

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
May 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 3125 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta, GA 30062, 770-977-2976

Cherokee Presbytery

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



One Church, Forty-One Locations, Following Christ Together

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

May 14, 2010

Dear Elder Commissioners and Ministers of Cherokee Presbytery,

On Tuesday, May 25, 2010, we will gather at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 3125 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta, GA 30062 to embody the "One Church" of our vision statement. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served by the Eastminster congregation. Our goal is to complete the meeting by 2:00 p.m.

A special meeting of session clerks will be held immediately following the presbytery meeting for the purpose of reviewing 2009 minutes that have not yet been reviewed.

Here are some highlights of the meeting:

1. We will take a moment to remember the Reverend Mark Weaver.
2. Our focus this month is on Worship, and the Worship Team is putting together a wonderful service that will lead us from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday. The Reverend Lucas Pina, Pastor of the Sixes Presbyterian Church, will preach.
3. We will receive one minister candidate for membership in the presbytery and celebrate honorable retirement for one of our minister members.
4. We will commission summer camp team members, commissioners to General Assembly, and commissioners to the Youth Triennium.
5. We will hear a report from Clark Simmons, our regional representative from the Board of Pensions.
6. We will receive reports and consider recommendations of Ministry Teams, Committees, Commissions and Board in the Presbytery.
7. We are continuing to use a consent agenda to keep you from having to vote individually on reports with their recommendations.

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, or 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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May 14, 2010

Dear Cherokee Presbytery family and guests,

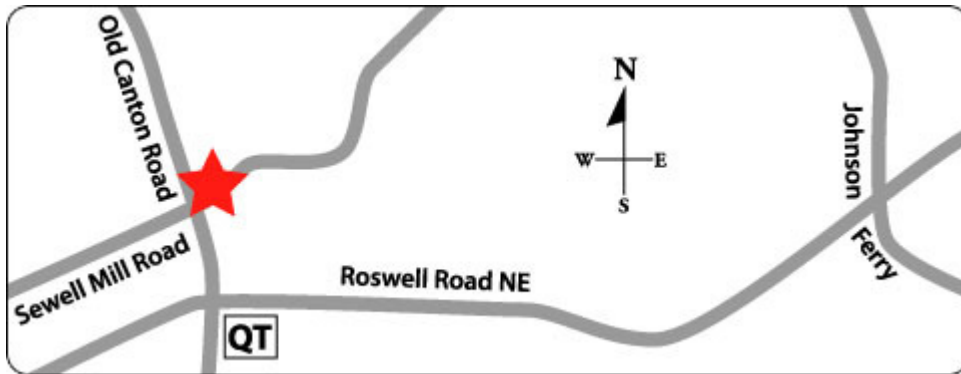
Greetings and welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Your brothers and sisters at Eastminster welcome you and pray God's reality will make our time together a nurturing experience for you.

We are thankful and honored to be hosting this meeting of Cherokee Presbytery. The administration/registration tables are in the Narthex area. We will enjoy lunch together in the Christian Life Center next door. If you have any questions or need help in any way, please check with the ushering Elders wearing blue name tags or Linda and Terri in the church office.

Blessings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Tim
Interim Senior Pastor

Driving Directions to Eastminster Presbyterian Church



From Northwest Georgia: Take I-75 South to Exit 265 (N Marietta Parkway). At end of ramp, turn left (East). Drive approximately 1 ¼ miles, then take exit on right to Roswell/Marietta. At end of ramp, turn left onto Roswell Road (GA-120 East). Drive approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left at the QT onto Old Canton Road. Eastminster is located one block north of Roswell Road, at the corner of Sewell Mill Road and Old Canton Road.

From Atlanta: Take I-75 North to Exit 263 (GA-120 Loop). Merge onto GA-120 Loop East, then take GA 120 East/Roswell Road toward Roswell. Drive approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left at the QT onto Old Canton Road. Eastminster is located one block north of Roswell Road, at the corner of Sewell Mill Road and Old Canton Road.

From Roswell: Take GA-120 West (Roswell Road) towards Marietta. After crossing Johnson Ferry Road, drive approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto Old Canton Road (at the QT). Eastminster is located one block north of Roswell Road, at the corner of Sewell Mill Road and Old Canton Road.

From Downtown Marietta: Take GA-120 East/Roswell Road toward Roswell. After crossing the GA-120 Loop, drive approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left at the QT onto Old Canton Road. Eastminster is located one block north of Roswell Road, at the corner of Sewell Mill Road and Old Canton Road.

From Downtown Woodstock: Travel south on Canton Road/Hwy 5 to Piedmont Road. Turn left on Piedmont Road. Continue for about 4.7 miles before turning left on Sewell Mill. Travel 1.2 miles on Sewell Mill. Eastminster is located at the intersection of Sewell Mill and Old Canton Road.

Docket for the May 25, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery
Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA

9:00 a.m. Registration, Fellowship

Assemble in God's Name

10:00 a.m. Opening Ritual
Call to Worship
Hymn
MOMENT TO PRAY FOR MARK WEAVER FAMILY
Elect Acting Moderator
Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum / Convening Prayer – Acting Moderator, Elder Gary Pichon
Introduction of Visitors and First-time Elder-Commissioners
 Seating of Corresponding Members
Approval of Docket
Moderator's Appointments
Stated Clerk's Report
Act on Consent Agenda (absent any items removed for later discussion)
Welcome from our Hosts – Rev. Tim Erskine
Litany for Pentecost
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Sung Response
Passing of the Peace
Commission Camp Staff

Committee on Ministry Report – Rev. Ken Terrell
 Examine and welcome Rev. James D. "Pete" Ullmann (Middle Tennessee Presbytery) to
 serve as pastor of Calhoun First Presbyterian Church
 Retirement of Rev. Dick Neelly

Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Reading
The Word in Action
 NCDC Report
 Board of Pensions Report
 Nurturing Disciples Report
 Mission Coordinator's Report
 Celebrate PATH grantees

Hymn
Offering – The Eastminster session chose Cherokee Retreat Center ministry as recipient
Prayer of Dedication and Blessing for the Meal
LUNCH

Reconvene

Scripture
Homily – The Reverend Lucas Pina
Affirmation of Faith

We Respond with Renewed Commitment

Ministry Support Team Report
Offering – to support Cherokee Retreat Center
Doxology

Go in God's Name

Scripture
Commission GA Commissioners
Commission/Recognize Youth Triennium
Motion to Adjourn
Hymn
Benediction and Adjourn

Consent Agenda

	Motion	Page(s)
1.	That Presbytery approve the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Dalton. The minutes were reviewed by the moderator and a committee appointed by the moderator consisting of Rev. Julie Ferguson and Elder Dayton Adams (New Lebanon), and were circulated by posting on the website and on the stated clerk's table.	As Circulated Online & On Clerk's Table
2.	That the minutes of the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission on April 29, 2010, be admitted to and included in the minutes of the May 25, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery (Attachment A).	12-15
3.	That the minutes of the Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry on May 3, 2010, be admitted to and included in the minutes of the May 25, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery (Attachment B).	16-21
4.	That the Treasurer's report be admitted to and included in the minutes of the May 25, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery (Attachment C). For questions, call Treasurer Greg Moore, 678-654-3733 (cell).	22
5.	That Presbytery adopt the 2010 Budget as recommended by the Ministry Support Team (Attachment D).	23
6.	That Presbytery approve the nominations of Rev. George W. Mitchell and Jean Strain (Dalton First) to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2012, and that Rev. George W. Mitchell serve as Moderator of the Nominating Committee.	9

Stated Clerk's Report

1. The Stated Clerk prepared and circulated the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery on Saturday, March 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. Julie Ferguson and Elder Dayton Adams (New Lebanon), 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 held a workshop on sexual misconduct prevention on March 23, 2010, prior to the stated meeting of presbytery. The workshop was led by Rebecca Blackwell and Daryl Cowan of Modern Services Insurance. The following people were in attendance: Elder Bill Byers (Silver Creek), Rev. Carol Wade, Elder Pat Alverson (Calvary), Rev. Steve Hayner, Rev. Van Nesbit, Rev. Stuart Leyden, Rev. Chuck Taber, Elder Linwood Swain (Southminster), Elder Connie Swain (Southminster), Rev. Julie Ferguson, Rev. Jim Speed, Rev. Ed Craft, Rev. Bryant Harris, Elder Dayton Adams (New Lebanon), Elder Jerry Rogers (New Lebanon), Rev. Ben Laughlin, Rev. Fritz Bogar, Rev. Charles Weaver, Elder Carol Watkins (Grace NCD), Rev. Mark Weaver, Rev. Jake Marshall, Rev. Pem Cooley.
3. The Stated Clerk has scheduled a time for reviewing of 2009 session minutes immediately following the May 25, 2010, Stated Presbytery Meeting. The Stated Clerk reviewed 2009 minutes for Dalton First in the presbytery office, making the totals to date of eighteen reviewed (Calhoun, Cartersville, Eastminster, Heritage, Kirkwood, Rockmart, Silver Creek, Southminster, Acworth, Beersheba, Cohutta, Covenant, Dalton, John Knox, Macland, Sixes, Summerville, and Trinity), and twenty-three not reviewed (Bethany, Brazilian Christian, Calvary, Cedartown, Chickamauga, Christ Fellowship, Cloudland, Deer Creek, Euharlee, Faith Canton, Faith Blue Ridge, LaFayette, Marietta First, Mars Hill, Menlo, Morton Memorial, New Lebanon, Parkway, Providence, Ray-Thomas, Westminster, Woodlawn, and Woodstock).
4. The Stated Clerk received a resolution from the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, requesting "... *that the Coordinating Team of Cherokee Presbytery place a motion on the floor of the May 25, 2010 meeting that we return to quarterly meetings of the Cherokee Presbytery starting with the January, 2011 meeting.*" Because the request was received after the April 20 meeting of the Coordinating Team, this was **REFERRED TO THE COORDINATING TEAM FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2010.**
5. The Stated Clerk received the minutes of the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission meeting on April 29, 2010. **Recommend admit to record. (This action is part of the Consent Agenda.)**

6. The Stated Clerk received the minutes of the Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry meeting on May 3, 2010. **Recommend admit to record.** (This action is part of the Consent Agenda.)
7. The Stated Clerk has prepared a memorial for minister member Rev. Dr. Mark P. Weaver, Pastor of the Grace Presbyterian New Church Development in Dawsonville, GA, and Moderator of Cherokee Presbytery (Attachment E). Mark passed away on May 13, 2010, after having a stroke on May 5.

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry – Ken Terrell, Moderator

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. Adopted a proposal to continue the First Call Pastors program, with Ken Waddell serving as the liaison.
2. Approved the Stated Supply contract between Roger Kvam and Cloudland/Menlo effective April 11, 2010.
3. Approved the Stated Supply contract between Julie Ferguson and Woodstock effective July 1, 2010.
4. Thanks Jake Marshall through this report for his timely service to Woodstock during the last year.
5. Approved the Interim Supply contract between Tom Wood and Westminster effective March 14, 2010.
6. Named Julie Ferguson moderator of the Woodstock session effective July 1, 2010.
7. Received triennial visit reports for Marietta First and Rockmart.
8. Received notification from the Board of Pensions that they are excusing the Brazilian Christian Church from paying vacancy dues.
9. Approved the creation of a task force from the Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry to help applicants seeking admission from a denomination that is not part of the Formula of Agreement walk through the process. Dick Neelly and Debbie Wells will represent the Committee on Ministry.

Recommendations:

1. That pending questions from the floor and his signing the book of obligation, Pete Ullmann be received as a member of Cherokee Presbytery. (Attachment E)
2. That the following terms of call between Calhoun and Pete Ullmann be approved:

a.	Salary	22,100
b.	Housing Allowance	20,000
c.	Utilities Allowance	2,000
d.	½ of Self Employment Tax	
e.	Auto Allowance	3,500
f.	Continuing Education	800
g.	Board of Pensions	
h.	403-B	600
i.	4 weeks annual vacation	
j.	2 weeks annual study leave	
k.	Moving Costs up to \$5000	

(Commission members and date of installation for Pete Ullmann will be announced later.)

3. That Dick Neelly be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective June 30, 2010.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Fritz Bogar, Moderator

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:

A meeting was scheduled for May 18, 2010. A verbal report will be given.

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)
Alan Gibson	Candidate from Eastminster (7/25/09)
Humphrey Kanga	Candidate from Mars Hill (2-22-05)
Bermsoo Kris Kim	Candidate from Bethany (3-23-10)
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

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: *Charles Allen (2010), Ted Smith (2010), Brett Berto (2011), Jane McDonald (2011), Van Nesbit (2011), (one vacancy in class of 2010), (one vacancy in class of 2012).*

For Information:

The Coordinating Team has placed in nomination two additional members to serve in the Class of 2012: Rev. George Mitchell (to serve as Moderator), and Jean Strain (Dalton First).

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 – Sam Henderson, Moderator

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, (One Vacancy), Ted Smith, Bob Sloop.*

For Information:

The Cherokee Presbytery New Church Development Commission met on April 29, 2010, immediately following the meeting of the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission in Athens, GA. Present from Cherokee Presbytery were Tom Barrentine, Sam Henderson, Chuck Holmes, Ted Smith, and Rebecca Blackwell.

Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission – Sara Hayden, Director

Congratulations to Presbyterian Church of Ghana NCD, a faithful congregation which was recognized by the NCDC on March 29, 2010, as a New Church Development. PCGNCD meets at their partner church, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church in Mableton, GA, which for three years has been a vital source of support and encouragement for this new church. These two churches have been mutually enhanced by their life and ministry together. In a testament to their heritage, PCGNCD recently celebrated Easter with a traditional Ghanaian naming ceremony, which welcomed 4-month-old Daniel into congregational life.

Congratulations to PCG (and Woodlawn!) on this milestone and on your continuing ministry together. Indeed, Christ's church IS growing, deep and wide!

With gratitude and joy,

Rev. Sara Hayden, Director

Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission

www.tripresbyteryncdc.com

For Information:

The Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission met on April 29, 2010, in Athens, GA.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission meeting on April 29, 2010, be admitted to and included in the minutes of the May 25, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery. (Attachment A). (This action is part of the Consent Agenda.)

Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry Commission – Mickey Shealy, Moderator

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.

For Information:

The Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry met for its regular meeting on Monday, May 3, 2010, at Emory University.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry meeting on May 3, 2010, be admitted to and included in the minutes of the May 25, 2010, Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery (Attachment B). (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 April 20, 2010. Present were Moderator Gary Pichon, John Wells, Sam Henderson, Mickey Shealy, Pete Paulsen, Teri Abercrombie, Connie Beauchamp, and Don Esa. Rebecca Blackwell was present by speaker phone. Reports were heard from the Cherokee Retreat Center Board of Directors, New Church Development Commission, Campus Ministry Commission, Spiritual Development Team, Nurturing Disciples Team, Mission Team, and Ministry Support Team. Additional business considered included joint meeting reviews for Cherokee Retreat Center Board and Campus Ministry Board and Annual Consultation with Mission Coordinator/Stated Clerk. New business included Nominating Committee appointments.

Recommendations:

1. **That Presbytery approve the nominations and elect to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2012: Rev. George W. Mitchell (to serve as Moderator), and Jean Strain (Dalton First). (This action is part of the Consent Agenda.)**

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

For Information:

The Worship Team met prior to the Stated Meeting of Presbytery to plan details for the time of worship.

Mission Team – Connie Beauchamp, Moderator

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).

For Information:

1. The Mission Team met on February 18, 2010, at Summerville PC. Included in the business of the meeting were: review of mission emphasis at the January stated meeting of presbytery, mission emphasis at the Winter Leadership Event, review of Mission Team portion of the Ministry Manual and Cherokee Presbytery's 2011 Mission Yearbook article.
2. The Mission Team met on April 15, 2010, at Cedartown First PC. Included in the business of the meeting were: changes to the Ministry Manual, distribution of PATH funds, PW offering for Haiti of \$380 plus hygiene kits, information about the Edinburg Mission Conference, and presbytery's mission survey (**Attachment H**).
3. The next Mission Team meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2010 at Trinity PC.

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 (One Vacancy in Class of 2010).

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:

1. The Nurturing Disciples Team met on April 15, 2010. Included in the business of the meeting were: plans for a second MINDER project series, changes to the Ministry Manual, tentative plans for the 2011 Winter Leadership Event, and the Tri-Presbytery Fall Leadership Event on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

Recommendation:

1. **Copies of the Registration Booklet for the Tri-Presbytery Fall Leadership Event on August 21, 2010, are now available, and congregations are requested to distribute them as information. The Booklet will also be posted on the presbytery website.**

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 met on May 1, 2010.

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 was able to finalize the 2010 Presbytery Budget in April after receiving information from several churches on their expected contributions this year. We give thanks in that we can recommend the adoption of the asking budget which was presented in November, 2009 (**Attachment D**). We will continue to monitor expenditures and may suggest some adjustments as the year progresses.
2. The Loan Team (Lamar Harrison, Jim Bussart, and Stan Tilley) met with the Ministry Support Team on May 11, 2010, to share their findings so far on our presbytery's loan obligations. The presbytery has co-signed loans with an outstanding balance of about \$3.33million. About a dozen churches did not respond to the presbytery's request for information though it is unlikely that any of these congregations have a loan in which the presbytery is formally encumbered. We will continue working on a method to keep this information up to date.

Recommendations:

- 1. The Ministry Support Team recommends adoption of the 2010 Presbytery Budget (Attachment D).**
(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 Presbytery Meetings:

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

Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission
Minutes - DRAFT
April, 29, 2010
to be approved August 10th, 2010

In attendance:

Cherokee: Tom Barrentine, Sam Henderson, Chuck Holmes, Ted Smith, Rebecca Blackwell (liaison)

Northeast Georgia: Jeff Browning, Walter Combs, Pam Driesell, Jerry NeSmith, Jose Torres, Blain Walker, Ken Meeks (liaison)

Greater Atlanta: Joanna Adams, Gloria Chough, April Love-Fordham, Jonier Orozco, Carol Smith, Forrest Palmer (liaison)

OPENING MATTERS

1. Welcome - Pastor Marianne Turner, and parish associate Jose Torres, welcomed the Commission to Friendship Presbyterian Church, including giving some interesting history and background about the congregation, its founding, and its present life as a multicultural church.
2. Devotional - Pam Driesell, Moderator, led a brief devotional and offered a prayer.
3. Video - Sara Hayden introduced and narrated the video slideshow presentation, also available on the NCDC website.

OLD BUSINESS: REPORTS

4. Report from the Annual Celebration - Carol Smith reported on the Celebration, held on February 27, 2010, with thanks for the hospitality of Bethany Church, the delicious meal, the work of Sara Hayden and others who planned the event, and the overall positive response from the evening.
 - o Jerry NeSmith, Joanna Adams, and Pam Driesell echoed Carol's comments and shared their meaningful experiences of the celebration.
5. Welcome to Betsy Turner – Sara Hayden welcomed Betsy Turner as the Administrative Assistant for the Commission, effective February 1, 2010.
6. Approval of the January minutes – Jerry NeSmith moved to approve them as written. Motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.
7. Mission Statement – on behalf of the Visioning and Planning Team, Jeff Browning presented the draft statement with two amendments, and moved to approve it as amended.
 - o To amend II.B.5 to read as follows (amendment in **bold**): “**The Commission seeks to identify areas within the three presbyteries where the population is underserved by Presbyterian churches and where opportunity exists for the Presbyterian church to be a witness for Jesus Christ.** The Commission supports and encourages many diverse and authentic expressions of church, and it has discerned that successful new church developments may be any or all of the following...”
 - o To amend II.B.6.h to read as follows (amendment in **bold**): “The above is typically accomplished during the congregation's annual conversation with the NCDC Oversight Advisory Team, **though communication may occur more frequently.**”
 - o Sam Henderson then brought another amendment, which Jeff accepted into his motion, to amend II.B.6.e to read as follows (amendment in **bold**): “To buy and sell land and property within the bounds of the three Presbyteries. These transactions of property happen **with the explicit communication, collaboration, and consent of the Presbytery, documented with a memorandum of understanding (MOU),** with the understanding that...”

- There was a discussion around multiple issues addressed by the document: Presbytery and NCDC liability related to loans, mortgages, and property, the need of Commissioners and Presbyteries to communicate and publicize the function of the NCDC and the need for new churches to alleviate fear and confusion about our work, and the meaning of “consent.”
- Jerry NeSmith agreed to draft a MOU template that would be an addendum to the operations document and serve as a help and starting point for conversations between the NCDC and presbyteries around future purchases/mortgages.
- After much discussion, the motion as amended was passed unanimously.
- Rebecca Blackwell offered a prayer, giving thanks for the work that went into the document, praying for current and future new churches, and praying for our Presbyteries’ work and the work of the NCDC.
- Sam Henderson brought a motion to send the approved mission document to the three presbyteries for approval. Motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Resignation of Walter Jones – Sara Hayden made a motion to accept Walter Jones’ request to resign as a Commissioner. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously. Rebecca Blackwell will confer with Sara Hayden and with Cherokee’s nominating committee about finding a new commissioner to fill Walter’s unexpired term.

9. Oversight Advisory Team reports from churches
 - New Vision - Tom Barrentine reported, “New Vision was new to me, but when I left there, I had a new vision.” Tom reported how much good work is being done at New Vision, with very little money. Started in Cumming, but the Korean population has moved, so they are looking to relocate. Sara has been in touch with Johns Creek (formerly Church of the Hills) and will continue to work with New Vision to find a workable solution.
 - Ken Meeks asked about New Vision’s status/intention vis-à-vis the proposed non-geographic Korean Presbytery in the Synod of the South Atlantic; Gloria Chough had asked Rev. Jeon that same question, and she understands that New Vision does not intend to leave Cherokee Presbytery.
 - Forrest Palmer suggested that if the proposed non-geographic Presbytery forms, the NCDC might consider inviting them to be a partner in mission with us.
 - Sara Hayden reported that Greater Atlanta will be purchasing simultaneous translation equipment to allow Presbytery meetings to be in Korean and Spanish.
 - Living Torch - Jose Torres reported on the meaningful conversation with Paulo Mendes about this congregations story and struggles. There is lot happening in this congregation, currently housed at St. Luke’s. They want to be more visible, and perhaps physically closer to, the Brazilian population in Atlanta. Options include: combining their ministry into Brazilian Christian Church (constituted congregation meeting at John Knox), finding another space, or changing the space usage and relationship with St. Luke’s.
 - Neighbors Abbey - April Love Fordham reported on this meeting, held at Troy Bronsink’s home. This is a non-traditional style of church, comprised of 12-member dedicated core group, but reaching out to welcome and serve the community of Southwest Atlanta. Troy has found a space on Dill Avenue that they plan to rent. NCDC is giving a grant to one of their outreach projects, GOAL (an after-school program for girls, to prevent young women from ending up on the street).
 - Joanna Adams asked about the continued development of Neighbors Abbey’s denominational identity, and spoke about the need to have mutual, authentic conversation regarding the Reformed and Presbyterian heritage of all NCDs.
 - In response to Joanna’s concern, Sara said that Troy has been working with the Leadership Team of the Abbey to educate and explore their Presbyterian and ecumenical heritage.

Troy reports that t Neighbors Abbey’s steering team will be called a Session when they charter. Co-liaison April Love Fordham said that she and co-liaison Katie Givens-Kime are aware of these dynamics and are committed to continuing to work with Troy and the Abbey to support their authentic connection to the PC(USA).

- Jerry NeSmith reminded the NCDC of the call to support various expressions of church, and to support entrepreneurial spirit of NCDs, especially emergent communities, by encouraging them to explore and “push the boundaries” of our Reformed heritage, identity, and traditions.
- Presbyterian Church of Ghana - Rebecca Blackwell reported. There are about 100, mostly 1st and 2nd generation Presbyterian immigrants from Ghana, worshipping in this group, which meets at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church. Their pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Acquah, r to Ghana following the death of her spouse Kwasi Acquah, and will not return, so they are in need of new leadership. The Oversight Team that met with this fellowship voted joyously and unanimously to accept Presbyterian Church of Ghana as an NCD.
 - PCG is now looking at changing their name, to clarify their denominational relationship (PCUSA, not Presbyterian Church of Ghana denomination). They will also begin working with the NCDC on a CIF in order to call a pastor.
 - Rev. John Spangler, Pastor of Woodlawn, has agreed to continue supporting PCGNCD as an advisor of the PNC
 - Sam Henderson made a motion to acknowledge and confirm the work of the Oversight Team that moved Presbyterian Church of Ghana (to be renamed) from being a fellowship to an NCD. Motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.
 - There is an opportunity for a commissioner to serve on the PNC of the PCGNCD.

10. Finance Report – Sara Hayden presented an overview of the NCDC’s assets, and 2010 budget and year-to-date spending.

- Sara reminded the commissioners of their responsibility to encourage individuals and churches to support the NCDC in their budgets, and offered to come speak to congregations or sessions about this.
- Commissioners raised and discussed a concern about the support of churches that have been constituted: Hanbit (2010 budgeted expenditure: \$28,000), Parkway (2010 budgeted expenditure: \$40,505.10), and Providence (2010 budgeted expenditure: \$13,000).
- This discussion, specifically about Parkway, eventually led to a motion “that members of the Commission engage the Session of Parkway Presbyterian Church around the intention of the Commission to end the Commission’s payment of mortgage support to Parkway by the end of the year 2010, and bring a report to the Commission at the next quarterly meeting.” This motion was seconded, and, after discussion, was passed unanimously.
- Commissioners recognized the need to clarify the financial situation and mortgages of Hanbit and Providence. Sara Hayden and Bob Sloop will work toward making similar reduction in mortgage support for Hanbit and Providence, with the help of Bill Nisbet (the Transitional Financial Officer in PGA) and the appropriate leaders in Cherokee.

11. Korean Church of Georgia – Sara Hayden reported that the NCDC has been asked by PGA to accept as an NCD and give oversight to New Korean Presbyterian Church of Georgia, which consists of the members and leaders of Korean Church of Georgia who have chosen to stay in PGA rather than go to the proposed non-geographic Korean Presbytery in the Synod of the South Atlantic.

- Motion: “Per request from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and recommendation of our Director and Oversight Advisory Team, to accept the New Korean Presbyterian Church of Georgia and its members, who have chosen to remain associated with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, as an NCD under care of the NCDC.” This motion was passed unanimously.

CLOSING MATTERS

12. Upcoming quarterly meetings:

- **August 10th, 2010, 10-2pm** (location, in Cherokee Presbytery, to be determined),
- **November 11, 2010, 10-2pm** (location, in Greater Atlanta Presbytery, to be determined)
- The following meeting may be held in conjunction with (same day and place) as the annual celebration – perhaps either February 12th or 19th, 2010. Location, in Northeast Georgia Presbytery, to be determined.

13. Closing Prayer- Pam Driesell led the commissioners in a closing prayer reflecting on our time together and on the work of the NCDC. Commissioners gave thanks and offered prayers for the diversity of background, opinion, experience, and expertise of those present in the meeting, the varied work and call of each commissioner and of each church and NCD, for the delicious Puerto Rican meal provided by Connie and the opportunity to break bread together, for the hospitality of Friendship Presbyterian Church, and for the continued presence of the Holy Spirit in the work of growing the church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Turner

**Tri-Presbytery for Commission for Campus Ministry
Minutes for May 3, 2010
(To be approved August 2, 2010)**

A called meeting of PCM of Georgia was held on May 3, 2010 at the Glenn Church School Building on the campus of Emory University.

Call to meeting

The meeting was opened with prayer by Ann Clay Adams.

Jill Tolbert gave a brief introduction to the meeting space and logistics for the meeting.

Present: Susan Monk (CP), Nancy Heyl (NEGa), Jim Heyl (NEGa), Dan Boles (CM KSU), Pat Daugherty (NEGa), Andy Cooke (CM UGA), Shannon Ball (GAP), Neale Hightower (GT Board), and Lance Crimm (CM GT), Sheri Grove (CM Berry), Jill Tolbert (CM Emory), Nancy Peterson (GAP), Robert Hay (GAP, guest), Alice Hickcox (GAP), Tom Evans (GAP, Guest), George Taylor (CP), Jeff Meyers (GAP, guest)

Excused: Cheryl Jenkins (CP), Katherine Preston (CP), Forrest Palmer (GAP), Mickey Shealy (CP), Trace Heythorn (GAP)

Robert Hay was introduced and thanked for his service to the commission as treasurer.

The minutes from the February meeting were presented and approved.

The agenda was presented and approved.

Campus Updates

- Jill Tolbert of PCM @ Emory reported that PCM @ Emory is doing well. They have repeatedly had 8 to 9 folks for our weekly Bible studies, and have visited several different Atlanta area churches: Emory, Decatur, First-Atlanta, and Trinity. Structurally, the ministry is looking at other models for campus ministry: parish-based as well as cooperative, in particular—but conversations are just informal at this point—no decisions have been made. With the blessing of Rev. Susan Henry-Crow, Dean of the Chapel at Emory, we are also beginning a loose partnership with ELCA, The Episcopal Church, and the UCC.
- Andy Cook reported that Sunday night worship continues to be strong. A retreat was held at Camp Buc in SC, and that was a success. A high school night was held at PSA that was advertised beyond the bounds of Athens this year. It was mostly Athens folks, but a group from Alpharetta Presbyterian Church did come. There was an Earth Day film showing held jointly with the Catholics, Episcopalians, atheist, and Hillel. Worship is moving from Sunday to Tuesday for the coming year, and that will be a huge change for the group. It is being advertised widely, though, and this will be a good, long-term change.
- Lance Crimm reported that WCF at Georgia Tech is busy with student exams, etc. this week. Worship / Study was outside this past week, and he was excited that two of their “seekers,” and “self-proclaimed atheists” were at the most recent worship. Established relationships with the neighboring Jewish fraternity have been helpful with sharing equipment, etc. Students have expressed an interest in continuing activity over the summer, so plans for that are underway. Hopefully the ministry will be vital over the summer as well. Neale reported that the International Ministry (predominantly Chinese) continues to do well. Sixty to eighty continue to show up for the Thursday night Bible reading. Chinese New Year celebrated brought in 120+, and that was fantastic!

- Sheri Grove was sad to report that Mary Lou Hunter, a staunch PSF at Berry supporter and board member lost her battle to leukemia this past weekend. The students have been very busy, visiting churches in the area: Westminster, Rockmart, including lunch in a caboose! Joined in a Seder celebration with the Jewish group, and also went with KSU Celtic Cross to the church in Dalton to express thanks for their support. They participated in the local Relay for Life, and that was a wonderful event. They will be losing four or five of their key folks to graduation this year, but is excited to have a great new freshman leader, so there is good hope for the coming year. They are considering alumni gatherings beginning this summer, hopefully, as well as considering a name change for the future to present a “more open and approachable” front.
- Dan Boles reported that KSU’s core group has almost doubled, and continues to attract new students. Spring semester is winding down; students are in the midst of finals. They hosted a campus-wide worship service on April 11th, and the attendance was about thirty. It was a wonderful thing to see happen. Dan preached, and the intern was helpful with the remainder of the service. The hope is to continue with either monthly or weekly campus-wide worship. They are seriously considering leasing-to-purchase land / house for the ministry’s future. Finding space on campus continues to be a problem, and the hope is that this purchase would enable the ministry to move forward in a more stable, secure way. KSU is hosting the July meeting of Cherokee Presbytery, and the host has the privilege of selecting where the meeting offering goes—hopefully to the commission and / or to Montreat.

Statewide Retreat Report

KSU, GT, UGA, Berry, and Emory are all on board for the statewide retreat Oct 22-24. Calvin Center has been reserved (Unit 5 and Hicks). We have capacity for 90 if needed, and planning is underway. We plan to reach out to other campus ministries and encourage them to come. Andy reminded us that we received a \$500 grant from GAP for last year’s retreat, and encouraged us to continue to apply for that grant each year. A lively discussion ensued regarding potential speakers and funding avenues. Ann Clay suggested that we bring a proposal for a grant from the statewide development fund to the August meeting of the commission.

Update on Potential Developing Ministries, GSU and other

Our conversation focused on what our existing presence is at GSU. The current ministry there is named Koinonia, and began with a few students from GT interested in starting a Bible study on the GSU campus. They meet from 12 to 1 on Thursdays for pizza and devotion time. It began in the fall with 3 or 4 students, and now has 20 to 25 students, possibly as much as 80 – 85% African American.

- What are we being called to do / be on the campus of GSU? Where is God calling us to go from here?
- Is Koinonia a valid launching point for a continued PCUSA presence on campus?
 - If so, how can PCM of Georgia support the existing presence on the GSU campus?
 - If not, is now the time to launch a new ministry that is specifically PCUSA-affiliated?
- Jeff and Jill will meet in June to continue the discussion further and imagine ways to move forward.

Andy reported potential for campus ministries at both North Georgia College and Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville.

Upcoming Promotional Efforts

- Greater Atlanta Presbytery’s October 2nd meeting will focus on campus ministry. Rev. Jill Tolbert will be preaching, and the meeting will be held at Agnes Scott College.
- KSU will host the Cherokee presbytery meeting in July (Saturday, July 24th), and all campus ministries are invited to attend.

- Susan Monk has crafted a flyer to be distributed statewide to churches and presbyteries in hopes of collecting names of incoming students to various Georgia colleges and universities. Susan, Ken Meeks, and Jill Tolbert will make sure the flyers get distributed in each presbytery.

Financial Reports

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

Other Common Business

- Manual of Operations – The 2nd draft of the Manual of Operations was presented and discussed. Changes were suggested and made as received. Significant time and attention was given to 3c in particular. A third draft will be presented at the August meeting.
 - A motion was made by Jim Heyl and seconded by Alice Hickcox *that we change the name of the “Statewide Development Fund” to the “Development Fund.*
 - A friendly amendment was made by that the “Development Fund” and the “Miscellaneous Expense Fund” be consolidated into one fund, to be called the “Development Fund” The friendly amendment was accepted by the mover and the seconder (shaker? ;-).

The motion passed.
 - A motion was made by Alice Hickcox and seconded by Nancy Heyl *that the Manual of Operations be approved as amended.* (See attachment.) The motion passed.

Report of the Allocations Committee

- Allocations Subcommittee: Shannon Ball, Pat Daugherty and Susan Monk served as the subcommittee and reviewed the campus ministry reports, budgets, and grant requests. Susan Monk reported on their work and presented their suggested allocations. The criteria were helpful as the process began, but seem to need some clarification / fleshing out as we have grown and evolved in the process.

Review of Evaluation Criteria

- The allocations subcommittee will meet with the campus ministers to review and review the evaluation criteria for presentation at the next meeting.

New Business

- No new business.

A motion was made and 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 Georgia Tech on Monday, August 2nd from 10:30 – 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill P. Tolbert, secretary

Tri-Presbytery Campus Ministry Commission Operations Manual

ABSTRACT

Operational procedures for the Tri-Presbytery Commission on Campus Ministry

Version	Date	Author	Reason for update
Draft	1/25/10	Susan Monk	Initial draft
Draft v2	2/4/09	Susan Monk	Correct typos and add version table

- 1) Commission Responsibilities
 - a) Receive funds from the Presbyteries
 - b) Allocate funds to Campus Ministries based on grant requests
 - c) Encourage and support the establishment of new campus ministries throughout the state of Georgia
 - d) Communicate to the Presbyteries and congregations about this important ministry
 - e) Encourage and support joint ministry among the campus ministries

- 2) Meetings
 - a) Meetings will be scheduled quarterly with additional called meetings if necessary
 - b) Meetings will normally be scheduled the first week of the second month in each quarter
 - c) Campus locations will be preferred meeting locations when possible.
 - d) Locations and dates of the meetings for the upcoming year will be discussed at the August meeting of the year
 - e) Minutes will be distributed electronically within 2 weeks of the commission meeting

- 3) Campus Ministry Guidelines
 - a) Campus Ministries will be recognized as official religious organizations on their respective campuses
 - b) Campus Ministries will be recognized ministries of one of the Presbyteries in Georgia and will have a sponsoring church
 - c) Funding grants to Campus Ministries will be provided for up to 10 years on expectation that the Campus Ministry will be self-sustaining within 10 years of “start up”
 - d) Ministries should make every effort to pay campus ministry staff at least 80% of Presbytery minimum for non-ordained staff and 100% of minimum for ordained staff
 - e) Campus Ministries should have as a goal for their building facility cost and/or maintenance to be below 20% of their annual budget.

- 4) Budget
 - a) The three Presbyteries that established the Tri-Presbytery Commission will provide funds for allocation to campus ministries under the care of this commission
 - b) 7% of all funds received will be allocated for the Statewide Development Fund
 - c) 3% of funds received will be allocated for Miscellaneous Expense Fund
 - d) Commission Treasurer will provide oversight for the receipt and disbursement of funds

- 5) Allocation Process
 - a) The commission will allocate funds based on a fiscal year of June - May. This schedule
 - i) Allows for Presbytery budget finalization
 - ii) Aligns with the college calendars and enables planning for the entire academic year
 - b) Campus Ministries grant requests including a proposed budget will be submitted by the end of February each year

- c) A sub-committee will be established each year at the first quarter meeting to evaluate the grant requests based on the criteria and recommend an allocation
 - i) Vice-moderator and Treasurer will always serve on the allocation sub-committee.
 - ii) Vice-moderator will convene the meeting/s of the sub-committee
 - iii) Two additional commissioners will be added to the sub-committee at the February meeting
 - d) Allocation recommendations will be presented at the second quarter meeting by the sub-committee
 - e) The Commission will review recommended allocations and finalize allocations for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - f) Criteria for Campus Ministries evaluation of effectiveness
 - i) Service Work/Mission
 - ii) Spiritual Nurture
 - iii) Growth (Including both those who become new Christians and new participants in the Campus Ministry)
 - iv) Student Leadership Development
 - v) Funding (e.g., endowments, alumni support, fundraising, etc.)
 - vi) Connection with local Presbyterian congregations and other campus organizations
 - g) Sub-committee will rank each Campus Ministry on each of the criteria on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest score and 1 being the lowest score. The ministry with the highest scores in all areas would then receive larger amounts of funding.
 - h) Commission will not consider facilities or lack of facilities as a criteria for effective ministry
- 6) Miscellaneous Expense Reimbursements
- a) Requests for miscellaneous expenses should be pre-approved through the Treasurer
 - b) Reimbursement requests should be sent to the Treasurer along with the associated receipts
 - c) Treasurer will authorize and send request along with receipts to bookkeeper
 - d) Treasurer will identify the fund (Statewide Development or Miscellaneous Expense Fund)
- 7) Presbytery Liason
- a) Each Presbytery will have a liasion identified from among its commissioners
 - b) The liasion will be responsible for providing and updating the list of commissioners from their respective Presbyteries to the secretary
 - c) The liasion will be responsible for reporting back to the Presbytery on the work of the commission and providing the minutes from the Commission meetings

Balance Sheet, April 30, 2010 – Cherokee Presbytery

	<u>Apr 30, 10</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	387,164.62
Other Current Assets	<u>4,289.83</u>
Total Current Assets	391,454.45
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	953,036.55
Other Assets	<u>262,799.91</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,607,290.91</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	1,227.22
Other Current Liabilities	<u>299.69</u>
Total Current Liabilities	1,526.91
Long Term Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	<u>675,872.91</u>
Total Liabilities	677,399.82
Equity	
Equity	<u>929,891.09</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,607,290.91</u></u>

Profit and Loss Statement, April 30, 2010 – Cherokee Presbytery

	<u>Jan - Apr 10</u>
Income	
44009 · Budgeted Receipts	126,095.22
47000 · CRC Income	<u>108,057.89</u>
Total Income	234,153.11
Expense	
51000 · Ministry Support Team	96,872.89
51318 · New Church Development-Tri Pres	1,875.00
54105 · Committee on Ministry	200.00
54200 · Coordinating Team	-6.35
55199 · Campus Ministry Commission	1,875.00
55109 · Mission Team	750.00
56110 · Nurturing Disciples Team	19.26
56500 · Cherokee Retreat Center	50,000.00
57000 · CRC Expense	89,990.71
60001 · Payroll Expenses	<u>518.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>242,094.51</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-7,941.40</u></u>

2010 Budget – Cherokee Presbytery

Projected Income	2010 Budget
Unified Gifts	\$410,000.00
Interest Income	3,300.00
Total Budgeted Receipts	413,300.00
Projected Expense	
Coordinating and Supporting the Mission Ministries of Congregations	
Mission Coordinator 75%	79,731.75
Mission Insight/Mission Strategy	2,500.00
Mission Outreach Team	6,000.00
Spiritual Development Team	5,000.00
Worship Team	3,000.00
Celebration/Hospitality Team	2,000.00
Nurturing Disciples Team	3,200.00
Communications	20,000.00
Macland Loan	10,577.00
Wolf Laurel Property Tax	591.00
Support Ministers and Candidates	
Mission Coordinator 10%	10,630.90
Committee on Ministry	5,000.00
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	5,000.00
Contributions to Joint Ministries	
Mission Coordinator 5%	10,630.90
Cherokee Retreat Center	50,000.00
New Church Development Tri-Presbytery	7,500.00
Campus Ministries Tri-Presbytery and Local	13,500.00
Synod Mission	3,000.00
Providence Loan	6,738.00
Administrative and Support	
Mission Coordinator 10%	10,630.90
Office Remodeling Loan	24,232.00
Administrative Assistant	44,684.00
Finance Administrator	28,100.00
Treasurer	3,000.00
Presbytery Office Expense	62,700.00
Miscellaneous	669.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	413,300.00

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL FAITH**REV. JAMES "PETE" ULLMANN**

I believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that God alone created the world and all that is in it in goodness and love. God created a world in which creation is meant to live in relationship with its Creator. God loves us unconditionally and has chosen to become known to us through the Holy Scriptures and, more specifically, through the person of Jesus Christ, who is the very Son of God. Jesus was both fully human and fully divine. In the person of Jesus, God entered into human flesh experiencing first hand what it is like to be one of us. Likewise, through the incarnation, we are better able to know God as we see the love and care God has shown for us in Christ, and we are more readily able to identify with the God who chose to become one of us.

It was necessary that God's Son be sent into our world that we might be redeemed from the sinfulness of our humanity. This sin is nothing less than rebellion against God and ultimately results in separation from God. It is because of God's unceasing love for us that God became flesh and chose to live among us in the person of Jesus, and chose to suffer and die upon the cross so that we might be redeemed; one sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sin. Through God's redemptive act in Jesus Christ, we are reunited with our God; no longer separated by the power of sin and death. The resurrection of Jesus is the source of our Christian hope as it assures us of God's ultimate victory over the power of death and the victory of eternal life that is shared by all who place their hope and trust in Jesus Christ. We take joy that the Lord is risen and now sits at the right hand of God where Christ intercedes for us in prayer before the Father.

God continues to guide us and to work through us and through the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit, while being co-eternal with the Father and the Son, is God's continuing presence with us that was promised by Jesus and received by the Church on the day of Pentecost. The Church is the universal Body of Christ on earth which, enabled by the Spirit, works to provide glimpses of God's kingdom in this world. The Church prays constantly that God's will be done in our world and that our lives might show our trust in God alone. We pray for our personal needs as well as the needs of one another, those close to us and those distant. We joyfully celebrate the two Holy Sacraments instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are united with Christ in His death, raised with Him to new life, washed clean from the sinfulness of our humanity, and made one with the Body of Christ, the Church. In Holy Communion, we sense Christ's real presence with us in the elements of bread and wine as we take part in this joyful feast in which we are strengthened for the journey of discipleship and we remember our Lord's death until He comes again. As Christ's Church, we joyfully and expectantly await His promised return and the coming of God's kingdom which will never end.

MY FAITH JOURNEY**REV. JAMES "PETE" ULLMANN**

I was born in November of 1969 in Tampa, Florida - the first child of two Presbyterian Elders, William and Carole Ullmann. Four months later on Easter Sunday of 1970, I was baptized in the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. Although that special occasion in my life is one that I am aware of only by my parents' accounts, it is one that is certainly real and indispensable to me. That is true in part because many of my earliest memories are ones that involve life in the church and the faith community. Because of my baptism and my parents' commitment to raise me in Christ's Church, I can honestly say that I cannot recall a time when I did not have an awareness of God's love for me. That awareness of God's love was communicated to me by my parents, grandparents, pastors, and church family members who

helped me to know and to believe in the God who made me, loves me, provides for me and has a plan for my life.

Over the years of my childhood and youth, my faith was nurtured by the Spirit of God through regular participation in Sunday School classes and Worship. Many of my childhood memories involve Vacation Bible Schools, summer church camps, singing in the junior choir of the church and taking part in Christmas pageants and Lenten and Easter events that recounted the Christian story. I owe much to my friends in my church family – both young and old, men and women, ordained and lay, who helped me to know and to trust the God revealed in Jesus Christ through Scripture.

In my junior high years, I attended a private school sponsored by a local Lutheran Church. During that time, I took part in their year-long confirmation program while remaining active in the Presbyterian Church. Through this experience, I learned much about the faith of the church while also having the distinction of being the only “Presbyterian” in their class. This forced me to examine seriously what I believed. I was confirmed in the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church and shortly thereafter moved my membership (along with my family) to the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church where my membership remained until my ordination.

It was in the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church where I became active in the church youth group as well as the Young Life ministry. In this context, I began to explore my faith and God’s call and claim on my life. The Associate Pastor of the church and my Young Life leader were both instrumental in helping me to discern my call to ordained ministry. Although there were perceived barriers (in my mind) to accepting that call, following my college years God removed all of them leading me to enroll in the Dual Degree program of Presbyterian School of Christian Education and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. During my seminary experience, my call continued to evolve and God continued to lead me by the Spirit in the path of ministry that I was to take.

I graduated from the Dual Degree Program in 1996 and spent a year as an intern in ministry before accepting my first ordained call to the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Middle Tennessee Presbytery. I was ordained by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay in August of 1997 and have served as Solo Pastor of the Calvary Church for the past 13 years. The experience of ordained ministry as well as the faith and care of those with whom I have served in this church and Presbytery have continued to nurture my own faith. Coming to understand in deeper ways how the Church is meant to give “glimpses” of God’s Kingdom in the midst of this world through our worship, service, fellowship and witness is one way in which my faith has grown and evolved. I look forward to the ways that I know God’s Spirit will continue to nurture me in community with brothers and sisters in Christ as together we seek to worship and serve our Risen Lord.

MY SENSE OF CALL

REV. JAMES “PETE” ULLMANN

In the summer of 1997, following my graduation from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and at the conclusion of a year-long internship at a church in Indiana, I accepted my first ordained call to ministry at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Crossville, Tennessee.

Calvary is a small church of approximately 100 members just outside of the city of Crossville. In accepting the call to ministry in this place, I understood God to be giving me the opportunity to put my gifts for ministry as well as the education and training I received in seminary to good use for Jesus Christ and for His Church. During my time here, I have been able to preach, teach, lead worship, celebrate the sacraments, engage in pastoral care, mission and youth ministry, train leaders, administer the daily affairs of the church and experience many other aspects of ministry that accompany serving Christ in a small pastoral setting. There are certainly things that a small church is not equipped to do, but in general, I (along with the Session) have led the people of this church to celebrate and capitalize on those things which we can do – the ministry and community which are unique to a church this size. I have enjoyed and felt fulfilled in my ministry here over the past 13 years.

That said, a few years ago I began to experience God's leading in pursuing the possibility of a new call. I wasn't clear about what form that new call might take, but felt the need to pray about it, to begin conversation about this with several close friends and colleagues, and to put my information form out and see what doors God might be ready to open. In my experience, all of these are ways in which God speaks and leads: through prayer, through the voices of people, and through the opening of doorways.

Trusting that God would lead me to the call for which I was chosen and prepared, I began to circulate my PIF. I was in conversation with several churches over the course of a few years time, but my initial experience was that for whatever reason, God wasn't opening those doors. I began to consider that perhaps God's leading was to reinvest myself in my present call. I continued to pray about this, to talk with trusted friends and to keep my eyes, ears and heart open.

This past November, I became aware of the opening at Calhoun First Presbyterian Church. After much prayer, I decided to send my information form to the PNC. I did so with the belief that this doorway would only open if God was in this. In January, the PNC contacted me and asked for an interview. In all of our conversations with the Pastor Nominating Committee, I have felt the leading of God directing me to a call where my gifts for ministry match the needs of the congregation. I believe that my personality, my spiritual gifts, my experience in ministry, my strong Presbyterian background, and my desire to lead the people of God to fulfill their own calling prepare me well for the needs of this congregation. I also believe that this congregation will provide an opportunity for me to grow and to build on the gifts for ministry that God has placed within me. I was affirmed in my beliefs by hearing the members of the PNC voice their experience of God's leading in directing them to me as a candidate.

After prayerful consideration and with great humility, I have decided to accept the call placed to me by God through the voice of this PNC. I do so trusting that God will continue to lead me and to lead the people of this congregation to discover ways of faithfully fulfilling God's call to us. I am excited about this opportunity for ministry God has placed before me and the people of Calhoun First Presbyterian Church.

In Memory
Rev. Dr. Mark Preston Weaver
December 21, 1948 - May 13, 2010

Mark P. Weaver was born on December 21, 1948, in Miami, Florida. He attended Palmetto High School in Miami, where he graduated in 1966. He was faithful in church attendance as a youth and felt his call to the ministry as early as his teens. He received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University in 1971. He received his Master of Divinity degree in 1975 and his Doctoral degree in 1988, from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY.

On June 6, 1970, he married Donna Lee Williams, whom he described as his partner in life and ministry. They have three children: Christin Weaver Stone (David), Holley Weaver Earl (Justin) and Mathew Paul Weaver. He boasted that his two granddaughters, Darby and Audrey Earl, are the “most perfect grandchildren in the world.” His mother, Naomi Weaver, resides with the family.

Mark was ordained on November 24, 1972, in the Baptist Church. He served churches in Habersham County and Stephens County as well as churches in Florida and Kentucky. In 1996 he resigned from the church he was serving and was hired by a mental health agency as a Pastoral Counselor. Mark and Donna began worshipping at the First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia where Mark later served as Parish Associate. In 2002, after completing the required steps to transfer into the Presbyterian Church, USA, the First Presbyterian Church of Toccoa called him to serve as their pastor. He then became a minister member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Later Mark’s interest in evangelism led him to seek a call in new church development. He became a member of Cherokee Presbytery on September 27, 2005, after becoming the organizing pastor of the Dawson County New Church Development, later named Grace Presbyterian NCD.



Under Mark’s leadership, the church began several ministries to the community: Grace Café soup kitchen, Good Shepherd Clinic, Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal, and Bags for Babies for new mothers through the Dawson County Health Department. Mark served on several boards in Dawson County: Rotary Club, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Dawson, Mentoring Board, Meth Task Force, Wee Books, Family Connection, and United Churches of Dawsonville. He offered counseling services to the community and initiated awareness for the need of a Dawsonville Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of the Dawson Community Chorale. His hobbies included reading, cooking, and woodworking.

In addition to serving his local community, Mark participated in the ministry of Cherokee Presbytery. On January 23, 2010, he was installed as Moderator of Presbytery. He served on the Presbytery Coordinating Team for 2009 and 2010. Mark will be remembered for his gentle strength and good humor.

Well done good and faithful servant.

Commissioners to 219th General Assembly

Rev. Mickey Shealy
Rev. Ken Terrell
Elder David Miller (Parkway)
Elder Velma Tilley (Cartersville First)

2010 Youth Triennium Participants

Ellen Sanders (Cartersville First)
Hannah Dunlap (Cartersville First)
Weston Melton (Cartersville First)
Tyler Melton (Eastminster)
Thaddeus Gordon (Rockmart)
Kayla Robinson (Trinity)

2010 Summer Camp Staff

Julie Baue, Program Coordinator
Josh Bayerl, Waterfront Coordinator
Jan Day, Program Director
Andreea Dyson, Counselor
Chris Hall, Support Staff
Tyler Law, Counselor
Joseph Lowery, Counselor
Karl Maassen, Counselor
Heather McConnell, Counselor
Ian McKenzie, Counselor
John Nunez, Junior Counselor
Margaret Nunez, Nurse
Laura Southwell, Counselor
Megan Tracy, Support Staff
Luke Wachsmuth, Counselor
Emily Williams, Counselor
Jayne Woodward, Counselor

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CHEROKEE IS CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY???

International Mission by Continent and Country

AFRICA

Benin – New Lebanon
Congo – Rockmart, Deer Creek Shores, Macland
Egypt – Deer Creek Shores
Kenya – Mars Hill, Macland, Deer Creek Shores
Liberia – Calhoun
Lesotho – Macland
Madagascar – Deer Creek Shores
Malawi – Deer Creek Shores
Sudan – Deer Creek Shores
Uganda – Marietta

ASIA

China – Eastminster, Marietta, New Lebanon
India – Marietta
Japan – Covenant
Thailand – new Lebanon
Vietnam – Marietta

EUROPE

Afghanistan – Rockmart
Romania – new Lebanon
Russia – Marietta

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Belize – Parkway
Costa Rica – Eastminster, Bethany
Haiti – Rockmart, Deer Creek Shores
Honduras – Marietta
Monterrey – Marietta
Nicaragua – Eastminster, Parkway
Yucatan – Marietta

SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil – Eastminster, Ray Thomas Memorial, New Lebanon, Macland
Columbia – Deer Creek Shores
Ecuador – Parkway
Peru – Ray Thomas Memorial, Marietta

Direct Local Mission Involvement

(Hands on and other-directed mission for the local community)

In

Cherokee Presbytery

March 2010

FOOD/HUNGER MINISTRIES

Calhoun First: (CROP Walk, Food/fruit baskets for the needy; Thanksgiving community lunch; voluntary action center, participate in food pantry and meal service)

Calvary (participate in food pantry)

Cartersville First: (Community Diners; after school meal program, meals on wheels, food pantry, use/sell

Cedartown First (participate in food pantry)

Chickamauga (participate in food pantry)

Cohutta First: (Food Pantry)

Dalton (food pantry, serve meals, fair trade coffee/other products)

Deer Creek Shores: (Church Food ministry, food pantry, serve meals to the hungry)

Eastminster (PATH, Food Bank, MUST food donations, making sandwiches)
fair trade coffee and other products)

Faith Blue Ridge (participates in food pantry and meal service, Feed Fannin community garden)

Faith Canton (MUST Food Pantry; sack lunches for summer)

Grace (Soup Kitchen)

Heritage (food pantry, serve meals)

John Knox (Food Collection; monthly dinners at homeless shelter)

Kirkwood (food pantry, serve meals)

Macland (CAMP, serve food at shelters, community garden)

Marietta First (Food; MUST)

New Lebanon (CARES, Kroger Bread Ministry; thanksgiving baskets)

Providence (food pantry)

Ray Thomas Memorial (Food pantry, MUST summer lunches)

Rockmart (Food collection; feed Relay for Life participants; meals for Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

Silver Creek (Food collection for area needs)

Southminster (participates in food pantry)

Trinity (Mother's Cupboard)

Westminster (serves meals to the hungry, fair trade coffee and other products, summer lunch program)

Woodlawn (food pantry, meal service)

PRE-SCHOOL/SCHOOLS

Calhoun

Cartersville

Cedartown

Deer Creek Shores

Eastminster

Macland

Marietta First

Parkway

Ray Thomas Memorial

Westminster

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

Cartersville First (blood pressure checks first Sunday of each month)
Grace (Free Clinic)
Heritage (congregational nurse, community flue shots, prescription assistance)
New Lebanon (Good Samaritan Wellness Center; Full Gospel Aftercare; Georgia Mtn. Hospice)
Silver Creek (DIGS; collects and redesigns nightgowns for hospice)
Westminster (parish nurse)

HOMELESS ISSUES

Cartersville First (vital assistance to Good Neighbor Shelter)
Faith Blue Ridge (collects items, provides mentoring for local shelter)
John Knox (overnight hosts at shelter)
Macland (provides food service to men's and women's shelters)
New Lebanon (assists with Transition house)
Ray Thomas Memorial (Elizabeth Inn Homeless shelter)
Westminster (helps with local shelter)

CLOTHING

Calhoun (shoe collection)
Cartersville First (annual coat donation to families of After School Children at Christmas)
Faith Blue Ridge (collects clothes for Crisis Center and provides gifts for the children to give their moms)
Faith Canton (MUST clothes closet)
Heritage (emergency cold weather clothes closet)
New Lebanon (community Thrift store)
Ray Thomas Memorial (clothing drives)

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Cartersville First (adults and senior highs travel to New Orleans Area)
Eastminster (Mississippi Katrina relief)
Faith Blue Ridge (Disaster kits)
Heritage (PDA, *Gift of the Heart* kits, food assistance Hurricane Bay St. Louis, MS.)
John Knox (PDA in New Orleans)
Parkway (Youth assist in New Orleans and Appalachia projects)
Rockmart (PDA)
Westminster (PDA, health kits, certified as a pet-friendly emergency shelter)

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR

Eastminster (labor at CRC; Habitat for Humanity)
New Lebanon (Habitat)
Ray Thomas Memorial (Habitat)
Silver Creek (Habitat)
Faith Blue Ridge (Habitat construction and store)
Macland (Habitat)
Westminster (Habitat)

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cartersville First (provides meeting place for AA meeting each week)
Deer Creek Shores (Sr. Citizen Center)
Eastminster (Cobb Pregnancy services)
Rockmart (Mothers' Morning Out; Grief support group)
Heritage (Al-Anon, Sr. Citizen's Center)

JAIL MINISTRY

New Lebanon

CHILDREN/YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Calhoun (Backpack Buddies, Angel Tree)

Cartersville (Angel Tree; After School program)

Deer Creek Shores (Forsyth County Child Advocacy)

Eastminster (Celtic Cross at KSU)

Faith Blue Ridge (mentoring)

Heritage – (Santa’s Caravan, KSU Campus Ministry, Preschool scholarships, Camp Cherokee
Pumpkinpatch)

Marietta (tutoring)

New Lebanon (Boys and Girls club; Society of Christian Athletes, Young Life Joy House;)

Ray Thomas Memorial (volunteer with Campus Ministries)

Rockmart (backpack Buddies; Safe Haven Approved site)

Silver Creek (Boys and Girls club peacemakers; books, school adoption)

Westminster (Backpack buddies, Cherokee Retreat Center, Berry College Campus Ministries)

PRAYER SHAWL/KNITTING/CRAFT

Cartersville

Chattooga Parish

Eastminster Pres

New Lebanon

Westminster

Parkway (quilting and needle work)

IMMIGRANTS

Parkway (Brazilian ministry and Korean ministry)

Ray Thomas Memorial (ESL, job networking, clothing and furniture)

MILITARY

Cartersville First (weekly prayer for service persons)

Dalton (Care packages and Cell phones)

Faith Blue Ridge (care packages, books and snacks)

New Lebanon (Mail for the Military)

Parkway (boxes, communications)

SENIORS

Cartersville First (older adult luncheons, trips and entertainment planned by committee)

Faith Blue Ride (gifts for heritage Home)

Heritage (Cherokee County Senior Center)

Parkway (Nursing Home Ministries and Assisted Living ministry)

ADULT SERVICES

Cohutta (GED program)

Parkway (Hannah’s ministry for families suffering fertility challenges, miscarriage, stillbirth and early
infant loss)