of the Corporation shall be the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. The Treasurer of the Corporation shall be the Treasurer of the Presbytery.

2. Authority delegated by Presbytery: The Presbytery delegates to the Board of Trustees the following responsibilities and authorizes it to spend such funds as are approved in the annual budget in the following areas:
 - a) To receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal for the Presbytery, and to accept and execute deeds of title to such property and to hold and defend title to such property, consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);
 - b) To maintain the property of the Presbytery;
 - c) To approve sales, purchases, leases and mortgages of the property of congregations in the Presbytery subject to ratification at the following meeting of the Presbytery;
 - d) To account for the income and expenses of the Presbytery in conjunction with the Treasurer, and to provide the Presbytery with regular reports of such income and expenses;
 - e) To manage the funds of the church in conjunction with the Treasurer, and to provide the Presbytery with regular reports of the balance of such funds;
 - f) To obtain sufficient liability coverage to protect the facilities, programs and officers of the Presbytery and to retain legal counsel.
3. The Presbytery, in accordance with and not contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) may delegate by standing rule such other authority and responsibilities to the Board of Trustees as the Presbytery determines.

IV. Committees of the Presbytery

1. The committees of the Presbytery shall be those determined to be necessary by the Presbytery in order to carry out its work.
2. Terms of membership on Presbytery Committees shall be as provided for in the Standing Rules of the Presbytery.
3. Terms of membership on Presbytery Committees (except the Permanent Judicial Commission) shall begin at the adjournment of the annual Presbytery meeting following election and end at the adjournment of the annual meeting in the year of the election class.
4. Terms of membership on the Permanent Judicial Commission shall begin January 1 of the year following the annual Presbytery meeting following election and shall end on December 31 of the year of the election class.

V. Nominations and Elections

1. Eligibility for office or service on the committees of the Presbytery shall be consistent with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
2. Presbytery shall provide for a nominating process that takes into consideration advice from Committee on Representation and the congregations of the Presbytery.
3. The stated clerk of the Presbytery shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected for a definite term. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible presbyter. Ordinarily, no individual shall serve more than four consecutive definite terms as stated clerk.
4. The treasurer of the Presbytery shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee upon recommendation of the trustees and elected for a term of one year. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible presbyter.

VI. Amendment

1. These Bylaws may be amended, subject to the Charter of the Corporation, the laws of the state of Georgia, and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), by approval of the Presbytery at any stated or special meeting of the Presbytery by a majority vote of those present, provided that a full reading of the proposed changes or a distribution by any printed or electronic means of the same shall have been made in connection with the call of the meeting.
2. These Bylaws may not be amended contrary to or so as to not include the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

2016 Unified and Per Capita Pledges Received/Paid

Church	Membership/ Attendance	Unified Pledged	Per Capita Pledged	Unified Received	Per Capita Received
Acworth	69/-	600.00		600.00	
Beersheba	47/28			2,400.00	145.00
Bethany				4,800.00	
Brazilian Christian	77/			600.00	600.00
Calhoun	159/-	100.00		1,200.00	1,529.52
Cartersville First	611/177				
Cedartown	90/-	1,000.00		1,166.67	861.00
Chickamauga	60/-	930.00		930.00	569.46
Christ Fellowship	27/25			100.00	298.22
Cohutta	28/18			900.00	
Covenant	205/106	15,000.00	2,191.53	15,000.00	1,972.16
Dalton First	114/63	8,000.00		8,000.04	1,115.92
Deer Creek Shores	96/52			2,250.00	751.40
Faith Canton	75/-	3,000.00		3,000.00	721.50
Faith North Georgia	108/78	3,000.00		3,000.00	865.80
Grace	116/74	6,262.80		7,601.28	
Heritage	375/170				1,837.42
John Knox	111/-			1,250.00	548.34
Kirkwood	159/90			6,000.00	1,645.02
LaFayette	21/21	4,200.00		2,250.00	211.64
Light of Hope	110/81	14,155.00		11,608.00	1,366.00
Macland	243/117			1,500.00	3,184.20
Marietta First	1843/602			29,166.66	
Morton Memorial	32/-			500.00	307.84
Ray-Thomas Memorial	148/35				1,147.20
Rockmart	89/50	6,500.00		6,500.00	767.00
Silver Creek	48/26	2,000.00		2,500.00	540.00
Trinity	37/				
Westminster	231/109	5,000.00		4,666.00	
Woodstock	25/26				269.36
Miscellaneous Receipts				848.50	
Totals 12/31/16		69,747.80	2,191.53	118,337.15	21,254.00

Marietta 1st paid \$4,166.66 in 2016 for 2015

Cherokee Presbytery P&L	Jan - Dec 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
44009 · Budgeted Receipts	124,816.68
47000 · CRC Income	97,562.38
48000 · Berry College Ministry Income	5,683.53
Total Income	228,062.59
Gross Profit	228,062.59
Expense	
51300 · Misc. Presbytery Expense	9,937.50
51216 · Pby Office Operating Expense	25,556.06
52201 · Desig/ Cap/ Debt	1,024.05
48300 · Berry Campus Operation Expense	5,683.53
51000 · Salaries & Benefits	105,532.74
51700 · Worship Team	645.16
54505 · Committee on Prep for Ministry	166.00
55199 · Campus Ministry Support	1,000.00
55109 · Mission (Synod & CCM)	1,000.00
56500 · Cherokee Retreat Ctr Support	10,000.00
57000 · CRC Expense	97,562.38
60001 · Payroll Expenses	84.00
Total Expense	258,191.42
Net Ordinary Income	-30,128.83
Net Income	-30,128.83

Cherokee Pby Bal Sht	Dec 31, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	270,720.23
Total Current Assets	270,720.23
Fixed Assets	2,752,020.39
Other Assets	969,939.68
TOTAL ASSETS	3,992,680.30
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	29.03
Total Current Liabilities	29.03
Long Term Liabilities	231,796.69
Total Liabilities	231,825.72
Equity	3,760,854.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,992,680.30

Church	Mother's Day/ PresHome	One Great Hour	Pntcost	P'making	Christ/Joy	Med Benv	Mission	Disaster Relief	TheoEd	Thornwell	NCD/ NVision	Berry	CRC	Othe Givi
Acworth	110	1021								234				
Beersheba														
Bethany											3600			
Brazilian Christian														
Calhoun	90	270			130					175				
Cartersville	430	385												
Cedartown	92	135					290	1620		503		250		
Chickamauga		525												
Christ Fellowship														
Cloudland														
Cohutta														
Covenant	845	1214	615		725			1415		913			1670	
Dalton														
Deer Creek					107		34			110		69		
Faith/Canton														
Faith/Blue Ridge	462	495	48		300					500			500	
Grace	479		808	102	878					478				
Heritage	245	482			35									
John Knox	225	397	173		501			100						
Kirkwood	370	639		230	365								1200	
LaFayette														
Light of Hope	910	334			1275								1525	
Macland							1050							
Marietta		3139			290		12500			2875			568	
Menlo														
Morton Memorial					285								700	
Providence		1623			82									
Ray-Thomas	285	340												
Rockmart	465	745			880	500		400	126	444		1044		
Silver Creek														
Trinity	700	280						100					200	
Westminster	587	323	97		200					426		1759	4874	
Woodstock	200													
Other												70	970	
Grand Total 2016	6495	12347	1741	332	6053	500	13874	3635	126	6658	3600	3192	12207	

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	Up-date
Acworth	200,716	89,000	7/19/06			NW	6.75	1582		x	2/16
Bethany 10244706	300,000	190,964	3/18/08	3/25/28		PCUSA	3.80	2022	x	x	12/16
Braz. Christian	?										
Calhoun 1026807	920,000	561,011	1/16/08	5/1/30		PCUSA	3.89	5,052	x	x	12/16
Cartersville	478,000	478,000				?				x	3/16
Deer Creek	175,000	115,000				Citizens	4.50			x	3/16
Grace 1022405	400,000	231,797	2/3/06	3/1/26		PILP	4.25	2,548		x	12/16
Heritage 1038211	2,000,000	1,665,390	2/21/12	2/1/2032		PILP	4.25	12,493		x	12/16
John Knox	250,000	127,268				Bk N. Ga.	4.75	1,617		X	5/16
Macland	1,600,000	1,343,851	12/16/13	1/1/2034		PCUSA	4.25	9,289		x	12/16
Providence 1038812	0 Building	0 Pd. In Full								X	6/16
Ray-Thomas 33042206	350,000	71,465	12/6/99	12/25/19		PCUSA	3.50	2557	x	Pd. by Bethany	12/16
Ray-Thomas 1004298	425,000	70,524	1/15/99	2/1/19		PCUSA	4.25	3089	x	Pd. by Bethany	12/16
Westminster	1,577,422	1,123,724	5/1/2009	1/25/2033	1/25/2013	Sun Trust	5.00	9765		X	3/16
Woodstock 6093804	300,000	52,314	3/6/96	3/25/21		PCUSA	3.50	1550	x	x	12/16
Totals	8,976,138	6,120,308									
12/30/16											
Churches	No Loans										
Beersheba											
Cedartown											
Chickamauga											
Christ Fellowship											
Cohutta											
Covenant											
Dalton											
Faith/BR											
Faith/Canton											
Kirkwood											
LaFayette											
Light of Hope											
Marietta 1st											
Morton Mem.											
Rockmart											
Silver Creek											
Trinity											

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