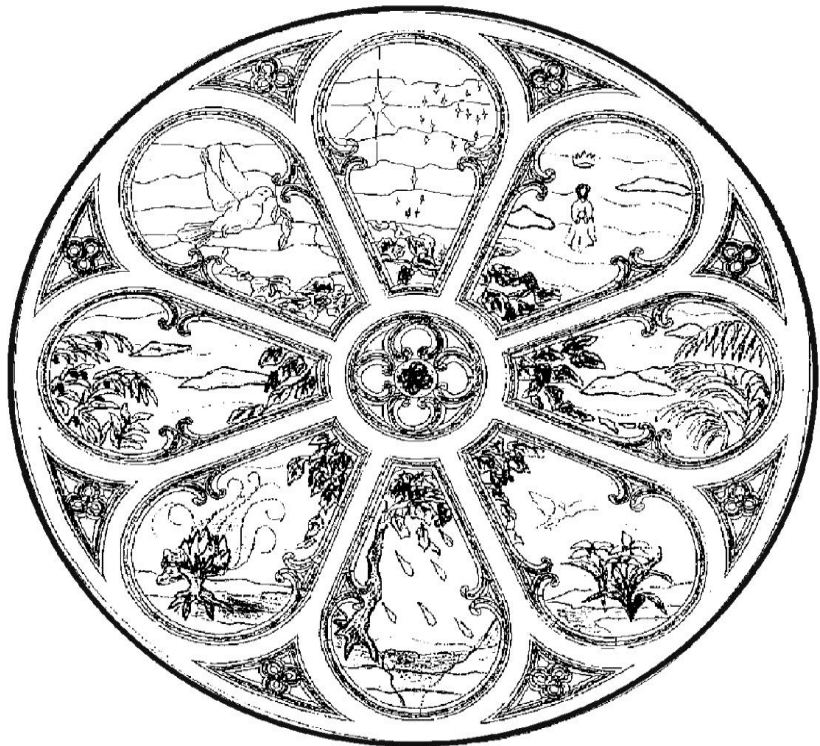


The
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Commissioner
Handbook

Stated Meeting

July 16, 2011



Alpharetta
Presbyterian Church

180 Academy St., Alpharetta, GA 30004
(770) 751-0033

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Stated Meeting
12:45p.m. Adjournment

*The mission of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is
to witness to the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and
to connect and empower congregations in their local and global ministries.*



Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

180 Academy Street Alpharetta, Georgia 30009

770-751-0033

July 16, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We look forward to welcoming you to Alpharetta Presbyterian Church for the July 16, 2011 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Our congregation of 925 active members and 300 baptized children is a 24 year old “new church development.” We are home to a large, outstanding and well-respected Dayschool, a growing Spanish-speaking fellowship “Centro Familiar Cristiano”, a very active community Christian Theater group called ACT1, a Sunday School class for youth and children with special needs, and a number of other congregational ministries and community groups. Our facility is handicap-accessible and we trust will provide a comfortable location for our meeting. Please know that we are honored to provide Christian hospitality to the Presbytery which is both our parent and partner in ministry. We look forward to a good day together furthering the work of Christ and strengthening the ties that bind us one to another.

Grace and Peace,

Ollie

Dr. Oliver Wagner,
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SO THIS IS YOUR FIRST PRESBYTERY MEETING.....

Welcome if you are a new commissioner to Presbytery. I hope this helps serve as a bit of orientation to you.

All the business of the Presbytery is contained in this handbook. The handbook is divided into 3 sections:

1. The first section contains all the items that you as a commissioner will need to take action upon. Some will have discussion, and some will be contained within an omnibus motion. Any items in an omnibus motion are voted on at one time during the Clerk's communications report. If as a commissioner, you desire to ask a question, or have debate on any item contained within this motion, you need to stand at the time of the motion's presentation and request that item be extracted. The item will then be removed from the omnibus motion and voted upon separately towards the end of the meeting.
2. The second section contains all the items from the various committees and entities of the presbytery that wish to inform you of things they are working on or committee actions that they are empowered to take. After the items for information, the Admit to Record items are recorded. This is a formality of items that need to be in the permanent record of the Presbytery's minutes.
3. The third section (if present) will contain addendum items such as first readings of policies that the Presbytery will be considering, or resource materials.

On the day of the meeting, a worship bulletin will be distributed. This bulletin will contain, in order, all the items that will be presented to the commissioners. The difference between the handbook and the bulletin, is that the bulletin will not have supplemental material such as faith statements, addendum and resource items. The handbook and bulletin are meant to go hand in hand to help you with the flow and business of the meeting.

Please read the introductory items in the handbook. These items contain information about parking, childcare, directions to the meeting, how to make motions if you wish, and information on parliamentary process.

When you arrive, there will be a registration area. You are asked to register your attendance, receive a name badge, input your email address if you are willing to answer a survey to evaluate the meeting, and pick up any handouts that may be available.

The meetings of Presbytery have been designed to provide opportunities for the community to worship and discuss issues together; as well as do the business that is before it for consideration.

The meeting time of Presbytery is 9:00 until 12:45 PM. The goal is to be able to finish in time for our specialized ministers and others who find it difficult to devote an entire day due to other commitments. The hope is that those who wish to connect with others, will be out in time to have lunch or a meeting right after the meeting.

Again, welcome.

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GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING IN PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

1. When speaking to the Presbytery, be sure to state your name and church.
 2. Please keep all presentations to less than three minutes unless otherwise noted on the agenda. The Moderator will give a 30-second warning so that presenters may conclude their presentation within the time allotted.
 3. Only enrolled commissioners are authorized to vote on issues that are before the Presbytery.
 4. Any motion made from the floor of Presbytery (be it a new motion, a substitute motion, or an amended motion) must be given to the Acting Stated Clerk in writing at the time the motion is made.
 5. Any “new business” must be placed in the hands of the Acting Stated Clerk before the approval of the docket.
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HANDBOOK INFORMATION

We are doing a new thing at the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta! With the adoption of our Strategic Plan, much will be different as we go about a new way of being Presbytery, which with God’s help; will strengthen our witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

One “administrative” piece that will be different is our handbook. We have instituted a worship bulletin which will be handed out at the meeting, and a handbook which will contain the detailed information needed for business and the flow of the meeting.

Part one of the handbook will contain all action items (except the omnibus motion which will be referred to by page numbers). Part two of the handbook will contain information items and the admit to record items. This new format may result in some reports being housed in two places; hopefully it will not cause confusion.

Please know that as we do a new thing (!), I am open to suggestions as we experiment with new methods. Please feel free to give me feedback as we discern the most helpful way of communicating information. I can be reached at: dwells@atpcusa.org.

HOLD THESE DATES FOR FUTURE PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

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Stated Meeting	Sept. 20	McDonough	9:00-12:45
Stated Meeting	Dec. 1	First Douglasville	9:00-12:45

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GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS MEETING

1. To make reservations for child care during this meeting, send an email to Carol Sweet at carol@alpharettapres.com or call (770)751-0033 x244. Please include names and ages (up to age 5). The deadline for childcare reservations is Friday, July 8th.
2. Checks contributed to today's *offering* should be made payable to "Presbytery of Greater Atlanta." The offering is for the ministry of the Pastoral Emergency Fund. This fund assists ministers and their families amidst financial crisis, such as medical, housing and counseling emergencies.
3. All requests for display tables for the July meeting have concluded. Please contact Gay Alston at galston@atlpcusa.org by Monday, August 29, 2011 to reserve display space for the September 20th meeting. Also indicate if electrical access is desired.
4. Requests to be included in audio-visual presentations at presbytery meetings should be addressed to Ms. Jihyun Oh at joh@atlpcusa.org no later than one week before the meeting.
5. Requests for an excused absence from today's meeting should be addressed to the Acting Stated Clerk, Donna Wells, at dwells@atlpcusa.org or 678-638-1463.

PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS

To join email distribution of the weekly pastoral care reports or to download the Presbytery meeting handbooks, go to the Presbytery's web site, www.atlpcusa.org, click the word "subscribe" in the E-Communications preferences box on the right side of the home page, enter your email address on the subsequent page, and click "go." On the subsequent page, check the appropriate report box(es) and click "submit."

The Pastor to Pastor/Educator Team is available to minister to all clergy and educators. If you are sick or have any need to have a confidential conversation about personal matters, they will respond. Please contact any of the following people:

Joe Sandifer, coordinator	770-934-6673
Ernestine Cole	404-273-1394
Julie Johnson	770-578-6684
Rick Neale	770-760-8201
Matthew Park	404-363-3000
Greta Reed	404-371-1008
Mardee Rightmyer	404-455-3832
John Roark	770-945-3726

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DIRECTIONS

From the South on Georgia Highway 9-Haynes Bridge Rd.

Follow GA-9 north into Alpharetta. Once in Alpharetta, GA-9 becomes Main Street. Continue on Main Street north until you reach Academy Street. Turn right on Academy Street and go 2 blocks east. APC will be on the left.

From the South on Georgia Highway 400

Take GA-400 Exit #9, to Haynes Bridge Road. Turn left from the exit ramp and follow Haynes Bridge Road west for about 2 miles until you reach Academy Street. Turn right and go 1 block. APC will be on the left.

From the North on Georgia Highway 9-Haynes Bridge Rd

Follow GA-9 south into Alpharetta. Once in Alpharetta, GA-9 becomes Main Street. Continue on Main Street south until you reach Academy Street. Turn left on Academy Street and go 2 blocks east. APC will be on the left.

From the North on Georgia Highway 400

Take GA-400 Exit #9, Haynes Bridge Road. Turn left from the exit ramp and follow Haynes Bridge Road west for about 2 miles until you reach Academy Street. Turn right and go 1 block. APC will be on the left.

PARKING

Parking for the meeting can be challenging, so please car pool whenever possible.

EVALUATION PROCESS

At the time of registration, you will be asked to supply an email address. We hope to take a portion of those email addresses and submit them to a new survey provider called Survey Monkey. In turn, a survey will be sent to you and we ask that you take the few minutes to fill it out to evaluate this meeting only. You will be asked to provide your e-mail address at each meeting for which you are willing to evaluate. Our hope is a more complete survey that will help the Council in future planning of Presbytery.

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Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Docket for July 16, 2011

9:00	Opening, prayer, call to order, welcome Stated Clerk's report, declaration of quorum, omnibus motion	Romona Lavender Donna Wells
9:10	Choral Introit Call to worship Opening Hymn Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon	
9:28	New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 9:19-27 Choral Anthem Sermon Offertory Prayer Choral Anthem	Hardy Kim
10:05	Committee on Preparation for Ministry Examinations Commission	Jill Tolbert Diane Duane
10:25	Introduction of our Institutional partners	
10:30	Coffee Break and Mission Fair of our Institutions represented	
11:40	Discussion on the Manual and Oakhurst Overture Coordinating Council Report	Donna Wells Carol Seaton
12:15	Web Roll Out	Neema Cyrus-Franklin
12:35	Retirement of Gene Locke	Laura Dorsey
12:40	Omnibus Motion Extractions if any Closing Hymn	
12:45	Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Romona Lavender

HANDBOOK PART I: ACTION ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

COMMUNICATIONS

For Recommendation:

1. That the following be approved as part of the Omnibus Motion:
 - Approval of the May 5, 2011 minutes
 - Approval of the Riverdale Commission's final report and dismiss the Commission with thanks (pg. 39)
 - Admit to record items in the report of the Committee for Preparation on Ministry (pg. 29)
 - Admit to record items in the Committee on Ministry Report (pg. 31)
 - Admit to record items in the Operations Committee Report (pg. 34)
 - Admit to record items in the Council's Report (pg. 30)
 - Approval of the slate presented by the Nominating Committee (pg. 18)
 - Approval of the nomination from Council to serve on the Nominating Committee (pg. 24)
 - Admit to record the Tri-Presbytery Georgia Campus Ministry Minutes for 2010 (pg.45)
 - Admit to record the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission Minutes for 2010 (pg. 62)

Please note...if any commissioner has a question regarding any of the above items or wishes the presbytery to have discussion on any item contained within the above reports, please come to the microphone at the time of presentation of the motion and request that particular item be extracted. If anything is extracted, that item will be place at the end of the docket for discussion.

EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

For Recommendation:

The Examinations Commission recommends the following person for reception into the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. No scruples were declared.

Jae Wuk Cho (candidate of Greater Atlanta) has had his ministry validated by COM on March 30, 2011. Mr. Cho's ministry is with children at Korean Community Presbyterian Church. Effective date: upon ordination.

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Jae Wuk Cho Statement of Faith Journey

I was raised by a father who devoted himself in God's service by becoming a Presbyterian pastor. I was born in Korea 1981, July 14th and grew up there until I was sixteen. As a result, I was heavily influenced by an aspect of the Korean Presbyterianism. My mentality was almost developed before I came to America. My dream was to become a pastor ever since I was around twelve. I learned how to speak English since I arrived in USA. I earned my high school diploma at Daleville High School in Alabama and finished B.S. degree at University of Alabama with Psychology major and Business minor. After I graduated from college, I worked at Korean Newspaper Company for nine months as accountant. I finished Master of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary and graduated in 2009. Currently, I study Master of Theology (Religious Education) at Emory University Candler School of Theology. I have attended my home church, Korean Community Presbyterian Church in Duluth, for 6 years. I am serving Children's Ministry as Children's Pastor since January, 2007. My family has lived in Georgia for five years and I have two younger sisters.

Even though I was called to do ministry at an early age, I had to go through some hard time in accepting me as the way God created me. I never had earth shattering experience in my life, but rather it was slow and progress process. One of the most important discoveries was that God loved me with whole heart God gave only and one son, Jesus Christ. The work of reconciliation has begun in my life. My perspective has been slowly changed by the grace of God. The love of God finally came to my heart. It was beyond my understanding and knowledge.

I have seen many people living their lives in despair and suffering. I can feel the brokenness from these people. Moreover, I witnessed that people were seeking reconciliation and healing in their lives. However, they do not understand the gospel and they do not want to grasp the meaning of gospel. I believe that Christ showed us that God was and is reaching out hands to the world. God has shown to the world that God sent Jesus Christ to save the world.

One of the most valuable experiences that I earned since I entered the seminary is continuous development of self-realization and self-understanding. As I complete CPE internship at Gwinnett Medical Center, I was challenged with my understanding of race and cultural difference. As a Korean male, I discovered that I have value and thoughts to offer in helping others who may have different context. Through the class discussion and seminary education I learned to appreciate the difference. The growth has been taking place in my heart, mind, and soul with the help of counseling and mentoring from friends, faculty, and supervising ministers. I'm willing to take further journey to discover about myself and seek the way to help the community and people.

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Jae Wuk Cho Statement of Faith

I believe that God created the world and the universe. The Creator of heaven and earth is the Lord, our God, and God maintains and governs all things by God's will. God is the worthy of praise and God reveals the grace to God's people. The chief end of humankind is to glorify God.

God created the man and woman equal in God's image. Humankind has fallen under sin. The whole world was corrupted under the power of sin. Because of this the world is suffering from injustice, pain, and death. Our relationship with God was broken. I confess that I am a sinner before God. I am saved only through the grace of God.

God loved the world so much that God sent one and only son to save us all from sin. I believe that Jesus Christ came to the world to reconcile our relationship with God. Jesus became the example and revealed the good news of God through his ministry and his saving work. Jesus suffered and was crucified to set us free from sin. But, God raised him from the dead. God enabled us to receive this grace through Christ.

I personally experience the love of God and I know that God is good. God always surrounds me with everlasting love. I believe that I am valuable to God because of this text, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son; that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)."

I believe in the triune God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe that God existed before beginning of the world. The Father God sent God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to save God's people. God works in unity and communion. God calls us to live in harmony and unity within our community. I am also called to love and serve others. I believe that the sign of God's grace is represented by baptism. My baptism signified the renewal of my life through the power of Holy Spirit. I believe that God continues to renew, cleanse, and remind me that I am saved by God. Also, we partake in the Eucharist to participate in the triune God's work of reconciliation. As we participate in the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit affirms us as the one body, both in unity and community. We are called to be in communion with God and our community.

I believe that the Bible is the witness of the sovereign grace of God. I also believe that the Holy Spirit worked through the writers when the Bible was written. However, the Word of God becomes living words in our lives and actively transforms our lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:

For Recommendation:

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends the following inquirers be enrolled as candidates as of shown dates:

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Jason Hammersley, Korean Community	May 12, 2011
Hee Chong (David) Yoo, Norcross	May 12, 2011
Eric Thomas, Rock Spring	June 2, 2011

Jason S. Hammersley Faith Journey

I was raised in rural Peru, Indiana with my parents and a two and half year older brother. I was baptized and confirmed at fifteen years old in the First Presbyterian Church of Peru, Indiana. My parents have been and continue to be very active in the church. My mother sings in the choir and my dad is an elder currently teaching senior high school among other duties. He was on the committee whom chose the interim pastor as of late for the pastorate. In addition, I raised, rode, birthed, and cared for horses all of my childhood which continued into my teenage and adult life.

My early childhood through my youth years was influenced in the Presbyterian Church (P.C. U.S.A) in Peru, Indiana. As a family we attended the church together. When I became a junior in high school, I was voted president of the youth group. Bible study, fellowship, ski trips, and lock-ins were favorite activities of the youth group. This position created a sense of leadership which was encouraged from many members. Some members would casually say, "Jason, I think you would make a good pastor." Being a self centered teenager without thought of ministry as a vocation, I quickly dismissed the comment. Even though I dismissed the comment, my career history reveals a narrative of misdirection and no specific focus. God had God's plan for my life and careers.

My work history was varied throughout the years after graduation from the Master's Degree Program in Adult Fitness/Cardiac Rehabilitation. From 1999 to 2008 I changed careers four times. The changes occurred because no specific direction, family growth, advance professionally, and the desire for monetary gain with stability. I have always worked since graduation and every summer throughout university. My work history, specifically my variety of careers reveals a lack of finding my purpose or calling in this world.

Since the youth group, I have always been interested in God, the Holy Scripture, Jesus, and ministry. My sense of call to the vocation ministry springs forth out of a long journey to find my purpose in this life and in the world. I think the various careers over a relative short time frame reveals the searching for the call of God on my life. In 2008, I began to surrender to vocation ministry to God.

Jason S. Hammersley Statement of Faith

My faith was a gift to me from the Triune God through the faith of my parents who raised me in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. by the Holy Spirit. I trust and have faith in the following confession:

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I believe in the Triune God who is called Creator, Giver of life, God of Israel, 'Abba,' Father, and Reconciler. God created all things in heaven and on earth. This God is revealed in the three persons who are distinct yet inseparable: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This communion manifests itself in the relationship with humanity and creation, the Israelites' covenant through the prophets, and the apostles, and Jesus Christ my Lord. All people disobeyed and sin against God. There is no hope for humanity to be saved and reconcile itself to God. Since humanity sinned against its Creator, humanity and all creation was condemned to death. This covenantal relationship needed God's mercy and salvation for redemption and reconciliation to live in newness of life.

By God's mercy and loving compassion, I believe God sent God's only son, Jesus Christ, the only perfect humanity to the world, who was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit. This Jesus lived, taught, preached, forgave sins, prayed, healed the sick, fed the hungry, suffered, and resurrected from the dead to redeem, reconcile, and give new identity to a depraved humanity with the promise of eternal life for those who believe. Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection as recorded in the word of God revealed the new life and new covenant of grace through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

I believe Jesus Christ ordained the sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper as signs and seals of the new covenant which spiritually binds one to Christ through the Holy Spirit. Through these sacraments one proclaims the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and acknowledges our identity is bound and lifted, by the Holy Spirit in communion with the saints. In receiving these gifts of God, we are to live thankful lives as the only proper response to the mercy and grace of God through Jesus Christ.

I believe the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and the Son to remind the disciples and all people of the teaching of Jesus Christ. This Holy Spirit reminds, transforms, counsels, comforts, prays, intercedes, heals, guides, illumines the word of God, matures believers, distributes gifts for ministry, and called me to be ordained as the Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

I believe the word of God contains the witness of the biblical narrative revealed in the Old and New Testaments. The Holy Spirit through prayer, the word of God, the sacraments, worship, and the community of faith enlivens the church and those called to live a life of thankfulness, resurrection, reconciliation, justice, peace, love, faith, and hope.

I believe the Triune God established the invisible and visible Church catholic which proclaims the word of God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, administers the sacraments, and spreads the good news of the gospel throughout the world. In the church, I believe I am called to witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Word, administering the sacraments, praying, and sharing in the life of the community of faith. By the grace of God I trust that I will obey the leading of the Holy Spirit through the life of Jesus, disciplined in prayer, guided by the Book of Confessions and Form of Government, pray without ceasing. I trust that God will bless me as I perform the servant leadership as required by our Lord. Through church, I trust that God will grant me gifts of ministry to utilize with the priesthood of the all believers in the community of faith.

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Hee Chong (David) Yoo
Faith Journey

In 1986, a young mother's quiet yet earnest morning prayers whispered out of a humble cottage in South Korea. As the crying newborn awakened seven times each morning, the mother took this opportunity to bless every part of his tiny body as she laid her hands on him. She petitioned God that this baby not be limited by the borders of countries, but be free to explore and experience different parts of the world. I attribute my 11 international traveling experiences around the world to my mother's pure, sincere prayers. As I faced prejudice and culture shock in Scotland, I was motivated to represent Korea to my entire school as a confident 11-year-old minority student. In Korea, while residing with 50 mentally and physically challenged adults, as well as observing my father's leprosy hospital ministry, I was humbled by the true beauty of innocence and the purity of souls. In America, I often overheard my parents' soul-stirring counseling sessions at three in the morning. As I entered college, I received an unusual out-of-state tuition waiver for my entire college years; I learned to leave my financial situations to God. My travels were significantly more than simple diversion; they posed valuable challenges, which engendered in me the passion of virtuous ministering. My unique experiences taught me that human suffering crosses borders, and all people have the same needs which can be met through ministry.

It was during a casual football game when I physically felt the closeness of God's existence and His deep interest in me. Thunder was striking and rain was hammering on that darkest afternoon when a runningback's elbow struck my neck, causing an unbearable choking pain and the burning internal bruise that left me able to produce nothing but sounds of "Darth Vader." It was not the doctor's severe diagnosis of my paralyzed vocal cord that brought me to my knees, but rather God's perfect intervention in my life once again, more intimate than ever. Ironically, just days before, I had betrayed my parents by refusing to serve in their new church. My cruel, heartless words had not only abused my parents, but wounded God's heart even more. I marveled at His love, that He cared enough to discipline me by taking away my most valuable possession: my voice. Now, whenever I sit at the piano, I hear Him whispering that what I seem to possess is not my own, but His. I have promised to God that every vibration of my vocal chords will be for His glory. My simple presence in the church is a reminder of God's unfathomable love for me, and my certainty that He desires me to serve Him. Ever since, it has been my honor to serve as an involved member at Kwang-Ya church despite its small congregation. Through this event, my church service has evolved from merely enjoying the fellowship to prioritizing worshiping God.

As a child who expected my minister father to be perfectly holy, it was frightening to see his simultaneous spiritual, psychological, and physical undoing. His overwhelming exhaustion, created by heavy responsibilities, almost brought everything to an end; he wanted to leave our family. I saw a weak, desperate, and hopeless human father. Without the Holy Spirit, there could be no holy servant. When my father humbled and surrendered himself, I witnessed an unbelievable transformation: the restoration of a soul and the undeniable power of God. Now I am aware that pastors will face unbearable challenges; only through God, will they triumph. Though it was an unspeakable event for our family, I exalt God for demonstrating that only through God's grace can a pastor be what he was meant to be, and I became eager for humility.

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Due to the frequent traveling among different cultures, the passion for Sociology always took a major place in my heart. Majoring in sociology showed me the predominant role of sin that brings terrifying results in current society. Especially, I was reminded of the growing number of politically-driven, power-hungry pastors who betray God as they devour innocent congregations' souls for their own financial gain. Such corruption saddens me. However, I praise God for my awareness as it prepares me for the reality of a depraved society that dwells deeply even within the church. Having been exposed to corrosive element in the church, I am specially positioned to recognize these shameful aspects and to avoid them.

A milestone of my passion for ministry took place while I was responsible for my youth group's Bible study. As time progressed, I noticed that I could not change the stubborn teenagers' minds and actions. Those changes only took place when God aligned His Words and their hearts. When I heard the students' testimonies of even the slightest changes in their daily lives, it gave me a different kind of joy than I had experienced when teaching SAT prep. It was then that I was able to see the truth of my mother's statement with my own eyes: "One soul is more precious than anything under Heaven." I became interested in the wellness of individuals' souls rather than large numbers. However, the more I studied the Bible, the more I became convinced of the limitations of my knowledge in God, the world, and even in myself. I faced the incapability of my double degrees in resolving their burdensome questions; it was only through our tearful prayer that students could find their true smile again. I am grateful for my humility, as it directed my future of devoting my next three years to seminary.

As I began to see the limitless value in individuals, interestingly, God has simultaneously planted a passion for global ministry. I want to be the one to spread the gospel and transform peoples' lives, and also provide for the people's material needs as much as He desires. As I see meandering Korean American teenagers, without a sense of identity desperately seeking to fill their emptiness, it distresses me. Upon graduating seminary, I wish to pursue a master's degree in psychology and law, and establish a counseling center. I am ambitious and looking forward to being part of a ministry of sharing, for I am convinced that what has been given to me is never mine, but all for His Glory.

Hee Chong (David) Yoo Statement of Faith

I believe in the one triune God consisting of three persons.

I believe in God the Father. I believe that out of God's fatherly love, God continues to wait for God's children to come back to God from their sinful fallen nature. God continues to protect and guide them according to God's sovereign plan for God's children. God has sent God's only Son to save God's children from their sinful nature to give them eternal life with God.

I believe in God almighty, the Maker of all creation, of all that is seen and unseen. Through God's very words, God has created everything out of nothing. God exists both transcendentally and immanently among us.

I believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God

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from God, of one being with the Father. Through Christ all things were made. For us and for our salvation, Christ became incarnate through the birth of the Virgin Mary and became truly human, being tempted in all aspects of being human, while remaining fully divine and holy.

I believe that Christ proclaimed and demonstrated the reign of God by preaching Good News to the poor, healing the sick, binding up the brokenhearted, releasing the captives, teaching by word and deed, blessing children and widows, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, washing the feet of sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Good News. I believe that Christ was unjustly condemned for treason and blasphemy and subsequently crucified. Undergoing human pain, Christ went through the suffering of the Cross to break the power of sin and death over humanity. Christ rose three days after his crucifixion, and whoever believes in Christ's death and resurrection will have eternal life with Christ and is now being transformed into closer likeness with Christ.

I believe that Christ is the Truth, the Way, and the Life, and is the only bridge that connects God and humanity,

I believe in the Holy Spirit, God's active presence among us, and the constant giver of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and sets us free to love God and neighbor. The Holy Spirit brings together Christians into the body of Christ, the holy catholic apostolic Church.

I believe that it is only through the Holy Spirit that one may receive insight, understanding and wisdom from Scripture. The Spirit teaches us through the proclamation of the Word. I believe that the Holy Spirit guides us in the sacraments, which are symbols of God's grace. The Holy Spirit takes ownership of us through the waters of baptism and feeds our souls through the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

I believe Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the Church is the body of Christ made up of Christians.

I believe that the Church is always open to reform of its doctrines and governance in accordance with the Word of God and the calling of the Holy Spirit.

I believe evangelism is the responsibility of the Church and every Christian wherever each is called.

I believe that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead according to God's will. I believe in the bodily and spiritual resurrection of Christ. His followers will also participate in their own bodily and spiritual resurrections through Christ's resurrection. Christ's followers will have an everlasting life with God as the heirs of God.

Eric Thomas
Faith Journey

Eric Thomas is a native of the Bronx, NY where his family attended Trinity Baptist Church. From Sunday School until it was time to go to college, he has been active in music

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ministry throughout his formative years. Eric was blessed to have three grandmothers, one “great” and two “grand” provide his spiritual foundation, making sure that he not only attended church but became active in its youth and musical programs. A graduate of the State University of NY at Albany (BA Music, Africana Studies) and Binghamton University (MBA Arts Administration), Eric supplemented his income being a tenor section leader and soloist at several Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist and Baptist churches throughout the state of New York.

Eric has over 15 years’ experience in marketing the arts and cultivating audiences for participation in cultural events, working for iconic institutions including: Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Manhattan Theatre Club, and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In 2006 he was recruited to relocate to Atlanta to be the Director of Marketing at the National Black Arts Festival (NBAF) through its 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2008. Economic downsizing at NBAF caused him to lose his job, but while facing the recession, Eric has volunteered with several arts organizations including the newly formed Voices of Atlanta Choral Ensemble (VOA). He helped the VOA complete their 501c3 application and wrote their marketing and branding plan. In August 2010 Eric joined the City of Riverdale to be the Manager of the newly developed Centre for the Arts, Business, and Leisure Services.

Upon moving to Atlanta in 2006, Eric became the tenor section leader for the choir at Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, where he served under three Ministers of Music and three Pastors (one interim) between 2006 and the present. In the midst of his tenure at Rock Spring, he felt called to move beyond only using his musical gifts, he applied to and was accepted by the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (JCSTS) at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), where he has just completed his Middler year in the M. Div/Master of Arts in Church Music (MACM) degree program. Eric became under care by Rock Spring in 2009, and an Inquirer with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta in February 2010.

Eric has excelled in his seminary studies. He has been on the Dean’s List since his Junior Year, received the JCSTS Academic Achievement Award, and was inducted into Theta Pi International Honors Society in the spring 2011 ceremony. Other awards include scholarships from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, the Presbyterian Study Grant, the Presbyterian Women of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus – Atlanta Chapter book award, and Rock Spring Presbyterian Church.

He was elected as Moderator of the Student Fellowship of JCSTS and represented the seminary in the 219th General Assembly as a Theological Student Advisory Delegate. On behalf of the JCSTS Fellowship, he presented a panel discussion with Rev. Jin S. Kim, Rev. Mark Lomax, and Rev. Margaret Aymer entitled *Beyond Black and White: What Will it Mean to be Racial Ethnic in the PCUSA*. His MACM project *The People’s Oratorio on the Gospel of St. John* was presented two years in a row as the ITC Holy Week Chapel service.

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Eric Thomas
Statement of Faith

I believe in the Holy Trinity; God the Creator, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, three divine persons in one divine substance. The Triune God exists in infinity long before eternity began, long after life everlasting ends – God over us. The universe and all things in it were created by God, and creation responds in doxology. Humanity was formed in the image of God, both female and male, and it was good. Humanity responds in thanksgiving with hymns of praise, in the fanfare of instruments, in poetry and dance, and in obedience to God. In love, God established covenants with humanity, and granted to it dominion over every living thing as evidence of God’s providential care, yet humanity disobeyed God and fell into sin.

I believe that in order to redeem the world, Jesus Christ the divine Word and co-creator became flesh, and entered humanity; Emmanuel – God with us. He was the human example of God’s love, mercy, justice, and grace in and for the world. Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life, offers salvation to all who believe in him. Jesus called his believers to be disciples, his disciples to be his Church, and for his Church to love God, love neighbor, and to demonstrate to the world that we are his by how we treat each other. For those who cried “Hosanna” one day, and “Crucify him” another, Jesus in obedience to God, died on the cross as remission for our sins. Through the sacrifice of Christ’s crucifixion, and the victory of his resurrection, we call him Savior, and joyfully submit to his Lordship. I trust in the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again.

I believe that the Holy Spirit, co-creator and renewer of life, justifies us by unmerited grace through faith, reveals God to us through the scriptures, and gives us the inspiration and courage to live into God’s call on our lives to use our unique gifts for worship and ministry – God in and through us. The Spirit makes intercession for us to God when we do not know how to pray, and like at Pentecost, equips people of different backgrounds and origins to understand each other, and to be one. As believers, we are the recipients of the Spirit’s gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; freely given to us, that we may freely share them with others.

I believe that in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, we remember Jesus’ blood that was shed and his body that was broken for the forgiveness of our sins. In the sacrament of baptism, we symbolically die with Jesus Christ in submersion, and are resurrected with him in emergence. Through the sacraments God seals believers in redemption, renews their identity as people of God, and marks them for service.¹ Through them we are united as the body of Christ and are sanctified by the Holy Spirit, who lifts us to Christ in the holy meal, and claims us even before our baptism.

Until Jesus Christ comes again in glory, I believe that the work of growing God’s church deep and wide must be continued by his Church, including Ministers of Word

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and Sacrament, Elders, Deacons, and laity. God calls the greatest and the least, of every social location, ability, ethnicity and orientation to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, to provide for all who have need, to care for the creation, and to engage in acts of justice, peace, and reconciliation; for the world and for our Church. These acts are not for ourselves, but are for the glory, laud and honor to the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer now and forever. Amen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For Recommendation:

The names below are proposed to fill committee vacancies by the Nominating Committee at this meeting:

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

2011	Bill Powell	Lay man	Roswell
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COORDINATING COUNCIL

For Recommendation:

1. That the following re-write for the Manual of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, section entitled: The Council, be approved.

There was a first reading of this item at the May 5, 2011 meeting of presbytery. The clerk has received feedback from a few sources regarding two changes. The Manual Task Force concurs with those changes and has made those changes in the recommendation before you. The changes are: (1) change meeting to a minimum of 4 times a year rather than 5 times a year. Council can always meet more often, however, if we move back to having Presbytery meetings 4 times a year we won't have to change the manual to reflect this (2) make the at large members of council number 9 rather than 15. Feedback was that the Council may become too large to effectively do its work and that 9 at large members (which we presently have) would be more effective. (3) clarity on who may be a member of Council...ministers of this presbytery and members of PGA churches. (4) clarity on committees that presbytery elects members to and those that council appoints. These changes are in *bold italics* in the proposed recommendation:

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PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

General

For the implementation of its principles and programs, Presbytery shall have a Council with the responsibilities delineated by this Manual.

Membership

The membership of Council shall be representative taking into consideration gender, church size, church location, racial ethnic, disability, minister, laity.

The *ex officio* (by virtue of their office) members of Council shall be:

- The immediate past Moderator of Presbytery
- The Moderator of the Presbytery
- The Moderator Elect of the Presbytery
- The Moderator of Presbyterian Women
- The Moderator or designee of Committee on Ministry
- The Moderator or designee of Committee For Preparation
- The Moderator or designee of Operations
- The Moderator or designee of Personnel
- The Moderator or designee of the Nominating Committee
- The Moderator or designee of the Camp Calvin Committee
- The Moderator or designee of the Presbytery and Worship Planning Committee

Presbytery shall elect ~~15~~ 9 members of Council in three classes of ~~5~~ 3. Ordinarily, these elected members shall be ordained teaching or ruling elders. Elected members of Council shall be elected at the last Stated Meeting of Presbytery annually for terms of three years, and shall take office on the first of January succeeding their election. Elected members shall be eligible for re-election to a second three-year term. A person who has served a total of six consecutive years shall be ineligible for re-election to Council for a period of at least one year.

Nominations for elected Council members shall be made by the Nominating Committee, but the floor shall be open for nominations of any other minister, elder or layperson. Such nominations from the floor must be made with due regard to preserving representation.

All members of Council shall be either a minister member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta or a member of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Church.

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Responsibilities of Council

1. Facilitate the meetings of Presbytery
2. Facilitate the preparation of a budget for Presbytery approval
3. Facilitate oversight of the Presbytery staff and matters regarding personnel
4. Direct evaluation of the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk
5. Receive and review reports of all Presbytery Committees
6. Provide an annual report to the Presbytery that shall be presented at the first Stated meeting of Presbytery in a calendar year.
7. Nominate candidates to the Nominating Committee
8. Consult with the synod concerning the overall mission needs of Synod
9. Review proposals for changes to the Manual of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and make recommendation to Presbytery regarding any changes
10. Direct the Board of Directors of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc. to acquire and hold property
11. To encourage ministries of justice, mercy and compassion

Committees of Council

Committees of Council are defined as committees needed to do the work of the Council.

Members of the these committees are nominated through the nominating process.

Standing Committees of Council shall be:

Calvin Center
Operations
Partnerships
Personnel
Presbytery Worship and Planning

Standing Committees of Council need approval of Council for access to the floor of Presbytery.

The Permanent Committees of Presbytery that have direct access to the floor of Presbytery shall be:

Bills and Overtures
Committee for the Preparation of Ministry
Committee on Ministry
Nominations

Other Committees shall be formed or transformed as needed in order to carry out the work of the Council. *At the time of this manual, Council has appointed three internal committees: partnerships, funding and grants.*

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Commissions of the Presbytery shall have direct access to the floor of Presbytery after consultation with Council regarding the Presbytery docket:

Examinations
Georgia Campus Ministry Commission
New Church Development Commission
Permanent Judicial Commission

Officers

Officers of the Council shall be as follows:

Moderator...the previous year's Presbytery Moderator

Vice Moderator...shall serve whenever the Moderator is unavailable

Secretary...shall coordinate all meetings, take the minutes of Council and provide for an annual report to Presbytery.

The Council shall elect the Vice Moderator and Secretary.

Schedule and Quorum

The Council shall fix a schedule which provides for its meetings at least ~~five (5)~~ *four (4)* times a year. Additional meetings may be held upon the call of the Chair with sufficient notice having been given to all members to be able to attend, and if needed, participate via electronic means.

The quorum of Presbytery's Council shall be a majority of members.

Relationships

The Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk shall be advisory members of the Council. The Exempt staff of the Presbytery may attend meetings of Council in an advisory role. No presbytery staff shall have the right of vote.

2. That the following overture from Oakhurst Presbyterian Church NOT be approved. The Council's rationale follows the overture.

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OVERTURE TO THE PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA FROM OAKHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JANUARY 27, 2011

Whereas Presbyterians, as part of the Reformed Tradition, are called to be in connection with one another in all things, for as the Psalmist says “How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!”; (Psalms 133:1)

Whereas “all governing bodies of the church are united by the nature of the church and share with one another responsibilities, rights and powers as provided in the Constitution;” (Book of Order G-9.0103) Whereas the Sessions of the Churches in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected to each other and to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly by this foundational principle of Presbyterian government;

Whereas this connection brings the churches of the presbytery into unity and mission, which is a gift of Christ to his Church; (Book of Order G-1.0100c)

Whereas the presbytery shall have a general mission budget to support the church’s mission within its area . . . ; (from Book of Order G-11.0304)

Whereas the presbytery shall raise and expend its funds in the light of the priorities of the whole church; (Book of Order G-11.0304)

Whereas, although we have our differences, we are called on to “forebear one another in love” and “be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;” (Ephesians 4:2-3)

Whereas the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta calls upon all churches within its bounds to assume responsible financial support of the unity and mission of the presbytery by funding its mission through a per capita apportionment;

Whereas a presbytery has the right and discretion “to consider a congregation’s financial participation in the life of the larger church as one of many factors as it crafts policies and exercises pastoral care”; (Johnston v. Heartland Presbytery, 2006)

Therefore, be it resolved that beginning in 2012, all members of the Coordinating Council must be members of or affiliated with a church within the Presbytery that has paid its assessed per capita apportionment for the mission of this presbytery and the wider church in the previous fiscal year. Members of the Presbytery who are not affiliated with a church within the Presbytery also are eligible to serve on the Coordinating Council. Churches that are unable to pay any or all of their per capita apportionment due to financial hardship can appeal for an exemption to the above rule on the floor of Presbytery and can be granted such an exemption by majority vote of voting members present.

At this time, we also call on Presbytery to facilitate meaningful dialogue among all member churches within the Presbytery on issues that are related to the non-payment of per capita apportionment by some member churches so that we can continue to work together to form a beloved community.

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Rationale:

Although we recognize that some Sessions withhold financial support of the mission of the presbytery for reasons of disagreement with the priorities of the whole church, this resolution is not intended to be punitive in nature. Rather, recognizing that the Presbyterian form of church government is connectional in nature, the purpose of this resolution is to assure that the power to make decisions about the whole mission of the presbytery rests in the hands of those who give financial support to the whole mission of the body they govern.

Background, Council's response and Council's recommendation to the presbytery regarding the above overture to be present for action on July 16, 2011:

Council first received a preliminary version of this overture in October 2010. To better discern the intentions of the session of Oakhurst and to receive further information, a team of three people from Council met with the session: Ann Grier, Kathleen Allen and Donna Wells. After that meeting, the session decided to revise and clarify their overture and resubmit it to the Council. That revision is printed above.

Council invited Jane Fahey at its meeting on April 4, 2011 to discuss with the Council the "judicial" implications for the presbytery if this overture were adopted in order to get further information before making its recommendation to the presbytery.

The Council's recommendation is printed below. This recommendation comes with the Oakhurst overture today at the July 16, 2011 meeting for a vote.

The Council wishes to first express its understanding of the emotions behind the overture proposed by Oakhurst Presbyterian Church.

The Council also wishes to affirm the overture's call "*to facilitate meaningful dialogue among all member churches within the Presbytery on issues that are related to the non-payment of per capita apportionment by some member churches so that we can continue to work together to form a beloved community.*"

We understand the concern that elected members of Council should have a true concern for the mission of the Presbytery and PCUSA and show that support through the per capita payments. There is a sense of fairness and justice that those having a part in making decisions for the Presbytery should be part of the financial support of the Presbytery.

However, after much discussion, the Council has decided NOT to recommend the passage of Oakhurst's overture to the Presbytery. The following reasons informed our decision:

- It is not an individual's decision not to pay per capita, and therefore an individual should not be held accountable for the decision of a session, and not allowed to serve
- This is an issue of working as a community of faith and we should not try to resolve it with rules and regulations
- If passed, this would give extra privilege to specialized clergy who do not serve a particular congregation

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- This would exclude members from becoming active in Presbytery and learning and sharing with their congregation more about the mission and work of the Presbytery
 - Members of Council are not delegates to vote for their congregation, but are elected to discern how the Spirit is moving and vote according to their conscience.
3. That the following person be elected to serve on the Presbytery's Nominating Committee:
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| 2013 | Sheila Joyner-Pritchard | Lay woman | New Life |
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4. That the following job description for the position of Stated Clerk be approved:

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Job Description

Job Title: Stated Clerk
Reports To: Executive Presbyter

FLSA STATUS: Exempt, ¾ time
REVISION DATE: 6-14-11

POSITION SUMMARY:

This position is responsible to the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta for interpreting the constitution, ensuring the Presbytery is in conformity with the constitution and maintaining ecclesiastical records.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Process all paperwork related to the reception and dismissal of minister members of the Presbytery.
- Process all paperwork as required by Louisville, for Inquirers, Candidates, and Ordination/Reception of a call
- Train Investigating Committees
- Keep, record, and compile all minutes from meetings of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
- Keep accurate rolls of the minister members of Presbytery
- Work with the Executive Presbyter and Ministry Consultants regarding pastoral/church situations
- Provide training and staff services to Administrative Commissions
- Resource the Bills and Overtures Committee
- Resource the Permanent Judicial Commission
- Provide interpretation on questions about the Book of Order

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- Train clerks of sessions
- Help the Committee on Ministry with their oversight of yearly session minute reviews
- Oversee the writing of a new Presbytery Manual of Operations and maintain such manual revisions
- Oversee all denominational requirements of presbyteries
- Resource the work of validating ministries of the Presbytery

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

EDUCATION: College degree or its equivalent.

EXPERIENCE: A minimum of four years' experience working within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Must be a Ruling or Teaching elder in the PCUSA.

SKILLS: Attention to detail, strong organizational skills, and an understanding in the workings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Some computer skill would be important. Must be able to work with different kinds of people and be able to teach accordingly. Must be able to keep information in confidence.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: None

EQUIPMENT TO BE USED: Standard office equipment and computer

WORKING CONDITIONS: Must be willing to be flexible in hours and available to receive phone calls at home and act quickly on time-sensitive issues.

HANDBOOK PART II: INFORMATION AND ADMIT TO RECORD ITEMS

COMMUNICATIONS

For Information:

The Presbytery office is trying to locate the following minister members. If anyone has any contact information on any of these people, please contact Donna Wells (dwells@atpcusa.org) with that information:

Stephanie Medlin, John Park, Sandra McDonald, Carol Johnson and Kerry Duncan

Admit to Record

1. Addition of the following for the Presbytery Necrology Report:
 - a. Bethany Church:
 - Wayne F. Browning, III, date of death September 2, 2010
 - W. Leslie Mote, Jr., date of death January 21, 2010
 - b. Rehoboth Church:
 - Gene Story, date of death July 7, 2010
2. Received an email dated May 27, 2011, from Andrew Lucas renouncing the jurisdiction of the PCUSA. An allegation of sexual misconduct had been received in the office of the Stated Clerk and per the Book of Order, an Investigating Committee (#11-03) was formed. The effect of this renunciation is that the investigation ceases and Rev. Lucas is removed from the rolls of the PCUSA. Investigating Committee 11-03 is dismissed with thanks.
3. Received a letter dated June 9, 2011 from David Burns renouncing the jurisdiction of the PCUSA. Investigating Committee #11-02 gave Rev. Burns this opportunity before the filing of charges of adultery, sexual misconduct and abuse of power. The effect of this renunciation is that Rev. Burns is removed from the rolls of the PCUSA.
4. Received a letter from the Theological Education Fund thanking the presbytery for its financial support in 2010.
5. Received an email from Rev. Tim Dalstrom, who regretfully needs to resign from the Timberridge Administrative Commission.
6. The Georgia Supreme Court heard the appeal of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta v. Timberridge Presbyterian Church on July 12, 2011. A decision is several months away.

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7. The following people served on the commission to ordain Anthony Joseph Mealor as the associate pastor for Neshaminy Warwick Presbyterian Church located in Warminster, PA. The ordination took place at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA on May 15, 2011:

Rev. Joel Tolbert, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
Rev. Rachael Knoll, McDonough Presbyterian Church
Rev. Robert Sparks, Fairview Presbyterian Church
Elder Bo Broom, Decatur Presbyterian Church
Elder Renatta Dennis, North Avenue Presbyterian Church

8. That the minutes of the ordination of Anthony Joseph Mealor as the associate pastor for Neshaminy Warwick Presbyterian Church located in Warminster, PA be admitted to record. The ordination took place at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA on May 15, 2011.

9. That the following people served on the commission to ordain Andrew James Ditzel to a validated ministry at Kairos NCD located in Atlanta, GA on May 15, 2011:

Rev. Thomas Daniel, Kairos NCD
Rev. Beth Daniel, Kairos NCD
Rev. Emily Wright, Roswell Presbyterian Church
Elder Jo Ditzel, Peachtree Presbyterian Church
Elder Jeff Hicks, North Avenue Presbyterian Church

10. That the minutes of the ordination of Andrew James Ditzel to a validated ministry at Kairos NCD on May 15, 2011 be admitted to the record.

11. That the following people served on the commission to install Russell Scott Weekley as pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, located in Lilburn, GA on May 15, 2011:

Rev. Joe Sandifer, Honorably Retired
Rev. Jim Fisher, Luther Hays Presbyterian
Elder Mike Thurmond, Good Shepherd Presbyterian
Commissioned Lay Pastor, Marluca Damaceno de Terraza, El Buen NCD
Elder Paul Fogg, Fayette Presbyterian Church

12. That the minutes of the installation of Russell Scott Weekley as pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lilburn, GA on May 15, 2011 be admitted to the record.

13. That the following people served on the commission to ordain and install Margaret Leonard as associate pastor of Mercy Community Church located in Atlanta, GA on May 29, 2011:

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Rev. John Morgan, member at large
Rev. Kathryn Taber, Central Presbyterian
Rev. Nancy Smith-Mathers, specialized ministry
Elder Jane Boyd Lee, Druid Hills Presbyterian Church
Elder David York, Morningside Presbyterian Church
Rev. Caroline Craig Proctor, New Hope Presbytery, Guest of the Commission
Rev. Allen Proctor, New Hope Presbytery, Guest of the Commission
Rev. Chad Hyatt, Guest of the Commission

14. That the minutes of the ordination and installation of Margaret Leonard as associate pastor of Mercy Community Church located in Atlanta, GA on May 29, 2011 be admitted to the record.
15. That the following people served on the commission to ordain and install Billy Michael Honor Jr. as the designated pastor of New Life Presbyterian Church in College Park, GA on June 12, 2011.

Rev. Sara Hayden, Tri-Presbytery NCD Commission
Rev. Christopher Henry, Shallowford Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Lonnie Oliver, General Assembly Staff
Elder Toni Griffin Fields, Church of the Master
Elder Romona Lavender, New Life Presbyterian Church
Elder David York, Morningside Presbyterian Church
Dr. John White, Guest of the Commission, Pittsburgh Presbytery
Dr. Percy Johnson, Guest of the Commission, Christian Church Disciples of Christ
Dr. Randall Bailey, Guest of the Commission, National/Progressive Baptist Convention

16. That the minutes of the commission to ordain and install Billy Michael Honor Jr. as the designated pastor of New Life Presbyterian Church in College Park, GA on June 12, 2011 be admitted to record.
17. That the following people served on the commission to install David Lewicki and Beth Waltemath as co-pastors of North Decatur Presbyterian Church located in Decatur, GA on June 26, 2011:

Rev. Joanna Adams, Honorably Retired
Rev. Hardy Kim, First Presbyterian Atlanta
Elder Gordon French, North Decatur Presbyterian Church
Elder David York, Morningside Presbyterian Church
Elder Joann Nurss, Hillside Presbyterian Church
Elder Romona Lavender, New Life Presbyterian Church

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Information:

At the May 12, 2011, stated meeting, Chris McLean offered CPM members a workshop on situational leadership as part of ongoing committee training and in an effort to explore additional ways to prepare inquirers and candidates for ministry.

Admit to Record:

1. The following churches received session orientations:

None

2. The following persons were enrolled as Inquirer as of shown date:

None

3. Annual Consultations were conducted for the following persons:

William Eavenson, Peachtree
Jason Hammersley, Korean Community
Sophia Park, Korean Presbyterian Church of Georgia
Eric Thomas, Rock Spring

3. The following persons were certified ready to receive a call:

Evan Carter, Kairos NCD
Wylie Hughes, St. Luke's

4. The following Candidate was transferred or removed at their request:

None.

5. The following candidate received a call:

Billy Honor, Designated Pastor, New Life, Greater Atlanta

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COORDINATING COUNCIL

For Information:

The Council held meetings in April and May, to conduct regular business and to discuss and plan for changes needed in the Presbytery in light of the new strategic plan and changes in the Book of Order.

The following is reported for your information:

1. Presbytery meetings 2012:

There will be four meetings: Feb 11, May 3, Aug 18th, Nov 15,
9am-12:45 pm each meeting

2. Appointed a task force to consider options for gracious separation for churches that might want to leave the PCUSA and bring a recommendation to Council.

3. Appointed a task force to consider options for flexible governance for the Presbytery. Romona Lavender will serve as ex-officio and convene the group. The following people have agreed to serve:

Leslie Prince, elder Morningside
Martha Rosselot, elder Shallowford
Billy Honor, Pastor
Caroline Kelly, pastor
Joel Tolbert, pastor
Billy Wade, Pastor
Fred Bryant, elder, Peachtree City
Mike Garret, pastor
Charlie Moseley, elder Trinity
Joan Gray, pastor
Camille Josey, elder, Peachtree
Jan Warren Taylor, pastor

4. The Council hosted a listening session at North Avenue church for churches with concerns about the passage of amendment 10-A. A second session is scheduled for July 18 at Druid Hills church for churches that feel positive about the change. The purpose of these sessions is for listening and pastoral care about what this change means for the churches.

5. The Council has appointed internal committees to work on the process for handling grants from on-going funds, funding, and partnerships.

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COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Admit to Record:

1. Grant permission to Dudley Rose to labor outside the bounds in Glacier Presbytery in order to serve as the temporary supply of First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish, Montana. Effective date: May 1, 2011.
2. Approve the parish associate relationship between Shallowford Church and Robby Carroll. Effective date: April 20, 2011.
3. Grant permission to Arkansas Presbytery to ordain Joy Carrington (candidate of Greater Atlanta) on our behalf. She will be the pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Morrilton, Arkansas. Effective date: March 13, 2011.
4. Approve the Stated Supply contract between Hemphill Presbyterian Church and Allen Cross (Northeast Georgia Presbytery) and continue to grant him permission to labor within our bounds. Effective date: April 8, 2011.
5. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between Clairmont Church and Tom Pipkin and place him in the member at large category. Effective date: June 5, 2011.
6. Grant permission to Jack Westlund to labor within the bounds of Savannah Presbytery in order that he may serve as the interim pastor of Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dublin, Georgia. Effective date: May 15, 2011.
7. Dismiss Allen Thompson to the Presbytery of the Peaks in order that he may accept the call of pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Virginia. Effective date: March 28, 2011.
8. Dismiss Susan Bryant to Tampa Bay Presbytery per her request. Effective date: July 16, 2011.
9. Dismiss Kimberly Smith King to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities per that presbytery's request. Effective date: May 10, 2011.
10. Remove Adel Thalos from the rolls of Presbytery. We have received word that he has joined another denomination. Effective date: May 1, 2011.
11. Remove Andy Lucas from the rolls of Presbytery. He has renounced the jurisdiction of the PCUSA. Effective date: May 27, 2011.
12. Remove David Burns from the rolls of Presbytery. He has renounced the jurisdiction of the PCUSA. Effective June 9, 2011.

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13. Grant the status of Honorable Retirement to Eugene Locke. Effective date: October 1, 2011.
14. Approve the positions of Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mathers as Mission Co-Workers for the PCUSA in Southern Sudan. Effective date: July 1, 2011.
15. Validated the ministry of Jihyun Oh as a staff chaplain at Grady Hospital. Date of validation: June 8, 2011.
16. Extend the interim contract between Joel Alvis and McDonough Church until October 31, 2011.
17. Grant permission for David Bartlett (American Baptist) to administer the sacraments during his time as a Theologian in Residence at Trinity Atlanta Presbyterian Church. Effective date: June 21, 2011.
18. The following people attended the mandatory Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training:

Tony Dean
Nelson Donado
Jill Oglesby Evans
Tom Evans
Jack Graham
L'Anni Hill
Dana Hughes
Robin Humphries
Julie Johnson
Rachael Knolls
Alex Moses
Larry Owens
Jonier Orozco
Rebecca Parker
Marthame Sanders
Rob Sparks
George Tatro
Cecelya Taylor
David Wallace
Donna Wells

19. Received the following annual reports:

Joshua Kim, no housing allowance
William McKissack, no housing allowance
Gina Campbell, 14,000 housing allowance
Johnson Kinyua, no housing allowance

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20. The following church had their year 2010 minutes reviewed on April 19, 2011:
- Roswell, without exception
21. The following churches had their year 2010 minutes reviewed on April 28, 2011:
- Dallas-Dodd, without exception
 - Ebenezer, without exception
 - First LaGrange, without exception
 - First Manchester-Warm Springs, without exception
 - Greenville, with exception
 - Loyd, without exception
 - Newnan, without exception
 - West Point, with exception
22. The following churches had their year 2010 minutes reviewed on May 1, 2011:
- New Life, without exception
 - Rock Spring, without exception
23. The following church had their year 2010 minutes reviewed on May 4, 2011:
- Central, without exception
24. The following church had their year 2010 minutes reviewed on May 10, 2011:
- Westminster, with exception
25. The following churches had their year 2010 minutes reviewed on May 15, 2011:
- Austell, without exception
 - Columbia, with exception
 - Rehoboth, without exception
26. The following church had their year 2010 minutes reviewed on May 20, 2011:
- St. Andrews, without exception
27. The following church had its year 2011 session minutes reviewed on June 11, 2011:
- Eastminster, without exception

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28. That the following churches had its year 2011 session minutes reviewed on June 12, 2011:

Alpharetta, without exception
Buford, with exception

OPERATIONS MINISTRY TEAM

Admit to Record:

The Operations Ministry Team acting as the Board of Directors approved the loan application of Emory Presbyterian Church as follows:

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc. (a "Corporation") of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) having received and reviewed the request of Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, a member in good standing of this Presbytery, approves their loan application and agrees to guarantee a loan from the Presbyterian Church Investment & Loan Program of up to \$200,000 for a 20-year term. This loan is intended to help pay for the replacement of the HVAC systems in the sanctuary. The officers of the Corporation are authorized to sign documents stipulating such endorsement as agents of the Corporation.

The Operations Ministry Team acting as the Board of Directors approved the renewal application of Buford Presbyterian Church as follows:

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc. (a "Corporation") of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having received and reviewed the request of the Buford Presbyterian Church, Buford, Georgia, a member in good standing of this Presbytery, approves and guarantees the renewal of the existing loan from Peoples Bank and Trust, Buford, GA of up to \$3.1MM for an additional 10-year term. The officers of the Corporation are authorized to sign documents stipulating such endorsement as agents of the Corporation.

The Operations Ministry Team acting as the Board of Directors approved the refinancing application of South Fayette Presbyterian Church (**dba "The Summit"**) as follows:

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc. (a "Corporation") of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having received and reviewed the request of the South Fayette Presbyterian Church, (dba "The Summit"), Fayetteville, Georgia, a member in good standing of this Presbytery, (1) approves the request for a modification of their existing loan in the amount of \$305,000 from the Presbyterian Church Investment & Loan Program ("PILP") that reduces the interest rate and (2) guarantees its payment. The officers of the Corporation are authorized to sign documents stipulating such endorsement as agents of the Corporation.

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Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc.
Preliminary Statement of Financial Position
Operations Fund
As of May 31, 2011

Assets

Cash		(\$216,020.86)
Investments		\$862,763.30
Accounts Receivable		
A/R--Operations	\$1,863.59	
A/R-Due from Clifton Sancturary Min.	\$3,388.53	
A/R-Hanbit PC	\$34,994.87	
A/R-Midway PC	\$14,269.79	
A/R-Norris Lake PC	\$40,760.49	
A/R-Georgia Avenue Building/Site	\$28,199.35	
A/R-Riverdale PC	\$74,670.01	
Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	\$1,025,000.00	
Discount on Pledges Receivable (Ground Lease)	<u>(\$755,598.00)</u>	
Total Accounts Receivable		\$467,548.63
Notes Receivable		\$122,947.16
Prepaid Expenses		\$0.00
Property & Equipment		\$39,243.03
Land, Buildings and Property (Net)		<u>\$2,748,136.55</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$4,024,617.81</u></u>

Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

Liabilities		
Benevolences/Accounts Payable		\$750.00
Due to (from) Other Funds		
A/P Operations		\$0.00
HFSA		(\$1,683.05)
Long-term Debt		
Due to Wells Fargo Equip Express	\$22,833.38	
Due to Wells Fargo Equip Express (Car)	\$0.00	
Due to Wachovia Bank	\$87,418.62	
Due to Wachovia (CSM)	\$124,325.64	
Due to Wells Rago (College Park)	<u>\$27,947.16</u>	
Total Long-term Debt		<u>\$262,524.80</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$335,658.99</u>
Total Restricted Funds		\$563,134.52
Fund Principal		
Fund Balance-Operations	\$2,933,104.39	
Net Income Year-to-Date	\$192,719.91	
Total Fund Principal and Net Income Year-to-Date		<u>\$3,125,824.30</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		<u><u>\$4,024,617.81</u></u>

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Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Operations Fund Revenues and Disbursements-Preliminary Period Ending May 31, 2011			
	Actual Period Ending 5/31/2011	Actual Period Ending 5/31/2010	Annual Budget FYE 01/31/12
Unified	\$ 304,527.26	\$ 259,256.18	\$ 875,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 369,769.88	\$ 279,289.57	\$ 565,600.00
Budgeted Designated			
Budgeted General Assembly	\$ 62,222.17	\$ 76,294.78	\$ 248,500.00
Budgeted Presbytery	\$ 25,533.70	\$ 20,505.44	\$ 110,000.00
Total Designated	<u>\$ 87,755.87</u>	<u>\$ 96,800.22</u>	<u>\$ 358,500.00</u>
Interest Income	\$ 3,944.64	\$ 3,545.18	\$ 13,000.00
Designated for Presbytery Only	\$ 37,880.04	\$ 46,618.28	\$ 160,600.00
Other Income	\$ 3,528.57	\$ 79,969.88	\$ 113,000.00
Total Revenues before Transfers	<u>\$ 807,406.26</u>	<u>\$ 765,479.31</u>	<u>\$ 2,085,700.00</u>
Transfers			
Calvin Center	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 66,664.00	\$ 150,000.00
New Church Development	\$ 36,106.42	\$ 27,497.00	\$ 110,000.00
Peacemaking	\$ 243.81	\$ 147.63	\$ 3,000.00
From Restricted Funds	\$ (69.94)	\$ (5,970.56)	\$ (6,390.00)
Total Transfers	<u>\$ 86,280.29</u>	<u>\$ 88,338.07</u>	<u>\$ 256,610.00</u>
Benevolent Disbursements	\$ 222,197.86	\$ 235,371.80	\$ 727,884.00
Program Expenses			
Committees & Partnerships	\$ 7,401.17	\$ 7,280.42	\$ 63,841.00
Salary and Benefits	\$ 239,405.88	\$ 291,272.22	\$ 770,343.50
Administrative Costs	\$ 71,215.30	\$ 68,792.31	\$ 267,021.50
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 318,022.35</u>	<u>\$ 367,344.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,101,206.00</u>
Total Transfers and Disbursements	<u>\$ 626,500.50</u>	<u>\$ 691,054.82</u>	<u>\$ 2,085,700.00</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 180,905.76</u>	<u>\$ 74,424.49</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Revenues	<u>\$ 11,814.15</u>	<u>\$ 15,993.41</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Operating Total	\$ 192,719.91	\$ 90,417.90	\$ -

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THE PRESBYTERY OF GREATER ATLANTA 2011 BENEVOLENCE GIVING RECORDS 05/31/11							
* See explanations on last page regarding each column.							
CHURCH	COLUMN 1 BENEVOLENCE PLEDGE	COLUMN 2 UNIFIED BENV. RECEIVED	COLUMN 3 SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 4 NON-BUDGETED DESIGNATIONS	COLUMN 5 PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT	COLUMN 6 PER CAPITA RECEIVED	COLUMN 7 TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS
ALPHARETTA	\$22,350.00	\$9,312.50	\$1,221.00	\$2,133.35	\$19,029.83	\$19,029.83	\$31,696.68
ATLANTA KOREAN	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00			\$703.23	\$703.23	\$3,453.23
ATLANTA TAIWANESE					\$2,258.86		\$0.00
AUSTELL		\$1,479.06	\$1,543.96	\$472.19	\$2,194.93		\$3,495.21
BARNESVILLE	\$0.00				\$617.99	\$617.99	\$617.99
BETHANY	\$0.00		\$397.00		\$3,644.01	\$0.00	\$397.00
BUFORD				\$771.58	\$11,635.26		\$771.58
CANAAN KOREAN					\$298.34		\$0.00
CARROLLTON	\$4,700.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,026.00	\$6,009.42	\$2,530.00	\$6,106.00
CENTRAL	\$53,813.00	\$17,937.68	\$1,469.00	\$3,041.05	\$14,192.46	\$14,192.00	\$36,639.73
CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW			\$408.00		\$1,193.36		\$408.00
CHURCH OF THE MASTER	\$3,000.00		\$165.00		\$3,239.12	\$1,000.00	\$1,165.00
CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT	\$0.00		\$1,454.75	\$25.00	\$2,280.17	\$2,280.17	\$3,759.92
CLAIRMONT					\$7,040.72		\$0.00
COLLEGE PARK	\$1,000.00				\$1,470.39		\$0.00
COLUMBIA			\$861.00	\$616.00	\$2,876.85		\$1,477.00
CONYERS	\$0.00		\$100.00		\$7,138.85	\$2,975.00	\$3,075.00
COVENANT		\$3,080.00		\$200.00	\$4,943.92		\$3,280.00
CRISTO PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES					\$873.71		\$0.00
CROSSROADS	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$2,919.47	\$2,962.09	\$3,337.09
DALLAS-DODD	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$1,050.00	\$746.00	\$937.64	\$937.64	\$3,533.64
DECATUR	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,325.67	\$17,400.00	\$15,620.23	\$14,835.92	\$52,561.59
DRUID HILLS	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$4,581.65	\$4,582.00	\$7,832.00
EAST POINT			\$781.00	\$1,425.60	\$1,129.43	\$1,129.43	\$3,336.03
EASTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$694.00	\$869.00	\$8,481.38	\$1,696.28	\$3,259.28
EBENEZER	\$800.00	\$800.00			\$532.75	\$532.75	\$1,332.75
EMORY	\$2,000.00				\$2,514.58		\$0.00
FAIRVIEW	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$2,919.47	\$2,919.47	\$3,919.47
FAYETTE			\$3,764.04		\$7,799.46	\$1,949.87	\$5,713.91
FELLOWSHIP					\$724.54		\$0.00
First AFRICAN	\$27,500.00	\$11,458.35	\$2,083.35		\$17,665.99	\$7,182.35	\$20,724.05
First PRES-ATLANTA			\$7,943.00	\$1,185.00	\$55,128.97	\$55,128.00	\$64,256.00
First PRES-BREMEN	\$0.00				\$362.27	\$362.27	\$362.27
First PRES-COVINGTON	\$20,000.00	\$6,666.68			\$6,712.65	\$2,237.68	\$8,904.36
First PRES-DOUGLASVILLE		\$1,891.50	\$429.81		\$11,476.24		\$2,321.31
First PRES-GRIFFIN					\$5,036.72		\$0.00
First PRES-JONESBORO		\$4,500.00		\$1,750.00	\$3,857.11	\$1,540.00	\$7,790.00
First PRES-LA GRANGE	\$5,000.00	\$2,083.35	\$2,548.35		\$13,638.40	\$5,682.65	\$10,314.35
First PRES-MAN. WM					\$937.64		\$0.00
First PRES-P'TREE CITY	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,375.00	\$500.00	\$9,311.92		\$4,125.00
FRIENDSHIP	\$2,250.00				\$490.13		\$0.00
GOOD NEWS GARDEN					\$980.26		\$0.00
GOOD SHEPHERD	\$0.00				\$5,851.68		\$0.00
GRACE COVENANT					\$1,086.81		\$0.00
GREENVILLE					\$681.92	\$681.92	\$681.92
GUM CREEK	\$0.00		\$365.00	\$122.50	\$2,024.45		\$487.50
HAMILTON MILL	\$27,000.00	\$7,216.13			\$3,068.64	\$600.00	\$7,816.13
HANBIT					\$2,216.24		\$0.00
HEMPHILL MEMORIAL	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00		\$1,044.19	\$1,050.00	\$3,150.00
HILLSIDE			\$694.00		\$3,281.74	\$3,036.00	\$3,730.00
JACKSON	\$3,500.00				\$1,513.01	\$1,513.01	\$1,513.01
JESUS HOPE OF GEORGIA							\$0.00
JOHNS CREEK			\$1,394.50	\$324.50	\$13,340.06	\$13,340.06	\$15,059.06
KELLEY			\$110.00		\$2,578.51		\$110.00
KOREAN CENTRAL					\$2,770.30		\$0.00
KOREAN COMMUNITY					\$42,769.17	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
KOREAN P.C. OF GEORGIA					\$2,067.07		\$0.00
KOREAN P.C. OF LAWRENCEVILLE					\$639.30		\$0.00
LAWRENCEVILLE		\$4,400.00	\$1,859.00	\$34.00	\$8,545.31	\$8,545.31	\$14,838.31

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LOYD	\$10,000.00	\$4,168.00	\$670.00	\$200.00	\$4,262.00	\$4,262.00	\$9,300.00
LUTHER HAYS	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$300.00	\$703.23	\$703.23	\$2,103.23
MCDONOUGH		\$4,250.00	\$1,471.00	\$4,900.00	\$13,425.30	\$13,425.30	\$24,046.30
MEMORIAL DRIVE		\$532.00		\$415.00	\$3,388.29	\$1,129.40	\$2,076.40
MORNINGSIDE	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00			\$9,419.02	\$9,419.02	\$12,919.02
MORROW					\$6,094.66		\$0.00
MT VERNON		\$11,400.00	\$3,190.86	\$255.00	\$11,379.54		\$14,845.86
NEW LIFE		\$1,583.33			\$10,655.00	\$832.87	\$2,416.20
NEWMAN	\$19,000.00	\$6,333.32	\$712.65		\$9,994.39	\$3,331.48	\$10,377.45
NORCROSS		\$694.00	\$63.50	\$43.50	\$3,388.29	\$847.07	\$1,648.07
NORTH AVENUE	\$31,000.00	\$8,454.54	\$3,958.32	\$6,678.79	\$12,943.94	\$12,943.94	\$32,035.59
NORTH DECATUR			\$423.75		\$6,989.68		\$423.75
NORTHMINSTER		\$11,764.15	\$1,472.00		\$10,676.31	\$4,403.68	\$17,639.83
NORTHWEST	\$19,000.00	\$4,750.00			\$6,938.37		\$4,750.00
OAK MOUNTAIN					\$1,299.91		\$0.00
OAKHURST	\$5,300.00	\$1,766.64	\$400.00	\$2,833.68	\$7,522.43	\$7,200.00	\$12,200.32
OGLETHORPE	\$9,375.00	\$2,100.00	\$566.54	\$405.00	\$3,366.98	\$1,862.00	\$4,933.54
ORMEWOOD PARK					\$1,108.12		\$0.00
PEACHTREE					\$191,555.59		\$0.00
PHILADELPHIA	\$3,500.00	\$875.00			\$2,855.54	\$2,732.40	\$3,607.40
PINE GROVE	\$0.00		\$200.00	\$50.00	\$191.79	\$127.86	\$377.86
PLEASANT HILL	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$6,227.00		\$18,092.19	\$18,092.00	\$31,819.00
PORTERDALE					\$1,129.43		\$0.00
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER	\$0.00				\$7,508.32		\$0.00
PRESBY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECT'N	\$1,200.00	\$200.00			\$2,727.68	\$466.66	\$666.66
RADCLIFFE	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$3,014.29	\$734.40	\$6,947.06	\$4,035.00	\$8,533.69
RAY MEMORIAL			\$235.00		\$3,857.11	\$41.00	\$276.00
REHOBOTH				\$635.00	\$2,450.65	\$761.37	\$1,396.37
RICE MEMORIAL		\$500.00	\$250.72		\$2,514.58	\$1,500.00	\$2,250.72
ROCK SPRING					\$4,027.59		\$0.00
ROSWELL	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$14,560.00	\$1,620.00	\$54,766.70	\$27,383.35	\$93,563.35
SHALLOWFORD		\$6,665.00	\$2,155.58		\$16,770.97	\$16,770.97	\$25,591.55
SMYRNA			\$812.50		\$7,927.32	\$7,927.32	\$8,739.82
SOUTH HIGHLAND		\$360.00				\$222.64	\$582.64
ST ANDREWS	\$23,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$460.00		\$6,861.82	\$6,861.82	\$18,321.82
ST LUKES	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$327.00	\$4,295.00	\$17,239.79	\$17,240.00	\$31,862.00
STOCKBRIDGE	\$10,000.00	\$3,333.32	\$600.00	\$125.00	\$4,922.61		\$4,058.32
SUMMIT OF SOUTH FAYETTE					\$1,662.18		\$0.00
TALLAPOOSA	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$285.00	\$210.00	\$319.65	\$319.65	\$914.65
TIMBERRIDGE					\$7,010.99		\$0.00
TRINITY ATLANTA		\$69,193.75			\$46,562.35	\$43,982.00	\$113,175.75
TRINITY DECATUR	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$104.00		\$3,153.88	\$3,089.95	\$4,693.95
WEST POINT					\$1,981.83		\$0.00
WESTHILLS					\$1,108.12		\$0.00
WESTMINSTER	\$0.00		\$35.00	\$1,625.00	\$13,467.92	\$3,366.98	\$5,026.98
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$492,288.00	\$316,123.30	\$88,818.64	\$58,529.64	\$910,047.84	\$396,053.88	\$859,525.46
INDIVIDUAL GIVING TOTAL							\$164,054.26
OVERALL TOTAL							\$1,023,579.72

COLUMN (1) Benevolence Pledges from church sessions.

COLUMN (2) All funds for basic benevolence support of GA, Synod & Presbytery Missions. Not included here are special designations, which are reported in Column 3.

COLUMN (3) Designated amounts that support the budgeted work of the governing bodies and institutions of the church.

COLUMN (4) Designated amounts that support non-budgeted work of institutions of the church, such as E.C.O.'s & Capital Funds.

COLUMN (5) Per Capita due by April 1, 2010 is \$21.31 per member based on the active membership of the congregation as of January 1, 2011 as reported in the Assembly statistics for Dec. 31, 2009.

COLUMN (6) Per Capita received at Presbytery's Office.

COLUMN (7) Total of all receipts: Includes amounts in columns (2), (3), (4) & (6).

If there is an error, please send a written request for correction to Gwen Hairston, Financial Support Specialist, ghairston@atpccusa.org at the Presbytery Office. Your written request will expedite our ability to respond. If you have any questions, contact Gwen Hairston at 404-898-0711, x125.

HANDBOOK PART III:

Honorable Retirement Resolution

Whereas, the Rev. Eugene T, Locke was ordained by the Presbytery of Detroit on June 6, 1971, served in that presbytery until 1975, when he became a member of the presbytery of Milwaukee, and then in 1981 the Presbytery of Georgia, and has been a minister-member in good standing of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta since it was formed by the union of the United Presbyterian Church, USA and the Presbyterian Church, US. in 1984, and

Whereas, the Rev. Locke has served in specialized ministry as a hospital chaplain, clinical pastoral educator, and pastoral counselor in over the course of those twenty-seven years in this presbytery; and

Whereas, on January 21, 2011 he retired from Northside Hospital, after twenty years of service as Manager of Chaplaincy Services and as a Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor; and

Whereas, he has served congregations of the Presbytery through ministries of adult education and pastoral counseling,

Be it resolved that Rev. Eugene T. Locke be granted the status of Honorable Retirement on this day, July 16, 2011 by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta at its stated meeting at the Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, and that this action be admitted to the record of this meeting.

Report of the Administrative Commission Appointed by Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to Close the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Riverdale, GA

The Presbytery became aware, too late, that Riverdale Church would not survive. The trends and causes that led to this development began years ago and had continued too long to be reversible.

Presbytery appointed an Administrative Review Team (ART) in August, 2010 to review the church's finances and to oversee sending information about this to Presbytery. The Team comprised the Rev. Joy Fisher, Chair; Bill Spinks, Business Administrator, Clairmont Presbyterian Church; and Dan West, HR. The Team met twice: on September 2, with the members only in attendance, and then on September 28, at Riverdale Church, with the Session

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and the Pastor of the church. Five members of the Session were present along with the Clerk and the Pastor. Also in attendance was the Rev. Bill Nisbet, Transition CFO, representing Presbytery's staff. The Session voted to request Presbytery to appoint an Administrative Commission to determine the church's future, but it was also learned that in an earlier meeting they had voted to call a congregational meeting for October 10, and would recommend that the church dissolve itself.

The congregation did meet on Oct. 10, after worship, and voted to close. The Moderator of the congregational meeting was the Rev. Yolanda Thompson, Pastor. Nov. 7 was set as the date of the last worship service. Mr. Nisbet attended this service and the meeting that followed.

The last worship service was conducted by the Pastor on November 7 with 111 congregants in attendance. This service was attended by the Rev. Tom Evans.

The Administrative Commission was recruited and then formally appointed and charged by Presbytery at its November 30 meeting. Members of the Commission, in alphabetical order, are: Ralph Clements, the Rev. Beverly Friedlander Ostrowski, Dr. Gwen Garrison, the Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson (Clerk), Dr. Audrey Sharpe, Jonathan Walker, the Rev. Dr. Dan West (Chair). Mr. Walker was a member of the last Session of the church before it voted to dissolve itself. Presbytery staff persons assigned to help us were the Rev. Donna Wells and Cassandra Morrow.

We met, for the first time, at the Presbytery's office on November 17, to be briefed by the Rev. Donna Wells. Subsequent meetings were held on December 1, December 8, January 19, January 31, February 28, and June 21. Of course, there were numerous e-mail, telephone and memoranda exchanges among us.

The work of the Commission has been complicated by the closing of the church before we were constituted, the disarray in which we found the affairs and property of the church, and the transition in staff and structure through which the Presbytery was moving as we were at work.

2.

In an effort to report specifically on the various parts of the charge we were given by Presbytery at the time of our appointment, we shall organize this part of the report using that list.

- a. Arrange for the pastoral care of church members.

We assembled a list of the members of the church at the time of its closing that included not only names and addresses and telephone numbers but also comments or added information (e.g. e-mail addresses, leadership roles) and we sent this to all neighboring Presbyterian churches.

- b. Arrange for the appropriate request to COM for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the church and Yolanda Thompson.

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With the help of Ms. Wells we negotiated a severance agreement with Ms. Thompson and after approval by COM this was communicated to the Board of Pensions.

- c. Plan and present a short order of celebration for the life and ministry of Riverdale Church.

This was done at the May 5 meeting of the Presbytery, at Radcliffe Church. The celebration included an opening prayer, the reading of the memories of the Clerk of Session, Ms. Poston, and a closing prayer by the former pastor, Ms. Thompson. A copy of the opening prayer that was offered during that presentation is appended to this report. A copy of the proclamation for the church was printed in Presbytery's Handbook.

- d. Ascertain the current financial status of the church.

Several developments made this challenging. The church was completely out of money when it closed and the Presbytery, even before the Commission assumed responsibility, had to pay its bills. Since officers and members had quickly dispersed it was hard to get records. Attempts to get the local Post Office to forward mail repeatedly failed resulting in lapsed payments and, later, discontinued utilities. As statements were found and sent to the Presbytery Office they were paid. A loan to a nearby bank had to be reassigned to Presbytery and statements on it forwarded. Utilities had to be turned on again, but only after reconnect fees and penalties for nonpayment were made.

Statements for IRS returns had to be obtained and sent to former employees. Personnel tax assessments had to be stopped and penalties contested. Various accounts for goods and services had to be closed. Checking accounts had to be tracked down and closed after contesting fees charged unfairly. The safety deposit box was emptied and closed. A credit collection agency had to be dealt with as a utility company had turned over to them an unpaid bill. A waste management contract was cancelled.

3.

At this point the Presbytery has extended approximately \$90,000 of its own funds to cover the above and other expenses. This includes the assumption of a loan from Resurgens Bank with a balance of about \$36,000 principal..

- e. Secure the Sessional records for the Stated Clerk's Office (sic)

Sessional records were found in the church's office on March 30. After the Operations Ministry Team assumed control of the property additional records were found in a storage closet. These records have been taken, along with inventories requested, to the Presbyterian historical collection at Columbia Seminary's Campbell Library.

- f. Provide any letters of transfer to neighboring congregations, and provide the Stated Clerk with a current listing of any members not transferred at the time of closing.

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There have been no requests for transfer received by the Commission. The membership list assembled and mentioned above has been transmitted to the Stated Clerk.

- g. Develop a plan to finalize the financial obligations of the church.

As already stated the Presbytery has assumed responsibility for all financial obligations. Many requests have been sent to creditors and vendors to send, directly, to the Presbytery any statements for payment of goods and services.

- h. Disperse all physical assets of the church such as hymnals, furniture, Bibles.

An inventory of the sanctuary and its contents was completed and this included such items. An additional inventory was not completed before responsibility for the property was assumed by the Operations Ministry Team. A few (less than 6) requests for specific items were honored by the Commission. An Alcoholics Anonymous chapter had been using the back room of the office annex building and was allowed to remove furniture, literature, and a air conditioning unit, all purchased by the chapter. Some members of the church removed various items they wanted or claimed as previous gifts from them or their ancestors. This occurred before the Commission was able to get the locks changed. At one point someone got into the church (probably using a key as there was no damaged outside door) and ransacked every locked closet and drawer, looking for anything of value. Local (presumably) vandals trashed the "Scout Hut" or youth activity building behind the church structure proper, scattering its contents. Later, windows on the side of the office annex were broken out. Whatever was removed during these incidents is unknown. The Commission boarded up broken windows and repaired the broken door to the Scout Hut.

- i. Secure the legal rights to the property.

4.

Bill Nisbet, acting as Transition CFO, commissioned an appraisal. The Commission and the Rev. Caroline Kelly, acting as a member of the Operations Ministry team and also as property liaison, in Mr. Nisbet's stead, for the Presbytery, obtained the title and corporate registration records, and transferred the insurance policy to the Presbytery.

- j. Secure the building and the property.

In addition to repairing damage from break-ins, changing locks to exterior doors, boarding up broken out windows, and restoring power that had been turned off, leaks in the water system were repaired twice, the grounds were cleared of trash and debris along with mowing and pruning, and, after removing records and trash from the office, it was straightened. The computer was removed and checked for important records before it was erased. The Presbytery Office asked for two large, safe type, file cabinets that are also fire-proof. They were emptied and moved to the Presbytery office.

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In March we asked the Operations Ministry Team (Cheryl Gosa) if the contents of the buildings should be emptied and were told that the property would be marketed as is and offers accepted would include the contents.

Originally the Commission assumed we would simply turn over the property to the OMT without any advice from us about its disposition. After a lengthy discussion on this point, however, the Commission at its January 19 meeting, in a formal vote that was unanimous, decided to recommend to Presbytery that: 1) The property continue to be used as a church; 2) Preference be given to a Presbyterian church (or group); 3) We would meet with the two Presbyterian groups who had asked to talk with us; 4) That the property should be sold off so as to pay off all debts (all monies expended by the Presbytery); and 5) At least one-half of the recovered funds (net after all monies are repaid to Presbytery) should be used for new church development and not more than one-half used for Presbytery operations. (Presbytery had voted not to do the latter in 2009, making this moot.)

It should be clear that the Commission knew it had no authority to negotiate much less sell this property and that all of these matters were to be simply suggestions to Presbytery. Nonetheless, the Commission felt strongly it should consider and agree on such a list of recommendations as part of its responsibility.

The City of Riverdale was informed of all developments and, in two meetings with city officials, we sought information about zoning and code specifics.

5.

- k. To turn over the sale of the property to the Operations Ministry Team after completing all the necessary arrangements of items a-k above.

The Commission received three unsolicited inquiries about the property which had not been listed or advertised in any way. Two of these were from local Presbyterian groups and one from a Pentecostal congregation in Atlanta. Unsure of our role in such a circumstance but wishing to avoid a refusal to listen, we invited the two Presbyterian groups to send representatives to meet with us. One group offered to assume the existing loan from the bank and then simply take ownership thus relieving Presbytery of any further financial liability but not replacing funds already expended or paying anything more for the property. The other group offered a substantial amount for the property, albeit significantly below the appraisal of \$1.1 million, and also promised to make a cash down payment of about half the purchase price. They also stated that if unable to purchase the property they would like to lease it. As this group made other arguments that seemed reasonable to us for why they, a fellowship of Presbytery (new church development) could make good use of the property, we felt compelled to recommend negotiations with them as a top priority as we asked the Operations Ministry Team to assume responsibility from us.

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We wish to emphasize at this point that when we met with representatives of both Presbyterian groups we repeatedly stressed that we had no authority to commit the Presbytery in any way, that we were listening to their inquiries and proposals as a courtesy, and that the Operations Ministry Team, along with other groups within Presbytery would have to make any decision about accepting or rejecting their overtures.

The Commission kept the Rev. Sara Hayden, Director of New Church Development, informed of these inquiries and conversations. It also kept Ms. Gosa and Ms. Kelly informed after they had been asked to represent OMT in handling the property.

On February 1 the Commission sent a letter to OMT requesting that OMT assume responsibility for the property, that it be sold by OMT, and we attached the recommendations listed above. We also recommended that Presbytery “negotiate an agreement with the New Presbyterian Church of Georgia to sell the Riverdale property so that it would become the new church home of this congregation.” We listed five reasons we had come to this conclusion. When the OMT met on February 18 it decided to “sell the Riverdale property.” On behalf of the Presbytery Ms. Kelly, as property liaison, contracted with the Rev. Cheryl Gosa to serve as listing agent for the sale of the property. Ms. Gosa is a member of OMT and also Chair of its Budget and Finance Committee.

On March 22 OMT assumed responsibility for the property and changed the locks. The Commission concluded that its work had ended with respect to the property.

6.

1. Report its actions to the Presbytery at the conclusion of the above tasks.

This report represents that part of our task. It (the report) was approved by the Commission at its last meeting on June 21, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan West
June 23, 2011

APPENDIX

Prayer for Riverdale

God of the marching centuries, before whom the generations rise and fall away, we acknowledge before you that churches have a birth and a life and a death just as each of us does. So today we give you thanks for the life of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Riverdale, Georgia.

We praise you for all your servants who, as members there, lived this life in faith and now live eternally with you.

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We thank you for the pastors, elders, deacons, teachers, youth workers, choir members, staff persons, sextons and many others, past and recent, for the gift of their lives, for all in them that was good and kind and faithful, for the grace you gave them, that kindled the love of your dear name, and enabled them to serve you faithfully. We remember over a century of service and ministry and community in that place We think of all those helped, comforted, taught, nurtured, inspired and healed in body or soul, over the decades.

Now that the life of that congregation has come to an end we pray for peace and assurance among all those former members, living and dead, that their work was accomplished, their service treasured, and their deeds recorded in the book of life. We remember and we give thanks for each and all of them.

Use their work, we pray, O Loving Father, as a basis and a premise for greater service and even more effective ministry, as we all move toward the day when the work of all the church, on earth, comes to an end and your kingdom is come and your will is finally and fully done here as in heaven.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

CAMPUS MINISTRY MINUTES

Tri-Presbytery for 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)

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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,

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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.

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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.

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- 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 3rd from 10:00 – 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill P. Tolbert, secretary

Tri-Presbytery for Commission for Campus Ministry Minutes for May 3, 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)

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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.

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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.

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- 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,

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 withing 10 years of “start up”

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- 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

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- 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 Liasion

- 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

Minutes from the August meeting of the Tri-Presbytery Commission

Due to the fact that the Call to Meeting elicited enough response that concluded that a quorum could not be present on the stated date of the meeting, August 1st and due to the fact that two time sensitive issues needed to be acted upon, a virtual meeting was held. The meeting took place in the following manner:

- a. The proposals were distributed by email and discussion was called for.
- b. Voting took place over a series of days with deadline of noon of August 12th.
- c. Voting commissioners were asked to vote by responding to all, so that votes and comments could be viewed by all.

The Commission considered to proposals:

- 1) A proposal for funding an experimental semester of campus outreach at Georgia State University. (\$2,000)
- 2) A proposal that (\$1,000) be taken from the statewide development fund for the purposes of helping support the statewide campus ministry retreat.

After monitoring voting, the moderator declared that both proposals were passed and instructed the treasurer to send the checks to the identified parties in the proposals.

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A called meeting of PCM of Georgia was held on November 1, 2010 at Westminster Christian Fellowship at Georgia Tech.

Call to meeting

The moderator declared a quorum, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Andy Cooke.

Present: Susan Monk (CP), Nancy Heyl (NEGa), Jim Heyl (NEGa), Dan Boles (CM KSU), 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), John Washburn (GAP), Ann Clay Adams (GAP)

Excused: Pat Daugherty, George Lawson, Trace Heythorn,

Unexcused: Cheryl Jenkins, George Taylor, Joe Brice, Mickey Shealy, Kathryn Preston, Sid Gunter,

We shared recognition of and appreciation for the work of Alice Hickcox and Forrest Palmer for all of their hard work on behalf of campus ministry.

Lance Crimm welcomed us to WCF and gave an overview of the facilities.

The minutes from the previous two meetings were presented and approved, with minor corrections.

The agenda was presented and approved.

The commission heard a report about the Statewide Retreat held last weekend at Calvin Center. Andy Cooke shared a slide show that he had assembled using pictures taken from the retreat. A total 48 of students from 12 different campuses (GaTech, UGA, Berry, Emory, KSU, GaSouthern, GaSW, Columbus State, West Georgia, SPSU, Ogeechee Tech, and Athens Tech), and 8 campus ministers were in attendance. Given that last year's retreat attendance came from 3 campuses and drew about 25 people, the retreat was a huge success!

Campus Updates

- Andy Cooke reported that Sunday night worship continues to be strong. The dinner on Sunday nights is free, but the worship has moved to Tuesday night. Catered dinners have been replaced by congregation dinners, which has been a great way to build connections with local congregations. Six or seven church groups have helped out, including two youth groups. The presbytery office has been removed and the lot has been paved for extra parking. The improvement has been significant! There is currently a capital campaign underway to offset those costs. Intern Mitch Roper is working on a yearlong project with prayer—daily prayer at noon, prayer survey, etc.

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- Sheri Grove reported that her small group is on fire and doing well. Service has taken a forefront role—October was soup and soap month, collecting soup for the homeless and soap for the women at Metro State Women’s Prison. They are looking forward to the Montreat College Conference in January. The group worships together every month at various nearby congregations. They meet weekly and have started a lunch study that the students are excited about as well.
- Jill Tolbert of PCM @ Emory reported that student activity at PCM @ Emory has gotten off to a great start. We have doubled our active membership, and have had strong turnout at our Wednesday night dinners / studies. Worship attendance on Sunday mornings is less than Wednesday night, but still steady. We have visited EPC, MPC, OPC, TPC, DHPC, including the Mercy Community Church service on World Communion Sunday. Donations have been solid, coming from churches, individuals, and parents of students, following a fundraising request sent in early September. With the restructuring of GAP, we are a bit concerned about the future of the ministry as GA lives into their new configuration, but we hope to draw more heavily on congregational support if needed. Activities have included an ongoing study of personality types and spiritual disciplines, and a service project for October collecting soap (over 400 bars!) for the women at Metro State Women’s Prison. We are excited to be hosted by President James Wagner (a Presbyterian!) for a holiday party in December, as well as our annual white elephant holiday dinner party. We currently have four students signed up for the Montreat College Conference, and hope to add 3 or 4 more to that list, pending parents’ approval of travel. It continues to be a struggle to get Emory students to participate regularly in events that are other than fellowship events, or in events that are with other campus ministry groups.
- Dan Boles reported that KSU has struggled this year, suffering a blow in the form of failure to get the purchase of nearby property approved. This has really been the rough year in several, but Dan credited his strong support from his colleagues in campus ministry for helping to keep him focused and driven to continue the work at KSU. There has been support from various congregations as well as the presbytery, so that has been helpful in keeping the group motivated. They have taken on the name “The Journey” which more clearly reflects who they are and hope to become. Worship attendance holds steady at 3 or 4 each week, and a total of 5 people attended the retreat. The Cherokee PW will sponsor a student to attend the Global Exchange program to India and Thailand that is PW-sponsored. There are 2 or 3 students interested in applying for the scholarship.
- Lance Crimm introduced us to the steam whistle that blows at five minutes before the hour to signal the change of classes. The ministry at Georgia Tech is going great, including attendance at the morning prayer breakfast. New students have been showing up, and on Tuesday nights there is a fellowship gathering with a meal made by churches or parents. Thursday nights is the weekly worship service, and attendance is good for that as well. The annual Barn Dance this past weekend was fun, and the group is looking forward to a bonfire at the Crimms’ house. Some students are participating in a fundraiser with North Avenue for a trip to Nicaragua. Jon Keyser’s wedding is this Sunday, and that is an exciting time for Lance as well as the group. Another exciting event is the ordination of Patrick Jinks in Spartanburg that weekend as well. Prayers are requested for both events. Massive renovation has been done to the kitchen at WCF, re-landscaped the yard, Neale Hightower reported good work with the group of Chinese

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students at GaTech. There have been 4 adult baptisms at North Avenue, which were largely due to the success of the ministry with Chinese student at Tech.

Georgia State University Update

David Powers continues to work on discerning a possible PCM presence at Georgia State. He has met with Jeff Meyers several times to brainstorm and evaluate, and Jill Tolbert will have lunch with him tomorrow to get an update and a general idea about the feasibility of a ministry's future at this time.

Presbytery updates

- Ann Clay suggested that we really need functional presbytery liaisons to be a part of each commission, and asked that we work on that.
- Cherokee Presbytery's bookkeeper needs paperwork to document the incoming and outgoing funds. There is a commission meeting Thursday morning to discuss the relationship between the presbytery and the commission. Dan will have the bookkeeper delineate exactly she needs to show what will come in and go out. The commissioners will clarify her needs at Thursday's meeting in hopes of clarifying the financial flow.
- Northeast Georgia hears about campus ministry at every presbytery meeting. Also, Andy is present at every meeting with a display table.
- Greater Atlanta Presbytery has been restructured as of the October meeting. Therefore the staffing of the presbytery will focus entirely on congregations from this point forward. Ministry will be conducted at the congregational level rather than at a presbytery level. The personnel budget was reduced, necessitating a reduction in staff. The programmatic / mission budget will be discussed and decided at a meeting on Thursday which Ann Clay will attend. The presentation at the October presbytery meeting was well-timed and well-done, and it could not have come at a better time. A lively discussion was held regarding the possible ways this could affect the commission and how we might best position ourselves to continue to garner (financial) support from the presbytery.

- A motion was made by Shannon Ball and seconded by Susan Monk *that we establish a retreat fund in our budget, and then split the GAP offering in half, with one half going to the retreat fund and one half going into statewide development.*

The motion passed.

Manual of Operations

- Susan led a discussion regarding changes to the manual that continues to be a work in progress. Those changes will include:
 - Establishing a nominating committee that may include, but is not limited to, campus ministers to present a slate of new commission officers at the fourth-quarter meeting.

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- “Beefing up” the language regarding the presbytery liaisons’ role on the commission.
- Rewording / re-examining 3b to reflect more accurately reflect the intent behind it.

Revision 3 is attached.

Calendar for the year

A discussion was held regarding the 2011 meeting schedule. These will be held as follows:

February 7th at Berry
May 2nd at UGA
August 1st at Emory
November 7th at KSU

Financial Reports

Robert gave an overview of the finances and fielded questions / comments as necessary.

- A motion was made by John Washburn and seconded by Shannon Ball *that if the grant check from PGA for the retreat happens to come directly to the commission, the money be ceded directly to the UGA ministry since the retreat expenses were funneled through them.*

The motion passed.

Ann Clay intends to request \$100,000 from GAP at Thursday’s coordinating council meeting.

Elections

Moderator - Susan Monk
Vice-moderator – Shannon Ball
Secretary – Dan Boles
Treasurer – Robert Hay

Other Common Business

Presbytery liaisons are Ann Clay for GAP, Mickey Shealy for Cherokee, and (potentially) Beverly Thompson for NeGA.

Jill reminded the campus ministers that annual reports and budget requests are due by the February meeting.

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 Berry on Monday, February 7th from 10:30 – 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill P. Tolbert, secretary

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Tri-Presbytery Commission on Campus Ministry By-Laws

Adopted June 6, 2009

NAME: The name of the Commission shall be the Tri-Presbytery Commission on Campus Ministry.

MISSION: The Tri-Presbytery Commission for Campus Ministry exists as a mission ministry of Cherokee, Greater Atlanta and Northeast Georgia Presbyteries. The Commission seeks to promote, support, connect, and expand Christian ministry in institutions of higher education within the bounds of the three Presbyteries.

COMPOSITION: The composition of the Commission shall consist of up to seven (7) voting commissioners each, elected from the Presbyteries of Cherokee, Greater Atlanta, and Northeast Georgia in the manner most usual for the respective presbyteries. Campus ministers and presbytery staff shall ordinarily serve as ex-officio members of the Commission, with voice and without vote.

MEETINGS: The Commission shall ordinarily meet quarterly, at a time and place decided by the Commission at its previous meeting. A quorum of seven voting commissioners, with at least one commissioner from each presbytery, is needed to conduct official business. A more frequent meeting schedule may be established by common consent of the commissioners. Called meetings may be held when requested by four commissioners representing at least two presbyteries. A called meeting requires a minimum of 10 days notice from the Secretary. Should a quorum not be present, or should an item business need a timely response, the Moderator may submit the item of business to the Commission in such a manner that all receive the votes of other members. The Secretary may then note the item and attach the decision to the minutes of the last Commission meeting, which will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

OFFICERS: The officers of the Commission shall include the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS:

Moderator: Moderate all meetings of the Commission, prepare and, in cooperation with the Secretary, distribute an agenda of the upcoming meeting, call meetings of the commission when requested by four or more commissioners representing at least two presbyteries, monitor the work of the commission, giving special attention to specific assignments given to the commission and providing assistance as needed.

Vice-Moderator: Shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his/her absence or may assume the office of Moderator for an unexpired term, by the majority vote of the members present, if the Moderator leaves the office. The vice-moderator will coordinate publicity.

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Secretary: Take minutes of all meetings and distribute the same to the members, entering the date of approval at the subsequent meeting. The Secretary shall also notify members of upcoming meetings and send out copies of the agenda and such documents as may be pertinent to the business of that particular meeting.

Treasurer: Receive and distribute funds to the various campus ministries according to the formula established by the commission, prepare and submit a quarterly financial statement and a year-end statement for review by the commission.

ELECTIONS: The offices of Moderator, Vice Moderator and Treasurer shall be elected from among the voting commissioners of the Commission at the final meeting of the year, and shall begin serving at the conclusion of that meeting, and shall serve through the following calendar year, until the time of the next election. A nonvoting member of the commission may serve as Secretary.

TERMS OF OFFICE: The term of office for all offices is one year, and officers may serve up to two consecutive terms, and are ineligible for another term in that same office, full or partial, until a calendar year shall pass from their leaving of office until their resumption of office.

COMMITTEES: The Commission may create committees as it deems necessary and shall determine the duties and function of all committees. Each committee may have the power to recruit non-commission members who shall have voice, but no vote at the commission meeting.

AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Commission present (assuming a quorum) and voting at any regular meeting of the Commission according to the following provision: written notice of the proposed amendment(s), including the specific text of the amendment(s), and the by-law(s) to be amended, shall be distributed to each member of the Commission not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the amendment(s) will be considered. The bylaws and any changes to the bylaws must be approved by the presbyteries making up the Commission.

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2010 NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Quarterly Minutes

Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission
Quarterly Meeting
January 12, 2010
Approved April 29th, 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 we offered prayer to God.

Old Business

No additions were requested for the agenda.

Jesus Hope Church of Georgia chartering

Sara reported on the chartering of our newest constituted church, Jesus Hope Church of Georgia of Duluth. It began 3 years ago, funded by other churches, particularly Korean churches. A permanent pastor, Rev. Daewoong Park, has been installed; he was the Organizing Pastor and grew the church from around 10 members to over 200 in three years. The service was November 15, 2009, with over 250 in attendance. During the chartering, the congregation took up an offering, which was given to the NCDC to support other new churches. The amount was over \$4000.

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

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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 and presentations from several new and constituted churches.

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, stating that the fellowship is dissolved.

Bob Veley moved that we recognize their dissolution per Rev. Rocha's request, wish him well in his ministry, and dissolve their status with 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 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.

Proper spot for real estate issues was discussed. The suggested committees were renamed to "Visioning and Planning", "Communication", "Leadership Development," and following discussion NCDC 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/liasons". Added coaches to programming and potential NCD pastor events.

Move by Sam to use new committee structure. Passed.

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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 8-10 hours/week for record keeping, making contacts, maintaining mailing lists, organizing events. A budget of \$6000 per year was approved for this purpose in 2010. Sara suggests that seminary students may have the knowledge needed to provide such support.

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.

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. Funding/Development Team will bring recommendations to next meeting.

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 New Church Development Commission
Minutes

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

April, 29, 2010
approved August 10th, 2010

In attendance:

<u>Cherokee</u>	<u>Northeast Georgia</u>	<u>PGA</u>
Tom Barrentine	Jeff Browning	Joanna Adams
Sam Henderson	Walter Combs	Gloria Chough
Chuck Holmes	Pam Driesell	April Love Fordham
Ted Smith	Jerry NeSmith	Jonier Orozco
Rebecca Blackwell	Jose Torres	Carol Smith
(liaison)	Blaine Walker	Forrest Palmer (liaison)
	Ken Meeks (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 of 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...”

- 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.**”
- 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 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 is much higher east of the church, 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 in Dunwoody, which has generously hosted this church and provided space for several years. 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 afterschool program for girls, to prevent young women from ending up on the street).
- 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, which is made up of two NCDC members and 3 members of PCG NCD.

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 New Church Development Commission

Minutes

August 10, 2010

Approved November 11, 2010

In attendance:

Cherokee

Tom Barrentine
Sam Henderson
Peter Lim
Bob Sloop

Northeast Georgia

Ken Meeks (liaison)
Jeff Browning
Pam Driesell
Jose Torres

PGA

Tom Barrow
Katie Givens-Kime
April Love Fordham
Jonier Orozco
Forrest Palmer (liaison)

Staff

Sara Hayden
Betsy Turner

OPENING MATTERS

- Devotional – the group shared prayer concerns and joined in opening prayer. Pam Driesell, Moderator, led a brief devotional around the topic of “doing new things.”

OLD BUSINESS: REPORTS

1. Parkway Mortgage Update – Sara Hayden brought a report from the team that met with Parkway about taking over payments on their mortgage, which Parkway has agreed to do, effective January 1, 2010. Jeff Browning spoke – and the Commission agreed – to the need for a process in place to evaluate and agree upon financial guidelines for each NCD.
2. Mission Statement Update – Forrest Palmer reported that the mission statement passed unanimously in Greater Atlanta. Ken Meeks reported that it also passed in Northeast Georgia. On behalf of Cherokee Presbytery, Sam Henderson acknowledged with gratitude the ministry of the NCDC in Cherokee Presbytery, and the churches and ministries begun under its care. Because of the breadth of experience and the recent transitions within Cherokee, the Presbytery does have concerns about process and communication related to new churches in the Presbytery and the relationship between the NCDC and the presbyteries. On behalf of Cherokee and its coordinating council, Sam offered an amendment, to replace the language currently II.B.6 in this way:

6. The Commission is committed to carry out its charter in ways that recognize, respect, encourage, and empower its presbytery partners as they exercise constitutional responsibilities within their respective bounds. In explicit and specific communication, collaboration and cooperation with its respective constituent presbyteries, the Commission is empowered in the following ways:

Pam noted that, if amended, the document would need to be re-approved by the other presbyteries as amended. Ken affirmed the concerns and thoughtfulness of Cherokee’s council in raising these issues. After some discussion, the motion was passed.

3. Oversight Advisory Report – Sara gave the report on behalf of the OAT, as detailed in handout 2. The updates on these NCDs had the following implications and discussion:
 - New Vision – Financial implications: \$2000/month for New Vision’s rent, through 2011 (with them paying \$500 per month plus any other expenses for construction, etc.), decreasing in 2012 depending on their growth and budget.
 - Living Torch – Is now successfully meeting with the Brazilian Christian Church (chartered church of Cherokee) as the two congregations explore uniting as one congregation. Rev. Paulo Mendez (member: PGA) is laboring in the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery as Transitional Pastor of both united congregations. They began meeting together in July 2010, and have a special task force composed of leaders of both congregations to assist in joint ministry.
 - Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG) - As the congregation begins its search for a ¾-time Organizing Pastor, a GAMC Mission Grant Application and corresponding CIF was submitted. This requires a \$30,000 commitment from NCDC over 24 months; if approved, \$25,000 would come from GAMC with the

option for a Second-Tier \$25,000 grant after 18 months. Application was approved pending budget discussion later in the meeting.

- New Presbyterian Church of Georgia – Sam affirmed the need for pastoral sensitivity following this non-geographic Presbytery discussion and the action of the General Assembly. Pam and Forrest both expressed gratitude for the good work and pastoral sensitivity of the Oversight Advisory Team in supporting this congregation. Rev. YunGu Kang has been called to serve as Transitional Pastor of the congregation beginning July 2010; he is in the process of preparing for membership in the PCUSA. The Steering Team, Rev. Kang and NCDC completed a ministry covenant outlining the steps for this congregation’s first year as a Fellowship.
- Grace Presbyterian – Sara announced that the congregation now has a date for their constitution: November 21, 2010. The NCDC will be using the “leftover” funds budgeted for Mark Weaver’s salary to pay the Transitional Pastor Dana Hughes, so there are no additional financial implications.
- Kairos Church– Serving in the role as a session for Kairos NCD, the NCDC had been asked to approve Evan Carter as a candidate in Greater Atlanta. Ken moved to approve Evan Carter’s being recommended to PGA for candidacy, retroactive to July 22nd, 2010, on behalf of Kairos’ steering team. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. April Love Fordham volunteered to attend the Steering Team training by CPM and act as the NCDC’s liaison to Evan and the steering team and congregation in caring for Evan Carter.

4. Approval of April Minutes – Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NEGA Visioning Team Report – Jose Torres presented, as information, the results of their brainstorming conversation, and asked for the NCDC’s ongoing prayerful support.
2. Finance Report - Sara presented an overview of the NCDC’s assets, and 2010 budget & year-to-date spending. “Statement of Financial Position” showed the same percent change and amount change, representing a loss of about \$60,000 from reserves. We have not drawn from reserves since our April meeting. Not reflected on our budget are: about \$180,000 earmarked for an African-American or multicultural church in South Atlanta, about \$50,000 of NCDC liquid assets in Greater Atlanta, and the remainder of Greater Atlanta’s commitment. Two properties are for sale in Greater Atlanta, with the NCDC as a probable recipient of those funds.
 - There was discussion about the need for long-term development and fundraising for the NCDC.
 - Sara spoke to the earlier motion regarding Presbyterian Church of Ghana and New Vision, noting that the \$24,000 for New Vision and \$30,000 for Presbyterian Church of Ghana, could come out of the \$54,000 of the “extra” \$68,500 (from Grace and Parkway). *Bob moved to approve these two expenditures (Ghana and New Vision), and the motion carried.*

3. Personnel Team – Pam Driesell brought a motion, on behalf of Joanna Adams, seeking approval to create a personnel team, with the task of overseeing and bringing recommendations related to NCDC staff. The team would include Tom Barrentine, Tom Evans, Pam Driesell, and Joanna Adams. The motion carried.
4. Upcoming Events – Sara Hayden and Ken Meeks presented dates and information for upcoming events of interest to the Commission
 - Annual Celebration – February 12, 2011, 5:30-8:30pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Marietta
 - “Taking Your Leadership to the Next Level” – January 22, 2011, 9:30-2:30 at Calvin Center – in partnership with Macedonian Ministries in Greater Atlanta. Presenters include: Peter Lim, Joanna Adams, Byeongho Choi, and Thomas & Beth Daniel.
 - “Sharing Our Values and Our Cultures” - Ken Meeks spoke to the clear need for more understanding of immigrant communities/cultures, and the possibility of planning an event to explore that together. Ken Meeks will contact Commissioners (and others?) via email about planning this event.
 - Grace Presbyterian Church Constitution - November 21, 2010 afternoon
5. Changes in NEGA NCD Commissioners – Ken Meeks presented the following
 - Jerry NeSmith has resigned from the Commission due to outstanding commitments.
 - Pam Driesell will stay on the Commission as she transfers from NEGA presbytery, either as ex-officio member or PGA commissioner.
 - New commissioners Sheila Palmer (Madison Presbyterian Church, former Stated Clerk of Tropical Florida), and Suzanne Haulbrook (First Church Gainesville) will be joining us in ministry.
6. 501(c)3 Incorporation – Sara Hayden presented the draft of the Articles of Incorporation, for the purpose of having our own tax ID for use by the Commission. Sara indicated that Presbytery Council recommends this action. The financial implication is about \$900: including \$300 in fees, the cost of advertising (required by law), and reduced fees from the law firm. *The motion carried to apply for 501c(3) incorporation with counsel to draft Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.*
7. Investment of Funds in PILP – April Love Fordham presented the options for how to invest our funds. *April made the motion – and it was seconded – to proceed with investing reserve funds in PILP.* Sara spoke to the motion, explaining about the history and function of PILP, presenting Ben Blake’s email answers to concerns about PILP’s non-FDIC-insured status. *The motion to move money market and CD funds to PILP passed.*
8. Development Brochure – Sara presented a draft page from the development brochure.
9. Living Stones – Sara described a non-denominational congregation meeting near Norris Lake, led by Rev. Leonard Perryman, who has been in conversation with Sara about the church’s mission and their possible interest in joining the PCUSA. *Tom Barrentine made the motion, it was seconded and passed unanimously, that Sara and the OAT continue*

this conversation and possibly work toward bringing Living Stones into official relationship and status with the NCDC.

10. Locust Grove (Cross Timbers) – Tom Barrow presented a short report about Cross Timbers: there is a small group (20-25) meeting for worship regularly, \$400-500 in offerings collected each week, and an admin committee (Steering team) also meeting regularly. They are in search of new space.

CLOSING MATTERS

1. Upcoming Quarterly Meetings -
 - November 11, 2010, 10-2pm (location, in Greater Atlanta Presbytery, to be determined)
 - Annual Celebration on February 12th, 2010 hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.
 - Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 10-2pm (location, in Northeast Georgia, to be determined)
 - Thursday, August 11th, 2011, 10-2pm (location, in Greater Atlanta, to be determined)
2. Charge and Blessing- Sam led a prayer around the question, “What will you take away from this meeting?”

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Turner

Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Commission
Minutes
November 11, 2010
Approved January 26, 2011
Hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church – Atlanta, GA

In attendance:

Cherokee
Tom Barrentine
Peter Lim
Ted Smith

Staff
Sara Hayden
Betsy Turner

PGA
Joanna Adams
Tom Bagley
Tom Barrow
Gloria Chough
Katie Givens-Kime
April Love Fordham
Carol Smith

Northeast Georgia
Jeff Browning
Sheila Palmer
Jose Torres
Blaine Walker

Ex-Oficio
Pam Driesell, Moderator

Gathering: Opening matters

- Introductions – all commissioners introduced themselves.
- Co- Moderator Joanna Adams called the meeting to order.
- Devotional – Sara Hayden shared several scriptures and led an opening prayer.

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- Special Order - Election of Moderator of the NCDC: April Love-Fordham moved and it was seconded, that Pam Driesell be elected as ex officio Moderator of the NCDC through December 31, 2011. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Joanna Adams was officially elected to moderate this meeting in Pam's absence.

Equipping: Information Items

5. Director's Report (Sara Hayden)

- *Incorporation as 501(3)c* – The NCDC has now been incorporated with the State of Georgia, with a unique tax ID number.
- *Presbyterian Church of Ghana NCD* – PCGNCD has received a General Assembly Mission Program Grant, for \$25,000.00. The Synod has committed \$10,000.00. And, as previously discussed, the NCDC will commit about \$30,000.00 over 18 months. They have about 100 members, and an additional 20 youth also in search process for a pastor, after the departure of Elizabeth Acquah. Sara encouraged commissioners to attend a worship service there (meets at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church in Mableton, at 9:00am on Sundays). April shared the wonderful experience of when she attended worship there several weeks ago.
- *Mission Statement update* – Cherokee has approved the Mission Statement, as amended at our August meeting. Northeast Georgia and Greater Atlanta now need to re-approve this slightly amended version of the document.
- *October Financial Report* – Sara presented the Statement of Financial Position and Profit and Loss Statement, current through 10/31/10.
 - Sara pointed out funds now invested with PILP, per the Commission's decision.
 - Joanna asked about the Korean EM fund and who has oversight of it. Sara suggested that we wait until the funds are fully developed (in 2 years time), and then work with the Atlanta Korean Presbyterian Council to create a plan for this partnership.
 - Sara gave an explanation/description of Shalom Ministries. This is a diverse international ministry, partnership between Midway and Memorial Drive, which is on hold until there is a person and plan in place.
 - Sara pointed out that we have previously agreed to use some reserve funds to cover our expenses. We anticipate that the expenses will come in under the budgeted amount, and that our expenses in 2011 will be lower (especially due to mortgage payments that churches have agreed to take over).
 - All three Presbyteries have agreed to continue and increase their giving to NCDC in 2011. Greater Atlanta gave \$110,000 in 2010, and has pledged that as well as another \$30,000 from the sale of a property. Cherokee gave \$7500.00 in 2010, and has pledged \$10,000.00 for 2011. NEGA pledged \$7500.00 in 2010 and has given over and above that amount this year.
- *Annual Celebration Report* – Celebration will be held on Saturday February 12, 2011, 5:30-8:30pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church and co-hosted by the Kenyan American Community Church NCD; Rev. George Gitahi will preach. Each church in the 3 Presbyteries will receive invitations, and we need to work on a list of others who should be invited to this event. The Celebration will be a collaboration between multiple churches and traditions, so that worship and the hospitality will reflect the breadth and width of our diversity.

6. Secretary's Report – Betsy Turner

- Suzanne Haulbrook has resigned, effective October 10th, 2010.

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- *NCDC Commissioner breakdown* – Betsy explained the distribution of classes, and invited everyone to send corrections to her via email.
 - *Approval of August 10th Minutes* – Approved unanimously
7. Oversight Advisory Team Report – Jose Torres
- New structure in place to help the distribution of responsibility. Pairs of OAT members will meet with and follow up with congregations. Ted Smith suggested that commissioners who “roll off” the commission could get involved in the OAT’s work.
 - Tom Bagley spoke to the need for continued oversight, care, and training for new churches (instead of churches being “cast off” from the commission at the chartering), and the need to have a conversation about how the Commission and the Presbyteries can and should support the newest churches after charter.
8. Cross Timbers Meeting Report – Joanna reported on Cross Timbers Church (formerly Locust Grove). They are a small congregation in south Henry County which has been meeting for about 1 year, in a renovated cotton mill. It began with “seed” members from other congregations (McDonough and Smyrna) who committed to try to start this new church – currently about 10-15 people (all “seed” members) attend. Joanna and Sara worshipped with them and met with the Steering Team a few weeks ago. Several Steering Team members expressed concerns about whether the congregation is really “taking off,” and plan to go back to their home congregations at the end of their year-long commitment. At least 1 Steering Team member said she would remain with Cross Timbers if it continues. The result of the conversation was to appoint four commissioners to serve as a task force to work with Cross Timbers and Pastor Bill Harris at least through January. Sara and April will attend Cross Timbers on Sunday to help facilitate a conversation about steps forward and whether the members feel called to continue. Blaine moved to make this group a commission of the commission, with power to discern and take action with Cross Timbers, and the motion carried.
9. Kairos Meeting Report – OAT met with Kairos recently. They meet at the old Georgia Avenue church building in Atlanta with Thomas and Beth Daniel as co-pastors. The “crisis” (in a good way) of their church is about space – both for worship and for children, as over 200 adults are gathering for regular worship on Sunday. The congregation plans to become self-sustaining with offerings by the end of 2011. Joanna Adams and Tom Tewell of CF have been meeting with Thomas and Beh out a plan for how and where to gather, possibly for another service in another location. There is a relationship with First Presbyterian Church Atlanta as “mother church” which may provide an opportunity.

Responding to God’s Call: Action Items

11. Corporation by-laws – Sara presented the by-laws, and she asked for discussion both about the by-laws themselves and about when and how to discuss/approve them. The body moved to table this until the next meeting so that everyone has time to read and consider the by-laws.
12. Election of corporate officers is related to the by-laws, so will be tabled until our next meeting.
13. Appointment of Structure of NCDC – Pam Driesell
 - Pam Driesell presented this new structure for NCDC work with the addition of three teams. Commissioners will serve on at least one team with a specific task:

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- *Executive Committee* – works directly with ED to make recommendations related to structure and approach of NCDC in-between meetings.
 - *Funding & Development* – To seek new sources and streams of funding. (Rick Wolters [chair], Ted Smith, Tom Barrow, Joanna Adams, Tom Barrentine)
 - *Procedures, Training, and Resources* – This team will review all previous and current NCDC policies, with the aim of updating, replacing and creating NCDC policies and resources which more accurately support our churches with steps at each stage of the new church journey – from Fellowship to Constitution. Would also research other presbyteries and denominations to develop resources related to: suitability of fit for new church ministers, training of lay leaders to serve, provide information and templates for needs of new churches (budgeting, etc.) (Sheila Palmer [chair], Blaine Walker)
 - *Strategic Planning* – To conduct a comprehensive plan for new initiatives in the three presbyteries over the next 18 months and beyond and discern where and how we should develop these new church initiatives, and what models we can use to start churches. This group will respond to new initiative requests and opportunities in the future, taking into account existing churches, demographics, resources available, and mission plan of the proposed congregation. (Katie Givens-Kime [chair], Sara Hayden, April Love-Fordham Tom Bagley, Peter Lim, George Gitahi)
 - In addition, there would be other groups serving for specific needs in specific churches that are either “brand new” or undergoing transition or need specific for (SW Atlanta, Cross Timbers).
 - Blaine raised the concern about the authority of these bodies (regardless of what they’re called) – that they need to commissioners be empowered as a commission, with power/authority to make decision and act.
 - There was a question about whether non- might serve on these teams, and the common understanding was that we can “tap into” anyone who might be of use to the team, or for a specific function.
 - Motion to create the 3 additional teams was made, seconded, and passed.
14. Executive Session – Personnel Report - Approved payroll recommendations for 2011 to take affect January 1.
15. Appointment of SW Atlanta NCD Task Force – Sara reported on the history – Southwest Presbyterian Church closed about 6 years ago. It was an African-American church, and they designated funds from sale of property to be divided between revitalization of other urban African-American churches and seed money (\$180-190K) for a new church in the Southwest corridor of Atlanta outside the perimeter. Elward Ellis, chair of the commission that closed that church, and Winston Lawson, pastor of Hillside and moderator of Af-Am caucus in Presbytery are involved in this conversation about how to discern and utilize these funds toward starting a new church.
- Sheila moved to create the Southwest Atlanta task force, with the tasks of doing demographic research about whether to pursue this, to recommend location, discern who the church might reach/target, and funding/hiring procedures and to report back at April meeting. Motion carried.
16. Discerning a new ministry opportunity – Gloria Chough presented a proposal about a new Korean NCD, Green Tree. Jeff Browning suggested that this work might fit most closely with (or under) the Strategic Planning Team. Motion to bless this discernment conversation was made, seconded, and carried.

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1. Upcoming Quarterly Meetings

- Tuesday, January 26th, 2011, 10:00am-2:00pm at College Park Presbyterian Church
- Tuesday, April 12th, 2011, 10:00am-2:00pm at Cornelia Presbyterian Church
- Tuesday, August 11th, 2011, 10:00am-2:00pm in Cherokee Presbytery
- Tuesday, November 9th, 2011, 10:00am-2:00pm in Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

2. Upcoming Mission Opportunities

- Chartering of Grace Presbyterian Church - Sunday, November 21st, 2010, 2:00pm
- Greater Atlanta Presbytery Meeting with NCDC Mission Emphasis - Sunday, November 30th, 2010 at 9:30am, at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody
- Annual Celebration – Saturday, February 12, 2011, 5:30-8:30pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church

3. Charge and Blessing – Pam led a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Turner

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Camille Gaffron is Executive Director at Villa and a member of Central Presbyterian Church.

Thornwell Home for Children

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Vicki Rhodes, Development Officer for Thornwell, received both her Bachelor's and Master's in Communication Studies from Clemson University. Vicki and her husband, Phillip, have an 8-year-old foster son, Damion, and 10-month-old biological son, Lochlan. "Thornwell is such a remarkable place!"

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The way children are nurtured here through the Teaching-Family Model, the beautiful campus, and a philosophy of giving back, is truly an example of God's love demonstrated on earth. For me, there is no better calling than that of service, and I am blessed to be able to answer that call at Thornwell."

The Duvall Home

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The Duvall Home representatives are Debra West, Chief Development Officer, and Todd Huguenin, Community Development Director.

Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA)

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Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA) provides the foundation for a new start for refugee families and individuals resettling in the Atlanta community. RRISA's programs include resettlement, education, and employment, as well as immigration services.

RRISA partners with local churches to welcome refugees to our community. Walking with them a little way on the path to rebuilding their lives is called a co-sponsorship, or a *reverse mission trip*.

During the week Rev. Tom Van Laningham serves as Church Sponsorship Developer for RRISA. On the weekend he is Interim Minister at First Christian Church of Griffin.

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Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School

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Paige W. Spivey, Assistant Head for Advancement, is Senior Administrator with responsibilities for admission, development, marketing/communication, summer programs, and constituent relations.

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Representing Presbyterian Homes are Rev. Larry Owens, Director of the Annual Fund and Rev. Jerry Dean Weber, Director of Planned Giving.

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location in the southeast with easy access to mountains and beaches as well as Greenville, Charlotte, NC, Atlanta, GA, and Columbia, SC.

Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins, Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life and the Director of the Cornelson Center for the Exploration of Christian Practice at Presbyterian College joined PC in August of 2010 after serving as the Senior Pastor for First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, SC for ten years. Jeri earned her B.A. from Presbyterian College in Religion/Christian Education, graduated with Distinction from Columbia Theological Seminary and studied at the University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica and at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. She received the degree of Doctor of Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary

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Representing Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary is the Rev. Olive Mahabir Associate for Seminary Relations. Rev. Mahabir earned a Master of Divinity at JCSTS, a Master of Sacred Theology at Drew University (Madison, NJ), and is presently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary. She previously served as pastor of the Cadmus Presbyterian Church (Adrian, MI).

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Since 2007, Rev. Randy Calvo has served as Director of Alumni/ae and Church Relations at Columbia Seminary.

