

Deer Creek Shores  
Brazilian Christian  
Christ Fellowship  
Chickamauga  
Cartersville  
Acworth  
Sixes  
Euharlee ~ Cloudland ~ Cohutta ~ Bethany  
Beersheba ~ Woodlawn ~ Kirkwood ~ Southminster  
Woodstock ~ **Cherokee Presbytery** ~ Covenant  
Calhoun ~ Parkway ~ Rockmart ~ Trinity ~ Marietta  
Grace ~ Eastminster ~ Calvary ~ Faith Canton  
Menlo  
Dalton  
Macland  
Heritage  
Mars Hill  
John Knox  
LaFayette  
Cedartown  
Providence  
Summerville  
Silver Creek  
Westminster  
New Lebanon  
Morton Memorial  
Faith North Georgia  
Ray Thomas Memorial

One Church, Forty-One Locations, Following Christ Together

Handbook for the Gathering and Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery  
March 23, 2010, 5:30 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, 510 South Tibbs Road, Dalton, GA 30720, 706-278-8161

# Cherokee Presbytery

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



One Church, Forty-One Locations, Following Christ Together

Rev. Rebecca M. Blackwell, Mission Coordinator and Stated Clerk

March 12, 2010

Dear Elder Commissioners and Ministers of Cherokee Presbytery,

On Tuesday, March 23, 2010, we will gather at First Presbyterian Church, 510 South Tibbs Road, Dalton, GA 30720 to embody the "One Church" of our vision statement. In addition to worship and the business of our stated meeting, we will engage in a Lenten experience of mutual confession and forgiveness, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We welcome any and all to join us for this time together, whether you are a voting commissioner or not.

Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. A light supper will be served during the registration hour. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Our goal is to complete the meeting by 8:00 p.m.

**A special workshop will be held prior to the meeting, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., on Reducing the Risk/Sexual Misconduct Prevention. Ministers that did not take this workshop in 2009 should plan to attend. Clerks of Session and other leaders are also invited to attend.**

Here are some highlights of the meeting:

1. Worship will be led by the Reverend Dr. Stephen Hayner, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, and Minister Member of Cherokee Presbytery.
2. We will receive one minister candidate for membership in the presbytery.
3. We are continuing to use a consent agenda to keep you from having to vote individually on reports with their recommendations.
4. We will receive reports and consider recommendations of Ministry Teams, Committees, Commissions and Board in the Presbytery.
5. We will consider an overture to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

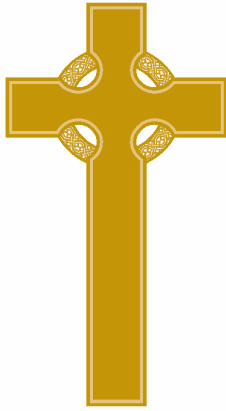
All active ministers are required to attend the meeting and sessions are to elect elder commissioners. If you need to be excused from the meeting, please communicate with the presbytery office in writing by letter, or by email to [rebecca@cherokeepresbytery.org](mailto:rebecca@cherokeepresbytery.org), or [betty@cherokeepresbytery.org](mailto:betty@cherokeepresbytery.org).

Rebecca M. Blackwell  
Mission Coordinator and Stated Clerk

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.**

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# *First Presbyterian Church*

*510 South Tibbs Road, Dalton, GA 30720*

706-278-8161 [www.firstpresdalton.org](http://www.firstpresdalton.org)

March 11, 2010

Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to Dalton! The First Presbyterian Church family is honored to host this meeting of Cherokee Presbytery. We are available to assist you in any way, because you are family, too!

The Dalton Church was organized in 1847 in a frame building known as the Town House, which had been used by the Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists. The new congregation consisted of “five men, six women, and one young boy.” Today the church has an active membership of five hundred seventy-two.

The church was relocated to South Tibbs Road twenty-one years ago from Selvidge Street in downtown Dalton. The current campus sits on ten acres and has experienced two building programs. The first phase produced the sanctuary, administrative offices, educational space, a Child Development Center and Fellowship Hall. This phase was completed in 1989. The most recent building program was completed in 2006 and expanded our facility to include additional space for children’s ministry and the Child Development Center, as well as the area we call Recreation Place, which has a full-court gym, fitness center, aerobics room, and locker rooms.

You are welcome to wander down to the Recreation Place – what I call the “Southern Kingdom.” And you are likely to discover that part of the building teeming with activity. The facility is open to the community. At present we have over two thousand Recreation Place “members.” Approximately eighty-percent of the users, which number about three hundred per day this time of year, are not church members. Attending to the spiritual needs of this constituency is a vital part of our mission. Upon opening the facility to the community, we discovered the world coming to us. We also discovered that outreach can happen **inside** our building.

With the above in mind, upon arrival please park in the spaces toward the sanctuary and enter the building through the courtyard. Volunteers will help direct you. Registration will take place just outside Fellowship Hall, where we will take our meal.

Once again, we look forward to having you!

Blessings and peace,

Mickey Shealy, Pastor



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Directions to First Presbyterian  
Church, Dalton, GA

**Directions:**

I-75 N to exit 333; exit to right; counting the light upon exiting, go to 5th traffic light & turn left (Tibbs Road) Steak'n Shake on right as you turn. Dalton First Church will be on left. Park in front of the church on Tibbs Road. Follow the steps into courtyard that leads to sanctuary & fellowship hall.

Registration will be outside the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign & greeters to guide you.

Supper will be \$5.00. Menu: Cookout with hamburgers/hotdogs; potato salad; slaw, dessert; tea, coffee, water, and lemonade.

The Offering will go to *Greater Works*, a local ministry that feeds the homeless as well as train them to become self-sufficient while treating them with the respect and dignity due every child of God. Checks should be made to Cherokee Presbytery.

Docket for the March 23, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery  
First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, GA

3:30 – 5:00 p.m – Ministerial Ethics and Congregational Risk Management

4:30 – 5:30 Registration, Fellowship, Light Supper (\$5)

***We Gather as the People of God***

**5:30 p.m.**

Opening Ritual

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum / Convening Prayer – Moderator, Rev. Mark P. Weaver

Introduction of Visitors and First-time Elder-Commissioners

Seating of Corresponding Members

Partners in Mission

Presbyterian College – Lindy Vogado, Interim Director of Church Relations

Presentation of Consent Agenda

Approval of Docket

Moderator's Appointments

Call to Worship

Hymn

Welcome from our Hosts – Rev. Mickey Shealy

Committee on Ministry Report – Rev. Ken Terrell

Welcome Rev. Cyndi Parr (Western New York)

***We Listen for God's Word***

Scripture Reading

Homily – The Reverend Dr. Steve Hayner, President, Columbia Theological Seminary

Hymn

***We Respond with Renewed Commitment***

Ministry Support Team Report

Offering – to support Dalton's *Greater Works* ministry (*make checks to Cherokee Presbytery*)

Doxology

***We Approach the Table of Grace***

Confession

Assurance

Gloria

Litany of Reconciliation

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

Lord's Supper

***We Join God's Work in the World***

Stated Clerk's Report and Actions

Consent Agenda

Overture to General Assembly

Release Bethany to New Presbytery (Moderator offers prayer of sending.)

Other Items of Business/Information/Celebration

Motion to Adjourn following Benediction

Hymn

Closing Prayer

Benediction and Adjourn

Postlude

## Consent Agenda

	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Page(s)</b>
1.	That Presbytery approve the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery on Saturday, January 23, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville. The minutes were reviewed by the moderator and a committee appointed by the moderator consisting of Rev. Pem Cooley and Elder Linwood Swain (Southminster), 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 admit to record the report of the Stated Clerk on the Review of Session Minutes for 2009.	6
3.	That Presbytery receive as information the Treasurer's report for Cherokee Presbytery. ( <b>Attachment H</b> ) For questions, call Treasurer Greg Moore, 678-654-3733 (cell).	24-25
4.	That Presbytery admit to record the Minutes of the Commission to Ordain Candidate Paul Sherwood (Marietta First) on February 28, 2010, and that the Commission be dismissed with thanks ( <b>Attachment D</b> ).	16
5.	That Presbytery admit to record the Minutes of the January 12, 2010, Meeting of the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission ( <b>Attachment E</b> ).	17-19
6.	That Presbytery admit to record the Minutes of the February 1, 2010, Meeting of the Tri-Presbytery Commission on Campus Ministry ( <b>Attachment F</b> ).	20-22
7.	That Presbytery approve the changes of terms of call for pastors in the presbytery ( <b>Attachment B</b> ).	14
8.	That Presbytery approve loan modification with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for Calhoun Presbyterian Church to extend the time for their construction to April 16, 2010.	11
9.	That Presbytery approve loan modification with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for Bethany Presbyterian Church to change the interest rate from 6.25% to 5% on Note #3304226 (principle balance of \$238,065.10) and keep the monthly payments the same.	11
10.	That Presbytery admit to record the Clergy Commissioner's report from the meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic on March 4-5, 2010 ( <b>Attachment I</b> ).	26-27

### Stated Clerk's Report

1. The Stated Clerk prepared and circulated the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery on Saturday, January 23, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, Georgia. They were reviewed for completeness and accuracy by the Moderator and a committee appointed by the Moderator consisting of Rev. Pem Cooley and Elder Linwood Swain (Southminster), 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 consent agenda.)**
2. The Stated Clerk has reviewed the 2009 Annual Statistical Reports submitted online by congregations in Cherokee Presbytery and prepared a *Statistical Comparative Summary of Membership and Average Worship Attendance 2003-2009* for information (**Attachment C**).
3. The Stated Clerk held a workshop for Clerks of Session in Cherokee Presbytery at the Winter Leadership Event on Saturday, February 27, 2010, for the purpose of reviewing 2009 session minutes. Minutes for 2009 have been reviewed and approved without exception for: Calhoun, Cartersville, Eastminster, Heritage, Rockmart, Silver Creek, and Southminster. Minutes for 2009 have been reviewed and approved with exception for: Acworth, Beersheba, Cohutta, Covenant, John Knox, Macland, Sixes, Summerville, and Trinity. The following 25 churches have not submitted their 2009 session records for review: Bethany, Brazilian Christian, Calvary, Cedartown, Chickamauga, Christ Fellowship, Cloudland, Dalton, Deer Creek, Euharlee, Faith Canton, Faith Blue Ridge, Kirkwood, LaFayette, Marietta First, Mars Hill, Menlo, Morton Memorial, New Lebanon, Parkway, Providence, Ray-Thomas, Westminster, Woodlawn, and Woodstock. **Recommend admit to record. (This action is part of the consent agenda.)**
4. The Stated Clerk received a request from the session of First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, GA to forward to Cherokee Presbytery an Overture to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly concurring with the Overture made by the Presbytery of New Harmony to amend the Section A.3 of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly by adding the provision set forth as attached as A.3 (b) and renumbering the existing sections as A.3 c-f. (**Attachment G, page 23**). **FOR ACTION.**
5. The Stated Clerk has entered the 2010 Corporation Annual Registration with the Stated of Georgia.

6. The Stated Clerk has received notice that on January 24, 2010, the congregation of Bethany Presbyterian Church voted to request release from Cherokee Presbytery in order to join a new Korean Language Presbytery to be formed within our Synod. The vote was 344 yes, 38 no and 2 no opinion.  
**Recommend approval, contingent on written agreement with the new Presbytery that assures Cherokee Presbytery first rights to the Real Property occupied by Bethany and Ray-Thomas Memorial, and agreeing to the commitments between Bethany Presbyterian Church and Ray-Thomas Presbyterian Church.**
7. The Stated Clerk has received the Minutes of the Commission to Ordain Candidate Paul Sherwood (Marietta First) on February 28, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, to receive a call from Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Augusta, GA. (Attachment D). **Recommend admit to record and dismiss the Commission with thanks.** (This action is part of the consent agenda.)
8. The Stated Clerk has received the Minutes of the January 12, 2010, Meeting of the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission (Attachment E). **Recommend admit to record.** (This action is part of the consent agenda.)
9. The Stated Clerk has received the Minutes of the February 1, 2010, Meeting of the Tri-Presbytery Commission on Campus Ministry (Attachment F). **Recommend admit to record.** (This action is part of the consent agenda.)
10. The Stated Clerk received the Clergy Commissioner's report from the meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic on March 4-5, 2010. (Attachment I). **Recommend admit to record.** (This action is part of the consent agenda.)

### Committee Reports

#### Committee on Ministry

*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, LaVert Jones, Dick Neelly, Robert Smalley, Debbie Wells.*

For information the Committee on Ministry:

1. Changed Julie Ferguson's status to At Large effective January 1, 2010.
2. Granted Alex Stevens permission to labor outside the bounds as Stated Supply at Homer Presbyterian Church in Northeast Georgia Presbytery effective November 1, 2009.
3. Approved the change from a five-pastor model to a four-pastor model at First Presbyterian Church, Marietta.
4. Approved the Stated Supply Contract between Tim Erskine and Eastminster Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2010.
5. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between Jim Speed and Macland Presbyterian Church effective February 20, 2010.
6. Approved the Stated Supply Contract between Chuck Swann and Faith Presbyterian Church, Canton effective January 1, 2010.
7. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between Cynthia Parr and Kirkwood Presbyterian Church effective December 13, 2009.
8. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between Dick Neelly and Calhoun First Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2010.
9. Approved the Stated Supply Contract between George Mitchell and Euharlee Presbyterian Church effective January 4, 2010.
10. Received reports on Triennial Visits to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and Faith Presbyterian Church, Canton.
11. Received annual reports from non-parish clergy and validated their continuing ministry (Attachment B).
12. Validated ministries and approved continued membership for non-parish ministers: Sam Bridges, Ozeas da Silva, Julie Ferguson, Darrell Guder, Steve Hayner, David Horton, Mike Jackson, Ray Jones, Janet Looby, Dan Nail, Jose Pezini, Alex Stephens, George Stroup, Chuck Taber, Debbie Wells, Gail Neal, and Rebecca Blackwell.

## Recommendations:

1. That pending questions from the floor and her signing the book of obligation, Cynthia Parr be received as a member of Cherokee Presbytery (Attachment A).
2. That changes in the terms of pastors be approved (Attachment B). (This action is part of the consent agenda.)

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry** – A meeting was scheduled for March 16. A verbal report will be given.

*Overview: The work of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry 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:

### 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 – certified ready to receive a call (12-15-09)
Carolyn Smith	Candidate from Dalton – 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)

**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).*

For Information:

The Coordinating Team will appoint Nominating Committee members to fill the Class of 2012.

### 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.

**Cherokee 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 New Church Development Commission**

For Information:

The Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission met on January 12, 2010.

**Recommendation:**

**That the Minutes of the January 12, 2010, meeting of the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission be admitted to record (Attachment E). (This action is part of the Consent Agenda.)**

## Report of Annual Celebration

On Saturday, February 27th, nearly 250 of us gathered as brothers and sisters at Bethany Presbyterian Church/Ray-Thomas Memorial in Marietta, Georgia, for our Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Celebration. Together we sat at table, shared a meal, hopes, and experiences, and worshipped our God who called us together into common purpose.

We give thanks that so many pastors and members of our new church developments have called or emailed following the Celebration to share what Saturday night meant for us, our families, and our church. I am moved to hear expressions of: "now I know we belong to the church," and "I felt united with everyone there" and "this was a glimpse of God's kingdom."

I can echo these words and feelings. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a denomination blessed by new growth, whose vitality is deeply enriched and taught by the missional spirit of new faith communities responding to God's Spirit, which has called -- and is equipping! -- us to demonstrate God's love to our brothers and sisters in every nation.

The members and leaders of chartered churches who attended were given a clear picture of the deep and wide expanse of Christ's love for his people, and I celebrate that many of you have articulated how excited you are to be involved in the future work that God is doing through our hands, and voices, and hearts. The New Church Development Commission looks forward to new partnerships!

None of this would have been possible had Bethany Presbyterian not graciously offered us the hospitality of their church, and used their own gifts and insights to make sure that our Annual Celebration was an event full of enthusiasm -- not to mention, people! Many people present learned about Christian hospitality, commitment, and teamwork from our brothers and sisters at Bethany. We all enjoyed a delicious meal of homemade Korean food, accompanied by special dishes from around the world that many of our church leaders brought to share.

On behalf of the New Church Development Commission, I want to thank all who attended for their support of mission and ministry of our new church developments. As you know, in recent months our ministry has experienced a kind of resurrection. In this time of promise we have been blessed by the generosity of brothers and sisters who believe in the new things God is doing through the ministry we share together. We give thanks to God that so many good people have been and are among those believers!

I invite you to visit our website for a glimpse of the holy communion experienced on the 27th. On the site you'll find a slideshow of pictures from the Celebration (under "Our Celebration"), a slideshow featuring many of our new churches and fellowships (on the Home page), as well as a great deal more information about the ministry to which we are all called, as together we grow Christ's church -- deep and wide!

With gratitude and joy,

Rev. Sara Hayden, Director  
Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission  
[www.tripresbyteryncdc.com](http://www.tripresbyteryncdc.com)

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

### **Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry Commission**

For Information:

The Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry met on February 1, 2010.

### **Recommendation:**

**That the Minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting of the Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry be admitted to record (Attachment F). (This action is part of the Consent Agenda.)**

## Presbytery Coordinating Team

### **Coordinating Team** – Gary Pichon, Moderator

Overview: *The Mission Goal of the Coordinating Team 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, Teri Abercrombie, Pete Paulsen, Don Esa, Mickey Shealy, Sam Henderson, John Wells

Ex officio members: Rebecca Blackwell, Kelly Howington, Susan Reggin.

For Information:

1. The Coordinating Team met on February 9, 2010, at Cherokee Retreat Center. Reports were heard from the Vision Team, Cherokee Retreat Center, New Church Development Commission, Worship Team, Nurturing Disciples Team, Mission Team, Ministry Support Team, and from the Mission Coordinator.
2. The Coordinating Team set dates of meetings for the remainder of the calendar year at the presbytery office: April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 21. All meetings will be at 5:00 p.m.
3. Items of new business included determination that representatives of Cherokee Retreat Center, Campus Ministry and New Church Development should not normally attend Coordinating Team meetings.
4. Review dates were considered for Cherokee Retreat Center, Campus Ministry, and New Church Development. Also considered were Annual Consultation for Mission Coordinator/Stated Clerk process, changes to the Ministry Manual, and appointments by the Coordinating Team to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2012.

### **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.

Ex officio members: 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: Tim Erskine, Ann Stubbs Maddux, Jim Speed, Sandi Townley, Carol Wade.

### **Nurturing Disciples Team** – Teri Abercrombie, Moderator.

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.

For Information:

The Nurturing Disciples Team met on January 28, 2010, and then corresponded by email and telephone to plan the details for the Winter Leadership Event on February 27, 2010, at the Cartersville First Church. The theme was *Evangelism – A Christian Lifestyle*. The Keynote Speaker was the Reverend Dr. Ray Jones, Evangelism Coordinator, PCUSA. There were seven workshops in the morning and seven in the afternoon. Lunch arrangements were made by the Cartersville First Church. There were 85 attendees representing 26 churches in the presbytery. Evaluations from attendees were very good, encouraging us for the planning of the 2011 Winter Leadership Event. Plans are already under way for the 2010 Fall Leadership Event on Saturday, August 21, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

### **Spiritual Development Team** – Pete Paulson, Moderator

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

For Information:

The Spiritual Development Team participated in the Winter Leadership Event on February 27, 2010, and at the event led a morning workshop and an afternoon workshop on *Practicing the Presence of God*.

## **Ministry Support Team – Don Esa, Moderator**

*Overview: The Mission Goal of the Ministry Support Team 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:**

1. The Ministry Support Team has not been able to finalize the 2010 presbytery budget. A number of churches have not submitted an estimation of their pledge for the unified budget and/or have not made any contribution this year whereby we might make some projections. Right now, the presbytery is operating "in the red," which is only possible because of last year's budget surplus. In early May, we will look closely at expected income and expenses and make adjustments accordingly.
2. The Loan Team (Stan Tilley, Jim Bussart, and Lamar Harrison) has assembled a preliminary report that shows Cherokee Presbytery has co-signed loans with an outstanding balance of \$2.67 million, having an approximate annual debt service of \$304,629. We still have much work to do, reconciling the loan team's findings with how these matters are reported in our current budget reports. Though our study is not complete, it appears the presbytery should not assume any additional direct or contingent new debt at the present time unless it is for renewals and/or completion of works-in-progress.
3. We are currently studying potential options regarding the Paulding County property where the outstanding loan is about \$70,000 more than the current appraised property value. The matter has been complicated because of involvement with the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission.
4. The Ministry Support Team supports the recommendation that Bethany Presbyterian Church be allowed to join the non-geographic Korean Presbyterian Church presbytery. Ten churches are required to start a new presbytery. Bethany would like to rejoin our presbytery after the Korean presbytery is successfully operating. Since Cherokee Presbytery guarantees a loan held by Bethany, we have asked for a letter acknowledging Cherokee Presbytery is first in line for the security of the property.

### **Recommendations:**

1. **The Ministry Support Team and the Coordinating Team recommend repaying Faith Presbyterian Church, Canton \$4365.36 which they overpaid in 2009 to the presbytery for Per Capita payment. Since General Assembly will not refund the overpayment, it is recommended that we withhold this same amount from the 2010 General Assembly Per Capita payment. Our Stated Clerk will send a letter explaining our action.**
2. **The Ministry Support Team recommends approval of these loan modifications with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). Cherokee Presbytery guarantees these loans:**
  - a. **For Calhoun Presbyterian Church: to extend the time for their construction to April 16, 2010. It was originally set for January 16, 2008, and then extended to January 16, 2010.**
  - b. **For Bethany Presbyterian Church: to change the interest rate from 6.25% to 5% on Note #3304226 (principle balance of \$238,065.10) and keep the monthly payments the same. The next rate review is December, 2014. (This action is part of the consent agenda.)**

## **Retreat Center Board of Directors – No Report.**

*Overview: The Mission Goal of the Cherokee Retreat Center is to provide 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.*

### **Future Meetings:**

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

The Rev. Ms. Cynthia Rose Parr  
December 2009

## FAITH JOURNEY

My upbringing in the Presbyterian Church was thanks to a pastoral visit. When I was young, my family happened to move to a home directly across the street from a manse. The pastor of the Hampton Presbyterian Church came to visit us, welcomed us to the neighborhood, and invited us to church. We accepted the invitation and Hampton became the church that prompted me to develop a relationship with my Savior, Jesus Christ through memorable experiences of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, and Youth Group, as well as weekly worship.

After attending Point Park College and beginning a career in Mass Communications, I found myself in a different place. As a young adult, I gravitated to Memorial Park Presbyterian Church, which had a well-developed Singles Ministry. Most of my evenings were spent at the church, in one of the various programs the ministry had to offer. Soon, I became a part of the leadership team. The Senior Pastor then invited me to participate in Sunday morning worship services in a role very similar to that of the Associate Pastors.

At one point, the Associate Pastor in charge of pastoral care assisted me through a personal crisis. It was then that I gained a sense of calling. Because his support had been so meaningful and effective, I felt called to provide pastoral support to others in the way I had been supported. Because of its proximity, I chose Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. During the last two years, I interned at the Bower Hill Presbyterian Church.

I found my time at the seminary to be fulfilling and enjoyed expanding my knowledge of Scripture and its background. After seminary, I chose to experience faith in action by making a pilgrimage to Israel, participating in a mission trip to Nicaragua, and staffing a work camp in the inner city of Pittsburgh. While working in a tent-making position at the Curtisville Presbyterian Church, I also accepted the offer to initiate a shelter for victims of domestic violence, which was called The Hope Center.

As the call to full-time parish ministry became increasingly clear, I became the Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Lockport, NY. One of its unique programs was a community-wide youth group called Interfaith. This program allowed me to combine worship, teaching, and mission through meetings, retreats, and an annual study/mission trip. It was through Interfaith that I met my husband, married him, and became the mother of two sons, who are truly responsible for putting my faith in action every moment of every day. And so, when my husband was transferred to Marietta, I made the decision to go on hiatus from parish ministry and place all of my time and energy into raising my sons. Recently, it has become apparent that there is room in my life and in my spirit for nurturing a church as well. I am pleased that God is calling me back into full-time ministry.

The Rev. Ms. Cynthia Parr  
December 2009

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe in God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen. In wisdom and in love, God created us to live in accord with one another and with our world. But, we have fallen short of the glory of God.

Even so, God continues to love us. God came to us in human form in the person of Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Through the teachings and ministry of Jesus, we have a way to think and an example to follow. But, Jesus' ministry of love and compassion disrupted the ways of the world and its leadership resisted His message. They sought to destroy His ministry through death on the cross, but God's will could not ultimately be confounded.

I believe that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the hallmark of our faith. This unique event sets Christians apart from all other religions. As Jesus rose again from the dead, we have assurance that we, too, have the power to overcome sin and suffering. For this, we are grateful and continually give our thanks and praise, through both word and deed.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who communicates to us the unseen aspects of the faith. The Spirit binds the church together, enables the body to function, and communicates Christ's presence to us. As the Spirit spoke through prophets of old, so the Spirit speaks to us today through the Holy Scriptures, the inspired Word of God.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, which is the gathering place for the priesthood of all believers. I believe that the sacraments are visible signs of God's presence in the church. Through Baptism, we are welcomed into the community of faith. Through Holy Communion, we partake of the body and blood of Christ, thereby acknowledging our participation in the body and our receipt of the forgiveness of sins.

I believe that through the manifestation of faith and grace, our God is rightly glorified, now and forevermore.

The Rev. Ms Cynthia Rose Parr  
December 2009

#### MY SENSE OF CALL TO KIRKWOOD

Before learning of Kirkwood, I wrote the following in my PIF:

“The church I am called to serve is small, yet willing to grow. It is a friendly congregation that reaches out to newcomers. The congregation is committed to worship and supports one another with the goal of working together. The church serves as a marketplace of ideas with a community of believers willing to share their wants and needs, provide input and reflection, and participate in problem-solving and relationship-building. Additionally, I am called to serve a congregation with a willingness to have fun and enjoy the Christian life.”

After meeting the members of the Interim Search Team and learning more about the church, I realized that Kirkwood was the church I had in mind when I wrote the above paragraph. My sense of calling to the church includes preparing them to search for and call a permanent pastor. Kirkwood has much to offer and I hope to showcase their strengths through meaningful worship, intergenerational ministries, and a renewed sense of identity. Ultimately, it is my calling to pastor Kirkwood through this transitional period and into a stable, fulfilling future with their next pastor.

## COM 2010 Annual Report on Ministerial Compensation

Minister	Members	Salary	Housing & Utilities	Pension- Medical	Equiv ½ SS	Auto/Prof Expense	Study & Books Exp	Other
Araujo, Cido	439	19,100		Yes	1461	1650		800
Bayerl, Paul	75/21	24,500	14,850	Yes	3010	3500	800	
Beltzner, Denise	2325	32,200	30,000	Yes	4758	2500	800	
Bogar, Fritz	163	29,605	19,000	Yes	4026	1000	2400	
Brice, Joe	145	18,000	25,000	Yes	3290	3500	1200	9920
Choi, Byeongho	577	10,850	28,500	Yes	3010	18,000		12,514
Craft, Ed	35	8521	10,000		1300		300	
Downing, Tyler	585	38,853	18,630	Yes	4397	3500	2000	
Esa, Don		39,600	31,800	Yes	5539	1000	800	
Foley, Jack	92	15,855	22,939	Yes	3358	5110	3000	
Ford, Bill	439	45,000	30,000	Yes	3443	2988	1500	1217
Grove, Dave	106	33,075	5733	Yes	4845	4128	1100	1217
Gunter, Keith	2325	28,200	22,500	Yes	4131	3300	800	
Gunter, Sid	492	40,300	30,961	Yes	2615	9500	2500	675
Harris, Bryant	490	56,997	20,325	Yes	5915	2450	1850	
Henderson, Sam	2325	78,900	37,000	Yes	9257	5100	4000	
Hittel, Maryellen	84	25,460	16,800	Yes	369	6900		1200
Jensen, Julie	631	16,667	33,333	Yes	3825	1250	750	
Jeon, Young	439	17,600				6400		
Lamberson, Zeta	429	28,230	19,000	Yes	3644	1500	1500	
Laughlin, Ben	182	30,500	30,000	Yes	4628	5000	1000	200
Lim, Peter	577	8000	31,350	Yes	3010	5090		6217
Martin, John	112	38,117	17,000	Yes	yes	3500	800	1100
Pina, Lucas	113	18,000	26,000	Yes	3366	3500	800	
Reggin, Susan	60	14,401	25,489	Yes	3289	4393	1200	3000
Scott, Carol	263	54,986		Yes		7728		
Shealy, Mickey	585	60,000	25,000	Yes	6502	5500	4000	
Smith, Ted	631	47,500	34,773	Yes	6208	1066	1950	
Spangler, John	70	12,437	32,112	Yes	3408	2746	550	
Terrell, Kenneth	230	30,800	28,800	Yes	3600	4820	1000	7731
Wade, Carol	55	25,300	14,850	Yes	3071	4500	800	
Waskey, Jack	30		9000	Yes	1/2		100	
Wells, John	2325	67,000		Yes	5279	2000	800	
Yoon, Taekhan		8000	31,350	Yes	3010	8000		4350

Non-parish or At-large reports have been received from:

<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Bridges (military)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Jones	<input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Wells
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ozeas da Silva	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet Looby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Neal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Ferguson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Nail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Blackwell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darrell Guder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jose Pezini	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Hayner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Stephens	
<input type="checkbox"/> David Horton (military)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Stroup	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Taber	

Stated Supply/Interim: Tim Erskine, Roger Kvam (HR), George Mitchell, Greg Moore, Dick Neelly, Cyndi Parr, Pete Paulsen, Jim Speed (HR), Bridget Waddell, Ken Waddell, Julia Wiley (serving out of bounds), Chuck Swann (Western N.C.), Tim Dunn (serving out of bounds), Mark Weaver (NCD), Tom Wood

Honorably Retired: Herschel Allen, Tino Ballesteros, Ewell Black, Jack Bunkley, Bert Carmichael, Pem Cooley, Archie Davis, Maxine Edwards, Bob Farrow, Charles Feast, Eleana Garrett, David Glauner, Catherine Gonzalez, Jenny Hammett, Bill Hammond, Rod Hunter, Walter Jones, Jin Hoon Kim, Homer Kimmons, Roger Kvam, Gaspar Langella, Ed Langham, Larry Lewis, Stuart Leyden, Jake Marshall, Roger Martin, Elizabeth McAliley, Van Nesbit, Gene Randolph, Jan Rhodes, Tom Rogers, Frank Sapp, Mary Kay Sapp, Cuyler Smith, Jim Speed, John Tarrant, Frank Weathersby, Charles Weaver, Thurston Wilson, Donn Wright

**34 + 17 + 10 + 40 = 102**

## Cherokee Presbytery Statistical Comparative Summary of Membership/Average Worship Attendance 2003-2009

	2003 Members/ Av. Worship	2004 Members/ Av. Worship	2005 Members/ Av. Worship	2006 Members/ Av. Worship	2007 Members/ Av. Worship	2008 Members/ Av. Worship	2009 Members/ Av. Worship
Acworth	130/85	130/-	116/72	-	98/47	81/41	77/36
Beersheba	84/47	88/48	88/-	-	-	75/40	
Bethany	299/510	338/550	410/550	450/550	506/650	577/700	
Braz. Ch.	94/100	112/85	110/85	120/-	-	-	
Calhoun	229/104	212/124	207/122	206/120	214/113	220/102	181/94
Calvary	103/57	86/59	78/51	77/53	89/59	75/48	58/44
Cartersville	606/280	595/234	579/236	597/275	609/289	604/251	631/260
Cedartown	127/74	128/70	133/60	111/48	113/50	109/45	106/52
Chickamauga	88/55	81/40	75/42	61/60	-	40/32	44/41
Christ Fel.	56/32	40/30	39/35	-	39/35	-	35/30
Cloudland	44/-	44/-	44/-	-	43/-	43/32	43/-
Cohutta	53/35	52/37	55/37	60/38	-	64/31	60/-
Covenant	301/160	255/150	251/150	253/-	253/145	237/138	230/140
Dalton 1st	744/302	691/326	624/267	592/252	548/284	572/309	585/296
Deer Creek	184/88	183/79	175/70	144/85	128/85	114/77	112/91
Eastminster	722/254	673/315	632/305	624/275	624/310	590/321	575/318
Euharlee	110/74	110/-	110/-	127/50	78/45	-	
Faith N Ga.		40/34	40/38	41/37	45/-	46/38	55/40
Faith Canton	48/30	56/35	61/42	65/25	71/40	70/40	52/40
Heritage	626/334	505/315	487/300	535/-	510/310	511/325	492/295
John Knox	185/125	179/110	180/110	181/110	175/100	166/90	
Kirkwood	175/96	187/108	181/100	157/83	147/80	144/75	137/76
LaFayette	27/15	24/15	24/20	22/20	24/18	22/25	
Macland	619/-	490/312	497/295	-	470/275	486/249	429/211
Marietta	2892/1008	2927/948	2728/827	2681/806	2421/884	2420/858	2325/794
Mars Hill	636/325	414/294	448/310	478/310	499/325	476/315	490/256
Menlo	24/15	24/-	24/-	-	-	13/13	
Morton Mem	48/20	48/-	48/-	-	30/17	-	
New Leb.	215/143	200/138	200/142	178/128	184/128	182/130	182/-
Parkway	412/-	452/326	472/340	472/268	442/316	374/250	439/275
Providence	98/76	105/76	115/82	103/83	121/100	134/80	145/85
Ray-Thomas	785/-	528/210	498/155	401/150	383/150	313/150	263/100
Rockmart	96/67	95/52	97/48	86/47	86/49	87/52	84/54
Silver Creek	83/63	87/61	88/61	91/66	94/65	96/61	92/59
Sixes			139/140	129/140	118/120	104/121	113/85
Southminster	162/83	175/84	175/-	-	133/56	130/53	110/54
Summerville	63/25	63/28	63/-	34/25	26/20	24/25	21/22
Trinity	50/-	67/38	67/28	-	48/33	44/32	43/34
Westminster	453/198	454/194	451/181	375/176	339/175	330/162	320/169
Woodlawn	85/44	76/42	76/44	78/54	74/49	73/40	70/37
Woodstock	130/70	106/80	113/90	114/78	117/70	-	51/39
<b>Pby. Totals</b>	<b>11,886/5008</b>	<b>11,120/5647</b>	<b>11,036/5210</b>	<b>10,682/5413</b>	<b>10,245/5533</b>	<b>10,030/5361</b>	<b>9719/4368</b>

Source: Year-end Statistical Reports from churches of Cherokee Presbytery to OGA (Dash = no data reported.)

If no report was submitted, statistics revert back to previous year.

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN ROBERT PAUL SHERWOOD  
February 28, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

The Commission of Cherokee Presbytery appointed to ordain Candidate Robert Paul Sherwood (Marietta First) to receive a call to Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Georgia, as Associate Pastor for Administration and Pastoral Care, met on Sunday, February 28, 2010, in the pastor's study at First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia.

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 3:35 p.m. by Mark Weaver.

Mark Weaver was elected Moderator for the Commission, and Becky Cameron was elected Clerk.

The following members were present:

Ministers Mark Weaver, Ray Jones, Jim Speed, and Sam Henderson  
Elders Velma Tilley and Becky Cameron

The Commission approved the order for worship, which included a sermon preached by Ray Jones.

The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary with the consensus that the Benediction of the worship service would serve as closing for the meeting.

The Constitutional Questions were propounded to the candidate by Mark Weaver.

The Prayer of Ordination was offered by Velma Tilley.

The Declaration of Ordination was pronounced by Mark Weaver and the Commission greeted the newly ordained minister on behalf of the Presbytery.

A Charge was given to the minister by Leslie Holmes.

The Benediction was pronounced by the newly ordained minister.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Cameron, Clerk

Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission  
Quarterly Meeting  
January 12, 2010  
Draft -- To be approved April 13, 2010

Attendees: Pam Driesell, Sara Hayden, April Love Fordham, Tom Barrow, Forrest Palmer, Peter Lim, Jerry NeSmith, Warren Combs, Bob Veley, Ken Meeks, Sam Henderson

**Welcome and Blessing**

Introductions were made and each described the journey that brought them here today. Prayer concerns were expressed and Sara offered prayer to God.

**Old Business**

No additions were requested for the agenda.

**Jesus Hope Church of Georgia chartering**

Sara reported that we have a new church, Jesus Hope Church of Georgia. It began 3 years ago, funded by other churches, particularly Korean churches. A permanent pastor, Daewoo Park, has been called. The service was November 15, 2009, with over 200 in attendance.

Bob asked how many members are required for charter. Sara offered that traditionally 100 members were required, but that is one of the issues that this commission may wish to consider.

**Discussion of TPNCDC Operating Document**

Sam passed out the current draft of the TPNCDC operating document to be used as an instrument for presbyteries to gain new "buy in" to the Commission. New opportunities include conventional congregations, and also address immigrant, ethnic and "emergent forms" of church, which brings up many questions about the church founding process and requirements.

Further discussion took place on the "Presbytery Responsibilities", which require more clarity and mutual agreement.

The document, developed by members of the TPNCDC, will be refined by the current Commission before being presented to the Presbytery.

Pam suggested that a complete presentation of the document be made at some point.

**TPNCDC Celebration**

Sara announced that Bethany Presbyterian in Marietta will host a celebration, to which many people will be invited, not, as in the past, just NCD pastors. Date is February 27, 2010, at 5:30. There will be a reception, worship and dinner. This will be a multi-cultural celebration, including music from several churches. Ken noted that this date conflicts with NEGA Presbytery meeting on the same date.

We are to attend, and bring members of our church and friends. Tables are \$200 for sponsorship. The money will be brought into the NCD budget. Sam is preaching and Pam is also testifying.

**Old Business**

Minutes approved

**New Business**

**Resignation of Dave Keister**

Ken announced that Dave Keister has resigned, so a new member is needed. Dave provided a letter to explain his situation. Sam moved to accept with regret. It was seconded and accepted.

#### Brazilian Fellowship (Covenant, Cherokee Presbytery)

Sara received a letter of resignation for Joao Carlos Rocha, the minister of the Brazilian Fellowship at Covenant. The fellowship is dissolved.

Bob Veley moved that we no longer recognize this as a fellowship of the NCDC. The motion passed.

#### New Business-Actions

##### New Committee Structure

Sara presented a document proposing a new committee structure. The purpose of the new structure composed of five committees is to facilitate continued work by the Commission between the meetings. Each committee will report at each quarterly meeting.

Sara discussed the operation of each committee and their reporting to the Commission.

There was discussion about an “operating document”.

Sam suggested that “coaching for new NCD pastors” should be included in the Oversight and Advisory committee.

Pam suggested that every member of the commission be assigned to a particular NCD project (congregation) as liaison.

Sara can get access to Mission Insight for access to license to demographic software.

Sara pointed out that these committees are organized to “make sure things are happening”, but it is the responsibility of the entire commission to do the work. For example the Funding and Development Committee needs to develop a funds development strategy to be implemented by all.

Discussion continued concerning the new committee structure.

Proper spot for real estate issues was discussed. Suggested that titles of committees be renamed to “Visioning and Planning”, “Communication”, “Leadership Development”. Added liaisons to Oversight and Advisory, Directs Pastors...including guidance in process of land acquisition and building. Added “assessing potential land sites” to visioning. “Pastors/lay leaders/liaisons”. Added coaches to programming and potential NCD pastor events.

Move by Sam to use new committee structure. Passed.

Adjourned for lunch.

##### Administrative Support

Sara presented the need for admin support. Commission no longer has admin assistant. Sara is evaluating the need for admin support and has a good sense about what help needed. Sara believes she needs help 5-10 hours/week for record keeping, making contacts, maintaining mailing lists, organizing events. Sara suggests that seminary students may have the knowledge needed to provide such support. Sara believes that \$15/hour at 8hours/week computes to about \$6,200/year. If approved, the Presbytery would provide payroll support.

Pam suggested we look at budget before we address this hiring proposal.

Ken suggested that \$15/hour may be too high. Some discussion about rates in Atlanta versus other places.

Sam suggested that a hiring committee be formed. Joanna Adams and Pam Driesell will serve as the committee, and Sara will interview candidates that meet the position's needs.

### 2010 Proposed Budget

Sara provided hardcopy of 2009 financial report.

Sara provided hardcopy of 2010 proposed budget.

Agreed to change CD fund and money market fund to a category of “reserves”, rather than “restricted reserves”.

Some discussion about cash flow from Cherokee Presbytery in relationship with Parkway mortgage expenses. Some discussion about lack of transparency in budget/expenses because Greater Atlanta Presbytery does much of the bookkeeping.

Ken discussed need to have a way to develop capital funds.

Discussion ensued about use of \$100K of reserves as part of budget. Sam and Pam reminded Commission that a decision was made to use reserves in order to make the commission more effective.

Motion made by Bob Veley and seconded by Sam to approve the budget and review in April 2010.

Motion passed, with one dissenting vote.

Returning to hiring process for admin assistant—

Sam moved to authorize hire through a hiring committee at a rate commensurate with local salaries. Seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:05 pm.

-- *Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted by Jerry NeSmith*

**Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry  
Minutes for February 1, 2010**

A called meeting of PCM of Georgia was held on February 1, 2010 at the Presbyterian Student Center at the University of Georgia.

**Call to meeting**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Joe Brice  
Andy Cooke gave a brief introduction to the meeting space and logistics for the meeting.

**Present:** Susan Monk (CP), Mitch roper (PSC intern), Nancy Heyl (NEGa), Jim Heyl (NEGa), Dan Boles (CM KSU), Joe Brice (CP), Pat Daugherty (NEGa), Ken Meeks (NEGa), Andy Cooke (CM UGA), George Taylor (CP), Mickey Shealy (CP), Shannon Ball (GAP), Neale Hightower (GT Board), and Lance Crimm (CM GT), Sheri Grove (CM Berry), Jill Tolbert (CM Emory)

**Excused:** Rebecca Blackwell (CP), Nancy Peterson (GAP), Alice Hickcox (GAP), Sharon Riley (CM AUC), Cheryl Jenkins (CP), Katherine Preston (CP), Forrest Palmer (GAP), Ann Clay Adams (GAP)

The agenda was presented and approved, and introductions were made.

**Minutes**

Minute corrections: A change from Neale Hightower: "A discussion was begun regarding the promise of a budding campus ministry at Georgia State. The moderator proposed convening a meeting of interested parties to discuss the way forward regarding developing a presence on the GSU campus. Both North Avenue and Central have expressed interest in working with the campus, ~~but neither have been committed enough to see any beginnings to fruition~~ and Rev. Jeff Meyers (North Avenue) leads a regular lunch and Bible study on campus at Georgia State on Thursdays. Jill Tolbert will convene a meeting of possible interested parties to discuss a way forward."

**Campus Updates**

- Dan Boles reported that KSU continues to experience and celebrate rapid growth, currently enrolling nearly 24,000 students. With such rapid growth, and not having their own dedicated facilities, reserving space on campus for meetings, Bible studies, etc. is proving to be more and more challenging for the ministry. It's been a great year so far, with visible growth in the number of congregations who are beginning to support the ministry financially (up considerably), the number of students participating in various programs/events (actively serving approx. 30-40 students/semester through different programs), our reputation/visibility on campus, and most importantly the increasing reach we have as a result of all these factors and more (our current reach includes some 200-300 students). This Spring, we're continuing and expanding two programs that were wonderfully received in the Fall; (a) "No Reservations: LUKE Without Borders" Bible study each week at lunch, offered on Monday and Tuesday, and (b) "RED LETTER LOVE Discussion Series" on Sunday evenings, reading Tony Campolo's "Red Letter Christians" and Tom Davis' "Red Letters, Living a Faith that Bleeds," and are looking forward to starting a weekly Worship service on Sunday evenings in the near future. With the growth of both the University and our Ministry, and the current economic market, we also have several wonderful opportunities on the horizon, including the hope of securing a Campus Ministry House. Several students are very excited about the possibility of creating and participating in the life of the 1st intentional Christian housing community at KSU. Finally, two of our students have helped organize a wonderful fundraiser for the Red Cross that will directly benefit their Haitian Earthquake Relief & Development Fund by creating "KSU Owls for Haiti ... Give a HOOT!" T-shirts, which has gotten lots of positive publicity all around campus for our ministry.
- Andy Cook reported that he continues to enjoy his job—that fall semester finished in a strong way, and they took a good group (36) to Montreat for the College Conference. It was a great kickoff to the spring

semester for his group. Attendance has been strong at Sunday worship. Students have begun to gather on Wednesday to cook dinner for a local homeless shelter. Sunday offerings go to purchase the food, and the students are working hard to make it all happen. Mitch has begun a project around ecological stewardship, trying to draw in other campus ministries. An interfaith dialog has opened up, and there is excitement around the possibilities that may arise from that.

- Lance Crimm reported that WCF at Georgia Tech is keeping him young! They continue to have regular weekly activities, mainly on Tuesday nights for fellowship. Other major event is Thursday night for worship. New students have gotten plugged in, and numbers are good. Special events on the horizon include a 40 Day Fast for WCF, including a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper with other campus ministries. Neale Hightower reported that the international ministry at Georgia Tech (WIF) continues to run strong. Thursday evenings are set aside for Bible study among (mostly) non-Christians, a trip to Charleston, a New Years party and an upcoming Chinese New Year party. The ministry helps them with the intricacies of life in the states, including opening a bank account or getting a drivers license. Lance requester prayer for the Student Leadership Team to come up with ways that WCF and WIF can work together more often.
- Jill Tolbert of PCM @ Emory reported that PCM @ Emory is doing well. Students continue to be active in Sunday worship and Tuesday's Break @ 8 fellowship and study. Average attendance is between five and ten students, depending on schedules and class responsibilities, and one-on-one contacts hover around fifteen to twenty students. The group enjoys worship and lunch together on Sundays, and has visited several congregations in the Atlanta area. The office location has moved from Emory Presbyterian church to a location on campus, which has been wonderful. The Board is beginning to consider what is best for the long-term viability of the ministry, possibly considering a transition to parish-based ministry. Partnership with EKCA is going strong, and the group hosted a roundtable discussion with Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow recently to discuss campus ministry and its place and call in the greater denomination.
- Sheri Grove: PSF at Berry continues to meet regularly, and the students have taken core leadership positions, although several of those leaders will graduate in the spring. Contact is still being made with a few students at Shorter. New Berry students have begun to attend, but commitment is not as strong as it is with the "old timers." They enjoyed their first time at the Montreat College Conference, and were glad to partner with KSU for travel. They travel to churches around the area who have supported the ministry, and that has been well-received. Studies have focused on life transitions and discernment with the upcoming graduation of several in the group. Sheri has been encouraged by the student conversations as they approach graduation, and is grateful for the transformations that have occurred in their lives.

### **Presbytery Reports**

Greater Atlanta Presbytery has given a \$500 grant to offset the cost of the Statewide Retreat held in the fall.

- A motion was made by Shannon Ball and seconded by Nancy Heyl that the Commission reimburse UGA for the \$500 expenses they incurred on behalf of the Statewide Retreat, using the grant money received by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta given for that purpose. The motion passed.

A subcommittee made up of the campus ministers and a student representative from each campus was formed to begin working and planning for the 2010 Statewide Retreat, and Andy Cooke agreed to chair the committee. An update on plans is expected by the May meeting, with a confirmed date and location, as well as an outline of the weekend plans.

#### Update on New Campus Initiatives

- Plans to convene a discussion around the budding ministry at Georgia State continue to be in process.
- North Georgia College and State University and a church in Dahlonega have a budding partnership at work
- There has also been interest in a campus ministry at Georgia College and State University.

#### Review of new arrangement with Northeast Georgia Presbytery

- The NEGa Presbytery is fully present at this meeting, with all 4 commissioners present. Andy summarized their recent proposal for ongoing relationship with the commission. Essentially, the funding ties with the commission have been severed, with the exception of contributions to the Statewide Development fund, but

the programming and planning component of the relationship will continue. A lively discussion ensued, and continued over lunch.

### ➤ **Financial Reports**

The moderator presented the financial records, with clarification given and questions answered by Kathy Gunter of NEGa Presbytery.

### **Presbytery Reports**

- Greater Atlanta Presbytery has budgeted for \$90,000 to be given to the Commission for the upcoming year.
- Cherokee Presbytery has approved \$7500 to be given to the Commission for the upcoming year.
- Northeast Georgia Presbytery has approved \$1200 to be given to the Statewide Development Fund.

### **Old Business**

- A motion was made by George Taylor and seconded by Shannon Ball that we appoint Robert Hay as interim treasurer until the way be clear for him to assume full responsibility as treasure upon nomination as a commissioner for GAP. In the meantime, he will work as needed with Kathy Gunter. , if the way be clear and pending his nomination to the commission as a representative from GAP, Robert Hay be elected treasurer.
- Allocations Subcommittee: Shannon Ball, Pat Daugherty, Susan Monk, Rebecca Blackwell will serve as the subcommittee to review the campus ministry reports, budgets, and grant requests and make allocations to the campus ministries in time for the May 2010 meeting.
- Operation Manual – Susan will be happy to receive suggestions related to the Operations Manual that has been submitted. A brief conversation was held, and suggestions will be sent as needed.

### **New Business**

- Dan would like to formally encourage each congregation in the tri-presbytery area to appoint a contact person for the campus ministry commission so that congregations can notify the commission / campus minister of incoming students. Susan will work on establishing an easy way to facilitate communication between local congregations and the campus ministries.
- First Presbyterian Church in Lavonia will host Andy this spring to provide a catch-up on the work of the commission, at which time he will thank them for their contribution.

A motion was made by seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Susan Monk.

There will be a regular meeting of PCM of Georgia hosted by Emory on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 – 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill P. Tolbert, secretary

## Overture 007

On Amending Standing Rule A.3, by Outlining a Procedure for Dealing with Overtures That Request Amendment to the Book of Order That Have Been Dealt with By One of Two Previous GAs From the Presbytery of New Harmony.

The Presbytery of New Harmony overtures the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) to amend Section A.3 of the Standing Rules of the General Assembly by adding the provision set forth below as A.3 (b) and renumbering the remaining existing sections sequentially as A.3 c-f. Should an overture require an amendment to the Constitution which proposes substantially the same action as that which was adopted by one of the two previous sessions of the General Assembly and subsequently failed to receive the necessary number of positive votes for enactment when transmitted to the Presbyteries, it shall not be considered as an item of business unless and until seventy five percent of the commissioners present and voting vote to do so.

## Rationale

This amendment to the Standing Rules is intended to relieve the commissioners to each General Assembly of the burden of having to consider, debate and take action on proposed amendments to the Constitution which have been addressed by previous General Assemblies and voted down by the Presbyteries. It is similar in purpose and content to Rule A.8 (f) dealing with repetitious commissioners' resolutions. Unlike that Rule which delegates the authority for the decision to just one individual, the Stated Clerk, this proposal would allow the commissioners themselves to make it an item of business, albeit by a super-majority. Because this addresses items of constitutional import and, therefore, necessarily entails submission to the presbyteries, the entire General Assembly should be empowered to address this threshold issue, but more than a simple majority vote should be required before mandating the repeated expenditure of time and resources on actions which have already been thoroughly vetted and rejected.

## Cherokee Presbytery Balance Sheet, February 28, 2010

ASSETS February 28, 2010	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	379,958.60
Other Current Assets	<u>4,289.83</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	384,248.43
Fixed Assets	983,123.11
Other Assets	<u>262,265.59</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>1,629,637.13</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	<u>299.71</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	299.71
Long Term Liabilities	<u>705,959.47</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	706,259.18
Equity	<u>923,377.95</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>1,629,637.13</b></u>

## Cherokee Presbytery Profit and Loss Statement, January-February 2010

	<u>Jan - Feb 10</u>
<b>Income</b>	
44009 · Budgeted Receipts	62,434.19
47000 · CRC Income	<u>52,571.55</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	115,005.74
<b>Expense</b>	
51000 · Ministry Support Team	46,047.59
56110 · Nurturing Disciples Team	19.26
56500 · Cherokee Retreat Center	37,500.00
57000 · CRC Expense	44,042.24
60001 · Payroll Expenses	<u>1,696.10</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>129,305.19</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>-14,299.45</b></u>

## Church Pledges and Receipts through March 11, 2010

PIN	Church	Pledge	Unified	Per Capita	Unified Received	Per Capital Received
22294	Acworth	2010				696.60
22322	Beersheba	2010	4,200.00	645.00	700.00	53.75
11049	Bethany	2010	9,000.00	4,962.20	1,500.00	838.40
11751	Brazilian Christian	2010				
22296	Calhoun	2010	10,800.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	333.34
22311	Calvary	2010	8,055.00	645.00	2,013.75	107.75
22299	Cartersville	2010				
22301	Cedartown	2010	5,000.00	937.40	1,650.00	318.23
22302	Chickamauga	2010				
23375	Christ Fellowship	2010				
22304	Cloudland	2010				739.60
22305	Cohutta	2010				
22312	Covenant	2010	15,000.00	2,038.20	2,500.00	339.70
22307	Dalton	2010	75,999.96		18,000.00	
22306	Deer Creek	2010	3,000.00		750.00	245.00
22313	Eastminster	2010	30,000.00	5,074.00	7,500.00	1,292.86
22298	Euharlee	2010	1,000.00	670.80		
11151	Faith/Canton	2010	9,600.00	450.00		
11929	Faith/Blue Ridge	2010	1,100.00	395.60	275.00	395.60
12078	Grace	2010	8,160.00		3,138.99	
21672	Heritage	2010				4,020.00
22315	John Knox	2010				
10947	Kirkwood	2010				
22308	Lafayette	2010				
11424	Macland	2010				
22314	Marietta	2010			38,250.00	5,250.00
22295	Mars Hill	2010	3,000.00		500.00	682.30
22317	Menlo	2010				
22303	Morton	2010	375.00			258.00
23298	New Lebanon	2010	10,000.00		2,493.75	
11676	Parkway	2010	2,000.00	2,000.00	500.00	500.00
11852	Providence	2010	2,000.00			
23316	Ray-Thomas	2010				
22318	Rockmart	2010	7,200.00	748.20		
22309	Silver Creek	2010	7,160.00	825.60	1,193.34	137.60
11938	Sixes	2010				223.59
22316	Southminster	2010	3,300.00	1,118.00	550.00	186.34
22324	Summerville	2010				
22297	Trinity	2010	300.00	500.00	300.00	378.40
22321	Westminster	2010	5,000.00	2,838.00	1,256.00	716.00
22310	Woodlawn	2010	600.00	628.00	100.00	104.62
22326	Woodstock	2010				1,006.20
	3/11/2010					
	<b>Total</b>		221,849.96	26,476.00	84,970.83	18,823.88

(Marietta \$14,916.66 2009 Unified received in 2010)

Report from Meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic  
March 4 – 5, 2010

The 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic convened at 1:00 p.m. on March 4, 2010 at the Synod Office in Jacksonville, Florida. Moderator-elect Gerden Clark, an Elder from New Harmony Presbytery, was unable to attend the meeting due to an injury, and outgoing Moderator Jane Miller, an Elder from Central Florida Presbytery, presided. Elder Miller called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The opening worship was led by the Reverend Mona Bagasoa, Chaplain and Director of Religious Life at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida.

The declaration of a quorum was made by the Reverend Reginald V. Parsons, Synod Executive/Stated Clerk.

The Reverend Dr. Frank D. Colclough, Jr. of New Harmony Presbytery, Moderator of the Committee on Nominations made a report from the committee. The Rev. Dr. James St. John, minister-member of Trinity Presbytery, was elected to the Class of 2014 on the Synod's Permanent Judicial Commission.

The Rev. Jill Hudson, Coordinator of Governing Body Relations for the PCUSA, addressed the Synod on "Trends in Middle Governing Bodies." She spoke of changes in shape, form, and staffing models; innovation in styles of operation; increased emphasis on spirituality; emphasis on a missional style; and greater focus on resourcing congregations.

The Rev. Mona Bagasoa presented a report on educational programs, student life, admissions, and religious life at Eckerd College, a covenant institution of our Synod.

Elder Jane Miller reported from the Executive Committee that the new Moderator, Gerden Clark, was installed via conference call due to his injury. The Committee proposed a change in the Synod manual to change the term for Synod Moderator be from one year to two years. The Synod concurred. Elder Miller presented a request from the Executive Committee to allow Bill Step to labor inside the bounds of Synod for the Stephen Covey Organization. Permission was granted.

The Rev. Reginald V. Parsons, Synod Executive/Stated Clerk gave his report. The Synod welcomed two new Presbytery Executives: Dr. Tom Evans of Greater Atlanta Presbytery, and Dr. Ken McKenzie of Savannah Presbytery. The Rev. Parsons also reported that plans are underway to reduce the number of members on the Board of Presbyterian College.

Mr. Mike Davis, Synod Treasurer, reported on 2009 receipts and expenses of the Synod, and urged commissioners to encourage their respective presbyteries to remit promptly their per capita apportionments which support the meetings and office of Synod, as well as their \$1.00 per member Mission Support, which makes possible the grants for new church development and transformation, and support for our large racial ethnic ministries.

The Synod Committees met to take care of committee business and prepare motions for action by the Synod. The meeting was recessed until Friday morning.

The 20th Stated Meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010. Elder Jane Miller opened with prayer and the morning Devotional was led by Ms. Mardee Rightmyer of Atlanta, Director of the Regional Resource Center.

Synod Disaster Response Coordinator, Dr. Ken McKenzie, reported on the work of the Presbyterian Church in responding to flooding in Northwest Georgia and to the devastation of the earthquake in Haiti. He encouraged generous support for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at Easter.

Highlights of the Committee reports are as follows:

New Church Development Committee – approved grant to the New Faith New Church Development project near Greenwood, SC, in Trinity Presbytery, under the leadership of Dr. Alice Ridgill.

Covenants and Institutions - entered into dialog with the Rev. Mona Bagasoa regarding rewriting the Synod's covenant with Eckerd College to make it more of an active partnership. The Rev. Bagasoa will email the committee members her thoughts for consideration. Annual Reports were presented by Agnes Scott College, Columbia Theological Seminary, Duvall Home, Florida Presbyterian Homes, Presbyterian College, and Thornwell Home for Children. In 2010, covenants with seven of our institutions will be due for review and renewal.

Finance and Audit Review Committee - will be reviewing the management guidelines of the Hemphill Loan Fund to determine whether the interest rate can be brought into line with the current market rates.

Theological Scholarships Committee - awarded a total of five scholarships to seminary students from our presbyteries. One grant was from the fund for African American Recruitment.

The Rev. Parsons, Synod Executive reported that South Atlantic is in the top ten for giving to GA. He recognized and honored outgoing Moderator Jane Miller for her faithful and exemplary service to the Synod during the past several years. He then reported that eleven Korean Presbyterian congregations in the Synod have asked to be permitted to form a non-geographic Korean language presbytery within the bounds of the Synod, and they have the concurrence of their Presbyteries. The Synod approved their request and will transmit it to the General Assembly for action. This would be the 17<sup>th</sup> presbytery in our Synod. The eleven congregations are from Cherokee (1), Greater Atlanta (4), Flint River (3), Savannah (1), and Tampa Bay (2) Presbyteries. There may be other churches to join later.

A report was received from the Rev. Dr. Mike Fitze, Chair of the Synod Committee on Representation.

The Synod's Racial Ethnic Ministry Consultants presented informative and inspiring reports on the ways they provide leadership development, officer training, PNC support, fellowship, and inspiration to the congregations of Synod. Reports were given by the Rev. Dr. Joe W. Rigsby, African American Consultant; the Rev. Elias Collado, Hispanic-American Consultant; and the Rev. Sam Young Kim, Korean-American Consultant.

Ms. Mardee Rightmyer reported on the work of the Regional Resource Center. She stated that she will also continue to inquire into the possibility of conducting Synod meetings electronically rather than gathering in person. The Commissioners expressed mixed feelings about such a plan.

Mrs. Mary Bell Streetman reported on the exciting work of the Presbyterian Women of the Synod. She emphasized their plans to host the Church-wide Gathering in Orlando, Florida, in 2012.

The next Synod Meeting will be October 14-15, 2010, at the Synod Office in Jacksonville, Florida.

The business meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Elder Miller.

A Meeting of the Corporation was held after the business meeting.

Rev. Ben Laughlin  
Clergy Commissioner/Cherokee Presbytery